

AGENDA

DENVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 23, 2023.

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. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Andrea Zeydelis, newly elected Board member to be sworn in before the meeting is called to order.

II. CALL TO ORDER

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. Andersen___, Mrs. Zeydelis___, Dr. Arunajatesan___, Dr. Moore___, Mr. Kim___, Mr. Casse___, Mr. Cappello___.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr./Mrs. _____ Moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs. _____, 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 negotiations, legal, security, 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:_____ Nays:_____ Abstentions:_____ Time:_____

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Take a photo for the Valleyview yearbook.**
- **Dr. Cullis Presentation on 2022 Start Strong Assessment Results.**
- **March 13, 2023: Preliminary 2023-24 Budget Presentation & Budget Approval.**
- **April 24, 2023: 2023-24 Public Hearing & Budget Presentation.**

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

III. OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Agenda Items Only)

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.

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Opened:_____ Closed:_____

IV. 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 **January 2023** 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./Mrs._____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs._____ to approve the following Resolutions under Old Business:

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

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

B. **EDUCATION REPORTS**

1. Report of Student Enrollment - **December 2022**
2. Report of Health Office - **December 2022**
3. HIB Case VV.22.23.07

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

1. Work/Regular Session & Executive Session Meeting - December 12, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Andersen___, Mrs. Zeydelis___, Dr. Arunajatesan___, Dr. Moore___, Mr. Kim___, Mr. Casse___, Mr. Cappello___.

V. 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, Clifford Moore**

Mr./Mrs._____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs._____, 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.	Chemris, Michael	Math Teacher	VV	New Hire Full-Time 22/23 SY Effective Date on or about 03/24/23 Replacing employee #1470		BA 14	\$70,125 Prorated
b.	Scafati, Christopher	Leave Replacement Teacher		<i>Retroactively</i> Extend Contract for 22-23 SY Effective 01/15/23 - 06/30/23 Replacing Employee #1144			\$275/day
c.	Rideout, Hannah	Instructional Aide	LV	After School Enrichment Program. For the 22-23 SY - As needed.	3C		\$19.85/hr.
d.	Muldowney, Alexis Pillion, Connie Terhune, Jenny	Teacher	LV	To teach the Enrichment Class For the 22-23 SY Fully Funded by Registration Fees			
e.	Anderson, Stephanie Cucci, Taylor Dell'Aquila, Adrienne Gomer, Alison Harsanyi, Erin Jacobus, Deborah Malkinski, Christine Molina, Karen Morgan, Christine Paradiso, Lisa Pascale, Brian Scafati, Christopher Smith, Laurie Sylvester, Susan Wilson, Kevin Mellifiore, Toni Ann	Instr. Aide Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Counselor Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher L/T Sub.	RV	To run the After School Enrichment classes for the Spring of 2023. Fully Funded by Registration Fees		1C	
f.	Vance, Robin Gallagher, Jenna Harris, Kristin	Instr. Aide L/T Sub. Instr. Aide	RV	To support students during the Afterschool Enrichment class	1C		\$19.91/hr. \$18.84/hr. \$19.85/hr.
g.	Glynn, Samantha	Psychologist	LV	Enrichment aide for the 22-23 SY. As needed	3C		\$19.85/hr.
h.	Mejia, Liam	Leave Replacement Teacher	Dist. Wide	<i>Transfer</i> To Substitute Teacher for 22/23 SY Effective 02/02/23			\$145/day
i.	Surdyn, Lena Lien	Leave Replacement Teacher	Dist. Wide	<i>Transfer</i> To Substitute Teacher for 22/23 SY Effective 02/14/23			\$145/day
j.	Plumb, Shawn	Head Baseball Coach	VV	Extra Curricular - Stipend For the 22-23 SY.		B-4	\$4,256
k.	Aron, Judith	Set Designer	VV	Musical - Stipend For 22-23 SY.		B-3	\$1,715.50
l.	Minieri, Debra	Guidance Counselor	LV	To provide CPI training on 02/08/23. Not to exceed 8 hours. Paid through ESSER funds.	2D		\$63.36/hr.

m.	Furgal, Erica Standish, Amelia DeCaprio, Ana Elisa Handal, Kristina Navarro, Ana Malkinski, Christine Julich, Lauren Brylawski, Terry	Instr. Aide Instr. Aide Instr. Aide Instr. Aide Teacher Teacher Teacher	RV LV	CPI training - Cost of Subs. Coverage Not to exceed \$1,160. Paid through ESSER funds.	2D	
n.	Benedetto, Savannah	Speech Therapist	LV	To complete additional speech evaluation. Not to exceed 1.5 hours (\$61.82)		\$41.21/hr.
o.	Connolly, Casey	Teacher	VV	To provide Home Instruction during the 22-23 School Year As needed.	2A	\$50/hr.

*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 employee #79 for a leave of absence commencing January 19, 2023, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The expected return to work is tentatively February 13, 2023.**
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve employee #1441 for a leave of absence having received doctor's certification, commencing April 17, 2023, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) ending on September 8, 2023, while utilizing twenty (20) sick days.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #1441, commencing on May 15, 2023, through October 13, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve the leave for employee #1441 and anticipate a return to work on October 16, 2023.

- 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.	DiScala, Tara	Teacher	22-23 SY	\$120/day
b.	Welsch, Alexis	Teacher	22-23 SY	\$120/day
c.	Whittom, Lori	Teacher	22-23 SY	\$120/day

ROLL CALL

Mr. Andersen___, Mrs. Zeydelis___, Dr. Arunajatesan___, Dr. Moore___, Mr. Kim___, Mr. Casse___, Mr. Cappello___.

B. INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM (Includes Technology) - Chair, Michael Andersen

Mr./Mrs. _____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs. _____, 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)

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached Field Trips.
- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Carly Moran, a student from Grand Canyon University, to observe at LV during the 22-23 SY. Ref: 1C.
- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Dr. Michele Borba to present "Parenting Tips and Tools to Help Kids Thrive in An Uncertain World" to staff and parents on March 23, 2023, at the cost of \$3,000 to be paid through ARP-Esser funds. Ref: 2D.
- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Girls on the Run Program at LV for 22/23 funded by participant fees and supervised by Lakeview Volunteer Staff.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Andersen ____, Mrs. Zeydelis ____, Dr. Arunajatesan ____, Dr. Moore ____, Mr. Kim ____, Mr. Casse ____, Mr. Cappello ____.

C. POLICY REVISIONS

Mr./Mrs. ____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs. ____, 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 9150	SCHOOL VISITORS		X

ROLL CALL

Mr. Andersen ____, Mrs. Zeydelis ____, Dr. Arunajatesan ____, Dr. Moore ____, Mr. Kim ____, Mr. Casse ____, Mr. Cappello ____.

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

Mr./Mrs. _____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs. _____, 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
\$10,240.64	Check #'s 201252 - 201259	Milk Fund
\$5,746,217.28	Check #'s 14104 - 14274, 990371 - 990375, 912152022, 912232022, 901132023	Current Expense
\$9,500.00	Check #'s 1386 - 1388	General Organization
\$2,266.55	Check #'s 1534 - 1545	Elementary Enrichment

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the revised attached rental agreement with Kids to Pros Camp for Summer 2023 at Riverview for \$13,000 for three (3) rooms.
- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the settlement agreement for student #2026783 for reimbursement of home ABA services in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the 22-23 SY.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve to award the Request for Proposal obtained from Air Tutors for online tutoring services for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at the rate of \$100/per hour funded with Federal monies (American Rescue Plan - ESSER). The award of the contract is based upon a Request of Proposal (RFP) process conducted by the School Business Administrator and in full compliance with New Jersey Public School Contracts Law and Federal Code 2 CFR 200.320 (b) (2). The term of the contract will be from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.**
5. **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorize the Business Administrator to dispose of the attached obsolete/non-functional district equipment.**

ROLL CALL

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

Mr./Mrs. _____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs. _____, to approve the following Resolutions under Operations:

1. TRANSPORTATION

- 1.1. **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve to award Liberty Motors the highest responsible bidder in accordance with the District's bid document requirements and Public School Purchasing Laws for the sale of a wheel chair school bus as follows:**

- **School Bus #15 \$646.99**

2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- 2.1. **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve change order #1 from TSUJ Corp for the Lakeview Electrical Upgrade project in the amount of \$5,480 for the purpose of upgrading the existing bus bar to meet current standards and assure the upgrade to 2000A BPS funded with Maintenance Reserve funds.**

ROLL CALL

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VI. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. CORRESPONDENCE

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Meeting Highlights, Ref 1-4

D. OTHER

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr./Mrs._____ moved, seconded by Mr./Mrs._____, to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION ON MOTION:

• Yeas:_____ Nays:_____ Abstentions:_____ Time:_____.