

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 6, 2015

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: Geller, Kirtane, Molina, Verna, Woods
Board Members Elect: Cantatore, Holzberg

D. Flag Salute

II. ELECTION RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY

Election Results (3 year term):

Diane Holzberg, 750

Erica Cantatore, 86

III. INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Holzberg and Cantatore were each elected for three (3) year terms. They each read 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 Molina, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote to nominate Diane Holzberg for President.

3. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Woods and approve 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 Molina, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote to nominate Kristie Woods for Vice President.

3. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Geller and approve 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. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion limited to agenda items.
- C. There was no public discussion.
- D. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

VI. ACTIONS

1. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the following resolution:

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 2015 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, Demarest, NJ, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Education may take action at any of their scheduled meetings.

January 6, 2015*	Reorganization
January 20, 2015	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
February 24, 2015*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
March 24, 2015*	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
March 31, 2015*	Regular Meeting
April 14, 2015	Committee-Of-the-Whole
April 28, 2015*	Public Budget Hearing / Regular Meeting
May 12, 2015	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
May 19, 2015	Regular Meeting
June 9, 2015	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
June 16, 2015	Regular Meeting
July 21, 2015*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
August 18, 2015*	Committee-of-the-Whole & Regular Meeting
September 8, 2015	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
September 15, 2015	Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
October 20, 2015	Regular Meeting
November 10, 2015	Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
November 17, 2015	Regular Meeting
December 22, 2015*	Committee-of-the-Whole Whole & Regular Meeting

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

- b) Notice of the aforesaid meetings and of all other public meeting hereafter scheduled, whether rescheduled or additional meeting 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. There was a discussion of Committee Assignments. A copy of prior Board's Committees was provided to the Board Members.
- B. There were no additional matters discussed by the Board.

VIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion.
 - 1. Melinda Iannuzzi of the Demarest Borough Council congratulated the newly appointed board members. She stated she has been chosen as the board of education liaison from the borough council.
- B. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION, if necessary

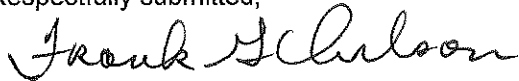
- A. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote to enter the executive session.

The board members convened in a closed executive session from 5:49 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
- B. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the executive session and reenter the public meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank G. Chilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary