

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Stephanie Jang at 7:00 p.m.

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

The assemblage saluted the flag.

In attendance Board members: S. Jang, T. Matarazzo, R. Lee, J. Mattessich, E. Min, B. Woo,
J. Woo, T. Yang. J. Kim is absent

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Cirillo, Board Attorney: Benjamin Choi

Statement of Presiding Officer:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 213, I hereby state that adequate notice of this meeting has been given by written notice dated January 15, 2020.

The Meeting has been:

- Posted in all school buildings
- Advertised in at least one of the Board's official newspapers
- Communicated with the Borough Clerk

Report of the Board President:

Mrs. Jang thanked the faculty and the students for their continued support. She stated that today she and Dr. Cirillo met with the Mayor, Borough Administrator, and Buildings & Grounds Committee members to discuss and propose a referendum on a future election ballot.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Cirillo wished everyone a Happy, Successful New Year.

February 10, 2020 begins the district's QSAC review.

Dr. Cirillo recognized Debbie & Avo Youmshakian for a First-Place finish in the County Quiz Bowl event.

Dr. Cirillo announced the names of 3 – 7th grade students who participated in the "American Mathematics Competition:

- Junhyun Park – First Place
- Gene Pak – Second Place
- Yejun Park – Third Place

Congratulations to Justin Rodriguez for scoring 1,000 career points at the January 14, 2020 basketball game.

Report of the Board Attorney:

Mr. Choi stated that he has 2 major items to discuss in executive session: The Teachers (PPEA) contract negotiations and the Administrator's contract negotiations. The PPEA contract is now in fact finding.

Minute Approval:

November 20, 2019 – Motion by T. Matarazzo, Second by T. Yang. All ayes, abstention by B. Woo due to absence.

December 18, 2019 – Motion by J. Mattessich, Second by B. Woo. All ayes, abstention by R. Lee and T. Yang due to absence.

Committee Reports Attached

Motion by T. Matarazzo, Second by T. Yang to go into closed session.

Closed Session:

REDACTED

T. Matarazzo motion to close, J. Woo second, all ayes on roll call to close executive session.

Audience Participation:

Motion to open the meeting to audience participation T. Matarazzo, second by R. Lee, all ayes on roll call.

Lee Musler, teacher/negotiations chairperson: Mr. Musler commented that for the 3rd time in 3 contract periods, a Board of Education has not settled the PPEA contract in a timely manner and the state must be brought into complete negotiations. Also pending, the administrators' contract, the supervisors' contract and the teamsters' contract. The union is heading for fact-finding in order to reach an amicable agreement.

Jane Martin, retired teacher/resident: Began working for the Palisades Park school district in 1974. She retired in 2010. At that time, she was a member of the negotiating team. Mrs. Martin commented that the inability to negotiate teacher & staff contracts in a fair and timely manner is still an ongoing problem in this school district.

Stephanie Jang replied that the new negotiating team in place will do their best to address this situation.

Cathy Doheny, Teacher/Co-President of the PPEA, inquired as to what board members are now on the negotiations committee.

Mrs. Jang announced the negotiations committee consists of Jeffrey Woo, Chairman and Co-Chairpersons Jason Kim and John Mattessich.

Mrs. Doheny asked Dr. Cirillo if the Mayor & Council are now in support of a referendum in the future. Dr. Cirillo said he met with the Mayor and representatives today and a question will be on the June 2nd election ballot.

Maureen Tansey, employee/resident: Inquired again about a "sick bank" for an employee. Dr. Cirillo said there are enough donated days to bring us to April. At that time, if need be, the situation will be revisited.

No further audience participation.

Motion to close the public portion of this meeting: J. Mattessich, second by: R. Lee, all ayes on roll call.

Motion to adjourn: T. Matarazzo, second by: T. Yang, all ayes on roll call.

Diane Montemurro

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Report of the Finance Committee – John Mattessich, Chairman

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

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Location/Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Amani Dyer	TECHSPO '20/Atlantic City Tech Exhibition & Conference for School Leaders	1/30, 1/31 2020	\$390.00
Krista Voorhis	SAME AS ABOVE		
Angela Spasevski	SAME AS ABOVE		
Joseph Cirillo	SAME AS ABOVE		
Songul Bayram School Psychologist	Queens College/Annual Psychology Conference	1/30/2020	\$ 80.00
Alyssa Martinez Speech Pathologist	B.C. Special Services/Paramus Touch/Chat ipad training	1/9/2020	\$ 75.00
Jane Kim Speech Pathologist	New Providence, NJ Speech Techniques	5/27, 5/28, 5/29/2020	\$150.00

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request for tuition reimbursement:

Leslie Rodas
Rutgers University
"Academic English in Content Areas"
"ESL Secondary School Methods"
6 Credits (\$739. Per credit)

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent enters into an agreement with the parent of a special needs student (out-of-district) to provide transportation to and from the Ridgefield School District beginning November 18, 2019 through June 2020.

Be It Further Resolved, that the parent will provide current copies of a driver's license, vehicle registration, auto insurance policy declaration page. Insurance coverage shall not be less than \$1M combined single limit coverage per occurrence.

Parent will submit a monthly detailed time sheet, signed off by the student's case manager.

Reimbursement: \$40.00 per diem (days in attendance only)

Finance Committee

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the November/December 2019 budget transfers in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1. (The monthly transfer reports are on file in the Board Office for review).

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys for November 2019 and December 2019.
 Furthermore, the Board certifies that in accordance with NJAC 6:20-2A that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Reports on file in the Board Office for review).

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the **Food Service vouchers as follows:**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description of Services/Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bug Tech	Pest Control Services 10/24, 11/16,12/20 At High School and Lindbergh School cafes'	\$ 312.00
Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 12/20/19	\$ 7,897.35
Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 12/13/19	\$26,791.85
Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 01/03/20	<u>\$11,394.66</u>
		\$46,395.86

7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the High School and the Lindbergh School student activities accounts, month ending 12/31/19 (attached).

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the January 2020 voucher list in the amount of **\$781,343.42.**

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$761,474.86
Fund 20 (Special Revenue Fund)	\$ 19,868.56

Introduced by: J. Mattessich

Second by: E. Min

All ayes on roll call

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Report of the Personnel Committee – Dr. Thomas Matarazzo

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

Jessica Graf
Middle School X-Country
Stipend: \$2,987.00

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following substitute position:

Karla Campos
St. Peter's University
Media Center Substitute (ECC/L.S.)
\$100.00 per diem
January 3, 2020

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following "Subs" in the WIN Kindergarten program:

Nicole Ostuni
Maria Fierro
Samantha Matarazzo
(\$35.00 per hour)

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following Lindbergh School classroom aide:

MaryLynn Maresca
Palisades Park, NJ
\$14,500.00 (pro-rated)
(pending fingerprint approval)

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the placement of a Seton Hall graduate student at the Jr/Sr High School in an ESL/Bilingual classroom. 3 – 4 weeks, January – March 2020.

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of a residency investigator on an "as-needed basis":

Carmey Cross
Retired Police Officer
January 15, 2020 – January 30, 2020
\$38.00 per hour

Introduced by: T. Matarazzo

Second by: R. Lee

Ayes: S. Jang, T. Matarazzo, R. Lee, J. Mattessich, E. Min, B. Woo, J. Woo, T. Yang

T. Matarazzo – Recuse on #6.

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Report of the Curriculum Committee – Mr. Timothy Yang

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the updated Curriculum for the 2019/2020 school year in the following subject areas:

- Pre-K
- ELA
- Health/Physical Education
- Social Studies
- ESL/Bilingual
- Math
- Technology
- Library, Family & Consumer Science
- Visual/Performing Arts
- Science
- World Languages

Introduced by: T. Yang

Second by: J. Mattessich

All eyes on roll call

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Report of Student Activities/Field Trips – Ms. Rebekah Lee

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip to the Secaucus Ice Rink on Friday, January 31, 2020 for 7th & 8th grade students. Time: 2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cost per student: \$20.00
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip to the Parisian Beauty School, Hackensack on Friday, February 7, 2020 for Junior & Senior students. Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost per student: \$15.00
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip for H.S. LLD students to Shop-Rite and Donna's Pizza, Palisades Park on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:40 p.m. No cost to students
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip to Teterboro Airport on Thursday, May 28, 2020 for Grade 4 LEAP students. Time: 8:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. No cost to students

Introduced by: R. Lee

Second by: T. Matarazzo

All eyes on roll call

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Report of the Policy Committee – Mr. Timothy Yang

Mr. Yang introduced NJSBA Policy No. 5142.2 – “Required Student Identification (ID) Cards”.

This Policy (attached) is not mandated – it is strictly voluntary. The Board may adopt it at all 3 Schools or just one school.

Mr. Yang recommended reviewing the policy carefully and discussing it at a future board meeting before deciding on adopting this policy.

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REQUIRED STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARDS

The Board is committed to protecting the safety of the students, staff and the school community. The board believes that student identification cards (ID) aid the appropriate supervision of students, help distinguish visitors from students and facilitate tracking student attendance. Therefore, all students shall be required to carry an identification card (ID).

The school identification cards shall be carried and visible during the school day and at any school-sponsored, off-campus activity including, but not limited to, field trips or interscholastic sports programs. Students shall not be required to carry the school identification card while participating in an athletic contest or competition, an activity involving fine arts or performing arts, or any other extracurricular activity that the Commissioner of Education determines does not require the physical possession of a school identification card.

The information on the school ID card shall include at a minimum:

- A. The student's name;
- B. An up-to-date photograph; and
- C. The current school year.

The student identification card is not a government record.

Teaching staff members shall be required to compile a list of the names of students being transported by a school bus to a school-sponsored activity including, but not limited to, field trips or interscholastic sports programs. The list of students for each school bus compiled shall be submitted to the school principal or designee and maintained for use in the case of an emergency.

Adopted:

Key Words

ID Card, Identification Card, Security, Safety

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</u>	General mandatory powers and duties
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:351 et seq.</u>	School curriculum and courses
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:3624</u>	Missing children; legislative findings and declarations through 25
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:391 et seq.</u>	School transportation
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1</u>	School safety and security plans
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1 et seq.</u>	Safety

P.L. 2019, c.57 School Identification Cards

Jerkins v. Anderson, 191 N.J. 285 (June 14, 2007)

Possible

Cross References:

*1250	Visitors
*3516	Safety
3517	Security
*4112.6/4212.6	Personnel records
*4147/4247	Employee safety
*5114	Attendance, absences an excuses
*5125	Student records