

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held an Emergency Special Meeting in Thomas Edison School Room #19, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on March 12, 2020.

1. The emergency special meeting of **March 12, 2020** was called to order at 7:25 p.m. (0 members of the public were present).

2. **Roll Call**

BOARD MEMBERS	Mr. Banta	Dr. Cohen	Mrs. Frenkel	Mr. Itkin	Ms. Quackenbush	Mr. Rosenberg	Mr. Santana	Mr. Spindel	Mr. Barbarulo
PRE;SENT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ABSENT									

OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Norcia <i>Superintendent</i>	Dr. Lacatena <i>Asst. Super. Education</i>	Mrs. DeFranco <i>Asst. Super. Student Services</i>	Mrs. Panagia <i>Director, HR</i>	Ms. Bartley <i>BA/Bd. Sec'y</i>	Ms. Ratcliffe-Lee <i>Asst. BA</i>	Mrs. Wellinghorst <i>Communications</i>	Mr. Green <i>Board Att'y</i>
PRESENT	X			X	X	X		X
ABSENT		X	X				X	

3. **Sunshine Statement**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

Adequate public notice of this emergency meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has not been provided. The matters to be discussed are of great urgency and importance involving the protection of student health and safety and the need for immediate steps to be taken in connection with that goal in light of the coronavirus epidemic.

Delay in holding the meeting will result in harm to the public interest because without immediate consideration of this topic students' health and that of their families may be jeopardized. The meeting will be limited to discussion of and possibly acting with respect to the matters of urgency and importance set forth above.

Written notice of the meeting was given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- a. Posting written notice at Borough Hall, in the Board of Education Administrative Office and on the District website on March 12, 2020; and
- b. Sending written notice of the meeting to the Bergen Record and the Star Ledger on March 12, 2020.

4. **Flag Salute**

5. Resolution to Conduct Emergency Meeting

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to provide the public with advance notice of, and the right to attend, meetings of public bodies such as a board of education; **and**

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings without adequate advance written notice in circumstances of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; **and**

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings subject to certain procedural safeguards, including that three-fourths of its members present vote in favor of conducting the emergency meeting and that prompt notice of the meeting is given to the public by posting and delivery to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board; **and**

WHEREAS, the spreading coronavirus epidemic has created an urgent situation necessitating immediate consideration by the Board of various circumstances, tactics, techniques and related contractual and legal matters necessary to protect the health and safety of the District’s students and employees, and a delay for purposes of providing adequate meeting notice would risk exposing students to possible harm; **and**

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education have determined that an emergency meeting must be conducted to discuss and possibly act on these matters which involve the health and welfare of these students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education shall conduct an Emergency Special Meeting on March 12, 2020 commencing at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call voting Yes to hold Emergency Special Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS	Mr. Banta	Dr. Cohen	Mrs. Frenkel	Mr. Itkin	Ms. Quackenbush	Mr. Rosenberg	Mr. Santana	Mr. Spindel	Mr. Barbarulo
PRESENT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ABSENT									

Motion By Mrs. Frenkel **Seconded By** Mr. Spindel at 7:27 p.m. to recess into Executive Closed Session to discuss tactics and techniques for protection of student health and safety, related contractual matters, and matters are falling within the attorney-client privilege in connection with the security of student health and safety.

It is expected that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public at such time as the need for confidentiality may no longer exist.

Closed Session Topics

1. Reimbursement
2. Field Trips/Conferences, etc.
3. Hourly Employees
4. Coronavirus Contingency Plan
5. Impact on Budget
6. How to Hold a Board Meeting Without the Public

Motion to Recess into Executive Closed Session

Motion By Mrs. Frenkel **Seconded By** Mr. Spindel to recess into Executive Closed Session at **7:27 p.m.**

Motion to Adjourn Emergency Special Meeting

Motion By Mrs. Frenkel **Seconded By** Mr. Spindel to adjourn the Emergency Special Meeting from Executive Closed Session on **March 12, 2020** at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Bartley
Business Administrator/Board Secretary