

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
TENAFLY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

I. Sunshine Statement/Call to Order/Roll Call

*The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. by Board President Janet Horan
who read the following statement:*

“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 were present:

Mark Aronson	Edward J. Salaski
Patricia Flynn	Michael Wilderman
Inbal Israeli Miller	Jocelyn Schwarz
Jane Juhng	Janet I. Horan
Paula Newman	

Also present:

Ms. Shauna DeMarco, Superintendent
Dr. Evelyn Mamman, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Danielle Diaz, Human Resources Manager

II. Closed Session

Be it Resolved, that the Tenafly Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Closed Session on November 9, 2020 to discuss Legal, Personnel matters 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 Closed Session at 7:24 p.m.
Moved: Ms. Schwarz Second: Ms. Flynn*

*Motion to convene from closed session at 7:59 p.m.
Moved: Ms. Miller Second: Mr. Salaski*

III. PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Ms. Horan and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

- Ms. Horan congratulated the 3 election winners for the Board of Education: Yelena Meytes, Edward Salaski and Michelle Merchant.

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Ms. Cheryl Nardino, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Danielle Diaz, Human Resources Manager
Kira Baltaytis, Sr. Student Representative
Jessica Lee, Jr. Student Representative
There were 30 participants via Zoom from the public.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comment on the budget status

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Salaski gave a brief Finance Committee Report from this evening's meeting (a full report will be given next week). The topics discussed were:

- COVID supply costs
- COVID Staffing costs

VI. UPDATES ON RELATED GROUPS

CAP Meeting

Ms. Flynn gave the following report on the virtual CAP meeting of October 26.

- The Tenafly CAP Program merged with its counterparts in Alpine and Englewood Cliffs to join resources and create one program.

- CAP has been awarded a consortium grant. That will fund **#choices** at the Elementary schools, and **Laugh until you cry** at THS (which has yet to be translated into a virtual format). Future CAP Programs are being discussed and are considering reaching out to the Senior Center. They have a program in mind called “Get Connected.”
- Janet Gould reported that students’ vaping in the bathrooms has not been a concern at this time.
- CAP will continue their work of raising awareness about the dangers of underage drinking and drug use in the wake of the recent vote to legalize marijuana (for adult use) in NJ. They discussed a PR Campaign for awareness and prevention.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT

No reports

VIII. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The following draft resolutions were recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION A-1 SECOND READING OF POLICY 2270, POLICY 3421.13, POLICY 4421.13, POLICY 5320 AND POLICY 8210

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will have the second reading of the following policies and regulations:

Policy 2270 Religion in Schools (revised)

Policy 3421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (new) for teaching staff

Policy 4421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (new) for support Staff

Policy 5320 Immunization (revised)

Policy 8210 School Year (revised)

RESOLUTION A-2 FIRST READING OF POLICY 1620, POLICY 1648.03, POLICY 2431, REGULATION 2431.1, POLICY 2464, POLICY 5330.05, REGULATION 5330.05, POLICY 6440, POLICY 6470.01, REGULATION 6470.01, POLICY 7440, POLICY 7450, POLICY 7510, POLICY 8420

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will have the first reading of the following polices and Regulation:

POLICY 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M) Revised

POLICY 1648.03 Restart and Recovery Plan – Full-Time Remote Instruction (M) New

POLICY 2431 Athletic Competition (M) Revised

REGULATION 2431.1 Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M) Revised

POLICY 2464 Gifted and Talented Students (M) Revised

POLICY 5330.05 Seizure Action Plan (M) New

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POLICY 6440 Cooperative Purchasing (M) Revised

POLICY 6470.01 Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M) New

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- POLICY 7440** School District Security (M) Revised
POLICY 7450 Property Inventory (M) Revised
POLICY 7510 Use of School Facilities (M) Revised
POLICY 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) Revised

RESOLUTION A-3 ANNUAL APPROVAL OF UNIFORM STATE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Public School District Superintendent of Schools and the Chief of the Tenafly Police Department met on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 to have an annual review of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

WHEREAS, no further recommendations for changes were deemed necessary,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenafly Board of Education approves the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement 2020-21, and that five (5) signed copies of an annual *Update Form* be forwarded to the County Superintendent of Schools for signature and forwarding to the County prosecutor for approval and processing.

RESOLUTION A-4 SCHOOL PRELIMINARY SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR DETERMINING GRADES UNDER THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve submission of the 2019-2020 New Jersey Department of Education School Preliminary Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

CURRICULUM

RESOLUTION C-1 APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED DISCOVERY PROGRAM GUIDE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the updated Discovery Program Guide to meet the requirements of the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act.

RESOLUTION C-2 APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenafly Board of Education approves the professional development requests, as per the attached report.

FINANCE

RESOLUTION F-1 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary's report for the month of October 2020 be accepted as submitted (or amended if changes are made during the meeting) and filed in the official minutes of this meeting. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, we certify that as the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected in this report and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION F-2 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2020, be accepted as submitted and filed in the official minutes of this meeting.

RESOLUTION F-3 TRANSFERS FOR OCTOBER 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves transfers for the 2020-2021 school budget in a report dated October 30, 2020, as submitted and filed in the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transfer list be attached to the official minutes of the Board.

RESOLUTION F-4 APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 14 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that bills properly certified as to validated purchase orders and receiving documentation and approved in the total sum of 6,433,507.99 for October 14 through October 31, 2020, as shown on the list of bills submitted to the Board of Education and which shall be made a part of the resolution be and hereby are approved for payment and are to be charged to the following fund accounts:

	Fund	Totals
(10)	General Fund	\$232,354.96
(11)	General Current Expense	\$5,994,812.27
(20)	Special Revenue Funds	\$173,793.06
(50)	Enterprise Fund	\$23,343.64
(60)	Trust and Agency Funds	\$9,204.06
	TOTAL	\$6,433,507.99

RESOLUTION F-5 PAYROLL FOR OCTOBER 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular payroll for October 2020 be and hereby is approved for payment as follows:

PAYROLL	
Date	Amount
10/15/20	\$2,095,010.49
10/30/20	\$2,132,617.54

RESOLUTION F-6 APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenafly Board of Education approves the participation in the New Jersey School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) to provide health benefits for school district employees for calendar year 2021 at the established rates.

RESOLUTION F-7 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING, ON FIRST READING, A REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of public hearing for the Refunding Bond Ordinance in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Question on the plan for the next phase of student instruction.

X. BOARD COMMENT

- Ms. Horan said the Restart Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow and an update will be given next week.

XI. BOARD GOALS

- The Board had a discussion on Board goals, short term and long term and possibly revising some of the language.

*Motion to go into Closed Session at 9:05 p.m.
Moved: Ms. Schwarz Second: Ms. Juhng*

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.
Moved: Mr. Aronson Second: Ms. Israeli Miller*

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Nardino
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary