

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION
COW MEETING MINUTES
County Road School – Media Center
March 12, 2024
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: 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. Student Discipline
- B. It was moved by Cantatore seconded by Brillhart 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 Brillhart and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to convene executive session at 5:45 P.M.

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. It was moved by Choi, seconded by Governale to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 5:45 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: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

XII. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

A. Instruction – Staffing

- Substitutes
- FMLA date adjustment
- Resignation

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

C. Support Services – Staffing

- Chaperones for field trip
- Appoint Clerk-of-the-Works

D. Support Services – Board of Education

- Policies/Regulations
- Use of Facilities
- Workshops
- SSDS
- 504 Coordinators/Anti-bullying Specialists - Appointments
- Job description / Food Service Coordinator
- HIB results
- Mr. Fox discussed modifying the 2023/2024 school calendar to give back the two unused snow days. He proposed graduation on June 18, 2024 and the last day of school as June 19, 2024 and the Friday prior to Memorial Day school would be closed.

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

- Payroll
- Monthly checks
- Board secretary report
- Treasurer report
- Certification
- Transfers
- EI Associates for ROD grant
- Preliminary Budget - Ms. Kelly reviewed the preliminary budget with the board. The preliminary budget will be on the next board agenda for approval. The budget must be submitted to the county by March 20, 2024 for their review and approval. The public meeting on the budget is scheduled for April 30, 2024.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. There was no motion to enter the executive session.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 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

