

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

**Special Meeting – July 27, 2020**

**TIME and PLACE:** The virtual special meeting was held on July 27, 2020 by the Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, Hunterdon County.

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**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 July 22, 2020 by:

- 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 6:33 p.m. by President Gordon-Obal.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Present:</b>	Ellen Gordon-Obal, President	Jonathan DeLisle, Vice President
	Gerard Bowers	Debora Frank
	Michelle Kletter	Sharon Lightner
	Patrick Mancini	George Tavernite

**Absent:** Geoffrey Stanley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Approximately 17 students, staff and members of the community in attendance.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

**Present:** Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent  
Teresa E. Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

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

Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions – No comments.

**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 may be necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, July 27, 2020 to discuss: 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 fifteen (15) minutes. Action may be taken upon returning to open session.

The board returned to open session at 6:36 p.m. on motion by Gordon, seconded by Frank. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **SUPERINTENDENT - Daria Wasserbach**

#### **Informational Items:**

- Report to the Board of Education on the Fall 2020 School Reopening Plan
- Discussion of potential 2020/2021 calendar revisions:
  - September 1 & 2 - No school for students/Staff PD
  - September 3 - First day of school
  - September 3 & 4 - Early dismissal for students/Staff PD
- Administration of AP exam fees 2021

#### **Action 21-001                      Fall 2020 School Reopening Plan**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the DVRHS Fall 2020 School Reopening Plan. Moved by Frank, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

#### **Action 21-002                      Revised 2020/2021 School Calendar**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the revised 2020/2021 school calendar. Moved by Frank, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

#### **Action 21-003                      AP Exam Third Party Payment Administration Agreement**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approved the third party payment administration agreement with Total Registration at the rate of \$1.86 per AP exam. Moved by Frank, seconded by Lightner. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.*

**POLICY COMMITTEE** – Debora Frank – Chairperson, Gerard Bowers, Michelle Kletter, George Tavernite  
**Informational items:**

#### **Action 21-004                      Policy & Regulations - First Reading & Adoption**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education waived the second reading and approved the first reading and adoption of the following policies, as amended, relating to the reopening of school:*

- Policy 1648                      *Restart and Recovery Plan*
- Policy 1649                      *Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act*

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

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

Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions. Several members of the community posed questions as follows:

Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	When will the students know their team assignment and schedules, both classes and bus?
Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	What happens if school is closed on a given day? Will the schedule pick up where it left off on the next scheduled school day?
Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	If sports actually take place, will there be busing accommodations for students that are synchronously learning, if not scheduled to be in school that day?
Brigid LaGuardia	Bloomsbury, NJ	Why is this virtual meeting not public as previously stated?
Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	Why the change from block to regular schedule?
Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	How long will my student be in class learning versus moving from classroom to classroom and time spent disinfecting the environment between classes?
Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	For Beth Hendershot , School Nurse - What process is in place for siblings that do not attend Del Val and are part of the sending district elementary school? Also, with the Academy students and Polytech students, what is the process as well?
Joelle Pursell	Ringoes, NJ	With the limited amount of tests available, along with delayed turnaround times for results, will the administration accept a doctor's opinion that a student or staff member has Covid-19 (without official test results) when deciding if a quarantine is necessary?
Joelle Pursell	Ringoes, NJ	Will random temperature checks be done, to encourage students to complete the symptom checklist before coming to school?

Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	Suggestion for Bathrooms: Any possibility for a card key system that limits the number of people in each bathroom, making sure when one or more persons come in, the same number could then enter or be directed to another available bathroom in the area.
Andrew Niebuhr	Frenchtown, NJ	What Covid benchmark will we be looking for to end the blue/gold 1/2 time in school instruction?
Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	Daria, please clarify what the criteria is for a teacher to opt to tele-teach and would it be for the entire year or a limited timeframe? If my student has several teachers that opt out of physically being present, can they switch to virtual learning?
		My understanding was the hybrid model was to include asynchronous learning, not a student teaching themselves or

Marlene Blankinship	Milford, NJ	not accountable or responsible for work on the days they aren't attending school. Where is the rigor in the courses students will take next year?
Brigid LaGuardia	Bloomsbury, NJ	Initially the meeting was not accessible, perhaps a technical glitch. Thank you for addressing. Will there be a way for students who choose remote learning to access clubs or socialize with and meet other remote learning students, so they aren't completely isolated?

**ADJOURNMENT**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Tavernite. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes 8; nays, 0.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

*Ellen Gordon-Obal, Board President*