

**MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING - BOARD RETREAT
AUGUST 17, 2026**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Rachel Byrne, President
Sheila Studint, Vice-President
Edwin Botero
Chris D'Amico
Melissa Eckert
Erika Puskas
Karl Svenningsen

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jessica Neu, Superintendent of Schools
Robin C. Tedesco, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Marina Williams, Principal

GUESTS: Dr. Paul Pineiro, NJSBA

Board of Education President, Rachel Byrne, called the in-person meeting to order at 6:05 P.M., declared a quorum present, and read the following notices:

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting for action and discussion about business before the Board of Education today.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the public's right to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education has sent notice of today's meetings and copies of the agenda to the:

Roxbury Register
Daily Record
Star Ledger
Municipal Clerk
Board of Education Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the agenda have been posted on the Mount Arlington Public Schools Website: www.mtarlingtonk8.org

All Board of Education members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD RETREAT

1. Review of 2024-2025 NJDOE Published Data Discussion Topics
 - Dr. Neu reviewed the State of the School and Vision for the Future 2024-2027 Strategic Plan and approval of revised District Annual Goals
 - Mrs. Byrne presented and discussed the BOE Self-Evaluation
2. District Communication Hub, Communication Systems, and Partnerships Discussion Topics
 - Dr. Neu discussed communication between the Superintendent and the Board. She also went on to discuss ideas about how the district should communicate with the school community.
 - Dr. Neu discussed PTO meeting schedule.
3. School Boards Presentation, Presented by: Dr. Paul Pineiro

PUBLIC SESSION

1. None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mrs. Studint, that the Regular meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried at 9:18 P.M.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 7

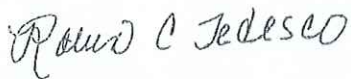
No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Robin C. Tedesco

Interim School Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary

Approved: