

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DENVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 18, 2022.

Work/Regular Session Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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

Township of Denville - Council Chambers

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I. CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. CAPPELLO AT 07:30 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. 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 and 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, Mrs. Wagner - A, Mr. Casse - P, Mr. Kim - P, Dr. Arunajatesan - P, Dr. Moore - P, Mr. Andersen - A.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION - No Executive Session was needed.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- August 15, 2022: Dr. Cullis presentation on the New Jersey Comprehensive Physical; Education and Health Standards and Denville PK-8 Public Schools curriculum revisions
- 2021-22 Full Year HIB-SSDS Presentation.

Dr. Forte, Superintendent of Schools, presented the 2021-2022 Denville K-8 Semi-Annual report on Student Safety Data System and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, as follows:

- Substance Abuse and Weapons: 0 reported cases
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB):
 - 9 confirmed HIB cases
 - 17 investigations
- Vandalism: 1 Incident
- Violence: 1 Incident
- Report of Suspension of Student with Disabilities for reasons other than Violence and Vandalism: 7

Actions Taken:

- Police Notified 3
- In School Suspension 31
- Out of School Suspension 9

2021-2022 HIB Trainings and Programs:

Staff/Student/Parent Trainings and Programs Provided:

- Trainings = 34
- Programs = 95

2021-2022 School-Wide Prevention Actions:

- Teaching/Learning
- Student Relationships
- Safety
- Parental Support
- Physical and Emotional Environments
- Morale in the School Community

The Board discussed HIB data and asked several questions - Dr. Forte responded and stated that he will provide

more historical information at a later time.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS - Dr. Forte discussed the following:

- Projects: are moving forward; see BA comments below.
- Post High School Plans for Denville MK and MH class of 2022 (list of colleges shared with the Board).
- Staff Convocation Aug 31 from 1-3 PM at CCM.

G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS - Dr. Cullis discussed the following: None

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS - Mrs. Gurowsky discussed the following:

- The Business Office closed out fiscal year 21/22 and is preparing for the annual school audit. The audit will take place the first week of August.
- Similar to previous years, the Division of Pensions TPAF numbers are not available, as of now there is no information as to when the information will be released to the public.
- Program grants for the HVAC project at VV will provide 75% of the cost submitted. The District will proceed with the HVAC upgrade for the VV cafeteria and band only. A resolution for the approval of Murray Paving is on the agenda tonight to award this project in the amount of \$750K. The grant will cover \$333K.

II. OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Agenda Items Only) - Mr. Cappello read the following statement:

This portion of the meeting is open to any individuals for the purpose of addressing resolutions on this agenda or matters that they find is important to the Board of Education, and is governed by Board Policy 0167. Prior to making a comment, members of the public are required to state their names, addresses, and the subject matter of the comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. Comments made by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board or District Administration. Any response that is provided will be made at the end of the public comment period after all comments have been heard.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. Therefore, comments regarding specific students and employees will not be responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

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

Opened: 7:47 p.m. Closed: 7:48 p.m.

No comments were made.

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 **July 2022** 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. Kim moved, seconded by Mr. Casse to approve the following Resolutions under Old Business:

A. RESOLVED that the Board approve the following REPORTS from **June 2022**:

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

B. EDUCATION REPORTS

1. Report of Student Enrollment - **June 2022**
2. Report of Health Office - **June 2022**
3. Report of HIB-SSDS - **2021-2022 SY**

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

1. Work Session & Executive Session Meeting - June 13, 2022.
2. Regular Session & Executive Session Meeting - June 27, 2022.

ROLL CALL (Motions A-C)

Mr. Cappello - Y (Abstain C:2), Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - 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, Laura Wagner

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, 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	Step	Amount
a.	Rumpeltn, Sharon	Leave Replacement Teacher	Dist. Wide	New Hire Full-Time 22/23 SY Replacing employee #1318 Once Teacher Certificate is received increase to \$275/day			\$210/day
b.	Sloane, Emily	Leave Replacement Teacher	RV	New Hire Full-Time 22/23 SY Replacing employee #724			\$301.65/day
c.	Danon, Julia	Leave Replacement Teacher	LV	New Hire Full-Time 22/23 SY From 08/31/22 to 01/10/23 Replacing employee #1203			\$305/day
d.	LeCount, Victoria	Leave Replacement Teacher	LV RV	New Hire Full-Time 22/23 SY From 08/31/22 to 01/15/23 Replacing employee #1066			\$275/day
e.	Geller, Randi	Teacher Aide	VV	New Hire		Step	\$28,776

				Full-Time 22/23 SY Replacing employee #174		13 Cert.	
f.	Tahmoosh, Lauren	Special Ed. Teacher	RV	New Hire Part-Time 22/23 SY FTE: 0.80 Replacing employee #1440		BA 2	\$44,224
g.	Sacco, Maria	Bus Aide	Dist. Wide	As a Bus Driver for the 22/23 ESY			\$24.25/hr.
h.	Salvo, Kathleen Schwartz, Sue	LDT-C Teacher	LV VV	To attend mandated IEP meetings over the Summer of 2022 As needed			\$41.21/hr.
i.	Cortes, Carlos	Maintenance	RV	To power wash outside walls, soffits, windows, and paint exterior plaster walls. (work to be performed outside of regular work day) Not to exceed 12 days. (\$9,120)			\$760/day
j.	Maass, Shawn	Custodian	RV	Resignation Effective 07/14/22			
k.	Cinquino, Raymond	PT - Bus Driver	Dist. Wide	Resignation Effective 07/15/22			
l.	King, Caroline	Leave Replacement Teacher	LV	New Hire Full-Time 22/23 SY From 08/31/22 to 12/31/22 Replacing employees #373 & #1275 Once Teacher Certificate is received increase to \$275/day			\$210/day
m.	Bebb, Jennifer	Technology Support Specialist	Dist. Wide	22/23 SY FTE: 0.75			\$32,904 Prorated

*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.

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Kurt Brenner to be mentored as a School Bus Driver by the Transportation Department effective September 1, 2022.
- 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.	Wills, Graham	Custodian	<i>Retroactively approve:</i> Effective 07/12/22 22/23 SY	\$17.30/hr.

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-3)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y.

B. INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM (Includes Technology) - Chair, Dino Cappello

To approve the following Resolutions under Instruction and Program:

- 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. POLICY REVISIONS

Dr. Moore 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 1648.14	SAFETY PLAN FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS – COVID-19 (M) (ABOLISHED)		X
P 1648.15	RECORDKEEPING FOR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS – COVID-19 (M) (NEW)		X
P 2415.04	TITLE I – DISTRICT – WIDE PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (M) (REVISED)		X
P 2415.50	TITLE I – SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (M) (NEW)		X
P 2417	STUDENT INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (M) (REVISED)		X
P 3161	EXAMINATION FOR CAUSE (REVISED)		X
P 4161	EXAMINATION FOR CAUSE (REVISED)		X
P 7410	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR (M) (REVISED)		X
R 7410	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR (M) (REVISED)		X
R 7410.01	FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, REPAIR SCHEDULING, AND ACCOUNTING (M) (REVISED)		X
P 8420	EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SITUATIONS (M) (REVISED)		X
P 9320	COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (M) (REVISED)		X
R 9320	COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (M) (REVISED)		X
P 0155.1	BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION USING ELECTRONICS		X
P 8601	STUDENT SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL (M)		X

ROLL CALL (Motion 1)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y.

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

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

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

Amount	Description	Check Register
\$7,394.59	Ck #'s 201237 - 201239	Milk Fund
\$597,597.54	Ck #'s 13109-13162, 101-106, 990345, 906292022	Current Expense June
\$1,155,873.06	Ck #'s 13163-13217, 990346-990348, 907152022	Current Expense July
\$132.00	Ck #'s 1381-1384	General Organization

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the submission of the ARP Homeless II application for the Fiscal Year 2022, and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the 2022 ARP Homeless II application in the amount of \$7,246.00
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the agreement with Dr. L. Hanes Associates to provide CST evaluations at \$450 per evaluation and Bilingual CST evaluations at \$525 per evaluation for the 2022-2023 School Year.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the agreement with Tri-County Behavioral Care to provide School Clearance Assessments at \$100 per assessment and Substance Evaluation & Treatment at \$150 per evaluation for students as needed for the 2022-2023 School Year. Ref: 4A.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following out-of-district placements as per the student's IEP for the dates and tuition indicated: Ref: 2A.
 - Student: 20332428
School: Calais School
Dates: 22/23 SY
Amt: \$73,620.
Notes: Tuition
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached Non-Resident Teacher Tuition Agreements for the following students:

Student ID	School	SY	Annual Tuition Cost
20343016	Riverview	2022/2023	\$2,500.00
20333278	Riverview	2022/2023	\$2,500.00

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-6)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mr. Casse - Y (N-Milk), Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y.

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

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

1. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- 2.1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve to award TSUJ Corp, the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the District's bid document requirements and Public School Purchasing Laws for the Lakeview Elementary School Electrical Upgrade in the amount of \$275,754. Funded through Capital Reserve.
- 2.2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the contract with Gordian Group (Murray Paving and Concrete), ESCNJ State Approved Coop #65MCESCCPS JOC Contract No. 20/21-03 to provide contract services for the Valleyview Middle School cafeteria and band room HVAC project in the amount of \$750,560.10 paid in part from the SSB-VEEVR Grant through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program and Capital Reserve funds.

ROLL CALL (Motion 2.1-2.2)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y.

V. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

- Strategic Planning discussion and strategies
- Long range facility plan
- Health Insurance increase for 01/01/2023

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. CORRESPONDENCE

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Meeting Highlights, Ref 1-4
 - HVAC project
 - HIB Report
 - List of post-High School Plans for Denville MK and MH class of 2022

D. OTHER

VI. OPEN TO COMMENTS

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Time: 8:07 p.m. Closed: 8:07 p.m.

No comments were made.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action May Be Taken

Dr. Arunajatesan moved, seconded by Mr. Casse, 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 issues. Minutes of this session will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

ACTION ON MOTION:

Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Time: 8:08p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION ON MOTION:

Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Time: 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Damaris Gurowsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary