

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

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

**November 3, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Popelka at 6:32 PM. The meeting was held in the Netcong Public School Annex building as publicly advertised.

**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. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Ms. Suflay, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka, President.

Absent: Mr. Still (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)

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

### **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 contracts 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 6:35 pm and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

**Mr. Still entered the meeting at 6:52 p.m.**

**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 7:23 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:23 pm with the following members present:

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

**Mr. Brown left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.**

**II. POSSIBLE MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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, authorizes the paid Administrative Leave of Mrs. Lisa Napoli effective November 2, 2010 pending further action of the Board of Education.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE OF LISA NAPOLI</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Still, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None

**PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Olivo to open the public session at 7:26 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Popelka opened the meeting to the public at 7:26 pm.

There being no items for discussion, Mr. Olivo moved, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro to close the public session at 7:26 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Still moved the following resolution:

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

Sender	Subject	Referred to
Mrs. Lisa Napoli	Letter of Resignation	Mrs. M. Flach-Bammer, Acting Superintendent Mrs. C. Werner, Bus. Admin./Bd. Sec’y Consultant Members, Netcong Board of Education

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

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**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, accepts the resignation of Mrs. Lisa Napoli effective November 3, 2010.

**VOTE: ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF LISA NAPOLI**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Arbolino:	Yes
Mrs. Callahan:	Yes
Mrs. Dalesandro:	Yes, <b>with regret</b>
Mr. Morton:	Yes
Mr. Olivo:	Yes, <b>with regret</b>
Mr. Still:	Yes, <b>with regret</b>
Ms. Suflay:	Yes
Mr. Tranor:	Yes, <b>with regret</b>
Mrs. Popelka:	Yes, <b>with deep regret</b>

It is noted that the meeting was called expressly to discuss legal matters and contracts pertaining to the Referendum facilities renovations and health and safety projects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Still, 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 contracts 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 7:30 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. Morton, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro to close executive session at 9:48 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 9:48 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.

**III. POSSIBLE MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion ensued regarding the Architectural firm interviews conducted earlier this evening pertaining to the Referendum facilities renovation and health and safety projects.

Motion by Mr. Arbolino, seconded by Mr. Still that the following resolution be adopted as presented:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, appoints Parette Somjen Architects to provide Architectural services pertaining to the Roof Replacement project and Health and Safety projects at a fee not to exceed \$280,000 or 7% of the project construction fees, whichever is less.

**AYES:** Mr. Arbolino, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor, and Mrs. Popelka, President.  
**NAYS:** Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Dalesandro  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

Discussion ensued regarding negotiations pertaining to PSA Architectural fees in correlation with actual –vs- not to exceed fiscal remuneration for services rendered pertaining to the Referendum facilities renovation and health and safety projects.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, approves and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary Consultant, in accordance with the NJ Public Meetings Act, to schedule and advertise a Special Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education to be conducted on November 9, 2010 at 6:00 PM - “Action Will Be Taken”.  
( To discuss legal matters, negotiations and contracts for Professional Services.)

**AYES:** Mr. Arbolino, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. Morton, Mr. Olivo, Mr. Still, Ms. Sufly, Mr. Tranor and Mrs. Popelka, President.  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the staffing of the Business Office with the resignation of Mrs. Napoli. Mrs. Werner stated that Mrs. Catherine Cross had offered to volunteer her services on a part-time basis to assist in the conducting the daily functions of the Business Office.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves Mrs. Catherine Cross to provide volunteer services in the Board Office effective immediately until further action of the Board of Education on an as needed basis.

**VOTE:** **APPROVE VOLUNTEER SERVICES OF CATHERINE CROSS**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**II. 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 November 3, 2010 Special Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christine M. Werner*

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Consultant