

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

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. Costanzo, Mrs. Lapsley @ 7:15pm, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Santalucia, Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Dalesandro

Absent: Mr. Kranz, Mrs. Santana

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Good evening and welcome to a special Board of Education meeting.

Tonight we will be conducting interviews for the open board seat and that each candidate will be asked seven questions that were prepared by the New Jersey School Boards Association. Each candidate will give an opening and closing statement and will be interviewed at the same time and asked the same questions. At this time I would like to welcome Mrs. Catherine Gervasio and Mr. Walter Barbero.

INTERVIEW

President Dalesandro opened the interview process. Both candidates read the opening statement. President Dalesandro continued the interview and asked the candidates the questions prepared by NJSBA. At the conclusion of the questioning, President Dalesandro asked a question of the candidates. Asked if any board members had any questions and Mr. Costanzo had a question for the candidates. The candidates then read their closing statements. That concluded the interview and President Dalesandro thanked both candidates for their interest to serve on the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Gave an update on the policy on tonight's agenda

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY COMMENTS

Referred to the items on tonight's agenda

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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 Superintendent or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

No comments from the public

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

➤ **Personnel/Policy**

On a motion by Mrs. Santalucia, seconded by Mr. Morton, that resolutions #1-2 be approved as presented:

1. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the FIRST READING of the following Policies and/or Regulations:

Policy/Regulation	#	Title	Type
a. Policy	1642.08	Remote Learning Options for Families (M)	New

2. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the updated 2020-2021 school calendar. The first day of school for students will now be Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Roll Call

Mr. Costanzo - Yes; Mr. Kranz – Absent; Mrs. Lapsley – Yes; Mr. Morton – Yes; Mrs. Santalucia – Yes; Mrs. Santana – Absent; Mr. Stevens – Yes; Mrs. Dalesandro – Yes

➤ **Finance/Facilities**

On a motion by Mr. Morton, seconded by Mr. Stevens that resolution #1 be rescinded and #2 be approved as presented:

1. ~~Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the update to the 2020-2021 budget due to the loss of state aid because of the COVID-19 pandemic.~~

2. Be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the following resolution:

Whereas, on February 27, 2020 the Netcong Board of Education received notice from the New Jersey Department of Education that the district will receive an additional \$167,667 in state aid for the 2020-2021 school year, and

Whereas, on March 18, 2020 the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, and

Whereas, on July 10, 2020 the Netcong Board of Education received notice from the New Jersey Department of Education that the district would see a reduction in state aid for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$108,666 due to the current health pandemic, and

Whereas, on July 30, 2020 the district received guidance on how to account for the revised state aid, now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Netcong Board of Education based on this guidance will reduce the following line item appropriations, which is the reduction in salaries due to retirements and eliminate the hiring of a Class III officer, in the amount of \$108,666 in the 2020-2021 budget:

Account #	Account Description	Amount
11-120-100-101	Grades 1-5 Salary	\$33,858.00
11-130-100-101	Resource Room Salary	\$30,808.00
11-000-266-300	Other Purchased Services	\$44,000.00

Roll Call

Mr. Costanzo - Yes; Mr. Kranz – Absent; Mrs. Lapsley – Yes; Mr. Morton – Yes; Mrs. Santalucia – Yes; Mrs. Santana – Absent; Mr. Stevens – Yes; Mrs. Dalesandro – Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Lapsley to recess into executive session at 7:45pm.
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 the appoint of a new board member and negotiations for an estimated time of 30 minutes and action will be taken at the conclusion of the executive session. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action will be taken.

**On a motion by Mr. Morton and seconded by Ms. Santalucia to close the executive session at 8:28pm.
Approved by voice vote. All in Favor.**

Mr. Costanzo, Mrs. Lapsley, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Walsh logged back on.

ACTION ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Morton, seconded by Ms. Santalucia that the Netcong Board of Education hereby appoints Mrs. Catherine Gervasio as a board member to fill the vacant position left by Mrs. Anne Witt for the period until January 5, 2021. Mrs. Catherine Gervasio shall be seated as a Netcong Board of Education member upon taking oath of office after the completion of a criminal history review pursuant to law.

Roll Call

Mr. Costanzo - Abstain; Mr. Kranz – Absent; Mrs. Lapsley – Yes; Mr. Morton – Yes; Mrs. Santalucia – Yes; Mrs. Santana – Absent; Mr. Stevens – Yes; Mrs. Dalesandro – Yes

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Morton to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Approved by voice vote. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

P Stabile

Paul Stabile

Business Administrator/Board Secretary