

**Board of Education  
Upper Saddle River, New Jersey  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, August 29, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

This Special Meeting of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education was held in the Cavallini Media Center of the Upper Saddle River Schools beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Gandara opened the meeting and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with PL 1975, Chapter 232 and appropriate notice had been provided to the designated newspapers, the Borough Clerk and all interested parties requesting such notification.

Members present: Mrs. Gandara, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Quagliani, Dr. Verducci, Mrs. Wenberg

Members absent: Mrs. Ginsberg, Mr. Mehegan

Also present: Dr. Schoen, Mrs. Imbasciani, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Giacobbe (Board Attorney)

Mrs. Gray made a motion, seconded by Dr. Verducci to begin the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**OPENING STATEMENT**

**Mrs. Gandara**

Mrs. Gandara welcomed the Board to the meeting.

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**Board Members Only**

Mrs. Gandara then read the following statement:

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education deem it necessary to discuss personnel matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the topics to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discusses and acted upon in confidential session pursuant to PL 1975, Chapter 231;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education deem it necessary to exclude the public from the discussion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting will be made public when the need for privacy no longer exists. Action will not be taken.

Mrs. Gray made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wenberg to go into Executive Session at 8:03 a.m.

Mrs. Gray made a motion, seconded by Mr. Quagliani to return to the Special Meeting at 9:02 a.m.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wenberg and seconded by Dr. Verducci to approve Consent Agenda Item A and was approved by all in attendance.**

A. Approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has requested that the Board disenroll two student whose name are on file in the Board Office ("Student"), based upon information that said Students are not entitled to a tuition free education from the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 15, 2024, the Board Secretary provided the Students' parents with notice of their right to a disenrollment hearing in the event that they did not agree with the Superintendent's recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Students, the parents attended and provided arguments to the Board in closed Executive Session on August 29, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board considered the evidence presented by the Students' parents and by the administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the Student's parents have not met their burden under the statute, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1, to establish that the Students are entitled to a tuition-free education from the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Students shall be disenrolled from the Upper Saddle River School District, effective September 3, 2024, and the Board Secretary shall provide the parents with the notice of the same; provided, however, that if the Students' parents contest the Board's decision before the Commissioner of Education within twenty-one (21) days of receiving the notice of disenrollment, then the Students shall remain enrolled in the Upper Saddle River Public School District while the appeal is pending before the Commissioner of Education.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made Mr. Quagliani and seconded by Mrs. Wenberg at 9:06 a.m.

Dana Imbasciani, Board Secretary