

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:00 pm

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

President Dalesandro read into the minutes the open public meeting 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Arbolino, Mr. Barbero, Ms. Lapsley, Mr. Latham, Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Dalesandro

Absent: Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Parks, Ms. Santalucia,

Also present: Mrs. Walsh, Superintendent
Mr. Stabile, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Correspondence

On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Lapsley to accept the following as presented. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.

Be it resolved that the correspondence from Jennifer Santana dated April 12, 2022 has been received and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dalesandro introduced Nicole Smith from Solutions Architecture who reviewed the results of the negotiation process for the Music Room Renovation. Ms. Smith explained the items that were value engineered and presented the cost of the ceiling tile that was originally part of the first bid. The total cost will still be below the base amount budgeted for the project. It was agreed to go with the better ceiling tile.

The architect reviewed their cost for the playground wall/stair repair and the west entrance exterior stairs. It was agreed to hold off on the repairs to the playground wall /stairs and pursue with the replacement of the exterior stairs.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

On a motion by Mr. Barbero, seconded by Mr. Stevens to open the hearing of citizens on agenda items only. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.

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No one in attendance

On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Barbero to close the hearing of citizens on agenda items only. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Policies for a second read – on agenda to approve
 - a. 2330 Homework: Revised
2. Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance – resolution to extend 1 year
3. HIB #7, HIB #8, and HIB #9 Results – on agenda to approve
4. Professional Development – on agenda to approve
 - Amended resolution one staff member previously approved PD for 3/30/22 - date change
 - Presentation at the NJASA Conference: K. Ceresnak, J, Rider
 - Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference: K. Walsh 6/28/2022
 - Date change for K. Ceresnak Stronge Training
 - BLS Training A. Dausch
5. Budget Presentation – 1.59% tax levy, Ch 44 appealed resulted in an increase of \$15,343
6. Update to school calendar – give back one snow day – will be May 31st.
7. All Schools Concert Date Change, Music in the Parks Date Change – on agenda to approve
8. Permanent Sub – on agenda to approve
9. NJDA Administrative Review – one recommendation, no fiscal
10. Kitchen equipment/Inspection – passed 6 month inspection, received quotes
11. Statement of Assurance Lead Testing – passed, SOA submitted, results on website
12. Drew University Science Fair - on agenda to approve
13. CARES Act Amendment - on agenda to approve
14. Title I Amendment - on agenda to approve
15. Field trips with updated chaperones - on agenda to approve
16. Safety Grant – received \$2400 looking to purchase portable radios
17. USDA Supply Chain Assistance – received \$9605 to offset food service management cost
18. Food Service Management Request for Proposal/Price Increase – RFP submitted for approval, will increase cost 0.25, breakfast \$2.00, Lunch \$3.25
19. Updated chaperones for field trips - on agenda to approve
20. Staff member taking a graduate level course - on agenda to approve

MISCELLANEOUS / OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Barbero that resolution #1 be approved as amended and resolution #2 as presented.

1. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the following contract for the Music Room Renovation Project, which has been negotiated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c).
WHEREAS, the Netcong Board of Education (“Board”) publicly advertised for the receipt of bids for the Music Room Renovation Project; and
WHEREAS, the Board received bid responses, which were publicly open and read on February 16, 2022; and
WHEREAS, the bid responses were rejected as each bid substantially exceeded the cost estimate for the Music Room Renovation Project and also substantially exceeded the Board’s appropriation for the Music Room Renovation Project; and
WHEREAS, the Board publicly advertised for the rebid of the Music Room Renovation Project; and
WHEREAS, the Board received one (1) bid response, which was publicly open and read on March 15, 2022; and
WHEREAS, the one (1) bid response received was rejected because it substantially exceeded the cost estimate for the Music Room Renovation Project and also substantially exceeded the Board’s appropriation for the Music Room Renovation Project; and
WHEREAS, because bids for the Music Room Renovation Project were advertised pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 on two (2) occasions and because all bids were rejected by the Board after a determination that the bids were not reasonable as to price and exceeded the amount budgeted for the Music Room Renovation Project, the Board authorized the Business Administrator to negotiate a contract for the Music Room Renovation Project, subject to Board approval in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c); and
WHEREAS, during the negotiation process, three (3) vendors submitted proposals for the Board’s consideration; and
WHEREAS, the Board’s Architect utilized value engineering to assist in the negotiations to reduce the cost of the Music Room Renovation Project, which included such items as exhaust fan/ducts, ceiling work and trim, stairwell, acoustical panels, and lighting; and
WHEREAS, Lanyi & Tevald, Inc.’s proposal is the lowest negotiated price for the Music Room Renovation Project; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby awards the contract for the Music Room Renovation Project to Lanyi & Tevald, Inc., Warren, NJ in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c) at a price not to exceed \$232,977.74 from \$213,949.00.

2. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the continued medical leave, under FMLA, of employee #2046 effective April 25, 2022 through May 2, 2022. The employee will utilize 5 accumulated sick days.

Roll Call

Mr. Arbolino – Yes; Mr. Barbero – Yes; Mr. Kranz – Absent; Ms. Lapsley – Yes; Mr. Latham – Yes; Mrs. Parks – Absent; Ms. Santalucia – Absent; Mr. Stevens – Yes; Mrs. Dalesandro – Yes

HEARING OF CITIZENS

On a motion by Mr. Arbolino, seconded by Mr. Latham to open the hearing of citizens. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.

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On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Lapsley to close the hearing of citizens. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Lapsley to recess into executive session at 8:05pm. Approved by voice vote. All in favor

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 legal matters, personnel, student matters and negotiations for an estimated time of 60 minutes and no action will be taken at the conclusion of the executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Arbolino, seconded by Mr. Stevens to close the executive session at 9:00pm. Approved by voice vote. All in Favor.

ACTION ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Arbolino, seconded by Mr. Barbero to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm.
Approved by voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

P Stabile

Paul Stabile

Business Administrator/Board Secretary