

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Emergency Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2015

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Vice President Woods.

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 by Business Administrator notifying by telephone two newspapers: The Record and The Suburbanite.

C. Flag Salute.

D. Roll Call: Cantatore, Geller, Kirtane, Verna and Woods were present. Molina and Holzberg were not available.

II. ACTIONS

1. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act ("OPMA"), N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to provide the public with advanced notice of, and the right to attend, meetings of public bodies such as a board of education; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings without adequate advanced written notice in circumstances of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings subject to certain procedural safeguards, including that three-fourths of its members present vote in favor of conducting the emergency meeting and that prompt notice of the meeting is given to the public by posting and delivery to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board; and

WHEREAS, an urgent situation has arisen due to the January 26-27, 2015 snowstorm (blizzard); and

WHEREAS, Governor Christopher J. Christie has declared a State of Emergency in connection with this storm; and

WHEREAS, a school election for a bond referendum is scheduled for January 27, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education have determined that an emergency meeting must be conducted on January 26, 2015 to discuss and possibly seek New Jersey Superior Court intervention to reschedule the election presently scheduled for January 27, 2015 and reschedule same for February 10, 2015 and direct the Board Attorney to take whatever actions are necessary to effectuate the cancellation and rescheduling of the election presently scheduled for January 27, 2015;

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II. ACTIONS (Continued)

Resolution No. 1 Continued

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will conduct an emergency meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to be read at the next scheduled public meeting which is to be held on February 24, 2015 and that the Board Secretary is directed to reflect the same in the minutes and post a copy of this Resolution to deliver it to the two official newspapers, including the official newspaper designated by the Board of Education.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

There was no public discussion.

- B. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous roll call vote to adjourn at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank G. Chilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary