

**Saddle River Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria

A. Call to Order

B. Opening Statement

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

- Posting written notice prominently on the bulletin board in the vestibule of Wandell School, 97 E. Allendale Road, Saddle River, New Jersey.
- The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, The Record, The Ridgewood News, and The Town Journal.
- Filing with the Clerk of Saddle River Borough.

C. Roll Call

|               | Present | Absent |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| Ms. Kaufman   | _____   | _____  |
| Ms. Elshami   | _____   | _____  |
| Ms. Nissirios | _____   | _____  |
| Ms. Salazer   | _____   | _____  |
| Mr. Senger    | _____   | _____  |

D. Flag Salute

E. No Action At This Time

- Superintendent's Report
- Vice Principal's Report
- Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Report
- Board President's Report
- Committee Report(s)
- Liaison Report(s)
- Minutes
- Human Resources
- Education
- Finance

F. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two portions of the meeting reserved for comments from the public; the first at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second at the end of the meeting for other items.
- If you wish to address the board, please provide your name and address and please limit your comments to 3 minutes.
- Issues raised by the public may or may not be responded to by the board, but all comments will be considered. The board requests that all members of the public be mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Due to confidentiality and legal restrictions, the board is not permitted to comment on matters related to staff or students.

G. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items Only

H. Administration

**SA-24250801: Authorization of Non-Binding Public Question-November 2024**

**RESOLVED**, that for the purpose of gaining insight into the electorate in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:3-6 and N.J.S.A. 19:60-4, the Saddle River Board of Education authorizes a Non-Binding Public Question and Interpretive Statement to be placed on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot as follows:

**Non-Binding Public Question**

“Should the Saddle River Board of Education expand from providing a kindergarten to fifth grade elementary school to also providing a sixth grade to eighth grade middle school, which will require the hiring of additional personnel and may require a building expansion to accommodate the additional grades?”

**Interpretive Statement**

“The possible expansion to include a sixth grade to eighth grade middle school, will require the hiring of additional certified personnel to support the three additional grade levels and may require additional school facilities. Should additional school facilities be required, a separate binding referendum question will be presented to the taxpayers for a vote at a future date. Should the additional staffing exceed the school district’s annual budget including the permitted two percent (2%) tax levy increase, a separate binding referendum question will be presented to the taxpayers for a vote to exceed the two percent (2%) tax levy increase at a future date.”

*Motion:*

*Roll Call Vote*

*Second:*

*ES:*

*YE:*

*Discussion:*

*EN:*

*HS:*

*EK:*

I. Old Business

J. New Business

K. Questions or Comments from the Public on Other Items

L. Board Member Comments

M. Executive Session Convened at: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion: Second: Vote: Time:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting of which the public body discusses certain matters for which confidentiality is required as permitted in Section 7B of the act.

WHEREAS, the items that are permitted to be discussed in executive session are as follows:

1. a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3. material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
5. a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds
6. protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
8. specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
9. deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will be discussing items \_\_\_\_\_ and any other matters that require closed discussion. Action will (will not) take place on these items. The matters discussed in executive session shall be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

N. Adjournment Motion: Second: Vote: Time: