

The Meeting was called to order by President Matarazzo at 7:00 p.m.

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

The assemblage saluted the flag.

Roll Call

Board Members: T. Matarazzo, S. Jang, J. Kim, R. Lee, J. Mattessich, Eun Min, B. Woo, J. Woo, T. Yang
Dr. J. Cirillo, Superintendent of Schools, A. Spasevski, Business Administrator, M. Petracca, Esq.

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 Special Meeting has been given by written notice dated January 11, 2019.

The meeting has been:

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

Update on school buildings referendum: The district is on schedule with the required timelines. An application will be submitted to the State DOE Office of School Facilities on Friday, March 22nd. A public forum on the referendum is scheduled on April 25th at the Jr/Sr High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. The forum will be conducted by a representative of Parette Somjen, the district's Architects of Record.

Dr. Cirillo introduced 5 student athletes:

Samuel Gondolen – Swim Team senior, the Team's MVP for the second year in a row. Samuel qualified for the State Meet of Champions in the 200 freestyle, 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle where he placed 10th in the State.

Christian Lee – Sophomore member of the Swim Team. First team All League in 200 medley relay, 500 free style and 200 free relays. 2nd team All County in the 200 individual medley.

Nicolette Costanza – Senior – Girls varsity basketball – scored 1,000 points on February 14, 2019.

Jasleen Nanda – Senior – First female athlete to qualify for the State Track Meet of Champions in the high jump.

Junseo Kim – 10th grade student – "Athlete of the Week" in the Bergen Record. She holds 8 out of 10 swim team records. Junseo placed 5th in the 200 freestyle at the State Meet of Champions.

Report of the Board President:

Dr. Matarazzo extended congratulations to the student athletes. He remarked on the Art Show at the Riverside Mall Gallery held on March 14th and the talent displayed by our Art & Design students.

Report of the Board Attorney: No report currently

Reports of the Board Committees

(Attached)

Audience Participation:

Motion by J. Mattessich, seconded by J. Woo, all ayes on roll call to open the meeting to the public at 7:23 p.m.

Michael Brestin – High School senior – thanked the Board for adopting a Resolution authorizing certain actions in connection with the proposed school facilities project.

Michael also inquired about the possibility of hiring resource officers at each school building. Dr. Cirillo replied that he is in discussion with Mayor Chung regarding the assignment of resource officers. The schools do have security personnel at each building entrance.

Dr. Cirillo – “Be alert – if you see something unusual, say something.”

Maria Pesantes – Resident/parent – Questioned whether the “recess” area is included in the building referendum plans at Lindbergh School? A recess area is not included in the referendum plans and is an area that should be maintained by school personnel daily.

Newspaper article regarding the ratings of 2,100 school districts in the State of NJ. Palisades Park is not rated in this article. Dr. Cirillo remarked that the article is based on School Performance Reports and is not accurately reported.

Other areas of concern: Lack of extra help at the high school level. High School bathrooms are locked all day, and there are no hall monitors present to supervise and open the bathrooms.

Neris Papoters – Resident/parent – Inquired if the use of Power Schools is mandatory. Yes, it is. Certain teachers are not uploading student data in a timely manner so that parents can monitor their child’s progress. Dr. Cirillo will address this concern.

Nancy Anderegg – Resident/employee – Questioned if there have been any updates on the parking situation at the Library parking area adjacent to the ECC? Dr. Cirillo spoke to Mayor Chung. The Library parking lot is used by library patrons and employees. It cannot be used by school personnel.

A motion by Barnabas Woo, seconded by Jeffrey Woo to close this portion of the meeting and enter closed session for an HIB investigation. All ayes on roll call.

Closed Session:

Motion to open closed session made by Jeffrey Woo, seconded by Jason Kim. All ayes on roll call.

HIB Investigation:

The Board reviewed a summary report regarding an incident at the Palisades Park High School on February 7, 2019:

REDACTED

The Board reconvened in open session to vote on the findings of an HIB investigation:

A motion was made by Jeffrey Woo, seconded by John Mattessich, all eyes on roll call to Affirm that HIB was not substantiated.

Motion to adjourn: Jeffrey Woo

Second by: Stephanie Jang

All eyes on roll call

Diane Montemurro

Palisades Park Board of Education

March 20, 2019

Report of the Finance Committee – Mr. John Mattessich

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff member workshops/conferences:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Description/Location</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joseph Sperlazzo Facilities Manager	NJ Schools Buildings and Grounds Association Conference in A.C.	3/10/19 - 3/13/19	\$200.00
Joseph Spafford Athletic Director	NJ Directors of Athletics Conference in A.C.	3/11/19- 3/14/19	\$375.00
Jane Kim Speech Pathologist	Speech/Language Workshop Kean University	5/10/19	\$ 99.00
Alyssa Martinez Speech	SAME AS ABOVE		\$ 99.00
Michelle Rengifo ESL Teacher	NJ Teachers of English/ Bilingual Education New Brunswick	5/31/19	\$150.00
Grace Ko ESL Teacher	SAME AS ABOVE		\$150.00

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

Eimy Padron
Bilingual Kindergarten Teacher
"Teaching Reading to
English Language Learners"
3 Credits

Samantha Matarazzo
Kindergarten Teacher
"Phonology Structure of American English"
3 credits

James Mascolo
Social Studies Teacher
"Phonology Structure of American English"
3 credits

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Student Activities Accounts for the month ending 01/31/19. (Attached)
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Business Administrator/Treasurer of School Moneys for the month ending 01/31/19.

Furthermore, 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 obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Full Report on file in the Board Office)

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 02/28/19 payroll in the amount of \$745,640.75 and the 03/15/19 payroll in the amount of \$793,943.02.

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the March 2019 bill list in the amount of \$870,626.77 as follows:

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$844,423.06
Fund 20 (Special Revenue Fund)	<u>\$ 26,203.71</u>
	\$870,626.77

- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent authorizes entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the purchase of work, materials, school supplies and other related goods and services for the Palisades Park School District. The Licensing and Maintenance fee is: \$6,752.00.
- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the attached Resolution authorizing submission of the 2019-2020 tentative budget:

Introduced by: John Mattessich

Seconded by: Jeffrey Woo

All eyes on roll call

PALISADES PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Palisades Park, New Jersey 07650

2019-2020 Tentative Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget be approved for the 2019-2020 school year using the 2019-2020 State Aid figures and the Business Administrator be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38, that the 2019-2020 school year budget includes the adjustment for increase in the health care cost in the amount of \$185,636.00 and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education approves the tentative 2019-2020 school district budget as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$ 26,681,990.	\$ 23,903,956.
Special Revenue	\$ 1,380,773.	n/a
Debt Service	\$ <u>115,242.</u>	\$ <u>115,242.</u>
TOTAL	\$ 28,178,005.	\$ 24,019,198.

Be It Further Resolved, that a Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 school budget be held on April 24, 2019.

Approval for Maximum Travel:

Whereas, school district Policy 9250 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board hereby establishes the district travel maximum for the 2019-2020 school year at the sum of \$10,000.00.

Palisades Park Board of Education

March 20, 2019

Report of Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Jason Kim

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from Cub Scout Pack 379 to use the high school cafeteria on Saturday, March 30th between 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for the annual “Pinewood Derby”.

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from the Palisades Park Recreation Department to use the Lindbergh School cafeteria on Saturday, April 13, 2019 between 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for its annual “Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast”.

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from the “Traditional Art Society of Korea” to use the high school auditorium on Saturday, June 29, 2019 for a worldwide music competition. Time to be determined. Attendees/competitors: 200 expected.

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of the high school gymnasium on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a “Tae Kwon Do Competition” sponsored by United Taekwondo Center. There will be approximately 200 students competing at various levels.

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a “Summer Basketball Clinic” for students in grades 3 through 8 at the high school gymnasium. Dates: Monday – Friday, June 24th to June 28th from 9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.
Coach: John Wiseman

NOTE: “Outside” organizations will provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance and a fully executed contract agreement prior to use.

Introduced by: Jason Kim

Seconded by: Jeffrey Woo

All eyes on roll call

Palisades Park Board of Education

March 20, 2019

Report of the Personnel Committee – Mr. Jeffrey Woo

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

Danielle Bianconi
BSI Teacher @ Lindbergh
Effective: 02/27/19

Mercedes Williams
Teacher Aide @ Lindbergh School
Effective: 03/01/19

Mabel Camilo
Teacher Aide @ Lindbergh School
Effective: 03/22/19

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following BSI teacher at Lindbergh School:

Raffaella Bavaro
Felician University
BA – Early Childhood Education
\$36.00 hour/Not to exceed 29.5 hours
Effective: 03/21/19

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Family Leave extension for Jennifer Valli, Lindbergh School teacher, for the 2019/2020 school year. Mrs. Valli will return to district in September 2020.

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following 1.1 out-of-district teacher aide:

Eleni Palomeque
MS – Fairleigh Dickinson U.
Shaler Academy, Ridgefield
\$17,575.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: 03/25/19

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Seon Lee as a permanent Substitute Teacher at Lindbergh School until the end of the 2018/19 school year. Ms. Lee will be assisting special needs students. (\$100.00 per diem)

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following School Nurse (pending emergency certification):

Hi Jeong (Cecilia) Kim
Rutgers University
BS – School Nursing
\$54,870. (pro-rated)

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

Jose' DeJesus
Cliffside Park, NJ
Substitute School Van Driver
\$22.00 per hour

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity leave request for Teresa Sculco, 4th grade teacher, beginning May 3rd through the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year. Mrs. Sculco will return to district in September 2020.

Introduced by: Stephanie Jang

Seconded by: Jeffrey Woo

All ayes on roll call

Palisades Park Board of Education

March 20, 2019

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 request for our 7th & 8th grade students to Washington, D.C. The students and chaperones will be leaving on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 a.m. and returning Friday, April 12th at approximately 10:00 p.m. Cost per student: \$212.00
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip for the 6th grade classes to Liberty Science Center, Jersey City on Thursday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost per student: \$31.00
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for First Grade students to the Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ.
Date: Tuesday, June 4th
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cost per student: \$21.00
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip for the 6th grade students to Yogi Berra Stadium, Montclair to watch a Jackals baseball game. Students will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost per student: \$22.00
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request from the Class of 2019 to the “Palisades Park Swim Club” on Thursday, June 6th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip for the Korean 2, 3, 4 classes to “The Korea Society”, NYC and a Korean restaurant. Cost per student: \$25.00

NOTES: H.S. Dramatic Arts Society – “Little Shop of Horrors” – Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$7.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. The Lindbergh School Symphonia will be performing in a joint concert with the High School Concert Band and the New Jersey City Symphony of Winds and Percussion on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Introduced by: Rebekah Lee

Seconded by: Jeffrey Woo

All eyes on roll call

New Business: School Facilities Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Palisades Park in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), seeks to submit school facilities projects to the voters consisting of renovations, upgrades and site improvements at Dr. Charles Smith Early Childhood Center, Lindbergh Elementary School and Palisades Park Jr. Sr. High School (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the School District will seek Debt Service Aid with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of (i) the Project and (ii) a special election at which a bond referendum authorizing the Project shall be presented to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PALISADES PARK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board, approves the preparation of Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications by Parette Somjen Architects LLC in connection with the Project and Board further authorizes and directs Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Palisades Park Planning Board for its review, to the extent required.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Project and approves the submission of such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves the Project applications, and Parette Somjen Architects LLC is hereby directed to submit such application to the New Jersey Department of Education seeking debt service aid for the Project.

Section 4. With respect to the Project, the Board authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Project cost estimate sheets and all related project documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Parette Somjen Architects LLC and Bond Counsel, Rogut McCarthy LLC, as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Project to the voters via a bond referendum at a Special School District Election to be held on September 24, 2019.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced by: Jason Kim

Seconded by: Barnabas Woo

All ayes on roll call