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Minutes
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Liz D' Abbraccio, President
Gene Paradiso, Vice President
Liz Cangiano
Rachel Byrne
Al Decena
John Longtine
Sheila Studint

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Robin C. Tedesco, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Jane Jameson, Superintendent of Schools

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the Mt. Arlington Public School, media center, declared a quorum present and read the following notices.

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting for action and discussion about business before the Board tonight.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the public's right to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education has sent notice of today's meetings and copies of the Agenda to the:

Daily Record
Roxbury Register
Star Ledger
Municipal Clerk
Board Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the Agenda have been posted in the following places:

Mount Arlington School
Edith M. Decker School
Mount Arlington Public Schools Website

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Jameson

PUBLIC SESSION:

No comments.

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MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Paradiso, to approve minutes of the September 23, 2013 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstained

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Mrs. Tedesco discussed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

FINANCE:

Motions 102913-B-1 through 102913-B-22 were moved by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

FINANCE:

102913-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated from September 24, 2013 through October 29, 2013 the amount of \$874,064.56 as attached.

102913-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for the month of September 2013.

102913-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of September, 2013 be approved by the Mount Arlington Board of Education and ordered filed, and further that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the certification of the Board Secretary for the month of September 2013 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2013-2014 budget, as revised, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and further certifies that no major account or fund has been expended in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-8 or N.J.S.A. 18A:19.

102913-B-4 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves travel and costs as related in this resolution which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with State travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et. seq.

Name	Seminar/Conference	Date	Est. Expense	Mileage Expense
J. Grillo	Translating Data Into Action	10/10/13	\$25.00	9.81
J. Pickens	Seminar for BASCOM Filter & IKON Group	10/10/13	-0-	\$17.36
P. Gonzalez	Experienced Bilingual/ESL Supervisor's Training	10/22/13	-0-	\$29.14
S. Longo	Social Studies at the Core	10/23/13	*	\$22.94
K. Kelly	Social Studies at the Core	10/23/13	*	\$22.94
J. Crawford	Model UN Teacher Training	11/14/13	-0-	\$8.37
S. Longo	Model UN Teacher Training	11/14/13	-0-	\$8.37
B. Caggiano	How to Prepare Bid Specs for Capital Projects	11/14/13	\$50.00	-0-
J. Jameson	Porzio Employment Law Forum	11/15/13	-0-	\$14.32
J. Marino	Excel Level 1	11/19/13 11/21/13 11/25/13	\$175.00	\$15.50

*Registration fee included in Membership

102913-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve participation in the 2013-2014 Annual Conference and Membership to the New Jersey Council for Social Studies in the amount of \$150.00.

102913-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve payment for participation in the 2013-2014 New Jersey Consortium for Gifted and Talented Programs membership fee in the amount of \$300.00.

102913-B-7 BE IT RESOLVED, in compliance with the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program, the Mount Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the Educational Services Commission of Morris County's Conference/ Assurance Statements, explaining how the technology and/or service will be provided to the Nonpublic school, executed on behalf of the Board of Education attached as Exhibit A.

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102913-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the submittal of Erate Form 470 & 471.

102913-B-9 WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A, the New Jersey Department of Education requires New Jersey School District to submit a three year maintenance plan documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the various school facilities of the Mount Arlington School District are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan Report for the years of 2012-2013 through 2014-2015 and Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet (Form M-1) to the New Jersey Department of Education.

102913-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following Special Education routes and cost for the 2013-2014 school year with Educational Services Commission of Morris County.

Student ID	Attends	Route Number	Cost
10050	Celebrate the Children	JA14	\$13,500.00
10057	New Beginnings	CS422	\$12,033.00
10236	Wharton School	CE542	\$32,760.00
10915	Lafayette Learning	CE652	\$21,240.00

102913-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education rescind motion 092313-B-14.

102913-B-12 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following route and cost for the 2013-2014 school year with Educational Services Commission of Morris County.

Student ID	Attends	Route	Cost
20170020	Academy of Math & Science	ACMH8	\$2,628.00

102913-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following Special Education High School routes and cost for the 2013-2014 school year with Sussex County Regional Cooperative.

Student ID	Attends	Route Number	Cost
00153	Mt. Olive High School	E-453	\$36,540.00
00176	Horizon High School	E-799	\$19,353.60
00925	Transitional Education	Q-026	\$32,220.00

102913-B-14 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with Mount Olive Township Board of Education for the following:

Student ID	Contract	Dates	Cost (annual)
00153	Aides and Associated taxes	9/4/13-6/24/14	\$21,816.90

102913-B-15 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a summer extended school year (ESY) program as follows:

Student ID	Contract	Date	Tuition	Aide Support
1172	Remedial Academic Program-as per IEP	8/9/13-9/5/13	\$199.50	N/A

102913-B-16 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a special education contract as follows:

Student ID	Contract	Date	Tuition
10916	Windsor Learning Center	10/22/13-06/30/14	\$42,011.13

102913-B-17 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 082613-B-10 as follows:

Student ID	Attending	Dates	Tuition
10600	Roxbury Pre-K	7/1/13-8/9/13	\$3,122.70

102913-B-18 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education rescind motion 092313-B-25.

102913-B-19 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the IDEA-Basic and Preschool FY14 application. The amounts for each grant are as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$124,289
IDEA Preschool	\$ 4,181

102913-B-20 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 080613-B-1 to increase hours from 32 to 80 and to include related mileage and miscellaneous expenses.

102913-B-21 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept, with gratitude, the BASF Science Education Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from BASF Corporation for the ROSS Program, "Robots Offering Senior Solutions".

102913-B-22 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2013-14-M1, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to continue to monitor the situation and to take disciplinary action as the circumstances warrant, and in accordance with Board Policy.

Roll Call: 7 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Absent

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Jameson reviewed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

PERSONNEL:

Motions 102913-S-1 through 102913-S-1 was moved by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

102913-S-1 RESOLVED that, as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:30-7 and upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent , the Mount Arlington Board of Education hereby grants to Teacher #0123 an additional 15 days of paid sick leave during the 2013-2014 school year.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Mount Arlington Board of Education, hereby approves an unpaid FMLA leave of absence with benefits, for Teacher #0123 beginning February 10, 2014 and continuing through May 2, 2014.

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 102913-S-2 through 102913-S-10 was moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

102913-S-2 RESOLVED to approve first reading of 5000 Series Pupil Policies 5111-5880.

102913-S-3 RESOLVED to revise motion 061713-S-17 to increase the summer hours for Katelyn Alexander from 20 hours to 26 hours to work on various summer projects.

102913-S-4 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington School District will achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable laws, codes, regulations and guidelines governing equity in education in regards to the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the 2013/14 school year.

102913-S-5 RESOLVED to approve the continued use of the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument for Teacher Evaluations for the 2013-2014 school year.

102913-S-6 RESOLVED to approve the continued use of the Principal Evaluation Rubric tool by Kim Marshall for Principal Evaluations for the 2013-2014 school year.

102913-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the members of the Mount Arlington District Evaluation Advisory Committee-DEAC as follows:

Jane Mullins Jameson	Lauren Alexander
Liz D'Abbraccio	Jessica Garcia
Sheila Studint	Megan Hahn
Jeff Grillo	Mike Malakuskie
Susan Cummings	

102913-S-8 RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) at its public hearing on this topic on 10/29/13.

102913-S-9 RESOLVED to approve the Mount Arlington School Safety and Security Plan as on file in the Superintendent and Principals' offices.

102913-S-10 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips for the 2013-2014 school year:

- 5-8th Grade Band/Choir trip to the "High Note" Festival at Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on May 23, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 5/8th Grade Band/Choir Holiday Tour to Senior Living in Mount Arlington and the Ledgewood Mall on December 18, 2013 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 2nd Grade trip to the Mount Arlington Historic Boathouse at Mrs. Kitchin's House on May 30, 2013 at no cost to the Board of Education.

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- ✚ Staff Attendance for September 2013 was 99.4%
- ✚ Student Attendance for September 2013:
Decker 97.6% MAPS 96.0%

- ✚ Fire Drills/Emergency Drills with the Assistance of the Mount Arlington Police Department for October 2013 were as follows:
 - MAPS Fire Drill – 10/22/13
 - Decker Fire Drill – 10/22/13

 - Decker Shelter In Place Drill – 10/25/13
 - MAPS Shelter In Place Drill – 10/25/13

Roll Call: 7 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Mr. Paradiso, Mrs. Studint and Mr. Decena met with Mrs. Tedesco to discuss finance. All reports were in order.
- B. Personnel- No report
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Mr. Longtine asked that a Buildings and Grounds meeting be scheduled in the next few weeks. Mrs. Jameson gave an update on all projects done over the summer.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- Mrs. Jameson reported on the updated policies that the district is reviewing from Strauss Esmay.
- E. Negotiations- No Report
- F. Town Council- Mrs. Studint reported that USO Challenge raised over \$5,000.00. Mount Arlington Borough will be installing a new telephone system.
- G. PTA- Mrs. Cangiano reported there was a Halloween dance on October 25, 2013

Delegate to Roxbury BOE- Mrs. D'Abbraccio reported that due to the Fenimore Landfill situation, meters to test gas levels are being installed by all Roxbury schools so that these levels can be monitored for air quality safety. She also stated that Roxbury Board of Education will be installing a POS system for Food Service.

Delegate to NJ School Boards- No report

Delegate to MC School Boards- No report

Delegate to ESC of Morris County- No report

OLD BUSINESS: No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS: No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

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CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mrs. Byrne that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 8:20 PM, to discuss certain Legal and personnel matters, with no action expected to follow.

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-1 et seq.) expressly provide that a public body may move into Closed Session and exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any of the nine areas set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has determined it necessary to move to Closed Session to discuss legal matters, which are included in the aforesaid exceptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it does hereby move into Closed Session pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12b to discuss the aforesaid matters with no related action to follow, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid discussions shall be made public either at the Public Meeting following said Closed Session or at such time as any litigated or personnel matters are concluded; or upon conclusion of any negotiations or related discussions; or as otherwise specified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

It was motioned by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena that the meeting return to open session at 8:37 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena that the public meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried by all in attendance at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin C. Tedesco
Board Secretary