

**DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COW and REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**County Road School – Media Center**  
**April 8, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**I. OPENING**

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 5:30 pm.
- B. Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Choi, Fein, Governale, Lee, Holzberg.  
Absent: None  
Also present: Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

**II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. The Board determined it will enter into executive session for the following reasons:
  - Superintendent search
- 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.
- C. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to convene executive session at 5:30 P.M.

**III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

- A. It was moved by Cantatore , seconded by Governale to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 6:30 P.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.

**IV. FLAG SALUTE**

- A. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

**V. ROLL CALL**

Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Choi, Fein, Governale, Lee, Holzberg.

Absent: None

Also present: Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

VI. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A. Board members reviewed the items.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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

VIII. ACTIONS

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. It was moved by Fein, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Be it resolved that the Demarest Board of Education "District" accepts the Food Service Management proposal from The Pomptonian, Inc. "FSMC" to manage the food service operation for the remainder of the 2025 school year and the 2025-2026 school year. The fee for service will remain the same through June 2026.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a management fee of \$.0522 for each \$1.00 of sales to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The District guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

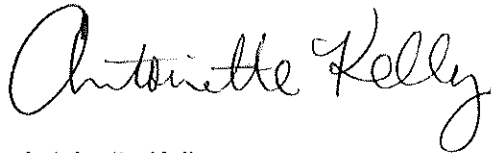
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to reenter executive session to continue the discussion of potential superintendent candidates at 6:50 PM.

XII. REOPEN TO PUBLIC AND ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous voice vote to re-open to the public and adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kelly  
Business Administrator and Board Secretary