

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA – REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 7, 2014

7:30 P.M

I. OPENING

A. Meeting called to order by the board secretary as temporary chairman.

B. Secretary's Announcement:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provision of the Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough Hall and at the Middle School and by notifying in writing two newspapers *The Record* and *The Suburbanite*.

C. Roll Call: Geisenheimer, Geller, Holzberg, Woods
Board Members Elect: Molina, Verna

D. Flag Salute

II. ELECTION RESULTS ARE CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY

Election Results (3 year term):

Kirtane, 263

Molina, 341

Verna, 335

III. INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of President

1. Secretary calls for nominations for President. Nominate _____ for President.

Moved by:

Seconded:

Action (v):

2. Move to close nominations.

Moved by:

Seconded:

Action (v):

3. Board Secretary cast one vote for _____ to serve as President.

B. Election of Vice President

1. President calls for nominations for Vice President. Nominate _____ for Vice President.

Moved by:

Seconded:

Action (v):

2. Move to close nominations.

Moved by:

Seconded:

Action (v):

3. Board Secretary cast one vote for _____ to serve as Vice President.

VI. ACTIONS (Continued)

Resolution No. 2 Continued

b) Notice of the aforesaid meetings and of all other public meeting hereafter scheduled, whether rescheduled or additional meeting added, shall be given in accordance with the terms of said Act by posting notices on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Demarest Middle School, 568 Piermont Road, by filing same with the Borough Clerk and by furnishing same to *The Record* and *The Suburbanite*, newspapers which are hereby designated as having the greatest likelihood of informing the public of such meetings.

c) Any person who requests that individual notices of meetings be mailed to him/her shall prepay to the Secretary of the Demarest Board of Education the sum of \$.50 for each notice requested to cover the cost of preparing and mailing, provided however, that requests for such individual notices made by news media shall be granted without cost.

d) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

3. Move to adopt the Board of Education Policy Manual currently in existence.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

4. Move to adopt the Curriculum and Textbooks of the Demarest School District currently in existence.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

5. Move to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for our Public Meetings.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

6. Move to utilize the Chart of Accounts for all business transactions for the 2013/2014 school year.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

7. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an audit of the accounts of the school district for 2013/2014 pursuant to Title 18A:23-8; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Demarest as follows:

a) That Nisivoccia & Company, LLP, be retained as School Auditor for the 2013/2014 school year to include preparation of the 2013/ 2014 audit at a fee not to exceed \$12,000, and

b) That this appointment is made without competitive bidding as a *Professional Service* under the provisions of the Public School Contract Law because the service is to be performed by a firm authorized by law to practice accounting.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

VI. ACTIONS (Continued)

8. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for bond counsel services for 2013/2014 and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Demarest as follows:

- a) That Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., be retained as bond counsel advisors for the 2013/2014 school year.
- b) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a *Professional Service* under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because the service is to be performed by a firm authorized to practice law.

<i>Moved by:</i>		<i>Seconded:</i>
<i>Action (RC):</i>	Gei Gel H M V W	

9. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for legal services for 2013/2014 and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Demarest as follows:

- a) That Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, be retained as legal counsel for the 2013/2014 school year at a fee not to exceed \$140.00 per hour.
- b) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a *Professional Service* under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because the service is to be performed by a firm authorized to practice law.

<i>Moved by:</i>		<i>Seconded:</i>
<i>Action (RC):</i>	Gei Gel H M V W	

10. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for special counsel for special education matters for the 2013/2014 school year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Demarest as follows:

- a) That Fogarty & Hara, Counselors at Law, be retained as Special Legal Counsel for Special Education matters for the 2013/2014 school year at a fee not to exceed \$165.00 per hour.
- b) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a *Professional Service* under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because the service is to be performed by a firm authorized to practice law.

<i>Moved by:</i>		<i>Seconded:</i>
<i>Action (RC):</i>	Gei Gel H M V W	

VI. *ACTIONS (Continued)*

11. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for architectural services for 2013/2014 and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Demarest as follows:

a) That EI Associates be retained as architectural management advisors for the 2013/2014 school year.

b) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a *Professional Service* under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because the service is to be performed by a firm authorized to provide architectural management services.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

12. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional medical services for the 2013/2014 school year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Demarest as follows:

a) That Michelle deAntonio, M.D., be retained as the School Physician/Medical Inspector for the 2013/2014 school year at a cost of \$3,500.

b) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a *Professional Service* under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because the service is performed by a firm authorized to practice medicine.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

13. Move to appoint Philip Nisonoff as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2013/2014 school year.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

14. Move that facsimile signatures be approved for all school district warrants for the following:

- President or Vice President
- Board Secretary and
- Treasurer of School Monies

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

15. Move that the Treasurer of School Monies facsimile signature be designated to image sealed payroll checks.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

VI. ACTIONS (Continued)

16. Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Frank G. Chilson possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-2 provides that a "Purchasing Agent" for a school district means the Secretary, Business Administrator or the Business Manager of the Board of Education duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the Purchasing Agent that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold (currently \$36,000), may be awarded by the Purchasing Agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-37, c. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$5,400) may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Demarest Board of Education pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints the Board Secretary/Business Administrator as its duly authorized purchasing agent and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Demarest Board of Education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Demarest Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$5,400) without soliciting competitive quotations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Frank G. Chilson is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable before awarding contracts, when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$5,400) but less than the bid threshold of \$36,000.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

17. Move to approve Capital One Bank as the official depository bank for the Board of Education's current checking, agency, payroll, lunch, and special accounts for the 2013/2014 school year.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

18. Move to appoint the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator as the Custodian of Records for the 2013/2014 school year.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

19. Move to appoint Frank G. Chilson as Board Secretary/School Business Administrator for the Demarest Board of Education for the 2013/2014 school year.

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

20. Move to authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator procurement of goods and services through state agencies (state contracts).

Moved by: *Seconded:*
Action (RC): *Gei* *Gel* *H* *M* *V* *W*

VI. ACTIONS (Continued)

30. Move to approve Emergency Management Plan.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

31. Move to appoint Environmental Remediation & Management Inc. to act as our Designated Person for Asbestos, Hazard Emergency Response Act and Right to Know.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

32. Move to approve collection and maintenance of Student Records according to 6A:32-7.3.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

33. Move to appoint Robert Armstrong of NVRHS as the PEOSA Officer.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

34. Move to appoint Robert Armstrong of NVRHS as Indoor Air Quality Designee.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

35. Move to appoint Robert Armstrong of NVRHS as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator/IPM Designee.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

36. Move to adopt the Code of Ethics for School Board Members (P.L. 2001, Chapter 178 C: 18A:12-24.1) to abide by as follows:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Moved by: Seconded:
 Action (RC): Gei Gel H M V W

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Committee Assignments. A copy of prior Board's Committees enclosed for Board Members.
- B. Discussion of such other matters as may be introduced by the Board.

VIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. Move to open the meeting to public discussion.

<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Action (v):</i>
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- B. Move to close the meeting to public discussion.

<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Action (v):</i>
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IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Move to open the Executive Session.

<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Action (v):</i>
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- B. Move to close the Executive Session.

<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Action (v):</i>
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X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Move to adjourn at _____ P.M.

<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Action (v):</i>
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