

MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT  
OF THE TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27, 2021  
TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION HEGELEIN BUILDING

**Open Session**

*The Board Retreat meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board President Jocelyn Schwarz*

**Adequate Notice Statement/Call To Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

*Board President Jocelyn Schwarz read the following statement:*

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board of Education Hegelein Building, the Borough office, Tenafly Public Library, the local press and on the district's web site.

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right to the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon."

In accordance with provisions of this act, the Tenafly Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough office, Tenafly Public Library, administrative building, in the local press and on the district's web site.

The following Board members answered present:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Inbal Israeli Miller	X	
Michelle Merchant	X	
Yelena Meytes	X	
Paula Newman	X	
Edward J. Salaski	X	
Michael Wilderman	X	
Jane Juhng, Vice President	X	
Jocelyn Schwarz, President	X	

**Also present:**

Ms. Shauna C. DeMarco, Superintendent

Dr. Evelyn Mamman, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Danielle Diaz, Human Resources Manager

Dr. Victor J. Anaya, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## **Board President's Report**

- Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz opened the meeting.
- Provided an overview of the evening meeting.
- Also discussed the process of filling the open board member spot and process to appoint someone within 65 days. Community notification will go out on Oct. 28, 2021 and resumes in by November 7, 2021. Interviews held over a few evenings dependent upon number of applicants. The week of the eighth would be targeted for interviews. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions and standardized in questions. Board members will submit availability.

## **Superintendent's Report**

- SD summarized the purpose of the meeting and budget ideas being shared. Also, the overview of the retreat covering all the areas in the district. Also, provided an update on facilities overview.

## **Facilities Discussion** – Dr. Victor Anaya presented the information:

- Discussions about the information shared from the architect and administrators. Questions that need to be provided to the board to determine priorities to be discussed and voted on in November.

## **2022-2023 Budget Ideas of Administration: Presentation and Discussion**

- Operations - SD
- Curriculum Instruction and Program - EM
- Human Resources/Personnel - SD
- Fiscal, Business, Facilities and Technology - VA

## **Public Comment** – None.

## **Explorations/Input of TBOE Committees**

- Curriculum and Technology Committee – Ms. Jane Juhng indicate meeting November 8, 2021 to review, and request strategic plan include all areas. Board can respond now or with the committee for November 8, 2021. Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz would like to see other options than chrome books, and supports what works. Board members discussed textbook purchases with software, and reasons for it.
  - Strategic Plan Input – Board members explore and provide input.
  - Schedules – (table until explorations)
- Communications Committee – any ideas to improve should be shared by board. Board excited about having listening sessions to connect with the public. Ms.

Yelena Meytes shared about talking points in the listening committee. The board members discussed the listening committee options to do with the community.

*Motion to enter Closed Session at 9:26 p.m.  
Moved: Ms. Juhng Second: Ms. Newman  
All in favor*

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:49 p.m.  
Moved: Ms. Israeli Miller Second: Mr. Salaski  
All in favor*

Respectfully submitted,

*Victor J. Anaya*

Dr. Victor J. Anaya  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary