

November 19, 2014

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President
John Longtine, Vice President (Arrived 9:40 PM)
Liz Cangiano
Al Decena
Gene Paradiso (Arrived 7:20 PM)
Al Roldan

ABSENT: Rachel Byrne

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Mount Arlington Public School, in the 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 today.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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:

Roxbury Register
Daily Record
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: www.mtarlingtonk8.org

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Grillo reported on the NJASK test scores.

PUBIC SESSION:

None

MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Cangiano and seconded by Mrs. Studint, to approve minutes of the October 15, 2014 regular and Closed meeting,

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

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

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

FINANCE:

Motions 111914-B-1 through 111914-B-14 were moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Studint.

111914B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated October 16, 2014 through November 19, 2014 the amount of \$1,105,651.91 as attached.

111914-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for October, 2014.

111914-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of October 2014 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 October 2014 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2014-2015 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.

111914-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
P. Gonzalez	Supporting ELL Students in Our Schools	10/17/14	-0-	\$26.04
J. Jameson	Law Forum	10/30/14	\$TBD	N/A
R. Tedesco	Law Forum	10/30/14	\$TBD	N/A
S. Studint	Law Forum	10/30/14	\$TBD	N/A
J. Ochoa	Annual Review	11/11/14	-0-	\$17.29
S. Komorek	Engaging, Motivating, Timesaving Workstations to help Kindergarten students	11/25/14	\$229.00	\$19.84
P. Gonzalez	Supporting our English Language Learners	12/5/14	-0-	\$18.91
J. Ermanis	WISC-V Training	12/9/14	\$10.00	N/A
J. Ochoa	Girls Bullying: Relating Aggression & Guidelines Toward Resolution	1/16/15	\$129.00	\$22.13
C. Buckley	Girls Bullying: Relating Aggression & Guidelines Toward Resolution	1/16/15	\$129.00	\$22.13

111914-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the following transportation routes and annual cost for the 2014-2015 school year with Educational Services Commission of Morris County:

Route	Route Number	Cost
Pre-K	MTA1	\$26,640.00

This is to amend motion 091614-B-13

111914-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following Special Education High School routes and cost for the 2014-2015 school year with Roxbury Township Board of Education.

Student ID	Attends	Route Number	Cost
00153	Mt. Olive High School	C-095	\$37,157.40
00176	Horizon High School	CS046	\$16,319.20

111914-B-7 WHEREAS, following a solicitation for quotes for hot water circulating pump repair at the Mount Arlington Public School, the district received two:

Manhattan Welding	\$3,700.00
Iron Mountain Mechanical	\$2,995.00

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the responsible quote, provided by Iron Mountain Mechanical in the amount of \$2,995.00 to provide a hot water circulating pump repair at the Mount Arlington Public School and to award a contract reflective of such.

111914-B-8 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	Aide and Associated taxes	9/3/14-6/24/15	\$21,682.16

111914-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 082014-B-5 to include an additional student attending Morris County Vocational School District.

Student	Contract	Dates	Cost (per Student annual)
RR	Tuition	9/4/14-6/20/15	\$9,484.00 full time Reg-Ed

111914-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following special education tuition contract for the 2014-2015 school year.

Student	School	Dates	Cost
TS	Willowglen Academy	10/28/14-6/23/14	\$62,395.32

111914-B-11 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law* (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Mount Arlington Board of Education, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education, County of Morris, State of New Jersey approve the district's participation in the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Cooperative Pricing System and authorize the Board Secretary to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency for the 2014/2015 school year.

111914-B-12 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Phoenix Advisors, LLC., as Continuing Disclosure Agent and Financial Advisor, to assist the District, together with our Auditor and Bond Counsel, as appropriate, in complying with Mount Arlington Board of Education's outstanding bond issue's filing obligation and financing matters.

111914-B-13 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2014-15-D-1 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.

