

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

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

February 22, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Popelka at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Netcong Board of Education Office as publicly advertised.

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

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

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, The West Morris Reporter 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. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Suflay, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mrs. Melissa Flach-Bammer, Acting Superintendent/Principal/CST Coordinator
Christine M. Werner, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Consultant

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Morton, 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 6:31 pm and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

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

Motion by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Arbolino, to close executive session at 7:21 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:22 pm with the following members present:

Present: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

Also present were eight (8) members of the public.

President Popelka stated that, at this time, the Board would like to take the opportunity to allow the public to speak on Agenda Items only prior to the Netcong 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget presentation. All in favor.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC ~ AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Olivo moved, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro, to open the public session at 7:23 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Popelka opened the meeting to the public at 7:23 pm.

There being no items for discussion at this time, Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Morton to close the public session at 7:24 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

E. NETCONG 2011-2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer and Business Administrator Consultant Werner noted this evening's discussion was an overview of the Administration's efforts to restore the teaching positions and programs that were cut from the 2010-2011 school budget as a result of the loss of \$200,074 State Aid revenue as a result of the Governor's cuts. To date, Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated, NJ school districts have not been notified as to this year's state aid revenue in terms of flat funding, reduced funding (as was the case last year) or if there will be any additional funding for the 2011-2012 school year. Being there is uncertainty in terms of the State Aid allocations for the 2011-2012 school year to NJ school districts at this time, Superintendent Flach-Bammer said that the 2011-2012 school budget was still in the preliminary stage of planning until school districts are notified accordingly. Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated that we expect to be notified of our State Aid allocation for the 2011-2012 school year on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

A brief discussion ensued prior to the powerpoint presentation prepared for this evening. President Popelka stated additional Committee meetings will be scheduled at the next opportunity (upon notification of the State Aid allocations for the 2011-2012 school year in the next day or so) to discuss and finalize the preliminary budget with Administration prior to approving said submission to the Morris County Executive Superintendent for approval. The consensus of the Board of Education was that Committee meetings be held on Friday, February 25, 2011 and Monday, February 28, 2011 prior to the Special Meeting to be held on March 1, 2011 for the purpose of approving the submission of the 2011-2012 preliminary school budget to the MCES for review and approval per regulations.

Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer and Business Administrator Consultant Werner provided a powerpoint presentation pertaining to the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget as follows:

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- ~ What was cut from the current year budget?
- ~ Where is the money being spent and what are the fixed costs?
- ~ Cost savings measures being considered for 2011-2012.

2010-2011 SCHOOL BUDGET REDUCTIONS~

Elementary School Teacher(s) – 2 FTE

(one position restored with one retirement and one position restored due to class size and use of EDJobs funds)

ESL Teacher – Reduced from F/T to P/T

Speech Teacher – Reduced from F/T to P/T

Elimination of Basic Skills Improvement Program

Elimination of Basketball Program

CONSIDERATIONS IN THE 2011-2012 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

- Student Enrollment/Staffing
- Contracted Salaries
- Contractual Health Benefits Expenses
- Mandated Special Education Spending
- Mandated Insurance Expenses (Gen. Liability, Workmen’s Comp)
- State Mandated Testing Services
- Mandated Election Costs, Etc.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET

	2009-2010	2010-2011	% Change
Total Budget	\$4,277,369	\$4,039,079	Difference: (\$238,290) -5.57%

Last year, as you may remember, the Governor reduced the State Aid allocation for Netcong by \$200,074 which equates to 18%.

Efficiencies are an integral part of the ability for our district to provide for a quality instructional program reflecting a fiscal sensitivity to the residents and taxpayers of the Netcong Elementary School community.

Netcong Elementary School is Efficient~

In November, the NJDOE requested that each district provide the Executive County Superintendent Review of Efficiency Standards (N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3) regarding the 2010-2011 school year budget in preparation for developing the 2011-2012 school year budget. After review of our submission and narrative the Netcong Administration received the following memorandum:

Memo

To: *Melissa Flach-Bammer., Superintendent of Schools
Christine Werner, School Business Administrator*

From: *Kathleen C. Serafino, PhD., Executive County Superintendent
Ralph H. Goodwin, Executive County Business Administrator, Interim*

Date: *February 22, 2011*

Re: *Review of 2010-11 Adopted Budget and 2009-10 Budget Efficiency Standards
as it relates to the development of the 2011-12 school budget*

In November, you were asked to provide selected information related to a review of efficiency standards required by the NJDOE. Your responses are valuable to us in our ability to perform this review. It is recognized that knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the local program and service offerings is retained by the district administration and board of education. The county administration's ability to observe and make recommendations is limited to their knowledge of other school districts and comparative data for the district. It is the belief of this office that district administrators are closest to the circumstances and are the best informed to lead their boards in the budget development process. We hope to offer objective comparative review and assistance. The ultimate responsibility to develop a budget that meets the given needs of the children of the district resides with the local administration and board. The regulations have a primary focus on administrative and non-instructional expenditures that are compared to districts of similar size and configuration or Comparative Spending Group (CSG). Additionally, the county office reviews previous district budgets, audits, and other compliance reports to discover areas where adjustments might be made. As your district moves forward with the development of the 2011-12 budget, we expect that you would address the items that we have identified as a result of our review. By no means is this to be considered an exhaustive list; instead, the foundation of adjustments that need to be incorporated in the district's future planning, both short-term and long-term.

Our review found a two-year rate of change in the on-roll student population of -1.10%. This relatively stable student population makes it difficult to identify potential savings in the employee section of the budget. However, it is expected that attention be given to the staffing levels of the district—including instructional, administrative and support staff. It was noted that the district's overall comparative per pupil (CPP) cost increased by nearly 6.3% in the 2010-11 budget. Some of this increase is related to the decline of enrollment, however, not all of it. It is hoped that the district will identify further savings in the budget for FY12.

The district has successfully addressed cost containment in the areas analyzed by the department. The district's costs in the areas of administration, educational support and operation of plant are all below the CSG median. The only area that can be sighted as above is in the area of legal costs. It is hoped that this is due to a limited situation and will not result in such spending levels in the future.

The district has implemented many of the efficient business practices suggested by the department by not having classroom aides, having a self-funded food service program, soliciting quotes for professional services, planned textbook ordering, educationally focused library purchases, and not providing for a public relations staff position. For these efforts, the administration and the board of education are to be praised!

Patterns of over/under budgeting were sought in a review the district’s prior three budgets verses their year-end audits. Where patterns were identified, it was noted that the district’s 2010-11 budget had already been adjusted to reflect that consideration. This indicates that the district is utilizing the longitudinal data to guide its spending. As residents of New Jersey and Morris County continue to struggle with the slowly recovering economy all governmental units are asked to aggressively seek out all potential savings in their budgets. Home foreclosures are at an all-time high, unemployment is at its highest level in recent years, and hope for recovery is seen on the far distant horizon. We trust that you and the board of education will be mindful of these issues as you plan for the 2011-12 school year. As you know, the Executive County Superintendent has the authority, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-9.1(d), “to order any changes in proposed expenditures that are found unsuitable, inappropriate or unreasonable.” However, no such action is anticipated, as we know that you join us in the concern about the balance between the integrity of the district’s program/service offerings and the ability of the local taxpayers to bear the tax burden.

In summary, we have no specific recommendation to offer. The district administration and board of education are to be commended for their efforts to control the costs of providing a through and efficient education to the children of Netcong. We look forward to our ongoing exchange of ideas as the budget development process continues. Please contact our office for an appointment only if you wish to review our suggestions in more detail.

Business Administrator Consultant Werner discussed the current Comparative Spending Guide data regarding Netcong Elementary Schools as compared to other similar school districts in Morris County as follows:

2009-2010 School Budget Comparative Per Pupil Costs

Total Cost Per Pupil – Indicator 1 Operating Type K-8 / 0-400 Students

(Total of 67 School Districts)

	Budget 2009-10 Per Pupil Cost	2009-2010 Ranking
State Average—Operating Type K-8	\$12,811	
NETCONG	\$11,593	6

Of all the K-8 school districts throughout the state with enrollment of 0-400, Netcong ranked 6 of 67 with the rankings from Low Cost to High Cost.

Per pupil cost is \$11,593 and the state average is \$12,811. We are \$1,218 less than the state average.

There are four districts in Morris County that are categorized as type K-8, 0-400 students.

Netcong’s ranking is as follows:

District	Budget 2009-10: Per Pupil Cost	2009-2010 Ranking
Harding Township	\$19,662	59
Mount Arlington	\$15,801	43
Riverdale Borough	\$13,413	23
Netcong Borough	\$11,593	6

Business Administrator Consultant Werner stated that under the new regulations imposed by the Governor, Netcong School District is permitted to raise taxation up to 2% while noting that in past years, the cap was 4%.

2011-2012 Maximum Permitted Revenue Increase (2% Tax Levy)

\$ 54,369

In addition, Business Administrator Werner stated the following:

- **The Netcong Board of Education and Administration is making every effort to retain and restore educational programs that were eliminated from the 2010-2011 school year budget.**
- **We are committed to providing a quality instructional program reflecting a sensitivity to residents and taxpayers of the Netcong school community.**

In conclusion, Business Administrator Consultant Werner then discussed the 2011-2012 Budget Timetable.

2011-2012 Budget Timeline

February 22, 2011	Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 22-24, 2011	Release of State Aid
March 1, 2011	Special Board of Education Meeting
	BOE Detailed Budget Presentation and Board of Education Approves Proposal to Submit to Executive County Superintendent
March 4, 2011	Completed budget due to County Office
March 22, 2011	Last day for Budget Approval by ECS
March 29, 2011	Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget
April 27, 2011	(WED.) School Election
May 3, 2011	Annual Reorganization Meeting

II. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Popelka pointed to the Referendum design board located on the table near Mr. Still, Board Trustee while she provided an overview of the projects in terms of colors, floor tile and locker design, etc. President Popelka stated that the project design discussions with the Architect has been progressing nicely. An inquiry was then posed from a member of the public regarding a "community group" that was supposed to be involved in the referendum projects' planning process. President Popelka stated that developing a community group has not been necessary at the present time but that if the Board should need community input then there will be a group developed for this purpose.

III. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer reported on the following matters:

1 Fire Drill and Emergency Drill Report

	DATE/TIME	EVACUATION TIME
Netcong Public School	02/04/11 - 11:15 a.m. – 11:17 a.m.	2:00 Minutes
Netcong Public School	02/17/11	

- 2 **Principal’s Monthly Report** - Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer noted she had distributed the February 2011 Principal’s Report publication this evening to all Board Members present.
- 3 **No More Bullies, No More Victims Workshop** – Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer noted the “No More Bullies, No More Victims” workshops for parents and students scheduled to take place this month.
- 4 **Security Drills** – Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer noted that the law requires all school districts must also implement Security Drills. Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated that she would coordinate with the Netcong Borough Police Department and Fire Department (Hilltop Fire Department) for implementing an evacuation drill as soon as the weather gets warmer.

IV. SBA CONSULTANT’S COMMENTS

Business Administrator Consultant Werner reported on the following matters:

- 1. 2011-2012 Tentative Budget/Election timeline.
- 2. 2011-2012 Budget Hearing Date – Tuesday, March 1, 2011
- 3. Committee Meeting Schedule – Friday, February 25, 2011 and Monday, February 28, 2011
 Friday 02/25/11 @ 6:00 p.m. – Jim Still, Bobby Olivo, John Arbolino
 Friday 02/25/11 @ 6:45 p.m. – Lynn Popelka, Frank Tranor, Todd Morton
 Monday 02/28/11 @ 3:15 p.m. – Bernadette Dalesandro, Marianne Callahan, Colleen Suflay

School Board Elections

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, second by Mr. Still that resolutions numbered 1 - 4 be adopted as presented:

- 1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, approves 2011/2012 Tentative Budget/Election Timeline as follows:

January – March 2011	Board Committee Meetings as per schedule
March 4, 2011	Adoption and Filing of Preliminary Budget to ECS
March 8, 2011	Nominating Petitions must be filed by 4:00 PM
March 17, 2011	Drawing for position on the ballot
March 19, 2011	Advertise for Public Hearing
March 22, 2011	Last day for Budget approval by ECS
March 29, 2011	Public Hearing – Adopt Final Budget
April 19, 2011	Last day to submit Budget Cert and Sample Ballot to ECS
April 27, 2011	Annual School Election – 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
May 3, 2011	Annual Reorganization Meeting

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, approves March 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the 2011-2012 Annual School Budget.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, authorizes the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Consultant to advertise the Annual School Election and Budget as per election regulations.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, authorizes the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Consultant to advertise a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 for the purpose of adopting the preliminary 2011-2012 School Budget in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act regulations.

VOTE: SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESOLUTIONS #1 - #4 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

BOARD MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Mrs. Delasandro moved the following resolution:

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

Sender	Subject	Referred to
Netcong PTA and Netcong Education Foundation	Thank You – Participation “Night out on the Court”	Mrs. Lynn Popelka, Board President Members, Netcong Board of Education

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

V. OLD BUSINESS - None at this time.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. FINANCE/FACILITIES - Frank Tranor, Chairperson**

Motion by Mr. Tranor, seconded by Mr. Olivo, that resolution numbers 1 – 6 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the bills list dated February 22, 2011.

(Attachment #1)

A brief discussion ensued.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education accepts the financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2010 and the Associated Board Treasurer's of School Monies (A-149) report for the month of December 2010 which were reconciled with each other by Fund for that period.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11 (c) (4) certify that as of December 31, 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 district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board Secretary pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) (3) certifies that as of December 31, 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

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the Maschio Food Service report for the month of December 2010, which shows a monthly income of (\$268.88) and a year-to-date income of (\$138.04).

(Attachment #2)

6. **Resolution
Waiver of Requirements
Special Education Medicare 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 Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2011-12 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Netcong Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students and the participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2011-12 budget year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Netcong Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2011-12 school year.

Discussion: A brief discussion ensued. Mrs. Werner noted that SEMI reimbursement is approximately .19 cents on the dollar. In terms of the time necessary to implement SEMI reimbursements –vs- reimbursement revenues, it is not advisable to participate at this time.

VOTE: **FINANCE/FACILITIES AGENDA ITEMS #1 – #6 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Suflay, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka.

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Dalesandro – Resolution #1.

B. PERSONNEL - James Still, Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Morton that resolution number 1 – 1 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting 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. Molly M. Walsh

VOTE: **PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #1 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Suflay, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka.

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

C. EDUCATION - Todd Morton, Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Morton, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro that resolutions number 1 – 2 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the workshops/conferences for the month of March 2011 as listed:

Date	Teacher	Subject	Estimated Cost
03/04/11	Mrs. Juliano	Seminar for Certification and Provisional Teacher Program Parsippany, NJ	No Charge Mileage (Current Exp.)
03/21/11	Mrs. Bammer	NJASK Workshop Parsippany, NJ	No Charge Mileage (Current Exp.)
03/23/11	Mrs. Bammer	Bullying Workshop Jamesburg, NJ	No Charge Mileage (Current Exp.)

Discussion: Board Trustee Robert Olivo inquired as to how much the district pays annually for mileage. Mrs. Werner noted that the Board of Education approves up to \$5,500/annually but that the district does not exceed \$2,000 for this purpose. Mr. Olivo stated that he inclined to believe that perhaps having a district car/truck might serve the district in a more economical fashion than paying mileage expenses. A brief discussion ensued. Board Trustee Bernadette Dalesandro inquired if Ms. Barnhill would be in charge on the dates that Mrs. Bammer will be attending workshops. Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated “yes”.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following Field Trips as listed:

(Transportation will be provided as noted and funded as listed.)

Date	Grade	Field Trip
03/16/11	G & T – “Learning Carnival”	Morristown Union Fellowship Morristown, NJ Current Expense
04/12/11	Netcong S.A.D.D. Group	Coca-Cola Park Allentown, PA Current Expense/S.A.D.D. Group/Parents

Discussion: Board Trustee Bernadette Dalesandro inquired about the G&T Learning Carnival. Mrs. Werner noted that there is sufficient funds allocated in our current expense budget for this purpose.

VOTE: EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #1 - #2 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka.

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None at this time.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Still that resolution number 1 – 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>Policy Title</i>
1140	Affirmative Action Program
1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan
1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices/ Employment Practices Plan Complaint Procedure
<i>Number</i>	<i>Regulation Title</i>
R 1530	Equal Opportunity Complaint Procedure
R 1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices/ Employment Practices Plan
<i>Number</i>	<i>Policy Title</i>

2260	Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices
2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability
2415.04	Title I – District-Wide Parental Involvement
2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
6360	Political Contributions
6362	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards
8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations
8740	Bonding
Number	Regulation Title
R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
R 8420	Emergency and Non-fire Evacuation Plan
R 8420.2	Bomb Threats
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures
R 8420.10	Active Shooter

VOTE: **MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEM #1 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka.

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Board Trustee Robert Olivo publicly “thanked” Mr. Feti and Mr. Dickerson for their efforts this winter pertaining to snow removal. Board Trustee Robert Olivo stated that they had done a great job in removing the snow quickly all winter. “Great Job Mr. Feti and Mr. Dickerson! Thank you.”

Board Trustee Todd Morton stated that he had attended the S.A.D.D. Induction ceremony held on February 17, 2011. Board Trustee Todd Morton commented that there were many community members and staff present and that the induction ceremony was fantastic! A brief discussion ensued. Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated that Mrs. Elsie De Feo’s pumkin bread was delicious!!!!

Board Trustee Marianne Callahan inquired if the Facility Use policy was completed. Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated “yes”.

Board Trustee Bernadette Dalesandro commented that Srrauss Esmay was very busy with advising Policy Updates this month. Board Trustee Bernadette Dalesandro inquired of NJSBA provided assistance with Board Policy writing and updates. Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer stated “yes”.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to open the public session at 8:06 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Popelka opened the meeting to the public at 8:06 p.m.

Angela Kunkel (13 Church Street) noted that there were a few Board of Education meeting’s minutes that were not yet posted on the district website. Mrs. Werner noted that she usually sends them to Mr. Morton or Mr. Szarejko when they are approved by the Board of Education so that they can be posted on the website. Mrs. Werner also stated that she would follow up at the next opportunity. In terms of the Referendum timeline, Mrs. Kunkel inquired if the Board of Education is “...where you want to be at this point/on time, according to schedule (Summer 2011)? President Popelka stated “yes”. Mrs. Kunkel mentioned LVHS’s graduation date in relation to Netcong Elementary 8th grade graduation date – only one day different. Mrs. Bammer stated that there will not be any more snow days this year to insure that the graduation dates do not occur on the same evening.

Catherine DeVito (Netcong Teacher) inquired if this evening’s budget presentation would be posted on the district’s website? Mrs. Werner stated “yes”.

There being no additional items for discussion at this time, Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Morton to close the public session at 8:10 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Olivo, 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 8:11 pm and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

Mr. Still left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Arbolino, seconded by Mr. Morton, to close executive session at 9:50 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 9:51 pm with the following members present:

Present: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.

IX. POSSIBLE MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to Check #7637 on the February 22, 2011 Bills List. Board Trustee Bernadette Dalesandro inquired if the mileage request had a mapquest verification of the mileage listed. Mrs. Werner reviewed the PO and documentation that was attached and stated ‘no’. Board Trustee Bernadette Daleseandro inquired as to the mileage rate reimbursement listed and, if said amount was correct. Mrs. Werner stated she would double check the OMB mileage rate to insure it is accurate.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent and the Business Administrator Consultant, rescinds the authorization for payment of the following:

(Note: The PO/mileage reimbursement will be considered for payment upon receipt of proper documentation (mapquest verification of mileage) and correct mileage rate for reimbursement.)

Check #	Payee	Amount
7637	Barbara Dzurny	\$40.00

VOTE: **FINANCE AND FACILITIES AGENDA ITEM AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Ms. Suflay, Mr. Tranor
and Mrs. Popelka, President.

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Callahan

X. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Arbolino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Olivo and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the February 22, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 9:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Werner

Christine M. Werner
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Consultant