

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

County Road School – Media Center October 16, 2018 5:30 P.M.

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 5:30 pm. 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.
- B. Roll Call: Alevrontas, Cantatore, Governale, Kirtane, Holzberg.
Absent: Verna, Woods
Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent and Mr. Perez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

II. DISCUSSION

Presentation by Matt Lee, New Jersey School Boards Field Representative

- Board Self-Evaluation for the 2017/2018 school year was reviewed
- The Board established four district goals for the 2017/2018 school year and all goals were achieved. The goals were:
 1. Continue to expand the community outreach initiatives including utilizing Chalkboard, the district app, and press releases to local news outlets.
 2. Maintain certification as a Future-ready School by using the HUB, which provides resources and professional learning opportunities for school leaders.
 3. Continue the health and wellness initiative to meet the growing needs of our student population.
 4. The administration will establish ways for students to use social media responsibly. Presentations will be given to parents to educate families on the pros and cons of social media and cell phone use.
- The Board established two board goals for the 2017/2018 school year and one was partially achieved, one was achieved. The goals were:
 1. Board members will select an area of professional development to explore and bring back learnings to the board for presentation and discussion. (partial)
 2. The board will establish a schedule of site visits in cooperation with the administration, to develop more specific knowledge of buildings and grounds maintenance and improvements.
- Mr. Lee assisted the Board in establishing board and district goals for the 2018/2019 school year. The goals will be voted on at the November 20, 2018 meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M.

Sincerely,



Thomas Perez
Business Administrator and Board Secretary