

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

COW MEETING MINUTES

Luther Lee Emerson School – Gymnasium

April 20, 2021

5:30 P.M.

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 5:30 pm.
- B. Roll Call:
 - Present: Cantatore, Choi, Governale, Lee, Verna, Holzberg.
 - Absent: Schliem
 - Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and 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:
 - 1. Review of non-tenured staff
 - 2. 2021/2022 personnel contracts
 - 3. Student matter – discipline
- B. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Cantatore 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 Verna, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to convene executive session at 7:18 P.M.

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Governale to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 7:20 P.M.

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

Present: Cantatore, Governale, Kirtane, Lee, Verna, Holzberg.

Absent: Schliem

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

IV. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

Board members reviewed the items.

A. Instruction – Staffing

1. Substitute Teachers
2. Unpaid leave of absence.

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

1. Contract with Bergen County Special Services.

C. Support Services – Staffing

1. Aide for DMS

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. Contract with Frontline for absence management.
2. Contract with Northern Valley Consortium for the Dark Fiber Project.
3. MacBook purchase.
4. Bathroom ventilation project.

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

1. Public budget hearing.
2. March 15, 2021 payroll
3. March 31, 2021 payroll
4. March 2021 in office checks and April 2021 budget checks
5. March 2021 Board Secretary Report.
6. March 2021 Certification from Board Secretary.
7. March 2021 Report of the Board Secretary, A148 and Report of the Treasurer, A-149.
8. March 2021 budget transfers.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no motion to enter Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antoinette Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Antoinette Kelly
Business Administrator and Board Secretary

