

Regular Meeting

December 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The assemblage saluted the Flag.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Jason Kim, Anieska Garcia, Rebekah Lee, Kevin Lim, Thomas Matarazzo, Eun Min
Dr. Cirillo, Mr. Choi, Esq.

Absent: John Mattessich, Stephanie Jang, Timothy Yang

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 by written notice dated February 2, 2021.

The Meeting has been:

- Emailed to all staff members
- Communicated to at least one of the Board's designated newspapers
- Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park

Report of the Superintendent:

The NJ State FY 2022 budget includes a direct appropriation of \$75M to the NJ School Development Authority to provide funding for projects related to emergent and capital maintenance needs in school districts.

The Palisades Park allocation is \$40,497.00. This funding can be used to offset district costs associated with ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for our students.

Report of the Board President:

Mr. Kim commented on the additional SDA funding and its use in improving our school buildings.

Report of the Board Attorney: No report at this time.

Minute Approval:

A motion was made by Dr. Matarazzo to accept the 10/21/21 minutes, second by Anieska Garcia, all ayes on roll call. Motion passes 6 – 0.

Report of the Finance Committee:

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Business Administrator/Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending November 30, 2021.
FURTHERMORE, the Board certifies that in accordance with NJAC 6:20-2A that no major account or fund in the 2021/22 budget has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves transfers for the month ending November 30, 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.) WHEREAS a partial roof replacement is needed at the Jr./Sr. High School;

WHEREAS this replacement has become of an urgent matter due to Tropical Storm Ida, Which has accelerated said replacement:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon recommendation by the Superintendent approves withdrawal from the Capital Reserve account in the amount of \$400,000, for said project and transfer said funds into the Capital Outlay fund.

4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission and acceptance of the FY22 amendment and FY21 carryover funds for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grant (ESEA) as follows:

Grant Title	FY22 Allocation	FY21 Carryover Funds	FY 22 Final Amount
Title IA	\$511,342	\$239,770	\$ 751,112
Title ISIA	\$ 89,600	\$ 24,199	\$ 113,799
Title IIA	\$ 68,723	\$ 71,780	\$ 140,503
Title III	\$ 21,451	\$ 91,202	\$ 112,653
Title III Immigrant	\$ 0	\$ 30,472	\$ 30,472
Title IV	\$ 40,022	\$ 30,130	\$ 70,152
Total	\$747,783	\$470,908	\$1,218,691

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that as a result of Tropical Storm Ida the floor in room 103 at the Lindbergh School needs to be replaced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sub-flooring is needed as a result of said replacement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district was able to obtain two (2) quotes for this work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Black Tip Construction was the lowest bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Palisades Park Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves Black Tip Construction, Saddle Brook, NJ, to supply labor and materials for the sub-flooring in room 103 at the Lindbergh School for a total cost of \$16,633.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of work will be reimbursed by the district's insurance company due to its emergency nature caused by Tropical Storm Ida.

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that as a result of Tropical Storm Ida, that the floor in room 103 at the Lindbergh School needs to be replaced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district was able to obtain two (2) quotes for labor and material of VCT tile;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tri-State Carpet Connections, Inc., Tappan, NY, was the lower bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Tri-State Carpet Connections, Inc. to supply labor and materials (VCT tile and vinyl cove base), for a total cost of \$5,975.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of work will be reimbursed by the district's insurance company due to its emergency nature caused by Tropical Storm Ida.

7.) BE IT RESOLVED that three (3) quotes were solicited for masonry work at the high school to repair the front steps;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) contractors submitted bids for this work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Conquest Construction, Inc., was the lowest bid;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this work is of an emergent nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon recommendation by the Superintendent that Conquest Construction, Inc., Westwood, NJ, be approved to supply labor and material in the amount of \$12,300 to repair the front steps at the Jr./Sr. High School.

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

Sierra Rosa (HS English)
"Managing Challenging Behaviors"
3 credits – William Paterson U.
(Reimbursement to be made June 2022)

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a "move across the guide" as follows:

Nicole Ostuni
11 BA - \$65,100.00
To
11BA+15 - \$65,800.00
Effective: 01/01/22

10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a tuition contract for a district student attending an out-of-district placement at "Central Regional High School", Bayville, NJ. Effective 12/01/2021 through 06/30/2022. Annual tuition: \$17,996.00 (pro-rated)

11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Joint Transportation Agreement with the River Edge Board of Education for the transportation of a student attending "1st CP of New Jersey", Belleville, NJ effective 12/13/2021. River Edge will reimburse Palisades Park \$150.00 per diem. Contract will be in effect through the end of the 2021/22 school year.

12.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the High School and the Lindbergh School student activities accounts, month ending 11/30/2021.

13.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following professional development requests:

Ive Pavin, Phys Ed Teacher: The Annual NJAHPERD Convention on 02/14/22, Long Branch, NJ. Cost: \$149.00

Freddy Nunez, Principal: 2022 NJPSA Conference, Atlantic City, NJ on 03/24 & 03/25/22. Cost: \$320.00

14.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the the Food Service vouchers in the amount of: \$21,935.58

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bug Tech, Inc	Pest Control @ HS & LS Cafes'	\$ 208.00
JFM Electric, Inc.	Freezer @ H.S. Kitchen	333.00
Jay-Hill Repairs	Ice Machine @ H.S. Café'	357.00
Hobart Service	Food Sharpener (L.S.)	415.98
Pomptonian, Inc.	Monthly Reimbursement	<u>20,621.60</u>

15.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the December 2021 voucher list in the amount of \$787,437.19 as follows:

Fund 10 (General/Current Expenses) \$716,038.12

Fund 20 (Special Revenue) \$ 71,399.07

Introduced by: Kevin Lim

Second by: Thomas Matarazzo

Ayes on roll call: J. Kim, A. Garcia, R. Lee, K. Lim, T. Matarazzo, E. Min

Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee:

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from Boy Scout Troop 379 for use of the High School Gym & Cafeteria on Saturday, January 29, 2022.

Time requested: 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Set-up 8 – 10 a.m./Event – 10 am – 12 noon/Clean-up 12 – 1:30 p.m.)

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from the Palisades Park Little League for use of the High School Gym on the following dates:

- Sunday, January 30, 2022 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 6, 2022 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Introduced by: Jason Kim

Second by: Thomas Matarazzo

Ayes on roll call: J. Kim, A. Garcia, R. Lee, K. Lim, T. Matarazzo, E. Min

Report of the Personnel Committee – Dr. Thomas Matarazzo, Chairman

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

Rebeca Lopez-Hernandez
Classroom Aide @ ECC
Effective: 12/01/21

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a leave extension for Caitlin Rotundo (ECC). Current leave return: 02/01/22. Requesting an extension through the end of the 2021/22 school year. Returning to district: 09/01/2022.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Co-Curricular appointments:

Harry Aufiero
Assistant Girls Tennis Coach
\$4,858.00

Jessica Graf
Middle School XC Coach
\$2,987.00

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a contract extension for Raffaella Bavaro through the end of the 2021/22 school year.

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the retirement of Donald Westcott, Teacher of Music, effective June 30, 2022. Mr. Westcott has served our school community for the past 34 years.

6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Mark Iossa, Custodian/School Security Personnel, effective 12/31/2021.

7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Oskaira Cruz, Kindergarten Bilingual Teacher, effective 12/23/21.

8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a temporary leave of absence for Andrea Rettig, First Grade Teacher, effective 01/03/22. Mrs. Rettig's estimated return date is 02/01/22.

9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following teachers for a Mentoring Program @ High School:

Elsa Wajda	Frank Gaudio
Grace Ko	Lee Musler
Michele Rengifo	Virginia Tronlone
Jaclyn Dellosa	Korinne Sterni
Ive Pavin	Andia Giannantonio

\$36.00 per hour/Title I Funds

10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff members for "After School Programs" beginning January 2022 – May 2022 (57 days):

ESL Program:

Tara Lehman
Jen Varelas
Karla Campos
Ebet Diaz
Hajnalka Veszelszky

Recreation & Tutoring Program:

Frank Gaudio
Alison Ginolfi
Michele Lee
Steve Colosimo
Shelia Nastasi

Art & Music Program:

Sarah Stoloff
Anna Mancini
Mark Arrabito
Brandon Dorney

\$36.00 per hour/Title I, Title III Funds

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

Scarly Elmera
Elementary K – 5
Teacher of Students with Disabilities
LLD Teacher @ Lindbergh School
BA Step 10 - \$62,300.

12.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the placement of the following student teachers:

Lauren Apkarian
St. Peter's University
Grade Level: Kindergarten
01/18/2022

Katie Conroy
Columbia University
H. S. Science Department
Spring of 2022

13.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the **attached list** of Evaluators utilized by the Child Study Team Department:

Introduced by: Thomas Matarazzo

Second by: Eun Min

Ayes on roll call: J. Kim, A. Garcia, R. Lee, K. Lim, T. Matarazzo, E. Min

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2021-2022 Board Approved Evaluators

AUDIOLOGIST

Dr. Susan Woods
Speech & Hearing Associates
150 Flanagan Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094
201-578-1999 x214
Fee: \$235.00 (Just Audiological)
\$575.00 (CAP/Central Auditory Processing) E-mail: nmorales@sha1969.com

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Lauren Gallo, M.Ed., LDT-C
33 Princeton Terrace
Oakland, NJ 07436
201-213-0666
lauren23000@yahoo.com
Fee: \$450.00

NEUROLOGISTS

Michael Katz, MD
Child Neurologist
140 Prospect Ave, Suite 2
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-525-4777, Fax: 201-525-4770
Fee: \$500.00

Batul Ladak, MD
Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics
50 Market Street 2nd floor
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
201-843-8200, Fax: 201-843-8835
Fee: \$600.00

NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST

Lindsay Petouvis, PhD
769 Susquehanna Avenue
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417
201-891-8154, ext. 2
drpetouvis@gmail.com
Fee: \$2500 - \$4500

PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

Lewis Milrod, M.D.
80 Lincoln Highway (State Route 27) Rear Suite
Edison, NJ 08820
Phone: 732-548-BRAIN (2724)
Fax: 732 623-9721
Fee: \$600 In person consultations
\$500 Telemedicine

PSYCHIATRISTS

Lisa Kotler, MD
NYU Child Study Center
411 Hackensack Ave. 7th floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-465-8111, (Fax) 201-465-8110
Fee: \$650.00

Mark Faber, MD
594 Valley Road
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
973-746-6711, (Fax) 973-226-3130
Fee: \$550.00

Leslie Nagy, MD
1029 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07627
201-833-2025
Fee: \$650.00 (\$350.00 no show)

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2021-2022 Board Approved Spanish Bilingual Evaluators

PSYCHOLOGIST

Richard Garcia
404 Richmond Place
Leonia, NJ 07605
201-618-2781
Fee: \$450.00

SOCIAL WORKER

Mercedes Garcia
404 Richmond Place
Leonia, NJ 07605
201-618-2781
Fee: \$400.00

SPEECH/LANGUAGE

Hillmar, LLC
Patricia Vazquez-Hill
14 Brookside Terrace
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
hillmarllc@aol.com
973-808-0125 Fax: 973-808-8901
Fee: \$450.00 (Monolingual)
\$550.00 (Bilingual)

Psychological Evaluation

Therapy Source, Inc.
Kevin Saeger
5215 Militia Hill Road, Suite A
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
ksaeger@txsource.com
610-329-7726 / (866) 783-5301 Ext. 307
Fee: \$495.00 per Evaluation
\$525.00 Bi- Lingual Evaluation

Integrated Translation Services

2810 Morris Ave, Suite 201
Union, NJ 07083
855-694-8700
\$60 per hr (2 hr minimum)

Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting

Ling Chen
18 Sheppard Place, Suite G
Edison, NJ 08817
908-754-8563, Fax: 908-754-8597
\$700.00 (Spanish Evals only) Other languages: \$750

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2021-2022 Board Approved Korean Bilingual Evaluators

PSYCHOLOGY & EDUCATIONAL EVALS

Hillmar, LLC
Patricia Vazquez-Hill
14 Brookside Terrace
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
hillmarllc@aol.com
973-808-0125 Fax: 973-808-8901
FEE: #700.00 per eval.

PSYCHIATRIST

Epatha Health Associates
Dr. Seung Lee
566 Grand Avenue
Ridgefield, NJ 07657
Fee: \$500.00

SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Elizabeth Harriman, MA, CCC-SLP
2100 Linwood Ave. # 11M
Fort Lee, NJ 07024
201-461-6254
EH@speech-languagepathologist.org
Fee: 450.00

Integrated Translation Services

2810 Morris Ave, Suite 201
Union, NJ 07083
855-694-8700
\$60 per hr (2 hr minimum)

Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting

Ling Chen
18 Sheppard Place, Suite G
Edison, NJ 08817
908-754-8563, Fax: 908-754-8597
\$750.00 (Spanish Evals only) Other languages: \$750

SOCIAL WORKER

Yeddi Park
808 Fairview Lane, 3rd floor
Fort Lee, NJ 07024
201-920-5015
yeddi7@yahoo.com
Fee: #350,00

Psychological Evaluation

Therapy Source, Inc.
Kevin Saeger
5215 Militia Hill Road, Suite A
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
ksaeger@txsource.com
610-329-7726 / (866) 783-5301 Ext. 307
Fee: \$495.00 per Evaluation
\$525.00 Bi- Lingual Evaluation

Report of the Student Activities – Ms. Rebekah Lee, Chairperson

1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Field Trip request to the Bergen Academies Model UN Conference, Hackensack on February 3rd & 4th.

Cost per student: \$35.00

2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves entering into a Cooperative Sports Agreement with the Ridgefield Board of Education for High School Baseball Program under the NJSIAA Cooperative Sports guidelines.

The Program is for a two-year period with an automatic two-year renewal upon request of the schools.
Renewal expires: 06/30/2025

Update on Dance Team Trip (Florida) initially approved at the August 26th meeting:

The Dance Team will leave on February 16th and return on February 22nd.

Cost per student: \$850.00

Transportation provided by: Amtrak

Introduced by: Rebekah Lee

Second by: Anieska Garcia

Ayes on roll call: J. Kim, A. Garcia, R. Lee, K. Lim, T. Matarazzo, E. Min

NEW BUSINESS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2022/2023 Preschool Plan to NJDOE for review and approval.

Introduced by: Thomas Matarazzo

Second by: Rebekah Lee

Ayes on roll call: J. Kim, A. Garcia, R. Lee, K. Lim, T. Matarazzo, E. Min

Audience Participation:

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

1.) Paul Lee – Former BOE member: What are the penalties and procedures associated with the student incident at the ECC? Who is ultimately at fault?

Dr. Cirillo – Cannot comment on an ongoing investigation.

2.) Natalie Conoscenti – Teacher: Thanked the board for the submission/acceptance of the “Student Success Grant”. The district was awarded \$4,500.00.

3.) Paul Kim – Former BOE member, current Councilman: When will the “free” Preschool Program commence at the ECC? How is the \$800,000. 00 award for preschool education being utilized?

The Universal Preschool Program is currently underway. It was initially launched in September 2021 when Governor Murphy visited our school district on September 16th. The district was awarded \$823,860.00. This award is being utilized to fund the program, hire new personnel, purchase supplies, etc.

4.) San Lim, parent: Requested the report on the investigation of an incident at the ECC.

5.) Soo Chung, parent: Commented on the parent group petition recently circulated. Remarked that she had a similar experience 6 years ago. Asked if a corrective action plan has been completed.

The Board will enter a closed session to review a Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) report.

The meeting will resume in open upon conclusion of the executive session.

Closed Session:

A HIB investigation conducted on 11/18/21 regarding an incident at the Lindbergh Elementary School was deemed inconclusive.

Open Session:

The Board will resume the meeting in public to vote on the HIB incident.

HIB Determination:

A motion by Thomas Matarazzo, second by Rebekah Lee, all ayes on roll call to determine the HIB investigation report to be inconclusive.

A motion by Rebekah Lee, second by Anieska Garcia, all ayes on roll call to adjourn the meeting.

Diane Montemurro