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**Netcong School District
26 College Road
Netcong, New Jersey 07857**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **FLAG SALUTE** – All of those present participated in the salute to the flag.
- B. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PROCLAMATION** - was read by President Bernadette Dalesandro and 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. BOARD GOALS

- Student Achievement - Continue to improve student achievement in NJASK test scores to garner achievable AYP results.
- School Climate and Culture – Develop a student-centered school climate and culture that affords every student the opportunity to develop intellectually, ethically, and personally to the fullest extent of his or her abilities.
- Communication – Improve communications both internally and externally as a means to advance student advocacy and public confidence in our schools.
- Fiscal – Promote a school choice initiative as a means to advance public confidence in our schools as well as provide a revenue stream regarding school finance.

E. DISTRICT GOALS

- Fiscal – Address and resolve QSAC fiscal management recommendations.
- School Climate and Culture – Support district initiatives regarding a student-centered school climate and culture that affords every student the opportunity to develop intellectually, ethically, and personally to the fullest extent of his or her abilities.

- Strategic Plan – Develop a 5-year strategic plan in all areas of instruction and programs, personnel, fiscal management, operations, and governance as a means to advance student achievement and promote public confidence in our schools.

F. ROLL CALL

Ms. Leslie Albensi	Present	Mrs. Lynn Popelka	Present
Mrs. Marianne Callahan	Present	Mr. William Stevens	Present
Mr. Joseph Coladarci	Absent	Ms. Colleen Sufly	Present
Mr. Patrick McQueeney	Present	Mrs. Bernadette Dalesandro	Present
Mr. Todd Morton	Present		

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved seconded by Board Trustee Todd Morton, to open the public session at 7:00PM and was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Bernadette Dalesandro opened the meeting to the public at 7:02PM.

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 Chief School Administrator or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

Board Trustee Todd Morton, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, to close the public session at 7:05PM and was approved by unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Bernadette Dalesandro closed the Meeting to the public at 7:05PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved and seconded by Bill Stevens, to close the public session at 7:05PM and was approved by unanimous voice vote by all members present. President Bernadette Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:05PM.

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 one or more of the following: legal matters, negotiations, personnel issues, individual student matters, and matters which are attorney-client privileged. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Board Trustee Todd Morton made a motion, seconded by board Trustee Patrick McQueeney to come out of executive session and carried by unanimous voice vote by all members present at 7:45PM.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE

Bernadette Dalesandro	Chairperson
Joseph Coladarci	Member
Patrick McQueeney	Member
Colleen Suflay	Member

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution 1 be adopted as presented:

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Morton seconded by Mr. Stevens, and adopted by the Board of Education:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2013-2014 school year using the 2013-2014 state aid figures and allow the Secretary to the Board of Education to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline and to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the format suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be on March 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Netcong Elementary School Board of Education Annex, 26 College Road, Netcong, NJ for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt	Total
Total Expense	\$ 4,218,212	\$ 204,546	\$ 143,553	\$ 4,566,311
Anticipated Revenue	\$ 4,191,028	\$ 204,546	\$ 143,553	\$ 4,539,127
Taxes	\$ 27,184.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 27,184

* \$27,184.00 represents a 1% increase to the tax levy.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Albensi	Mrs. Callahan	Mr. Coladarci	Mrs. Dalesandro	Mr. McQueeney	Mr. Morton	Mrs. Popelka	Mr. Stevens	Ms. Suflay
Yes	No*	Absent	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

*Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Dalesandro were emphatically against the 1% tax increase.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, seconded by Board Trustee Todd Morton called for adjournment at 7:51PM. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote by all members present to adjourn the March 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 7:51PM.