

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

June 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Flag Salute

In Attendance: Board Members - Ms. Alvarez, P. Kim, K. Bruno, H. Donovan, C. Hwang, J. Kim, J. Mattessich, A. Rotundo
Superintendent Dr. Joseph Cirillo, Mr. Paul Stabile, B.A., Mr. Richard Brovarone, Esq.

Absent: Board Member Jeffrey Woo

Statement of Presiding Officer: Ms. Alvarez, Board President (Meeting advertised 4/26/17)

Minute Approval: A motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Kim to accept the following minutes: April 12, 2017 Regular Meeting, May 3, 2017 Public Hearing on the School Budget, May 10, 2017 Special Meeting.

All ayes on roll call with the following exceptions: Mr. Donovan abstained on the April 12th meeting and Mr. Rotundo abstained on the May 3rd meeting due to absence.

Report of the Board President: Ms. Alvarez extended congratulations to the High School Italian Language Program. Tiffany Lazam, an AP Italian student, was selected by the Italian Embassy and EDUITALIA to study at the Rome Campus of American University for 5 weeks this summer.

2 Palisades Park students, Carolyn Lee and Cielo Rivera were among 20 students from the tri-State area to win a 2-week study vacation in Narni, Italy. The contest involved the making of a 2-minute video, in Italian, about Italian cinema.

Palisades Park students also participated in the National Italian Language contest on March 27th. The following students received national recognition:

Italian I – Isabela Alexa and Ina Lee – Honorable Mention

Italian II – Kevin Meza – Honorable Mention

Italian III – Kevin Guglielmo – Honorable Mention

On May 25th Ms. Alvarez, along with Dr. Cirillo attended the Spring Sports Awards Dinner at the Fiesta. Congratulations to all the participating athletes and coaches.

The Senior Prom took place on June 1st at Il Villaggio's. Thank you to Class Advisors, Mrs. Youmshakian and Mrs. Perez for a wonderful event.

Upcoming events: Lindbergh School graduation - Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. High School graduation - Thursday, June 22nd at the County Field beginning at 6:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to the High School auditorium.

Report of the Superintendent: Mrs. Bongard's "BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant" application was approved and Lindbergh School was awarded a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be presented to the school at the beginning of the 2017/18 school year.

The high school track team and its coaching staff thanked the Board for allowing their participation in the State Group Championships held in Egg Harbor Township. This year we had 4 athletes qualify: 2 seniors, a sophomore and a freshman.

"National Night Out" will be held on August 1, 2017 at the Lindbergh School field from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is an annual community-building program that promotes police-community partnerships and makes our neighborhoods safer.

The high school Dance Team is requesting permission to participate in the Dance Team Union National competition in Orlando, Florida. The team will be traveling by train, leaving on Thursday, February 15th and arriving back in Palisades Park on Tuesday, February 20th. The students will only be missing one school day, which would be Thursday, February 15th.

Report of the Board Attorney: No Report

Negotiations: The Board negotiating committee is available for a mediation session with Teamsters Local 97 on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:15 p.m.

Report of the Committees: Attached

Old Business: Mr. Mattessich thanked the staff members in Lindbergh School's music department, Dr. Zarro and Anna Mancini for the wonderful job they continue to do with our students. He attended the "American Young Voices" concert at the Prudential Center on May 26th at which our Lindbergh School chorus students participated. It was a wonderful experience.

New Business: 2 Resolutions – see attached

Audience Participation: A motion was made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Jason Kim, all eyes on roll call to open the meeting to the public.

Cathy Doheny, PPEA Co-President, inquired about the last day of school for teaching staff members. She is requesting that Friday, June 23rd be the last day for teachers.

Jane Cho, Korean Honor Society advisor since 2014, inquired about receiving a stipend. The advisors for the National Honor Society, the Italian Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society already receive stipends for their organizations. This position has not been included in the PPEA agreement.

Dr. Cirillo stated that this is not a Board matter and should be addressed by the PPEA during contract negotiations.

Cathy Doheny stated that the PPEA is not opposed to adding this stipend to their contract agreement.

The Board agreed it should be included and Lee Musler, PPEA negotiations chairman, who was present at the meeting said it will be considered in the final adoption of the agreement.

Dr. Cirillo commented that Jane Cho was the first certified Korean Language teacher in the State of New Jersey.

Additionally, Cathy Doheny thanked the Board for increasing the Substitute pay from \$85.00 to \$95.00

A high school student addressed the Board regarding withdrawing from the Pal Pk/Leonia Girls Soccer Co-op and organizing a team of their own. Dr. Cirillo stated he will speak to Mr. Wroblewski and Mr. Donohue tomorrow and try to come up with a solution to resolve this matter.

Grace Song, President of the KPG, thanked the Board for their support and participation in the 15th annual "Children's Day Festival" which was held on May 23rd at the Lindbergh School field. Mrs. Song also asked if it was possible to schedule additional Korean Language classes at the high school, as the number of students requesting this subject are steadily increasing. This request will be taken under consideration for the 2017/18 school year.

Mr. Rotundo made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Paul Kim, all ayes on roll call.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Rotundo to open closed session. All ayes

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Mr. Rotundo made a motion to close this portion of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattessich. All ayes on roll call.

Open Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Jason Kim to re-open the meeting in public.

A motion was made by Ms. Hwang, seconded by Mr. Rotundo to grant permission to the Dance Team to participate in the "Dance Team Union National" competition in Orlando, Florida and miss one day of school – Thursday, February 15th. All ayes on roll call.

A motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Rotundo to establish Friday, June 23rd as the last day of school for teaching staff members. All ayes on roll call.

A motion by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Paul Kim to adjourn this meeting. All ayes on roll call.

Diane Montemurro

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410 Second Street
Palisades Park, New Jersey

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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 increases to the district's substitute pay:

Substitute Teacher – Increase from \$85. Per diem to \$95. Per diem

Substitute Nurse – Increase from \$150. Per diem to \$200. Per diem

Effective: July 1, 2017

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of a Contracted Services Agreement with South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2017-18 school year. SBJC will provide the district with OT, PT, CST Evaluations and Out-of-District transportation.

OT services = \$55.00 per session

PT services = \$55.00 per session

Evaluations = \$300. Per evaluation

Transportation – TBD (based on the number of students/districts on each route)

3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a "move across the guide" for the following staff members:

Jennifer Valli

Current: Step 6 BA+15 = \$52,507.00

Adjust to: Step 6 MA = \$54,922.00

Retro to 09/01/2016

John Wiseman

Current: Step 8 BA = \$56,518.00

Adjust to: Step 8 BA+15 = \$57,218.00

Retro to 09/01/2016

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of a Contract Agreement with "Away with Words", Toms River, NJ, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Fee: \$40,000. Payable in 12 equal monthly installments. Away with Words agrees to develop 7 entitlement or discretionary grant proposals for funding from federal, state or foundation sources.

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district placement for a special needs student in the "STRIVE" program at Ridgefield High School, effective July 3, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Tuition: \$41,929.00

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following "extra class" stipends for the following staff members:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OWED</u>
Henry Agecha	Zero block for AP Chemistry	\$2,654.00
Robert Biagiotti	Zero block for AP Biology	\$2,654.00
Jodi Burrows	Extra Math Class	\$7,962.00
David Cho	2- Zero blocks for Honors Chemistry	\$5,308.00
Lori Kilmurray	Extra PE class – 3 rd marking period	\$1,990.50
Jessica Kim	Zero block for Honors Biology	\$2,654.00
Richard Lutz	Extra PE class – 1 st marking period	\$1,990.50
Cynthia Planker	Extra "Foods 1" Class	\$7,962.00
Frank Ring	2- Extra Computer Classes	\$3,981.00
Jaclyn Rovetto	Coverage for Math classes	\$2,034.73
John Wiseman	Extra PE class – 4 th marking period	\$1,990.50
A. Youmshakian	Coverage for Math classes	\$2,034.73
Mindy Zavian	Extra Language Arts Class	\$7,962.00

7.) 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 the month ending 04/30/17 and furthermore, that the Board certifies that in accordance with NJAC 6:20-2A (10e) that no major account or fund in the 2016/17 budget has been over-expended in violation of 6:20-2A (10b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Full reports on file in the board office for public review)

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following out-of-district placements, effective July 1, 2017:

Bergen Blvd School
 Ridgefield, NJ
 2 students @ \$60,442.00

Slocum Skewes School
 Ridgefield, NJ
 1 students @ \$60,442.00

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the Lindbergh School and the Jr/Sr High School student activities accounts, month ending 5/31/17. (Attached)

10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Food Service vouchers for June 14, 2017 in the amount of \$2,315.94 as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>
Verizon	Phone service @ HS café'	\$ 52.79	3440
Jay-Hill Repairs	Ignition Conversion Switch High School Café'	988.23	3441
Grainger	5-gallon steel pail (to hold oil/grease)	74.92	3442
Nitti's Hood Cleaning	Cleaned hoods, ducts, fans, Filters at 3 school kitchens	1,200.00	3446

11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the June 14, 2017 voucher list in the amount of \$803,301.85.

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$764,143.57
Fund 20 (Special Revenue Fund)	39,158.28
	\$803,301.85

Motion By: John Mattessich

Second By: Ken Bruno

Roll Call: All ayes – Alvarez, Bruno, Donovan, Hwang, J. Kim,
P. Kim, Mattessich, Rotundo

M. Alvarez abstained on Resolution #1.

J. Woo is absent

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Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Howard Donovan

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a renewal application for temporary instructional space at the Early Education Center.

Renewal: 3rd Year

Location: 2nd Floor

Room: 206

Grade Level: Pre K – K

of Students/Teachers: 20 students + 1 teacher + 1 aide

Activity: Technology/Media Room

Reason for renewal: Overcrowding

Motion By: Howard Donovan

Seconded By: Anthony Rotundo

Roll Call: All ayes on roll call - Alvarez, Bruno, Donovan, Hwang, J. Kim
P. Kim, Mattessich, Rotundo

Absent: J. Woo

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Report of the Personnel Committee – Mr. Paul Kim (Committee Member)

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following summer school personnel:

Early Childhood Center: Extended School Year – 8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (30 days)

Principal: Jennifer Tennant

Teachers: Julie Vlagic

Christina Montemurro

Enrichment Programs: PK – K – 8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (20 days)

Barbara Paiotti

Nicole Ostuni

Lindbergh School: Enrichment Programs – Grades 1 -6 (20 days) – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Principal: Kevin Engstrom

Teachers: Lisa Panchi

Shelia Nastasi

Tara Lehmen

Kathy Maurer

Allison Ginolfi

Ebet Diaz

High School: Remedial – 6th, 7th, 8th Grade – (20 days) 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Principal: Bill Spooner

Teachers: Monica Rosado

Gus Miron

Laura Mantone

Nicole Turro

Ewa Krupinska

Cynthia Planker (Sub)

Principals: \$40.00 per hour, Teachers: \$36.00 per hour

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves "summer work" for the Child Study Team members. 3 weeks @ \$1,030.00 per week *. Speech - \$50. Per hour

*2015/16 rate of pay

3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity leave request from Michele Martini (Lindbergh School) commencing October 10, 2017. Mrs. Martini intends to return to district on February 5, 2018.

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Orestes Medina, Lindbergh School staff member. Mr. Medina has been a valued employee of the school district since 2010.

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following maternity leave replacement "substitute" teachers:

Kelly Norton
Wayne, New Jersey
MS – Walden University
School Counseling
Replacing Gerry Resnick
Effective: 05/16/17

Ingrid Abbott
Palisades Park, New Jersey
BA – Caldwell University
Elementary K – 6
Replacing Orietta Osso
Effective: 06/02/17

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves 30 summer hours (\$30.00 per hour) for Diane Cundari, Literacy Coach for the following:

- Preparation & participation for new teacher orientation
- Set up and monitor Orton Gillingham training (August 7-11)
- Distribution of ELA materials at ECC and Lindbergh School
- Preparation for Kindergarten inventory

7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity leave request from Grace DeSotto (ECC) commencing on or about September 20, 2017. Mrs. DeSotto anticipates returning to district on September 1, 2018.

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity leave request from Jenna Millar (Lindbergh School) commencing October 20, 2017. Mrs. Millar intends to return to district on March 1, 2018.

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Franco Esposito as the District's transportation consultant to assist with state regulations governing ownership & use of school vans. Appointment effective: 06/01/17 – 12/31/17.
Fee: Not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion By: Mr. Paul Kim

Seconded by: Mr. Jason Kim

*Roll call: All ayes – Alvarez, Bruno, Donovan, Hwang, J. Kim,
P. Kim, Mattessich, Rotundo*

Absent: J. Woo

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Report of the Policy Committee – Mr. Anthony Rotundo

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a First Reading of Policy No. 5141.4 "Missing, Abused and Neglected Children".

This Policy was adopted at the February 2017 meeting, but an amendment has currently been made to the section entitled: "Due Process"

Motion by: Mr. Rotundo

Seconded By: Mr. Bruno

Roll Call: All ayes – Alvarez, Bruno, Donovan, Hwang, J. Kim,
P. Kim, Mattessich, Rotundo

Absent: J. Woo

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Report of Student Activities/Field Trips – Ms. Connie Hwang

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for the **4th grade classes** on Thursday, June 15, 2017 to **Ellis Island**. The group will leave Lindbergh School at 9:00 a.m. and return approximately 2:30 p.m.

The students will depart from Jersey City, take the ferry to tour Ellis Island and view the Statue of Liberty.

Cost per student: \$21.00

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for students in the LLD classes at Lindbergh School on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. The children will leave school at approximately 9:30 a.m. and return approximately 11:30 a.m. They will be attend a movie presentation at the Teaneck Cinema.

Cost per student: \$11.00

Introduced By: Ms. Connie Hwang

Seconded By: Mr. Anthony Rotundo

Roll Call: All ayes – Alvarez, Bruno, Donovan, Hwang, J. Kim,
P. Kim, Mattessich, Rotundo

Absent: J. Woo

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NEW BUSINESS

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Board of Education meeting dates through December 2017. The official public notice of the 2017/18 meeting schedule will be advertised after the Reorganization Meeting during the first week in January 2018.

- July and August – To be scheduled as needed
- September 20, 2017
- October 18, 2017
- November 15, 2017
- December 20, 2017

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Introduced By: J. Mattessich

Seconded By: K. Bruno

Roll Call: All Ayes – Alvarez, Bruno, Donovan, Hwang,
J. Kim, P. Kim, Mattessich, Rotundo

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves extending the end date on the contracts of the Professionals appointed at the May 3, 2017 Reorganization meeting until the next Reorg meeting which will be scheduled during the first week in January 2018.

Introduced By: J. Mattessich

Seconded By: A. Rotundo

Roll Call: All Ayes

Note: Mr. Jeffrey Woo is absent