



MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING

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

March 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. McQueeney, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Santana, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

Not Present: Ms. Suflay (late arrival 8:02 p.m.)
Mrs. Popelka (late arrival 7:40 p.m.)
Mrs. Nicole Sylvester, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Present: Mr. Kevin Carroll, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Peter Weigly, Interim Business Administrator
Two (2) 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 reviewed the budget process and expressed concern that the 2% tax levy cap was not really 2% and explained why. She then stated that tonight's bottom line budget number was an increase of 5.77% to the tax levy.

V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

None at this time.

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 Joe Coladarci, to open the public session at 7:37 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:37 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 Joe Coladarci, to close the public session at 7:37 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:37 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 Todd Morton moved the following resolutions to be approved as submitted:

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the budget increase.

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution numbers 1-2 be adopted as presented:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, the tentative budget for the Netcong Board of Education be approved for the 2014-2015 school year and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>2014-15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	\$4,198,611	\$250,853	\$146,978	\$4,596,442
<u>LESS: ANTICIPATED REVENUES</u>	\$1,294,503	\$250,853	\$0	\$1,545,356
<u>TAXES TO BE RAISED</u>	\$2,904,108	\$0	\$146,978	\$3,051,086

and to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according with law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public meeting be held in the Media Center on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

2. **WHEREAS**, the Netcong Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-10.3(b), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5d, the Netcong Board of Education has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$99,727 for the purpose of maintaining current instructional staff members, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the district intends to complete said purpose by the end of the 2014-2015 budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Netcong Board of Education submits a true copy of the minutes of this board meeting with the budget application to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, at which the need for the unused spending authority to be included in the base budget was formally introduced and discussed in public.

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

AYES: Mr. Coladarci, Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Santana

NAYES: Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Dalesandro, President.

ABSENTATIONS: None

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka entered the room at 7:40 p.m.

B. PERSONNEL- Colleen Suflay, 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

Board Trustee Joe Coladarci, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney 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 Facilities usage as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	HOURS
03/19/14- 03/31/14 Monday- Friday	Gymnasium	Lenape Valley Lacrosse Practice	3:00PM-5:00PM
04/01/14- 04/30/14 Monday- Friday	Gymnasium	Lenape Valley Lacrosse Practice	3:00PM-5:00PM

VOTE: FACILITIES/OPERATIONS RESOLUTION #1 AS PRESENTED.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENTATIONS: None

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

None at this time.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

Board Trustee Todd Morton moved, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney, to open the public session at 7:43 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro opened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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There being no further items for discussion, Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney moved, seconded by Board Trustee Todd Morton, to close the public session at 7:43 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:43 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Board Trustee Todd Morton, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick 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 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. The motion was made at 7:44 p.m. and was approved by a Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present. President Dalesandro closed the meeting to the public at 7:44 p.m. President Dalesandro stated no action will be taken after executive session.

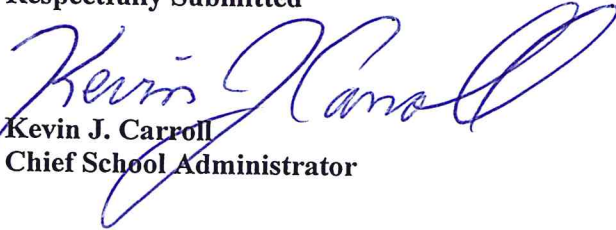
Board Trustee Colleen Sufly entered the room at 8:02 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Board Trustee Lynn Popelka made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote by all members present at 8:03 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- There being no further business to come before the board, Board Trustee Lynn Popelka made a motion, seconded by Board Trustee Patrick McQueeney and carried by Unanimous Voice Vote to adjourn the March 18, 2014 Work Session Meeting of the Netcong Board of Education at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Kevin J. Carroll
Chief School Administrator