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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

December 2, 2013

**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, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Suflay, and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

**Not Present:** Mr. Coladarci, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Popelka and Mrs. Santana

**Also Present:** Mr. Kevin Carroll, Chief School Administrator  
Mrs. Nicole Sylvester, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Three (3) Members of the public present

**III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MINUTES**

**Correspondence**

None at this time.

**Approval of Board Minutes**

None at this time.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Dalesandro thanked those Board members that were present tonight for coming out.

President Dalesandro informed the board of the upcoming December meeting dates. The Work Session for December will be Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> will be our regular monthly meeting.

**V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Carroll reminded the board that he sent an e-mail to the BOE regarding this month's meeting schedule.

**VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

None at this time.



**VII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC**

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Colleen Suflay, to open the public session at 7:01 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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.

There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Bill Stevens, to close the public session at 7:01 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:01 p.m.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, seconded by Board Trustee Colleen Suflay moved the following resolutions to be approved as submitted:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that resolution numbers 1-2 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 following September 2013 Financial Reports:

The Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of September 30, 2013 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A-22-8 and 18A-22-8.1.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 the Netcong Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial reports certify that as of September 30, 2013 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:23-2.2 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of September 2013.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, hereby approves the transfers of the attached list (A. 12-02-01) for September 2013.

**VOTE:** GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE RESOLUTIONS #1- #2 AS PRESENTED.

**AYES:** Mrs. Callahan, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Suflay, and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENTATIONS:** None

**B. PERSONNEL-** Colleen Suflay, Chairperson  
Bill Stevens, Member  
Marianne Callahan, Member  
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

None at this time.

**C. FACILITIES/OPERATIONS -** Joe Coladarci, Chairperson  
Marianne Callahan, Member  
Lynn Popelka, Member  
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

None at this time.

**D. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION-** Patrick McQueeney, Chairperson  
Todd Morton, Member  
Jennifer Santana, Member  
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

None at this time.

**X. MISCELLANEOUS**

Board Trustee Marianne Callahan asked Mr. Carroll if the students would be able to have backpacks again. Mr. Carroll replied and said he would speak to the teachers but with the new lockers they wanted to allow only certain grades to be allowed to have backpacks. Mr. Carroll stated that students were carrying too many books, notebooks, etc. in their backpacks and that is why new lockers were put in and this policy was started.

**XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC**

Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Colleen Suflay, to open the public session at 7:04 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None at this time.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**- There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Colleen Suflay and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the December 2, 2013 Special Board Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 7:05 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**



**Nicole Sylvester  
Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary**