

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2020
Electronic Public Meeting

Roll Call – Executive Session

Upon roll call at 7:01 P.M., the Board members responded as follows: Mmes. Laforgia, Sullivan, and Zammitti Shaw. Messrs. Becker, Butto, Carolan, Fortunato, and Kinney. Mr. Stephen Fogarty, Board Counsel; was also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board president at 7:01 P.M. Mr. Kinney announced that adequate notice of the meeting has been posted and published as required by law.

A motion was made by Mr. Butto and seconded by Mr. Becker and unanimously carried to move into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation, and negotiations. Information from the Closed Executive Session will be made public at the discretion of the Board, as per Board Bylaw 0166, Executive Sessions, or as otherwise authorized by law. The Closed Executive Session was adjourned at 8 P.M.

Roll Call – Special Public Meeting

Upon roll call at 8:02 P.M. Board members responded as follows: Mmes. Laforgia, Sullivan, and Zammitti Shaw. Messrs. Becker, Butto, Carolan, Fortunato, and Kinney. Mr. Bruce Watson, Interim Superintendent of Schools; was also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 8:02 P.M. Mr. Kinney announced that due to the current State of Emergency, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, this Meeting was posted and published as a remote meeting. He read a public statement advising the public to be aware that employees of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. Mr. Kinney further stated that the Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kinney stated that Mr. Watson has submitted his resignation as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective November 5, 2020. Additionally, Mr. Ceurvels has submitted his resignation for the purpose of retirement effective January 1, 2021.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Watson invited Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Marano to discuss the District's 2-Cohort Schedule within the District's Return to Learning Plan. Board discussion followed regarding the proposed changes to the District' Return to Learning Plan.

Mr. Watson stated that the revised Return to Learning Plan will be approved at the September 14, 2020 Action/Work Session.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded BECKER. to open the meeting to public discussion.

Members of the public discussed their concerns regarding the District's revised Return to Learning Plan.

- B. Moved by CAROLAN Seconded SULLIVAN to close public discussion of agenda items and to re-enter the Special Public Meeting.

Monday, September 14, 2020 Action/Work Session, Electronic Meeting, 8 P.M.
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Regular Public Meeting, Electronic Meeting, 8 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by CAROLAN Seconded: LAFORGIA to adjourn at 10:28 P.M.

John Kinney
Board President

Julie Browne
Board Secretary Pro-tem