

Netcong School District
26 College Road
Netcong, NJ 07857

Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The work session of February 19, 2019 was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:00 pm.

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 2018-2019

- Continue Professional Development for Board members with emphasis on training requirements and opportunities.
 - a. Finance – better monthly forecasting and information.
 - b. Policy
- To commit to an increase in Board operations and performance.
- Successfully communicate information for the successful passage of a ballot question.

E. District Goals 2018-2019

- To improve security effectiveness of the district utilizing the 2017 Homeland Security Preparedness Assessment Report and NJSBA's Security Task Force Report.
- To integrate Social and Emotional Learning into the curriculum.
- To increase community relations.
- Explore strategies to improve student achievement.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Ms. Corliss, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Morton, Ms. Santalucia, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Dalesandro

Not Present: Mr. Costanzo – work commitment
Mr. Domick

Also Present: Mrs. Kathleen Walsh, Acting Chief School Administrator
Mr. Paul Stabile, Business Administrator
Mrs. Jennifer Kerr, Board Secretary
2 members of the public and staff

III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE & MINUTES

Approval of Board Minutes

Mr. Morton moved and Mr. Kranz seconded that the Netcong Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting as submitted:

January 29, 2019	Regular Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2019	Executive Session Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Corliss, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Dalesandro

No: None

Abstain: Ms. Santalucia, Mrs. Santana

IV. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Mr. Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator spoke about the program “Raising Resilient Teens in Challenging Times” that will be held at the municipal building on March 21. The purpose of his attendance the meeting was to make the Board of Education aware of programs being offered by the Borough and to spread awareness.

President Dalesandro shared a Thank You card received from Jackie Cinotti for the sympathy plant the board sent her.

President Dalesandro shared that she wants to have student representatives attend board meetings and call it “Students for Students”. One meeting a year she would like to have a ceremonial meeting that is run by students. She wants to bring positive changes brought on by students. Ms. Corliss agreed that this was a fantastic idea

V. ACTING CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

There are 2 students in Pre K that are moving in April. They have requested to finish the school year in Netcong.

Board Trustee Charlie Kranz moved and Board Trustee Todd Morton seconded, that the Netcong Board of Education approve resolution #1 as presented:

1. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, hereby approves students #33121412 and #33121413 to be allowed to remain in Netcong until the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ms. Corliss, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Morton, Ms. Santalucia, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Dalesandro

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Stabile informed the board that March 7 the governor will be releasing the state aid information. He informed the board that he received a price today regarding the survey for the fence. He also updated everyone on the status of the slop sink, and that he has been talking to the architect regarding the vestibule.

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

Open to the Public

Moved by: Mr. Morton

Seconded by: Mr. Kranz

Time: 7:16 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 Acting Chief School Administrator or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

As there were no petitions or requests from the public, a motion was made to close.

Close to the Public

Moved by: Mr. Morton

Seconded by: Mr. Kranz

Time: 7:17 p.m.

VIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- The April Work Session meeting will be changed from April 9, 2019 to April 23, 2019.

President Dalesandro informed the board that this change is because Charlene Peterson from NJSBA will attend the meeting to begin the Superintendent evaluation process.

President Dalesandro gave an update on the NEF Devils game fundraiser. It was a fun evening. Netcong sold 67 tickets and won the state competition for the number of tickets sold (beating North Hunterdon).

Ms. Santalucia asked if we let kids play on the blacktop because it is in rough shape. Mrs. Santana said that parents have stated that kids are not able to play basketball afterschool. Mrs. Walsh informed the board that yes, kids can play on the basketball courts after school.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Governance/Policy/Finance - B. Dalesandro, (Chair)

President Dalesandro went through the policy updates on next week's agenda. Any questions regarding the updates were addressed.

B. Facilities/Operations- C. Kranz (Chair)

The facilities committee will meet next Tuesday at 5:00 before bill signing.

C. Curriculum- *J. Santana (Chair)*

Mrs. Santana and Mrs. Walsh gave their curriculum report as follows:

1. Received a \$500 grant from the United Way for “Sandwiches and Songs” for the seniors on the day of the Spring Concert.
2. School Climate Survey will be distributed.
3. Looking at a shared curriculum coordinator with Stanhope and Lenape Valley. 1 day a week in Netcong.
4. The Civil Air Patrol has STEM projects available
5. Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Walsh will be meeting with representatives from Picatinny on February 26
6. Mrs. Walsh set up pen pals for all classes
7. NEF is planning their summer program
8. No one signed up for the Strengthening Families 6 week program. Patrice Reilly suggested that they try again in April.
9. We will partner with Link It. This will be paid for by Title I funds.
10. We are eligible for the preschool expansion aid grant. Mrs. Walsh will work to get this.
Discussion ensued regarding the preschool program.

President Dalesandro informed the board that the demographer is moving along with the study. They will come present to the BOE first, then to the town. The study could potentially be completed in 4 weeks.

Mrs. Corliss is concerned that parents are not active in school events. Discussion ensued.

Board Trustee Jenn Santana moved and Board Trustee Todd Morton seconded, that the Netcong Board of Education approve resolution #1 as presented:

1. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, hereby approves Kristyn Scrimo, Montclair State University student, to do 50 hours of coursework observation, in Music class with Ms. Caitlyn Scrimo, during mutually agreed upon days/times beginning February 20, 2019 and as per requirements for her Music Education Graduate Program at Montclair State University.

Ms. Corliss asked what the relationship is between Kristyn Scrimo and Caitlyn Scrimo. Mrs. Walsh explained.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Morton, Ms. Santalucia, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Dalesandro

No: None

Abstain: Ms. Corliss

D. Personnel- *K. Santalucia (Chair)*

There was no personnel committee meeting this month, however we will be meeting soon regarding personnel for next year and a final decision on the superintendent/principal position.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Witt gave the ESC of Morris County report as follows:

1. She has been elected to the Board of Directors
2. Frank Romano gave a presentation of the Coordinated Transportation Agency
3. ESC budget will be presented to the Representative Assembly March 13 for approval
4. Park Lake School and Regional Day School will combine to become Central Park School
5. April 12 is their annual Gala at Hanover Manor

Mr. Kranz asked if anyone is reporting issues with the pay for it app. Discussion ensued.

XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

A. Open to the Public: Moved by: Mr. Morton Seconded by: Mrs. Santana Time: 8:08 p.m.

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Mr. Hathaway shared with the board that 20 or 21 low or subsidized housing units are being built. These units will bring more kids to our school. Some will be done before next school year. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hathaway also said the borough has the same problem of engagement with citizens that the school is having with parents.

As there were no further petitions or requests from the public, a motion was made to close.

B. Close to the Public: Moved by: Mr. Morton Seconded by: Mr. Kranz Time: 8:15 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further Business before the Board, a motion was made and approved to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Morton

Second: Mr. Kranz

Time: 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kerr
Board Secretary