

Netcong School District
26 College Road
Netcong, NJ 07857

Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The work session of April 23, 2019 was called to order by President Dalesandro at 7:00 pm.

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 2018-2019

- Continue Professional Development for Board members with emphasis on training requirements and opportunities.
 - a. Finance – better monthly forecasting and information.
 - b. Policy
- To commit to an increase in Board operations and performance.
- Successfully communicate information for the successful passage of a ballot question.

E. District Goals 2018-2019

- To improve security effectiveness of the district utilizing the 2017 Homeland Security Preparedness Assessment Report and NJSBA's Security Task Force Report.
- To integrate Social and Emotional Learning into the curriculum.
- To increase community relations.
- Explore strategies to improve student achievement.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Ms. Corliss, Mr. Costanzo, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Morton, Ms. Santalucia, Mrs. Santana, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Dalesandro

Not Present: Mr. Domick

Also Present: Mrs. Kathleen Walsh, Acting Superintendent/Principal
Mr. Paul Stabile, Business Administrator
Mrs. Jennifer Kerr, Board Secretary
Ms. Charlene Peterson, NSJBA Representative
3 Girl Scouts and 7 members of the public

III. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE & MINUTES

Approval of Board Minutes

Mr. Costanzo moved and Mr. Morton seconded that the Netcong Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting. Approved by unanimous voice vote (Mr. Costanzo and Mr. Morton abstained).

March 26, 2019	Regular Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019	Executive Regular Meeting Minutes

IV. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Dalesandro welcomed the Girl Scouts to the meeting.

The Girl Scouts from Junior troop 6188 presented their Bronze Award project. They will be working with the Trex company to donate a buddy bench to Netcong School. The project consists of collecting 500 pounds of plastic bags. Once that goal is reached, the Trex company will donate the buddy bench to the troop, who will then donate the bench to the school. The Girl Scouts are asking to place a bin by the front door of the school to collect the plastic bags.

President Dalesandro said she is very excited about the project and offered whatever help the school can provide, and then wished the girls luck.

President Dalesandro introduced Ms. Charlene Peterson from the NJSBA. Ms. Peterson gave a presentation on the Superintendent’s evaluation.

V. ACTING CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mrs. Walsh informed the board that the NJSLA testing starts on Tuesday. She also shared that the trip to Washington DC was last week and it was a really good trip.

VI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Stabile informed the board that the budget was approved by the county and it has been sent to the newspaper to advertise. The public budget presentation will be next week, April 30.

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

Open to the Public

Moved by: Mr. Morton Seconded by: Mr. Kranz Time: 7:40 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 Acting Chief School Administrator or the Board of Education, either by telephone or letter. As there were no petitions or requests from the public, a motion was made to close.

Close to the Public

Moved by: Mr. Morton Seconded by: Mr. Costanzo Time: 7:41 p.m.

VIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Governance/Policy/Finance - B. Dalesandro, (Chair)**

President Dalesandro reported that there are no new policies from Strauss Esmay. She also reminded the board that the budget presentation is next week.

B. **Facilities/Operations- C. Kranz (Chair)**

Mr. Kranz reported on the facilities meeting held this afternoon.

- Security vestibule – the plans have been sent to the state for approval
- Garage – the plans have been sent to the state for approval
- 3rd floor – the architects are working on a plan for the repair
- Gym divider – will be fixed on Friday
- Window film – finalizing plan
- Fence – the survey has been completed
- Bollards – will be installed in June after school is over
- Custodial staff – plans have been discussed for next year
- Trees – received prices to trim them
- There have been repairs/upgrades/general maintenance completed around the school

C. **Curriculum- J. Santana (Chair)**

Mrs. Walsh gave the curriculum report as follows:

- The Climate and Culture survey has been completed. 100 families participated.
- A field trip to Picatinny has been requested for the 8th graders. Picatinny will work with the school to start a robotics program.
- We will be participating in the “One Judge, One School” program where local judges come to the school to work with middle school students.
- The Ecolor printer arrived today
- Strengthening Families Program – partnered with Byram and Stanhope and 8 families are participating
- Preschool expansion aid – Paul and Kate are going to a program next week
- Sandwiches and Songs – The seniors have been invited. They cannot come to the concert on a Thursday because it conflicts with bingo. They will come to the school for lunch and a tour another day.
- TREPS – this was the first year and it was successful. Next year will be even better.
- We will be ordering virtual reality goggles with some remaining Title I funds.

Mr. Costanzo asked for an update on the shared curriculum coordinator for next year. President Dalesandro stated that we have budgeted for one day to share the curriculum coordinator with Stanhope and Lenape Valley, who have each budgeted for 2 days.

Mrs. Santana mentioned the idea of an arts infusion afterschool program. This program will be a combination of topics so that the kids have exposure to different things and they will not lose interest in the program. If anyone has ideas on topics they can let Mrs. Santana know.

D. Personnel- K. Santalucia (Chair)
Nothing at this time.

X. MISCELLANEOUS
Nothing at this time.

XI. PETITIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE PUBLIC

A. Open to the Public: Moved by: Mr. Morton Seconded by: Mr. Kranz Time: 7:52 p.m.

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Ms. Melanie Knowling, 78 Koclas Drive, informed the board that she has an issue with the recent threat to the school. She is concerned that not more was done and not more was told to parents and students. President Dalesandro thanked Ms. Knowling for her comments. President Dalesandro stated the board takes seriously the safety of the students, faculty, and staff. She cannot speak in public regarding student matters, but she assures the public that the proper protocols have been followed. Security remains a priority for the board.

Ms. Tina Deluca, 18 Kings Road, asked the board if her daughter will be safe when she comes to school on Monday. She also asked how she can receive help for her daughter who is experiencing anxiety over the recent incident. President Dalesandro responded that the board takes the safety of the students, faculty and staff seriously, and all protocols have been followed. She also told Ms. Deluca that she is welcome to make an appointment with Mrs. Walsh to discuss the needs of her daughter.

As there were no further petitions or requests from the public, a motion was made to close.

B. Close to the Public: Moved by: Mr. Morton Seconded by: Mr. Costanzo Time: 8:00 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Morton Second: Mr. Costanzo Time: 8:00p.m.

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.

President Dalesandro advised the public that the Board would discuss personnel and legal matters and no action will be taken. It is estimated the Board will be in executive session for approximately 2 hours.

Mr. Stabile and Mrs. Kerr left the room at 8:56 for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Costanzo left the room at 9:20 for the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs. Walsh left the room at 10:16 for the remainder of the meeting.

XIII. RECONVENE

A motion was made and approved to come back from the Board's Executive Session.

Moved: Mr. Morton Second: Mrs. Witt Time: 10:50 pm

The Board reconvened in open session with all remaining members in attendance and no members of the public.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further Business before the Board, a motion was made and approved to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Morton Second: Mrs. Witt Time: 10:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kerr
Board Secretary