

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY 07722

Mission Statement

The mission of Colts Neck Township Schools is to empower and inspire students to be confident, creative, self-sufficient learners who maximize their strengths and talents and contribute as responsible participants in their ever expanding world.

MINUTES: For the Meeting of the Board of Education, **July 10, 2024**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 70 Conover Road, Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722

2023-2024 Colts Neck Township Schools District Goals

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - To implement supplemental intervention programs designed specifically to target areas of student performance in language arts and mathematics for the purpose of yielding results on 2024 Spring NJSLA that restore all tested grade level scores to 2019 pre-pandemic scores or above.

COMMUNITY & COMMUNICATIONS - Design and coordinate opportunities for the district to interact and communicate with parents and the community at large for purposes of enhancing the district's public relations and parent engagement.

FACILITIES: Continue efforts to provide additional outdoor and indoor spaces to support student learning and the overall development of the whole child.

STAFF ENGAGEMENT: Increase and enhance opportunities for staff to participate and contribute to decisions directly impacting them and their work environment.

Public Participation

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. Public participation is governed under District Policy 0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings as follows:

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. *A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;*
2. *Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration;*
3. *No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; and only then if time constraints and/or the presiding officer allow.*
4. *All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer; and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member or Superintendent shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member or Superintendent;*
5. *It is the expectation of the Board that communications between participants and the Board will remain positive and focused around the best interest of the student(s) and the district as a whole. All communications from all stakeholders shall be conducted with mutual respect and civility. The Board will not condone communications and interactions that can be perceived as harassing, insulting, threatening, or lacking in respect or civility.*

The presiding officer may:

- a. *Interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy;*
- b. *Interrupt and/or warn a participant when the statement, question, or inquiry is abusive, obscene, or may*

- be defamatory;*
- c. *Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;*
- d. *Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with a meeting;*
- e. *Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting; and*
- f. *Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or to maintain an orderly operation of the Board meeting.*

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Vincent S. Marasco, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at 6:30 p.m. Three members of the public were in attendance.

ROLL CALL

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Board Members Present: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

Board Members Absent: Brenna Dillon

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, this meeting has been duly advertised in the Asbury Park Press in a schedule of meetings dated January 11, 2024 notice of which has been filed with the Deputy Clerk for Colts Neck Township and the requirements of posting of notices have been met.

FLAG SALUTE

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Mr. Marasco led the Flag Salute.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (N.J.S.A 18A:15-1)

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VICE PRESIDENT

1. Mr. Marasco opened the floor for nominations for the office of President.

Vincent Rugnetta nominated Jessica Ramirez for President. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Marasco closed the floor to nominations for President. Mr. Marasco then called for a roll call vote for the nomination of Jessica Ramirez as President.

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

Mr. Marasco announced that the motion was carried in the affirmative.

2. Board President Jessica Ramirez opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Kevin Walsh nominated Vincent Rugnetta for Vice President. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Marasco closed the floor to nominations for Vice President. Mr. Marasco then called for a roll call vote for the nomination of Vincent Rugnetta as Vice President.

Yes: Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: Alsion DeNoia

Absent: Brenna Dillon

Mr. Marasco announced that the motion was carried in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. It was moved by Vincent Rugnetta, seconded by Kevin Walsh and carried on a roll call vote to approve the Board minutes of the following Meetings:

Meeting
April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
April 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez (4/10/24 and 4/24/24 Regular), Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Abstain: Jessica Ramirez (4/10/24 Executive)

PRESENTATION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

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None

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT – Jessica Ramirez

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Ramirez expressed her gratitude for the Board's support and confidence in nominating her as Board President. Extended congratulations to Vincent Rugnetta on his election as Vice President. This new role is not one that she anticipated but the passing of Mr. Camera has brought us to this movement. She is honored to step into this role; she has always and continues to act as her own Board Member, serving with dedication and integrity. Her commitment remains steadfast in ensuring that the Board operates in transparency and effectively for the betterment of our students and community. She is committed to continue working collaboratively with the Board, the Administration and the community to continue our mission of providing the best education for our students.
- The Board will be moving forward with the process of filling the board Vacancy. On July 31st the Board will conduct interviews with an anticipated appointment of our new board member at the August 14th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Buildings & Grounds/Safety & Security Committee:

Chairperson: Kevin Walsh

Committee Members: Brenna Dillon, Jason Orrico, Vincent Rugnetta

Administrator: Vincent Marasco

- Kevin Walsh - noted he is planning a tour of the facilities with committee members sometime in August.

Communications Committee:

Chairperson: Vincent Rugnetta

Committee Members: Amy Dimes, Jessica Ramirez, Angelique Volpe

Administrator: Philip J. Capasso III

- No Report

Curriculum Committee:

Chairperson: Jessica Ramirez

Committee Members: Amy Dimes, Vincent Rugnetta, Kevin Walsh

Administrator: Dr. Erica Reynolds

- No Report

Finance/Negotiations Committee:

Chairperson: Jason Orrico

Committee Members: Alison DeNoia, Kevin Walsh, Vacancy

Administrator: Vincent Marasco

- No Report

Policy Committee:

Chairperson: Jessica Ramirez
Committee Members: Alison DeNoia, Jason Orrico, Angelique Volpe
Administrator: Dr. MaryJane Garibay

- No Report

Advocacy & Government Relations Committee:

Chairperson: Angelique Volpe
Committee Members: Brenna Dillon, Jessica Ramirez, Vacancy
Co-Administrators: Dr. MaryJane Garibay and Dr. Richard Beck

- No Report

Ad-Hoc Committee for the Arts, Sports, & Extracurricular Activities:

Chairperson: Vincent Rugnetta
Committee Members: Brenna Dillon, Jessica Ramirez, Kevin Walsh
Administrator: Dr. MaryJane Garibay

- No Report

Board Member Liaisons:

Brenna Dillon - Parent Advisory Committee

- No Report

Amy Dimes - Colts Neck PTO

- School Supply Fundraiser recently took place

Vacancy - Colts Neck Township Committee

- The Committee's meeting is this evening
- Wonderful July 4th event was held on July 3rd.
- Summer concert series is underway; three concerts this month.
- August 6th is National Night Out.

Kevin Walsh - Colts Neck Township Senior Citizens

- No Report

State & County School Boards Association Representative:

Angelique Volpe - No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Garibay reported:

- Summer Bridge Program, ESY and Colts Neck Recreation Camp are all running at this time.
- Summer Assignments are posted on the district website. Questions should be addressed to Dr. Reynolds.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The Superintendent will report on investigations of incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying (“HIB”) occurring during the following period:

SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT ON
INVESTIGATIONS OF
HIB INCIDENTS

Period	Number of Investigations Reported	Number of Incidents HIB Was Found to Occur
6/16/24 - 6/30/24	1	TBD

COMMENTS FROM ATTENDING CONSTITUENTS – ALL SUBJECTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. It was moved by Vincent Rugnetta, seconded by Jason Orrico and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the acceptance of the Superintendent’s Action for the following HIB incidents as reported to the Board and amended at its meeting of June 26, 2024 for the period commencing May 1, 2024 through May 15, 2024 wherein four (4) incidents were reported and four (4) incidents of HIB was found to occur, as indicated below*:

AFFIRMATION OF
SUPERINTENDENT’S
ACTION

HIB Incident No.	Location
2023-05	Cedar Drive Middle School
2023-06	Cedar Drive Middle School

*Note: HIB Incidents 2023-03 and 2023-04 reported at the 5/29/24 meeting and amended affirmation at the June 26, 2024 meeting.

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

2. It was moved by Vincent Rugnetta, seconded by Jason Orrico and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the acknowledgement that there is no Superintendent’s Action for HIB/Non-HIB investigations, as reported and amended at its meeting of June 26, 2024, for the period commencing May 16, 2024 through May 31, 2024 wherein no incidents were reported.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF NO ACTION BY
SUPERINTENDENT

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

3.

It was moved by Vincent Rugnetta, seconded by Jason Orrico and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the acknowledgement that there is no Superintendent's Action for HIB/Non-HIB investigations, as reported at its meeting of June 26, 2024, for the period commencing June 1, 2024 through June 15, 2024 wherein no incidents were reported.
- ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF NO ACTION BY
SUPERINTENDENT

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

4.

MULTI-YEAR PLAN EXTENSION
- MULTI-YEAR PLAN
EXTENSION

It was moved by Vincent Rugnetta, seconded by Jason Orrico and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan be extended through the 2024-2025 school year, as per the New Jersey Department of Education Broadcast of July 3, 2024 as indicated below:

Comprehensive Equity Plan

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/SAFETY AND SECURITY

1.

It was moved by Kevin Walsh, seconded by Vincent Rugnetta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the appointment of all ten (10) month staff members for the 2024-25 school year, as employee volunteers for the period commencing July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.
- VOLUNTEERS

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

2. It was moved by Kevin Walsh, seconded by Vincent Rugnetta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the appointment of non-employee volunteers for the period commencing July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024. Said list of non-employee volunteers is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.
- NON-EMPLOYEE
VOLUNTEERS

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

CURRICULUM

1. It was moved by Amy Dimes, seconded by Alison DeNoia and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the reimbursable expenses in accordance with Policy #6471/Regulation #6471. [\(Attachment # C-1\)](#)
- REIMBURSABLE
EXPENSES

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

2. It was moved by Amy Dimes, seconded by Alison DeNoia and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the evaluation model for administrative and teaching staff members for the 2024-2025 school year, as indicated below:
- ADMINISTRATIVE AND
TEACHER
EVALUATIONS:
NJPEPL/MPPR,
DANIELSON 2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR

NJPEPL/MPPR (Administration Evaluation Mode)
Danielson Framework for Teaching (District’s Teacher Evaluation Model)

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

FINANCE

1. It was moved by Amy Dimes, seconded by Alison DeNoia and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to approve the second year contract with Custom Care Services, Inc., Wall, NJ 07719, for Lawn Maintenance Services as provided for in the 2022 awarded bid specifications, for a total amount not to exceed \$67,630.
(a/c# 11-000-263-420-000-262-0)
- APPROVE
CONTRACT WITH
CUSTOM CARE
SERVICES, INC. -
LAWN
MAINTENANCE

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

POLICY

None

NEGOTIATIONS

None

TRANSPORTATION

None

PERSONNEL

None

NEW BUSINESS/WORK SESSION AGENDA

- Amy Dimes requested that the Board resume reading the Mission Statement at the beginning of each meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION (N.J.S.A. 10:4-9,12)

No Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Amy Dimes, seconded by Vincent Rugnetta and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn the meeting.

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jason Orrico, Jessica Ramirez, Vincent Rugnetta, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon

REFERENCE SHEET	
Attachment # C-1	Reimbursable Expenses

BOARD MEETINGS*		
July 31, 2024	September 11, 2024	October 30, 2024
August 14, 2024	September 25, 2024	November 13, 2024
August 28, 2024	October 9, 2024	December 11, 2024
December 18, 2024		January 8, 2025 @ 6:00 (Organization Meeting)

* All Regular Board Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building unless otherwise noted and advertised.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vincent S. Marasco
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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary