

## 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)  
JUNE 14, 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 7:00 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**

- Presentation of the Persons of the Year for 2021  
Dr. Forte presented the Persons of the Year awards:
  - Community Members- from Denville Voices for Racial Equity
    - Abdul Staten
    - Seyi Adeyinka
  - Staff Members- all school nurses
    - Mariana Vyksyuk-LV
    - Susan Stiles-LV
    - Dorinda Angelo-LV
    - Jessica Seidel-VV
    - Jennifer Sinha-VV
    - Barbara Beere-RV
    - Kelli Skorupa-RV
  - Student of the year
    - Anderson Immitt - RV
- Discussion of 2021-22 School Reopening Plan for the Federal American Rescue Plan Act
  - Dr. Forte discussed the Reopening Plan:  
Federal government requires all schools to have a reopening plan for the 21/22 SY as part of the ARP Act. Our District will receive money under this plan.
    - Universal wearing of masks
    - Physical distancing
    - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
    - Cleaning and maintaining facilities and improve ventilation
    - Contact tracing
    - Diagnostic and screening
    - Provide vaccinations
    - Accommodations for children with disabilities
    - Continuity of services
    - Social and behavioral support
    - Lunch service for free through MHRD
- 20-21 Goals recap and goal setting for 2021-22 with Charlene Peterson from NJSBA - June 28, 2021

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

- June 28- BOE self-evaluation and goal setting for 21-22- Charlene from SBA
- Summer School and Enrichment

- Enrichment 315 registrations
- Monday through Thursday
- June 28-Aug 5 (no enrichment during 7/4/21 week)
- ESY in AM then supervision for lunch and then go to enrichment in PM
- Transportation - ESY kids will get bused in AM, no busing after PM enrichment
- 8:30-3:00 PM – cost is approximately \$110 per week for afternoon session
- VV graduation at Morris Knolls is set for June 21 at 11 AM
  - Seats on the turf for all BOE members who responded
  - BOE member and family in bleachers unless you want to be added to the BOE seating
- Northwest region is in the green (low) category at this time
- Positive cases and Quarantine - 0 positive cases with 3 in quarantine
- Decision will need to be made about BOE meetings after the state of emergency expires

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

- Denville Accelerated Learning Academy and the ESY will run simultaneously with a camp feel with themes each week
- Tomorrow night, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are presenting “The Blues and Beyond” about African American history and music
- Kindergarten Registration is ongoing
  - Riverview - 75
  - Lakeview - 107
  - Total - 182

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

- Tonight’s agenda includes two resolutions for approval:
  - IDEA Grant
  - Award Maplewoodshop for supplies for the summer enrichment program

**Prior to opening the meeting public comments, Mrs. Wagner read the following statement:**

Children wearing masks in school has been a hotly debated topic throughout NJ this school year. Recently, Governor Murphy’s public statements about school district discretion regarding masks has made the topic headline worthy across the state. With many districts altering mask mandates, it can be confusing (to say the least) to fully understand which decisions are left to the discretion of the district and which are imposed upon the district. After consulting with the Board’s attorney and conducting a thorough review of Executive Order No. 175 and Governor Murphy’s recent statements, the mask-wearing requirement of Executive Order No. 175 remains applicable within district classrooms through the remainder of this school year.

Most up to date information regarding masks can be found in the weekly communication from the District. As of Friday June 11, 2021, mask requirements are:

- Masks are not required while outdoors.
- Masks are required on school buses.
- Masks are required in school buildings however, at the teacher’s discretion and as allowed in Executive Order No. 175 for extreme excessive heat or other conditions, mask breaks can be provided while students and staff are at their desks.

As we believe is our duty, the Denville Board of Education strives to be as transparent as possible. We hope you find the following information helpful in how the district has and will continue to decide best practices for COVID related matters.

Here are the facts Denville School District Administration and Board of Education use to guide decisions and procedures regarding COVID and the health of the students and staff:

1. Executive Orders
2. Guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health, Morris County Division of Public Health, Denville Department of Health, and the New Jersey Department of Education
3. Recommendations from district nursing staff, board physician, medical expert staff from St. Clare’s Hospital
4. Experts in the field of public health, immunology, or other relevant field of expertise.

### **Masks**

The BoE is aware of a petition being circulated to unmask children in schools. The Board and Administration must follow the Executive Orders in place regarding masks. (EO #175), therefore following the request of this petition would be breaking the law.

The nursing staff and administration have done an excellent job ensuring the health and wellbeing of everyone within district buildings this year. We are two weeks away from the end of the school year. *To date, there have been zero cases of COVID transmission within the district or during school related activities.* This has been a goal of the district this year and I'm excited to be so close to the finish line. This would not have been possible without community support, completing daily health screenings and working closely with the nursing staff to decide when to keep children home, in addition to the diligence of the nursing staff and their contact tracing.

**If the time comes that mask requirements are no longer mandated by Executive Order, the district will be leaning on this team to continue to guide the mask requirements and procedures for the District.**

### **Vaccinations**

From the Draft BOE ARP Plan:

*Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible: The Denville Public School District partnered with St. Clare's Medical Center in April 2021 to provide vaccinations for all staff who wanted to participate. The district has also contacted a provider for a voluntary student vaccination clinic which could possibly be held on campus in the future. The nurses are providing information to parents in our weekly messages regarding vaccinations for COVID.*

In April 2021, The District worked closely with St Clare's Hospital to secure vaccines for the staff. Interested staff signed up voluntarily and received a vaccine at a time when the vaccine supply was limited and unpredictable.

A survey was sent out from the Morris County Division of Public Health in the Friday folder on 6/11. This survey is not from the District.

***If the District proceeds with assisting parents in obtaining a COVID vaccination for their child(ren), a program will only occur with onsite parent or guardian supervision of the child being vaccinated and will be 100% voluntary.***

### **Meeting Minutes, Voting Records, and BOE Terms**

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Board member terms can be found on the District website, follow the BOE tab, then Board members and contact information.

## **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.

Statements made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes' duration and no participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the Board President.

Opened: 8:11 p.m.                      Closed: 9:10 p.m.

Several members of the public shared comments pertaining to the 2021-22 School Reopening Plan.

Dr. Forte clarified that the Persons of the Year Program is not funded by tax payer dollars but by fundraising. The District is not recommending the vaccine or recommending medical action to students or staff.

The Board thanked the members of the community, including the children, for their feedback and provided comments pertaining to the reopening plan.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS (NO 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 **June 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.

The Board discussed the following Resolutions, action will be taken on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

To approve the following Resolutions under Old Business:

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

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

**B. EDUCATION REPORTS**

1. Report of Student Enrollment - **May 2021**
2. Report of Health Office - **May 2021**

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

1. Work Session & Executive Session Meeting - May 10, 2021
2. Regular Session & Executive Session Meeting - May 24, 2021

**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.	Azzinaro, Christina	Asst to the Dir. of Tans./Dispatch	BUS	New Hire, effective 21/22 SY		\$60,000
b.	Valeri, Kayla	Custodian	RV	New Hire, FTE 0.69, effective 6/15/21 - 6/30/21.		\$28,911 Step-1 prorated
c.	Maclay, Nasim	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement Teacher for employee #870, 9/1/21 - 1/10/22.		\$275/day
d.	McCauley, Heather	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement Teacher for employee #725, 9/1/21 - 1/7/22.		\$276/day
e.	White, Lori	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement Teacher for employee #662, 21/22 SY.		\$325/day

