

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – March 15, 2021**

**TIME and PLACE:** The virtual regular meeting was held on March 15, 2021 by the Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, Hunterdon County.

**SUNSHINE**

**NOTICE:**

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the public notice on January 05, 2021:

- a. Emailing to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times
- b. Posting on the District Website and the main bulletin board in the District Office
- c. Filing with the Clerks of the following municipalities: Alexandria Township, Frenchtown Borough, Holland Township, Kingwood Township and Milford Borough.
- d. The public may view and participate in public comment by visiting the following website: [www.dvrhs.org/dvboemeeting](http://www.dvrhs.org/dvboemeeting)

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Gordon-Obal.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Ellen Gordon-Obal, President  
Gerard Bowers  
Debora Frank  
Patrick Mancini

Jonathan DeLisle, Vice President  
Amy Elphick  
Sharon Lightner  
George Tavernite

**Absent:**

Michelle Kletter

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

**Present:**

Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent  
Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Approximately 99 students, staff and members of the community in attendance.

President Gordon-Obal lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Students of the month: Leadership & Service (Adrienne Olcott)
  - Kayla MacKinnon
  - Sarah Wardach
- Athletes of the month:
  - Girls' Basketball - Carol Anne Bredeson (Coach Haughey)
- Fine Arts Student of the month:
  - Jordan Oldenburg

- Sarah Wardach
- Department Curriculum Presentation: Social Studies and World Languages - James Kluska, Supervisor of Social Studies and World Language; Susan Coles, Teacher of Social Studies; and Kara Trunk, Teacher of American Sign Language (ASL)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

#### Management Reports:

- Reflections on COVID Year 1 and Report on Return to School Plan – Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
- School Administration - Adrienne Olcott, Principal
- School Administration - Bill Deniz, Vice Principal of Athletics, Health and Physical Education
  - Coordination of practices and games during season 3/spring overlaps

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - Bylaw No. 0167 “Public Participation in Board Meetings”**

Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions:

- The following students made comments about the new schedule change stating that the earlier start time negatively impacts their health due to less sleep time, more screen time and higher anxiety and depression levels. Students also asked for the administration to consider a student survey so that their voices could be heard:
  - Kayla McKinnon
  - Vincent Fusciardi
  - Jordan Clapp
  - Marissa P
  - Leonor Fontanez
  - Ellie McNamara
  - Matthew Houseworth
- Lisa Mickey of Holland Township stated that there is more discretion in the law and recommendations on CDC guidelines. She feels the board is taking too hard a line on this, stating that CDC guidelines are not followed when playing sports. She asked the board to consider tabling the curriculum presented for adoption tonight so there can be sufficient review of the information.
- Claire Wargaski of Holland Township stated that the healthiest thing for children is for them to be in school. Hunterdon County has the lowest death rate due to the pandemic. If you are socially distanced, you can take off your mask and if you are not socially distanced, then a mask should be worn.
- Jeanie Franzo of Alexandria Township thanked the board for listening to the parents and students and thanked Mrs. Wasserbach for her statement. She said we can do better than four days and would like to discuss the social studies curriculum. Every class has LGBTQ identity lessons in each class.
- Tracy F of Holland Township stated that all five sending districts are going back to school five days per week. She doesn't understand why the students can't be in school five days per week and does not understand the reason for Wednesdays off. The students are not getting the education they deserve.
- Jason Daunton of Holland Township stated that we are forgetting the additional screen time students need for doing homework and extracurricular activities.

### **BOARD GOALS AND EVALUATION CALENDAR**

#### 2020/2021 District Goals:

1. To provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.
2. To develop and revise curricula that enables students to meet emerging educational, scientific and cultural challenges.
3. Develop community and business partnerships that provide opportunities and experience beyond the classroom for all students.
4. Develop a strategy to promote Delaware Valley Regional High School, and to retain and attract students.

2020/2021 Board Goals:

1. To continue to explore Service Learning Opportunities towards graduation requirements and revisions to policy as needed.
2. Participate in THREE self-development training sessions to increase board member effectiveness.
3. Become an advocate for Delaware Valley Regional High School’s interests at the local, state, and federal levels.

2020/2021 Calendar for Board/CSA Evaluation:

Goals publicly affirmed by the Board .....	June 22
Action Plans presented to the Board .....	September 28
Updates given on progress .....	Monthly
Board Self-evaluation form to the Board .....	May 31
Goal/Leadership Evaluation (Part 1 & Part 2) .....	June 21
Goals/Indicators of success incorporated into goal evaluation document	
CSA completes form (goals, indicators, ratings) .....	April 26
Both forms returned to FSR or Board President .....	May 10
Analysis completed by FSR .....	May 17
Initial CSA Summary Report completed and distributed to Board for review	June 14
Final CSA Summary Report complete by Board President .....	June 21
Report given to CSA .....	June 21
Summary Conference (must be completed by June 30) .....	June 28
Final report to public on Board Goals .....	June 28

**SUPERINTENDENT – Daria Wasserbach**

Informational Items:

- Monthly COVID case reporting
- NJDOE Northern Region Short Term Advisory Committee Report
- School Regionalization Legislation
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Monthly Incident Report for period ending March 15, 2021:

Month/Year	# of Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	Remediation	Discipline & Remediation	Appealed (Y/N)
June 27 – Aug. 24	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aug 25 – Sept 28	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sept 29 – Oct 26	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oct 27 – Nov 23	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nov 24 – Dec 21	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Dec 22 – Jan 25	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jan 26 – Feb 22	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Feb 23 – Mar 15	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mar 16 – April 26					
April 27 – May 24					
May 25 – June 28					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			

- Short-term Suspension Report:  
Nothing to report

Student ID	Violation of Student Code of Conduct	Level of Infraction	Date/s of Infraction	Terms of Suspension/dates	Clearance Required

- COVID-19 Activity Report

Period Ending (COVID Risk by Color)	# of Positive Cases For Period Ending	Cumulative Annual Positive Cases
September 25, 2020	1	1
October 30, 2020	0	1
November 27, 2020	2	3
December 25, 2020	6	9
January 29, 2021	15	24
February 28, 2021*	17	41
March 12, 2021*	3	44
April 2021		
May 2021		
June 2021		

\*As of the time of publication; subject to change pending additional confirmed cases.

**Action 21-280**

**HIB Report**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education affirmed the HIB Report submitted on February 22, 2021. Moved by Mancini, seconded by Elphick. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY – Teresa O’Brien**

**Informational Items:**

- Next Regular Board of Education Meeting - Monday, April 26, 2021

- April Bill List Review - Ellen Gordon

**Action 21-281 Minutes**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following meeting minutes:*

- February 22, 2021 - Meeting Minutes*
- February 22, 2021 – Executive Session #1 Meeting Minutes*
- February 22, 2021 – Executive Session #2 Meeting Minutes*

*Moved by Lightner, seconded by Frank. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – Sharon Lightner - Chairperson, Michelle Kletter, Patrick Mancini, George Tavernite

Informational items:

**Action 21-282 2020/2021 Joint Transportation Agreement – South Hunterdon Regional HS**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the 2020/2021 Joint Transportation Agreements as indicated below. Delaware Valley Regional High School shall serve as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District:*

<i><b>District</b></i>	<i><b>Destination</b></i>	<i><b>Route No.</b></i>	<i><b>Route Cost</b></i>
<i><b>South Hunterdon Regional H.S.</b></i>	<i>DVRHS</i>	<i>DSE04</i>	<i>\$19,287.00</i>
	<i>Marie Katzenbach</i>	<i>DSE05</i>	<i>\$25,645.00</i>
<i><b>Total</b></i>			<i><b>\$44,932.00</b></i>

*Moved by Mancini, seconded by Frank. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-283 NJSBA Alliance for Competitive Energy Services Cooperative Pricing**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved participation in the NJSBA Alliance for Competitive Energy Services Cooperative Pricing System #E8801 to procure on an aggregate basis digital and electronic products and services, E-Rate Consulting Processing Services, and other technology products and programs to enhance Members readiness for Future Ready Schools, as well as energy aggregation services, supplies and materials, time and materials; and such other services and products as two or more participating local boards in the system agree can be purchased on a cooperative basis. Moved by Mancini, seconded by Frank. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-284 Food Service Consolidation Agreement**

