



## MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION

60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Tuesday, December 1, 2022, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey.

*PLEASE NOTE: This meeting of the Mahwah Board of Education is open to members of the public to be physically present. Members of the public that attend will be asked to follow the same procedures as all other visitors to our schools. Those procedures can be found on the agenda page of our website. Additionally, the Board meeting will be live streamed for viewing purposes only. Anyone wishing to view the meeting, may do so via Zoom (<https://zoom.us>).*

President Dr. Moorthy called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Daveniero, Zaccone and Moorthy  
Messrs. Dinice, Coplin, Kezmarsky, DeSilva and Galow.

ABSENT: Dr. Park

ALSO PRESENT: Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Dennis M. Fare, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent  
Kyle J. Bleeker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Linda A. Bovino-Romeo, Ph.D., Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services  
0 members of the public attended in-person  
1 member of the public attended via Zoom

### PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of agenda of this meeting has been provided to *The Ridgewood News and The Record* specifying that the Mahwah Board of Education will meet on December 1, 2022 in the Administrative Offices Ro,60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

### MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Mr. Kezmarsky, seconded by Mr. DeSilva to open the meeting to the public.

**Motion carried 8-0 at 5:02pm.**

### AGENDA QUESTIONS

N/A

### MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Mr. Kezmarsky, seconded by Mr. Coplin to close the meeting to the public.

**Motion carried 8-0 at 5:03pm.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-DR. MICHAEL DETURO

Dr. DeTuro and Dr. Fare provided a presentation to the members of the board and public discussing and highlighting the Equity Audit Survey that will be given to Students, Staff and Parents. Various Board Members asked questions regarding the survey to which Dr. DeTuro and Dr. Fare responded.

NEW BUSINESS-OTHER

**The following resolution was moved by Mr. Galow, seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky.**

DISTRICT SURVEYS-STUDENT, STAFF, PARENT

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following surveys, as tailored based on feedback from October 2022 equity audit town hall meetings, to be disseminated and executed, as per Board of Education Policy 9560, with a due date of completion by December 20, 2022. Parents will have an opportunity to opt out their children from participating in this district survey, as they deem appropriate, based on district procedures, as communicated by their building principals. Student and parent surveys will be circulated to families, via a district e-mail communication, so that they are able to view each survey in full prior to making a decision to either opt out their child(ren) or participate in this district survey:

- Student Survey
  - Grades K-6 Student Survey will be administered to students in school
  - Grades 7-12 Student Survey will be disseminated to students via district e-mail, with an option to complete within school hours
- Staff Survey
  - Staff Survey will be disseminated to staff members via e-mail
- Parent/Community/Alumni Survey
  - Parent/Community/Alumni Survey will be disseminated to parents via e-mail

**ROLL CALL VOTE on the above resolutions. Motion carried 7-1. Mr. Coplin voted no.**

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Mr. Kezmarsky, seconded by Mr. DeSilva to open the meeting to the public.

**Motion carried 8-0 at 5:40pm.**

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Mr. Kezmarsky, seconded by Mr. Galow to close the meeting to the public.

**Motion carried 8-0 at 5:40pm.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Coplin, seconded by Mr. Kezmarsky to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried 8-0 at 5:42pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Kyle J. Bleeker  
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary