

Special Meeting

May 24, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The assemblage saluted the Flag.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Thomas Matarazzo, Eun Min, Soo Chung, Anieska Garcia, Jason Kim, Kevin Lim,
Peter Longo, John Mattessich, Charlie Shin
Dr. Joseph Cirillo, Sarah Kim, Esq.

Statement of Presiding Officer:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby state that adequate notice of this Special meeting has been provided to the public by written notice dated May 15, 2022.

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 Board President:

Many Committee meetings took place this past month. Re-registration is ongoing. 3 "proofs of residency" are required, as well as the student's birth certificate or passport, and the parent/guardian's photo ID.

The Spring Concert at Lindbergh School will be held on Wednesday evening, June 8th. The Senior Prom is also scheduled on June 8th

Report of the Superintendent:

New Business – The Board has to adopt a resolution approving submission of the annual HIB self-assessment report to the state. The district & school grade findings will be posted on the website.

High School graduation ceremony scheduled for Friday, June 17th has been moved to June 16th, with a rain date of June 17th.

State testing is reaching a conclusion. All testing will be completed by the end of next week.

Dr. Cirillo introduced David Tellez, the senior class president. David spoke on behalf of the 2022 graduating class. He implored the Board to consider keeping the graduation date on Friday, June 17th. Many parents have taken that day off of work, relatives are traveling to the graduation ceremony from out of state, and graduation dinners/parties have already been planned. It is too late at this time to reconsider a new graduation date.

Jason Kim remarked that June 16th would only be the 179th day of school. Students must complete 180 days in order to graduate.

The Board will reconsider leaving the High School graduation ceremony on Friday, June 17th.

Report of the Board Attorney:

The PPEA “unfair labor” charge is ongoing. The Supervisors’ contract is still under review.

Minute Approval:

Motion by J. Mattessich, second by E. Min, all ayes on roll call to accept the March 24, 2022 minutes.

Committee Reports:

Report of the Finance Committee – Mr. Kevin Lim, Chairman

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district placement for a Palisades Park student attending Slocum-Skewes School in Ridgefield, effective 04/25/22. Annual tuition: \$55,870.00 (pro-rated) + ESY \$8,791.00.

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an Agreement between the Palisades Park BOE and Bergen County Special Services School District for the 2022/23 school year.

BCSSSD will provide auxiliary and remedial services to eligible students attending non-public schools in the district. Those services include Comp Ed, ESL, Home Instruction, Supplemental Instruction, Speech, and Evaluation & Determination for eligible pupils.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following teacher professional visitations:

- Joanna Hali – Annual Special Education Conference – 05/13/22 - \$125.00 (Virtual)
- Sei-Jung Oh – TESOL Spring Conference, New Brunswick – 06/01/22 - \$150.00
- Laurie Nova – Same as Above - \$150.00

4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a “move across the guide” as follows:

Paola Stanojevic
Present: Step 6/7 BA+15 - \$58,040.00
Adjustment: Step 7/8 MA - \$64,435.00
Effective: 09/01/2022

5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of a “carryover” amendment from the 2020/21 IDEA Basic grant in the amount of \$59,752.00. Funding will be applied to the 2021/22 IDEA Non-Public Basic grant.

6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following payments to Pomptonian Food Services:

- Request for expenses W/E 04/22/22 \$10,978.43
- Request for expenses W/E 04/29/22 \$35,216.53
- Request for expenses W/E 05/06/22 \$16,158.98

7.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following tax payments for the 2022-2023 school year:

• July 1, 2022	\$2,112,257.41
• August 1, 2022	\$2,112,257.41
• September 1, 2022	\$2,112,257.41
• October 1, 2022	\$2,112,257.41
• November 1, 2022	\$2,112,257.41
• December 1, 2022	\$2,112,257.41
• January 1, 2023	\$2,112,257.41
• February 1, 2023	\$2,112,257.41
• March 1, 2023	\$2,112,257.41
• April 1, 2023	\$2,112,257.41
• May 1, 2023	\$2,112,257.41
• June 1, 2023	<u>\$2,112,257.49</u>
Total	\$25,347,089.00

8.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a “move across the guide” as follows:

Sei-Jung Oh
Present: Step 3 BA - \$54,531.00
Adjustment: Step 4 BA+15 - \$58,180.00
Effective: 09/01//2022

9.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves membership in “TIPS – USA”, a consulting cooperative. “TIPS” provides assistance with contracts relative to construction, renovation, maintenance or repairs at no cost.

10.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the High School and the Lindbergh Elementary School, month ending 04/30/22.

11.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the April 29th payroll in the amount of \$779,573.32 and the May 13th payroll in the amount of \$818,486.93.

12.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts a Proposal from J&J Gym Floors, Wayne, NJ to repair & resurface the Lindbergh School Gym floor. Cost: \$13,900.00.

13.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts a Proposal from J&J Gym Floors to supply and install wall padding at the High School Gym. Cost: \$14,900.00.

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14.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts a Proposal from J&J Gym Floors to resurface the High School Gym floor.

Proposal includes:

- Sanding the entire floor surface
- Cleaning the surface
- Applying 2 coats of MFMA approved oil modified polyurethane
- Repainting lines as they exist, paint large PP center logo, border with natural lettering and Tigers Lettering
- Paint and apply a 3rd & 4th coat of BONA Sportpoly 350

Cost: \$25,800.00.

15.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district placement for a student attending the "STRIVE" program at Ridgefield Memorial HS, effective 05/23/22. Annual tuition: \$43,623. (pro-rated)

16.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the April 2022 budget transfers in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1, and designates the Business Administrator to make budget transfers as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.

17.) 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 04/30/22.

Furthermore, the Board certifies that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16 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. (Full report on file in the Board Office)

18.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the May 2022 bill list in the amount of \$1,229,038.72 as follows:

- Fund 10 General/Current \$1,109,061.30
 - Fund 20 Special Revenue \$ 119,977.42
- \$1,229,038.72

Moved by K. Lim, second by A. Garcia, all ayes on roll call: 9 - 0

Report of Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Charlie Shin, Chairman

1.) RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from “Learn & Grow Academy”, 440 – 4th Street, Palisades Park to use the High School auditorium on Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for their end of the year concert.

- Certificate of Liability Insurance has been forwarded to the Board Office
- A security deposit has been sent to the Board Office
- Total attendance will be less than 100 people

Moved by Charlie Shin, second by Jason Kim, all ayes on roll call: 9 – 0

Report of the Personnel Committee – Eun Min, Chairperson

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the retirement of Kevin Engstrom, Lindbergh School teacher, effective at the end of the 2021/22 school year. Mr. Engstrom has served the district and the students of Palisades Park since 1975.

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Maternity/Family leave of absence for Shinae Chung, PreK Teacher, commencing September 1, 2022. Ms. Chung will return to district December 1, 2022.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment, effective May 5, 2022:

Natalie Doornheim
West Chester University (PA)
Permanent Sub at LS
\$150.00 per diem

4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment, effective June 3, 2022:

Christian Guerrero
BS – Ramapo College of NJ
District IT Coordinator
\$82,500.00

5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointments, effective September 1, 2022:

Shane Peterson
Montclair University
Teacher of Music
Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Step 2 MA - \$59,595.00

Brandon Karlok
Kean University
BA – Phys Ed & Health Education
Step 1 BA - \$56,030.00

6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Kenny Gonzalez, (part-time custodian) to full time status effective June 1, 2022. Salary: \$32,500.00.

7.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Mr. Freddy Nunez, Principal at the Jr/Sr High School, effective June 30, 2022.

8.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves Lee Musler as the Advisor for “PPHS News Source” for the second half of the school year.
Stipend: \$2,325.00

9.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves Patrick Phalon and Andrew Garcia as ESSA Grant Program Administrators for the 2022/23 school year.

10.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following “Summer School” personnel:

Extended School Year:

Rachel Morgese	Lisa Panchi
Virginia Tronlone	Sheila Nastasi
Scarly Elmera	Vera Cszsmadia
Seon Lee	Lindsey Leahy
Matthew O’Toole	

Extended School Year
Jr/Sr High School:

Jessica Graf	Catherine Cavallone
Rwan Elmohdli	Jaclyn Dellosa
James Mascolo	Jared Zuckerman

Lindbergh School: To Be Announced

Summer School Nurse: Heidi Greiner

Report of the Negotiations Committee: Anieska Garcia, John Mattessich

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a contract agreement for Diane Montemurro, Secretary to the Superintendent/Business Administrator/ Board of Education, effective 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023. Ms. Montemurro will receive a 3.0% increase.

Moved by Eun Min, second by Jason Kim, all ayes on roll call: 9 – 0

Report of Student Activities/Field Trips – Eun Min, Chairperson

- 1.) RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following field trip request for 5th Grade students:
 - Location – NJ Sea Life Aquarium, East Rutherford, NJ
 - Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022
 - Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Cost per student: \$20.00

- 2.) RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves participation for all students in Grades 7 – 12 for the following activity:
 - Torch Run – Leonia/Palisades Park
 - Date: Friday, June 10, 2022
 - Time: TBA
 - Cost per student: \$20.00 to be returned to the students upon Completion of the “run”.

Moved by Eun Min, second Anieska Garcia, All ayes on roll call vote: 9 – 0

Report of the Curriculum Committee – Mr. Peter Longo, Chairman

Mr. Longo met with the curriculum director, Jennifer Tennant to discuss the new Asian American and Pacific Islander curriculum.

New Jersey is the second state after Illinois to require school districts to educate students on the Social, Economic and Historical contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Report of the Calendar Committee – Mr. Jason Kim, Chairman

RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves **the attached 2022-2023 School Calendar:**

(Amendment includes the Juneteenth Observation (June 16th))

Moved by Jason Kim, second by Eun Min, All ayes on roll call vote: 9 – 0

Old Business:

Beginning September 2022 all 3rd and 7th grade students will be required to “re-register” in the school district.

Our Attendance Officer, Steve Thompson, will follow up on any discrepancies.

New Business:

RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of the Annual HIB Self-Assessment report to the State DOE.

Moved by Anieska Garcia, second by Jason Kim, all ayes on roll call: 9 – 0

RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the High School Graduation Ceremony to take place on Friday, June 17th at 10:00 a.m. Location: County Field

All ayes on roll call vote: 9 – 0

Closed Session: Redacted

Motion by Anieska Garcia, second by Eun Min, all ayes on roll call vote to open the meeting to Audience Participation.

PALISADES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

September (17 days)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

October (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

November (17 Days)

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

December (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

January (20 days)

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

Sept. 5 Labor Day Observ.

Sept. 6 & 7 Faculty Report

Sept. 8 Students Report

Oct. 7 Early Dismissal

Oct. 10 Columbus Day

Oct. 19 Early Dismissal
(Staff Development)

Nov. 8 Election Day
(Staff Development)

Nov. 10, 11 NJEA Convention

Nov. 24, 25 Thanksgiving

Dec. 24-31 Holiday Recess

Jan. 2 New Year's Observ.

Jan. 16 M. L. King, Jr. B'day

Jan. 25 Early Dismissal
(Staff Development)

Feb. 17-21 Winter Recess

Mar. 15 Early Dismissal
(Staff Development)

Apr. 7-14 Spring Recess

May 29 Memorial Day

June 16 Juneteenth Observ.

June 20 Tentative Last Day of School (180th Day)

***Last 5 days of school are Half-Day Sessions**

**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.**

February (17 days)

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

March (23 days)

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

April (14 days)

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

May (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

June

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Graduation date to be finalized at the April Board Meeting.

Adopted: May 24, 2022

Early Dismissal on October 7, November 23, December 23, April 6, and May 26.

Audience Participation:

Joseph Sperlazzo, district maintenance personnel, requested that the Board consider new fencing around Lindbergh Elementary School and the Jr/Sr High School. The current fencing is almost 30 years old.

David Tellez, high school student, remarked that there are people walking around the high school field and track, during the course of the school day while gym classes are being conducted.

Parent remarked that the Lindbergh School fence is in need of repairs or replacement. Children “sneaking” under the damaged fence; they can be injured doing so. Also, questioned the resignation of the High School Principal.

Parent asked if the district is hiring additional teachers/aides to work in the preschool programs? There is an increase in the student population due to “free” preschool programs supported by grant money from the State.

Councilwoman Stephanie Jang asked if the district has received the results of the soil testing conducted on the Board Office’s parking lot.

Motion by Jason Kim, second by Eun Min to close audience participation, all eyes on roll call.

Dr. Cirillo remarked that the district received grant money which was used to install a new fence around the ECC playground area. He will inquire to see if the Borough can pay for new fencing through Green Acres funding.

Dr. Cirillo will speak to Mayor Chung and Captain Espino regarding security at the school fields during after school hours and in the evenings.

Mr. Nunez is resigning, effective June 30th. He was offered a position in a larger school district. We wish him well.

The goal for the future will be to merge the PTA/PTSA with the Korean Parents Group (KPG).

Dr. Cirillo said there is a teacher shortage in New Jersey, and in many other states. He has been going to job fairs to secure qualified teachers for the new school year. In order to retain good teachers, the salary guide has to be competitive.

Motion by Jason Kim, second by Anieska Garcia, all eyes on roll call to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.