

The Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Woo at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Early Childhood Center, 270 First Street, Palisades Park, NJ 07650

Flag Salute by in all attendance.

Roll Call: Jeffrey Woo, Paul Kim, Ken Bruno, Connie Hwang, Stephanie Jang, Thomas Matarazzo, John Mattessich, Barnabas Woo.
Dr. Joseph Cirillo, Mr. Louis Flora, Esq.

Absent: Jason Kim

Statement of Presiding Officer:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975, I hereby state that adequate notice of this Special Meeting has been provided to the public by written notice dated June 2, 2018. The meeting has been:

- 1.) Posted on bulletin boards located inside each school building.
- 2.) Communicated with at least one of the Board's designated newspapers
- 3.) Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park

Report of the Board President:

Mr. J. Woo had the privilege of attending several school events: the Chorus/Band Concert at Lindbergh Elementary School, and the Senior Prom. He applauded the efforts of all the students & faculty involved and the parents for their participation.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Cirillo commented on "America Young Voices" which our Lindbergh School students participated in. This annual event was held at the Prudential Center, Newark, NJ on Friday night, June 8th. A special "thank you" to our music teacher, Anna Mancini, for an outstanding program.

The 6th grade promotion ceremony will be held on June 21st at 6:30 p.m. Lindbergh School auditorium. The high school graduation ceremony will be held on June 22nd at the County field (weather permitting). In the event of inclement weather, the program will be moved to the high school auditorium.

Two of our senior students, Emily Kim and Eric Cho, were awarded the NJIC Sportsmanship Award.

The Palisades Park school district is donating the services of 2 ice cream trucks to East Brook Middle School, Paramus as a show of support & encouragement to the students and staff members due to the fatal bus accident on May 17th.

Dr. Cirillo met with representatives of First Student Inc., our main transporter, to ensure that their staff holds the proper identification and credentials for school bus drivers.

Report of the Board Attorney:

Mr. Flora is finalizing the lease agreement with The Presbyterian Church of NJ, for the use of our high school facilities. The Church will be hosting a summer camp program beginning July 9th through August 17th. There will be several items for discussion when the Board convenes in closed session.

Minute Approval: April 25, 2018 – Special Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Matarazzo, seconded by Mr. Mattessich to accept the minutes of this special meeting. All ayes on roll call.

Committee Reports: ATTACHED

Audience Participation:

A motion made by Ken Bruno, seconded by John Mattessich, all ayes to open the meeting to audience participation:

Michael Brestin, high school student, inquired as to what school security measures are being taken in light of a recent threat at the high school? Also, will substitute teachers be trained in emergency procedures?

Dr. Cirillo said that since the “threat” is part of an active police investigation, he cannot comment other to say that the authorities are involved. Effective July 1st, teacher aides and substitute teachers will be trained on safety measures and access to the shared “911 app”.

Board member, Stephanie Jang, would like to meet with student representatives and parents to discuss safety issues so that everyone feels comfortable. She does not want our district to be perceived as being particularly dangerous.

The District will still retain the services of UFS Personnel, a private security company, as well as the presence of school security officers through our shared services agreement with the Borough.

Cathy Doheny, Lindbergh School teacher, inquired about the possibility of future building plans. Dr. Cirillo has met with the new architectural firm to discuss building plans in the district.

Closed Session:

A motion by Dr. Matarazzo, seconded by Mr. Mattessich, all ayes to enter into a closed session meeting.

A motion by Dr. Matarazzo, seconded by Mr. Barnabas Woo, all ayes to open executive session.

Dr. Cirillo told the Board that they will be voting on 2 Lindbergh School HIB investigations at the June 27th meeting.

REDACTED

A motion made by Dr. Matarazzo to close the executive session. Motion seconded by Mr. Woo, all ayes on roll call.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is adjourned.

