

The Board met in a Regular meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

In attendance: Jason Kim, John Mattessich, Anieska Garcia, Stephanie Jang, Rebekah Lee, Kevin Lim, Thomas Matarazzo, Eun Min, Timothy Yang  
Dr. Cirillo, Mrs. Gillis, Mr. Choi, Esq.

The Assemblage saluted the Flag.

**Statement of Presiding Officer:**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby state that adequate notice of this regular meeting has been provided to the public to the public by a written notice dated February 9, 2021:

The meeting has been:

- Emailed to all staff members
- Communicated to at least 1 of the Board's designated newspapers
- Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park
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**Report of the Superintendent:**

Governor Murphy will visit the ECC later this month to announce NJ State funding in the amount of \$17M to be distributed to 19 school districts. The DOE will develop a strategic plan to further expand Pre-K throughout the State. Palisades Park will be the recipient of a \$823,860.00 award.

Under New Business: Approval of the annual MOA between the school district and local law enforcement. The parties to this agreement recognize the value of cooperation and communication with respect to drug, weapons, violence, and school security problems as they relate to students and school ground.

**Report of the Board President:**

President Jason Kim is looking forward to meeting with Governor Murphy. The addition of a free preschool program to our district is a major step forward in educating our youngest residents.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Report of the Finance Committee - Mr. Mattessich, Chairman**

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the financial reports of the Business Administrator/Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending July 31, 2021.

FURTHERMORE, the Board certifies that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A that no major account or fund in the 2021-2022 budget has been over-expended and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. BE IT RESOLVED by the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves transfers for the month ending July 31, 2021, in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and designates the Interim Business Administrator make budget transfers between line items as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves voided the following stale checks:

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Check No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Palisades Park BOE Athletic Account	8437	\$ 58.00
Palisades Park BOE Athletic Account	8438	\$ 58.00
Palisades Park BOE Athletic Account	8813	\$288.00
Palisades Park BOE Food Service Account	3612	\$130.00

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan in the amount of \$26,854.12. The vehicle will be used to transport our out-of-district special needs students.

Note: Due to the loss of one of our school vehicles and a shortage of state contracted vehicles, the vehicle will be purchased from Enterprise (ELRAC, LLC).

5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves requests for tuition reimbursement as follows:

Kristy Agresta  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Family Care Provider II – Theory - 3 credits  
Family Care Provider II – Practicum – 1 credit

Sheila Nastasi  
American College of Education  
Assessment & Evaluation in Spec Ed – 3 credits  
Developmental Characteristics of  
Exceptional Learners – 3 credits

Jaclyn Jacobs  
Rutgers University  
Teaching Struggling Readers – 3 credits  
Teaching Writing to Children – 3 credits  
Literacy Development – 3 credits

Lisa Panchi  
American College of Education  
Assessment & Evaluation in Spec Ed – 3 credits

6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following “move across the guide” salary adjustment:

Kristy Agresta, HS Nurse  
Present Step/Salary: Step 11 BA+15/\$65,800.00  
Requested Adjustment: Step 11 MA+15/\$69,700.00

7.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of an Agreement with the Cliffside Park Board of Education for the transportation of the district’s “Academy” students during the 2021/22 school year:

- Applied Technology 7 students \$ 75,600.00
- Hackensack Academies 23 students \$ 82,800.00
- Englewood Academies 23 students \$ 82,800.00
- Teterboro Academies 14 students \$ 50,400.00

**Annual Costs: \$291,600.00**

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of an Agreement with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission for the transportation of an out-of-district special needs student attending Ridgefield Memorial High School. Annual cost for the 2021/2022 school year: \$37,440.00

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district placement at Bonnie Brae, an approved private school in Somerset County, for the 2021/2022 school year. Annual tuition: \$44,940.00

10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the September 2021 Food Service vouchers in the amount of \$1,533.00.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Description/Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jay-Hill Repairs	Garland Convection Oven Repairs at the ECC Café	\$ 210.00
	Bally Walk-in Refrigerator At Lindbergh School Café	1,113.00
	Ice Machine @ the HS Café	<u>210.00</u>
		<b>\$1,533.00</b>

11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the September 2021 bill list in the amount of: \$637,182.77

- Fund 10 (General Current Expense) \$576,894.56
- Fund 20 (Special Revenue Fund) \$ 60,288.21

Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Jang, Chairperson

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Palisades Park Recreation Department’s “updated” request of activities utilizing the school facilities:

Hi Diane - I would like to amend my requests (changes in red):

- Lindbergh School Gym - Basketball Camp - Tuesdays & Thursdays starting on Tuesday 9/21/2021 & ending Thursday 11/18/2021 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- Lindbergh School Field (9AM to 2PM) & PPHS Field (12PM to 6PM)- Outdoor Soccer - Saturdays starting 9/11/2021 & ending Saturday 11/13/2021
- Lindbergh School Field - Outdoor Soccer Practice - Monday through Friday starting Tuesday 9/7/2021 & ending Friday 11/12/2021 - 5:15 PM to 7:00 PM
- Lindbergh School Field - Movie Night - Late September 2021- Date & Time TBD
- Lindbergh School Cafeteria & PPHS Library/Media Room - Chess Classes - Dates & Times TBD (Tentatively First Week In October 2021 starting 4:00 PM for 12 weeks)
- PPHS Gym - Middle School Basketball - Hoping to host a game in January-February 2022 - TBD
- Lindbergh School Gym - Middle School Basketball Practice - Dates & Times TBD - (Tentatively Starting Late November 2021 & ending Late February 2022)
- PPHS Gym - Indoor Soccer - Saturdays & Sundays starting on Saturday 1/8/2022 (excluding 1/15) & ending Sunday 3/6/2022 - 1PM to 7PM Both Days
- Lindbergh School Gym - Indoor Soccer Practice - Monday through Friday starting Tuesday 1/4/2022 & ending Friday 3/4/2022 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from “United Taekwondo” to use the high school gym on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Black Belt testing.

Participants: Approximately 40 – 3 different rounds – Age range: 5 – 18 years old

- 1<sup>st</sup> Event: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Event: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Event: 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A non-refundable security deposit and a Certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided to the Board Office. “Masking” is mandated and will be strictly enforced.

Report of the Personnel Committee — Dr. Matarazzo, Chairman

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Gerry Resnick, Guidance Counselor, effective within 60 days.
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Fermina Pena, Teacher Aide at the ECC, effective immediately.
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a medical leave of absence for Diane Cundari, Reading Specialist, commencing September 6, 2021 until October 1, 2021.
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a paternity leave of absence for Robert Biagiotti, HS Teacher, effective during the first week of October (may be subject to change) and continue for 20 days henceforth.
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following "permanent" Substitute Teacher:

Tyler Walther  
William Paterson University  
Integrated Math & Science  
(Pending Certification)

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Lauren Muszynski, HS Physical Education Teacher, as the Assistant Girls Soccer Coach for the 2021/22 season. Stipend: As per contract
- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Teacher Aides for the 2021/22 school year:

Maria Roca (ECC) start  
Date: 09/07/21

Hatmane Musaj (ECC)  
Start Date: 09/14/21

Kenya Taveras (ECC)  
Start Date: 10/01/21

- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Guidance Department appointment, effective 09/27/21:

Kaitlin Mac Iver  
Capella University  
MA — School Counseling Step  
1 MA - \$56,696.00

Report of the Policy Committee – Mr. Timothy Yang, Chairman

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent adopts Policy No. 5141.10 **Face Coverings**. This is a mandated Policy.

This new Policy covers the requirements of Executive Order No. 251 and No. 253 and the recommendations of the CDC and the AAP.

The school district shall require that **all staff, students, and visitors use face coverings in the indoor portion of the school premises.**

Medical exemptions require written documentation from a licensed physician. Self-attestations and parental attestations are not sufficient for this purpose.

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent adopts Policy No. 5141.11 **Vaccination and Testing**. This is a mandated Policy.

This new Policy covers the requirements of Executive Order No. 253. As of October 18, 2021, **all staff members** who are eligible to be vaccinated must receive the vaccine or be subject to routine testing. Routine testing must – at a minimum – be administered one to two times a week or more often.

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent updates Policy No. 5188 **Nonresidents** to include the following statement:

Children of Nonresident Staff Members:

**The Board reserves the right to waive the payment of tuition for the enrollment of a child of a nonresident employee into the district on a temporary and case by case basis, in the event of a natural disaster or declaration of an emergency by the Governor of New Jersey.**

**Old Business:**

The Board revisited a request from the H.S. Dance Team to participate in a “Dance Team Competition” in Orlando, Florida February 17 – February 22, 2022.

Cost per person: \$550.00 (includes hotel, registration, breakfast). The Team will raise funds to off-set the cost. Airfare is the responsibility of each participant.

Motion by J. Mattessich, seconded by A. Garcia, All eyes on roll call to approve participation in the Florida competition. Motion passes 9 – 0.

**New Business:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the adoption and the implementation of the 2021/2022 Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between the Palisades Park Board of Education and the local Law Enforcement Officials.

Be It Further Resolved, that the MOA remains unchanged, with no additional terms or provisions.

Introduced by: Jason Kim

Seconded by: John Mattessich

Ayes on Roll Call: Kim, Mattessich, Garcia, Jang, Lee, Lim, Matarazzo, Min, Yang

Resolution passes: 9 - 0

**Audience Participation:** (Limited to 3 minutes per participant as per Policy No. 9322)

There is no audience participation.

Motion by T. Matarazzo, seconded by E. Min, all ayes on roll call to adjourn the meeting.

Diane Montemurro