

Our Children
Our School
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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

January 27, 2015
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:00 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: Mr. Coladarci, Mr. McQueeney, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Sufly and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Mrs. Callahan
Mr. Morton
Mrs. Popelka

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

III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MINUTES

Correspondence

Board Trustee Jennifer Santana moved the following resolution:

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

Sender	Subject	Referred to
Borough of Netcong- Ralph Blakeslee, III	Water Meter & Current Invoice	Mr. Pio Pennisi, Interim Superintendent

The motion was seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney and was approved by Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present.

Approval of Board Minutes

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved the following resolution:

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

December 9, 2014	Regular Minutes
December 9, 2014	Executive Session Minutes- Part I
December 9, 2014	Executive Session Minutes- Part II
January 6, 2015	Annual Re-Org Minutes
January 6, 2015	Work Session Minutes

The motion was seconded by Board Trustee Jennifer Santana.

VOTE: APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

AYES: Mr. Coladarci, Mr. McQueeney, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Suflay and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: Mr. Coladarci on all January 6, 2015 Minutes
Mr. McQueeney on all December 9, 2014 Minutes
Ms. Suflay on all December 9, 2014 Minutes

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dalesandro stated that, January 2015 is the thirteenth annual School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, a time to raise public awareness of the role and responsibilities of local boards of education and to thank your community's school board members for their efforts. Governor Chris Christie proclaimed January 2015 as School Board Recognition Month for the state, the Governor took note of the fact that New Jersey's local Boards of Education have contributed to New Jersey being one of the country's leading states for public education, and student achievement.

The governor said in his proclamation, "As the policy making bodies for local school districts, New Jersey's local boards of education endeavor to meet the challenges facing public schools and to help students attain the education necessary to excel in college and in the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy."

The governor also paid tribute to the "countless hours, without remuneration," that New Jersey's 4,800 local Board of Education members devote to the oversight of school district operations. NJSBA initiated the state's first School Board Recognition Month in 2002 as a way to acknowledge the work of local school Board Members who oversee the education of New Jersey's 1.4 million public school students. Nationally, School Board Recognition Month began in the early 1990s; in addition to New Jersey, several other states dedicate a month to recognize the service of their state's community school Boards.

President Dalesandro finished by stating, we as local school Board members, serve without compensation, represent the community by ensuring our tax dollars are spent wisely, and by setting academic goals for our school district. As Board members, our work has a positive impact on the classroom and we play an essential role in our students' lives. We set the policies for our school and make important decisions affecting curriculum, financing and staffing.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your service and commitment and ask that each of you acknowledge your fellow Board member because together we achieve more and our students win.

V. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

1. Fire Drill/Security Report:

	DRILL	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Netcong Public School	Fire	12/11/14, 10am	2 Minutes
	Security, Lockdown	12/18/14, 9:40am	10 Minutes
	Fire	1/16/15, 11am	2 Minutes

2. Suspensions:

	GRADE	INFRACTION	ISS	OSS
Netcong Public School	3	Kicking	X	
Netcong Public School	8	Profanity to Staff Member		X

Mr. Pennisi gave his report on the 2013-2014 HIB Grades and Monthly HIB Incident Report.

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Sylvester informed the Board that two security companies came to provide recommendations and quotes on our main entry way system. We will receive the quotes by weeks end.

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

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Joe Coladarci, to open the public session at 7:06 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:06 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 Joe Coladarci moved, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, to close the public session at 7:06 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:06 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE - Bernadette Dalesandro, Chairperson
Marianne Callahan, Member
Jennifer Santana, Member
Colleen Suflay, Member**

Board Trustee Colleen Suflay, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved the following resolutions to be approved as submitted:

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution numbers 1-15 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the December 15, 2014 payroll in the amount of \$152,957.60.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the December 23, 2014 payroll in the amount of \$159,521.15.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the January 15, 2015 payroll in the amount of \$150,525.44
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the bills list for December 4, 2014 to January 16, 2015 in the amount of \$641,349.78.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the transfers of the attached list for December 2014.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby accepts the following December 2014 Financial Reports:

The Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of December 31, 2014 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A-22-8 and 18A-22-8.1.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 the Netcong Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of December 31, 2014 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:23-2.2 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the **second reading** of the following Policy and Regulation Revisions:

****P&R = Policy and Regulation***

*	NUMBER	TITLE
P&R	5830	Pupil Fund Raising
P	2415.04	Title I- District-Wide Parental Involvement

8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the **first reading** of the following Policy and Regulation Revisions:

****P&R = Policy and Regulation***

*	NUMBER	TITLE
P&R	9181	Volunteer Policy

9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the agreement for our Board Attorney with Schwartz, Simon Edelstein & Celso, LLC for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year effective from January 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the contract with medical examiner, Dr. Joseph Casella to provide school physician services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1, for the 2014-2015 school year at an annual fee of \$2,500 retroactive to July 1, 2014.
11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves to pay the contract with medical examiner, Dr. Joseph Casella to provide school physician services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1, for the 2013-2014 school year at an annual fee of \$2,500.
12. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves Amy Henry as the lunch room substitute retroactive from September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a daily rate of \$26.15.

Board Trustee Joe Coladarci made a motion to table Resolution #12. The motion was seconded by Board Trustee Jennifer Santana and was approved by Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present.

13. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2015 the governing body of the Netcong Board of Education, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Netcong Board of Education

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

14. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2015 the governing body of the Netcong Board of Education, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Netcong Board of Education

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

- 15. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2015-2016, and

Whereas, the Netcong Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Netcong Board of Education hereby authorizes the Interim Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.

VOTE: GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE RESOLUTIONS #1 – #15 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Coladarci, Mr. McQueeney, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Sufly and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: Mrs. Santana on resolution #4 Check #10064

- B. PERSONNEL-** Marianne Callahan, Chairperson
Bill Stevens, Member
Jennifer Santana, Member
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

Board Trustee Jennifer Santana, seconded by Board Trustee Bill Stevens moved the following resolutions to be approved as submitted:

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution numbers 1-8 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the job description of the Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves Corinne Sodano as the Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator effective February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015 at a pro-rated salary of \$40,000.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the job description of the Business Administrator.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, following Professional Development:

NAME	COURSE	LOCATION	DATE(S)	COST
Gina Szarejko	NJDOE PARCC Online Assessment 2015 Update	West Morris Public Safety Training Academy Parsippany, NJ	January 7, 2015	\$15.50 (mileage)

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Valerie Becker for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2015.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the medical leave of absence for Ray Hopler beginning January 28, 2015 until medically cleared to return back to work. Mr. Hopler will be paid his 14 sick days and 2 personal days for compensation and benefits during this period, additional days will be unpaid.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the Title I after-school tutors starting February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 for one and a half hours a day for three days a week for \$26.15 per hour for approximately 60 days as follows:

NAME	POSITION	GRANT	AMOUNT
Cathy DeVito	Tutor	NCLB	\$26.15/day
Tana Ferris	Tutor	NCLB	\$26.15/day
Melissa Ninni	Tutor	NCLB	\$26.15/day

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves Linda Cannon as the after-school tutor on Monday & Thursday at a rate of \$26.15 per session starting February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

VOTE: PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS #1 – #8 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Coladarci, Mr. McQueeney, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Suflay and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: None

C.FACILITIES/OPERATIONS - Todd Morton, Chairperson
Lynn Popelka, Member
Patrick McQueeney, Member
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

None at this time.

D. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION- Colleen Suflay, Chairperson
Joe Coladarci, Member
Patrick McQueeney, Member
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

None at this time.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

Board Trustee Joe Coladarci asked if we could expedite the process of obtaining the quotes for the security cameras and intercoms. Discussion ensued.

Board Trustee Jennifer Santana informed the Board that she attended the child assault prevention program. She stated it was an outstanding program and wished more parents had attended. It was a true eye opener for her. She thanked Mrs. Walsh for putting the program together.

XII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Joe Coladarci, to open the public session at 7:12 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

The 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 subscribes 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 should be referred to the Interim Superintendent or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

Mr. Randy Schrader, 93 Wiltop Rd., asked the Board to explain why he received a letter regarding his child's absences, after taking his children out of school for a week long family vacation. President Dalesandro asked him to use the chain of command before coming directly to the Board of Education and she recommended he first speak with Ms. Gina Cinotti, Principal. Discussion ensued.

There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Joe Coladarci, to close the public session at 7:23 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:23 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

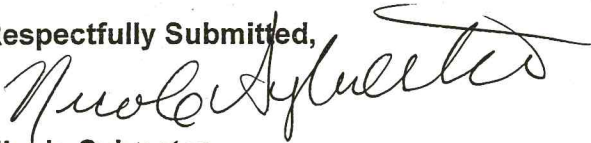
Motion by Board Trustee Colleen Suflay, seconded by Board Trustee Jennifer Santana that **RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 and 10:4-12 that the Netcong Board of Education hold a closed Executive Session regarding personnel matters. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken. The motion was made at 7:23 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:23 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 15 (fifteen) minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Board Trustee Colleen Suflay made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Board Trustee Joe Coladarci and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present at 7:42 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Colleen Suflay made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Jennifer Santana and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Sylvester
Business Administrator/Board Secretary