

WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020**

Mrs. Van Dyk, Board President, called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:18 p.m., in the Westbrook School Media Center. Mrs. Van Dyk asked for a moment of silence, led the flag salute, read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, and reminded everyone in attendance to silence or turn off their cell phones and note the location of the emergency exits.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public notice of this meeting has been sent to Board Members, all district Schools, the Herald News, the Suburban Trends, the Record, the Messenger, West Milford Town Hall, the County Superintendent's Office, the Board Attorney, and Cablevision of Warwick; and posted in the Administration Building. Copies of the Board Meeting Calendar Resolution were provided to all local media, Town Hall, Township Library, and all district schools.

MS. BARBARA FRANCISCO, BOARD SECRETARY, CALLED THE ROLL:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Mrs. Romeo	Present	Mrs. Dwyer	Present	Mr. Ofshinsky	Present
Mrs. Stephenson	Present	Mr. Guarino	Present	Mr. Stillman	Present
Mr. Conklin	Present	Mrs. Fritz	Present	Mrs. Van Dyk	Present

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Dr. Alex Anemone	Superintendent of Schools	Present
Ms. Barbara Francisco	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	Present
Mr. Daniel Novak	Director of Education	Present
Dr. Elizabeth McQuaid	Director of Special Services	Present
Andrew Brown, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney	Absent

There were no members of the public in attendance.

VI. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting, facilitated by Kathleen Helewa, Field Service Representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association, is for Goal Setting for the 2020-2021 school year.

Development of a new Strategic Plan has been put on hold due to COVID-19.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (PLEASE SIGN IN)

This portion of the meeting is open to members of the public having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board for the purpose of addressing any subject matter pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the West Milford Public School District. Members of the public who have requested to speak prior to the meeting will be recognized by the chair first. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes, for a period of thirty (30) minutes; and then time permitting, other public comment limited to five (5) minutes per speaker will be allowed, until the thirty (30) minute period transpires. All speakers are asked to sign the register provided and give their full name, spell their last name, group affiliation, if appropriate, and provide their address. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and respectful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged, and the Board and the Administration will not respond to them. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board is not responsible and is not liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments. Members of the public are reminded that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

Motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Ofshinsky, to close Public Comment.

VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.

VIII. MOTION BY MR. OFSHINSKY, SECONDED BY MR. GUARINO, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.

VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.

IX. GOAL SETTING - 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Kathy Helewa reviewed the 2019-2020 District goals. The Administration and Board were in agreement that satisfactory progress has been made. Board members discussed the draft goals recommended by the Administration and Dr. Anemone, Mr. Novak, and Dr. McQuaid provided explanations on the development of their recommendations.

After discussion, Board members and the Administration agreed upon the following goals:

IX. GOAL SETTING - 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR - Continued

District Goals for the 2020-2021 school year:

- To develop a plan to advance communication and consistent methods of communication, and to enhance branding throughout the District.
- Continue to revise and implement the District's hybrid learning model and phased re-entry plans with coordinated adherence to student and staff safety as well as flexible instructional expectations.
- Build a District support system for students and staff for the purpose of social-emotional well-being.
- Continue to identify, enhance, and monitor fiscal practices that enable the District to maximize efficiency.

Board Goals for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Schedule regular presentations at Board of Education meetings that showcase student achievement.
- Increase partnerships and engage in advocacy at the State level to restore District funding.
- Identify strategies for a new Strategic Plan.
- Continue to engage in Board professional development, including training in HIB.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

The Board determined there was no need to go into Executive Session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Romeo, seconded by Mr. Ofshinsky, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

VOICE VOTE:

All in Favor.

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Francisco
Board Secretary**