

**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 Special Meeting of the Board of Education, August 8, 2024, at 6:00 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**

President Jessica Ramirez called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Brenna Dillon, Jason Orrico, Vincent Rugnetta

**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 and August 8, 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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President Jessica Ramirez led the Flag Salute

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT – Mrs. Jessica Ramirez**

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

No Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

No Report

**COMMENTS FROM ATTENDING CONSTITUENTS – ALL SUBJECTS**

None

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

At approximately 6:15 p.m President Ramirez announced that the Board would move into Executive Session for approximately one (1) hour to discuss the Board of Education

Vacancy. She further announced that action would not be taken afterwards and articulated that Executive discussion may be disclosed upon future resolution.

It was moved by Angelique Volpe, seconded by Kevin Walsh and carried on a unanimous roll call vote in the affirmative to move into Executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:19pm, it was moved by Angelique Volpe, seconded by Kevin Walsh and carried on a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn the meeting.

Yes: Alison DeNoia, Amy Dimes, Jessica Ramirez, Angelique Volpe and Kevin Walsh

No: None

Absent: Brenna Dillon, Jason Orrico, Vincent Rugnetta

REFERENCE SHEET		
BOARD MEETINGS*		
August 14, 2024	September 25, 2024	November 13, 2024
August 28, 2024	October 9, 2024	December 11, 2024
September 11, 2024	October 30, 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.

2024		
Thursday	August 29	New Student Orientations: CRPS: 9:30 AM CRES: 11:00 AM CDMS: 1:00 PM
Thursday	August 29	Kindergarten Play Date / CRPS: 1:30 PM
Monday	September 2	Labor Day Recess/ Schools/Central Office Closed
Tuesday	September 3	Schools Closed for Students/Staff Orientation Day - All Schools / Departments
Wednesday	September 4	School Closed for Students / Professional Development Day for Staff
Wednesday	September 4	CRPS Preschool Orientation: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Thursday	September 5	First Day of School for Students
Tuesday	September 10	Back-To-School Night Conover Road Elementary School
Thursday	September 12	Back-To-School Night Conover Road Primary School
Thursday	September 26	Back-To-School Night Cedar Drive Middle School
Thursday - Friday	October 3-4	Rosh Hashanah - Schools/Central Office Closed

Monday	October 14	Columbus Day - School Closed for Students / Professional Day / Full Day for Staff
Monday	October 21	Short Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)
Tuesday	October 22	Short Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)
Wednesday	October 23	Short Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)
Thursday	October 24	Short Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon & Evening)
Friday	October 25	Short Session Day – Students and Staff
Thursday-Friday	November 7-8	NJEA Convention – Schools/Central Office Closed
Wednesday	November 27	Short Session Day for Students and Staff
Thursday-Friday	November 28-29	Thanksgiving Recess – Schools/Central Office Closed
Friday	December 20	Short Session Day - Students and Staff - Start Winter Recess
Monday-Tuesday	December 23-31	Winter Recess – Schools/Central Office Closed
<b>2025</b>		
Wednesday	January 1	Winter Recess - Schools/Central Office Closed
Thursday	January 2	Schools Reopen for Students and Staff
Monday	January 20	Martin L. King's Birthday – Schools Closed for Students Professional Development Day – Full Day for Staff
Thursday	February 13	Short Session Day for Students Full Day for Staff with In-Service After Student Dismissal
Friday - Monday	February 14 - 17	Presidents' Day Weekend – Schools/Central Office Closed
Wednesday	February 26	Short Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)
Thursday	February 27	Short Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon & Evening)
Friday	February 28	Short Session Day – Students & Staff
Friday	April 11	Short Session Day - Students & Staff - Start of Spring Recess
Monday - Monday	April 14 - April 21	Spring Recess – Schools/Central Office Closed
Tuesday	April 22	Schools Reopen
Friday	May 23	Short Session Day for Students Full Day for Staff with In-Service After Student Dismissal
Monday	May 26	Memorial Day - Schools/Central Office Closed
Monday	June 23	Short Session Day for Students / Full Day for Staff
Tuesday	June 24	Last Day of School - Short Session Day for Students and Staff

Respectfully Submitted,

*MaryJane Garibay*

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Superintendent of Schools