

Minutes of the  
Special Executive Session  
of the  
Ridgewood Board of Education

Ridgewood Public Schools  
Bergen, County, New Jersey  
September 14th, 2020

Minutes of the Ridgewood Board of Education Committee of the While Executive Session held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at approximately 6:07pm in the conference room of the Education Center, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ.

Present: Mr. Michael Lembo, President; Ms. HyunJu Kwak, Vice-President; Ms. Sheila Brogan, Mr. Saurabh Dani, Mr. Cristopher Kaufman (virtually via teleconferencing).

Also Present: Jeffrey Merlino, Board Counsel.

Absent: None

I. Motion to go into Executive Session

Mr. Lembo moved that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Mr. Lembo stated that the minutes of the executive session would be released when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Ms. Brogan seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ms. Brogan, Mr. Dani, Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Kwak, Mr. Lembo

NAYES: None

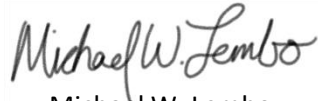
II. Personnel Matter

Mr. Lembo informed the board that he spoke with Dr. Fishbein before the executive session regarding his resignation for the purpose of retirement. Mr. Lembo asked if he would consider staying and rescinding his resignation. Dr. Fishbein informed Mr. Lembo that he still wished to retire as he stated in his letter. Mr. Lembo had Mr. Merlino come to the meeting to discuss what the next steps are and requested Dr. Fishbein to not be present so the board could discuss. It was decided that the board would begin to look for interim superintendents while requesting a list of search firms for the permanent replacement. Mr. Lembo would ask Ojetta Townes to begin to compile the list of firms for the board during the meeting so the public could understand the process of what is next. Mr. Merlino spoke of a few options for the board as well regarding interim superintendents. The board asked questions pertaining to the process and a discussion ensued.

III. Adjournment

At approximately 6:58pm, on a motion made by Mr. Lembo, seconded by Ms. Kwak, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Lembo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'L'.

Michael W. Lembo  
Board President