

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Board Retreat  
of the Tenafly Board of Education  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
Board of Education Hegelein Building

*Special Board Meeting started immediately in closed session @ 6:00 pm*

**Open Session**

The public meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Board President Jocelyn Schwarz

**Call to Order/Adequate Notice Statement/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 website.

The following Board members were present:

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

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Victor Anaya, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**Public Comment –**

- Guy Yeherkel read a letter following up 8/7/26 on Hebrew being taught in Tenafly. Also, he shared his reasons for Hebrew being taught, and the two hundred plus parents who signed a petition.
- Leor Shevel support for Hebrew being added to curriculum.
- Swaminathan Krioshoun shared holiday issue at the candidate forum discussed. Felt the holiday issue was only accommodating diversity rather than promoting diversity. Shared the definitions, in his opinion, how diversity can be promoted with a holiday across the school system. Wants to have board consider the Duala holiday in school system.
- Mi Adoron shared reason Hebrew being added to curriculum.
- Ido Betzahl shared support for Hebrew being possibly offered, and the reasons for supporting the understanding of Israeli culture.

## Comments

- Superintendent Shauna De Marco welcomed everyone, and wanted the materials to be shared earlier from the administrators. As well as other ideas from other channels. Remind that the overview is everything of needs, wants and wishes. All administrators shared their concerns. Also, not the meeting to show rationale of the items, but the rationale of the reasons the needs were shared. Also, the budget ideas of the goals of the board. Conversations will progress regarding the needs, challenges, and benefits. The budget process now gets more involved as time moves forward and the budget calendar. Then the quantitative analysis determines what rationale can be budgeted. This is a “raw” presentation.
- Board President Jocelyn Schwarz commented that the retreat is very raw and high level being presented.

## Board Retreat -

- Budget Ideas of Administration Presentation and Discussion
- Board Self-Evaluation and Board Goals Discussion by Jocelyn Schwarz and board members.
- Foster community engagement discussion that identifies student and staff achievements.
- Development of Policy Review (661 Total Policies).

*Motion to go into 2<sup>nd</sup> closed session  
Moved: Ms. Meytes Second: Ms. Israeli Miller  
All in Favor*

*Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 10:33 p.m.  
Moved: Mr. Frid Second: Ms. Merchant  
All in Favor*