

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

of the NETCONG SCHOOL DISTRICT 26 College Road Netcong, NJ 07857

June 22, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Popelka at 7:01 PM.

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

B. OPEN PUBLIC MEET ACT PROCLAMATION – The following is made part of the minutes:

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 interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Education of the Netcong School 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/faxed to the Daily Record, New Jersey Herald and those persons or entities requesting notification, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Netcong.

C. MISSION STATEMENT – The following is 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. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka, President.

Absent: Mr. Morton and Mr. Still (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

Also Present: Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Melissa Bammer, Principal/CST Coordinator
Twenty-five (25) members of the public.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC ~ AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Olivo, to open the public session at 7:03 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Popelka opened the meeting to the public at 7:03 pm.

There being no items for discussion at this time, Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Olivo to close the public session at 7:04 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

Mr. Still entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None at this time.

President Popelka read the following resolution~

**RESOLUTION
IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR**

Robert Chiappelli

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli graduated from William Paterson University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education (Concentration in Geography) and Certification in Social Studies/Secondary Education in 1991;

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli has served as a Social Studies teacher for grades 5 - 8 from September 1992 until present in the Netcong Elementary School District; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli has contributed to the Netcong Public School district’s Professional Development Committee and Curriculum Committee during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli has been a major asset to the Netcong Public School participating in the district’s Summer Enrichment program, providing Inclement Weather coverage and assisting with a variety of extracurricular programs over the years; all of which have benefited the children and the community during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli has demonstrated exemplary instructional qualities throughout his career in education; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli has eagerly met the challenges to ensure educational excellence for children and to serve for the well-being of the Netcong Public School Community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chiappelli has served the Netcong School District and our community with distinction and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is the official governing body for the Netcong School District; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Netcong Board of Education acknowledges Robert Chiappelli as the 2010 **Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the enactment of this resolution, Robert Chiappelli’s recognition shall be so noted in the minutes and become a part of the permanent record of the District; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Netcong Board of Education wishes Robert Chiappelli every success during the coming years.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.
Adopted this the 22nd day of June 2010

Lynn Popelka, Board President

Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent

Christine M. Werner, Board Secretary Consultant

President Popelka stated “...Mr. Chiappelli is truly a major asset to the Netcong Public School District. Thank you, Mr. Chiappelli.” There was a round of applause in honor of Mr. Chiappelli.

II. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Popelka stated that, unfortunately the air conditioning was not working this evening. She commented that last summer the Board meetings were held in the library because it is a friendlier and quieter environment – providing the air conditioning works and that the Board had opted to continue this over this summer. She said that the regular meetings of the Board of Education will be held in the library as long as the air conditioning works, if not, they will be held in the Board of Education room located in the Annex building of the school.

President Popelka wished the eighth grade graduates well and stated that she was pleased to see all of the awards that were given out during graduation.

III. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Mr. Fyffe reported on the following matter:

1. Fire Drill Report (as noted):

	DATE/TIME	EVACUATION TIME
Netcong Public School	June 11, 2010 – 1:19 p.m. – 1:21 p.m.	2:00 Minutes
Netcong Public School	June 16, 2010 – 8:55 a.m. – 8:57 p.m.	2:00 Minutes

2. **Speech Teacher Vacancy** – Mr. Fyffe asked Mrs. Bammer to comment on the current status of the speech teacher vacancy. Mrs. Bammer discussed the interviews that were conducted and that she had selected a candidate to whom she would like to offer the position. Mrs. Bammer stated that she is currently waiting to hear from this individual and hopes that she will accept the position – especially since she has the experience we are looking for in terms of experience with hearing impaired children.

Mr. Fyffe stated that a year has gone by and that tonight is his last meeting. He thanked the Board for bringing him to Netcong and commented that the Netcong teachers are a fine group of professionals and that it was a pleasure working with them. He said that the children of Netcong are great and they were a pleasure to work with and that it was also a pleasure to work with Mrs. Bammer. He felt that he and Mrs. Bammer had a good working relationship. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in Netcong.

He then commented that most interim superintendents are around for six months or so and focus on keeping the district running; they do not necessarily care about the legacy they leave behind. He looked at the Long Range Facility Plan and was eager to go forward with a referendum. The ROD grants the district has made application for could bring 1.4 million dollars into the district (+/- 40% of the cost). He stated that President Popelka’s PowerPoint was terrific and showed the problems in the school and with the roof. He then stated that the Board has been fiscally prudent, some could even say cheap, as there is no debt service. The building is at eminent risk for health problems i.e. mold, no ADA bathrooms, dented/bad lockers, etc. Further, he stated that he was hopeful that the grant money will be accepted and that the Board will go out for the full package in the fall 2010 (univents, bathrooms, tile, ceiling, etc.), via referendum which would cost about \$11 per a month for the average taxpayer. “While I (he) won’t be here,” he stated that “...it is my (his) hope that the Board will take the opportunity to fix things up”.

IV. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR CONSULTANT’S COMMENTS

Mrs. Werner was not present this evening.

BOARD MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes

Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Olivo **to table** the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the following meeting(s) be approved as submitted:

Date	Meeting
May 25, 2010	Regular Business Meeting
	Executive Session

All in favor.

Correspondence

Mrs. Dalesandro moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the communications mentioned be listed in the minutes and action be taken as noted.

Sender	Subject	Referred to
DeLite and Carl Clegg	Kindergarten Class	Mrs. Lynn Popelka, President Mr. Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent Members, Netcong Board of Education

President Popelka read the email correspondence out loud. Mrs. Dalesandro inquired if a response would be given to the Clegg family. President Popelka commented that the Board may accept the correspondence this evening, but that it cannot respond at this time.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Still and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fyffe discussed the district’s exorbitant electric usage during the 2009-2010 school year. He noted that an engineer who worked with the AOR was brought out to look at the problem. From his report, it seems that Liberty Mechanical and the new boiler are “off the hook,” and recommended that Liberty Mechanical can be paid the remainder of what they are owed based on the report submitted by the AOR (Mr. Fyffe noted that we were holding their last payment). He commented that Liberty Mechanical has been very patient while waiting for thier payment. Mr. Fyffe read correspondence that was received from the AOR in April, 2010.

Mr. Fyffe stated that the jump in electricity usage would be typical of a school that has air conditioning, that we have had the same meter throughout all the energy usage periods, and that JCP & L has been asked to see if the meter is faulty. Mrs. Werner is making arrangements to determine if the meter is faulty. If it turns out to be a faulty meter then “our problem is solved.” The electrical engineer stated that if the meter is not the problem, JCP & L can help the Board with the next steps. Mr. Fyffe commented that “....there is no definitive answer as of yet”.

Mr. Tranor questioned if the pumps were looked at also. Mr. Fyffe stated “Yes, they were”, but that we cannot point the finger at Liberty Mechanical. “We can’t hold them (Liberty Mechanical) responsible”.

Mrs. Dalesandro stated that if Liberty Mechanical is “off the hook,” what about the boiler? Mr. Fyffe responded that there is nothing with the boiler, the installation, etc. to explain the extra energy consumption and that Liberty Mechanical is entitled to their last payment.

Mr. Tranor asked if there was a short in the system and if the boiler system itself is using more energy. Mr. Fyffe stated that this was clearly ruled out.

Mrs. Callahan asked if every free avenue to check out the boiler was used and if JCP & L would test the meter for free. Mr. Fyffe said that JCP & L does not come out just because someone thinks a meter is faulty. The district performed its due diligence, as we are obligated to. We had to take these steps before JCP & L would come out to look at the meter (consult an electrical engineer, have the electrical engineer’s report, then contact JCP & L).

President Popelka stated that Mrs. Werner went to JCP & L in the beginning and they told her they would not come out to look at the meter. Now that JCP & L is checking the meter, if it is not the meter, we’ll have to pay someone to come out to see what is wrong if the meter proves to be okay. We can’t say “oh well.” We are hopeful that JCP & L will find that the meter is faulty.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fyffe commented that the AOR did not just frontload everything – they are a professional and ethical organization.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE/FACILITIES -

Frank Tranor, Chairperson

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Tranor, that resolutions numbered 1 – 17 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve the bill list as of June 22, 2010. (Attachment # 1)

Discussion:

Mr. Olivo questioned check #7183 listed on the bill list payable to DesignIdeasGroup. He also asked if check #7204 in the amount of \$1,587 payable to our attorney (SSECZ) was because the attorney was present at our last meeting.

Mrs. Callahan asked if we still owe DesignIdeasGroup money. Mr. Fyffe stated that we do not pay them each month. We go by their fee schedule and only pay when we use them. Mrs. Callahan stated that she sees DIG on every bill list. Mr. Fyffe responded that we do not call them for every little thing. They are playing a major role with the ROD grant application, they have met with us, they wrote the application, they helped revise the Long Range Facility plan, they were used for the roof assessment, and they were asked to bring in an electrical engineer. Mrs. Callahan stated that many things with DIG happened before she was on the Board, but they are on the bill list every month.

Mrs. Dalesandro initially asked that check #7195, payable to Liberty Mechanical (for the balance owed to them), be tabled, but later stated that she agreed this bill should be paid.

President Popelka inquired why the district is still paying for gas (Pepco Energy Check #7203).

Much discussion ensued. Mr. Fyffe asked that members give a “heads up” before the meeting so we will have an explanation for the bills that are in question. Mrs. Dalesandro commented that she just received the agenda and attachments late last night. Mr. Fyffe stated that she should have received it on Friday.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Olivo that the following checks listed on the bills list of resolution #1

Check #	Payee	Amount
7183	Design Ideas Group + Planning LLC	\$1,508.66
7204	Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso & Zitomer LLC	\$1,587.49
7210	Strunk-Albert Engineering	\$1,541.25

be **tabled** at this time pending further review and clarification by Mrs. Werner to the Finance Committee and BOE at the next opportunity.

**Majority of the Board in favor.
President Popelka voted "NO".**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve the list of transfers and the monthly transfer report as of May 1, 2010.

Transfer:	From:	To:
11-190-100-106-000-000 Undistributed Aides Salary	\$ 18,775.00	
11-000-217-320-002-000 Extraord Svcs Nursing		\$ 18,775.00
11-000-216-320-000-000 Purchased Prof Services	\$ 12,000.00	
11-000-217-320-001-000 Extraord Svcs Phys Therapy		\$ 12,000.00
11-000-219-104-000-000 CST Salary Prof Staff	\$ 19,000.00	
11-000-217-320-000-000 Extraord Svcs Occ Therapy		\$ 19,000.00
TOTAL:	\$49,775.00	\$49,775.00

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from fund balance at the 2009-2010 year end (audited) and, correspondingly to increase the appropriations effective May 1, 2010:

	From:	To:
11-000-262-620-000-000 Cust Electric		\$10,000
11-000-270-518-000-000 Trans Cont Svc – Special Education		\$10,000
TOTAL		\$20,000

Discussion:

Mrs. Dalesandro inquired if we (the district) are able to pay our electric bill(s). Mr. Fyffe stated that we are. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that she is very concerned because if these bills did not get budgeted for properly, “we’re in trouble.” Mr. Fyffe asked her to be careful with her language i.e. “budgeted for properly.” He said that Mrs. Werner was prudent, but if these bills hold true, we’ll be over budget in that line item.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11 certify that as of June 22, 2010 after the review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the districts' financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board Secretary pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) (3) certify that as of June 22, 2010 no budgetary line item accounts have been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) (3).

Business Administrator

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, accepts the financial reports of the Board Secretary for May 31, 2010 and the associated Board Treasurer's of School Monies (A-149) report for the month of May 2010 which was reconciled with each other by Fund for the period. (Will be placed on Board Table)
7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves Peterson & Sons Tree Service to prune and remove certain tree limbs that hang over the Netcong Public School annex building at a cost of \$1,100.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, accepts Landscaping maintenance services quotations as solicited by the School Business Administrator Consultant between June 28, 2010 and September 4, 2010 as follows:

Company	Quotation /Proposal
Mountain Landscape Contractors	\$325.00/week
Steve's Lawn and Landscaping Service	\$275.00/week
BTS	No Quote
D & D Landscaping	\$175.00/week

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, awards the contract to D & D Landscaping in the amount of \$175.00/week to provide landscaping services to the Netcong Public School in accordance with the proposals submitted herewith.

Discussion: President Popelka asked if D & D Landscaping was Mrs. Dalesandro's son, if he used his own equipment, and if he has insurance. Discussion ensued between President Popelka and Mrs. Dalesandro.

9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Maschio Food Service report for the month of May 2010, which shows a monthly income of \$245.49 profit and a year-to-date income of \$2,241.47 profit. (Attachment #2)
10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Contract with Maschio's Food Service, Inc. to provide food service for the district for the 2010–2011 school year at a ten month fee of \$7,197.00 billed in monthly installments of \$719.70. (Attachment #3)
11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Breakfast and Lunch costs for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

	Free	Reduced	Student Cost	Adult Cost
Breakfast	N/A	\$.30	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.25
Lunch	N/A	\$.40	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.40

12. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, authorizes the renewal of the Student Voluntary Accident Insurance Policy underwritten by the Life Insurance Company of North America and QBE Insurance Group Limited, to be effective July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

(This plan is voluntary. Premiums are the responsibility of a parent.)

School Time Rate(s):		24-Hour Rate(s):		
Plan 3:	Plan 4:	Plan 3:	Plan 4:	Dental:
\$16.00	\$8.00	\$54.00	\$30.00	\$8.00

Discussion: Mr. Tranor asked if we can look at a new insurance company or add this to our current insurance company. Mrs. Dalesandro and President Popelka commented that we cannot do that; this insurance is a courtesy that the Board has nothing to do with.

13. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2010-2011 Bid Purchasing Contract with the Morris County Educational Services Commission in the amount of \$830.00.

14. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, accepts one (1) out of district special education pupil, for the 2010-2011 school year. The sending district is responsible for tuition, Occupational Therapy services, Speech Therapy services* and transportation costs.

Student	Effective Date	Sending District	Program	Tuition Cost
JW 201011	September 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011	Mine Hill	LLD	\$12,594.00/annual \$69.97/Per Diem

* NPS will provide tuition student with Therapy Services as deemed necessary by the sending district and will be billed in accordance with the hourly rate as follows:

Occupational Therapy Services.....	\$85.00/hour
Speech Therapy Services.....	\$65.00/hour

15. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the tuition rate for the district’s K-4 program to be set at \$5.00 per half day session or \$900.00 per year effective September 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year and that which shall be billed monthly and paid one month in advance exclusive of PSD children and Netcong Borough resident children (age 4) who are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro stated that she was in favor of this, but if we allowed out-of-towners to pay more, the district would get more revenue. She commented that we should consider this if we have two sessions and we have slots open because what we will charge is less than any day care center. President Popelka agreed that the Board did talk about enticements. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that this could be a revenue source and deserves serious discussion. Mr. Tranor also commented that he thought it was a good idea. Mrs. Bammer stated that, at this time, 21 children are registered for K4. If we had a maximum of 20 children per session, we could support out-of-district children – keeping in mind that we must leave room for our own children and for special needs children. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Dalesandro the Board should considering charging 1.5 times or double the amount we are going to charge Netcong residents being that “any revenue is a gain”. Mrs. Callahan asked how much it costs per child; Mrs. Dalesandro said that we have to have this program anyway, and that this deserves serious consideration because two or three children can help pay for electric bills. Mrs. Callahan stated that her children went to St. Mike’s for preschool; we should go around and see what others are charging i.e. St. Mike’s is two or three days a week with no art or music. Mrs. Dalesandro talked about her neighbor who pays to send her child to Our Savior but would be more willing to send to our preschool. President Popelka read daily school rates from the minutes. Mrs. Dalesandro said that \$8 a day would be a bargain and revenue for the Board – first come, first served basis. President Popelka commented that \$10 a day would be double what we are charging Netcong residents.

Mr. Olivo asked if we need to develop a contract between parents and the school for resolution #15, and, if so, do we need the attorney to review all applications. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that this question is prudent and asked if we can find contract templates. Mr. Olivo asked if we needed a contract for each child. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that Mrs. Werner has a handle on this, she believes, and that the families should be billed in advance. Mr. Fyffe stated that Stanhope has been doing this for years, and they can share their contract with us. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Tranor, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro that the following resolution be added and adopted as presented:

- 16. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the tuition rate for the district’s K-4 program to be set at \$10.00 per half day session or \$1,800.00 per year for out-of-district, non-special education children effective September 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year and that which shall be billed monthly and paid one month in advance for non-resident children (age 4) as per Policy #5111 and #5111.b.

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro stated that Mrs. Bammer “cut off” enrollment at her discretion.

- 17. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the ESY (Extended School Year) Program for Student WB to attend the Byram Township Board of Education Summer Program from July 5, 2010 through July 30, 2010 (20 days) at a cost of \$3,849.80. **(Funding will be provided through IDEIA ARRA grant funds.)**

VOTE: FINANCE/FACILITIES AGENDA ITEMS #1– 17 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro – Resolutions #1-7 and #11-17, Mr. Olivo – Resolutions #1-8 and #11-17, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President – Resolutions #1-7 and #9-17.

NAYS: Mrs. Dalesandro – Resolution #10
President Popelka – Resolution #8

ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Dalesandro – Resolution #8
Mr. Olivo – Resolution #9 and #10

- 18. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the following Use of School Facilities Requests as noted:

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
Lenape Brownie Troop 4320	Daisy Troop Meetings	Monday(s) 09/07/10 – 06/19/11 2 nd and 4 th Mondays	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	N/A
Netcong Fire Department – Company #1	Tricky Tray	Saturday – 09/27/10 09/11/10	1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Reimbursement Custodial Charge

Discussion: It was noted that the date pertaining to the Netcong Fire Department “Use of Facilities Request” should be amended from 9/27/10 to 9/11/10.

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
Lenape Valley Jr. Wrestling	Practice	Monday(s) 11/08/10, 11/15/10, 11/22/10, 11/29/10, 12/06/10, 12/20/10, 01/03/11, 01/10/11, 01/24/11, 01/31/11, 02/07/11, 02/14/11, 02/28/11, 03/07/11, 03/14/11, 03/28/11, 03/31/11	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	N/A
		Thursday(s) 11/11/10, 12/02/10, 12/09/10, 12/16/10, 01/06/11, 01/13/11, 01/20/11, 01/27/11, 02/03/11, 02/10/11, 02/17/11, 02/24/11, 03/03/11, 03/10/11, 03/24/11		

* All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Interim Superintendent in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Facilities Committee Chairperson.

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro stated that wrestling needs five days a week for their practice schedule.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Olivo that the following resolution #18 be amended as follows:

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
Lenape Valley Jr. Wrestling	Practice	Monday(s) 11/08/10, 11/15/10, 11/22/10, 11/29/10, 12/06/10, 12/20/10, 01/03/11, 01/10/11, 01/24/11, 01/31/11, 02/07/11, 02/14/11, 02/28/11, 03/07/11, 03/14/11, 03/28/11, 03/31/11	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	N/A
		Thursday(s) 11/11/10, 12/02/10, 12/09/10, 12/16/10, 01/06/11, 01/13/11, 01/20/11, 01/27/11, 02/03/11, 02/10/11, 02/17/11, 02/24/11, 03/03/11, 03/10/11, 03/24/11		

* All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Interim Superintendent in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Facilities Committee Chairperson.

and adopted as presented:

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
Lenape Valley Jr. Wrestling	Practice	Monday(s) - Friday(s) November 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	N/A

* All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Interim Superintendent in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Facilities Committee Chairperson.

Discussion: President Popelka commented that if the Board gives all available dates during that time period to wrestling, we cannot have any other programs during that time. Mr. Fyffe added that our own school programs will not be able to have time and that our school is a centerpiece for the community. He stated that facility use should not be looked at until the end of the summer and that this is not fair to all other activities. Mrs. Dalesandro said that this is okay for our school activities, especially since we do not have basketball now. Here we can give wrestling an opportunity. Mr. Fyffe again stated that this should be looked at in late August to see what is feasible. President Popelka asked if Mr. Fyffe was supporting this; he stated “no”. He stated that the Board’s function is to make policy and not for running the school. “We cannot accommodate one group for five nights a week. We should withdraw this amendment, support it as is, and speak to the administration about facility use in September”. President Popelka stated that the wrestling group is not all Netcong children, and asked why they can’t go to other schools for facilities usage. Mrs. Dalesandro commented that wrestling was always a Netcong-based program. They went to the Byram Civic Center but they are getting rid of that building. “They are trying to come back to their roots”. President Popelka stated that she remembered when they were here but they were not here every night. She stated she could not see giving one group our school every night. She asked if they could come on Saturdays or Sundays and said that this amendment will keep other activities out for five months. Mrs. Callahan stated that we are not leaving other activities out, that wrestling can step aside or that we can divide the gym in half.

Mrs. Dalesandro again stated that #18 should be amended as she commented before. Mr. Olivo said that it would be great to have wrestling here. Mr. Fyffe said that this should be dealt with in September. President Popelka commented that we should look at the facility use calendar from this year to see what groups had used the gym. To this, Mr. Olivo asked why all that information was not here tonight. Mr. Fyffe stated that the administration was anticipating that the Board would approve the administrative recommendation. In the past, facility use was taken care of shortly after September started. The only reason wrestling was on the agenda now was as a courtesy. That is why he was not prepared with the information about other groups’ usage of the gym – or else he would have brought that information from Mrs. Napoli.

President Popelka asked what happens if we restore basketball, since the Foundation is looking to restore basketball. Mrs. Bammer stated that other groups such as Byram Rec, the PTA, the Kiwanis Club, and school-based groups use the gym facilities. Mr. Arbolino said that basketball practice lasts until 6 p.m. Miss Rich (from the audience) commented that when she coached basketball there were some night practices, that there are all kinds of school events that have not been planned yet (movie nights, dances, S.A.D.D. activities), and that Ms. Meeth had some night practices last season. In response to Mrs. Dalesandro’s question as to when she last coached basketball, Miss Rich responded “2003.”

Mr. Fyffe asked that this be tabled and that we look at the whole calendar. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that she did not think it would be a problem to accommodate wrestling five days a week.

Motion by Mrs. Criscuolo, seconded by Mr. Tranor that resolution #18 (LVRHS Jr. Wrestling) be **tabled** as presented.

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
Lenape Valley Jr. Wrestling	Practice	Monday(s) - Friday(s) November 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	N/A

* All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Interim Superintendent in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Facilities Committee Chairperson.

Mrs. Dalesandro said to ignore her motion to amend and motioned to change the motion.

No vote taken.

Discussion: Mrs. Callahan said if we hand the calendar to wrestling they will work with us. President Popelka stated that she has no problem with the wrestling program, but she has a problem with them using the gym five days a week. At the last meeting it was discussed that we bury the hatchet. Further, President Popelka stated “Board members who are going to go against the school’s administration, going over what they recommend, is not going forward”. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that we are moving forward for kids. Mrs. Dalesandro motioned to amend #18 to have wrestling use the gym five days a week, with Mr. Olivo seconding; Mrs. Callahan added with the understanding that gym use can change.

Mr. Fyffe stated that the letter to LVJW should acknowledge Monday through Friday, from 6 – 8 p.m., from November 11th – March 25th, subject to modifications as determined by the administration to accommodate other groups. This can't be seen as a claim by the wrestling organization. Mr. Arbolino said that the divider in the gym works; President Popelka said that the letter should state that LVJW only gets to use half the gym.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Olivo that resolution #18 be amended and adopted as presented:

Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Fee (if applicable)
Lenape Valley Jr. Wrestling	Practice	Monday(s) - Friday(s) November 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	N/A

* All dates/times are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather by the Interim Superintendent in consult with the Board President or Vice President and the Finance & Facilities Committee Chairperson.

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro said that when Byram Recreation was here five days a week there was no problem moving them out. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Tranor stated that he would vote “no” only because it will be difficult for the team to make adjustments on the fly and alter their schedule. He also stated that he was “worried” that there will be disagreements. President Popelka stated she felt the same as Mr. Tranor and added that it will be hard to move the group out.

VOTE: FINANCE/FACILITIES AGENDA ITEM #18 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo and Mr. Still

NAYS: Mrs. Criscuolo, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President

ABSTENTIONS: None

B. PERSONNEL - James Still, Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Still, seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo, that resolution numbered 1 - 2 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the following individuals as substitute teachers pending final county approval (as noted “county approval” refers to the fingerprinting process required by law for all state employees):

a. Robert Martone (fingerprints are on file)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the following 2010 Extended School Year Program personnel appointments:

(Funding will be provided by IDEA ARRA grant funds.)

Aide	Max. Hours Per Week	Step On Guide	Hourly Rate	Funding Source(s)
Laura Keily	15	Col. 2 – Step 2	\$11.50*	IDEIA ARRA
Leslie Albensi (NCLB – HQ)	15	Col. 2 – Step 9*	\$ 9.75	IDEIA ARRA

* (Employee was previously approved, resolution designates hourly rate)

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro asked if resolution #2 was posted in district. Mrs. Bammer stated that it was. Mrs. Dalesandro commented that that was good, since we need to take care of our own first. Mrs. Callahan asked if the ESY program was different than the summer reading program – Mrs. Bammer stated that it is different.

VOTE: PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #1 – #2 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Mr. Still, seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo that resolution #3 be adopted as presented:

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the negotiated agreement between the Netcong Board of Education and the Netcong Teachers’ Association for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro stated that she cannot support the approval of the teachers’ contract with a clear conscience; with the raises proposed it is fiscally irresponsible to approve the contract. If it was approved, it will cripple our educational system. Now, by law, budgets cannot go up more than 4%; if the Governor gets a 2.5% cap passed, this is over that; we would have to cut the staff in half if this passes. She affirmed that she can’t and won’t support it. Mr. Tranor and Mr. Olivo also stated that they are concerned by the increases. Discussion ensued.

VOTE: PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #3 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mr. Still and Mrs. Popelka, President

NAYS: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo and Mr. Tranor

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion is not carried.

Discussion: Mr. Fyffe discussed Mrs. Werner’s email regarding appointing Steve Petersen as needed from July 1 – August 31 and approving additional hours for Mrs. Koster. Mr. Olivo asked why we would need additional summer help when we have someone to do the landscaping. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that she would like Mr. Feti to do what he does best i.e. cleaning, not pushing a lawn mower and that she would like to wait on this. Mr. Olivo indicated that he would be o.k. with extending Mr. Petersen’s hours but only if they were to cover the custodian’s vacation time. Mr. Fyffe said that the custodian issue has two parts – covering vacation time and pressing at the end of the summer to make sure that everything that needs to get done is done. He further stated that Mr. Petersen is paid \$10/hour, not time and a half. He asked that Mrs. Bammer be the one to track the hours needed, and if the BOE waits, then we will lose his services for the month of July. Mrs. Dalesandro asked where the money was coming from (which line item) and concurred that there may need to be a push at the end of the summer. Mr. Olivo stated that next month we will have a better idea of what is needed and the BOE can change their answer at that time.

President Popelka commented that our Interim Superintendent, Mr. Fyffe, has asked that the BOE recognize our new Acting Superintendent, Mrs. Bammer; she assumed, then, that the BOE would have faith in her ability and decision making; if not, the BOE needs to do some quick thinking. Mrs. Dalesandro commented that she does support Mrs. Bammer and her ability to run the district; Mr. Olivo agreed.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Still that resolution #4 be added and adopted as presented:

4. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the additional hours of employment of Mr. Steven Peterson, P/T custodian at an hourly wage of \$10.00/hour from July 1, 2010 – July 31, 2010, as needed, at the discretion of the Acting Superintendent.

VOTE: PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #4 AS ADDENDED AND AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. EDUCATION - Todd Morton, Chairperson

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Still, that resolutions numbered 1 -6 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education to authorize the Interim Superintendent and Interim School Business Administrator to submit the FY2011 “No Child Left Behind” grant application as per the entitlement figures released by the New Jersey Department of Education in the following areas:

Title I Basic Skills	\$ 45,349
Title II Part A Professional Development	\$ 12,825
Title II Part D Technology	\$ 90
Title III English Language Enhancement	<u>\$ 3,014</u>
	\$ 61,278

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education to authorize the Interim Superintendent to submit an amended FY2008 IDEIA Application on behalf of the Netcong Public School.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education to authorize the Interim Superintendent to submit an amended FY2010 IDEIA Application on behalf of the Netcong Public School and St. Michael’s non-public school allocation.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve the contract with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for services provided during the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$4,100.00 (Student #032101) and \$1,700.00 (Student #042402) respectively. These services are required through the implementation of the student’s Individual Education Plan.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve the contract with Bayada Nurses, Inc., to provide Nursing Services to Student #33-4002 of the Netcong School District the following fee schedule (as noted in the Professional services contract) for in-school nursing services (including transporting client to and from school):

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

<u>Professional Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
RN	\$54.50/per hour
LPN	\$44.50/per hour

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro inquired if the nursing rates were the same as last year’s rates. Mrs. Bammer stated that she believed the rates had not increased from the previous year.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the following Field Trip as listed: (Transportation will be provided as noted and funded as listed.)

Date	Grade	Field Trip
07/08/10	PSD	Netcong Fire Department Netcong, NJ (No transportation necessary.)

Discussion: Mrs. Dalesandro inquired if the children were taking a bus to the firehouse. Mrs. Bammer stated that they were going to walk to the firehouse.

VOTE: EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #1 – #6 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Olivo stated that it tends to be confusing when someone other than the committee chair makes a motion. Mrs. Criscuolo commented that this has been discussed in the past; Mr. Olivo agreed and said that he brought this up because it happened this evening. Mrs. Dalesandro commented that when a resolution is amended, anyone can make the motion.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo, that resolution number 1 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, to approve the **second reading** and adoption of the following Bylaw, Policy and Regulation Revisions:

BYLAW, POLICY AND REGULATION – revisions:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>
2460	Special Education (Revised)
2460.1	Special Education – Location, Identification and Referral
2460.16 (R)	Special Education – Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Pupils
2460.78	Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education
2460.89	Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs
2467	Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents

VOTE: MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEM #1 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Still moved, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro, to open the public session at 8:28 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Popelka opened the meeting to the public at 8:28 pm.

Mr. Arbolino (7 Dogwood Road), one of the Lenape Valley Jr. Wrestling coaches, stated that LVJW will work with the school and that the organization needed a home. He thanked the Board members who supported their facility request.

Miss Jaci Rich (teacher) commented that she is not against wrestling, but that school events affect more Netcong children. She also mentioned that there are some nights when things need to be set up in the gym for the next day.

Mrs. Amy Costanza (15 Center Street) asked what is happening with K5 next year. Mrs. Bammer stated that she is working closely with Mrs. Werner to find a solution; 27 children in one class is, in her opinion, too many children. Mrs. Callahan agreed that 27 children is too high a number for a kindergarten class. Mrs. Dalesandro stated that she supports full day kindergarten and the finding of funds for two full day classes.

Ms. Karen Bond (5 Koclas Drive) brought up the K4 program and if the people who will be enrolling children are aware of the charge. President Popelka stated that the Board has discussed charging since at least April. She continued to say that the school will send letters out to enrolled students' parents regarding the charge, that there will be no charge for children with special needs or for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch, and that she thinks all parents knew this (charge for K4) was on the horizon.

Ms. Pat Marsico (41 Koclas Drive) commented that she is glad the Board will be charging tuition for the K4 program and that it will be opened to out of district children; this is a win-win. She also brought up the issue of mold and whether it was present in the building or whether the issue was blown out of proportion. She stated that she does not know much about mold but questioned if the Board considered using K9 dogs to try to see if there was mold in the building. She Googled this and spoke to a service who indicated it would cost between 10-20 cents per square foot for an initial inspection and a visual inspection. Discussion ensued and it was determined that at that rate, it would cost about \$10,000 for 50,000 square feet.

Mr. Fyffe thanked Ms. Marsico for the work she did but stated that there is no indication that mold exists; if there was an indication, he would have made a recommendation to have it taken care of. With no indication, it would be irresponsible to bring in a company without any indication of mold. He stated again that there is no indication of a mold problem at this time, but, if the Board does not resolve the referendum issue, there could be a problem with mold that would be expensive to remediate.

Ms. Marsico then commented that it does not look like we have any viable speech candidates. She felt it would be cheaper to have Mrs. Colaco than to go out of district. Mrs. Colaco knows the children and is excited about the kids. She (Mrs. Colaco) stated to her that she likes the variety and not having a spare minute during the day. Ms. Marsico commented that she does not see the benefit of going out of district to try to find a speech therapist.

Ms. Marsico asked is there would be a cost to the school with having custodians in the building during the wrestling program. President Popelka stated that no, a custodian is in the building during that time.

Finally, Ms. Marsico stated that she appreciated the lapse in formality during the public session (when the public was speaking).

Ms. Bond (5 Koclas Drive) spoke to improvements to the school and the electrical problems we are experiencing. She inquired if solar panels are a part of the plan. She feels that our school is in a good solar "spot," and the energy generated could be sent back to the company. President Popelka stated that the Board did not specifically discuss solar panels, but she will speak to the AOR about it. Ms. Bond continued that she felt this would be a perfect solar site and that she has read in the newspaper about municipalities who are doing this. President Popelka stated that the AOR can advise the Board about this; it is worth asking about. Mrs. Callahan commented that when this goes to referendum, we need to be careful how much we ask for. A roof, yes, but not above and beyond what is necessary. We need to sell it to the taxpayers. Ms. Bond commented that we could generate our own power and sell it back to JCP & L. President Popelka said that she would send an email to the AOR. To this, Mrs. Callahan asked that if the email will cost the Board money, to please refrain from sending it.

Mrs. Karin Amico (52 Railroad Ave) said that having out of district children for the K4 program is a good idea, but asked if a separate foundation will handle the billing. President Popelka said that After Care is with the Foundation, not the K4 program. Mrs. Amico then asked if the billing would be done in advance. To this, President Popelka responded yes, this is the format that will be used.

There being no items for discussion at this time, Mr. Still moved, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro to close the public session at 8:46 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Dalesandro asked that Mrs. Bammer prepare a press release to be put on the Netcong Elementary School website about our K4 program. She also stated that Field Day was a “complete success” and said “great job” to Miss Rich, Ms. Meeth, and the volunteers who were there to help.

President Popelka asked that someone who voted on the issue of the speech therapist on the prevailing side vote so the Board does not have to pay more money than we are paying Mrs. Colaco. It was agreed at committee meetings to wait to see what happens, but it is looking to be very expensive to send our kids out of district. Mrs. Criscuolo asked Mrs. Bammer for her recommendation about speech. To that, Mrs. Bammer commented that we cannot know the future and if we will find a speech therapist who has the skills we’re looking for. No motion was made by the Board.

President Popelka then commented that tonight was the last meeting with Mr. Fyffe – he is not moving far, only to Stanhope. She thanked him for the wonderful job he did and said that Netcong is a better place having had him here for the past year. She then offered the best of luck to him. Mr. Fyffe thanked President Popelka and the Board.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo, 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 pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiation, personnel, and/or matters pertaining to attorney/client privilege. 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 8:50 pm and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion is requested to come out of executive session.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Still, to close executive session at 9:38 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 9:38 pm with the following members present:

Present: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

XI. POSSIBLE MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo that resolution #5 be addended and adopted as presented:

- 5. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves Mrs. Karen Koster to work full time from July 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010 at her 2009-2010 annual salary of \$37,600.41 pro-rata or \$3,133.37/month and to work part time from September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 at .5 FTE (or half-time) \$18,800.21 pro-rata or \$1,566.68/month.

VOTE: PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #5 AS ADDENDED AND AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo that resolution #6 be addended and adopted as presented:

- 6. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves additional monetary compensation/remuneration for Melissa Flach-Bammer, Acting Superintendent at a rate of \$125.00/per diem for additional work duties in the absence of the Interim Superintendent for the Netcong Public School from June 28, 2010 through August 31, 2010*.
(*pending the appointment of an Interim Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year)

VOTE: PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #6 AS ADDENDED AND AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Criscuolo, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Arbolino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Still and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the June 22, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa N. Flach-Bammer
Board Secretary Pro-Tem