

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 5, 2016

I. OPENING

A. The Meeting was called to order by the board secretary as temporary chairman at 5:30 p.m.

B. Secretary's Announcement:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provision of the Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough Hall and at the Middle School and by notifying in writing two newspapers *The Record* and *The Suburbanite*.

C. Roll Call: Cantatore, Holzberg, Kirtane, Molina and Verna were present.

Board Members Elect: Alevrontas, Woods were present.

Also present: Tom Perez, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Michael Fox, Superintendent

D. Mr. Fox led the flag salute.

II. ELECTION RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED BY THE BERGEN COUNTY CLERK

Mr. Perez read the official election results as follows:

Election Results (3 year term):

Kristie Woods, 521

Theodore Alevrontas, 338

Eli Nachmany, 297

III. INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Woods and Alevrontas were both elected for three year terms. They each read and signed their Oath of Office.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of President

1. The Board Secretary called for nominations for President.

2. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to nominate Diane Holzberg for President.

3. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the nominations for President.

4. The Board Secretary cast one vote for Diane Holzberg to serve as President.

B. Election of Vice President

1. President Holzberg called for nominations for Vice President.

2. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Kirtane and approved by unanimous voice vote to nominate Kristie Woods for Vice President.

3. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the nominations for Vice President.

4. The board secretary cast one vote for Kristie Woods to serve as Vice President.

V. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- A. Board members reviewed the items.
- B. There was no public present; therefore the meeting was not opened to public discussion limited to agenda items.

VI. ACTIONS

1. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the following resolution scheduling the board meetings for 2016:

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

a) In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, L. 1975, c.231, public meetings of the Demarest Board of Education for the 2016 Calendar Year are hereby set down as the second and third Tuesdays of the month, unless noted below with an asterisk (*). The meetings are to be held in the Library at County Road School, 130 County Road, Demarest, NJ, commencing at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Education may take action at any of their scheduled meetings.

January 5, 2016*	Reorganization Meeting
January 19, 2016	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
February 23, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
March 15, 2016*	Preliminary Budget/Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
March 22, 2016*	Regular Meeting
April 19, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole
April 26, 2016*	Public Budget Hearing / Regular Meeting
May 10, 2016	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
May 17, 2016	Regular Meeting
June 14, 2016	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
June 21, 2016	Regular Meeting
July 19, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
August 16, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
September 13, 2016	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
September 20, 2016	Regular Meeting
October 18, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
November 15, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
December 13, 2016*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting

VI. ACTIONS (Continued)*Resolution No. 1 Continued*

- b) Notice of the aforesaid meetings and of all other public meetings hereafter scheduled, whether rescheduled or additional meetings added, shall be given in accordance with the terms of said Act by posting notices on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Demarest Middle School, 568 Piermont Road, by filing same with the Borough Clerk and by furnishing same to *The Record* and *The Suburbanite*, newspapers which are hereby designated as having the greatest likelihood of informing the public of such meetings.
- c) Any person who requests that individual notices of meetings be mailed to him/her shall prepay to the Secretary of the Demarest Board of Education the sum of \$.50 for each notice requested to cover the cost of preparing and mailing, provided however, that requests for such individual notices made by news media shall be granted without cost.
- d) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

End of Resolution # 1

2. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the Code of Ethics for School Board Members (P.L. 2001, Chapter 178 C: 18A:12-24.1) to abide by as follows:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Discussion of Committee Assignments*

1. President Holzberg instructed the board members to review and fill out the committee sign up form in their email for the next meeting.

B. *Discussion of such other matters as may be introduced by the Board*

1. Board member Verna commented on the gym use by outside parties.

VIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. There was no public present; therefore, the meeting was not opened to public discussion.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION, if necessary

- A. There was no executive session this evening.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Perez
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary