

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Board Minutes
 Wednesday, February 16, 2022
 Conference Meeting, NBTMS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Board President, Mr. Duran Harris, called the Conference Meeting of North Brunswick Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held at NBTMS in the Auditorium. This meeting of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education is being recorded and broadcast via YouTube.

On a Roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen and Ms. Zulick.
 Absent: None

Present: Acting Superintendent, Ms. Ciarrocca, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Kita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Hock, Board Attorney, Mr. Busch.

4. Board President's Statement:
 The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date, and location was distributed by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2022 in the following manner:
 - a. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved announcements in the Board Office, Old Georges Road, North Brunswick.
 - b. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Sentinel, and the Clerk of the Township Of North Brunswick.
 - c. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Mr. Rick Selover - Principal of NBTMS, shared a presentation on the State of the NBTMS. Assisting Mr. Selover with the presentation were the following staff members and their subject matter.

Staff Member	Subject Matter
Ms. Monica Dwyer	ELA & Special Services
Ms. Jeannine Lanphear	Science/Math/Stem
Dr. Alexis Rich	Special Services & Mental Health Rebound
Mr. Rick Feltre	Life Skills/Electives
Ms. Amy Rafano	Extra Curricular Activities

Mr. Rick Feltre	Athletics
Mr. Rick Selover	Cultural Responsive Education Council
Dr. Jennifer Casazza	HIB/Social Emotional Learning/Vaping
Mr. John Zelehoski	AVID
Mr. Abraham Noe	Mentoring Program
Ms. Amy Rafano	DREAMS Program (Dedication, Responsibility, Education, Attitude, Motivation, Support)
Mr. Christian Valetin-Gladden	Title I Programs/Days of Dialogue Municipal Alliance Leader Conference

Mr. Durran Harris thanked Mr. Selover and his staff for their dedication to the NBTMS students.

6. Open Session:

- a. Old Business - None
- b. New Business- None
- c. Administrative Report - presented by Ms. Ciarrocca, Acting Superintendent of Schools

Good evening to all of our families, students, guests, and viewers here tonight. First of all it is a great pleasure to be able to be here at the new North Brunswick Township Middle School for our first conference meeting in 2 years. Due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, tonight is truly our first opportunity to celebrate the building and the opening of a new middle school in North Brunswick.

Under the leadership of Dr. Zychowski and the Board of Education, the residents of North Brunswick Township passed a referendum in December of 2016, to build a new 7th and 8th grade school. The vision was to create a 21st century learning space that would successfully lead our students into their high school years. It was also a part of a larger vision, departmentalizing our 5th grades with highly qualified subject area teachers. The collaborative work that went into the creation of this incredible learning space is a testament to all of those involved in the planning, building of not only the school building, but shifting staff, program, and schedules as well.

This building not only was completed “on time and on budget” in the midst of a world-wide pandemic, but it opened in the fall of 2020 within all of those challenges. Congratulations to Principal Richard Selover, his administrative team and amazing teachers, for bringing this school to life during these challenges.

A few notes for our audience this evening. First of all, due to the new 11th grade graduation test called the NJGPA test, students in 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will come to school on a 2 hour delay the week of March 14th (which is the mandated week for this test.) Additionally, the parent teacher conferences originally scheduled for that week have been moved to March 24 and 25. These will both be one session days for students and this calendar change will be formalized at next week’s board meeting.

Finally, a letter was posted to our website this afternoon and sent to families via KINVO indicating that on March 7, 2022, when the Governor’s mask mandate expires, NBTSchools will become a MASK OPTIONAL district. While we know this is a very controversial and personal choice, the changing landscape of COVID has made this possible. We fully hope that our entire community will continue to be respectful of each person’s and families' choices about wearing a mask beginning on March 7.

That is it for my report this evening, Mr. President.

- d. Student Reports - None
 - e. Committee Reports - None
7. **Public Session:** None
8. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Mr. Brockman to close the public portion of the meeting.
- The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms.Toth, Mr. Wen and Ms. Zulick.
Nay: None
Absent: None

9. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL.1975 permits the Exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and
WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presented exist;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Brunswick Township Board of Education that the public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
1. Personnel Matters
It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made Public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. Keefe to go into closed session at 8:35 p.m.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms.Toth, Mr. Wen and Ms. Zulick.
Nay: None
Absent: None

10. OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms.Toth that the meeting be returned to open session at 8:58 p.m

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms.Toth, Mr. Wen and Ms. Zulick.
Nay: None
Absent: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Dr. Patel that the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None

Absent: None



Rosa Hock, Business Administrator/Board Secretary