*WHEREAS, the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education, the Frenchtown Board of Education and the Milford Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as "School Food Authorities", participate in the Child Nutrition Programs sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, and*

WHEREAS, the School Food Authorities have determined that it is beneficial both operationally and financially for all districts to continue to consolidate the food service operations in the 2021/2022 school year, and

WHEREAS, the School Food Authorities have also determined that Milford Board of Education and Frenchtown Board of Education will transfer and relinquish its authority, duties and obligations associated with the programs to Delaware Valley Regional High School, and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education agrees to be the Sponsor School Food Authority and accepts authority, duty and obligation for Frenchtown Board of Education and Milford Board of Education as it relates to the School Nutrition Programs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education approves the Agreement for School Food Authorities Consolidation of School Nutrition Programs effective July 1, 2021.

Moved by Mancini, seconded by Frank. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Patrick Mancini - Chairperson, Gerard Bowers, Jonathan DeLisle, Ellen Gordon  
Informational Items:

**Action 21-285**                                 **2021/2022 Proposed Budget**

WHEREAS, the 2021/2022 preliminary budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this district’s Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:7A -11 and to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;

WHEREAS, the 2021/2022 preliminary budget is in compliance with the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education approves the preliminary 2021/2022 budget in the amount of \$18,757,630 and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

General Fund.....	\$18,588,750
Special Revenue Fund .....	\$168,380
Total Budget .....	\$18,757,630

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education will withdraw \$150,000 from Capital Reserve in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(h) for the following purposes:

**Principal on Capital Lease Payment**

The district obtained a 5 year capital lease during FY19 for the purpose of completing a chemistry lab renovation and a roof replacement/restoration project. A principal payment in the amount of \$497,407 is planned for FY22. A withdrawal from capital reserve in the amount of \$150,000 will support the principal payment on the capital lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2021/2022 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy in the amount of \$15,750,896 and a debt service tax levy in the amount of \$0 apportioned as follows:

Alexandria Township (31.9425109%):

<i>Alexandria Township General Fund Tax Levy.....</i>	<i>\$5,031,232</i>
<i>Frenchtown Borough (6.9274343%):</i>	
<i>Frenchtown Borough General Fund Tax Levy.....</i>	<i>\$1,091,133</i>
<i>Holland Township (29.4517842%):</i>	
<i>Holland Township General Fund Tax Levy .....</i>	<i>\$4,638,920</i>
<i>Kingwood Township (26.8664144%):</i>	
<i>Kingwood Township General Fund Tax Levy.....</i>	<i>\$4,231,701</i>
<i>Milford Borough (4.8118562%):</i>	
<i>Milford Borough General Fund Tax Levy.....</i>	<i>\$757,910</i>
<i>Total General Fund Tax Levy.....</i>	<i>\$15,750,896</i>

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum general fund travel allowance for the 2021/2022 school year shall be established at \$55,000, and the maximum regular business travel amount shall not exceed \$1,500 per employee.*

*Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-286                      Use of Banked Cap**

*WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b) allows a district to request the use of banked cap only after it has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority in the budget year;*

*WHEREAS, after a significant reduction in State Aid equal to \$674,464, the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education has determined that there is a need to use the banked cap as follows for the purpose of funding the general operations of the school district and to maintain a thorough and efficient education in the 2021/2022 school year:*

*Generated in fiscal year 2018/2019                      \$ 99,580*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education requests the use of \$99,580 of banked cap in order to support the general operations of the 2021/2022 school year budget.*

*Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-287                      March 15 Bill List**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the March 15, 2021 bill list as follows:*

<i>General Fund 10</i>	<i>\$1,837,408.08</i>
<i>Special Revenue Fund 20</i>	<i>9,650.28</i>
<i>Capital Projects Fund 30</i>	<i>23.78</i>
<i>Technology Fund 61</i>	<i>32,558.71</i>
<i>Transportation Consortium Fund 62</i>	<i>379,544.98</i>
<i>Administrative Shared Services Fund 63</i>	<i>11,786.15</i>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,270,971.98</b>
<i>Cafeteria (February)</i>	<i>\$ 11,525.29</i>

*Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-288                      Budget Transfers - February**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved line item transfers dated February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$200,703.28. Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-289                      February 2021 Fund Financial Report**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the monthly certification of the Board Secretary for February 2021, and after review of the Board Secretary's and February 2021 Treasurer's Reports, certify no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23 – 2.11(c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year and that no budgetary line-item account has been exceeded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, and that no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditure, which in total exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a). Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-290                      February 2021 Other Financial Reports**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following financial reports:*

<i>Game Officials Account</i>	<i>February 2021</i>
<i>Petty Cash Account</i>	<i>February 2021</i>
<i>Student Activities Account</i>	<i>February 2021</i>
<i>Scholarship Account</i>	<i>February 2021</i>
<i>Cafeteria Account</i>	<i>February 2021</i>

*Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-291                      Technology Infrastructure Replacement**

*WHEREAS, the Delaware Valley Regional High School administration has determined that the technology infrastructure including the wireless network is in need of replacement, and*

*WHEREAS, three proposals were received through the E-Rate bidding system as follows:*

<i>Pitt Bull Secure Technologies</i>	<i>\$453,751.36</i>
<i>RelComm</i>	<i>\$352,456.93</i>
<i>Turn-Key Technologies</i>	<i>\$231,556.12</i>



and

WHEREAS, the E-Rate funds in the amount of \$63,869.80 are available to partially fund this project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education awards a contract to Turn-Key Technologies for a technology infrastructure replacement including wireless in the amount of \$231,556.12 and to accept E-Rate funding of \$63,869.80 for a total expenditure of \$167,686.32.

Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**Action 21-292**                      **Donation – Weight Room Equipment**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a cash donation from the All Sports Booster Club as a contribution towards new equipment for the weight room. Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**Action 21-293**                      **Transfer of Funds**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved transfer of funds from Fund 30 to Fund 10 Miscellaneous Revenues for interest earned on the capital lease proceeds in the amount of \$23.78 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-4.2(e). Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**Action 21-294**                      **National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance of Houston, TX**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved membership in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance of Houston, TX whose lead public agency is Region 14 Education Service Center (ESC) of Abilene, TX and to approve the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement as a participating public agency. Moved by Mancini, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE** - Ellen Gordon-Obal – Chairperson, Patrick Mancini, George Tavernite  
Informational items:

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Ellen Gordon-Obal – Chairperson, Jonathan DeLisle, Debora Frank, Sharon Lightner  
Informational items:

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS ARE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THAT ALL SALARIES ARE PRO-RATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT.

**Action 21-295**                      **Movement on the Guide – Heather Eckhardt**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved horizontal movement on the salary guide in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, for **Heather Eckhardt**, Student Assistance Counselor, 1.0 FTE, MS to MS+15, Step 12, at a salary of \$67,950, prorated, effective April 1, 2021. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**Action 21-296**                      **Seventh Assignment – Erena Joseph**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved **Erena Joseph**, Special Education Teacher, to teach a seventh assignment, beginning March 15, 2021, and ending on or about June 18, 2021 due to schedule change at a stipend of \$5,430, prorated. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-297 Graduate Course**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following request for **graduate course work** for the 2020/2021 school year:*

<i>EMPLOYEE</i>	<i>SEMESTER</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>CREDITS</i>
<i>Charles Inglin</i>	<i>Spring 2021</i>	<i>Ecology &amp; Environmental Science</i>	<i>Unit Compl</i>

*Moved by Gordon, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-298 2020/2021 Volunteer Coaches**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following **Volunteer Coaches** for the 2020-2021 school year:*

<i>Joseph Cariddi</i>	<i>Baseball</i>
<i>Andrew Fitz</i>	<i>Golf</i>
<i>Sergey Fisun</i>	<i>Lacrosse, Boys</i>
<i>Jon Lyman</i>	<i>Lacrosse, Boys</i>
<i>Tom Weaver</i>	<i>Lacrosse, Boys</i>

*Moved by Gordon, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**Action 21-299 2020/2021 Substitute**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the following **Substitute** for the 2020-2021 school year:*

*Diane Plytynski*

*Moved by Gordon, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**POLICY COMMITTEE** - Debora Frank – Chairperson, Gerard Bowers, Amy Elphick, Sharon Lightner  
Informational items:

**Action 21-300 Policy & Regulations – Second Reading & Adoption**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the second reading and adoption of the following policy and regulation revisions:*

<i>P1620</i>	<i>Administrative Employment Contracts (M)</i>
<i>P2431</i>	<i>Athletic Competition (M)</i>
<i>R2431.1</i>	<i>Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M)</i>

P2451	Adult High School (M)
P2464	Gifted and Talented Students (M)
P5330.05	Seizure Action Plan (M)
R5330.05	Seizure Action Plan (M)
P6440	Cooperative Purchasing (M)
P6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M)
P7440	School District Security (M)
R7440	School District Security (M)
P7450	Property Inventory (M)
P7510	Use of School Facilities (M)
R7510	Use of School Facilities (M)
P8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)
P8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)

Moved by Frank, seconded by Mancini. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**Action 21-301                      Waive Rental Fees**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved waive of rental fees required by Policy #7510 Use of School Facilities for a request by Q4 Lacrosse, LLC to host a lacrosse clinic on 3/16, 3/19, 3/23, 3/26, 3/29, & 3/31. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

**EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - Jonathan DeLisle - Chairperson, Amy Elphick, Debora Frank, Michelle Kletter

Informational items:

**Community Activities Calendar:**

Alexandria Township:

Township Committee Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
Dumpster Day, March 20th, 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Holland Township:

Township Committee Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

Kingwood Township:

Township Committee Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

Frenchtown Borough:

Township Committee Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

Milford Borough:

Township Committee Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

Delaware Valley Regional High School:

School Closed, Spring Recess, April 2nd - 9th  
Working - Musical Streaming, April 23rd, 24th & 25th

**Action 21-302                      2020/2021 Social Studies Curriculum**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the 2020/2021 Social Studies Curriculum in accordance with the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education Student Learning Standards. Moved by DeLisle, seconded by Frank. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, Sharon Lightner.*

**Action 21-303**

**2020/2021 World Language Curriculum**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the 2020/2021 World Language Curriculum in accordance with the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education Student Learning Standards. Moved by DeLisle, seconded by Frank. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, Sharon Lightner.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Bylaw No. 0167 “Public Participation in Board Meetings”**

Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions:

- Lisa Mickey of Holland Township asked if the movie “Amistad” is required by statute. She stated that we all want to teach diversity, but we don’t want to teach our students unscientific matters like there being more than two genders. We should not be going down this path. We should be teaching respect and that there have been people in our past that have been mistreated. We should not be teaching that there is systemic racism.
- Marlene Blankenship of Alexandria Township thanked Mrs. Wasserbach for the changes in the schedule and said she is looking forward to the survey.
- Jeanie Franzo of Alexandria Township stated that when looking at the exercise where students have to state their gender identity, you’re using racism to combat racism. This is going to cause children to question themselves. There is a book telling children that parents are hiding things from them.
- Leonor Fontanez of Holland Township thanked the board for wanting to bring change to the curriculum. We need to have open discussions about these things. We are a society in need of progress.
- Laura Ticery of Holland Township thanked the board for the curriculum changes.
- Hunter Leeds stated that LGBTQ education is important. The minority matter. We should be protecting people and helping them.
- Jeanie Franzo of Alexandria Township stated that she has no problem with being tolerant and teaching about it until it is to the detriment of the ones that are not.
- Kate Nugent of Frenchtown commended the board for their work on the curriculum and stated that anything that can be done to expand diversity would be welcomed by her family.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolved by the Board of Education of Delaware Valley Regional High School as per Chapter 231, P. L. 1975:

1. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 10:23 p.m. to discuss: Personnel Matters and DVRAA Negotiations.
2. The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.
3. The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately forty-five (45) minutes. Action will not be taken upon returning to open session.

The board returned to open session at 11:06 p.m. on motion by Gordon, seconded by Tavernite. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 11:08 p.m. Moved by Frank, seconded by Mancini. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes 8; nays, 0.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary*



*Ellen Goydon-Obal, Board President*