

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

COW and REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

County Road School – Media Center

January 21, 2026

6:00 P.M.

I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order.
- B. Roll Call

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board has determined it will enter into executive session for the following reasons:

1. Student Discipline

- B. Move 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.

- C. Move to enter executive session

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. Move to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public.
- B. Board President's 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.

IV. FLAG SALUTE

V. ROLL CALL

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

- December 16, 2025 COW and Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 16, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes
- January 6, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

VII. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. OTHER REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Frank Mazzini - Principal County Road and Luther Lee Emerson Schools

XII. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- Board members review the items.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Move to open the meeting to public comment limited to agenda items.
- Public comment.
- Move to close the meeting to public comment.

XIV. ACTIONS

A. Instruction – Staffing

- Move to approve the provisional employment of the following substitute teacher(s) for the remainder of the 2025/2026 school year, 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. 19A:6-7.7.

- Jordan Adragna
- Soyun Park

- Move to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Regina Rohn, Special Educator at Demarest Middle School, effective June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

- Move to approve the following field trip(s), as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Location	Month/Year	Grade/Group
New Windsor Cantonment Historic Site	June 2026	7th grade

New Windsor NY		
Palisades Mall Ice Skating Rink Nyack NY or American Dream Mall Ice Skating Rink East Rutherford	February* 2026 evening *modified from 12/16/25	Student council and PTO collaboration for a schoolwide field trip for the families of the Demarest School District
New Milford YMCA New Milford	January 2026	5th grade
Primoris Academy Paramus	February 2026	Middle School Math Team
One River Art School Englewood	January 2026	DMS ERI class LLE ERI and LLD classes

C. Support Services – Staffing

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. Move to approve the following, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2026 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Demarest Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Demarest Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Demarest Board of Education does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2026 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Demarest Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the advancement of our children's education.

2. Move to approve the following request for facilities use on the following dates, in accordance with policy 7510, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Event	Date(s) and time	Location
PTO Lunar New Year rehearsal	January 30, 2026 February 6, 2026 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	CRS APR
PTO LLE Me & My Dance	April 7, 2026 3:15 PM-7:45 PM	APR and gymnasium
PTO CRS Me & My Dance	March 31, 2026 3:15 PM-7:45 PM	APR and gymnasium
PTO Middle School Book Fair	March 24-25, 2026 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM March 26, 2026 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM March 27, 2026 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	DMS old gymnasium
PTO Musical Cast Party	March 13, 2026 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	DMS cafeteria
PTO Musical Play Performance	March 12-13, 2026 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	DMS old gymnasium
Vikings Soccer	March 30-April 10, 2026 Monday-Friday 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	LLE fields
VIA Summer Camp	June 24- August 14, 2026 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	DMS field

3. Move to approve and submit the bi-annual Statement of Assurance (SOA) for paraprofessional staff for the 2025/2026 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

E. Support Services—Fiscal Management

1. Move to confirm the December payrolls as follows, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

December 15, 2025	\$578,246.80
December 23, 2025	\$530,706.73

2. Move to approve January 2026 bill list as follows, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Subtotal Per Fund	Amount
11 General Current Expense	\$ 546,523.79
12 Capital Outlay	\$ 293,926.03
20 Special Revenue Fund	\$ 94,150.93
21 Student Activity Fund	\$ 1,878.54
22 Athletic Fund	\$ 633.00
30 Capital Projects Fund	\$ 152,903.36
60 Cafeteria Fund	<u>\$ 131.29</u>
Total Bills:	\$1,090,146.94

3. Move to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (d), I, Antoinette Kelly, certify that as of December 31, 2025, no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) that, in total, exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

4. Move to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Certification of Board of Education

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (e), we certify that as of December 31, 2025 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district official, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-extended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

5. Move to acknowledge receipt of the December 2025 Report of the Board Secretary, A148 and the Report of the Treasurer, A-149, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

6. Move to confirm the following budget transfer for December 2025, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

To:

Account Number	Description	Amount
11-000-222-100	Educational Media/Library Services-Salaries	67.50
11-000-251-110	Central Services-Other Salaries	5,000.00
11-000-261-420	Required Maintenance-Repairs & Maintenance	10,000.00
11-000-270-420	Student Transportation Services-Repairs & Maintenance	2,000.00
11-105-100-101	Regular Programs-Preschool Teacher Salaries	291.60
11-120-100-110	Regular Programs-Grades 2-4 Substitute Salaries	24,984.00
11-130-100-110	Regular Programs-Grades 6-8 Substitute Salaries	6,596.00
11-190-100-106	Regular Instruction-Substitute Salaries Instructional Aide	1,000.00
11-190-100-340	Regular Programs-Purchased Technical Services	520.80
Total Transfers In		50,459.90

From:

Account Number	Description	Amount
11-000-222-610	Educational Media/Library Services-Supplies	67.50
11-000-251-590	Central Services-Other Purchased Services	5,000.00
11-000-261-610	Required Maintenance-General Supplies	10,000.00
11-000-270-513	Student Transport Services-Btwn Home/School-Joint Agt	2,000.00
11-110-100-110	Regular Programs-Kindergarten Substitute Salaries	22,400.00
11-190-100-610	Regular Programs-General Supplies	10,992.40
Total Transfers Out		50,459.90

7. Move to approve final payment application #22, in the amount of \$152,903.36 to Daskal LLC for the Demarest Middle School Gymnasium addition, NJDOE Project # 1070-040-23-1000, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Move to open the meeting to public comment.
- B. Move to close the meeting to public comment.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

- A. Move to enter the executive session to discuss personnel/legal matters/negotiations.
- B. Move to close the executive session and reenter the public session.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Move to adjourn.