

MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
January 21, 2019

1. Call to Order

2. Statement of Compliance

In Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, adequate notice of date, time and location for this meeting has been properly advertised in the Daily Record on January 19, 2019 and copies of the agenda have been posted on the district website and emailed to the Clerk of the Township of Mine Hill.

3. Flag Salute

4. Roll Call

Katie Bartnick	Yes	Dina Mikulka	Arrived at 6:10 p.m.
Karen Bruseo	Yes	Diane Morris	Yes
Peter Bruseo	Absent	Jennifer Waters	Yes
Jill Del Rio	Arrived at 6:03 p.m.		

5. Public Discussion

No Comments

6. Executive Session

On the motion of Karen Bruseo seconded by Katie Bartnick at 6:02 p.m., the board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meeting in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select on or more)

- 1) *A matter rendered confidential by federal or state law*
- 2) *A matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds*
- 3) *Material the disclosure of which constitutes and unwarranted invasion of individual privacy*
- 4) *A collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it*
- 5) *A matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds*
- 6) *Protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law*
- 7) **Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege**
- 8) *Specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session*
- 9) *Deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Note: This closed session will include items in category(s)7. It may be adjourned while business is conducted in public then reconvened after public business has been completed.

7. Return to regular session

8. Board President addressed the public:

“We discussed the Mine Hill/Dover litigation and the board has decided to pursue and appeal with the appellate division of the Superior Court. We are hopeful that Dover BOE will join us in the appeal.”

9. Public Discussion

Sam Morris Question: Cost of the appeal? How much the district has spent to date? Has the district been advised if the appeal will be successful? Mine Hill seat on the Dover Board.

Answer: Estimate is \$7,000-\$10,000 for appeal. Appeal on the basis that the Commissioner looked at the wrong percentage.

Brett Coranato Question: Did the board appeal back in 2001?

Answer: The Board of Education did not appeal, it never went to court.

Mrs. Debbie Giordano Question: If the district pays tuition how is it that we lost the Dover seat?

Answer: According to statute, if the enrollment percentage drops to less than 10% district is not entitled to a seat on the Dover Board of Education.

Brett Coranato Comment: Contract should be revised to require a seat on Dover’s Board

Kristine Kanzenbach Question: If the contract has expired why can’t the district just walk away?

Answer: Contract cannot be terminated without Commissioner’s approval.

Kristine Kanzenbach Question: Which tuition is cheaper Roxbury or Dover?

Answer: Dover’s tuition is cheaper.

10. Adjournment

On the motion by Karen Bruseo seconded by Dina Mikulka, the Board adjourns the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call Vote	Katie Bartnick	Karen Bruseo	Peter Bruseo	Jill Del Rio	Dina Mikulka	Diane Morris	Jennifer Waters
6-0	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez

Carolina Rodriguez
Board Secretary