



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

of the
NETCONG SCHOOL DISTRICT
26 College Road
Netcong, New Jersey 07857

May 6, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:00 p.m.

- A. FLAG SALUTE - All of those present participated in the salute to the flag.**
- B. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PROCLAMATION**

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.

- C. MISSION STATEMENT-** The following was 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 for 2013-2014**

- Successfully complete a 5 year strategic plan in all areas of instruction and programming, personnel, fiscal management, operations and governance as a means to advance student achievement and promote public confidence in our schools.
- Communications- Continue to improve communications to all stakeholders as a means to advance student advocacy and public awareness of our district.
- School Climate and Culture- Support district initiatives regarding a student centered school climate and culture that affords every student to opportunity to develop intellectually, ethically and personally to the fullest extent of his/her abilities.
- Explore alternate sources of revenue to improve and expand district programs.

E. DISTRICT GOALS for 2013-2014

- Student Achievement- Continue to improve student achievement as measured by the NCLB progress targets for the district, our schools and all subgroups to reach 100% proficiency by 2017.
- Successful implementation of Achieve NJ (teacher and principal evaluation).
- School Climate and Culture-Develop a student-centered school climate and culture that afford every student the opportunity to develop intellectually, ethically and personally to the fullest extend of his or her abilities.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Popelka, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Mr. Coladarci
Mr. McQueeney
Mr. Morton
Ms. Suflay

Also Present: Mr. Kevin Carroll, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Nicole Sylvester, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Charlene Peterson, NJSBA Representative
Four (4) Members of the public present

III. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dalesandro started the meeting by introducing and welcoming Charlene Peterson from the New Jersey School Board Association. Mrs. Peterson is our NJSBA representative who assisted and helped us through our Strategic Planning process. She is here tonight to present the Strategic Plan as developed through the process. President Dalesandro then thanked everyone from our school and community who helped work on and develop the Strategic Plan. President Dalesandro also stated that our Strategic Plan was a forward thinking document that will help the Board move the district in a positive forward direction for long range planning.

President Dalesandro announced that our May 27th Board meeting we will be discussing and planning our 2014-2015 Board goals, based on the Strategic Plan.

President Dalesandro then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Charlene Peterson.

Mrs. Charlene Peterson then began her presentation of the results for the Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE - Bernadette Dalesandro, Chairperson
Joe Coladarci, Member
Patrick McQueeney, Member
Colleen Suflay, Member

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, seconded by Board Trustee Jennifer Santana moved the following resolution to be approved as submitted:

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution number 1 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, hereby accepts the 5 year Strategic Plan.

VOTE: GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE RESOLUTION #1 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Popelka, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: None

V. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka moved, seconded by Board Trustee Marianne Callahan, to open the public session at 7:22 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The 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 subscribes 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 should be referred to the Chief School Administrator or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter.

There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Lynn Popelka moved, seconded by Board Trustee Marianne Callahan, to close the public session at 7:22 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:22 p.m.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT- There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Lynn Popelka made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Marianne Callahan and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the May 6, 2014 Special Board Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Nicole Sylvester
Assistant Business Administrator

