

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

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

July 5, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Morton at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Netcong Public School Library 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: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Olivo, Mrs. Popelka, and Mr. Morton, President.

Absent: Mr. Arbolino, Mr. Still and Mr. Tranor (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

Also Present: Christine M. Werner, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Popelka moved, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro to open the public session at 7:03 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Morton opened the meeting to the public at 7:03 p.m.

There being no items for discussion at this time, Mr. McQueeney moved, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro to close the public session at 7:04 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. McQueeney, 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 of attorney/client Privilege 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 7:04 pm and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

Mr. Tranor entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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

Motion by Mrs. Popelka, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro to close executive session at 10:15 pm. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 10:15 pm with the following members present:

Present: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Olivo, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Tranor, and Mr. Morton, President.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC ~ AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. McQueeney, to open the public session at 10:16 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Morton opened the meeting to the public at 10:16 pm.

There being no items for discussion at this time, Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mr. Olivo to close the public session at 10:17 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

II. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Morton provided an overview and discussed the Construction Project Update of July 5, 2011 provided by Gianforcaro AEP earlier today as follows:

Progress:

Furniture Removal:

~2nd floor being emptied today and tomorrow which completes classroom furniture removal. Custodians stated there should be enough storage space in the trailer.

Demolition:

- ~All ceiling grids/tiles/lights have been removed on the ground floor and lower level. Lights are mostly removed from 1st level and 2nd level removal has begun. (Temporary lights installed.)
- ~All walls/ceilings have been opened for asbestos abatement.
- ~Abandoned ductwork has been removed from locker rooms.
- ~Plumbing fixtures from entire building removed.
- ~UVs, HUVs and Cabinet Heaters have been disconnected and are removed from the building.
- ~Started saw-cut of floors for new sanitary plumbing.
- ~Boiler room expansion tank removal has begun.
- ~All tile has been removed from 1st level bathrooms.

New Construction:

- ~New ceiling grids in ground floor classrooms.
- ~Most of upper roof insulation and ply sheets have been applied.
- ~New upper roof drains have been installed.
- ~Patch/repair work of corridor walls has begun for preparation of new tile.

A brief discussion ensued.

III. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Acting Superintendent Flach-Bammer was not present this evening.

IV. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR CONSULTANT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Werner had no comment at this time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

*Board Trustee Olivo noted that he and Mr. Feti have finished marking out all of the water valves.

*Board Trustee Olivo noted that Room #106 has a ceiling vent and the louvers are always open causing the room to be very cold.

*Board Trustee Dalesandro expressed concern that PSA had authorized work which will cause for a change order without Board approval. Much concern was expressed with regard to the potential for the BOE to incur unauthorized change orders.

*Board Trustee Popelka expressed her dissatisfaction with PSA's not reviewing/considering the request for *occupancy sensors* to be placed in the NPS gym. Mrs. Popelka stated that PSA stated that the gym is too big for occupancy sensors to work properly in the gym area. Mrs. Popelka stated that she did her own research and found that Lutrell makes them for gymnasiums and that PSA was being nonresponsive to the BOE's request to have this researched when it will save money for the BOE/community in the long run.

Discussion ensued.

In light of various considerations pertaining to Board of Education business and personnel related matters, the consensus of the Board Trustees present was to call a Special Meeting on July 19, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mr. Olivo that New Business resolution number 1 be adopted as presented:

- 1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise a Special Meeting for the purpose of conducting Interim Superintendent interviews on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm and other matters of business as may be deemed necessary – Action May Be Taken.

VOTE: **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM 1 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Olivo, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Tranor and Mr. Morton, President.

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion by Mrs. Dalesandro, seconded by Mrs. Popelka that New Business resolution number 2 be adopted as presented:

Award Contract for Legal Services for the 2011-2012 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Netcong School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, appoints the firm of Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso with Andrew Brown as primary counsel for the 2011-2012 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Netcong School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, authorizes the Acting Superintendent Melissa Flach-Bammer to execute a contract with Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso for an hourly rate of \$150.00 for general legal work, work by paralegals and by law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$110.00 per the terms as outlined in the agreement to commence July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as outlined in the proposal accepted on June 15, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Netcong School District Board of Education in the County of Morris, new Jersey shall forthwith cause to be printed once, in an official newspaper, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract and available public inspection in the office of the Board of Education.

VOTE: **NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM 2 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Mrs. Dalesandro, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Olivo, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Tranor, and Mr. Morton, President.

NAYES: Mrs. Callahan

ABSTENTIONS: None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE/FACILITIES - Robert Olivo, Chairperson

There were no items pertaining to Finance/Facilities to be discussed at this time.

B. PERSONNEL James Still, Chairperson

There were no items pertaining to Personnel to be discussed at this time.

C. EDUCATION Frank Tranor, Chairperson

There were no items pertaining to Education to be discussed at this time.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS- There were no Miscellaneous Business items to be discussed at this time.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mrs. Popelka to open the public session at 10:30 p.m. and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Morton opened the meeting to the public at 10:30 pm.

There being no items for discussion at this time, Mrs. Dalesandro moved, seconded by Mrs. Popelka to close the public session at 10:31 pm. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. McQueeney made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dalesandro and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the July 5, 2011 Special Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Werner
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary