



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

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

03/28/2017

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Recognition of State Championship MHS Football Team

President Lisa Ellis paid tribute to our 2016 State Champions Football Team. Both coaches and players were recognized for their great season. Head Coach Chris Kubik joined Mrs. Ellis and Dr. Noonan in presenting plaques to all team members.

Mrs. Ellis thanked the Madison Police Department, and all contributing organizations, for supporting and organizing the "Every 15 Minutes" Program for MHS juniors and seniors. The program, which focused on safe driving and responsible personal decision-making, had a powerful impact on all participants.

Mrs. Ellis also congratulated Caryn Elefante, Russ Batsch, cast members and crew for a sensational production of "Oklahoma" this past weekend.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

TJS Update-Principal Allison Stager presented a report on new and notable developments at Torey J Sabatini School. She was joined by two 5th grade students, Hendrix Farrell and Jack McGuire, who reported on several impressive research project presentations that they've produced.

Overview of Tentative 2017-18 School District Budget

The Superintendent and Business Administrator Gary Lane presented an overview of the Preliminary 2017-2018 School District Budget. The preliminary budget calls for a less than 2% tax increase, sets aside reserve monies for capital improvement and maintenance projects, and creates banked CAP funds that will assist with budgeting in 2018-2019. Base budgets in all schools will remain flat next year. The preliminary budget maintains current staffing levels, but final decisions on staffing changes for next year have not yet been reached. At this point in time, we are expecting to have the same total number of district elementary teaching sections as we have this year. The budget moves the district forward educationally by providing new elementary science curriculum materials, and new curriculum materials for Junior School and High School STEM courses.

Information Items

The district will be sending out thank you letters to all community organizations that lent financial support to the "Every 15 Minutes" Program. Close to \$10,000 in donations came forward from the community.

We've been working with the principals to explore additional steps the schools can take to convey our commitment to tolerance and respecting differences. The schools will be pursuing recognition as "No Place for Hate" Schools. NPFH is a long-standing prejudice reduction program coordinated by the Anti-Defamation League. We're readying our applications to the program this spring, and will formally become involved next fall.

In the interim, the district is launching a poster contest for art class students, and other students who want to participate. The project tagline is *Madison: United We Stand*, and the focus is on recognizing, and embracing diversity throughout our community. Elementary, Junior School, and HS winners will be selected, and the winning posters will be reproduced and displayed around the schools by the middle of May. Thank you to Stacy Snider and district art teachers for getting the contest organized.

Update on forthcoming board meeting "Focus Topic Presentations". We'll be continuing with school updates from our principals, the budget hearing is April 25, a presentation on the results of the JS and HS substance abuse surveys administered by the Madison-Chatham Coalition May 9, a Curriculum update from Diane Schulthes on that same evening, and a Guidance Program report by Brett Levine on May 23.

On tonight's agenda the board is accepting another very generous donation of funds from the MEF-the monies will underwrite teacher grants in all of our schools. Thank you to all of our friends with the foundation for continuing to support our teachers and students.

NJDOE will be releasing 2015-2016 School Performance Profiles next week.

In addition to the kudos given earlier on the HS musical, we also want to commend everyone who contributed to the March 22 dinner theater night for Madison senior citizens. Special thanks to our food service Pomptonian, and hosts Adrienne Doroski, Leslie Gentile, Greg Robertson and Stacy Snider and service organization students for all your efforts.

Approved Resignations

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

Approved Appointments

Approved a Substitute CST/School Psychologist, Social Worker per diem rate.

Erin Sweeney – District – Substitute School Psychologist (replacing Lyndsi Silberman) - (up to 15 days of work), effective 3/20/17 through on or about 5/1/2017 (to cover time between Silberman and Pirro)

Approved Reassignment/Change in Assignment

Dawn McNichol – School Psychologist – from 60% TJS/ 40% CAS to MHS - effective 5/1/17

Kimberly Pirro – School Psychologist – from MHS to 60% TJS/40% CAS - effective 5/1/17

Approved Extra Compensation

For chaperones for Every Fifteen Minutes Hotel Retreat on 3/27/17.

Kevin Lynott
Megan Barclay
Alexis Cuneo
Jacquleen Calabrese

Approved Extracurricular Appointments/Revisions

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

Approved Field Trips

School	Grade	Number of Students	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location	Transport
JS	8	40	French	Classic Thyme Cooking School	4/27/17	Westfield NJ	Dist. Bus
JS	7-8	8	LLD	Madison Public Library	4/5,4/19, 6/14/17	Madison NJ	Walking
JS	8	4	LLD	MHS to audit classes	4/18/17	Madison NJ	Dist. Bus
JS	7-8	10	Autism/JS Unified Sports	Turtle Back Zoo	5/16/17	W. Orange NJ	Dist. Bus
CA	4	22	4 th	Thomas Edison	6/7/17	W. Orange NJ	Dist. Bus
HS	9-12	40	Art	Monster Project @ CAS	5/22/17	Madison NJ	Dist. Bus
HS	9-12	8	Tech. Student Assoc.	NJ Technology Student Assoc. Competition	4/8/17	TCNJ, Ewing NJ	Dist. Bus

Resolved Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

dated 2/24/17	incident number KRS 3 Unconfirmed
dated 2/16/17	incident number TJS 2 Unconfirmed
dated 2/24/17	incident number TJS 3 Unconfirmed
dated 2/14/17	incident number MJS 14 Unconfirmed
dated 2/28/17	incident number MJS 15 Unconfirmed
dated 3/2/17	incident number MJS 16 Unconfirmed
dated 2/22/17	incident number MHS 4 Confirmed
dated 3/6/17	incident number MJS 17 Unconfirmed
dated 3/8/17	incident number KRS 4 Unconfirmed

Approved Professional Services (by outside organization)

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

Approved Donations

Organization	Donation
Madison Education Foundation (MEF)	Winter grant cycle 2017 – various donations to all five schools

Approved Agreement with Parette Somjen Architects

Parette Somjen Architects to complete the MHS window replacement project, replacing the remaining windows not included in the 2005 and 2008 projects.

Approved Bid Results

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

**Approved
Transfers**

Approved Bill List for March 28, 2017

Resolved Suspensions

<i>School</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Student (s)</i>	<i>Suspension</i>
MJS	3/23/17	22117	2 days

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Dates to Remember: Next Board of Education Meeting April 4th.