f.	Hunt, Trevor	Teacher	VV	Leave Replacement Teacher for employee #114, 9/1/21 - 12/31/21.		\$295/day
g.	Corforte, Jenn Rossi, Amy	Teachers	Dist	Per job description, Instructional Coaches: 10 days each during the summer 2021.	2A	\$500.41/day \$446.53/day
h.	Patel, Disha Brautigam, Morgan Benshoof, Lindsay	Teachers	VV	Battle of the Books Stipend for the 20/21 SY	2A	\$600/ea
i.	Ardolino, Melissa	Instr. Aide	LV	Resignation, effective 6/30/21		
j.	Villanueva, Charlyn	Instr. Aide	RV	Resignation, effective 6/30/21		
k.	Horn, Autumn	Instr. Aide	RV	Resignation, effective 8/6/21		
l.	Caputo, Cheryl	Psychologist	LV	Retirement, effective 10/01/2021		
m.	Angster, Alexa	Dist. Admin Secretary	Dist	New Hire, effective 21/22 SY		\$72,043 Step-13
n.	Smith, Mollie	Instr. Aide	LV	New Hire, effective 21/22 SY		\$20,764.80 Step-10 Cert
o.	DeLargy, Marlene	Teacher	LV	New Hire, effective 21/22 SY		\$55,585 Step-BA8
p.	Gulino, Cheryl	Teacher	LV	New Hire, effective 21/22 SY		\$69,665 Step-MA12A
q.	Iannuzzi, Matthew	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement Teacher for employee #551, effective 9/1/21 - 4/18/22		\$295/day

\*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.

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2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of stipend rates and extracurricular positions for 2021-2022 SY.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of salaries for 2021-2022 SY. Ref 1-4
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer math articulation work at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 4 hours each (\$164.84/ea.). Ref 2A
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer curriculum work-building reopening committees at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 10 hours each (\$412.10/ea.). Ref 2A
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer math articulation work-LGBTQ curriculum integration at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 4 hours each (\$164.84/ea.). Ref 2A
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer curriculum work - Diversity Curriculum integration at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 7 hours each (\$288.47/ea.). Ref 2A
8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer curriculum work - Kindergarten Science at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 5 hours each (\$206.05/ea.). Ref 2A
9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer curriculum work - Middle School Science at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 5 hours each (\$206.05/ea.). Ref 2A

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer curriculum work - Middle School Advisory at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 10 hours each (\$412.20/ea.). Ref 2A
11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of teachers for summer curriculum work - Gifted and Talented (ExPO) at the rate of \$41.21/hr each. Not to exceed 20 hours each (\$824.40/ea.). Ref 2A

Dr. Cullis congratulated Mrs. Caputo on her retirement.

**ROLL CALL (Motions 1-11)**

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**

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

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Proposal from Leadership Solutions for Professional Development for Dr. Steven Forte at a cost of \$2,200. Ref 2D

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

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

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) application for Fiscal Year 2022, and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2022 IDEA application with the following amounts:
  - Basic Public: \$361,655.
  - Preschool: \$22,019.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve to award Maplewoodshop LLC, the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the District's bid document requirements and Public School Purchasing Laws for the Professional Development, Woodworking Equipment, and Education Services for bid #21-22#1 in the amount of \$50,572 paid with ESSER II funds.

**ROLL CALL (Motions 1-2)**

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

**D. OPERATIONS (Includes Technology) - Chair, Don Casse**

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

**1. TRANSPORTATION**

- 1.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board retroactively approve to publish an advertisement for bid solicitations for the sale of the following school buses:

Sealed Bid #1: Bus 177, Freightliner 2006, 54 passengers, Mileage 153,844  
Sealed Bid #2: Bus 178, Freightliner 2006, 54 passengers, Mileage 148,531  
Sealed Bid #3: Bus 179, Freightliner 2006, 54 Passengers, Mileage 129,636  
Sealed Bid #4: Bus 12, Chevy 2006, 24 Passengers, Mileage 174,202

- 1.2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Parent/Transportation Contract PC02-2021ESY for Special Education Student #20322211 for 2021-2022 ESY at a total cost of \$345.

**2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

- 2.1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the contract with Gordian Group (Murray Paving and Concrete), ESCNJ State Approved Coop #65MCECCPS JOC Contract No. 20/21-03 to provide contract services for the Riverview School HVAC project in the amount of \$680,331.34 paid from Capital Reserve funds.

Mr. Andersen asked Dr. Forte to explain the HVAC system in the RV all-purpose room and gym. Air conditioning was added and is included in the amount. Funds came out of the Capital Reserve funds.

Mrs. Gurowsky stated the federal funds cannot be saved for capital or maintenance projects. Funds not used cannot be saved and must be returned if not spent.

**ROLL CALL (Motions 1.1-2.1)**

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

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	Name	Position	School	Description	Ref	Amount
a.	Harris, Phyllis	Driver	BUS	Retirement sick days payout		\$1,510.03
b.	Carpel, Dale	Secretary	CST	Retirement sick days payout		\$7,932.49
c.	Oscar, Lionel	Custodian	VV	Retirement sick days payout		\$8,000.00
d.	Baisley, Beth	Principal	LV	Retirement sick days payout Retirement vacation days payout		\$10,000.00 \$16,822.97
e.	Salayko, Mike Miller, John Matthews, Tom	Custodians	RV VV VV	Cash-in 5 vacation days for 20/21 SY		\$646.41 \$1,203.33 \$1,150.21
f.	Cirasella, Joe	Mechanic	BUS	Cash-in 5 vacation days for 20/21 SY		\$1,653.02
g.	Korman, Seth	Principal	VV	Cash-in 4 vacation days for 20/21 SY		\$2,410.80
h.	Theodoropoulos, Tina	Principal	RV	Cash-in 9 vacation days for 20/21 SY		\$5,435.82

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2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #845, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing November 8, 2021, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on February 4, 2022, while utilizing thirty-two (32) sick days.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #845, commencing on January 3, 2022, through March 25, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the leave for employee #845 and anticipate a return to work for the 2022-2023 School Year.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #401, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), commencing June 3, 2021, while utilizing available sick days.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the leave for employee #401 and anticipated return to work for the 2021/2022 SY.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve (pending approval of the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools) Merit Goals #1, and payment in the amount of \$4,175 for Dr. Sandra Cullis, Assistant Superintendent of Schools as per contract:

**GOAL #1**

Diversify reading collection by increasing the number of titles and underrepresented characters and authors in classroom and building libraries by 20%.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve (pending approval of the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools) Merit Goal #3, and payment in the amount of \$4,175 for Dr. Sandra Cullis, Assistant Superintendent of Schools as per contract:

**GOAL #3**

Students in grades 6-8 will increase math proficiency as measured by LinkIt! Benchmark assessments.

80% of the students will be proficient or move up 1 proficiency level for 100% merit

70% of the students will be proficient or move up 1 proficiency level for 80% merit

60% of the students will be proficient or move up 1 proficiency level for 60% merit

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve (pending approval of the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools) Merit Goal #4, and payment in the amount of \$4,175 for Dr. Sandra Cullis, Assistant Superintendent of Schools as per contract:

**GOAL #4**

Create and train data analysis team in order to identify specific student academic gaps and implement Tiered System of Supports (TSS) for students with academic gaps.

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Per Diem Rate</b>
<b>a.</b>	DeAngelo, Tom	Bus Driver	21/22 SY	\$24.25/hr

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

To approve the following Resolutions under Instruction and Program:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of field trip requests.
2. **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)

**C. FINANCE (Includes Technology) - Chair, James Kim**

To approve the following Resolutions under Finance:

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

Amount	Description	Check Register

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following Resolution regarding the Capital Reserve Transfer:

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year-end, and;

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Denville Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve account at year-end, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Denville Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Denville Board of Education, that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following Resolution regarding the Maintenance Reserve Transfer:

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, NJSA 18A:7F-41 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year-end, and;

