

Netcong School District
26 College Road
Netcong, NJ 07857

Work Session Minutes
August 18, 2015
7:00pm

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 2015-16

1. Successfully communicate the information to all stakeholders regarding the public vote for the November 2015 Ballot Question.
2. Improve the Board of Education relationships among the community and staff.
3. Monitor and verify a secure financial status in the District.

E. District Goals 2015-16

Implement the action plans identified in the Netcong School District Strategic Plan with the 2015-16 timeline under the goal areas of: (a) student achievement and technology, (b) school and community, and (c) finance and facilities.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Costanzo, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Mr. McQueeney, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Stevens

Also Present: Dr. Gina Cinotti, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Nicole Sylvester, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
One (1) Member of the staff present

III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correspondence

Board Trustee Todd Morton, moved the following resolution to be approved as submitted:

Be it resolved, that the communications mentioned be listed in the minutes and action be taken as noted:
Aide- Diane Yaeger (8/08/15, resignation).

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

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dalesandro welcomed Mr. Costanza and Mrs. Stevens to the first board meeting. President Dalesandro then stated both are in the process of completing their Criminal Background check and fingerprinting process as mandated by law.

President Dalesandro informed everyone that there will be a Color Run fundraiser to help support student activities on October 24, 2015. She also stated that we were looking for corporate sponsors and asked that anyone who could help participate to make this an outstanding event.

V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None at this time.

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPO

None at this time.

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

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Kelly Stephens, to open the public session at 7:05 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Public is invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns. The Board requests that the individual address the Board, giving name and address, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Chair. The public portion shall be limited to thirty minutes with a five-minute time limit on each participant.

The Board wishes to remind all attendees at its meeting that while it subscribed without reservation to the principle of keeping the public completely informed, by policy it cannot allow public discussion of personnel matters. If a matter concerning the staff of the Netcong Public School is of interest or concern, the matter would be referred to the Interim Superintendent or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Todd Morton, moved, seconded by Board Trustee Jen Santana, to close the public session at 7:05 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:05 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Governance/Policy/Finance – *B. Dalesandro (Chair)*

The Board reviewed agenda items to be approved at next week's Regular Board meeting.

B. Personnel – *M. Callahan (Chair)*

Board Trustee Marianne Callahan, seconded by Board Trustee Todd Morton moved the following resolution to be approved as submitted:

Be it resolved that resolution number 1 be adopted as presented:

1. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the CSA, accepts the resignation of Diane Yaeger, Teacher's Aide, as of August 8, 2015.

VOTE: PERSONNEL RESOLUTION #1 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Costanzo, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: None

C. Facilities/Operations- *T. Morton (Chair)*

None at this time.

D. Curriculum/Instruction – *P. McQueeney (Chair)*

None at this time.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Jen Santana, to open the public session at 7:25 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:25 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.

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There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Kelly Stephens, to close the public session at 7:25 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:25 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Board Trustee Todd Morton, seconded by Board Trustee Kelly Stephens 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 issues and legal matters. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken. The motion was made at 7:26 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:26 p.m. President Dalesandro stated that no action will be taken after executive session and it is anticipated the Board will be in executive session for approximately 60 (sixty) minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Board Trustee Todd Morton made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Board Trustee Jen Santana and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present at 8:11 p.m.

President Dalesandro stated as part of our action plan for board goal number two, to improve relationships with staff and community, she asked for volunteers to attend and represent the Board at PTA, Town Council and Educational Foundation meetings. She then appointed Mrs. Stevens and herself to attend PTA meetings, Mr. Costanzo and herself to attend Town Council meetings and Mrs. Callahan and herself to attend Educational Foundation meetings. Each representative will give a report of the meeting they attend to the Board.

Dr. Cinotti stated she has started working on finding ways to reach out to Netcong citizens and different groups of Netcong to present and provide information on statistics regarding our November ballot question. Discussion ensued.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Todd Morton made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Dave Costanzo and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the August 18, 2015 Work Session Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Sylvester".

Nicole Sylvester
Business Administrator/Board Secretary