

AGENDA

DENVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 11, 2023.

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

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

Township of Denville

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I. 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

- **December 11, 2023:** Denville Green Team: Ref SS2
- **December 11, 2023:** Space Considerations Ad Hoc Committee to present on their findings. Ref O1

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

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

Opened: _____ Closed: _____

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 **December 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 **November 2023**:

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

B. EDUCATION REPORTS

1. Report of Student Enrollment - **November 2023**
2. Report of Health Office - **November 2023**
3. HIB Case LV.23.24.02
4. HIB Case VV.23.24.04

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

1. Work/Regular Session & Executive Session Meeting - November 20, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

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, 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.	Gavin, Christine	Leave Replacement Aide	LV	<i>Retroactively</i> Replacing employee #1566 From 11/27/23 - 03/08/24			\$150/day
b.	Bias, Christopher	Teacher	VV	<i>Retroactively</i> To teach 1 extra period per day Effective 11/28/23 Until further notice			\$16,354.17 Pro-rated

c.	Kasper, Alyson	Teacher	VV	<i>Retroactively</i> To teach 1 extra period per day Effective 11/28/23 Until further notice			\$11,453.33 Pro-rated
d.	Plumb, Amy	Teacher	VV	<i>Retroactively</i> To teach 1 extra period per day Effective 11/28/23 Until further notice			\$15,470.83 Pro-rated
e.	Vicari, Joseph	Teacher	VV	<i>Retroactively</i> To teach 1 extra period per day Effective 11/28/23 Until further notice			\$10,298.33 Pro-rated
f.	Plumb, Shawn	Girl's Basketball Coach		Stipend For the 23/24 SY.		B4	\$4,256
g.	Berkowitz, Alyson	Co-Curricular Advisor for AM Band	VV	Stipend For the 23/24 SY.		B4	\$4,256
h.	Huizing, Patricia	TSS Coordinator	Dist. Wide	Stipend For the 23/24 SY.			\$3,090
i.	Sommer, Jennifer	Workshop Support Team	LV	Stipend For the 23/24 SY.			\$1,236
j.	Smith, Laurie	Teacher	RV	To work with the resource room teachers to help struggling writers make gains in writing. On 01/12/24. Not to exceed 6 hours	SS 3		\$63.36/hr.
k.	Terhune, Jenny	Instructional Aide	LV	After School Enrichment Program For the 23/24 SY Not to exceed 22.5 hours As needed	SS 3		\$20.18/hr.
l.	Cikovsky, Katie Craig, Brian Meade, Nancy	Instructional Aide	VV	After School Clubs & Activities For the 23/24 SY Not to exceed 150 hours each As needed	SS 3		\$17.41/hr. \$19.05/hr. \$20.18/hr.
m.	Avallone, Stephanie Burdi, Tara Foth, Leanne Glynn, Samantha Nacht, Brooke	Psychologist LDTC LDTC Psychologist Psychologist	RV LV VV LV VV	To complete additional mandated Child Study Team Evaluations and IEP Meetings/Case Management For the 23/24 SY As needed.			\$55.16/hr. \$47.39/hr. \$70.36/hr. \$45.29/hr. \$47.53/hr.
n.	Narcise-Uppal, Alicia	Instructional Aide	RV	Home Instructor For the 23/24 SY As needed.	SS 3		\$50/hr.
o.	Slavik, Christopher	Teacher	VV	To help with planning for the substitute covering classes for employee # D0000589 Effective 11/27/23-12/1/23. Not to exceed 12 hours As needed			\$41.21/hr.

p.	Korman, Seth	Principal	VV	Cash-in 5 vacation days For 23/24 SY			\$3,351.10
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*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 the attached revised job description for reading specialist
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached revised list of 23/24 Sub and Hourly Rates effective January 1, 2024.
4. **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.	Townsend, Michael	Teacher	23/24 SY	\$150/day
b.	Shaffer, Rosalee	Teacher	23/24 SY	\$150/day
c.	Dobkin, Katie	Teacher	23/24 SY	\$150/day
d.	DeTrolgio, Nancy	Lunch/Recess Aide	23/24 SY	\$15.50/hr.

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:

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 \$0.47 per mile.

	Name	Position	School	Cost	Event/Location	Ref	Date(s)
a.	Newchok, Amanda	Occupational Therapist	RV	\$215	To virtually attend the training Embodied Sensation: Harnessing the Power of Interoception and Proprioception.	CC 3	12/15/23
b.	Costanza, Cynthia Bebb, Jennifer Angster, Alexa	Director of Technology Technology Support Secretary	Dist. Wide	\$540 + Hotel & Travel Expenses Each.	To attend Techspo 2024 In Atlantic City, NJ. For the 23/24 SY. Not to exceed \$1,000 each		01/24/24-01/26/24

c.	Molina, Karen Cordero, Gina	Teacher	LV RV LV	\$575 Registration Fee + Hotel & Travel Expenses Each	To attend NJTESOL/NJBE (New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Conference In New Brunswick, NJ. To be paid through Title III funds.	SS3	05/29/24- 05/31/24
d.	Karakus, Gulden	Teacher	RV VV	\$350 Registration Fee	To attend NJTESOL/NJBE (New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Virtual Conference To be paid through Title III funds.	SS3	06/03/24

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached Field Trips.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board rescind motion #3 under Instruction and Program of the August 21, 2023, meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached proposal for professional development for the district administrative team from Louise M. Holmes for a cost not to exceed \$2,350. Ref: CC3.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the adoption of Bike Safety Lessons to be incorporated into the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. The program was created by former student, Aurora Luer. Ref: SS3.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following high school students and teachers from Morris Hills Regional District to work with the Valleyview 8th graders about Career and Technical Education on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Ref: SS2 & FC5.

Staff Members

Bigora, Keith
Kasper, Keith
Miraldi, Mary
Sawicki, Marilyn

Grimaldi, Kaitlyn
Isaza, Carlos
James, Cooper
Kruclick, Jonah
Lubin, Paul
Mackey, Abigail
Mascobi, George
Mejia, Casey
Ogilvie, Brooke
O’Toole, Thomas
Padesta, Alexis
Patel, Trisha
Rosso, Sophia
Shetler, Dylan
Silva, Bryanna

Students

Angelos, Anthony
Bodnarchuk, Matthew
Braun, Heath
Cassidy, Antonio
David, Timothy
Edwards Marshall, Gregory
Fugere, Theodore
Gingerelli, Jason

ROLL CALL

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C. POLICY REVISIONS

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

1. **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 2340	FIELD TRIPS	X	
P 5120	ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS	X	

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Amount	Description	Check Register
\$3,051.46	Ck #'s 0009 - 0010	Milk Fund
\$2,155,820.36	Check #'s - Nov. 30, 2023 Payroll, 16045-16185, Adv 58-Adv 67	Current Expense
\$2,119.01	Check #'s 1623-1634	Elementary Enrichment

- 2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the donation of a Cello from Mr. Mike Turner to the Valleyview Music Department. Ref: SS4.

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

2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- 2.1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Morris Hills Regional District to borrow the Valleyview Wrestling Mat for the Morris Knolls Wrestling Tournament on December 16, 2023. Morris Hills Regional District staff will transport the mat both ways. Ref: FC3.

- 2.2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached quote from American Roof Maintenance for roof repairs at the Riverview Annex in the amount of \$5,250.00 funded with the Maintenance Reserve Fund.

ROLL CALL

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

V. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. CORRESPONDENCE

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Meeting Highlights, Ref 1-4

- Classroom Space Considerations

D. OTHER

VI. OPEN TO COMMENTS

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Time:_____ Closed:_____.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action May Be Taken

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ACTION ON MOTION:

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION ON MOTION:

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