Diane Montemurro

Palisades Park Board of Education

June 13, 2018

Report of the Finance Committee – John Mattessich, Chairman

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves tuition reimbursement as follows:

Vera Csizmadia (Pre-K 4)

“Teaching ESL”

“Teaching Poverty’s Children”

“Literature to Teach Life Lessons”

(9 credits)

Andia Giannantonio-Cali (ESL)

“Current Theories of 2nd Language Acquisition”

“Methodology of Teaching ESL”

“TESL Practicum”

(9 credits)

Kelly Monroe (Guidance Counselor)

“Community Research: Alcohol/Substance Abuse”

“Family Seminar: Substance Abuse Counseling”

“Biomedical/Psychological Perspectives on Drugs”

(9 credits)

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of a contract agreement with “Winning Grants, Inc.” (formerly Away with Words). The grant writer will develop a maximum of 7 grant proposals for funding from Federal, State or Foundation sources. Winning Grants will also assist with the writing & distribution of press releases, district newsletters and other written communications. Term: 7/1/18 – 6/30/19. Annual Fee: \$40,000.

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of a contract agreement with Bergen County Special Services for the provision of educational services for non-public school students in the Palisades Park school district. Fee: Palisades Park will pay BCSSSD up to the maximum of \$38,787.00 to be billed following the start of services.
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district placement for a special needs student during the 2018/19 school year at Washington South, Paramus NJ. Tuition: \$82,620. Term: 7/5/18 – 6/30/19
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation Superintendent approves the Food Service bill list in the amount of \$7,864.97 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Amount
Verizon	H.S. Café' phone service (2 months)	\$ 109.22
Jay-Hill Repairs	New Bally walk-in refrigerator At Lindbergh School Café'	\$ 6,577.25
Jay-Hill Repairs	Material/labor to repair Freezer @ H.S. Café'	\$ 637.50
Jay-Hill Repairs	Install new drain line for New Bally refrigerator	\$ 541.00
		<hr/> \$ 7,864.97

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following bank transfers:

Bank of New Jersey – Acct #0202001336
To PNC Bank Acct #8100245642
\$135,000. - AfterCare Program to General Current

Bank of New Jersey – Acct #0102008245
To PNC Bank Acct #8100245642
\$60,000. – AfterCare Program to General Current

FURTHERMORE, these funds will be deposited in the following budget line items as per the auditor:

11-000-262-520-01-0000	Insurance	\$ 5,002.96
11-000-262-621-01-0000	Utilities/Natural Gas	9,644.57
11-000-262-622-01-0000	Electricity	12,699.55
11-000-291-220-01-0000	Social Security	11,902.37
11-000-291-270-01-0000	Employee Health	155,750.55

7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district summer program for a special needs student commencing June 25th through August 17th at the "SOAR" Experience Camp, Ramsey, NJ. Tuition: \$600.00.

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the Student Activities accounts, month ending 5/31/18. (Attached)

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the June 2018 bill list in the amount of \$867,191.60:

Fund 10 (General Current Expenses)	\$809,264.10
Fund 20 (Special Revenue)	<u>57,927.50</u>
	\$867,191.60

Motion by: J. Mattessich

Seconded by: T. Matarazzo

Roll Call: Ayes – J. Woo, P. Kim, K. Bruno, C. Hwang, S. Jang, T. Matarazzo, J. Mattessich, B. Woo

Absent: J. Kim

Palisades Park Board of Education

June 13, 2018

Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee – Ken Bruno, Chairman

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of a renewal application to the NJDOE Bergen County office for Temporary Instructional Space. Location: 2nd floor at the ECC building

Grade Level: Pre K – K

Room: Media room #206

No. of Students: 20 + teacher + aide

Reason for Renewal: Overcrowding

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of the ECC cafeteria for a “cheerleading camp”. June 25 – June 29 from 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of the Lindbergh School auditorium on Saturday, September 29, 2018 for a music concert sponsored by the Greenhouse Church. Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Attendance: Approximately 120 people

A Certificate of Liability Insurance and a security deposit will be submitted to the Board office prior to this event. The Greenhouse Church will be responsible for the costs of custodial services.

Motion by: K. Bruno

Seconded by: J. Mattessich

Roll Call: Ayes – J. Woo, P. Kim, K. Bruno, C. Hwang, S. Jang, T. Matarazzo, J. Mattessich, B. Woo

Absent: J. Kim

Palisades Park Board of Education

June 13, 2018

Report of the Personnel Committee – Dr. Thomas Matarazzo, Chairman

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following part-time custodian at the Jr/Sr High School:

Fortunato Rojas

Union City, NJ

\$10.50 per hour/29.5 hours

(Pending fingerprint approval)

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of a substitute special police officer at Lindbergh School's "After Care" program:

William Duarte

Palisades Park, NJ

\$15.00 per hour

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following coaches for "Middle School" sports programs:

Frank Ring

Track Coach

Stipend: \$2,987.00

Eunice Kim

Tennis Coach

Stipend: \$2,987.00

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Intern to work with Nael Llaverias and Jeong Hae Jones, school psychologists, during the 2018/19 school year:

Ms. Songul Yalcin

Queens College, CUNY

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment:

Wendy Alava-Hernandez
Palisades Park, NJ
Teacher Aide @ ECC
(Pending fingerprint approval)

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment:

Christopher Kulcsar
Secaucus, NJ
B.S. – “Movement & Sports Studies”
Varsity Football Coach
2018/2019 school year
Stipend: \$6,994.00

7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff members working in the district’s summer “enrichment” programs:

Early Childhood Center:

Nicole Ostuni
Caitlin O’Malley
Destiny Harmon

Lindbergh Elementary School:

Ebet Diaz
Kathy Maurer
Tara Lehman
Alison Ginolffi

Substitute Teachers:

Stephanie Clark
Robyn Sperlazzo

Teachers: \$35.00 per hour

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff members working in the district's summer "remedial" programs:

6th, 7th, 8th Grade Programs:

Math: Monica Rosado

ELA: Lauren Perez

Science: Inne Cho

Social Studies: Andrew Garcia

ESL: Andia Cali

Sub: Ewa Krupinska

Teachers: \$35.00 per hour

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following maternity leave replacement teacher:

Joshua Farra

Effective: 05/29/18 - 6/30/18

Step I MA - \$52,224.00 (pro-rated)

Replacing Stephanie Messina

10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an intermittent Family Medical Leave request for a district employee. This intermittent leave will begin on May 30, 2018 for the Federally allowable period of 12 months.

11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the extension of a family leave of absence for Orietta Osso, Lindbergh School special education teacher. Orietta Osso intends to return to a full-time position September 1, 2019.

12.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Jessica Lopez, ESL teacher at the ECC, effective June 22, 2018.

13.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the **attached** list of personnel (teachers and aides) working in the extended school year programs at the Early Childhood Center commencing June 25 through July 23, 2018.

Teachers: \$35.00 per hour

Aides: \$12.50 per hour

2018 ESY Programs

6/25/18 - 7/23/18

8:30 - 12:00

Early Childhood Center	
Program	AIDES
Pre-K-3/4 ~ Kaytlin Callaghan	Victoria Barchetto
Pre-KT ~ Grace DeSotto/Julie Vlagic	Serena Flora Michael Birchwale Seon Lee Kim Tussi
Kindergarten ~ Vera Csizmadia	Jessie Takeall Jennifer Oh
1 ~ Christina Montemurro	Violetta Costa
	Linda Kouros
Lindbergh Elementary School	
2-3 ~ Maria Karsos	Marissa Giraldo
	Sandra Wrightington
LLD 1-3 ~ Lisa Panchi	Danny Glavan Martha Aguilera
4-6 ~ Sheila Nastasi	N/A
LLD 7-9 ~ Jaclyn Vouthas	N/A

Available Teacher Subs: Jessica Lanza, Robyn Sperlazzo, Jessica Tetro

Jessica Lanza will cover for Sheila Nastasi on 7/2 & 7/3.

Robyn Sperlazzo will cover for Lisa Panchi on 6/25 - 6/26. Robyn will cover for Maria Karsos on 7/3.

Related Service Providers	
Behaviorist/Counselor	Kerrie O'Hagan ~ Region V
Occupational Therapist	Elizabeth Matias, SBJC
Physical Therapist	Erin Kelly, SBJC
Speech and Language Specialist	Claudia Tronza

Palisades Park Board of Education

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Report of the Policy Committee – Mr. Paul Kim, Chairman

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a First Reading of the updated Policy No. 4111 entitled: "Recruitment, Selection and Hiring".

New Sections Added:

- Employment History Definitions
- Required Disclosure of Employment History
- Review of Employment History
- Review of out-of-state Employment History
- Nondisclosure Agreements

Motion by: P. Kim

Seconded by: K. Bruno

Roll Call – Ayes: J. Woo, P. Kim, K. Bruno, C. Hwang, S. Jang, T. Matarazzo, J. Mattessich, B. Woo

Absent: J. Kim