

**EAST RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 23, 2021  
6:00 PM - REMOTELY**

*NOTE: Be advised that the Board may recess into executive session at any time during the meeting.*

**CALL TO ORDER** – *By President Zoller at 6:03 p.m.*

**OPENING STATEMENT** – *President Zoller read the following:*

This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. Due to the Governor’s Covid 19 Executive Orders, the Board is conducting its public meetings electronically. Notices of this meeting were published in or transmitted to the Record and South Bergenite, posted on the bulletin boards in Faust and McKenzie Schools, posted on the Board’s website, filed with the Borough Clerk, and posted on the Faust main door entrance. During any public portions of the meeting, the public wishing to comment may enter “\*9” on their phone if calling in, or pressing the “raise hand” icon on Zoom video. Until recognized, the Superintendent will keep members of the public muted. The public may also mute their Zoom connection, or mute their phone. Please note that the public portion of the meeting is recorded on the Zoom program.

Copies of agendas are available 48 hours prior to said meeting via electronic notice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1 and posted on the East Rutherford School website – [www.erboe.net](http://www.erboe.net)

**SALUTE TO FLAG & MOMENT OF SILENCE** - *By President Zoller*

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRST RESPONDERS AND OUR ARMED FORCES.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mrs. Maria Caruso</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Mr. Orville Drummond</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mrs. Gina Lorusso</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mr. Antonio Segalini</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mrs. Erin Shemeley</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mr. Richard Vartan</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mrs. Debbie Zoller</b>	<b>X</b>	

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mr. Giovanni A. Giancaspro, Superintendent**  
**Mrs. Lameka Augustin, SBA/Board Secretary**  
**Mr. Thomas Kobin, Board Counsel**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRE EXIT LOCATIONS** – *By President Zoller*

As a courtesy to all in attendance, please silence all cell phones and paging equipment during this meeting.

***Mission Statement:***

*The East Rutherford Public Schools are committed to the achievement of individual academic excellence by achieving the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) through high quality teaching, learning and community involvement, which results in students being well prepared to meet future educational challenges and to contribute to society. Recognizing the needs of students, the East Rutherford school community strives to teach pupils how to learn effectively and attempt to motivate them to continuous learning throughout life. Students are encouraged to understand themselves, accept their worth, fulfill their potential, and become effective and responsible citizens in a democratic society and in a multicultural world.*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS**

**President Zoller Opens the Hearing of Citizens:**

**Time: 6:08 p.m.**

Opening this portion of the meeting to public comments on school related issues. State your name and address for the record. Each person wishing to speak will have three (3) minutes each. Please go to the district website under “Announcements” click on Remote Meeting information.

- *No Members of the Public wished to be heard.*

**President Zoller Closes the Hearing of Citizens:**

**Time: 6:08 p.m.**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Topics of Discussion:

- **Superintendent’s Evaluation/Board Discussion**

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** – *No Action will be taken.*

**Time: 6:09 p.m.**

**RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to legal, personnel, negotiations, attorney – client privilege, and/or student matters, and the Board currently needs to conduct an executive session for a personnel matter. The minutes of such matter(s) will be made available upon a determination by the Board that the disclosure of the minutes will not detrimentally affect any right or interest of the Board. The board expects to return to the business portion of the meeting in approximately 45 minutes, and no formal action will be taken.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REMARKS
Maria Caruso				X	
Gina Lorusso	X				
Orville Drummond	X				
Erin SHEMELEY	S				
Antonio Segalini	X				
Richard Vartan	M				
Debbie Zoller	X				

**MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS (IF NECESSARY)**

**Time: 7:48 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REMARKS
Maria Caruso				X	
Orville Drummond	X				
Gina Lorusso	X				
Antonio Segalini	S				
Erin SHEMELEY	X				
Richard Vartan	M				
Debbie Zoller				X	Recused from Executive Session

**FINAL MATTERS TO DISCUSS OR ACT UPON (IF NECESSARY)**

*None*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Time: 7:48 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REMARKS
Maria Caruso				X	
Orville Drummond	X				
Gina Lorusso	X				
Antonio Segalini	X				
Erin SHEMELEY	S				
Richard Vartan	M				
Debbie Zoller				X	Recused from Executive Session

**NEXT MEETING:  
Public Work Session Meeting  
REMOTELY  
July 14, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**