

Minutes Of The Work Session  
Of The Tenafly Board Of Education  
Monday Evening, May 16, 2022  
Tenafly Board Of Education Hegelein Building

*Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.  
Moved: Ms. Newman Second: Ms. Meytes  
All in Favor*

**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 web site.

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	

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, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**Closed Session**

**Be it Resolved**, that the Tenafly Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Closed Session on May 16, 2022 to discuss Legal, Personnel and Student matters; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to go into Open Session at 8:04 p.m.  
Moved: Ms. Israeli Miller Second: Ms. Meytes  
All in Favor

## Open Session

The public meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Board President Jocelyn Schwarz.

### Comments (In-Person and Virtual)

- Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz thanked all who came to the Listening Sessions held and expanded on the purpose of the sessions.
- JG thanked all for their work as people in town appreciate all. JG wanted to comment on restrictions of SACC playgrounds, and felt children should have access to playgrounds especially after being restricted during COVID. Feels there are ways for children to have interaction on the playgrounds outside the restrictions on the playgrounds and as Tenafly is a tight community where the children have opportunities to play together. A hand out was shared and given to the board secretary to distribute. Both SD and JS commented to both parents.

### Presentation/Reports – SD provided commentary and discussion about COVID policies.

- Ms. Paula Newman indicated discussions should be limited to 30 minutes ending at 8:50 pm.
  - Board members had a discussion regarding policies about COVID and provided their suggestions on protocols that should be considered.
  - SD provided commentary to the concerns raised regarding policies and protocols on COVID.
  - Vote to extend discussion 15 minutes to 9:05 pm

Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> – Ms. Newman  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Meytes  
All voted in favor with a roll call

- Student representatives, JL and AL shared their thoughts on policy and protocols with COVID.
  - Vote to change policies for the rest of the school year.
- SD indicated everything will remain the same. Policies will be formal resolution next meeting where change in policy is the next day after regular board meeting where policy is voted on.
- Policy change will be attached to board agenda end of the week before regular board meeting.
- Roll call on some below:
  - Contact tracing continues or eliminate it which includes students who don't vaccinate.
  - Tests to say where students required to stay.

- Inform close contacts of unvaccinated and elementary unvaccinated in classrooms
- Eliminate COVID policies in general and illness be like any normal sickness
- Eliminate wearing masks 6-10 days but still have option to wearing masks.
- Vote Taken: Majority voted in favor of eliminating close contact tracing with unvaccinated children where the notification would be informal, but to continue to inform parents so children can stay home but would not be forced to stay home.
- Vote Taken: Majority voted not in favor of removing COVID policies.
- Majority of the board did not want to continue contact tracing practice, while the majority of the board felt to continue contact tracing to stay home.
- SD summarized the discussion as follows:
  - COVID policy (1648.11) is expected to be amended at the May 23rd meeting, with the policy changes to take effect on May 24th. These changes primarily address the elimination of contact tracing that results in school exclusion or any mask-wearing requirements of identified close contacts.
  - District policy will no longer require the exclusion of identified close contacts from school. Instead, the close contacts (unvaccinated and not diagnosed with COVID in the past 90 days) will be notified and encouraged to monitor symptoms, but they will not have any requirements imposed (no exclusion, no mandated mask-wearing, etc.).
  - If a parent/caregiver wishes to exclude their child from school once identified as a close contact, they may do so at their own discretion and may continue to be provided with the Zoom link as is current practice for up to 5 days.
  - The same would apply to any staff member who is identified as a close contact. They may continue to assert their right to quarantine or they may choose to continue attending school without any requirements and encouraged to monitor symptoms.
  - Our COVID dashboard will continue to be updated daily and elementary classrooms will continue to release letters to the families of students in classes where an individual is identified with COVID as is current practice.
  - Masks will remain optional; only those diagnosed with COVID will require a mask on days 6-10 as per current protocol.
  - Until May 24th, the current policy remains in effect. School exclusion for any individuals identified as close contacts will end on May 24th. As of that date, any individual who was excluded from school due to identification as a close contact would be permitted to return to school in person if they so choose.

**Committee Reports** – Board Goals on top of the committee reports.

Communications and Policy – Dr. Michael Wilderman provided an updated.

Curriculum and Technology – Ms. Paula Newman provided an updated.

Facility – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz provided an updated.

Finance – Mr. Edward Salaski (no report).

Joint Use – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz provided an updated.

Diversity – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz and Ms. Paula Newman (no report).

Listening Sessions Projects – Ms. Yelena Meytes provided an updated.

Liaison Reports – Ms. Inbal Israeli Miller (no report).

- HSA report by Ms. Yelena Meytes (no report).
- CAP report by Ms. Michelle Merchant (no report).
- TEF by Mr. Igor Frid (no report).
- Legislative by Mr. Ed Salaski (no report).
- SEPAC by Ms. Michelle Merchant (no report).

**New Business** – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz and SD provided commentary on these items:

- Frequency of District Newsletter.
- Use of Community Notifications. Keep current practices in place?
  - Communications committee had a split vote on these topics.
  - Board members shared their opinions regarding these topics.

**Student Representatives** – Ms. Jessica Lee and Ms. Alexandria Yang provided updates on.

- Ms. Alexandria Yang shared science labs were renamed. Girls' softball team plays in state tournament.
- Ms. Jessica Lee shared finished testing this week. Important dates spring concert items. Prom June 1.

**Administration** – SD shared 5K coming up on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Proposed Resolutions**

- Administration – SD presented the administration resolutions.
- Curriculum - EM presented the curriculum resolutions.
- Special Services – presented by SD.
- Finance - VA presented all the resolutions within Finance and Organization.

### **Organization**

	<b><u>Organization Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution O-1	Designation of Depository
Resolution O-2	Investment of Funds
Resolution O-3	Payroll Authorization
Resolution O-4	Designation of Official Newspapers
Resolution O-5	Approve Membership in New Jersey School Boards Association and Bergen County School Boards Association

	<b><u>Organization Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution O-6	Approve Membership in New Jersey Association of School Business Officials and the Bergen County Association of School Business Officials
Resolution O-7	Renewal of Bond for School Business Administrator
Resolution O-8	Designation of Service Professionals
Resolution O-9	Approval Of Chapter 47 Awarded Contracts
Resolution O-10	Approval to Appoint the Following Positions
Resolution O-11	Approve Renewal of Cooperative Bidding and Right-To-Know Service Agreement with Educational Data Services Inc. for the 2022-2023 SY
Resolution O-12	Approval to Adopt Existing, Revised and New District Policies & Regulations
Resolution O-13	Appointment of the Purchasing Agent for the District from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Resolution O-14	Approval of Custodian of Government Records from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Resolution O-15	Approval Of Petty Cash Payments And Maximum Single Expenditure
Resolution O-16	Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Rates
Resolution O-17	Approval of Budget Line Transfers

## **Personnel**

	<b><u>Personnel Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution P-1	Approval of Retirements and Resignation
Resolution P-2	Approval of Substitutes
Resolution P-3	Approval of Hires
Resolution P-4	Approval of Staff/Position Reclassifications
Resolution P-5	Approval of Extra Compensation Appointments
Resolution P-6	Approval of 2022 Extended School Year Staff
Resolution P-7	Approval of Amended Sixth Period Assignment
Resolution P-8	Approval of 2022-2023 Employee Contract for the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Resolution P-9	Approval of 2022-2023 Employee Contract for the Director of Special Education
Resolution P-10	Approval of 2022-2023 Employee Contract for the Human Resources Manager
Resolution P-11	Approval of 2022-2023 Employee Contract for the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Resolution P-12	Approval of Leave of Absence for Employee #3395
Resolution P-13	Approval of Leave of Absence for Employee #3222
Resolution P-14	Approval of Amended Leave of Absence for Employee #2490

	<b><u>Personnel Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution P-15	Approval of TASA Salaries for the 2022-2023 School Year
Resolution P-16	Approval of Non-Bargaining Unit Staff Salaries for the 2022-2023 School Year
Resolution P-17	Approval of Job Descriptions

### **Administration**

	<b><u>Administration Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution A-1	Approval to Affirm the Superintendent's Decision in HIB Investigations
Resolution A-2	Approval to Affirm the Superintendent's Decision in HIB Investigation
Resolution A-3	Second Reading of Policy 2415.05, Policy 2431.4, Regulation 2431.4, Regulation 2460.30, Policy 2622, Regulation 2622, Policy 5460, Policy 5541, Policy 8465, Regulation 8465, Policy 9560

### **Curriculum**

	<b><u>Curriculum Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution C-1	Approval of Professional Development Requests

### **Special Services**

	<b><u>Special Services Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution S-1	Approval of 10 Month Programs 2021-2022

### **Finance**

	<b><u>Finance Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution F-1	Approval of Board Secretary's Report for April 2022
Resolution F-2	Approval of Treasurer's Report for April 2022
Resolution F-3	Approval of Transfers for April 2022
Resolution F-4	Approval of Bills for April 22, 2022 through May 19, 2022
Resolution F-5	Approval of Payroll for April 2022
Resolution F-6	Approval of Food Service Management Company Addendum to the Agreement Between Tenafly Board of Education and The Pomptonian, Inc.
Resolution F-7	Approval of Agreement Between Valley Medical Group and The Tenafly Board of Education for Workplace Alcohol and Drug Testing Services
Resolution F-8	Approve Donation from Grace & Love Church
Resolution F-9	Approve Donations to Smith and Stillman Schools

	<b><u>Finance Resolutions</u></b>
Resolution F-10	Approve the NY NJ Bus Charter Corporation as a Vendor
Resolution F-11	Acceptance Of The Tenafly Education Foundation (TEF) Grant
Resolution F-12	Approval to Renew CJ Vanderbeck & Sons
Resolution F-13	Approval to Renew File Bank Enterprise Document Management for the 2022-2023 School Year
Resolution F-14	Approval Of CarePlus NJ Inc. For Behavioral Healthcare Services For The 2022-2023 School Year
Resolution F-15	Approval Of The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Guide
Resolution F-16	Approval Of The District Purchasing Manual
Resolution F-17	Approval Of The Lease Of Chromebooks Through State Contract
Resolution F-18	Approval Of Continuation Of Addendum To Shared Services Agreement Between The Tenafly Board Of Education And The Borough Of Tenafly For Fiber Optic Cable Infrastructure
Resolution F-19	Approval of VMware Licenses From Dell Marketing Through State Contract
Resolution F-20	Approval Of Contract Award To Atlantic Tomorrows Office For Ricoh Copiers Through State Contract
Resolution F-21	Approve Shared Services Agreement With Alpine Board Of Education For Maintenance Support Services For 2022-2023
Resolution F-22	Approval Of Delta Dental Contract Renewal
Resolution F-23	Approval of Incident IQ Software for the 2022-2023 School Year
Resolution F-24	Approval Of Genesis Educational Services For The 2022-2023 School Year
Resolution F-25	Approval To Renew Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP
Resolution F-26	Certification of the ESSA Title I Audit (July 1, 2019-September 30, 2020) Discussion at the April 25, 2022 Board of Education Meeting, and Approve a Corrective Action Plan
Resolution F-27	Borough Tax Collector Payment Schedule
Resolution F-28	Approve Contract With Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) For Non-Public Schools (Chapter 192-193) Services For 2022-2023
Resolution F-29	Renewal Of Computer Solutions, Inc. Software Support Contract For The 2022-2023 SY
Resolution F-30	Approval of the Submission of the School District Consultations with Nonpublic Schools Regarding State-Funded Programs
Resolution F-31	Approval To Continue the Shared Service Agreement With The County Of Bergen For Vehicle Maintenance And Repair Services On An As-Needed Basis
Resolution F-32	Approval of the District Continuing the TIPS Co-Op for Facility Projects
Resolution F-33	Approval for to Purchase F5 Big-IP for Technology from SHI International

Motion to go into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

Moved: Dr. Wilderman Second: Mr. Frid

All in Favor

**Open to the Public – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session 10:30 pm**

- Comments (In-Person and Virtual)
  - No open comments.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:31 p.m.  
Moved: Mr. Salaski Second: Ms. Newman  
All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Victor Anaya*

Victor J. Anaya  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary