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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Monday, June 22, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Rd., 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

Mr. Galow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames Daveniero
Messrs. Coplin, Huston, Hughes, and Galow

ABSENT: Mesdames Jansen, and Dr. Moorthy
Messrs. DeSilva, and 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 & 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 June 22, 2026, in the Administrative Offices, 60 Ridge Rd., 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. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Coplin to open the meeting to the public for comments.

Motion carried at 8:33 a.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 8:33 a.m.

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

No board member remarks/additional comments on reports or other non-agenda items.

11. NEW BUSINESS- OTHER

Resolutions 11a-11c were moved by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Huston.

a. Architectural Engineering Referendum Services

RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Mahwah Board of Education approves LAN Associates to provide architectural and engineering services for the District's voter-approved referendum projects, including design development, preparation of construction documents, bidding assistance, construction administration, and other related services as outlined in the firm's proposal.

b. Depository of Funds

RESOLVED: that the Mahwah Board of Education authorizes the use of ConnectOne Bank as an approved depository and investment institution for school funds in accordance with applicable law and Board policy and continues the practice of having the Board President, the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as those persons authorized to sign documents and conduct banking and investment transactions on behalf of the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year.

c. Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System

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 Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System (#2-SOCCP) has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Mahwah Board of Education desires to participate in the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mahwah Board of Education hereby authorizes participation in the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System (#2-SOCCP) for the 2025-2026 and

2026-2027 school years and authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any agreements and documents necessary to effectuate such participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution 11a-11c.

Motion 11a-11c carried 5 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. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Coplin, to open the meeting to the public.

Motion carried at 8:35 a.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

Motion carried at 8:35 a.m.

MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion carried at 8:35 a.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 8:39 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Motion carried at 8:39 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Hiromoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katherine" being more prominent.

Katherine A. Hiromoto
Business Administrator/Board Secretary