



MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING

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

February 18, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:30 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. Coladarci, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Sufly and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Mr. McQueeney (work commitment)

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 stated that the Board had preliminary discussions regarding the 2104-2015 budget and the Board is making progress toward a functioning budget. She then stated that on March 18, 2014 the Board will discuss and vote on a bottom line budget number to move forward to the County.

President Dalesandro stated the Board has only one letter of interest for the open seat. She then asked Mrs. Jennifer Santana to come forward so the Board could interview her for the open seat.

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, seconded by Board Trustee Marianne Callahan 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, to hereby appoint Mrs. Jennifer Santana to the open seat on the Netcong Board of Education for the term of February 18, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

VOTE: RESOLUTION #1 AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Coladarci, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Suflay and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: None

After the vote, Board Secretary Nicole Sylvester administered the Oath of Office to new Board Trustee Jennifer Santana.

V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Carroll reported that the Board will be approving the submission of an Application for Funds to Support Implementation of the state-mandated Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. Our Elementary Supervisor, Mrs. Kate Walsh has completed the application.

Mr. Carroll then led a discussion to review the 2013-2014 school calendar. Discussion ensued regarding how to address snow days.

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None at this time.

VII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, to open the public session at 7:59 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:59 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 Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, to close the public session at 7:59 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:59 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Board Trustee Stevens stated that last month the Board had discussion regarding purchasing a time clock, he then stated the reason why he voted against it was because he didn't think the type of time clock suggested was the right fit for the district. He then informed the Board that he did some extensive research

and found the Compumatic Bio System Perfect Automated Time & Attendance clock. A high end technology at a very affordable price. Discussion ensued regarding other uses including security. Board Trustee Stevens stated he will do more research and bring it to the next Board Meeting for further discussion.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Board Trustee Colleen Sufly, seconded by Board Trustee Marianne Callahan moved the following resolutions 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 approves the submission of the Application for Funds to Support Implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act in the amount of \$3,301.

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

AYES: Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Coladarci, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Popelka, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Sufly, Mrs. Santana and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: None

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, seconded by Board Trustee Marianne Callahan 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 approves the changes to the 2013-2014 School Calendar. (A. 02-18-01).

VOTE: CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION RESOLUTION #1 AS PRESENTED.

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

NAYES: Mr. Coladarci and Mr. Morton

ABSENTATIONS: None

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Board Trustee Marianne Callahan inquired if we had a security gate to use during facilities usage to keep guests from roaming the hallways after school hours.

Mr. Carroll stated that the Genesis orientation for parents will be conducted on January 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. All parent passwords will be e-mailed to parents prior to that day.

Mr. Carroll then informed the Board that Mr. Will Ross, Regional Curriculum Coordinator, will have an updated curriculum to approve in the near future.

Board Trustee Marianne Callahan expressed how happy she is with our Chromebooks. Her child was able to submit homework directly to the teacher on a snow day!

President Dalesandro stated that she brought the idea of starting a bowling club for Netcong's middle school students to Mr. Carroll. Mr. Carroll liked the idea and both are working on the details and are hoping the club will be up and running in March. The club will be at no cost to the Board of Education, similar to our Ski club.

Board Trustee Jennifer Santana expressed how happy she was that the Board was looking into creating more clubs and opportunities for our students.

President Dalesandro also explained that she was working with Valley National Bank to help create a Finance club for students to help teach them how to save.

Board Trustee Jennifer Santana asked Mr. Carroll if the teachers still did current events.

President Dalesandro informed the Board that the Netcong Educational Foundation has postponed its annual Night Out on the Court basketball tournament.

Mr. Carroll explained that he was looking into having a dodge ball tournament in March.

XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, to open the public session at 8:48 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 8:48 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.

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There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Lynn Popelka, to close the public session at 8:48 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 8:48 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Todd Morton made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Joe Coladarci and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the February 18, 2014 Work Session Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

A. 02-18-01

School Calendar for 2013-2014

Five Inclement Weather days
Three Full Days – Teachers' In-Service

Date	Weekday	Description	Days for Students	Days for Teachers
August 28 & 29	Wed. & Thurs.	Teacher In-Service		2
September 3	Tuesday	First Day for Students	20	20
September 12	Thursday	Back to School Night		
October 3	Thursday	Genesis Orientation For Parents		
October 14	Monday	Columbus Day School Closed	22	22
November 7 & 8	Thurs. & Friday	NJEA Convention School Closed		
November 13	Wednesday	Conferences 6:00 – 8:00 a.m.		
November 14	Thursday	12:37 dismissal Conferences 1:30-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.		
November 15	Friday	12:37 dismissal		
November 27	Wednesday	12:37 dismissal		
November 28&29	Thurs. & Fri.	Thanksgiving Break School Closed	17	17
December 23	Monday	12:37 dismissal		
December 24-31	Tues. – Tues.	Holiday Recess School Closed	14	14
January 1	Wednesday	New Year's Day School Closed		
January 2	Thursday	School Reopens		
January 20	Monday	Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Day School Closed	20	21
February 17 & 18	Mon. & Tues.	Winter Recess School Closed	14	14
March			21	21
April 9	Wednesday	Conferences 6:00-8:00 p.m.		
April 10	Thursday	12:37 dismissal Conferences 1:30-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.		
April 11	Friday	12:37 dismissal		
April 18-23	Friday- Wednesday	Spring Recess School Closed	18	18
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day School Closed	21	21
June 16 & 17	Mon. & Tues.	12:37 dismissal		
June 18	Wednesday	12:37 dismissal Last Day of School & Graduation 7 p.m.	13	13
TOTAL			180*	183*

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- **CHANGE: School will be in session April 24 and April 25. These dates were scheduled as part of the Spring Break.**
- **If more closings occur during the rest of the school year the plan for makeup days will be:**
 - **Spring Break starting with the Wednesday after Easter and working back to the day before Easter Monday:**
 - **Two days total: 4/23, 4/22 in order**
 - **Any more days needed will be added on to June:**
 - **Two days total: 6/19, 6/20 in order**
 - **If more days are needed the Board of Education will revise the calendar again.**
- **The above calendar, along with any stated provisions for days off, are subject to change due to circumstances at any time with board approval.**