



## MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION

60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING / BOARD RETREAT OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. No action was taken at this meeting.

### CALL TO ORDER

President Moorthy called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mmes. Daveniero, Jansen and Moorthy  
Messrs. Coplin, Dinice, Galow, Hughes

ABSENT: Mssrs. DeSilva and Kezmarsky

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Michael DeTuro, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Dennis M. Fare, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas J. Lambe, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services  
Jodie Craft, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Jeanne Cleary, NJSBA Field Services Representative  
Zero (0) member of the public attended in-person  
Zero (0) 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 August 1, 2024, in the T3 Building, SO Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

### MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Coplin seconded by Mr. Galow to open the meeting to the public for comments.

**Motion carried 7-0 at 9:05 am**

### MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Coplin seconded by Mr. Galow to close the meeting to the public for comments.

**Motion carried 7-0 at 9:05 am**

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DR. PREMA MOORTHY

Dr. Moorthy led the Board and Administrative team on a discussion about the referendum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. MICHAEL DETURO

Dr. DeTuro welcomed the Members of the Board to the 2025 Board retreat and thanked them for their participation and support throughout the year. He then led them through a review and discussion about the Strategic Plan.

Dr. DeTuro then welcomed Ms. Jeanne Cleary from NJ School Boards Association, who led the Board and the Administrative team through a discussion about the referendum.

Next, Dr. DeTuro welcomed, Renee Janowicz, from Laura Bishop Communications, who joined the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Janowicz led the board through a discussion about communications for the referendum.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Galow seconded by Ms. Dinice to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried 7-0 at 12:40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Lambe  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary