

# DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

568 Piermont Avenue, Demarest, New Jersey 07627

Meeting held virtually due to COVID-19

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July 24, 2020

8:00 A.M.

### I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 8:00 A.M.
- B. Present: Cantatore, Choi, Governale, Lee, Schliem, Verna, Holzberg.  
Absent:  
Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and Mr. Perez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

### II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board determined it will enter into Executive Session for the following reasons:
  - 1. Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- B. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to approve the following resolution to enter the Executive Session:

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed;

**WHEREAS**, the length of the closed Executive Session is estimated to be thirty minutes, after which the Regular Public Meeting will reconvene and proceed with business where formal action may or may not be taken;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss items stated above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subjects will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

### III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Cantatore to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 8:24 A.M.

B. Board President'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 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.

IV. FLAG SALUTE

President Holzberg led the flag salute.

V. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Cantatore, Choi, Governale, Lee, Schliem, Verna, Holzberg.

Absent: None

Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and Mr. Perez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

VI. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A. Board members review the items.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

It was moved by Verna, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to open the meeting to public comment limited to agenda items.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Verna, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to close the meeting to public comment.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Instruction – Staffing

None at this time.

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

None at this time.

C. Support Services – Staffing

1. It was moved by Choi, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the memorandum of agreement with Antoinette Kelly, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, subject to the review and approval of the Executive County Superintendent, effective December 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Employment status would become effective upon candidate's compliance with P.L. 1986, c.116 (revised 6/30/98) and N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.7.

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve to approve the first reading of Policy, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Policy	Policy Name
1648	Restart and Recovery Plan

2. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve to approve submittal to the New Jersey Department of Education, the Restart and Recovery Plan (COVID-19), as recommended by the Chief School Administrator
3. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the Equivalency Waiver application for the Marshall Plan, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

There was no motion to enter the Executive Session

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Verna seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

Sincerely,



Thomas Perez  
Business Administrator and Board Secretary