

**WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Mrs. Lynda Van Dyk, Board President, called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:05 p.m., in the Macopin School Cafeteria. Mrs. Van Dyk asked for a moment of silence, led the flag salute, read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, and reminded everyone in attendance to turn off their cell phones and note the locations of the emergency exits.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public notice of this meeting has been sent to Board Members, all district schools, the Herald News, the Suburban Trends, the Record, the Messenger, West Milford Town Hall, the County Superintendent's Office, the Board Attorney, Cablevision of Warwick and West Milford TV77; and posted in the Administration Building. Copies of the Board Meeting Calendar Resolution were provided to all local media, Town Hall, Township Library, and all district schools.

**MS. BARBARA FRANCISCO, BOARD SECRETARY, CALLED THE ROLL:**

<b>TRUSTEE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Mr. Stillman	Absent	Mrs. Dwyer	Present	Mr. Ofshinsky	Present
Mr. Conklin	Present	Mrs. O'Brien	Absent	Mrs. Romeo	Absent
Mrs. Stephenson	Present	Mr. Guarino	Absent	Mrs. Van Dyk	Present

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Dr. Alex Anemone	Superintendent of Schools	Present
Ms. Barbara Francisco	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	Present
Mr. Daniel Novak	Director of Education	Present
Dr. Elizabeth McQuaid	Director of Special Services	Present
Andrew Brown, Esq.	Board of Education Attorney	Absent

There were approximately 40 members of the public in attendance.

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VI. MOTION BY MRS. DWYER, SECONDED BY MR. OFSHINSKY, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.

VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.

VII. STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT - Dr. Alex Anemone

Dr. Anemone presented a State of the District report.

VIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Ms. Kathy Helewa and Mr. Matt Lee, Field Representatives, New Jersey School Boards Association, facilitated the Strategic Planning 3D Model, "Dream, Determination, and Destiny By Design." The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to have goals and supporting objectives in place for the next five (5) years.

The participants divided into five (5) groups designated by the facilitators. The individual groups were to identify the Strengths and Challenges facing West Milford over the next five (5) years. At 8:10 p.m., the individual groups returned and shared what they identified.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (PLEASE SIGN IN)

This portion of the meeting is open to members of the public having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board for the purpose of addressing any subject matter pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the West Milford Public School District. Members of the public who have requested to speak prior to the meeting will be recognized by the chair first. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes, for a period of thirty (30) minutes; and then time permitting, other public comment limited to five (5) minutes per speaker will be allowed, until the thirty (30) minute period transpires. All speakers are asked to sign the register provided and give their full name, spell their last name, group affiliation, if appropriate, and provide their address. 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 respectful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged, and the Board and the Administration will not respond to them. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board is not responsible and is not 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. Members of the public are reminded that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

Motion by Mr. Ofshinsky, seconded by Mrs. Dwyer, to close Public Comment.

VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ofshinsky, seconded by Mrs. Stephenson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

VOICE VOTE:

All in Favor.

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Francisco  
Board Secretary