

## January 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Glen Ridge Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 8:00 pm at the Glen Ridge High School Media Center.

The meeting was held in accordance with applicable NJ Statutes governing public Board of Education meetings.

### **Present**

Mr. Bonnett

Ms. Boyle-Vellucci

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Romano

Dr. Yaros-Ramos (arrived at 8:10 pm)

Ms. Ginsburg

Mr. Phillips

Mrs. Murphy

Mr. Merlino – Board Attorney from Sciarillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC

### **Not Present**

Mr. de Leeuw

Ms. Lang

Ms. St. Auburn

### **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This is a regular meeting of the Glen Ridge Board of Education. Adequate notice of this change of meeting location and time has been provided in that this Board notified the Glen Ridge Paper and the Star Ledger on January 8, 2020. Said notice was published in the Star Ledger on January 13, 2019. The date, time, and location of this meeting were also emailed to all recipients of the annual schedule of the Board's meetings.

Dirk Phillips, Superintendent

Barbara Murphy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

### **8:00 pm PUBLIC SESSION**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Phillips noted that this meeting was called to address the school calendar. He reviewed feedback he received from parents, the process of creating the school calendar, and similar districts' school calendars.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)**

During the course of the board meeting, the Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Glen Ridge Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and residency and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

- Tom Johnson, Glen Ridge resident, commented on the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar and its impact on scheduled vacations and requested the board reconsider.

- Greta Sawa, Glen Ridge resident, commented on the process for creating the school calendar and lack of input from parents. Ms. Ginsburg explained that Mr. Phillips attended the Home and School Association meetings and gathered input from the parent group.
- Angela Higgins, Glen Ridge resident, commented on the proposed school calendar's start before Labor Day, notice, and the effect on scheduled vacations.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **A-1 2020-2021 School Calendar**

Moved: Mr. Campbell                      Seconded: Mr. Bonnett

The board discussed the proposed calendar, school testing schedules, instructional days, and future announcement date guidelines for the school calendar.

Approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. (Exhibit A-1)

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Not Present	Not Present	Aye	Not Present	Aye	Aye

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Greta Sawa, Glen Ridge resident, made comments about a board member. The board attorney cautioned her that this meeting is for board business only.
- Angela Higgins, Glen Ridge resident, asked about the possibility of creating 3 to 4 years of school calendars at a time. Mr. Phillips responded that as events and testing dates change, the calendar would need to be amended. Jeff Merlino, board attorney, noted that in 2017 the state changed the school year dates.
- Tom Johnson, Glen Ridge resident, thanked the board for taking the extra time to review the calendar and complimented on the landscaping at Forest Avenue School.
- Tiana Stanic, Glen Ridge resident, commented on the calendar's effect on her family's vacation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned to adjourn by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Romano seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Bonnett	Boyle-Vellucci	Campbell	de Leeuw	Lang	Romano	St. Auburn	Yaros-Ramos	Ginsburg
Aye	Aye	Aye	Not Present	Not Present	Aye	Not Present	Aye	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Murphy, Board Secretary