DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

COW SESSION MEETING MINUTES

County Road School – Media Center

April 21, 2026

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, Lee, Zimbard, Holzberg.
Absent: Fein
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:

1. Personnel

B. It was moved by Lee 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 Cantatore, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to convene executive session at 6:40 P.M.

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

A. It was moved by Cantatore , seconded by Lee to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 6:40 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, Lee, Zimbard, Holzberg.
Absent: Fein
Also present: Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

VI. OTHER REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
None at this time.

VII. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

A. Instruction – Staffing

- Substitutes
- Student Teacher
- Retirement
- Chaperones
- Stipends
- Volunteer
- FMLA

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs
A. Field trips
B. Track schedule
C. Out-of-district contract

C. Support Services – Staffing
- Custodial placement

D. Support Services – Board of Education
- Facility use
- Workshop registration
- Graduation date
- Bus drill
- Work-Based Learning
- Affirm HIB cases
- Agreement with NVRHS
- Business Administrator agreement
- Policies/regulations-first reading

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management
- Payroll
- Bills
- Board secretary report
- Treasurer report
- Certification

- Transfers
- IDEA carry over
- Fire and burglar alarm project
- Budget Hearing/approval

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

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was no motion to enter executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT
A. It was moved by Cantatore seconded by Brillhart and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Kelly
Business Administrator and Board Secretary