



MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING

of the
NETCONG SCHOOL DISTRICT
26 College Road
Netcong, New Jersey 07857

February 17, 2015
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:30 p.m.

A. FLAG SALUTE

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

Netcong, a tradition to nurture, inspire, empower, and achieve by all, for all.

D. BOARD GOALS for 2014-2015

- Comprehensive review and update of the district policy manual.
- Continue to monitor and approve curriculum updates and systems of assessment.
- Review Board operations to improve Board performance.

E. DISTRICT GOALS for 2014-2015

- Implement the action plans identified in the Netcong School District's Strategic Plan with a 2014/15 timeline under the goal areas of Student Achievement & Technology, School and Community, and Finance and Facilities.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Morton, Mr. McQueeney, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Mr. Coladarci- Military Duty
Ms. Sufly

Also Present: Mr. Pio Pennisi, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Nicole Sylvester, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Gina Cinotti, Principal
One (1) Member of the public present

III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MINUTES

None at this time.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dalesandro informed the Board of upcoming dates for training from NJSBA. She stated one of the Board goals was to improve Board operations and performance. One of the indicators of success is Board members receiving training. She then asked if anyone had signed up for the upcoming training. Discussion ensued.

President Dalesandro stated that on May 5th, the Board will be holding a Special Meeting at 7:00 pm to do the Board self-evaluation and Interim Superintendent's evaluation. She also stated that on June 16th, at our regularly scheduled Work Session meeting, we will be working with New Jersey School Board Association representative, Charlene Peterson to create our 2015-2016 Board goals.

V. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

None at this time.

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Sylvester informed the Board that Able Security will be here this Friday to install the new security camera and two way intercom system at the main entrance way.

VII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, to open the public session at 7:32 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:32 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 Interim Superintendent or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Bill Stevens, to close the public session at 7:32 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:32 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

IV. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE

President Dalesandro stated that the committee reviewed and signed all purchase orders and bills list.

B. PERSONNEL

President Dalesandro stated that there was no committee meeting and all personnel issues would be reviewed and discussed in Executive Session.

C. FACILITIES

Board Trustee Todd Morton gave a report from his committee meeting held earlier this evening. Board Trustee Todd Morton stated that his committee will be developing a list of projects to complete with remaining referendum money following the guidelines of the referendum.

D. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney gave a report from his committee meeting held earlier this evening. Topics discussed were Rubicon Atlas and PARCC. Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney also stated that to date no parents have opted out of PARCC.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

The Board reviewed and discussed next week's agenda and motions.

XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, to open the public session at 7:38 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Ms. Gina Cinotti, Principal, informed the Board that parents and teachers have been very thankful for school delays and closings being called the night before as this let them make childcare and other arrangements as necessary.

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XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION


Motion by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, seconded by Board Trustee Lynn Popelka that **RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 and 10:4-12 that the Netcong Board of Education hold a closed Executive Session regarding personnel, contract negotiation and legal matters. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken. The motion was made at 7:39 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:39 p.m. President Dalesandro stated that action will not be taken after executive session and it is anticipated the board will be in executive session for approximately 60 (sixty) minutes.

Board Trustee Jennifer Santana left the room at 8:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Board Trustee Todd Morton and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present at 9:01 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Lynn Popelka made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the February 17, 2015 Work Session Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Sylvester
Business Administrator/Board Secretary