

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**DENVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING
DENVILLE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1 ST. MARY'S PLACE

Or VIRTUAL (see details below)

MAY 24, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

(Public Portion of the Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.)

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BY ORDER OF THE DENVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 St. Mary's Place – 2nd Floor, Denville, NJ 07834

Damaris Gurowsky, Board Secretary.

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 - a. Typing your question or comments in the textbox
 - b. By unmuting and asking the question or comment
 - c. State your name and address for the record

I. CALLED TO ORDER BY MRS. WAGNER AT 7:31 P.M.

A. OPENING STATEMENT

“This meeting of the Denville Township Board of Education is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Due to the state of emergency declared by the Governments of the State of New Jersey and the United States regarding COVID-19, this Board Meeting is being held via video conference and in-person. Electronic and regular notice of this meeting was provided to the Daily Record and/or the Star Ledger of Morris County; has been delivered to the Township Clerk, has been posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Office, and at each of the school buildings in the District”.

B. ROLL CALL

Mr. Cappello - P, Mr. Casse - P, Mr. Andersen - P, Mr. Luer - P, Mr. Kim - P, Mrs. Gould - P, Mrs. Wagner – P.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION - No Executive Session was needed

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS – Dr. Forte discussed the following:

- On June 28th Mrs. Peterson from NJSBA will be at the meeting for Board self-evaluation and goal setting for the 21/22SY.
- Another ESSER reopening plan is needed for funding and will be on the June 14th agenda for discussion and approval.
- All schools are open.
- VV graduation is set for June 21st, time to be determined
- Phase II going well, positive feedback
- Zero positive cases in the District and eleven people quarantined.
- Thank you to those who served on the Persons of the Year Committee;
- The RV HVAC project drawings are completed; DOE approval should be provided soon.
- Mask wearing clarification was sent to staff today, guided by local and state health departments.
- Phase II and the limits to full day instruction was discussed.

G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS – Dr. Cullis discussed the following:

- Continued to explain Phase II structure and the limits to full day instruction.
- Next year will be 100% open and in person and the Administration is planning for this transition.
- First month of school will still look different so students can transition to a full day of school.
- Six-week summer program is being offered that includes math, language arts, and an enrichment piece.
- Re-opening plan will include a data analysis team that will review student assessments.
- A presentation will be provided in June to review math test scores.

Mrs. Wagner made a statement and read an excerpt from the District Regulation 9202 “Safety and Civility.”

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS – Mrs. Gurowsky discussed the following:

- Registration is Now Open for NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2021
NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2021 is taking place from Tuesday, Oct. 26 to Thursday, Oct. 28!
- The Denville Board of Education will have 2 vacancies in the November 2, 2021 annual school election. The candidate must file a nomination petition with the Morris county clerk. The deadline to submit the nomination is July 26, 2021 at 4pm. Prospective board candidates can download candidate information form the NJ SBA website.
- The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has released LEAs’ American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER Fund allocations. The amount allocated to Denville is \$327,577.

Dr. Forte added that a discussion needed to take place regarding changes to the Board meetings going forward.

The Board and Dr. Forte discussed Valleyview graduation.

II. OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Agenda Items Only)

The purpose of Bylaw 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings is to recognize the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the participant must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name and place of residence.

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Opened: 7:57 p.m. Closed: 8:11 p.m.

Ms. Murphy, a member of the public, addressed the Board about the mask mandate.

Ms. Gangemi, a member of the public, discussed removal of the tri-fold desk barriers.

Ms. Keenan shared concerns about children wearing masks.

The Board and Dr. Forte discussed the policy and the Governor's Executive Orders pertaining to mask wearing.

III. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION TO BE TAKEN)

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13€, we certify that as of **May 2021** after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) 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. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Old Business:

A. RESOLVED that the Board approve the following REPORTS from April 2021:

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

B. EDUCATION REPORTS

1. Report of Student Enrollment - April 2021
2. Report of Health Office - April 2021
3. HIB Case LV.2021.01
4. HIB Case RV.2021.01
5. HIB Case VV.2021.01

C. MINUTES - RESOLVED that the Board approve the following Minutes:

1. Work Session & Executive Session Meeting - April 12, 2021
2. Regular Session & Executive Session 1 & 2 Meeting - April 26, 2021

ROLL CALL (Motions A-C)

Mr. Cappello Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y/A #C-1, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

IV. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION TO BE TAKEN) - The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval.

A. PERSONNEL (Includes Technology) - Chair, Michael Andersen

Mr. Andersen moved, seconded by Mr. Casse, to approve the following Resolutions under Personnel:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following resignations, retirements, salary adjustments, payments, employee leave requests, reassignments, appointments (pending approval from the State Department of Education Office of Student Protection and subject to the New Jersey Criminal Background Check, "Pass the Trash" Employment Verification and Pre-Employment Drug Testing), etc.:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED - NEW HIRES / RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS / EMPLOYEE LEAVES / EXTRA PAY / SALARY / ADJUSTMENT** - that the Board approve the following pertaining to staff members' new hire, resignation, retirement, placement on paid/unpaid leave*, payment for the performance of duties or extra duties**, and/or a deduction in pay:

	Name	Position	School	Description	Ref	Amount
a.	Plumb, Shawn	Teacher	VV	Assist with district-wide painting for 21/22 SY		\$19.00/hr
b.	Miller, John	Custodian	VV	Cash-in 5 vacation days for 20/21 SY		\$1,203.35
c.	Harsanyi, Erin	Teacher	RV	Leave Replacement Teacher for employee #1076 for the 21/22 SY		\$275/day
d.	Tomensky, Carol	Secretary	LV	Cash-in 5 vacation days 20/21 SY		\$1,381.25
e.	Carpel, Dale	Secretary	Dist	Cash-in 5 vacation days 20/21 SY		\$1,482.00
f.	Mitchell, Darla	Driver	BUS	Retirement, effective 7/1/2021		
g.	McConnell, Lucy	Driver	BUS	Retirement, effective 7/1/2021		
h.	Hasler, Tammy	Driver	BUS	Kindergarten Run 21/22 SY Replacing employee #37		\$7,390 Step-7
i.	Gulick, Jennifer	Driver	BUS	Kindergarten Run 21/22 SY Replacing employee #164		\$7,390 Step-8
j.	Allesandra, Georgia	Driver	BUS	AM/PM Bus Driver 21/22 SY Replacing employee #968		\$20,230 Step-1
k.	Roumes, Kimberly	Drive	BUS	AM/PM Bus Driver 21/22 SY Replacing employee #965		\$20,230 Step-1
l.	Seidel, Jessica	Head Nurse	VV	21/22 SY Summer hours, as needed, not to exceed 42 hours (\$1,730.82)	4C	\$41.21/hr
m.	Kane, Morgan McDonald, Jody	Counselors	VV	Prepare schedules for 21/22 SY, not to exceed 5 days each (MK=\$1,646.65, MK=\$1,918.75)	4C	\$359.92/day \$419.40/day
n.	Moreno, Veronica	Lunch Aide Driver	RV	New Hire, effective 21/22 SY AM/PM Run		\$16.60/hr Step 3 \$20,690 Step-6
o.	Corbo, Rose Nixon, Karin Donadio, Rose Standish, Amelia Vance, Robin DeCaprio, Ana Elisa Rosenberg, Hillary Muller, Aida Russello, Donna	Instructional Aides	RV	Additional ABA Program collaboration for 20/21 SY, not to exceed 7 hours each	2D	\$18.55 \$17.76 \$19.29 \$17.76 \$18.76 \$16.81 \$18.76 \$17.05 \$17.69

	Filicetti, Nicole Zasadzinski, Catherine Boonham, Laura Harris, Kristin Young, Mark					\$18.76 \$17.05 \$17.29 \$17.29 \$16.60
p.	Bellini, Adrienne Malkinski, Christine	Teachers	RV	Additional ABA Program collaboration for 20/21 SY, not to exceed 7 hours (\$288.47 each)	2D	\$41.21/hr
q.	Nydam, Kathleen	Teacher	LV	Provide additional reading instruction for student # 20291945 for 20/21 SY, not to exceed 12 hours (\$494.52)	2A 2B	\$41.21/hr
r.	Smith, Susanna	Teacher	LV	Provide additional reading instruction for student #20332603 for 20/21 SY, not to exceed 6 hours (\$247.26)	2A 2B	\$41.21/hr
s.	Horsfield, Emma	Teacher	LV	Provide additional math instruction for student #20332645 for 20/21 SY, not to exceed 9 hours (\$370.89)	2A 2B	\$41.21/hr
t.	Strunck, Amelia	Teacher	LV	Provide additional individual/small group reading intervention for 20/21 SY, not to exceed 12.6 hours (\$519.25)	2A 2B	\$41.21/hr
u.	Karadus, Gulden	Teacher	RV	Additional hours to complete ESL Summer Screening for the district, not to exceed 20 hours.	1C	\$41.21/hr
v.	Molina, Karen	Teacher	RV	Create Riverview 5th grade yearbook, assist with pictures of virtual students, and record end of year moving up ceremony and clap out (not to exceed 15 hours)	1C	\$41.21/hr
w.	Cannici, Nicole	Teacher	RV	New Hire, 21-22 SY		\$68,765 BA/30 Step 13
x.	Nacht, Brooke	School Psychologist	VV	New Hire for 21/22 SY Replacing employee #1347		\$64,490 Step - MA30-9

*Any staff member approved for leave will pay their portion of their health benefits while on leave and upon their return the Superintendent will assign them to a position.

**The Board of Education's authorization to pay employees for the performance of duties or extra duties is contingent upon the occurrence of the actual event associated with service, and the employees' actual performance of services. In the situation where an event is canceled or the service is no longer required, the employee will not be eligible for payment and payment will not be issued.

- 2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #722 for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing September 13, 2021 under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on December 10, 2021, while utilizing thirty-five (35) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #722, commencing on November 1, 2021 through February 4, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #722 and anticipate a return to work on April 4, 2022.

- 3. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #870, for an extended leave of absence and anticipate a return to work January 3, 2022.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #662 for an extended unpaid leave of absence with an anticipated return to work for the 2022-2023 SY.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the revised job description for Assistant to the Director of Transportation/Dispatcher.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #1064 for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing October 11, 2021 under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on January 7, 2022, while utilizing thirty (30) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #1064, commencing on November 22, 2021 through February 18, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve the leave for employee #1064 and anticipate a return to work on February 28, 2022.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #1076 for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing October 11, 2021 under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on January 7, 2022, while utilizing thirty (30) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #1076, commencing on November 22, 2021 through February 18, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the leave for employee #1076 and anticipate a return to work on May 2, 2022.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED - SUBSTITUTES** - that the Board approve the following new hire substitute(s) for the district:

	Name	Position	Effective Date	Per Diem Rate
a.	Meier, Emily	ESY Bus Aide	7/1/2021	\$13.00/hr

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of staff members for 2021 Summer Exploration Program. Paid for by registration fees.

Mr. Kim asked when the Assistant to the Director of Transportation/Dispatcher position would be filled.

Dr. Forte stated that the position will be filled over the summer.

Mr. Andersen wished a happy retirement to the two bus drivers Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McConnell.

Mr. Kim asked if there was still a driver shortage.

Mrs. Gurowsky gave credit to the Transportation Department for seeking and retaining drivers.

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-9)

Mr. Cappello Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

B. INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM (Includes Technology) - Chair, Katie Gould

Mr. Gould moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, to approve the following Resolutions under Instruction and Program:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED - WORKSHOPS with EXPENSES** - that the Board approve the following professional development workshops with expenses for staff members and/or Board members' payable through the professional development account. Travel may include mileage reimbursement specified below per Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA 18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1 that all mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate currently at \$0.35 per mile.

	Name	Position	School	Cost	Event/Location	Ref	Date(s)
a.	Costanza, Cynthia	Technology Director	Dist	\$750	Leadership Solutions/Virtual	2D	TBD

ROLL CALL (Motion 1)

Mr. Cappello Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

C. POLICY REVISIONS

Mr. Luer moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, to approve the following Resolutions under Policy Revisions:

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board adopt the following policies and/or regulations as first reading or second reading/adoption as indicated: Ref 1-4

Policy/ Reg #	Policy/Regulation Name	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading/ Adoption
P 0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal		X
P 0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During Declared Emergency (M)		X
R 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law (M)		X
P 1643	Family Leave (M)		X
P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act (M)		X
P 2415.02	Title I - Fiscal Responsibilities (M)		X
P 2415.05	Students Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M)		X
P & R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M)		X
P 4125	Employment of Support Staff Members (M)		X
P & R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis (M)		X
P 6360	Political Contributions (M)		X
P & R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M)		X
P 8330	Student Records (M)		X
The Policies and Regulations below are for ABOLISHMENT ONLY			
P 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M) - Abolished		X
P 2415.03	High Qualified Teachers (M) - Abolished		X
P 3431.1	Family Leave (M) - Abolished		X
P 4431.1	Family Leave (M) - Abolished		X
P 3431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program - Abolished		X
P 4431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program - Abolished		X
P & R 7430	School Safety (M) - Abolished		X

ROLL CALL (Motion 1)

Mr. Cappello Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

D. FINANCE (Includes Technology) - Chair, James Kim

Mr. Kim moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Finance:

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

Amount	Description	Check Register
\$1,803.50	Check #201202	Milk Fund
\$2,843,758.20	Check #'s 10963-11068, 990278-990282, 904302021, 905142021	Current Expense
\$205.55	Check #s 1459-1460	Elementary Enrichment

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the shared services agreement with the Twp of Denville for Class III Special Officers for the 2021/2022 and 2022-2023 School Year.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these monies be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of School Monies according to the following schedule:

2021-2022 Tax Schedule

Pay Date	2021	General	Debt	Total
7/13/21	July	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00
8/13/21	August	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00
9/13/21	Sept	3,311,219.00		3,311,219.00
10/13/21	Oct	3,311,219.00		3,311,219.00
11/12/21	Nov	3,311,219.00		3,311,219.00
12/13/21	Dec	3,311,220.00		3,311,220.00
		16,244,877.00	0.00	16,244,877.00
	2022			
1/13/22	Jan	2,707,480.00		2,707,480.00
2/14/22	Feb	2,707,480.00		2,707,480.00
3/14/22	Mar	2,707,480.00		2,707,480.00
4/13/22	April	2,707,480.00		2,707,480.00
5/13/22	May	2,707,480.00		2,707,480.00
6/13/22	June	2,707,477.00		2,707,477.00
		16,244,877.00	0.00	16,244,877.00
Total		32,489,754.00	0.00	32,489,754.00

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve to award Jersey One the highest responsible bidder in accordance with the District's bid document requirements and Public School Purchasing Laws for the sale of two school buses as follows:

School Bus #175 \$1,167.00

School Bus #176 \$1,238.00

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the submission of the FEMA-4597-DR application to assist in reimbursement associated with the February-2021 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the addendum to the existing contract with Dr. L. Hanes Associates to provide Speech Therapy for the Extended School Year program at Riverview School from June 28, 2021 through August 5, 2021, total cost not to exceed \$5,625.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the donation of \$10 gift cards for each staff member from Denville Strong valued at \$3,760.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following resolution regarding providing milk for the students for the 2021/2022 SY:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Cream O'Land Dairy be awarded the proposal to provide milk to the students of the Denville School District at the following margin rates for the 2021/2022 SY.

- ½ Pint Chocolate Fat Free \$.34830
- ½ Pint 1% White \$.33040
- ½ Pint Fat Free Milk \$.33140

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the donation of a Baldwin Piano for Riverview School from Mr. and Mrs. Paragian.

Mrs. Wagner thanked Mr. and Mrs. Paragian for the piano donation and to Denville Strong for the gift card donations.

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-9)

Mr. Cappello Y, Mr. Casse-Y/N Ck #201202 and N #8, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

E. OPERATIONS (Includes Technology) - Chair, Don Casse

Mr. Casse moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Operations:

1. TRANSPORTATION

- 1.1 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Township of Denville approve the following school bus emergency evacuation drill reports:

Lakeview - May 12, 2021 @ 7:45am

Location: Stone lot across from Lakeview

Route #'s 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 177, 178, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 303, 307, 358

Riverview - May 14, 2021 @ 8:15am

Location: North Lot at Riverview

Route #'s 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 177, 178, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 192, 303, 358

Valleyview - May 10, 2021 @ 7:15am

Location: Valleyview Parking Lot

Route #'s 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 177, 178, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 303, 307, 358

2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- 2.1 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board Approve the use of VV gym in July 2021 for use by the Morris Knolls Junior Eagles Wrestling program sponsored by Denville PAL.
- 2.2 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Cashman Landscape Management & Design, Inc, for landscaping services District-wide in the amount of \$36,720 pro-rated for FY 2021-2022.

Mr. Luer asked if bus evacuation drills are held in the afternoon only because there are students taking the bus home but not in the morning.

Mrs. Gurowsky will get the information and get back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Andersen asked how often the drills are held.

Mrs. Gurowsky state that mandatory guidelines state the drills have to be held twice per year.

ROLL CALL (Motions 1.1-2.2)

Mr. Cappello Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

V. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. CORRESPONDENCE

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Meeting Highlights, Ref 1-4
 1. Third round of ESSER funds from the federal government awarded to Denville in the amount of \$327,577
 2. Two BOE seats are open and anyone interested can apply by July 26th at 4:00 p.m.; information is on the District website.
- End of year events - Board Member Attendance
The Board discussed Board Member attendance at year end events. Two to three Board Members may attend and should send an email of interest to Mrs. Wagner.

D. OTHER

The Board discussed the following:

Mr. Cappello announced that Mr. Andersen was named as the Rotary Citizen of the Year and offered congratulations.

Mr. Andersen stated that local middle school ice hockey teams participated in the championship last night and four Denville middle school students participated.

Mr. Kim asked if the plans in place now will remain the same or change for school in September.

Dr. Forte stated that a re-opening plan is being developed.

The Board discussed the meeting format, whether in person or virtual, going forward.

The Board discussed utilizing confidential secretaries at committee meetings to take minutes. Dr. Forte will create a template to be used with the committee agendas. Mrs. Gurowsky will find the policy regarding committee meetings.

VI. OPEN TO COMMENTS

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Opened: 9:13 p.m. Closed: 9:20 p.m.

Ms. Cohen, a member of the public, shared concerns about students wearing masks outdoors.

Ms. Beck, a member of the public, asked for the mask rules when outdoors to be re-read.

Dr. Forte reviewed the guidelines.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action May Be Taken

Mr. Luer moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, to convene in executive session in accordance with Section 8 of The Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this closed session will be to discuss personnel issues. Minutes of this session will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

ACTION ON MOTION:

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Time: 9:21 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Luer moved, seconded by Mr. Andersen, to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION ON MOTION:

Yeas 7 Nays 0 Abstentions 0 Time: 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Damaris Gurowsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary