

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

June 9, 2015

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Cantatore, Geller, Kirtane, Verna, Woods and Holzberg were present. Molina was absent.

II. PRESENTATION BY DYNAMIC TRAFFIC, LLC

Mr. Joseph Staigar of Dynamic Traffic, LLC presented his findings of the student drop-off and pick-up system at Luther Lee Emerson School from his evaluations completed on April 14-15, 2015.

Mr. Staigar stated that Columbus Road is not a typical intersection but rather offset. A car wanting to cross Hardenburgh Avenue would need to make a "jog" (turn right and quickly left) to stay on Columbus Road. This is a mitigating factor of the congestion. Additionally this is an issue with cars exiting Columbus Road via a right turn to head east on Hardenburgh Ave. The exiting cars must wait for extended periods to determine if vehicles turning left from Columbus to also head east on Hardenburgh Ave. are going to make the "jog turn" onto Columbus or continue straight on Hardenburgh. Overall, Mr. Staigar rated the current situation at Level F, the worst possible rating.

The most significant challenge he discovered was the congestion on Columbus Road did not allow for emergency vehicle access. He stated this not only causes a hazard for the school but also all the residents of Columbus Road. During the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2015, 159 cars exited from Columbus Road with 150 of that amount in a one half hour period. In the afternoon/pick-up hours, 93 cars exited from the dead-end street, with 74 of them within a half hour. He explained that during these very active hours, it is virtually impossible for an emergency vehicle to access the area.

Mr. Staigar concluded that by creating a connection roadway to allow vehicles to exit the cul-de-sac to Belmar Street, the traffic circulation and safety would be vastly improved. Columbus Road would operate as a one-way (in-bound) during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Exiting cars from Belmar Street would be more efficient than Columbus due to the "jog turn" issue. Additionally, Belmar Street would provide a second access point to Luther Lee Emerson School, should it ever be needed.

Mr. Staigar's presentation concluded with the recommendation for the Board to continue with the proposed project to create an access drive to Belmar Street.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

A. Instruction – Staffing

1. Approve substitute teachers for remainder of 2014/2015 school year.
2. Approve stipends positions.
3. Approve substitute teachers for remainder of 2014/2015 school year.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW (CONTINUED)**A. Instruction – Staffing (Continued)**

4. Approve stipends positions.
5. Approve maternity leave of absence.
6. Approve job descriptions for Reading Specialist and Lunch Program Coordinator.

B. Instruction – Pupil Programs

1. Approve participation in the NVRHS District Programs for the 2015/2016.
2. Accept notification of the 2015/2016 IDEA Basic and Preschool grants.
3. Appoint District HIB Coordinator.
4. Acknowledge Senior Service participants.
5. Approve special education tuition contracts for the 2015/2016 school year.

C. Support Services – Staffing

1. Approve employment of temporary summer custodians.
2. Award contracts to secretaries and custodians.
3. Approve employment of lunch/playground/instructional aides.
4. Approve lunchroom coordinator.
5. Approve Teacher's Assistant at LLE.
6. Acknowledge recognition of years of service.
7. Approve payment of accumulated sick leave to retiring staff.
8. Appoint Educational Facilities Manager.
9. Approve substitute secretaries.
10. Approve salary of Treasurer of School Monies.
11. Approve summer technology workshop.
12. Approve braille specialist.
13. Approve bi-lingual special education interpreter.
14. Approve memorandums of agreement with Elementary Principal, Supervisor of Curriculum, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and Business Administrator.
15. Award tenure to Dr. Emily Codey.

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. Authorize submission of waiver for F. Mazzini to serve as principal for CRS and LLE.
2. Approve district travel mileage reimbursement at NJ Statutory level.
3. Approve PTO Wish Lists for 2015/2016 school year.
4. Acknowledge service of retiring lunchroom coordinator.
5. Approve alternate method of compliance with NJAC 6A:26-6.3 for toilet rooms.
6. Approve agreement with Real Time Information Technology for 2015/2016 school year.
7. Approve agreement with Strauss Esmay for policy management.
8. Approve facilities use.
9. Approve 2015/2016 Mentoring Plan and Statement of Assurance (SOA).
10. Approve 2015/2016 Professional Development Plan.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW (CONTINUED)**D. Support Services – Board of Education (Continued)**

11. Approve security drill Statement of Assurance (SOA).
12. Approve updated curriculum guides.
13. Approve joint consortium agreement with NVRHS for mental health assessments.
14. Approve contracts with Tyco Integrated Security, Inc. for district-wide door security.
15. Approve contract with Hertz Furniture of NJ, LLC for classroom furniture at CRS.
16. Approve payment of Merit Pay to Superintendent.
17. Approve Equivalency Waiver for Marshall Plan.
18. Approve second reading and adoption of new policy and regulation.
19. Approve updated district mission statement.

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

1. Confirm payroll.
2. Approve May bills.
3. Approve May budget transfers.
4. Approve Certification of Board Secretary.
5. Approve Certification of Board of Education.
6. Acknowledge receipt of A-148 and A-149 Reports.
7. Approve tax levy schedule for the 2015/2016 school year.

F. Other

1. Schedule an Executive Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 to discuss negotiations, personnel and/or legal matters.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion.

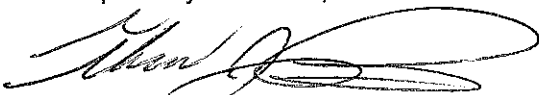
There was no public discussion.

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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Pérez
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary