

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRELIMINARY BUDGET/COW MEETING MINUTES

County Road School – Media Center
March 13, 2018
7:00 P.M.

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 7:00P.M.
- B. Roll Call: Alevrontas, Cantatore, Governale, Kirtane, Verna, Woods, Holzberg.
Absent: None
Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and Mr. Perez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, Matthew Giacobbe, Legal Counsel
- C. President Holzberg read the following 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.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Holzberg led the flag salute.

III. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

A. Instruction – Staffing

- 1. Approve substitutes

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

- 1. Approve school trips
- 2. Approve Senior Service students
- 3. Approve out of district placement for 2018/2019

C. Support Services – Staffing

- 1. Approve teacher chaperones

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. Approve policies and regulations
2. Approve facility use
3. Approve attendance at workshops
4. Approve calendar revision
5. NJSBA proposed resolution
6. Change order #1 Industrial Cooling Corporation
7. Approve payment applications
8. Approve travel guidelines

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

1. Confirm February 28th and March 15th payroll
2. Approve March bills
3. Approve February Certification of Board Secretary
4. Approve February Certification of Board of Education
5. Acknowledge receipt of January A-148 and A-149 reports
6. Confirm February budget transfers
7. Preliminary Budget

IV. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- A. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to open the meeting to public discussion.
- B. Student **Iris Lee** (1) spoke about Parkland students and student walkout planned for March 14th
Student **Niki Woods** (1) spoke about Parkland students and student walkout planned for March 14th
Student **Jack Zirin-Hyman** (1) spoke about student planned walk out
Mr. Schliem of 207 Hardenburgh Ave. (1) spoke about the March 14th walkout as a political event (2) commented that the school administration are allowing students to participate in a political event (3) asked when the board of education was made aware of this event and noted that he feels the information was vague and misleading (4) asked what plan was in place for students who did not wish to participate
Mr. Woods of 12 Demarest Ave. (1) spoke in support of the student walk out
Mrs. Marks of 14 Van Horn (1) noted the walk out is not about politics but about the students

Mrs. Collins of 42 Everett Rd. (1) disagrees that this is a political action and notes that the point of the walk out is feeling safe at school (2) asked if the event will take place inside

Mrs. Miller of 40 William St. (1) asks why it is so difficult for the walk out to take place NVRHS students **Samantha Marks** (Demarest) and **Ishita Jamar** (Closter) (1) spoke about the NVRHS walk out on March 14th in memorial to the 17 Parkland school victims Student **Sachin Kirtane** (1) said student council members will walk in unity with the other students; DMS is a community of kindness and empathy

Ms. Tutunjan of 8 John St. (1) voiced that this is political which is not bad; good process for students (2) praised the students and board of education

Mrs. Steiner of 33 William St. (1) noted it is great opportunity to bond as one (2) allows students voices to be heard

Ms. Nankani of 23 Old Stable Rd. (1) feels Demarest is a safe town with community events and is creating responsible citizens by allowing the walk out

Mrs. Zirin-Hyman of 7 Poplar Rd. (1) said the event is about student safety and voices to be heard; not a political event

Mr. Kirtane of 4 Bogert Rd. (1) this is a student event, not a parent led event; them not us

Mrs. Alevrontas of 69 Van Horn St. (1) teaching the students how to show kindness (2) asked about the logistics of how the walk out is taking place

Mr. Fernandez of 9 Grove St. (1) what if a student wants to go outside

C. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to close the meeting to public discussion.

V EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. There was no motion to enter the Executive Session.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Sincerely,



Thomas Perez
Business Administrator and Board Secretary

