

## Regular Meeting

April 24, 2019

The Meeting was called to order by President Matarazzo at 7:02 p.m.

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

The assemblage saluted the flag.

**Roll Call:** T. Matarazzo, S. Jang, J. Kim, R. Lee, J. Mattessich, Eun Min, B. Woo, J. Woo, T. Yang

Dr. Cirillo, Angela Spasevski, Mr. 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 Regular Meeting has been given by written notice dated January 11, 2019.

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 Superintendent:**

The District has satisfied at least 80% of the weighted indicators in each of the 5 areas of the NJQSAC review process. The District has been designated "high performance".

The State DOE has decided that any current Juniors or Seniors who have successfully passed the PARCC do not have to re-take this exam.

The Referendum meeting has been rescheduled. It will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Jr/Sr High School beginning 7:00 p.m.

Graduation dates: ECC on the mornings of June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>, Lindbergh Elementary School - the evening of June 20<sup>th</sup>, High School graduation ceremony is scheduled on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the County field.

The 3 "Teachers of the Year" were introduced: Christina Montemurro, Samantha Kaplon and Lauren Perez-Mantone. They will be honored at the annual Teacher Recognition Luncheon scheduled on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Report of the Board President:** Dr. Matarazzo recognized National Secretary's Day and congratulated all the school secretaries for their hard work and dedication.

**Report of the Board Attorney:** No report currently

**Minute Approval:** A motion to accept the February 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes: Jason Kim, seconded by John Mattessich. All ayes on roll call vote.

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES**

(Attached)

**Motion to Open to the Public:** Jeffrey Woo, seconded by Barnabas Woo, All ayes on roll call vote.

Jane Martin - resident/retired teacher: Suggested following a “chain of command” when dealing with parent’s concerns regarding their child(ren) – Classroom Teacher, Principal or Vice-Principal and finally the Superintendent of Schools. If none of these options resolve the issue, then the Board may get involved.

Maria Pesantes – resident/parent: Proper channels should be followed, but there are times when the Board must be made aware of certain matters when they are not properly handled at a school level.

Neris Paporters – resident/employee: Supported the statements made by Mrs. Pesantes.

Maria Alvarez – resident/parent: questioned the “Iron Man” award and its presentation. Also, does the district still employ a grant writer? Dr. Cirillo replied we do, but this is the final year due to budget constrictions.

Motion to Adjourn: Jeffrey Woo, seconded by Jason Kim, all ayes on roll call vote.

**Diane Montemurro**

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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:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Description/Location</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Lisa Yee Speech Pathologist	Speech/Language Pathology Workshop/Kean University	05/10/19	\$ 99.00
Joseph Cirillo Superintendent	NJASA Spring Leadership Conference/Atlantic City	05/15 – 05/17	\$290.00

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

Robyn Sperlazzo  
Special Education Teacher  
"Psychology of the Exceptional Child"  
3 credits – Rutgers University  
\$718.00 per credit  
(TBD at the end of the school year)

- 3.) 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 02/28/19, and furthermore, the Board certifies that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A no major account or fund in the 2019/2020 budget has been over-expended and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Full report on file for review)

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Food Service invoices in the amount of \$40,282.85:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/LOCATION</u>	<u>COST OF SERVICE</u>
Bug Tech, Inc.	Pest control at Lindbergh and High School Cafeterias	\$ 104.00 (March)
Pomptonian, Inc.	Costs of Operation as per contract	8,781.27 w/e - 03/15/19 22,593.32 w/e – 03/22/19 8,804.26 w/e - 03/29/19

Finance Committee

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the April 2019 bill list in the amount of \$805,749.99 as follows:

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$711,389.80
Fund 20 (Special Revenue)	\$ 94,147.82
Fund 96 (After Care Program)	<u>\$ 212.37</u>
	\$805,749.99

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the March 30, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$814,533.82 and the April 15, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$805,947.76.

Introduced by: John Mattessich

Seconded by: Jeffrey Woo

All ayes on roll call vote

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Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Jason Kim

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from the Recreation Department for the use of the High School gym on Thursday evenings beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>.  
The Recreation Department is sponsoring a Volleyball clinic 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and an Adult Volleyball program 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from Mary DeBlasio, cheerleading coach, to run a cheerleading clinic at the Early Childhood Center (cafeteria) June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.

Introduced by: Jason Kim

Seconded by: John Mattessich

All eyes on roll call vote.

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Report of the Personnel Committee – Mr. Jeffrey Woo

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Edwin Curuchich as a Special Needs 1.1 Aide at Lindbergh School, effective 04/23/19. Salary: \$14,500. (pro-rated)
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts, with regret, the retirement of Peter Longo, Supervisor of English/Social Studies.  
(Mr. Longo began his Palisades Park teaching career in 1982)
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity/family leave request for Jodie Kamvosoulis (H.S. teacher) commencing September 3, 2019 and returning to district December 16, 2019.
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity/family leave request for Jennifer Tennant commencing September 3, 2019. Mrs. Tennant will return to her supervisory position February 3, 2020.
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of: Rosmery DaSouza, part-time custodian at Lindbergh School, effective 04/26/19. \$10.50 per hour
- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Steven Colosimo, Lindbergh School teacher, as a substitute teacher in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school programs, Cycle 4.
- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following:  

Anmali Duran-Desoto  
Palisades Park, NJ  
Substitute Van Driver  
\$22.00 per hour  
Effective: 04/04/19
- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a contract extension for Militsa Lombardo as a high school secretary through 06/30/19.

Personnel Committee

- 9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following maternity leave replacement, effective May 6, 2019 through the end of the 2018/19 school year:

Meghan Geneux  
BA – Ramapo College  
Step 1 BA - \$50,443.00  
(Pro-rated)  
Replacing Teresa Sculco (Grade 4)

- 10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Cycle 4 staff members as follows:

Introduced by: Jeffrey Woo

Seconded by: John Mattessich

Roll Call: All ayes



Diane Montemurro &lt;dmontemurro@palpkschools.org&gt;

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**21st Century Cycle 4 Staff**

1 message

Joanna Hali <jhali@palpkschools.org>  
 To: Diane Montemurro <dmontemurro@palpkschools.org>  
 Cc: Jillian Vivanco <jvivanco@palpkschools.org>

Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 1:26 PM

Hi Diane,

The staff for cycle 4 is listed below. Cycle 4 will run from April 29th through June 14th.

Thanks,

Joanna

**21st Century Cycle 4 Staff, 2018-2019**

Ms. Emily Blanco  
 Ms. Kaytlin Callaghan  
 Mr. Richard DeCicco  
 Ms. Jaclyn Delloso  
 Ms. Kaitlyn Denney  
 Ms. Rosario Dovale  
 Mrs. Maria Fierro  
 Ms. Krista Garguilo  
 Ms. Destiny Harmon  
 Ms. Jaclyn Jacobs  
 Ms. Angela Lee  
 Ms. Michelle Lee  
 Ms. Samantha Matarazzo  
 Mr. James Mascolo  
 Ms. Annette McCarthy  
 Ms. Caitlin O'Malley  
 Ms. Rael Rodriguez  
 Ms. Tina Scheitrum  
 Dr. Mark Silk  
 Ms. Korinne Sterni  
 Ms. Joowon Yim

**Program Substitutes:**

Ms. Natalie Conoscenti  
 Mr. Stephen Colosimo  
 Ms. Jenna Millar  
 Ms. Rosa Morel  
 Ms. Nicole Ostuni  
 Ms. Elizabeth Paccione  
 Ms. Robyn Sperlazzo  
 Ms. Jaclyn Vanore

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Mrs. Joanna Leigh Hali, M.F.A.  
 Teacher of English and Theatre

21st Century CLC Program Coordinator  
 NJSACC Afterschool Ambassador  
 Events Coordinator  
 Dramatic Arts Society Advisor

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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 establishment of a Special Education Program at Lindbergh School (LLD Class) commencing with the 2019/2020 school year, pending approval from the County Superintendent of Schools.
  
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the establishment of a Special Education Program at the Jr/Sr High School (Autism) commencing with the 2019/2020 school year, pending approval from the County Superintendent of Schools.

Introduced by: Timothy Yang

Seconded by: Barnabas Woo

All ayes on roll call vote

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Report of the Policy Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Jang

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a First Reading of an updated Policy 5141.4 Missing, Abused and Neglected Children.

**NOTE:** The law states that any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse, including sexual abuse, or acts of child abuse is required to report the same **immediately** to the Division of Child Protection & Permanency (formerly DYFS).

Introduced by: Stephanie Jang

Seconded by: Jason Kim

All eyes on roll call vote

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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 trip to "Lincoln Center", NYC on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for 3 high school band students who have been selected to perform.
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to "Grounds for Sculpture", Hamilton, NJ on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The AP Art, Sculpture, Ceramics, Draw & Paint students will attend. Cost per student: \$20.00
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to AMC Theaters, Paramus, NJ for Grade 2 students to view "Dumbo" on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost per student: \$23.00
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to "Italian Design Studio", NYC on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for students in Italian II, III & AP classes. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost per student: \$20.00
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to "Univision" (Channel 41), Teaneck, NJ on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. AP Spanish & Spanish III students will visit the radio station and then dine at a Tapas de Espana. Cost per student: \$25.00
- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves field trips to the "Tenafly Nature Center" on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Grade 4 students. Cost per student: \$17.50
- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to "Teterboro Airport Museum" on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Grade 4 LEAP classes. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No cost to students
- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to "The Prudential Center", Newark, NJ on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for Lindbergh School Chorus students participating in "American Young Voices". Time: 1:00 to 9:30 p.m. Cost per student: \$15.00
- 9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to "Mahwah High School" on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for students in Band/Orchestra to participate in the "MERCY Band/Orchestra Festival". Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost per student: \$18.00

Student Activities/Field Trips

- 10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip for the Class of 2019 on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to "Ross Dock Park", Fort Lee, NJ. No cost to students
- 11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to the "Palisades Park Swim Club" on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for Grade 6 students. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No cost to students

**NOTE: May 2, 2019 – National Honor Society Induction 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Café' Tivoli  
\$25.00 per Guest**

**May 8, 2019 – Junior Honor Society Induction – High School Auditorium – 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

Introduced by: Rebekah Lee

Seconded by: John Mattessich

All eyes on roll call vote

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Report of the Calendar Committee – Mr. Barnabas Woo, Chairman

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the adoption of the 2019/2020 school calendar (attached):

Introduced by: Barnabas Woo

Seconded by: Rebekah Lee

All eyes on roll call vote

# PALISADES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

## SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

September (18 days)

M	T	W	T	F
<del>2</del>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

October (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	<b>11</b>
<b>14</b>	15	16	17	18
21	22	<b>23</b>	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	<b>5</b>	6	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

December (15 Days)

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	<b>20</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

January (21 days)

M	T	W	T	F
		<del>1</del>	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
<b>20</b>	21	22	23	24
27	28	<b>29</b>	30	31

Sept. 2 Labor Day Observ.

Sept. 3/4 Faculty Report

Sept. 5 Students Report

Oct. 11 Early Dismissal

Oct. 14 Columbus Day

Oct. 23 Early Dismissal  
(Staff Development)

Nov. 5 Election Day  
(Staff Development)

Nov. 7, 8 NJEA Convention

Nov. 28, 29 Thanksgiving

Dec. 23-31 Holiday Recess

Jan. 1 New Year's Observ.

Jan. 20 M. L. King, Jr. B'day

Jan. 29 Early Dismissal  
(Staff Development)

Feb. 14-18 Winter Recess

Mar. 18 Early Dismissal  
(Staff Development)

Apr. 6-10 Spring Recess

Apr. 13 Easter Monday

May 25 Memorial Day

June Tentative Last Day of School  
(180th Day\*)

**PLEASE NOTE: In case of  
Emergency, Spring Recess has  
been designated as "Make-up"  
days. Please DO NOT make  
any permanent plans or  
reservations for those days.**

*\*Two days have built into the calendar for emergency closings.*

**Graduation date to be**

**finalized by the Board of**

**Education at the April Board  
Meeting.**

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February (17 days)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	<del>14</del>
<del>17</del>	<del>18</del>	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	<b>18</b>	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April (16 days)

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	<b>3</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<del>13</del>	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b>	26	27	28	29

June

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	<b>19</b>
22	23	24	25	26

**Dismissal on October 11, November 27, December 20, April 3, and May 22**