

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

June 30, 2014

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

B. Board President'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 provisions of this Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting 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. President Holzberg led the Flag Salute.

D. Roll Call: Geisenheimer, Molina, Verna, Woods and Holzberg were present. Geller and Kirtane were absent.

Also present were representatives from EI Associates: Michael Wozny, Joseph Donnelly and Robert Walsh.

II. BOARD DISCUSSION RELATED TO PROPOSED REFERENDUM

Presentation by EI Associates

Mr. Michael Wozny of EI Associates presented an overview of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He informed the board that the current plan for the Luther Lee Emerson School building expansion would require an application for a hardship waiver. The waiver application would delay the proposed September 30, 2014 referendum, unless the board modifies their current design. Mr. Wozny presented various options for board consideration which included:

Option 1 – Proceed with current plan.

Option 2 – Relocate the addition to the other side of the Luther Lee Emerson (LLE) building.

Option 3 – Maintain the primary center at County Road School and upgrade that building.

Option 4 – Maintain County Road School with improvements and add a small addition to Luther Lee Emerson for Special Education

The addition of the gymnasium at Demarest Middle School would be maintained with all considered options.

The board will consider options and discuss them at their July 22, 2014 Regular Meeting.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A. It was moved by Geisenheimer, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion, limited to the proposed referendum.

There was no public discussion.

B. It was moved by Geisenheimer, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Geisenheimer, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank G. Chilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary