



MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

03/28/2017

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **6:08 p.m.** on **March 28, 2017** in the Alice Perlaw Library Media Center of Madison High School, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Lisa Ellis, President
Shade Cronan, Vice President
Dave Arthur
Debra Coen
Johanna Habib
Thomas Piskula
Abi Singh-Harding Rep.

Board Members Absent: Leslie Lajewski

Also Present:

Dr. Richard Noonan, Interim Superintendent
Gary S. Lane, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Diane Schulthes, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

2. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Debra Coen, to approve as follows:

Resolved: that the Board of Education move into closed executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/legal issues. It is anticipated that the Board will be in closed session for 1.5 hour(s) and action may be taken in public session afterward. Discussion conducted in closed executive session shall be disclosed to the public to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with the Open Public Meeting Act.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 7-0

TIME: 6:08 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:39 p.m. the Board reconvened from closed session with seven members present:

4. FLAG SALUTE

5. NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of New Jersey, 1975, notice of this meeting has been sent to the Madison Eagle, the Daily Record and has been posted in the Board of Education Office, the Borough Hall, the Madison Railroad Station, the YMCA, the Madison Library, all school buildings and on the district's website. The public is invited to attend. This evening's meeting constitutes an official Public Meeting of the Board of Education. Action may be taken.

If needed, the Board will convene into Executive Session to discuss matters permitted pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board will return to Regular Session at which time public action may be taken.

6. CALL TO ORDER

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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

- a. Mrs. Ellis recognized the State Championship MHS Football Team by presenting plaques.
- b. Mrs. Ellis noted that *Oklahoma* at MHS this past weekend was wonderful.

8. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

- a. Dr. Noonan thanked everyone involved and those who donated to offset the costs for the Every 15 Minutes Program.
- b. Dr. Noonan commented on the school climate; the district needs to welcome and embrace diversity; will be running a poster contest; trying to come up with a tag line.
- c. Dr. Noonan reviewed the upcoming Board of Education focus topics for discussion/presentation to the Board; Dr. Noonan thanked the MEF for their donations; Dr. Noonan noted that the state will be releasing the 2015-16 school performance profiles next week.
- d. Principal, Allison Stager gave a TJS update.
- e. Overview of Tentative 2017-18 School District Budget
- f. Information items

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy – Chair: L. Lajewski, Members: J. Habib, T. Piskula, Alternate: S. Cronan
- b. Finance – Chair: J. Habib, Members: L. Ellis, T. Piskula, Alternate: D. Arthur
Mrs. Habib noted that the Finance report was the budget presentation.
- c. Curriculum – Chair: S. Cronan, Members: D. Arthur, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Ellis
Ms. Cronan noted that the Curriculum Committee met yesterday. Discussion included the art program, MJS schedule impact, HS offerings, no added staff, will need some curriculum writing, ceramics at HS is well subscribed; looking at adding a 6th section for advanced ceramics; desire to construct a Dark room at the HS, possibly use an underutilized bathroom in A Hall, will be conducting a survey to parents about potential summer programs, will do a needs assessment late spring.
- d. Buildings & Grounds – Chair: D. Coen, Members: L. Ellis, L. Lajewski, Alternate: S. Cronan
Mrs. Coen noted that the Buildings & Grounds Committee met with Pomptonian and discussed the NAC Committee meetings, omelet days, etc. at the schools is very successful, village fresh at the HS is very successful as well as the farm stand at the elementary schools; next year they will work with local farmers to provide local fresh fruit/vegetables; online ordering is available at all schools; the Junior School STEM bid is on the agenda; PSA is coming back and working with us to move along the HS STEM project; bandwidth upgrade is underway; thanks to Wayne's crew for the mid-March snow storm; will meet again next week.
- e. Shared Services – Chair: D. Arthur, Members: J. Habib, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Ellis
- f. Negotiations/Personnel – Chair: L. Ellis, Members: S. Cronan, L. Lajewski, Alternate: D. Arthur

10. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (*Agenda Items Only*)

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding the Sally Snelson, resignation, the MJS schedule review process and the JS STEM project and staffing.

11. PERSONNEL AGENDA

Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Tom Piskula, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, for the 2016-17 school year as follows: a-e

a. Resignations:

Accept resignation:

1. **Sally Snelson** – Central Office – Technology Implementation Specialist, effective no later than May 15, 2017

Mr. Arthur noted that the acceptance is with deep regret.

b. Appointments

Approve appointments:

1. Establish and approve a per diem rate for Child Study Team Professional Services Substitute Rate of \$250/day (social worker, behaviorist, psychologist)
2. **Erin Sweeney** -- District -- Non-tenured Long-Term Substitute, Social Worker - \$250 per diem for up to 15 days, effective 3/29/17 through on or about May 1, 2017, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent (enclosed recommendation)

c. Reassignment/Change in Assignment

Approve reassignment/change in assignment for 2016-2017:

1. **Dawn McNichol** – School Psychologist – from 60% TJS/ 40% CAS to MHS - MA+30/Step 17 \$93,128 (to be prorated) - 11-000-219-104 – effective 5/1/17
2. **Kimberly Pirro** – School Psychologist – from MHS to 60% TJS/40% CAS - MA+30/Step 3 \$68,263 (to be prorated) – 11-000-219-104 – effective 5/1/17

d. Extra Compensation

Approve Extra Compensation:

1. Approve Extra Compensation for chaperones for Every Fifteen Minutes Hotel Retreat on 3/27/17 from 4:00pm – 10:00pm, at the contractual rate of \$46/hour for 6 hours each (total cost - \$1,104):
 - a. Kevin Lynott
 - b. Megan Barclay
 - c. Alexis Cuneo
 - d. Jacquleen Calabrese

e. Extracurricular Appointments/Revisions

Approve the ECA appointments/revisions:

	Name	Position	Step	Stipend
1	Brian Toscano	Appoint MHS Musical Set Designer	4	\$2,060
2	Helen Raymaker	Appoint – Accompanist for CAS Spring Concert Rehearsals & Performance 6/8/17	N/A	\$150
3	Karen Delevan	Appoint – Accompanist for TJS Spring Concert Rehearsals & Performances 5/31/17	N/A	\$150
4	Karen Delevan	Appoint – Accompanist for KRS Spring Concert Rehearsals & Performance 5/23/17	N/A	\$150
5	Karen Delevan	Appoint – Accompanist for MHS Spring Concert (2) Rehearsals & (1) Performance 5/18/17	N/A	\$175
6	Karen Delevan	Appoint – Accompanist for MJS Spring Chorus & Orchestra Concerts (4) Rehearsals & (1) Performance 5/17/17	N/A	\$275

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

12. EDUCATION AGENDA

Moved by Debra Coen, seconded by Shade Cronan, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, for the 2016-17 school year as follows: a-c

a. Field Trips

Approve field trips:

	Sch	Gr	# Students	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location	Transport	Cost/ Student
1	JS	8	40	French	Classic Thyme Cooking School	4/27/17	Westfield NJ	Dist. Bus	\$35
2	JS	7-8	8	LLD	Madison Public Library	4/5,4/19, 6/14/17	Madison NJ	Walking	0
3	JS	8	4	LLD	MHS to audit	4/18/17	Madison	Dist.	0

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4	JS	7-8	10	Autism/JS Unified Sports	Turtle Back Zoo	5/16/17	W. Orange NJ	Dist. Bus	0 paid by grant
5	CA	4	22	4 th	Thomas Edison	6/7/17	W. Orange NJ	Dist. Bus	0
6	HS	9-12	40	Art	Monster Project @ CAS	5/22/17	Madison NJ	Dist. Bus	0
7	HS	9-12	8	Tech. Student Assoc.	NJ Technology Student Assoc. Competition	4/8/17	TCNJ, Ewing NJ	Dist. Bus	\$22

b. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

WHEREAS, the Madison Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report of the Superintendent on;

- 1) 3/14/17 and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education does hereby affirm the Superintendent's recommendation on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying regarding the HIB report(s);

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| 1) dated 2/24/17 | incident number KRS 3 | Unconfirmed |
| 2) dated 2/16/17 | incident number TJS 2 | Unconfirmed |
| 3) dated 2/24/17 | incident number TJS 3 | Unconfirmed |
| 4) dated 2/14/17 | incident number MJS 14 | Unconfirmed |
| 5) dated 2/28/17 | incident number MJS 15 | Unconfirmed |
| 6) dated 3/2/17 | incident number MJS 16 | Unconfirmed |
| 7) dated 2/22/17 | incident number MHS 4 | Confirmed |
| 8) dated 3/6/17 | incident number MJS 17 | Unconfirmed |
| 9) dated 3/8/17 | incident number KRS 4 | Unconfirmed |

c. Professional Services

Approve professional services (by outside organization):

	Vendor	Subject	Service
1	Dr. Marc Cantillon	Psychiatric Evaluations (Bilingual English/Spanish)	Psychiatric Evaluation with written report - \$850
2	NJ Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Provide Level I services for student #330138	\$1,035 for Level I services effective 1/17/17 to 6/30/17

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

13. BUSINESS AGENDA

Moved by Shade Cronan, seconded by Debra Coen, to approve as follows:

a. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of:

March 17, 2017 Public Meeting

b. Donations

Approve the following donations:

	Organization	Donation
1	Madison Education Foundation (MEF)	Winter grant cycle 2017 – various donations to all five schools totaling \$14,221

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Cronan thanked the MEF.

c. Agreement with Parette Somjen Architects

Approve the agreement with Parette Somjen Architects to complete the MHS window replacement project, replacing the remaining windows not included in the 2005 and 2008 projects; flat fee of \$6,000 excluding reimbursable expenses, which will be billed separately at a lump sum of \$500

d. Bid Results

1 Junior School STEM Project - Acceptance of bids as received and publically opened on 3/7/17, and approval of the lowest responsible bid award for the Junior School STEM Project to:

Billy Contracting, Pine Brook NJ - total bid amount of \$872,000 including all alternates

Other bidders:

Name	Base Bid	Alt. #1-2nd shift	Total
Billy Contracting	\$872,000	\$0	\$872,000
Frankoski Construction Co. (<i>disqualified</i>)	\$915,000	\$10,000	\$925,000
Pal-Pro Builders (<i>disqualified</i>)	\$1,020,000	-\$25,000	\$995,000
Northeastern Interior Services	\$979,000	\$20,000	\$999,000
GL Group	\$969,000	\$37,000	\$1,006,000
Brahma Construction Corp.	\$923,290	\$89,600	\$1,012,890
Arch Concept	\$947,491	\$81,000	\$1,028,491
UniMak LLC	\$995,000	\$50,000	\$1,045,000
ML Inc.	\$1,030,000	\$50,000	\$1,080,000
SLS Construction	\$1,142,999	\$48,500	\$1,191,499
DeSapio Construction	\$1,110,000	\$112,800	\$1,222,800
Apex Enterprises on Union Inc.	\$1,199,000	\$77,000	\$1,276,000
Pharos Enterprises	\$1,396,000	-\$30,000	\$1,366,000
Walkill Group	\$1,290,000	\$128,000	\$1,418,000
K&D Contractors LLC	\$1,444,400	\$144,400	\$1,588,800

e. Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report

The Board of Education accepts the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (**February**). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d), the Board of Education has obtained certification from the Board Secretary that no major account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation and hereby certifies pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(e) that no major account or fund has been overexpended

f. Transfers

Authorize the transfer of funds

g. Bill List

Approve the March 28, 2017 bill list

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

At 9:14 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding the HS PTO sign, the lock down at MJS last Thursday, drugs were found, armed personnel were present and the lack of communication out to parents about this lock down until late Friday.

Dr. Noonan noted that the district has a Drug Abuse Policy on our website, the issue is taken very seriously, when we have a violation of the policy, they are investigated in full, we have substance abuse curriculum in all the schools. Timing of communications regarding the lock down will be reviewed going forward.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Debra Coen to adjourn the meeting:

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 7-0

Time: 9:29 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary