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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES
 SPECIAL MEETING
 DECEMBER 1, 2021**

Mrs. Lynda Van Dyk, Board President, called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:02 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:

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

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
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 12 members of the public in attendance.

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

VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.

VII. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Strategic Planning 3D Model, "Dream, Determination, and Destiny By Design," facilitated by Ms. Kathy Helewa, of the New Jersey School Boards Association. Mrs. Helewa conducted a recap of Meetings 1 and 2 and discussed methodology for developing goal statements and objectives.

The participants divided into small groups and discussed the development of goal statements and supporting objectives, and then shared and reported their work to establish an action plan for the next five (5) years. Dr. Anemone concluded the meeting and discussed what happens next.

VIII. 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.

Mrs. Lynda Van Dyk, Board President, thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Ofshinsky, seconded by Mr. Guarino, to close Public Comment.

VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ofshinsky, seconded by Mr. Guarino, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

VOICE VOTE:

All in Favor.

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Francisco
Board Secretary