

ROXBURY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS OFFICE

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK

The Roxbury Township Board of Education of the Township of Roxbury, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Lincoln/Roosevelt School, 34 North Hillside Avenue, Succasunna, New Jersey.

The following members of the Roxbury Township Board of Education were present:

Mr. Richard Alexander

Mrs. Heather Champagne

Mr. Dan Masi

Ms. Carol Scheneck

Mr. Joseph Bocchino

Mr. Leo J. Coakley

Mrs. Danielle McCabe

Mrs. Rachel Byrne

Mrs. Anne Colucci

Mrs. Kathy Purcell

The following members of the Roxbury Township Board of Education were absent: None

MOTION:

Mrs. Scheneck

SECOND:

Mrs. Champaane

AYES:

Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bocchino, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Champagne, Mr. Coakley, Mrs. Colucci, Mr. Masi,

Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Purcell, Ms. Scheneck

NAYS:

None

ABSTAINS: None

TITLE AND TEXT OF RESOLUTION

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS - BOE Support for No Idling at District Schools

27. WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are non-renewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates; and a multitude of potentially harmful pollutants that can trigger an asthma attack and other ailments; and

WHEREAS, we can avoid producing unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions and exposure to air toxics by reducing or eliminating wasteful vehicle idling; and

WHEREAS, idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again, and idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles, and idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle's engine because it wears engine parts; and

WHEREAS, current state law prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than three minutes and studies have shown that an anti-idling policy will save fuel, prolong engine life, and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, moving beyond NJ's existing no-idling code of three minutes would significantly improve public health, air quality, and reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions; An exception to the three-minute limits is made in temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, but there is no exception for high heat and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children's exposure to diesel exhaust participles should be decreased and that idling of diesel vehicles in places where children live and congregate should be minimized to protect their health; and

WHEREAS, vehicle idling occurs on school drop off and pick up locations and parking lots where children are more highly exposed to air pollutant emissions;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Roxbury Township Board of Education supports the adoption of "Idle Reduction Zones" on school grounds, including communications to school employees, parents, students and the public to:

- Turn off school bus engines while waiting to load and to unload students
- Turn off vehicles when parents are parked and waiting to pick up and drop off children
- Installing "idle-free zone" signs at school drop-off and pick-up locations
- Use the newest buses for the longest routes and maintain buses properly to eliminate any visible exhaust
- Complete school-bus driver training on eliminating idling
- Encourage parent, student, faculty, and staff drivers to turn off their engines after 10 seconds if they plan to remain at a location for more than 30 seconds, particularly at school drop-off and pick-up times.

I, Patricia Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board of Education of the Township of Roxbury, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of said district duly called and held on Monday, January 28, 2019 is a true complete copy of the original minutes as recorded in the minute book of said Roxbury Township Board of Education so far as the same relate to the subject matter referred to in said extract.

In witness, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the said Board of Education on this 5th day

of February, 2019.

Patricia Wilson

Business Administrator/Board Secretary