

# DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 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 three newspapers: The Record, The Press Journal and The Suburbanite.

C. President Holzberg led the flag Salute.

D. Roll Call: Galtieri, Geisenheimer, Majeski, Molina, Schwartzman, Woods and Holzberg were present.

E. It was moved by Majeski, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the:

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F. There was a review of correspondence.

### II. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Holzberg commented on the board's attendance at the NJSBA Conference. Members attended mandatory and other programs. Attendees were frustrated waiting for buses and needing tickets to attend various venues.

### III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Fox stated that NJASA has strong feelings on the NJSBA Conference returning to Atlantic City. Most of the new Smart Boards are being installed and the FM systems were previously installed. We are doing turn key training with a strong push for infusion of technology. L. Meyer and B. Price visited the district to help integrate technology into World Language. Mr. Fox spoke about the Dan Reinke story, a former student. He updated the board on our soccer team and reviewed a recent accident where a Haworth resident fell off the Demarest Middle School bleachers and was taken to the hospital. We continue to work on updating our website.

Mr. Kirkby spoke about the upcoming Halloween Parades and the historical field trip around Demarest with Mary Ann Clark. We held the Child Assault Prevention Program "No More Bully's – No more Tears." Susan Thompson presented a program on Immigration – Creative Dance from different Countries. October is Fire Safety Month. We are continuing our Electronic Report Card training.

Mr. Lombardy shares a booklet detailing the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Buehler Center trip. The Media Center celebrated Banned Book Week which included text of The Lorax, Charlotte's Web and Harry Potter. Former student Dan Reinke worked with Demarest Middle School physical education teachers to create a unit of study called "Stepping Into Someone Else's Shoes." that addresses the difficulties those with disabilities experience on a daily basis. New York Times best-selling author Scott Westerfield spoke to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students about his new books, his craft and signed books. Sixth graders wrote holiday letters to Navy sailors stationed off the Pacific. Mr. Lombardy and Mrs. Woods are participating in an Ad-Hoc Committee for Student Substance Abuse and Use at NVRHS.

V. ACTIONSIV. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- A. The Board members reviewed the items.
- B. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to accept to open the meeting to public discussion.
- C. There was no public discussion.
- D. Move to close the meeting to public discussion.

A. Instruction – Staffing

1. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the provisional employment of the following substitute teachers for the 2010/2011 school year as recommended Chief School Administrator. Regular employment status would become effective upon candidate's compliance with P.L. 1986, c.116 as well as an application for emergency hiring as required by the N.J.S.A 18A:6-7.1 et seq. (revised 6/30/98):

Helene Wiseman	Terrie Vacchiano	Kim Bogdan
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2. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the provisional employment of the Lauren Sheinman (Provisional) substitute teacher for the 2010/2011 school year as recommended Chief School Administrator. Regular employment status would become effective upon candidate's compliance with P.L. 1986, c.116 as well as an application for emergency hiring as required by the N.J.S.A 18A:6-7.1 et seq. (revised 6/30/98):

3. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the following Teacher Guide Movement for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Tracey Naccarella	BA+16 Step 5	MA Step 5

4. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the employment of Silvana Tabacchi, BA Step 3, as a long-term substitute teacher (maternity leave replacement for S. Haase) effective October 4, 2010 to November 19, 2010, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer, and approved by unanimous vote to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract with NVRHS for student ID# 250004, effective September 27, 2010 at a prorated cost of \$26,947.90 for an extended day PIE program, as recommended by Child Study Team.

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer, and approved by unanimous vote to approve four (4) hours of Classroom Observation for Rachel Aden, student at Fairleigh Dickinson, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

3. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the employment of James Marsich, Step 1, as a Classroom Aide for the following students effective October 27, 2010 (health benefits waived), as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

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4. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer, and approved by unanimous vote to accept the resignation of Gilda Natko, Classroom Aide at County Road School effective October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs (Continued)

5. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the employment of Christine Effychiou, Step 1, as a Classroom Aide for Student ID #230001 at County Road School effective October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

C Support Services – Staffing

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the Custodial Black Seal License Stipend for Keith Bonnano, Step 2, Custodian at Demarest Middle School effective September 15, 2010 in the prorated amount of \$593.75 for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to amend the non-tenured contract of Michael Lantych Step 4, Custodian at County Road School, from .5 to .75 effective November 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

3. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the transfer of Michael Bolt, Step 11(.5), Custodian from County Road School to Demarest Middle School, effective November 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

4. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the transfer of Santiago Reboiro, Step 5, Custodian, from Demarest Middle School to Luther Lee Emerson School, effective November 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

5. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Schwartzman and approved by unanimous vote to approve the transfer of Gildardo Castrillon, Step 4, Custodian from Luther Lee Emerson School day shift to a split shift at Demarest Middle School effective November 1, 2010, for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous vote to approve final payment #3 in the amount of \$3,097.90 to the Reiner Group, Inc. for Contract 15B Mechanical Upgrade at County Road School as recommended by LAN Associates, Inc.

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous vote to approve the final payment in the amount of \$49,000 to SJ Carney Roofing Company for the Phase II County Road School Roof Project as recommended by LAN Associates, Inc.

3. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous vote to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy and Regulation #3516.1, Automated External Defibrillators, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

4. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous vote to accept and submit the 2010 Annual Facilities Checklist to the Executive County Superintendent as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

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D. Support Services – Board of Education (Continued)

5. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous vote to approve the following teachers to attend the Regional Workshop for ADHD on December 2, 2010 at a cost of \$25 per person with mileage reimbursable at the rate of \$.31 per mile, as recommended by the Chief

Susan O'Brien	Barbara Weingarden	Sharon Dippolito
Theresa Wiseman	Amanda Morris	

6. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous vote to approve Karleen Mc Dermott to attend the "Hot Topics in Adolescence VII" workshop/conference at Hackensack Medical Center on December 2, 2010 at a cost of \$75.00 with mileage reimbursable at the rate of \$.31, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

E. Support Services –Fiscal Management

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to confirm the September 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 payroll in the amount of \$330,590.10

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to confirm the October 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 payroll in the amount of \$337,014.62.

3. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to approve the September 2010 bills in the amount of \$610,263.91

<u>Subtotal Per Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10 General Current Fund Expense Funds	\$607,951.05
20 Special Revenue Funds	<u>2,312.86</u>
Total funds	\$610,263.91

4. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to approve the following resolution.

Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13 (d), I, Frank G. Chilson certify that as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, no budgetary line item account has obligations or payments (contractual orders) which in total exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1.

5. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to approve the following resolution.

Certification of Board of Education

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 6:20-2.13 (e), we certify that as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district official, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-extended in violation of NJAC 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.

6. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to acknowledge receipt of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Report of the Board Secretary, A148 and Report of the Treasurer, A-149.

7. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to confirm the following September transfer as recommended by Chief School Administrator.

<u>From:</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-000-261-420-1-0000-28	Operations	\$ 2,360.00
<u>To:</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-000-400-450-1-0000-00	Capital	\$ 2,360.00

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F. Other

1. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Demarest Board of Education will convene in a closed Executive Session on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 immediately following the Committee of-the-Whole Meeting to discuss personnel, negotiations and/or legal matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the nature of the discussion is expected to be disclosed to the public at a future date.

2. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Demarest Board of Education will convene in a closed Executive Session on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 immediately following the Regular meeting to discuss personnel, negotiations and/or legal matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the nature of the discussion is expected to be disclosed to the public at a future date

VI. REPORTS

J. Majeski reported that DPAC will hold a Nutrition meeting on December 8, 2010.

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous vote to open the meeting to public discussion.

A resident questioned if adults could get gym time to play soccer.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Frank G. Chilson  
School Business Administrator  
Board Secretary

