

## TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION 651 TEANECK ROAD TEANECK, NJ 07666

# EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK

The Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, convened at a Regular Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., held virtually via the Zoom app link located on the district website in the town of Teaneck, New Jersey.

#### TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION CONDEMNS ANTI-ASIAN RACISM

**Whereas**, Teaneck Public Schools have a longstanding tradition of leading the nation in honoring diversity through inclusion and celebration of people of all races, national origins, abilities, genders, sexual orientations and religions; and

Whereas, there has been a dramatic increase in despicable acts of discrimination, hate and violence being committed against Asian Americans across our country and in NJ; and

Whereas, the Teaneck Board of Education condemns and denounces racism, xenophobia, misogyny, and intolerance in all forms; and

Whereas, we recognize with gratitude and renew our support of our Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander students, teachers, administrators, family members, and neighbors in the greater Teaneck community; and

Whereas, Board Goal 1 states, "Students attending the Teaneck Public Schools will acquire the critical thinking skills, knowledge and understanding to be successful global citizens in the twenty first century."; and

Whereas, respect for diversity and a struggle for inclusion is critical to be a successful global citizen; and

**Whereas**, Board Goal 3 states, "The Teaneck Public Schools will be proactive in creating safe and inclusive school environments for students and adults by utilizing the support services of the members of the greater Teaneck community."; and

Whereas, Teaneck Public Schools is committed to ending violence, bullying, and discrimination, and to ensuring that all students and staff are treated with dignity and respect in our schools and our community; and



**Now, therefore, be it Resolved,** That the Teaneck Board of Education reaffirms and proactively implements all policies, practices and procedures to ensure that our Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander students, staff, families and community are not subjected to bias, harassment, discrimination, violence or retaliation; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the Teaneck Board of Education urges students, employees, and community partners to interrupt instances of racism and intolerance; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that we will support and amplify community efforts to be anti-racist and to combat discrimination and xenophobia while engaging actively and authentically with communities of color; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the Teaneck Board of Education recommits to our alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and we encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis;

### **BOARD OPERATIONS #2**

Motion: V. Fisher	Second: S. Rappoport			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	Х			
Mr. Clark, Sr. (Harold)				Х
Mr. Cooper (Damen)	Х			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)	Х			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	Х			
Mrs. Rappoport (Sarah)	Х			
Mr. Reiner (Gerald)	Х			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)	Х			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	Х			

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County of Bergen	)

I, Melissa Simmons, Board Secretary of the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing extract from the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of said district duly called and held on March 17, 2021 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the minute book of said meeting of the Board of Education and is a true, complete copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matter referred to in said extract in witness have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 25th day of October, 2021.



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Melissa Simmons

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