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Denville Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Maintenance Reserve account at year-end, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Denville Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Denville Board of Education, that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Township of Denville pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18 et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et.seq. for 2021-2022 SY.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve authorizing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to proceed with all necessary entries for the 2020-2021 school year; including the cancellation of purchase orders, stale dated checks, transfers, compliance with Public Contract Law and award of bids, and other such actions as may be required by statute, code and policy. Any action taken shall be confirmed by the Board of Education at its next regular public meeting.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Horizon Healthcare Staffing to provide temporary personnel as needed for 2021-2022 school year.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER) application and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the application with the following amounts:

ESSER: \$327,577.

8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the award of contract to LinkIt!, of New York, New York, to provide additional proprietary module programs to support and maintain the district’s current student data warehouse system platform. The award of contract will also include additional support services and professional development training to be provided by LinkIt! The total cost of the contract is \$52,503.00 which is funded from ESSER II, Federal Funds. The purchase is an exception to bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-(5) (19) and in compliance with Federal Code 2CFR 200.320 (c) (2). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (cc) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1, the District certifies the need to purchase the additional specialized modules as necessary. The purchase of the additional LinkIt!, modules, training and support will provide to the District a more comprehensive understanding of student data and performance in order for the District to develop curricula and instructional strategies to “Educate and Empower Students to Excel!”

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

To approve the following Resolutions under Operations:

##### **1. TRANSPORTATION**

- 1.1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Parent/Transportation Contract PC02-2021 for Special Education Student #20322211 for the 2021-2022 SY at a total cost of \$2,700.
- 1.2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Parent Transportation Contract PC05-2021 for Student #20353186 for 2021-2022 SY at a total prorated cost of \$2,700.

##### **2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

#### **VI. GOOD OF THE CAUSE**

##### **A. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Board Meeting Highlights, Ref 1-4
  1. Persons of the Year for 2021 announced
  2. Reopening plan for the 21/22 SY was discussed at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be approved at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting
  3. Approval of the RV All Purpose Room and Gym HVAC system
- End of year events- Board Member Attendance  
The Board discussed members who will attend end of the year events.
- BOE Staff retirement recognition program  
Mrs. Wagner discussed this as a new program. The Personnel Committee will meet in the coming days to develop a recommendation for the Board by the end of the week.

- Recap of Responsive Practices for Student Equity Committee by Mrs. Gould. Ref 1-4  
Mrs. Gould summarized the accomplishments of the Committee:  
Professional Development based on racial equity  
Black History Month and art poster  
MLK Food Drive  
Blues and Beyond Program  
LGBTQ conversations  
CJ PRIDE  
New books purchased for classrooms

The Board discussed the following:

Mr. Casse shared that he presented scholarships to graduating seniors from Morris Knolls who participated in the HUB and AVH soccer program.

Mr. Luer, the school board liaison to the Denville Green Team, shared they are always looking for new volunteers and they are working on a shred day that will take place at Denville Public Works.

Mrs. Wagner shared that LV PTA presented Mrs. Baisley with a scholarship program that will be named in her honor and they are donating almost \$20k back to the District.

#### **D. OTHER**

### **VII. OPEN TO COMMENTS**

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.

Statements made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes' duration and no participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the Board President.

Opened: 9:59 p.m.                      Closed: 10:23 p.m.

Several members of the public shared comments pertaining to the 2021-22 School Reopening Plan.

Mrs. Gurowsky explained that ESSER II funds in the amount of \$145K to spend on educational expenses for ESY programs and ESSER III funds are in the amount of \$327K. Dr. Cullis explained the Maplewoodshop supplies and program.

Mr. Cappello stated that all Board Members have the best interests of all the children in mind. Mrs. Wagner stated that the Board and Administration will continue to rely on experts.

### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action May Be Taken**

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, 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 legal and 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: 10:30 p.m.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ACTION ON MOTION:**

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstentions 0

Time: 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Damaris Gurowsky  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary