



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

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

02/28/2017

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **5:19 p.m.** on **February 28, 2017** in the Alice Perlaw Library Media Center of Madison High School, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present:

Lisa Ellis, President
Dave Arthur
Debra Coen
Johanna Habib
Leslie Lajewski
Thomas Piskula
Abi Singh-Harding Rep.

Board Members Absent: Shade Cronan, Vice President

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 Leslie Lajewski, 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 2.5 hours 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: 5:20 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:31 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. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

8. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

- a. MJS Update – Dr. Noonan introduced David Coster, Junior School Principal who gave a presentation on what is happening at the Junior School.
- b. Dr. Noonan reviewed the five goals.

Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Leslie Lajewski, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, for the 2016-17 school year as follows:

1. 2016-2017 School District Goals
 - a. Superintendent Search
 - b. Financial Planning
 - c. School & Student Achievement
 - d. Communications
 - e. Facilities & Technology

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy – Chair: L. Lajewski, Members: J. Habib, T. Piskula
Mrs. Lajewski noted that the next meeting will be held on 3/14/17.
- b. Finance – Chair: J. Habib, Members: L. Ellis, T. Piskula
Mrs. Habib commented that the Finance Committee met twice since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/9/17. The tentative budget will be adopted on 3/14/17; the tentative date for the budget forum is 4/19/17; the revenue essentially goes up only the 2% of the tax levy; expecting a balanced budget this year; next four years look challenging; anticipate increasing the bandwidth which will be a major increased cost; the elementary sections growth appears stable; the budget is still in process; K-Wrap Free/Reduced lunch students will have sliding scale tuition; every year the budget comes down to staffing.
- c. Curriculum – Chair: S. Cronan, Members: D. Arthur, D. Coen – No report.
- d. Buildings & Grounds – Chair: D. Coen, Members: L. Ellis, L. Lajewski
Mrs. Coen noted that the B&G Committee met three architect groups to discuss the locker room upgrades and refine ideas; once the scope is narrowed, will get community input; the JS bid opening will take place on 3/7/17; on 3/16/17 the committee will meet to discuss Pomptonian, PSA STEM, track and tennis courts.
- e. Shared Services – Chair: D. Arthur, Members: J. Habib, D. Coen
The NFL Grant has been postponed until next year; the HS sign was discussed; when bandwidth is increased, the BOE will incur a greater cost; the electric rates will be adjusted to save everyone money.
- f. Negotiations/Personnel – Chair: L. Ellis, Members: S. Cronan, L. Lajewski
Mrs. Ellis commented that there was a meeting with the superintendent search firm; they have a very aggressive timeline; hope to have an appointment by mid-May

10. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

From 8:34 p.m. until 8:59 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding the budget dates, the BOE/District goals, test scores/reporting and field trips.

11. PERSONNEL AGENDA

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

a. Appointments

Approve appointment:

1. **Michelle Smorol** – TJS – Non Tenured Leave Replacement/Physical Education Teacher (replacing Adam Gerenstein) - \$110/day, 11-120-100-101 – effective on April 24, 2017 through May 26, 2017

b. Extra Compensation

Approve Extra Compensation:

1. Approve Extra Compensation for 1 hour to present a Math In Focus Parent University Workshop on 3/15/17 at the contractual rate of \$46/hour:
 - a. Kathleen Wallace
2. Approve Extra Compensation for staff to teach Professional Development Workshops for Madison Teachers Academy at the contractual rate of \$46/hour

	Staff Name	Course Title	Date(s)	Prep Hours	Teaching Hours	Total Hours	Total Pay
1	Collette Crescas	First Responders CPR Course	2/8/17 and 2/15/17	--	4	4	\$184
2	Diane Fastiggi	First Responders CPR Course	2/8/17 and 2/15/17	--	4	4	\$184

3. Approve Extra Compensation for ELL Teachers to present a PARCC Assessment overview to building ELL parents on March 22, 2017 as part of plan to increase PARCC participation, at the contractual rate of \$46/hour for 2 hours each.
 - a. Ingrid Arosemena
 - b. Diana Sandoval
 - c. Lisa Phillips
 - d. Jessica Blier

c. Extracurricular Appointments/Revisions

Approve the ECA appointments/revisions:

	Name	Position	Step	Stipend
1	Daniel Lederer	Appoint Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach	N/A	N/A

d. Home Instruction

Approve home instruction:

	Name	Subject	Service
1	Robert Grundfest	US History	Continuation of 2 hours/week/instructor effective 2/15/17 through 3/15/17, for student #5112792813, at \$46/hour (cost = \$1,840)
2	Leslie Gentile	Geometry	
3	Ashley Tamkutonis	Biology	
4	Jason Ellrott	English	
5	Luis Largo	Pre-Calculus	2 hours/week/instructor effective 1/31/17 through 2/17/17, for student #9856610430, at \$46/hour (cost = \$552)
6	Robert Grundfest	History	
7	Luis Largo	Math	2 hours per week/subject/instructor effective 2/6/17 through 3/6/17, for student #2809039908, at \$46/hour (cost = \$1,840)
8	Luis Largo	Science	
9	John Ciferri	Social Studies	
10	John Ciferri	Language Arts	
11	Robert	History	2 hours/week/instructor effective 2/7/17 through 2/28/17, for

	Grundfest		student #9129689232, at \$46/hour (cost = \$1,472)
12	Carole Rawding	Physics	
13	Leslie Gentile	English	
14	Luis Largo	Geometry	

e. Staff Research Project

Approve Ellen Sternberg, MJS Special Education Teacher, to conduct a research project (The Effects of Daily Yoga Practice on Academic Engagement and Achievement of Middle School Special Education Students) in the LLD class to fulfill the requirements of her Master’s program at Rowan University (under the supervision of her advisor, Dr. Amy Accardo)

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

12. EDUCATION AGENDA

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

a. Field Trips

Approve field trips:

	Sch	Gr	# Students	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location	Transport	Cost/ Student
1	TJ	4	22	4 th	Edison Nat’l Park	4/5/17	W. Orange	Dist. bus	0
2	TJ	K	37	K	Brookhollows Barnyard	5/18/17	Boonton NJ	Dist. bus	\$7.50
3	TJ	3	66	3 rd	Reeves-Reed Arboretum	6/6/17	Summit NJ	Vendor bus	\$17.20
4	HS	9-12	46	Boys LAX Team	Rutgers Men’s LAX Game	3/4/17	New Brunswick NJ	Dist. bus	None, Paid by Boys Lax Boosters
5	HS	9-12	15	Debate Club	Debate Competition	3/4/17	Bridgewater Raritan H.S.	Dist. bus	0
6	HS	9-12	15 each date	Debate Club	Debate Competition – State Championships	3/10/17& 3/11/17	Hunterdon Central H.S	Dist. bus	0
7	HS	9-12	18	Special Ed Dept.	Dare to Dream	5/22/17	William Patterson University	Dist. bus	0
8	HS	9-12	168	Band/Choir	Empire State Bldg; Freedom Tower; Radio City Music Hall; Dave & Busters; Broadhurst Theatre to see <i>Anastasia</i>	5/25/17	NYC	Dist. bus	Est. \$200
9	HS	9-12	96	Band	St. Patrick’s Day Parade performance	3/11/17	Main Street Morristown, NJ	Dist. bus	0
10	HS	9-12	24	Poetry Out Loud	Poetry Out Loud Regional competition	2/27/17	Mayo Performing Arts Cntr. Morristown	Dist. bus	No cost

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11	HS	9-12	12	Robotics	Robotics State Championships	2/26/17	West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North Plainsboro, NJ	Shared bus with Livingston BOE	\$420
12	TJ	5	44	5 th Grade	Independence Hall	6/5/17	Philadelphia, PA	Passaic Valley	\$31
13	HS	9-12	17	Poetry Out Loud	Poetry Out Loud State Finals	3/9/17	The College of NJ Ewing, NJ	Dist. Bus	0

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) 2/7/2017 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);

- 1) dated 1/13/2017, incident number MJS 1 (Unconfirmed)
- 2) dated 1/17/2017, incident number MJS 2 (Confirmed)
- 3) dated 1/17/2017, incident number MJS 3 (Confirmed)
- 4) dated 1/16/2017, incident number MJS 4 (Unconfirmed)
- 5) dated 1/27/2017, incident number MJS 5 (Confirmed)
- 6) dated 1/30/2017, incident number MHS 3 (Confirmed)

c. Professional Services

Approve professional services (by outside organization)::

	Name	Subject	Service
1	Educere	Home Instruction	Virtual home instruction provider; \$29/week/course
2	Learners' Compass	Supervised Applied Behavior Analytics Intervention	Effective 3/1/17 through 6/30/17, on an as needed basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Behavior Assessments - \$500 • Educational Evaluation - \$1,200 • ABA Instruction - \$65/hr • Case Supervision - \$110/hr
3	Above and Beyond Learning Group	Educational consulting services	Effective 3/1/17 through 6/30/17, on an as needed basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Caregiver Training (BCBA) - \$150/hr plus travel expense (.565/mile) • Parent/Caregiver Training (Program Coordinator) - \$115/hour • Functional Behavioral Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans, Behavioral and Educational Evaluations, Quarterly Progress Reports, Observations, Program Changes outside of session time, School Consultations, Training or General Consultations (by BCBA) - \$150/hr

d. Travel

Approve the school district travel

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

13. BUSINESS AGENDA

Moved by Leslie Lajewski, seconded by Debra Coen, to approve as follows: a-f

a. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of:
February 7, 2017 Public and Closed Session Meetings

b. Change Order

1- Approve change order #1 for Silva's Mechanical Services Inc., decrease in the amount of \$20,000, for the Central Avenue School Boiler Replacement

c. K-Wrap Rates 2017-18

1. Approve the 2017-18 tuition rates for K-Wrap:

2017-18	K-Wrap
Monthly fee	\$450
Non-refundable deposit	\$100
Due at sign-up	First & last month's fee plus deposit

Persons in arrears greater than 3 months will be removed from the program and, no waivers or reductions in the rates will be provided except that there shall be reduced monthly rates of \$225 and zero, respectively, for families that qualify for reduced or free lunch in accordance with the National School Lunch Program. Deposit of \$100 K-Wrap is non-refundable

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

The Board of Education accepts the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (**January**). 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

e. Transfers

Authorize the transfer of funds

f. Bill List

Approve the February 28, 2017 bill list

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

From 9:04 p.m. until 9:48 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding grading, world culture situation, locker room renovations, the High School sign and the Junior School sports program.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 8-0

Time: 9:49 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary