

**DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**County Road School – Media Center**  
**May 6, 2025**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**I. OPENING**

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 67:00 pm.
- B. Roll Call  
Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Choi, Fein, Governale, Lee, Holzberg.  
Absent: None  
Also present: Mr. Fox/ Superintendent and Ms. Kelly, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
- C. President Holzberg read the following announcement:  
The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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 provisions of this Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting 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.

**II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. There was no motion to enter the executive session.

**III. FLAG SALUTE**

- A. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

**IV. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Board President Holzberg thanked Michael Fox for his years of dedication to the Demarest School District and welcomed Dr. Cirillo.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Superintendent Fox reflected on his many wonderful years in the Demarest School district and congratulated Dr. Cirillo on his appointment as superintendent.

**VI. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

- A. Board members reviewed the items.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

- A. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to open the meeting to public comment.
- B. The following attendees spoke:

- Debra Rinaldi, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, spoke of the many wonderful years working alongside Mr. Fox and noted that she looks forward to working with Dr. Cirillo.
- C. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to close the meeting to public comment.

## VIII. ACTIONS

### D. Support Services - Board of Education

It was moved by Fein, seconded by Brillhart and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Ms. Fein read the following into the minutes

**Be it resolved**, that the Demarest Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the 'Board') appoints Dr. Joseph Cirillo, as the Superintendent of Schools for the Demarest School District effective on or about August 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030.

**Be it further resolved** that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

**Be it further resolved** that the Board approves the employment agreement with Dr. Cirillo for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment.

**Be it further resolved** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the employment agreement by and between the Board and Dr. Cirillo.

Dr. Cirillo thanked the board for his appointment and noted that he looks forward to working with them.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- E. It was moved by Choi, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to open the meeting to public comment.
- F. No one from the public spoke.
- G. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Choi and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to close the meeting to public comment.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

## XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. There was no motion to enter the executive session.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kelly  
Business Administrator and Board Secretary