

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2012

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. Board President's 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 three newspapers: The Record, The Press Journal and The Suburbanite.

C. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

D. Roll Call: Galtieri, Geisenheimer, Geller, Majeski, Molina, Woods and Holzberg were all present.

E. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous voice vote to accept the minutes of the COW/Regular Meeting from December 19, 2011.

F. There was a review of correspondence.

II. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Holzberg wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Fox introduced Kathleen Donovan, Bergen County Executive, who presented a proclamation to Diane Holzberg for achieving New Jersey School Board Member of the Year.

Mr. Kirkby and Mr. Lombardy presented the district's annual test results and responded to board member's questions.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A. The board members reviewed the items.

B. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion limited to agenda items.

C. There was no public discussion this evening.

D. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

V. ACTIONSA. Instruction – Staffing

1. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the provisional employment of Brittany Diadone as a substitute teacher for the 2011/2012 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. Regular employment status would become effective upon candidate's compliance with P.L. 1986, c.116, as well as an application for emergency hiring as required by the N.J.S.A 18A:6-7.1 et seq. (revised 6/30/98).

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the 2012/2013 District Student Calendar, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator (as distributed).

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote to accept the donation of 10 Apple ipads from Sandy Fung and Norman Ng for use at both County Road and Luther Lee Emerson Schools, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

C. Support Services – Staffing

1. It was moved by Geisenheimer, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Christopher Kirkby to serve as Principal of County Road and Luther Lee Emerson Schools for the 2011/2012 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2011, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

2. It was moved by Geisenheimer, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Robert Lombardy to serve as Assistant Principal of Demarest Middle School for the 2011/2012 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2011, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the attendance of Christopher Kirkby, Assistant Principal, at the 'Learning About Teacher Evaluation Systems' workshop on January 31, 2012 in Monroe Township, NJ at a cost of \$75 for registration, with statutory mileage reimbursement, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

2. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the Annual School Election date of Tuesday, April 17th, 2012, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., if necessary, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

3. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to appoint the Judge of Elections to officially open the Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012, if necessary, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

4. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to schedule the annual Reorganization Meeting to be held on Tuesday May 1, 2012 at 8:00 p.m., if necessary, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

5. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the request of the Parent Teacher Organization/Lunar New Year Group to use the All-Purpose Room and gymnasium at Luther Lee Emerson School for setup for the Lunar New Year festivities on Saturday January 21, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

V. ACTIONS (Continued)D. Support Services – Board of Education (Continued)

6. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2012 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Demarest Board of Education is one of 587 local school boards in New Jersey that 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 community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 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 indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores.

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 2012 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 staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

7. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to amend the Board of Education meeting date for the Combined Committee of the Whole/Regular Meeting to Tuesday April 17, 2012, originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

8. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the request of the Vikings Soccer Club to use the gymnasium at Demarest Middle School for basketball from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays, for an approved upon rate of \$140 per day, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

January 21 and 28 2012
March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2012

February 4 and 11, 2012

E. Support Services –Fiscal Management

1. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to confirm the December 16th – 31st, 2011 payroll in the amount of \$351,909.54.

V. ACTIONS (Continued)

E. Support Services –Fiscal Management (Continued)

2. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to confirm the January 1st – 15th, 2012 payroll in the amount of \$316,917.33.

3. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the December 2011 bills in the amount of \$321,527.33.

<u>Subtotal Per Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10 General Current Fund Expense Funds	\$292,537.80
20 Special Revenue Funds	28,979.53

Each Board Member does hereby abstain as to his/her own payment for reimbursement of expenses of the NJSBA conference. His/her vote herein shall constitute a vote as to payment of all other bills.

4. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the following resolution:

Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13 (d), I, Frank G. Chilson certify that as of December 31, 2011, no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) which in total exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

5. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the following resolution:

Certification of Board of Education

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13 (e), we certify that as of December 31, 2011, 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.

6. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to acknowledge receipt of November 30, 2011 Report of the Board Secretary, A148 and Report of the Treasurer, A-149.

7. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to confirm the following transfers for December 2011:

<u>From:</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-000-213-610-0-6190-33	Health Services	\$ 10
11-100-291-270-0-0000-37	Employee Benefits	13,000
		13,010
<u>To:</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-000-230-105-0-0000-25	Board of Education	\$ 3,000
11-000-230-105-0-0000-26	Executive Administration	2,000
11-000-251-610-0-6190-27	Fiscal Services	4,000
11-000-213-340-0-0000-33	Health Services	10
11-000-240-105-3-0000-35	Office of the Principal	4,000
		\$ 13,010

V. ACTIONS (Continued)

F. Other

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Demarest Board of Education will convene in a closed Executive Session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, negotiations and/or legal matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the nature of the discussion is expected to be disclosed to the public at a future date.

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Demarest Board of Education will convene in a closed Executive Session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, negotiations and/or legal matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the nature of the discussion is expected to be disclosed to the public at a future date.

VI. REPORTS

There were no reports this evening.

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion.

R. Schwartzman of 9 Grove Street shared initiatives regarding the 21st Century Skills at Northern Valley Regional High School. Mr. Schwartzman congratulated Mrs. Holzberg for being selected as Board of Education Member of the Year.

B. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

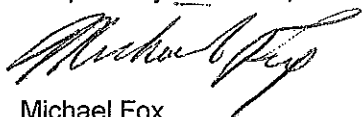
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

There was no need to reenter the executive session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Fox
School Superintendent

