



MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Wednesday, January 07, 2026, 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>).

CALL TO ORDER

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Katherine A. Hiromoto called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Hiromoto read the following 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 January 07, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF ELECTION by Board Secretary

* The official results of the November 04, 2025, election are as follows:

- Candidates (Three-year term)
 - Christopher Hughes 4,784 votes
 - Stephen Huston 4,495 votes
 - Prema Moorthy 4,981 votes

OATH OF OFFICE administered to newly elected Board Members by Board Secretary

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Ting Jansen, Daveniero, and Dr. Moorthy
Messrs. Coplin, DeSilva, Hughes, Huston, and Galow

ABSENT: Messrs. Kezmarsky

ALSO PRESENT: Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Dennis M. Fare, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services
Jodi Craft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT conducted by Board Secretary

Mr. DeSilva nominated Dr. Moorthy.

No other nominations were made.

ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

Dr. Moorthy accepted gavel and presides over remainder of meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Galow nominated Mr. DeSilva.

No other nominations were made.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

NOMINATIONS FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. DeSilva nominated Mr. Kezmarsky.

No other nominations were made.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

BOE REMARKS

Board President Prema Moorthy thanked the Board for her re-election as a Board Member and as President. She expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the confidence placed in her and stated that she is humbled and honored to continue serving in this role. She noted how proud she is to work with such a collaborative and dedicated Board and thanked all members for their service to the District.

President Moorthy also acknowledged the strong partnership between the Board and the administrative team and stated that she looks forward to continuing to work with Dr. DeTuro, Dr. Fare, Mrs. Craft, Ms. Rizzo, and Ms. Hiromoto in the coming year. She concluded by thanking her family for their continued support of her service to the community.

Board Member Christopher Hughes thanked the citizens of Mahwah for entrusting him with another term on the Board of Education. He stated that he is honored to continue serving the students, families, and taxpayers of the

community. He also expressed appreciation to his family and friends for their continued support and encouragement.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Galow to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:13 p.m.

AGENDA QUESTIONS

There were no questions about the agenda.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Hughes to close the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:14 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Resolutions for Appointments 1-21 were moved by Mrs. Ting Jansen and seconded by Mr. Coplin.

1. School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Katherine A. Hiromoto as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

2. Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent

RESOLVED: the Board of Education approves the following resolution, effective 10/21/2025:

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 provides that a Board of Education shall assign the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board of Education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids, and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold (currently \$53,000), may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by Board Resolution; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-37C provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$7,950) may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by Board Resolution;

Whereas, LFN 2012-9, 2012-17 and 2014-17 provides that if the office of the purchasing agent (who holds a QPA certification) becomes vacant, a local contracting unit may appoint a person who does not hold a QPA certification as a Temporary Purchasing Agent for one year from the date of the

vacancy, and, with permission of the Superintendent of Schools, for a second one year appointment. During the term of the appointment of a Temporary Purchasing Agent, a contracting unit's bid threshold may remain at the maximum amount allowed.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Mahwah Board of Education, pursuant to the statutes and local finance notices cited above, hereby appoints Katherine A. Hiromoto, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as its duly authorized Qualified Purchasing Agent and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility, and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Mahwah School District; and

Be it further resolved, Katherine A. Hiromoto is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Mahwah Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the Bid Threshold (currently \$7,950) without soliciting competitive quotations; and

Be it further resolved, Katherine A. Hiromoto is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable, when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold (currently (\$7,950) but less than the bid threshold of \$53,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4 and LFN 2012-9, 2012-17 and 2014-17, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Katherine A. Hiromoto, the Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and LFN 2012-9, 2012-17 and 2014-17, for those purchases that do not exceed the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

3. School Board Attorney

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints the law firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP of Florham Park, New Jersey to serve as legal counsel for the school district; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

4. School Board Attorney

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints the law firm of Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC of Lyndhurst, New Jersey to serve as legal counsel for the school district for Special Education and other legal matters on an as-needed basis from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

5. School Board Attorney – for Region I Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints the law firm of Fogarty & Hara of Fair Lawn, New Jersey to serve as legal counsel for the Region I Northwest Bergen Council for Special Education; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

6. Treasurer of School Monies

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Philip H. Nisonoff, Ed.D., as Treasurer of School Monies; through June 30, 2026.

7. Auditor

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Nisivoccia, LLP, of Mt. Arlington, New Jersey, as auditor for the 2026-2027 school year.

8. District Architect

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Tokarski Millemann Architects, LLC, Brick, New Jersey, as architect of record for the purpose of additions, alterations, and improvements, to serve as financial advisor; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

9. District Architect/Engineer

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints LAN Associates, Midland Park, New Jersey, as architect/engineer of record, for the purpose of additions, alterations, and improvements, from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

10. Insurance Consultant – Risk Manager

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints the firm of Professional Insurance Associates of Carlstadt, New Jersey, as insurance consultant and risk manager to serve as financial advisor; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

11. School Board Attorney – Bond Counsel

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. of Woodbridge, New Jersey to serve as bond counsel for the school district on an as-needed basis from January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

12. Professional Services Contract

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves a professional services contract with Acrisure LLC dba IMAC Insurance Agency to be the broker of record for Health Benefits for the District; medical, prescription and dental, to serve as financial advisor; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

13. Financial Advisor

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education appoint Phoenix Advisors, of Bordentown, New Jersey to serve as financial advisors; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

14. Affirmative Action Officer

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Dr. Dennis M. Fare, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey, as Affirmative Action Officer; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

15. Title IX Coordinator

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Dr. Dennis M. Fare, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey, as Title IX Coordinator; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

16. District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services, Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road Mahwah, New Jersey, to the position of District Anti-Bullying Coordinator; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

17. Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Katherine A. Hiromoto as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Mahwah Board of Education and to serve in such capacity; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1.

18. Abused, Neglected, Missing, and Homeless Children Liaison

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services, Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey, to the position of Abused, Neglected, Missing, and Homeless Children Liaison; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

19. Section 504 Compliance Officer

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Dr. Dennis M. Fare, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey, as Section 504 Compliance Officer; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

20. ADA Coordinator

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education appoints Gregory Romero, Jr., Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey, as ADA Coordinator; from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

21. Custodian of District Records

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby designates Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the Custodian of District Records under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (P.L. 2001, Chapter 404); from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions for Appointments 1-21.

Motion Appointments 1-21 carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

APPROVALS

Resolution for Approvals 10 was moved by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Hughes.

Resolutions for Approvals 1-26, excluding Approvals 10, were moved by Mr. Galow and seconded by Mr. Hughes.

1. Depository of School Funds

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to use TD Bank for the deposit of school funds and continues the practice of having the Board President, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, and/or the Board Secretary as those persons authorized to sign school warrants.

2. Custodial and Investment Services

RESOLVED, that the Mahwah Board of Education authorizes the use of TD Wealth/Pershing to provide custodial and non-discretionary investment services for District funds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37 and authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any necessary related agreements.

3. Re-adoption of Existing Bylaws, Policies and Regulations

RESOLVED: that the newly organized Board of Education re-adopts all existing Bylaws, Policies and Regulations as described in the current manuals of Bylaws, Policies and Regulations.

4. Naming of Official Newspapers

RESOLVED: that the newly organized Board of Education names The Ridgewood News and The Record as official newspapers in which to advertise Board notices.

5. Signature Facsimiles

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education's practice of using facsimile signatures, for the purpose of signing checks, be continued for the Board President and Board Secretary.

6. Organizational Chart

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the Organizational Chart for the 2026 – 2027 school year (Policy 1110).

7. Job Descriptions

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves all Mahwah Township Public Schools' job descriptions for the 2026-2027 school year (Regulation 1400).

8. Policy 8330

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:3-6-3(a) 2, acknowledges the following language on student records in Policy 8330:

“Mandated student records are those records school districts have been directed to compile by State statute, regulations, or authorized administrative directive in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3.

Permitted student records are those student records not mandated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, but authorized by the Board to promote the student's educational welfare. The Board shall authorize the permitted records to be collected by adopting Policy and Regulation 8330, which will list such permitted records.”

9. Approval of Parliamentary Procedure

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Township Board of Education hereby approves the use of Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary authority governing deliberation and debate, to ensure meetings are conducted in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner during the 2026 Calendar Year, unless otherwise required by law or Board policy.

10. Board Member Code of Ethics

RESOLVED: that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1 and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves that the Board adopts the following Board Member Code of Ethics:

Board Member Code of Ethics

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
3. I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning, and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information

and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.

8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

11. Continued Implementation of the School Budget

RESOLVED, that the Mahwah Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and School Business Administrator to continue to implement the school budget from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

12. Uniform Chart of Accounts

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education hereby approves the use of the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2 and in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027, unless otherwise required by law.

13. Procurement of Goods and Services through New Jersey State Contracts

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10 provides that, a board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and

WHEREAS, the Mahwah Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Mahwah Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

14. Procurement of Goods and Services through the Various Educational Services Commissions in the State of New Jersey

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Morris Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Hunterdon County Education Services, Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission, and Camden County Education Services Commission– the “Lead Agency”, has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchases of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Mahwah Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for the provision and performance of goods and services with various Educational Services Commissions in New Jersey from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

15. Authorization of Payment of Bills between Board Meetings

WHEREAS, prompt payment to vendors for goods and/or services leads to more effective competitive bidding and provision of services; and

WHEREAS, Title 18A:19-2 permits a Board of Education to designate a person to approve the payment of claims between meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, it is in the District's best interest to take advantage of discounts and to avoid the payment of late fees;

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to make payments between Board meetings for all claims that have been duly audited under the provisions of 18A:19-3 & 4; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator shall present a listing of all bills paid under this provision for approval at the Board's next regular meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED: that this authorization is in effect from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

16. Authorization of Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT)

RESOLVED: that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be responsible to initiate a claim for payment using an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) method that has been approved in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1 et seq. and Policy and Regulation 6470.01 and to make the payment once authorization is granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee, not under the direct supervision of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, shall be responsible to review and authorize, in writing, the EFT payment of claim using an EFT technology that was initiated and presented by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that an employee, Board President, or other individual who is not under the direct supervision of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be responsible to review all EFT weekly Activity Reports on all EFT-based transactions.

17. Transfer Authority between Board Meetings

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby designates the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as approver of such line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings and that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified, and duly recorded in the minutes of such meeting, not less than monthly, as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 amended, for the 2026 calendar year.

18. Authorize Agents for Requesting Federal and State Funds

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes Michael DeTuro, the Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Fare, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Katherine A. Hiromoto, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, or their designees, to serve as the Board's agents to request State and Federal funds under the existing State and Federal Laws from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027, or until such time as this board amends the same.

19. Accounting, Payroll, and Personnel Software Systems

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the software support renewal with Computer Solutions Inc. to provide backup and software support for the accounting, payroll, and personnel software and cloud monthly access service for the 2025-2027 school year.

20. Student Information Systems (SIS)

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the use of Realtime Information Technology, Inc. for the 2025-2027 school year for the Student Information System.

21. Section 125 Plan Administrator

RESOLVED: that, the Mahwah Board of Education hereby approves Horizon to perform administrative services in conjunction with the District's Section 125 Plan benefits, including the Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) for medical and dependent care expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this approval shall be in effect from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027, unless otherwise required by law.

22. 403(b)& 457(b) Plan Providers

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education approves US OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services as the Third-Party Administrator of the listed 403(b) and 457(b) Participating Investment Providers from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

403(b) Participating Investment Providers

- American Century Services LLC
- Ameriprise Financial/RiverSource
- Corebridge Financial (formerly AIG/VALIC)
- Equitable (formerly AXA)

- Lincoln Investment Planning
- Orion Portfolio Solutions, LLC (Formerly FTJ FundChoice)
- ROTH- American Century Services LLC
- ROTH-Corebridge Financial (formerly AXA)
- ROTH-Equitable (formerly AXA)
- ROTH-Lincoln Investment
- ROTH-Security Benefit
- Security Benefit

457(b) Participating Investment Providers

- Equitable (formerly AXA)
- Security Benefit

23. Disability Insurance Plans

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Mahwah Board of Education hereby approves Prudential Insurance as the District's disability insurance provider from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

24. Life Insurance Plans

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Mahwah Board of Education hereby approves Prudential Insurance as the District's life insurance provider from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

25. Readoption of Curriculum

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education move that all current written curriculum, courses, textbooks, workbooks, and ancillary materials of the District, on file in the office of the Director of Curriculum & Instruction from the reorganization meeting in January 2026 to the reorganization meeting in January 2027.

26. Approval of All Handbooks

RESOLVED: that all present handbooks be continued in effect until modified upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution for Approvals 10.

Motion Approvals 10 carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions for Approvals 1-26, excluding Approvals 10.

Motion Approvals 1-26, excluding Approvals 10, carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

MOTION TO ADJOURN REORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion by Mr. DeSilva and seconded by Mr. Coplin to adjourn the reorganization meeting.

Motion carried at 7:17 p.m. The reorganization meeting was adjourned.



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CALL TO ORDER

President Dr. Moorthy called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Ting Jansen, Daveniero, and Dr. Moorthy
Messrs. Coplin, DeSilva, Hughes, Huston, and Galow

ABSENT: Messrs. Kezmarsky

ALSO PRESENT: Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Dennis M. Fare, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services
Jodi Craft, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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 January 7, 2026, in the gymnasium at Lenape Meadows Elementary School, 160 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Galow and seconded by Mr. DeSilva to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:20 p.m.

AGENDA QUESTIONS

There were no questions about the agenda.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to close the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 7:20 p.m.

MAHWAH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The Student Representative reported that Mahwah High School's Elf Day was canceled this year due to a snow day. She also shared that winter sports are currently in season and performing well, and announced that the Senior Talent Show will be held on Friday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMBINED REPORT – DR. MICHAEL DETURO AND DR. DENNIS M. FARE

The Superintendent reported that preliminary architectural renderings of the proposed referendum projects have been shared with the Board and the community to help communicate the scope of the improvements being considered across the District. He also announced that the official referendum logo has been finalized and will be used on informational and outreach materials leading up to the March 10, 2026 referendum.

The Assistant Superintendent reported that the District is planning approximately 20 informational sessions to provide the community with clear and accurate information about the proposed referendum. These sessions will include project overviews and opportunities for questions and discussion and will be held throughout the District to maximize community participation. He also noted that the informational materials will be available at Board members' places and posted on the District website and referendum information page.

He further explained that the March 10, 2026, referendum will be presented as two separate questions: Question 1 addressing districtwide maintenance and infrastructure needs, and Question 2 addressing larger building additions and programmatic enhancements, with materials aligned to the final project renderings.

The Superintendent reported that the architect has incorporated feedback from the Board of Education into the project design. He explained that the proposed new gymnasium at Mahwah High School would be located near the existing tennis courts, allowing for efficient use of space and alignment with the current campus layout. He noted that the new gymnasium is designed to accommodate approximately 1,000 spectators and would include a main court, training room, team rooms, and locker rooms.

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed additional architectural renderings that highlight the window design and side façade of the high school, as well as the visual connection between the exterior and the lobby leading to the auditorium. He explained that the design emphasizes natural light, visibility, and functionality, creating an open and welcoming lobby space with a capacity of approximately 900 people.

The Superintendent reported that the auditorium project would include new seating to improve comfort and accessibility, along with upgrades to the stage and proscenium. He also noted that lighting and sound systems would be modernized to better support performances and assemblies. In addition, he reviewed turf field renderings showing proposed improvements, including new perimeter fencing, upgraded LED lighting, and the proposed location of the field within the existing site.

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed updated renderings for Betsy Ross School and explained that labels were

added to make the plans clearer based on Board feedback. He noted that Question 1 addresses required upgrades, repairs, and replacements, while Question 2 includes the addition of turf and field lighting at the Ramapo Ridge soccer field, as well as a new gymnasium, library/media center, music room, and small-group instruction classrooms. He added that the updated turf field rendering more clearly shows the placement of the field, lighting, and fencing, helping to better communicate the full scope of the project.

The Superintendent reviewed exterior and interior renderings for the proposed Betsy Ross School gymnasium. He noted that the exterior design aligns with the existing building's architectural style, includes a potential outdoor learning space, and features a defined ribbon of windows to enhance natural light and design cohesion. He added that the interior is designed to be flexible for physical education, assemblies, and community use, with finishes and features intended to create a functional and welcoming environment.

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed renderings for the George Washington School projects. He described the proposed library/media center as a flexible, modern learning space designed to support collaboration, independent study, and small-group instruction, noting that the design remains largely unchanged from earlier plans. He explained that Question 1 includes essential infrastructure improvements such as window replacements, boiler upgrades, and exterior brick repointing, while Question 2 includes the construction of a new gymnasium.

He further reviewed exterior and interior gymnasium renderings, noting that the addition would be located to maintain campus flow while expanding usable space, and that the interior design would provide a large, open, and flexible area for physical education, assemblies, and events, including the addition of a stage to support school and community use.

The Superintendent reported that the District has scheduled approximately 20 community information meetings between January and March to ensure that all residents have access to clear information about the proposed referendum projects. He noted that meetings have already begun, including sessions with staff and community groups such as the music and athletic boosters, which he described as productive and well attended. He emphasized the District's commitment to reaching a wide range of stakeholders, including school groups, community organizations, and senior citizens, and stated that informational materials and resources will be made available in real time as the District prepares for the March 10, 2026, referendum.

The Assistant Superintendent noted that the district highlighted the two upcoming referendum town hall meetings, noting that they are open to all Mahwah residents and families. He reported that a community-wide communication will be sent on Friday with details on the dates and locations, and thanked Mr. Coplin for his assistance in creating the flyer.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. DENNIS M. FARE

The Assistant Superintendent directed the Board's attention to agenda item 24C regarding a last-minute personnel recommendation. He explained that the hire was finalized shortly before the agenda was printed, which is why a separate personnel memo was not distributed, and noted that the candidate's résumé was provided to the Board. He expressed confidence in the candidate and stated that the administration is pleased to have the position filled for the remainder of the school year.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT – MS. KATHERINE A. HIROMOTO

The School Business Administrator welcomed the new Board members and reported that Board committees will be established following the meeting, with appointments to be presented at the January 21, 2026, meeting.

She reported that the Business Office is currently completing year-end financial processing, including the

preparation and filing of W-2s, 1099s, 1095-C forms, and required state and federal quarterly reports, and thanked the Business Office staff for their continued accuracy and diligence during this busy period.

She also provided an update on winter break facilities and maintenance projects coordinated by the Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, including districtwide HVAC filter changes, grease trap cleaning, kitchen sewer line jetting, and Right-to-Know inspections, as well as site-specific work at Mahwah High School, George Washington School, Joyce Kilmer School, and Betsy Ross School. She reported that all projects were completed successfully and thanked the Buildings & Grounds staff for their work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Prema Moorthy thanked the Board for selecting her to serve another year as President and expressed her appreciation for the trust and confidence placed in her. She stated that she looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Central Office Administration, including Dr. DeTuro, Dr. Fare, Ms. Hiromoto, Ms. Craft, and Ms. Rizzo. She congratulated the Vice Presidents and all Board members, welcomed the newly elected Board member, Stephen Huston, and thanked all trustees for their commitment and volunteer service to the District.

President Moorthy noted that the Board brings many years of experience and leadership, which allows it to work effectively and collaboratively in the best interest of students. She identified key goals for 2026, including the successful planning and execution of the March 10, 2026, bond referendum and keeping District policies and regulations up to date.

She discussed the upcoming schedule of community outreach and informational meetings leading up to the referendum and emphasized the importance of engaging the entire Mahwah community in the process. She explained that the bond referendum will ask voters to authorize the District to finance major capital improvements through the issuance of bonds, allowing costs to be spread over time and enabling the District to receive state aid. She compared the process to a home equity loan used to fund major home improvements.

