

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON, JUNE 27, 2017
HELD AT THE HEGELEIN BUILDING, 500 TENAFLY RD., TENAFLY, NJ

DATE 7/18/17

APPROVED *[Signature]*

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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board President Lynne W. Stewart who read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right to the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.”

In accordance with provisions of this act, the Tenafly Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough office, Tenafly Public Library, administrative building, in the local press and on the district's web site.

On roll call, the following Board members answered present:

Natalie Barbanel	Edward J. Salaski
Sam A. Bruno	Eileen D. Pleva
Janet I. Horan	Lynne W. Stewart

The following Board members were absent:

Mark Aronson
Sherri Rothstein
Jocelyn Schwarz

The following staff member was present:

Ms. Lynn Trager, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Laudicina, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Yas Usami, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Stewart opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Ms. Janet I. Horan and seconded by Mr. Edward J. Salaski that the Board convenes in closed session according to the following:

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education has been formed pursuant to applicable New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with the responsibility of performing all acts and doing all things, consistent with law and the rules of the State Board of Education, necessary for the lawful and proper conduct, equipment and maintenance of the public schools and public school property of the Tenafly Public School District; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10-4-12) permits the exclusion of the public ("Closed Session") from a meeting of the Board in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that circumstances exist for such a Closed Session;

WHEREAS, the Board has found the action described below to be necessary and proper;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board on the date indicated above that:

- 1.) The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the Closed Session herein set forth.
- 2.) The subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - Board level hearings

Formal action may be taken.

The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson, Ms. Sherri Rothstein, and Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz were absent from the meeting.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 9:02 a.m.

Board hearings and deliberations were conducted.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward J. Salaski and seconded by Ms. Janet I. Horan to approve resolution for Student #1.

RESOLUTION #1 - APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUSPENSION OF STUDENT #1

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the "Board of Education") conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of Student #1;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the preponderance of competent and credible evidence supports the disciplinary charges;

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the nature and severity of the offense the Board of Education hereby imposes a long term suspension to commence with the 2017-2018 school year which shall be reviewed at each subsequent Board of Education meeting for the purpose of determining the status of the student's suspension; the appropriateness of the suspended student's current educational program and whether the suspended student's current alternative placement should continue or whether the student should return to Tenafly High School;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be present on any of the Board of Education's school campuses before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the Tenafly School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an alternate education shall be provided to the student during his suspension.

Mr. Sam A. Bruno left the meeting after the deliberations at 10:08 a.m.

Resolution #1 was approved by the Board as follows:

Yes - 5	Natalie Barbanel Janet I. Horan Edward J. Salaski Eileen D. Pleva Lynne W. Stewart	No - 0	Abstain - 0	Absent - 4	Mark Aronson Sam A. Bruno Sherri Rothstein Jocelyn Schwarz
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A motion was made by Ms. Eileen D. Pleva and seconded by Ms. Natalie Barbanel to approve Resolution #2.

RESOLUTION #2 - APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUSPENSION OF STUDENT #2
WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the "Board of Education") conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of Student #2;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the preponderance of competent and credible evidence supports the disciplinary charges;

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the nature and severity of the offense the Board of Education hereby imposes a long term suspension to commence with the 2017-2018 school year, which shall be reviewed at each subsequent Board of Education meeting for the purpose of determining the status of the student's suspension; the appropriateness of the suspended student's current educational program and whether the suspended student's current alternative placement should continue or whether the student should return to Tenafly High School;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be present on any of the Board of Education's school campuses before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the Tenafly School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an alternate education shall be provided to the student during his suspension.

Resolution #2 was approved by the Board as follows:

Yes - 5	Natalie Barbanel Janet I. Horan Edward J. Salaski Eileen D. Pleva Lynne W. Stewart	No - 0	
		Abstain - 0	
		Absent - 4	Mark Aronson Sam A. Bruno Sherri Rothstein Jocelyn Schwarz

A motion was made by Ms. Janet I. Horan and seconded by Mr. Edward J. Salaski to approve Resolution #3.

RESOLUTION #3 - APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUSPENSION OF STUDENT #3

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the "Board of Education") conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of Student #3;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the preponderance of competent and credible evidence supports the disciplinary charges;

BE IT RESOLVED that due to the nature and severity of the offense the Board of Education hereby imposes a long term suspension to commence with the 2017-2018 school year, which shall be reviewed at each subsequent Board of Education meeting for the purpose of determining the status of the student's suspension; the appropriateness of the suspended student's current educational program and whether the suspended student's current alternative placement should continue or whether the student should return to Tenafly High School;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be present on any of the Board of Education's school

campuses before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby further determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the Tenafly School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an alternate education shall be provided to the student during his/her suspension.

Resolution #3 was approved by the Board as follows:

Yes - 5	Natalie Barbanel Janet I. Horan Edward J. Salaski Eileen D. Pleva Lynne W. Stewart	No - 0	
		Abstain - 0	
		Absent - 4	Mark Aronson Sam A. Bruno Sherri Rothstein Jocelyn Schwarz

A motion was made by Ms. Eileen D. Pleva and seconded by Ms. Natalie Barbanel that the closed session adjourn at 12:38 p.m. to go into open session.

The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Sam A. Bruno left the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Mark Aronson, Ms. Sherri Rothstein and Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz were absent from the meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Janet I. Horan and seconded by Mr. Edward J. Salaski to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Sam A. Bruno left the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Mark Aronson, Ms. Sherri Rothstein and Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz were absent from the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Yas Usami
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary