

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Oakland, New Jersey 07436

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2021

Ramapo High School, Auditorium, 7 P.M.

Roll Call –

Upon roll call at 7:05 P.M., the Board members responded as follows: Mmes. King, Koulikourdis, Laforgia, and Sullivan. Messrs. Butto, Carolan, Fortunato, Kinney, and Setteducato. Mr. Stephen Fogarty, of Fogarty and Hara, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Lambe, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; were also present.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:05 P.M. Ms Laforgia 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. Kinney and unanimously carried into the Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. 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 8:09 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Laforgia announced that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. She also announced that in accordance with the provisions of this act, the business administrator/ board secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted 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. She 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. Mrs. Laforgia 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.

Roll Call – Regular Public Meeting

Upon roll call at 7:30 P.M., the Board members responded as follows: Mmes. King,

Koulikourdis, Laforgia, and Sullivan. Messrs. Butto, Carolan, Fortunato, Kinney, and Setteducato. Mr. Stephen Fogarty, of Fogarty and Hara, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Lambe, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; were also present.

Ms. Laforgia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Laforgia noted the passing of a retired security guard and offered condolences to the family. Ms. Laforgia thanked the Board members for their contribution during the Superintendent search. She thanked members of the board for their patience during this challenging journey.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Laforgia noted that Mr. Riscica was absent due to illness.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lambe stated that he had no report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by BUTTO and seconded by KINNEY to open the meeting to public discussion.

A member of the public addressed the board regarding the OPMA and requested the salary and other information regarding the new Superintendent.

Mr. Butto interjected with a point of order in reference to the board not answering questions.

Members of the public in regard to the mask mandate.

Members of the public addressed the board regarding wearing masks in September.

Members of the public requested that the new curriculum be available for review.

Members of the public addressed the Board in regard to a mask policy.

Members of the Public read a statement from the RIHEA

Members of the public addressed the board welcoming Dr. Dionisio.

Members of the public thanked the board for their commitment to the Superintendent search.

Ms. Laforgia read a statement that was provided via email.

Moved by BUTTO Seconded by CAROLAN to close the public discussion of agenda items and to re-enter the Regular Public Meeting.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Laforgia invited Mr. Fogarty to review the contract.

Mr. Fogarty reviewed the terms of the Dr. Dionisio's employment agreement.

Ms. Sullivan noted that her interpretation is that a policy needs to be in place for masks. She also noted that the policy committee will meet on Wednesday.

Mr. Carolan noted that the curriculum would be released on August 16th with updates to follow.

Ms. King stated that the return to learning committee would be meeting this week to discuss the opening of schools.

ACTION ITEMS - = Yes

The following motions were approved by roll call vote:

PERSONNEL

Read by Mr. Butto:

P1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the & quot; Board & quot;) appoints Dr. Roy Meira Dionisio a/k/a Rui Dionisio (hereinafter referred to as "Dionisio"), as the Superintendent of Schools for the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District effective on or about November 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Dionisio for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment, which Employment Agreement is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Dionisio.

Moved By: BUTTO

Seconded: CAROLAN

RC): Carolan , Fortunato , King , Kinney , Koulikourdis ,
Setteducato , Sullivan , Butto , Laforgia

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Moved by BUTTO and seconded by KINNEY to open the meeting to public discussion.

Members of the public commented on the terms of the Superintendent contract.

Members of the public commented on the behavior of the Board.

Members of the public commented on the mask policy.

Moved by BUTTO Seconded by CAROLAN to close the public discussion of agenda items and to re-enter the Regular Public Meeting.

ANTICIPATED FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, August 23, 2021, Work Session/Public Meeting, Ramapo High School Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Butto, seconded by Mr. Carolan 8:10 PM.