President Moorthy encouraged residents to attend meetings, ask questions, and make informed decisions, and reminded the community that Board members are available to be contacted. She concluded by sharing a quote to inspire the new year and wished everyone a happy and healthy start to 2026.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Coplin, on behalf of the Community Relations Committee, reminded Board members that he had sent an email regarding the schedule of upcoming referendum presentations and encouraged trustees to review their Outlook invitations and RSVP if they plan to attend, in order to comply with quorum requirements.

He also announced that the next four Board of Education meetings will be held at District school buildings—Ramapo Ridge, George Washington, Betsy Ross, and Mahwah High School—to highlight facilities projects being proposed as part of the referendum.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS/ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON REPORTS OR OTHER NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Galow thanked the administration for the materials that were presented and noted that they are very helpful in explaining the referendum. He also emphasized that the District's referendum website is a valuable resource for the community, as it contains extensive information about the proposed projects. He added that much of the information available on the website will also be shared during the upcoming town hall and community meetings.

Mr. Coplin welcomed Mr. Huston to the Board and stated that he looks forward to working with him. He also expressed his condolences to the Galow family.

22. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 22a-22b were moved by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Galow.

a. Minutes

RESOLVED: THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the minutes of the December 17, 2025, Public Work Session/Action Meeting.

b. Minutes

RESOLVED: THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the minutes of the December 17, 2025, Executive Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 22a-22b.

Motion 22a-22b carried 6 ayes, 0 nays with Ms. Daveniero and Mr. Huston abstaining from 22a-22b

23. NEW BUSINESS- OTHER

Resolutions 23a-23m were moved by Mrs. Ting Jansen and seconded by Mr. Hughes.

a. Financial Report

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the payment of bills for the period of 12/13/2025 to 12/22/2025.

General Current Expense	Fund 11	\$2,088,493.14
Capital Outlay	Fund 12	\$28,000.00
Special Revenue Funds	Fund 20	\$7,824.30
Region 1	Fund 52	\$18,663.33
Region I-Contracted Trans.	Fund 53	\$16,631.90
Total of All Checks		\$2,159,612.67

b. Financial Report – Public School Fund

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the payment of Public-School Fund checks 36426 to 36465 for a total of \$37,886.18.

c. Certification

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, as per New Jersey Administrative Code and New Jersey Statutes Annotated legislation and requirements, the following statement is approved:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of December 2025 no budgetary line-item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), I certify that as of December 2025 no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(a).

Katherine A. Hiromoto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

d. Approval of Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant- Transition/Training Hours

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves payment to Debra Smith for pre-employment transition and training hours worked in coordination with the District’s current Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant; and that said services shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$35.76 per hour.

e. Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education- Coordinating Transportation Services Agency (CTSA)

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education approves the Transportation Services Agreement to serve as Coordinating Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for the Boards of Education of Allendale, Emerson, Fair Lawn, Franklin Lakes, Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Midland Park, Northern Highlands, Oakland, Paramus, Park Ridge, Pascack Valley, Ramapo Indian Hills, Ramsey, Region II/Pascack Valley, Region III/Northern Valley Regional School District, Region V Council for Special Education, Ridgewood, Saddle River, South Bergen Jointure Commission, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake and Wyckoff. The Mahwah Board of Education will provide, through contracts with various transportation contractors, pupil transportation effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

f. Field Trips

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following field trips:

Group/Destination	Date(s)	School	# of Students
Gifted & Talented (9-12) to Indian Hills High School, Oakland, NJ	2/26/26	MHS	9
Grade 6 Gifted & Talented to Law Center, New Brunswick, NJ	5/13/26	RR	10
Grade 3 to Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk, CT	6/10/26	LM	95

g. Second Reading and Adoption of Policies and Regulations

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following:

Bylaw 0155 – Board Committees

P2411 – School Counseling

h. Agreement with Valley Health System, Inc.

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the renewal contract with Valley Health System, Inc. to provide workplace alcohol and drug testing services for the transportation department for the period of April 01, 2025, through March 31, 2027.

i. Out of District Placement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves student with local identification number 39728 be placed at the Felician School with an effective starting date of January 5, 2026. The prorated tuition cost of \$39,376.88 and the prorated rate of a 1:1 paraprofessional cost of \$25,444.00.

j. Settlement and Release Agreement

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement agreement in the matter captioned Partnerships in Education, Inc. et al. v. Mahwah Bd. of Ed., et al., in accordance with the terms and conditions therein.

k. Acceptance of Grant from Bergen County Department of Human Services

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts a grant in the amount of \$2,905.00 from the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Youth Services Commission for the Confidence Closet at Mahwah High School for the period of November 01, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

l. Professional Services Agreement Contract – Kreyco, Inc.

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the contract with Kreyco, Inc., at a cost of \$59,000, for the period of January 26, 2026 - June 25, 2026.

* m. Tutoring

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following teachers to tutor students, before school, after school, and during the lunch/recess period, from January 12, 2026, through May 8, 2026, to be paid their hourly rate.

Ramapo Ridge Middle School

Teacher	# Hours/Week	Approximate Size of Each Group	Total Hours
MATH			
Carly Kalman	Up to 4*		Up to 60*

Teacher	# Hours/Week	Approximate Size of Each Group	Total Hours
Dianna Burkel	Up to 4*	6-10 Students Per Session	Up to 60*
Jennifer Chung	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Danielle Signore	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Andrea Simini	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Leslie Heffernan	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
READING/ELA			
Christiane Lange	Up to 4*	6-10 Students Per Session	Up to 60*
Alison Malone	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Rebecca Horowitz	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
John Snowdon	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Nicole Jacobson	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Beth Ruggiero	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Danielle Drejman	Up to 4*		Up to 60*
Julia Greenwald	Up to 4*		Up to 60*

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 23a-23m.

Motion 23a-23m carried 8 ayes, 0 nays with Mr. Galow abstaining from check number 122365 on 23a.

24. NEW BUSINESS- PERSONNEL

Resolutions 24a-24l were moved by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Galow.

* a. Resignation

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the resignation of Yana Krikorian, instructional paraprofessional, at George Washington Elementary School, effective January 30, 2026.

* b. Resignation - Update

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education accepts the resignation update of Keely Washburn, leave replacement for Employee #4317; effective January 9, 2026.

* c. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Gertrude Naples, as leave replacement for Employee #4317, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, from January 9, 2026 – June 30, 2026; salary to be Column D, Step 3, \$65,736, pro-rated; pending employment verification.

d. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Miriam Kaminer, as leave replacement for Employee #5455, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, retroactive from January 5, 2026 – February 9, 2026; salary to be Column H, Step 10, \$82,491, pro-rated; pending employment verification.

e. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Roy Radican, as leave replacement for Employee #4833, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, from February 2, 2026 – August 7, 2026; stipend to be \$10,000; to cover all supervisory responsibilities during the time of this employee’s leave of absence.

f. Appointment – Leave Replacement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicole Cedeno, as leave replacement for Employee #4833, pursuant to New Jersey Statute 18A:16-1.1, from February 2, 2026 – August 7, 2026; stipend to be \$6,000; to cover all additional administrative and clerical responsibilities during the time of this employee’s leave of absence.

* g. Appointment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the appointment of William Mahnken, as a substitute and athletic bus driver, effective January 8, 2026 – June 30, 2026; salary to be \$34.79 per hour; pending employment verification.

* h. Change in Assignment

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves a transfer and change in assignment for Loran McKenna, instructional paraprofessional, from George Washington School to instructional paraprofessional at Joyce Kilmer School, in order to fill a vacant position; effective retroactive January 6, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

i. NJFLA Intermittent Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves an intermittent leave of absence for Employee #5522, effective retroactive, using sick days and taking NJFLA concurrently; on the following dates: December 9, 2025; December 11, 2025; December 16, 2025; December 17, 2025 (0.5 day); January 7, 2026 (0.5 day); January 15, 2026; January 20, 2026 (0.5 day); January 22, 2026 (0.5 day); January 27, 2026 (0.5 day); January 29, 2026 (0.5 day).

j. Job Description

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following job description:

- Accounts Payable - Administrative Assistant

k. Parent Volunteers

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following individuals, as volunteers, to assist Mahwah Township Public Schools for 2025-2026 school year:

Joyce Kilmer School

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Maria	Trujillo	Selene	Gomez	Kait	ODonohue
Farisha	Ali	Lydia	Hanna	Michelle	Olivieri
Naomi	Ambalu	Sarah	Hayhurst	Samantha	Palmer
Dana	Arrajj	Jennifer	Hill	Kristin	Patterson
Rebecca	Ayoubi	Brent	Jansen	Jennifer	Paul
Patricia	Barsella	Janine	Jansen	Jayashri	Pawar
Hema	Bellara	Ashley	Jijon	Jennifer	Petrie
Ashley	Bertolino	Gina	Jurjevic	Jennifer	Petrie
Lauren	Calijone	Ana	Kapoor	Mary	Piton
Jennifer	Campana	Kaitlyn	Kennedy	Melissa	Polster
Sarah	Carton	Nadia	Khalil	Nicole	Reuter
Megan	Cassella	Amrita	Khurana	Renee	Salemno
Nicole	Castiglia	Anushka	Kiproviski	Kelly	Saverino
Megan	Charles	Jaime	Kogos	Disha	Shah
Anita	Chau	Lisa	Kovalsky	Olga	Shikhris
Elena	Christie	Kateryna	LaGrasta	Elisa	Strow
Melinda	Coban	Cindy	Lanteri	Erin	Sussman
Veronica	Colon	Emmy	Lee	Jeanette	Szapka
Lindsey	Corle	Ben	Leong	David	Teicher
Sarah	Costigliola	Rebecca	Leong	Mary	Timberg
Alex	D'Amico	Christine	LoTurco	Samanatha	Turco
Charmie	Dani	Nicole	Lowe	Sarah	Ursillo
Christine	Decker	Nancy	Ma	Lauren	Verma
Shannon	Doherty	Beth	Manzella	Larry	Viezel
Virginia	Douglas	Dawn	Mazzucca	Rebecca	Voerg
Alyson	Dunaev	Stefanie	Micallef	Diane	Warnet
Bahareh	Estejab	Vicky	Miller	Kelly	Wilson
Kim	Freitag	Tess	Miller	Jennifer	Wood
Elvie	Fremder	Brittany	Monahan	Jennifer	Wright
Jacqueline	Garofano	Irene	Mulvihill	Kristen	Zaccaria-Goldberg
Lisa	Georgiou	Elyse	Myszka	Wania	Zuha

l. Clinical Internship Placement

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves the following clinical internship placement for the 2026 spring semester, for the following students, attending the following colleges/universities:

Student Name	College/University	Supervising Staff Member
Emily Cao	Ramapo College – School of Nursing Program	Jennifer Blackford (School Nurse, Betsy Ross School)
Steffan Tabuzo		Kirsteen Diaz-Pinto (School Nurse, Lenape Meadows School)
Sabrina Zeki		Nancy Mertz (School Nurse, George Washington School)
Solie Kang		Kate Storms (School Nurse, Mahwah High School)

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 24a-24l.
Motion 24a-24l carried 8 ayes, 0 nays

PUBLIC QUESTION OR COMMENT

Public participation at Board meetings is in accordance with Bylaw 0167.

At this time, members of the public may ask questions or make a comment on educational issues or school matters of community interest. As a matter of fairness, you are asked to limit your questions to no more than one, and your remarks to no longer than three minutes. If you are here representing a group, please identify yourself, the group, and your position in the group. If you are here as an individual, please give us your name and address.

Note: This section of public participation will be limited to fifteen minutes.

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. DeSilva, to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public questions or comments

Motion carried at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Hughes to close the meeting to the public.

Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mrs. Ting Jansen to recess to Executive Session under Chapter 231, P.L. (Sunshine Law), which authorizes a public body to discuss personnel, negotiations, student, and legal matters.

Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO PUBLIC ACTION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Hughes to reconvene the public session.

Motion carried at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Coplin and seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried at 7:52 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Hiromoto
Business Administrator/Board Secretary