

**RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Oakland, New Jersey**

EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020

District Conference Room, 7:30 A.M.

Roll Call – Emergency Meeting

Upon roll call at 7:35 A.M., the Board members responded as follows: Mmes. Kilday, Laforgia, and Zammitti Shaw. Messrs. Becker, Butto, Carolan, Fortunato (7:50 A.M.), and Kinney. Mrs. Beverly MacKay, Superintendent of Schools; and Mr. Frank C. Ceurvels, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; were also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board president at 7:35 A.M.

Mr. Ceurvels announced that due to the unprecedented events surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board was convening an emergency meeting. Adequate notice was not a viable option due to substantial harm that could have occurred by not taking immediate action.

ACTION ITEMS - ✓ = Yes

The following motion was approved by roll call:

Moved by: KILDAY Seconded: BECKER

WHEREAS, the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education (“Board”) determined there exists a need to conduct an emergency meeting to determine whether to suspend travel for all Board authorized staff travel and student field trips as a result of the most recent developments regarding the community spread of COVID-19, and the current containment efforts by the State and federal government, including restricting outside travel and social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, this emergency meeting is required to address matters of such urgency and importance involving the health and safety of the staff and students and to for the Board to take action to suspend travel for all Board authorized staff travel and all Board authorized student field trips; and

WHEREAS, a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would result in substantial harm to the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board by an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present that an emergency meeting shall be convened to take action to suspend travel for all Board authorized staff travel and all Board authorized student field trips to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this meeting is limited to a discussion of the restrictions to be placed on travel for all Board authorized staff and all Board authorized student field trips, and to a discussion of whether or not school should be immediately closed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, given current containment efforts that are occurring throughout the State and Country and out of an abundance of caution the Board hereby suspends travel for all Board authorized staff travel and all Board authorized student field trips through April 15, 2020. Interscholastic sporting events and school competitive academic teams will continue in accordance with the direction from their respective governing bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will continue to monitor these developments, and will re-evaluate this situation at the April 13, 2020 Work Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall provide notice of this meeting as soon as possible following the calling of this meeting by posting written notice of the same in the public places reserved for such or similar announcements, and also by notifying the two (2) newspapers which have been designated by the Board to receive such notices, one (1) of which shall be the official

newspaper, by telephone, telegram, or by delivering a written notice of same to such newspapers and by filing with the clerks of the municipalities a written notice of same, as required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.

RC): Becker ✓, Butto ✓, Carolan ✓, Fortunato ✓, Laforgia ✓,
Sullivan **ABSENT**, Zammitti Shaw ✓, Kilday ✓, Kinney ✓

Due to the unique circumstances of the emergency meeting, and the fact that the issue was raised by Board members prior to the meeting, the Board discussed whether or not to voluntarily shut down the schools. Based on the most recent guidance distributed by the State regarding the requirement for the Health Department to close down the schools in order for virtual learning days to count toward the 180-day requirement, and in light of the fact that there are no known or suspected cases in the District, a District initiated closure would not be in the best interest at this time. The Board will continue to monitor the situation closely.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: BUTTO Seconded: BECKER to adjourn at 8:05 A.M.

John Kinney
Board President

Frank C. Ceurvels
Business Administrator / Board Secretary