



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**of the**  
**NETCONG SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**26 College Road**  
**Netcong, New Jersey 07857**

**June 4, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Dalesandro at 6:03pm.

**A. FLAG SALUTE - All of those present participated in the salute to the flag.**

**B. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PROCLAMATION**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act the Board of Education of the Netcong School District in the County of Morris has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted. The notice was mailed to the Daily Record and those persons or entities requesting notification, and filed with the municipal clerk of the Borough of Netcong.

**C. MISSION STATEMENT-** The following was made part of the minutes:

Netcong School District, a small caring community, is committed to providing a quality, well-rounded education achieved through the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards which inspires students to ultimately become fulfilled, contributing and productive citizens.

**D. BOARD GOALS for 2012-2013**

- Student Achievement - Continue to improve student achievement in NJASK test scores to garner achievable AYP results.
- School Climate and Culture – Develop a student-centered school climate and culture that affords every student the opportunity to develop intellectually, ethically, and personally to the fullest extent of his or her abilities.
- Communication – Improve communications both internally and externally as a means to advance student advocacy and public confidence in our schools.
- Fiscal – Promote a school choice initiative as a means to advance public confidence in our schools as well as provide a revenue stream regarding school finance.

**E. DISTRICT GOALS for 2012-2013**

- Fiscal – Address and resolve QSAC fiscal management recommendations.
- School Climate and Culture – Support district initiatives regarding a student-centered school

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- Strategic Plan – Develop a 5-year strategic plan in all areas of instruction and programs, personnel, fiscal management, operations, and governance as a means to advance student achievement and promote public confidence in our schools.

#### **F. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Coladarci, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Suflay, Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Morton

Also Present: Mr. Kevin Carroll, Chief School Administrator

## **II. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Board Trustee Popelka moved, seconded by Board Trustee Suflay, to open the public session at 6:04 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.**

Public is invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns. The Board requests that the individual address the Board, giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Chair. The public portion shall be limited to thirty minutes with a five-minute time limit on each participant.

The Board wishes to remind all attendees at its meeting that while it subscribed without reservation to the principle of keeping the public completely informed, by policy it cannot allow public discussion of personnel matters.

If a matter concerning the staff of the Netcong Public School is of interest or concern, the matter would be referred to the Chief School Administrator or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

Kathleen Renegar, 29 Dell Avenue, shared her experience using Genesis as a teacher and asked when the next Curriculum & Instruction Meeting would be held.

Pat Marsico, 41 Koclas Drive, expressed her sadness at the retirement announcement of Ms. Rich.

**Mr. Morton entered the meeting at 6:12 p.m.**

**There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Popelka, to close the public session at 6:14 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 6:14 p.m.**

## **III. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Tonight the Board of Education welcomes Mrs. Gwen Thornton from NJSBA to help facilitate a discussion regarding the Districts goals and the Board of Education goals for the 2013-2014 school year. The goals we set tonight will guide the Board toward moving the district forward.

Mrs. Dalesandro also announced that the Board would be having a special meeting on June 12th to appoint a new Board member to fill the vacant seat left by Ms. Leslie Albensi. All interested parties should send a letter of recommendation to the Board secretary by 4 p.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

At that point Board President Dalesandro turned the meeting over to Gwen Thornton, New Jersey School Boards Association.

Gwen Thornton led the Board through a review of the 2012-2013 District and Board Goals and facilitated the creation of District and Board goals for 2013-2014. Mrs. Thornton will e-mail a copy of the goals discussed and established this evening to Mrs. Dalesandro for review and then final approval by the Board of Education next month.

#### **IV. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Carroll informed the Board that a parent was looking for approval to advertise on our school website. The parent was inquiring about adding a link to our site which would refer the public to a dedicated fundraising website for Netcong School. The purpose of the site is to request and collect funds for our school to be used to restore reduced programs. Mr. Carroll suggested a resolution recognizing the use of our website for publication through the school community.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the resolution. Topics covered in the discussion included: keeping in line with Board of Education goals, IRS restrictions, PTA/Foundation work done on behalf of school, whether the online site donations were front loaded or back loaded and legal ramifications. The Board decided to hold off on any action until more information is available and questions are answered.

#### **V. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

None at this time.

#### **VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MINUTES**

None at this time.

#### **VII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Board Trustee Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Suflay, to open the public session at 7:45 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting to the public at 7:45 p.m.**

Public is invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns. The Board requests that the individual address the Board, giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Chair. The public portion shall be limited to thirty minutes with a five-minute time limit on each participant.

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Pat Marsico, 41 Koclas Drive, Ms. Marsico informed the Board that she looked up the fee for the website discussed by Mr. Carroll and the fee for online donations is 3%-5%. Ms. Marsico then inquired if the Google

Chromebooks scheduled to be purchased were done so with State funding. She then stated that she hoped to see some breakage in the salary line item with the retirement of Ms. Jackie Rich.

Kathleen Renegar, 29 Dell Avenue, asked if there was any cost to the standardized test the students take each year.

Karen Bond, 5 Koclas Drive, shared that there are peer mentoring programs for teachers.

Jeanette Moscovitz, 41 Koclas Drive, stated that she didn't think the school could afford the Google Chromebooks. She suggested that the school only purchase on per grade. She also stated that we need more books in the library and requested that next year we set a day afterschool for library hours with volunteers.

**There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Popelka, to close the public session at 8:05 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 8:05 p.m.**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None at this time.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**XI. MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None at this time.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**- There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Popelka made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Suflay and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the June 4, 2013 Special Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 8:10 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

  
**Kevin Carroll**  
**Chief School Administrator**