

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Board Office - 568 Piermont Rd.
August 29, 2023
8:00 A.M.

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

A. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Cantatore to open the Regular Meeting to the public at 8:00 A.M.

B. 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. FLAG SALUTE

A. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Governale, Verna, Holzberg.

Absent: Choi, Lee

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

IV. OTHER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Kelly Stevens, Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, reported on ACCESS ELL student assessments.

- test was administered in spring for K-8 to assess English language proficiency.
- our district had 100% participation.
- the number of ELL learners continues to grow.
- staff is trained on how to work with ELL students.
- Imagine Learning platform can be utilized both in the classroom and at home.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There was no motion for public comment being no one from the public was present.

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XVI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ms. Stevens discussed with the board the proposed nutrition and wellness program for the County Road School students for the 2023/2024 school year. The program will be in line with the NJ standards and USDA nutrition curriculum for health.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kelly
Business Administrator and Board Secretary