

**Garwood Board of Education Special Public Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2020**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Special Public Meeting** held on **June 25, 2020**, via Google Meet.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Ralph Trentacosta at 7:00 pm, via Google Meet.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the **Westfield Leader**, the official newspaper of the Garwood Board of Education. The **News Tribune, Courier Home News, Westfield Leader, Star Ledger, and Suburban News** are approved for use for legal notices. Notice of this meeting was sent to the **Borough Clerk**, and a copy of this meeting notice posted on the entrance of **Lincoln School**.

II. ROLL CALL

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Barnes (Adrienne)	X	
Mr. DelConte (Albert)	X	
Miss Guerriero (Christine)	X	
Dr. Kjetsaa (Mary Ann)	X	
Ms. Koenig (Linda)		X
Mrs. Ridente (Denise)	X	
Mr. Ryan (Timothy)	X	
Mrs. Scepkowski (Maureen)	X	
Mr. Trentacosta (Ralph)	X	

III. OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Teresa Quigley, Superintendent
Carolyn Chaudry, Esq., Board Attorney

IV. FLAG SALUTE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be It Resolved, that the GBOE conducts a closed, Executive Session, at 7:00 pm, concerning the following topic(s) as permitted by the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act after which time the Board may or may not return to public session to take action:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personnel matter, staff | <input type="checkbox"/> safety and protection of property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> personal matter, student | <input type="checkbox"/> contract negotiations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> other permitted by law |

and

Be It Further Resolved, that at such time as it is legally appropriate for the substance of the closed session to be made public that same will be ordered.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Trustee Kjetsaa motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Ryan; carried by unanimous vote.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was one report of bullying that was deemed a violation of the student code of conduct.

At the end of the school year I met with the middle school ELA teachers and discussed summer reading requirements. All of the teachers agreed that the students needed a break and that the program should be different this year because of remote learning. I am working with Mrs. Benc and Mrs. Duffy (Librarian), on a tentative plan that will be finalized after 8th grade graduation. Graduation plans are being finalized. Awaiting guidelines on opening school from Governor on June 26th. The office will be closed on June 26th due to all day fire alarm checks.

Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education accepts the May 2020 Superintendent's Report. Motion by Trustee Kjetsaa; seconded by Trustee Guerriero; carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT . . . During the course of the meeting the Garwood Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Garwood Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking.

Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

VIII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapfel as the Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at a per diem rate of \$640 per actual days worked, not to exceed \$99,840; and the submission of his employment contract to the Executive County Superintendent for approval, pending a satisfactory criminal history background check and mantoux results.
2. Move to approve the Superintendent's salary increase of two percent (2%), for the 2020/21 school year.

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Committee of the Whole resolutions 1 and 2				
Motion: Trustee Kjetsaa		Second: Trustee Ryan		
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Barnes (Adrienne)	X	#2		
Mr. DelConte (Albert)	X		#2	
Miss Guerriero (Christine)	X			
Dr. Kjetsaa (Mary Ann)	X			
Ms. Koenig (Linda)				X
Mrs. Ridente (Denise)	X			
Mr. Ryan (Timothy)	X			
Mrs. Scepkowski (Maureen)	X	#2		
Mr. Trentacosta (Ralph)	X			

Trustee Trentacosta reported on Board Goals for 2019/20.

IX. PRESENTATION by Gwen Thornton re Goal Setting for 2020/21. Ms. Thornton to send outcomes from goal setting on District Goals and Board Goals.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kjetsaa motioned to adjourn at 9:22 pm; seconded by Trustee Ridente; carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Guerriero, Trustee

Approved August 11, 2020