

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

County Road School – Media Center
February 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 6:00 pm.
- B. President Holzberg read the following 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.
- C. Roll Call: Alevrontas, Cantatore, Governale, Kirtane, Verna (arrived at 6:10 P.M.), Woods, Holzberg.
Absent: None
Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and Mr. Perez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Holzberg led the flag salute.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- A. Board members reviewed the item.

- IV. A. There was no motion for public discussion being no one from the public was present.

V. ACTIONS

1. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to approve proposal from EI Associates, district architect of record, to provide professional architectural and engineering services for phases I, II and III for the Demarest Middle School Classroom addition at a cost not to exceed \$165,000 plus related project reimbursable expenses. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" by a firm authorized to perform such services, under the provision of the Public School Contract law, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

VI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. The Board determined it will enter into Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. Student issue

B. It was moved by Woods, 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.

VII. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

A. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Woods to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 7:34 P.M.

B. Roll Call: Alevrontas, Cantatore, Governale, Kirtane, Verna, Woods, Holzberg.
Absent: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Sincerely,



Thomas Perez
Business Administrator and Board Secretary