



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 10, 2017 - Board of Education Agenda
Category	13. Board Actions and Discussion Items
Subject	B. Resolution to Oppose the Confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)

Public Content

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Ardsley Union Free School District has been elected by the residents of the Ardsley Union Free School District to determine policy and approve programming for the students of the District, within the confines of both federal and state statutes governing education, and

Whereas, the Board of Education is committed to the provision of quality education, focused on cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth, for all students, and

Whereas, the Board of Education wants all of our students to feel confident and secure that they will receive this education regardless of socioeconomic status, ability, background, race, or gender, and

Whereas, President-Elect Trump has nominated Betsy DeVos to be Secretary of Education of the United States, a candidate with no public school experience, as either an educator or in the administration and management of public schools, and who has demonstrated support for school voucher programs, school choice programs, and charter schools which threaten the provision of free and appropriate public education for all students through a public school system, and

Whereas, Ms. DeVos has been at the forefront of the establishment of several voucher and charter school initiatives in Michigan which have enriched the coffers of private companies and diverted scarce economic resources from the public education of students, particularly in urban areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ardsley Union Free School District Board of Education hereby, based on this record, opposes the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education, and calls upon the United States Senate to stand firm in opposing this nominee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes its President to correspond with the United States Senators for the State of New York to inform them of this resolution.

Administrative Content

Executive Content

Motion & Voting

Motion to accept the entire consent agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by George Holt, second by Frank Hariton.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Matthew Bonney, Frank Hariton, George Holt, Nicole Minore