

The Board of Education of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen, met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, 270 First Street, Palisades Park, NJ with President Maria Alvarez presiding:

The assemblage saluted the flag.

On roll call the following attendance was recorded: Maria Alvarez, Ken Bruno, Howard Donovan, John Mattessich, Anthony Rotundo, Jeffrey Woo, Dr. Cirillo, and Richard Brovarone, Esq.

Connie Hwang, Paul Kim, Jason Kim are absent.

**Statement of Presiding Officer**

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, (Chapter 213, P.L. 1975) I hereby state that adequate notice of the Special meeting of the Palisades Park Board of Education has been provided to the public by written notice dated August 18, 2016. The meeting has been:

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

**Minute Approval: June 29, 2016 – Special Meeting**

A motion by Ken Bruno, seconded by Anthony Rotundo, a roll call was taken, all ayes to accept the minutes of this Special meeting.

**Report of the Board President – Ms. Maria Alvarez – No report at this time**

**Report of the Superintendent – Dr. Cirillo**

Be It Resolved, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of the district's Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) for the time period 2016-2019.

A motion by Mr. Rotundo, seconded by Mr. Donovan, all ayes on roll call to accept the CEP resolution.

All school districts are required to develop a 3-year CEP for the purpose of identifying, and if necessary, correcting policies, programs, practices and conditions which may be inequitable.

Dr. Cirillo once again noted that Lindbergh School students will continue to be offered a world language course of study. This school year students in grades 1-3-5 will be studying Italian. Grades 2-4-6 will be studying Spanish. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students also have the option of signing up for Korean.

The faculty will be returning to district on September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, students are reporting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Report of the Board Attorney – Mr. Richard Brovarone, Esq. – Report in Closed Session**

**Report of the Finance Committee – Mr. Mattessich**

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following workshop request:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Location/Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Laura Pieratos Vice-Principal	FEA Conference, Monroe Township Using PARCC data to improve teaching And learning	9/29/16	\$149.00

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the July 2016 budget transfers (as per the attached) in the amount of \$32,375.72.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board accepts the "Report of the Secretary", month ending 07/31/16 and that the Board certifies that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A (10e) that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Full Report on file in the Board Office for review)

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the July 2016 payroll in the amount of \$362,224.77.

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the payment of invoices for the month of August 2016 as follows:

Fund 10 (General Current Expenses)	\$ 967,564.64
Fund 20 (Special Revenue Fund)	1,199.99
Fund 40 (Interest & Principal Early Retirement Plan)	165,371.49
Fund 96 (Latch Key)	325.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,461.12</b>

A motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Woo, all ayes on roll call to accept Finance Resolutions 1 through 5.

**Report of the Buildings & Ground Committee – Mr. Donovan**

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from the PTA and the KPG to sponsor a **fundraiser entitled: “Making Dreams Come True”**.

This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Use of the Lindbergh School field, cafeteria and bathrooms are needed. In the event of inclement weather, the PTA and the KPG are asking to use the high school gym, cafeteria and bathrooms.

The proceeds will help fund various programs throughout the school year. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the “Make A Wish Foundation”.

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the **2016-2017 PTSA & PTA meeting schedule** as follows:

<u>Regular Meetings</u>	<u>Special Meetings</u>
September 14, 2016	September 21, 2016
October 5, 2016	
November 2, 2016	
December 7, 2016	
January 4, 2017	
February 1, 2017	
March 1, 2017	March 15, 2017
April 5, 2017	
May 3, 2017	
June 7, 2017	

**Meetings are on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Executive Board Meetings of the PTSA/PTA will be held the First Wednesday of every month in the Lindbergh School Teachers Room beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

A motion by Howard Donovan, seconded by Ken Bruno, all ayes on roll call to accept the Buildings & Grounds Resolutions 1 & 2.

## Report of the Personnel Committee – Mr. Jeffrey Woo

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Silvia Raguseo, High School Special Needs teacher (Math), effective upon hiring a replacement or within 60 days as per NJSA regulations.
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Abiezel Rojas, School Psychologist, effective immediately.
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves “summer hours” for the District’s school nurses as follows:
  - Sally Rasmussen – High School – One week
  - Cecilia Chan – Lindbergh School – 3 days
  - Diane Nickoloff – ECC – 3 days
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves “summer hours” for Laura Casado, Speech Pathologist, working at the ECC and Lindbergh School. 2 weeks, \$35.00 per hour, 17.5 hours per week.
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves 4 additional summer hours for Nael Lllaverias, School Psychologist, in order to perform student evaluations.
- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent re-appoints the following teacher aides for the 2016/17 school year at the Early Childhood Center:
  - Marissa Giraldo
  - Diana Guzman
  - Angelica Quezada
  - Barbara Sambogna
- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Stephanie Clark, Lindbergh School teacher, to update curriculum for Kindergarten and First Grade, not to exceed 5 hours. \$30.00 per hour
- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff appointments for the 2016/2017 school year:

Jeonghae Jones  
School Psychologist  
M.S. – Fordham University  
Step 3 – 6 year  
\$55,552.00 \*  
(Replacing Abiezel Rojas)

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8.)

Breanna Calabrese  
Park Ridge, NJ  
MA – Long Island University  
Elementary – K – 6  
Special Education K – 5  
Grade 4 – Inclusion Teacher  
Step 3 MA - \$51,667.00 \*

Amanda Brown  
Hillsdale, NJ  
Ramapo College  
BA – Elementary K – 6  
Step 2 – BA+15 - \$49,252.00 \*  
(Maternity Replacement Orietta Monterosso)  
09/01/16 – 01/06/17

Jessica Lanza  
Mahwah, NJ  
Rider University  
BA – Elementary/Early Childhood  
Step 2 BA - \$48,552.00\*  
(Maternity Replacement Stephanie Fiorentino)  
09/01/16 – 11/07/16

Pasquale DeSalvo  
Leonia, NJ  
St. Peter's University  
BA – Elementary/Social Sciences  
Step 1 BA - \$48,052.00 \*  
(Replacing Joe Vietri – retired)

**\*Pending Negotiations**

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

Paul Stabile  
Paramus, NJ  
William Paterson University  
NJ School Business Administrator  
Certified Educational Facilities Manager  
Qualified Purchasing Agent  
Effective: 09/01/16 – 06/30/17  
\$95,500.00

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10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff appointments for the 2016/2017 school year:

Henny H. Lee  
Ridgefield, NJ  
Hunter College  
Elementary K – 6  
Teacher of Students with Disabilities  
\$100.00 per day  
Pending NJ State Certification  
(Maternity replacement for Jenna Millar)  
09/01/16 – 01/03/17

Christa Darakjy  
Wyckoff, NJ  
BA – Moravian College  
MA – Rutgers School of Biomedical Sciences  
Teacher of Biology  
Step 1 MA - \$51,167.00 \*  
(Replacing Alycia McCaba)

A motion was made by Mr. Woo, seconded by Mr. Rotundo, all eyes to approve the Personnel Resolutions 1 through 10.

## **Report of the Curriculum Committee – Mr. Rotundo**

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 2016-2017 Curriculum revisions and updates.

A motion by Mr. Rotundo, seconded by Mr. Donovan, all eyes on roll call to accept the Curriculum Resolution.

Note: The Science curriculum in grades 6 through 12 is now in compliance with “Next Generation Science Standards” (NGSS).

## **Report of the Negotiations Committee – Mr. Woo**

A negotiations committee meeting is scheduled on August 31<sup>st</sup> with the P.P.E.A. reps

## **Report of the Policy Committee – Mr. Rotundo**

Updated & revised Board policies will be presented for First Readings at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Report of the PTA/PTSA/Student Activities - No Report at this time**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business – None**

**Audience Participation:**

Nancy Anderegg, a secretary at the ECC, inquired as to whether or not the Community Service program would be re-established during the summer months. The students participants were very helpful to the staff. Dr. Cirillo said he would look into it for next year.

Mary Terranova, PTSA President, asked about the possibility of having students in the Art classes make floats for the Memorial Day Parade as part of a school project. Mrs. Terranova has also brought this suggestion to Mayor Rotundo's attention.

Cathy Doheny, PPEA President, noted that many teachers have been coming in to set-up their respective classrooms prior to the start of a new school year. They should be commended for their diligence.

A motion was made by Mr. Woo, seconded by Mr. Rotundo, all ayes on roll call to go into closed session.