



Our Children
Our School
Our Future

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2015
7:00 PM**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE

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

Netcong, a tradition to nurture, inspire, empower, and achieve by all, for all.

D. BOARD GOALS for 2014-2015

- Comprehensive review and update of the district policy manual.
- Continue to monitor and approve curriculum updates and systems of assessment.
- Review Board operations to improve Board performance.

E. DISTRICT GOAL for 2014-2015

- Implement the action plans identified in the Netcong School District's Strategic Plan with a 2014/15 timeline under the goal areas of Student Achievement & Technology, School and Community, and Finance and Facilities.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Callahan	_____	Mrs. Santana	_____
Mr. Coladarci	_____	Mr. Stevens	_____
Mr. McQueeney	_____	Ms. Sufly	_____
Mr. Morton	_____	Mrs. Dalesandro	_____
Mrs. Popelka	_____		

III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND MINUTES

Correspondence

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

BE IT RESOLVED, the communications mentioned be listed in the minutes and action be taken as noted.

Sender	Subject	Referred to
Bridget Wisher Lake Hopatcong Elks	Leap in the Lake Donation to Special Education Department	Amy Henry, CST Coordinator

Voice Vote Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the following meeting(s) be approved as submitted:

January 20, 2015	Work Session Minutes
January 20, 2015	Executive Session Minutes
January 27, 2015	Regular Minutes
January 27, 2015	Executive Session Minutes
February 17, 2015	Work Session Minutes
February 17, 2015	Executive Session Minutes

Roll Call:

Mrs. Callahan	Mr. Coladarci	Mr. McQueeney	Mr. Morton	Mrs. Popelka	Mrs. Santana	Mr. Stevens	Ms. Suflay	Mrs. Dalesandro

IV. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

V. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

1. Fire Drill/Security Report:

	DRILL	DATE/TIME	DURATION
Netcong Public School	Fire	1/16/15	2 minutes
	Security, Lockdown	1/29/15	7 minutes
	Fire	2/11/15	2 minutes

2. Suspensions: NONE

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Netcong Public School				

3. HIB - NONE

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

VII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **GOVERNANCE/POLICY/FINANCE - Bernadette Dalesandro, Chairperson
Marianne Callahan, Member
Jennifer Santana, Member
Colleen Suflay, Member**

Moved by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution numbers 1-11 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the January 31, 2015 payroll in the amount of \$153,434.50.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the February 15, 2015 payroll in the amount of \$151,367.64.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the bills list for January 17, 2015 to February 13, 2015 in the amount of \$439,488.86.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the transfers of the attached list for January 2015.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby accepts the following January 2015 Financial Reports:

The Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of January 31, 2015 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 January 31, 2014 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.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the **second reading** of the following Policy and Regulation Revisions:

****P&R = Policy and Regulation***

*	NUMBER	TITLE
P&R	9181	Volunteer Policy

7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the **first reading** of the following Policy and Regulation Revisions:

****P&R = Policy and Regulation***

*	NUMBER	TITLE
P&R	5117	Interdistrict Public School Choice

8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby authorizes the submission of the IDEA application for Fiscal Year 2015, and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2015 IDEA application.
9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the resolution to address the capital project needs of New Jersey School Districts,

Whereas, the Netcong Board of Education, County of Morris has determined the need exists to address certain school facility projects in the Netcong School District that require immediate and/or near term consideration for renovation, upgrade, or maintenance and attached hereto, and

Whereas, prior to current New Jersey school budget restrictions, projects of this nature were addressed through a school district’s annual operating budget and included within the capital outlay portion of its annual budget, and

Whereas, prior to current law, these smaller Capital Outlay projects were always considered authorized adjustments to any tax levy or budgetary caps in place at that time, and

Whereas, projects of this nature were generally of such size and scope that the annual cost of these projects did not substantially impact the local taxpayer, and

Whereas, Chapter 44 of the Laws of 2010 amended 18A:7F-38 and placed more restrictive limits on school district annual budget increases by providing that no school district shall adopt an annual budget with an increase in its adjusted tax levy of more than 2% after adjustments for enrollment, health care costs, and certain accrued liability pension contributions, and

Whereas, Chapter 44 effectively eliminated any authorized adjustments heretofore in place that addressed the capital needs of school districts, and

Whereas, a *tax levy cap* of 2% often results in an annual school operating budget limit of less than 1% which must accommodate all increases relative to salaries, benefits, supplies, and operational services, and

Whereas, school districts around the state are experiencing great difficulty in meeting the educational needs of their district within the constraints of the 2% tax levy cap; and accordingly, must set aside, if not delay, addressing important capital projects that if go unaddressed will certainly result in much higher costs to the state and local taxpayer in the future.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Netcong Board of Education calls upon its district legislators, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor of New Jersey to consider amendments to current law to provide that school capital costs again be recognized as authorized adjustments to school tax levy increases, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the NJ Commissioner of Education, local legislators, the New Jersey School Board’s Association, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials.

10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves auctioneering services of GovDeals.com to dispose of surplus equipment as necessary.
11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves Able Security to install and replace a security camera and two-way intercom system at the main entrance way at a cost not to exceed \$1,692.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Callahan	Mr. Coladarci	Mr. McQueeney	Mr. Morton	Mrs. Popelka	Mrs. Santana	Mr. Stevens	Ms. Sufay	Mrs. Dalesandro

B. PERSONNEL-
Marianne Callahan, Chairperson
Bill Stevens, Member
Jennifer Santana, Member
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution numbers 1-5 be adopted as presented:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the termination of Larry Bliss, substitute custodian retroactive to February 13, 2015.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves Emily Crispino as a substitute nurse at \$150 per day pending fingerprinting and background check effective February 25, 2015.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the return of Ray Hopler, Head Groundskeeper, effective February 26, 2015, at full salary and benefits.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the transfer of Todd LeBlanc from the night time shift (1:00 pm to 9:30 pm) to the day time shift (6:30 am to 3:00 pm) and Ray Hopler to night time shift (1:00 pm to 9:30 pm).
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the voluntary transfer of MaryAnne Collins, District Secretary to the Business Office as Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator effective March 1, 2015.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Callahan	Mr. Coladarci	Mr. McQueeney	Mr. Morton	Mrs. Popelka	Mrs. Santana	Mr. Stevens	Ms. Sufly	Mrs. Dalesandro

C. FACILITIES/OPERATIONS - **Todd Morton, Chairperson**
Lynn Popelka, Member
Patrick McQueeney, Member
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

None at this time.

D. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION- **Colleen Sufly, Chairperson**
Joe Coladarci, Member
Patrick McQueeney, Member
Bernadette Dalesandro, Member

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

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 Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the following trips:

TEACHER	GRADE	LOCATION	DATE	COST
Kate Walsh	8	LVRHS Freshman for a Day Program	April 22, 2015	Previously approved- Date changed

Kim Arbolino Katherine Threlkeld	4	Liberty Science Center Philadelphia, PA	May 20, 2015	No cost to BOE
Gina Cinotti Jane Morin Cathy DeVito Robert Chiappelli	8	Washington D.C.	March 31 through April 2, 2015	\$313.71 each Excluding Gina Cinotti

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Netcong Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the 2015-2016 school calendar.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Callahan	Mr. Coladarsi	Mr. McQueeney	Mr. Morton	Mrs. Popelka	Mrs. Santana	Mr. Stevens	Ms. Sufly	Mrs. Dalesandro

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

XII. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____

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 – A motion is requested to come out of executive session.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – A motion is requested to adjourn

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____