

**DISTRICT OF ROXBURY TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JULY 30, 2020**

VIRTUAL

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 6:30 P.M.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. remotely (virtual meeting) with Board President Scheneck presiding.

Mr. Mondanaro announced that this Special meeting of the Roxbury Township Board of Education is being held to take action and hold discussion on business before the Board tonight, and that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Roxbury Township Board of Education has caused written notice of tonight's meeting and copies of the agenda for tonight's meeting to be transmitted to:

Roxbury Register – Newspaper

Daily Record – Newspaper

Roxbury Website – <http://www.roxbury.org/domain/43>

Municipal Clerk

Roxbury Public Library

The notice of tonight's meeting and a copy of tonight's agenda have been posted in the Board's Business Office.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The roll was taken and a quorum deemed present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Joseph Bocchino, Mrs. Rachel Byrne (joined at 6:50 p.m.), Mrs. Heather Champagne, Mr. Leo Coakley, Mrs. Anne Colucci, Mrs. Michelle Danielson, Mr. Dan Masi, Mrs. Danielle McCabe, Mrs. Kathy Purcell, Ms. Carol Scheneck

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Mrs. Loretta Radulic, Dr. Charles Seipp, Mrs. Maryann Gibbs, Mr. Joseph Mondanaro

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. Nathanya Simon, Esq., Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC  
Ms. Amy Gallagher, Director of Special Services

**III. PUBLIC SESSION**

Public Session was called to order at 6:34 p.m. remotely (virtual meeting), President Scheneck presiding.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members of the Board, the Administration and the Public participated in the salute to the flag.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

None

## VI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Board President, Ms. Scheneck, commented on the following:

- This meeting is a continuation of a meeting from July 27, 2020
- This meeting was requested so board members could review the plan for re-entry to school
- Tonight, there is only one agenda item and that is to vote on the re-entry plan
- Three minutes are allowed for each public comment on agenda items
- There will be a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on August 17, 2020. This meeting and the Regular Meeting of August 31, 2020 will be hybrids allowing for both virtual and in-person attendance

Board Member, Michelle Danielson made a statement at this time stating that she felt the plan was complete and comprehensive and she was ready to approve the plan.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent, Mrs. Radulic, reported regarding the following:

- Welcomed Mrs. Amy Gallagher, Director of Special Services, to the panel this evening.
- Read the following statement regarding District Goals 2020-2021, action plans will be provided before the end of September to accommodate for the uncertainty of the time.

*Throughout the upcoming year the ground will continue to shift, shake, and possibly crumble below our feet at any moment, causing us to step in a new direction. The tremors will not end any time soon and will impact our footing and our direction throughout the upcoming school year. Nonetheless, our vision will remain. It will be the beacon for us even in the darkest hours. We will continue to plan to "prepare the children of today for tomorrow" no matter the circumstances. The District Goals for 2020-2021 were designed with that vision in mind.*

*However, it is important that the Board of Education and community understand our strongest focus for the upcoming year and recognize that certain goals may need to be addressed in the future based on the shifting "ground" of our times. While the District Goals identifies our ambitions for the upcoming school year, the reality is that we will strongly focus on*

- \* *Supporting our teachers in delivering effective instruction*
- \* *Supporting our teachers in building relationships with their students*
- \* *Supporting our teachers to ensure the mental health and wellness for themselves and their students*
- \* *Supporting our families by providing Parent Academies*
- \* *Supporting our families with resources*
- \* *Supporting our families to support their children*

*We may not be able to stop the shaky ground of uncertainty, but we will be the outstretched hand that helps to keep our teachers, families, and most importantly, our children, steady and sure footed.*

- Calendar Committee meeting with following goals in mind:
  - Creating a calendar if we remain in a hybrid situation and move into "real" school
  - Creating a calendar if we go virtual
  - We will focus on providing PD days early in the school year – possibly September 1-4, which will mean the adjustment of a couple of days in our current calendar
  - We will meet virtually on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - I am inviting the Board President and Vice President to be part of the committee. If either of you are unavailable, please feel free to find a substitute and let me know

VIII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Action Items – There is a three-minute time limit, per Board Policy

- Anthony Abate asked question regarding CARES Act
- Jennifer Behrens asked question about COVID life systems
- Krystal Lovell commented regarding wanting more transparency
- Joseph Filorano commented on concerns regarding temperature screenings
- Melissa Conerso commented regarding five days and attendance
- Laura Magnone commented on positive COVID test and buses
- Ann Brady commented on honor classes
- Dawn Iadarola commented regarding lunchtime and return to class
- Danielle Williams commented on the rubric for virtual learning accountability
- Karen Castellano commented regarding meals and therapies for special education students
- Minnie Borrero commented on teacher's role in the classroom
- Heather Healy commented regarding special education

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Education** (*Resolution 1*)

**Mr. Bocchino motioned and Mr. Masi seconded the motion that Education Resolution 1 be accepted as presented.**

Mr. Bocchino thanked the administration, the principals and teachers.

Mr. Masi expressed his appreciation for everything the administration has done, and commented on the following:

- Four-hour days and full day
- Screening
- NJDOE issued further guidance
- Symptomatic children that are sent home
- Six feet of space
- Buses and social distancing
- Make-up of the committee – students should have a voice

Mrs. Champagne thanked the board and administration and commented on the following:

- Concern regarding school nurses and temperature checks
- Mask breaks
- Number of COVID cases which will require us to go fully virtual
- Parent Academy for help prior to the opening of school
- Busing

Mrs. Colucci commented on the Before and After Care program regarding mask wearing.

Mrs. Purcell made a statement regarding her position on her vote from the July 27, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. McCabe thanked the administration and all the parents that have participated in the meetings.

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Mrs. Danielson commented that she is trusting the process and that no plan is perfect. Also commented on comparison of Roxbury's plan to other district plans.

Mrs. Champagne commented regarding comparison to other district's plans.

Mr. Coakley commented on the plan and how flexible the plan needs to be and regarding screening through Genesis.

Ms. Scheneck thanked the board for their thoughtful comments and noted that the administration is concerned with the health of our students and staff, thanked the teachers for this past year and her concerns about community members vacationing at any of the restricted states.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

**Mr. Bocchino:** Yes; **Mrs. Byrne:** Yes; **Mrs. Champagne:** Yes; **Mr. Coakley:** Yes;  
**Mrs. Colucci:** Yes; **Mrs. Danielson:** Yes; **Mr. Masi:** Yes; **Mrs. McCabe:** Yes;  
**Mrs. Purcell:** Yes; **Ms. Scheneck:** Yes

#### PLAN FOR RE-ENTRY TO SCHOOL

- \*1. IT IS RESOLVED, that the Roxbury Township Board of Education approve its Re-entry to School plan, developed in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education's "The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education", made available as of June 2020 by the NJDOE.

#### XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Faith Tone commented on Blue/Gold days
- Julie Feliciano commented on Allied Health program
- Joann Mayor commented on cancellations at Eisenhower Middle School and fall sports

#### XII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Coakley asked about the Special meeting being held August 17, 2020 and a New Jersey School Board's survey.

Melissa Conurso asked if school is opening before of after labor day.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Champagne motioned and Mrs. McCabe seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at this time, 8:25 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Joseph Mondanaro  
Board Secretary