

**RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Oakland, New Jersey**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
March 31, 2020  
Electronic Public Meeting**

Roll Call – Special Public Meeting

Upon roll call at 7:08 P.M. Board members responded as follows: Mmes. Kilday, Laforgia, Sullivan, and Zammitti Shaw. Messrs. Becker, Butto, Carolan, Fortunato, and Kinney. Mrs. Beverly MacKay, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Frank C. Ceurvels, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and Mr. Stephen Fogarty, Board Counsel; were also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:08 P.M. Mr. Kinney announced that due to the current State of Emergency, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, this Meeting was posted and published as a remote meeting. He read a public statement advising the public to be aware that employees of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. Mr. Kinney further stated that the Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

Mr. Kinney welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and wished all families good health. He stated that tonight's meeting is the District's first virtual meeting as we are all doing our part to flatten the curve. He stated that this Special Public Meeting was scheduled this evening to discuss the proposed revisions to the 2019-20 Student Calendar to promote the social distancing requirement imposed by the State.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Moved by KILDAY Seconded BUTTO to open the meeting to public discussion.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the proposed revisions to the 2019-20 Student Calendar – shortening the April Spring Recess and revising the date of the June 2020 Graduation Ceremonies.

Members of the public thanked the administrators and staff for their exemplary communications to students and parents during the virtual learning days.

- B. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded KILDAY to close public discussion and to re-enter the Special Public Meeting.

**OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mrs. MacKay thanked the parents who expressed their support or concerns regarding the proposed revisions to the 2019-20 Student Calendar. Mrs. MacKay also thanked all District staff for the incredible job they have done during the past three weeks and continue to do each day.

Mrs. MacKay also discussed the proposed revisions to the Student Calendar. She stated that after hearing the comments made by the public, the date of graduation can remain on June 23 and the last day of school for students can be scheduled on June 16, 2020. She also stated that members of the RIHEA support revising the Spring Break from five days to three days to maintain the continuity of instruction.

Board discussion followed regarding the proposed revisions to the 2019-20 Student Calendar.

**ACTION ITEMS - ✓ = Yes**

The following motion was approved by roll call: E1

Moved by: BECKER

Seconded: KILDAY

### **EDUCATION**

E1. To amend, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the 2019-20 Student Calendar, and further to amend the date of the Graduation Ceremonies from June 16, 2020 to June 23, 2020.

E1

RC): Becker ✓, Butto ✓, Carolan ✓, Fortunato ✓, Laforgia ✓, Sullivan NO, Zammitti Shaw ✓, Kilday ✓, Kinney ✓

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded FORTUNATO to open the meeting to public discussion.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding the revisions made to the 2019-20 Student Calendar.

Members of the public expressed their appreciation for all the teachers are doing for their students. Mrs. MacKay thanked the parents for their comments.

B. Moved by KILDAY Seconded CAROLAN to close public discussion and to re-enter the Special Public Meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Kilday stated that a Personnel/Goals/Evaluation Committee Meeting will be scheduled on either April 6 or April 7.

Mrs. Zammitti Shaw stated that a Policy Committee Meeting will be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Becker stated that an Education Committee Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 2, 8 A.M.

Mr. Fortunato stated that a Facilities Committee Meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 13.

Mr. Butto stated that a Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled on April 1.

### **ANTICIPATED FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Mr. Kinney announced anticipated future meeting dates as follows:

Monday, April 13, 2020, Action/Work Session, Location To Be Determined, 8 P.M.

Monday, April 27, 2020, Budget Public Hearing/Regular Public Meeting, Location To Be Determined, 8 P.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by FORTUNATO

Seconded: CAROLAN to adjourn at 9:05 P.M.