111914-B-14 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education as a participating member of the Alliance for Competitive Services (ACES), approves the Gas Supply Service Agreement between the Mount Arlington Board of Education and South Jersey Energy Company for the period of March, 2015 through November 2016.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

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

PERSONNEL:

Motions 111914-S-1 through 111914-S-4 and 111914-S-8 were moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Decena.

111914-S-1 RESOLVED to accept (with regret) the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Rosemary Brockman, School Nurse effective January 1, 2015.

111914-S-2 RESOLVED to add Jennifer Montan to our list of Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. (State approved background check and certificate is on file in the Superintendent and Principal's offices).

111914-S-3 RESOLVED to accept (with regret) the resignation of Denise Miller, part-time Instructional Aide effective October 28, 2014.

111914-S-4 RESOLVED to approve change of job appointment for Lauren Edge from part-time Instructional Aide to part-time Teacher (0.6 FTE), effective December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a pro-rated annual salary based upon the 2014-15 teacher salary guide A-3, BA level Step 1 (Please note: State approved background check already on file in the Superintendent's Office).

111914-S-8 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Denise Martin as full time Nurse for the 2014-2015 school year, effective December 15, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at an annual salary of \$52,745 based upon 2014-2015 teacher salary guide (A-3) at BA Step 1 (Appointment is based upon receipt of Emergency Certification and State approved background check as required by law).

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

Curriculum/Policy

Motion 111914-S-5 through 111914-S-7 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mr. Decena.

111914-S-5 RESOLVED to approve appointment of the following personnel to various Mount Arlington NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Committees:

Jane Mullins Jameson, Robin Tedesco, Jeff Grillo, Sheila Studint, Chief Keith Licata, Lauren Alexander, Christina Buckley, Barbara Caggiano, Julie Crawford, Susan Cummings, Jessica Garcia, Jody Marino, Jennifer Ochoa and Patty Pickens.

111914-S-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the submission of the 2014-15 District Performance Review (DPR) to the NJ Department of Education, with the following scores:

DPR Area	District Score
Instruction and Program	96%
Fiscal Management	100%
Governance	100%
Personnel	100%
Operations	100%

111914-S-7 RESOLVED to approve second reading and adoption of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory (M) as follows:

- P 1522 School Level Planning (M) (Abolished)
- P 5305 Health Services Personnel (Revised)
- P & R 5306 Health Services to Nonpublic Schools (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5308 Student Health Records (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5310 Health Services (M) (Revised)
- P 5339 Screening for Dyslexia (M) (New)
- P5530 Substance Abuse (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) (Revised)
- P 5756 Transgender Students (New)
- P5620Expulsion (Revised)
- P8505 Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods (M) (Revised)
- Emergency Action Plan for Policy/Regulation 5300 Automated External Defibrillators

• Fire Drills/Emergency Drills (in cooperation with the Mount Arlington Police

Department) for October and November were as follows:

- Decker School 10/17/14 and 11/10/14 (Fire Drill)
- Decker School 10/24/14 (Shelter In Place Drill)
- Decker School 11/11/14 (Non Fire Evacuation Drill)
- MAPS 10/21/14 and 11/5/14 (Fire Drill)
- MAPS 10/24/14 (Shelter In Place Drill)
- MAPS 11/11/14 (Non Fire Evacuation Drill)

• Staff Attendance for October 2014 was 98.1%

• Student Attendance for October 2014: Decker-97.5% MAPS-97.1%

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Mr. Decena reported all financial reports are in order. He went on to state that we need to keep an eye on Special Education costs.
- B. Personnel- None
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Mrs. Jameson reported that the elevator work is progressing. She also stated that the Decker windows and the Mount Arlington structural repair projects have not started.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- Mrs. Cangiano reported about the policies approved and adopted at this meeting.
- E. Negotiations- Nothing
- F. Town Council- Mrs. Studint reported that there was a land use meeting on November 12, 2014.

- G. PTA- Mrs. Cangiano reported that Theatre Week was scheduled for March 16, 2015 to March 20, 2015, and that the Holiday Boutique will be December 3, 2014 and December 4, 2014 at Decker and December 10, 2014 and December 11, 2014 at the Mount Arlington Public School. Mrs. Cangiano also stated that there will be a Bash The Trash Assembly on November 24, 2014.

Delegate to Roxbury BOE- No report

Delegate to NJ School Boards- No report

Delegate to MC School Boards- No Report

Delegate to ESC of Morris County- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Paradiso inquired if the Board wishes to be represented on the consolidation commission. Mrs. Studint asked if the Board needs to answer now, and Mr. Paradiso responded no, the Board can let him know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Jameson spoke about the Veterans Day Program at the Mount Arlington Public School praising the students and teachers on the great job they did.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mr. Decena that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:58 PM, to discuss certain Legal and HIB matters, with 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 Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mrs. Studint that the meeting return to Open Session at 9:39 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

OPEN SESSION:

Ms. Raquel Lord, the Board's counsel, explained to the Board and the audience the process the Board will undergo to vote on the residency status of the P/P family. Ms. Lord read the residency hearing motion 111914-S-9. Ms. P was present to hear the motion.

Motion 11914-S-9 was moved by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena.

111914-S-9 RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 et seq. requires that the Mount Arlington School District provide a free public education to all students ages 5 through 20 who are domiciled in the district; and

WHEREAS, it first came to the attention of the district in or about 2005 that Ms. P. and her children were not residing in Mount Arlington, but were possibly living instead in Wharton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in or about September 2005, Ms. P. admitted that she was not living in Mount Arlington and listed her address on the application for free and reduced lunches for her children as 2 Maple Avenue, Mine Hill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2012, Ms. P. alleged that she and her children were residing in Mount Arlington at 27 Kadel Drive; and

WHEREAS, in or about October 2012, the district learned through the Office of Temporary Services that Ms. P. and her children were living in Morris Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, a multitude of letters from the district to Ms. P. at various addresses were returned as undeliverable; and

WHEREAS, in or about October 2013, Ms. P. claimed that she was living with her mother in Landing, New Jersey, and therefore could not provide proof of residency in the district; and

WHEREAS, in or about the summer of 2013, the district commissioned a private investigator, Jeffrey Oster, to investigate whether Ms. P. and her children resided in Mount Arlington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oster provided two reports that detailed his residency investigation and concluded that Ms. P. and her children were residing in Landing, (Roxbury), New Jersey, and not Mount Arlington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence accumulated by the district and the result of Mr. Oster's investigation, Ms. Jameson provided Ms. P. with written notice dated September 29, 2014 that the district does not believe she and her children are domiciled in Mount

Arlington and that she could request a hearing before the Board of Education if she disagreed with that finding; and

WHEREAS, the letter gave Ms. P. until October 7, 2014 to contact Ms. Jameson regarding a hearing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. P. never contacted Ms. Jameson in response to the September 29, 2014 letter; and

WHEREAS, despite receiving no response from Ms. P., by letter dated November 10, 2014, Ms. Jameson notified Ms. P. that the Board of Education would hold a residency hearing on November 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a residency hearing was held before the Board on November 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:22-4.3*, the Board has considered all the evidence presented during the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that sufficient evidence was presented establishing that Ms. P. and her children are no longer domiciled in Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that sufficient evidence was presented establishing that the last domicile of Ms. P and her children was not Mount Arlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education, by recorded roll call vote of the majority, has determined that R.P., K.P., and D.P. shall be removed from the Mount Arlington School District 21 days following the date of the Notice of Final Ineligibility that shall be sent to Ms. P., unless Ms. P. timely appeals this decision to the Commissioner of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that R.P., K.P., and D.P. shall be entitled to remain enrolled in the district during the pendency of any appeal filed by Ms. P.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary, with assistance from the Board attorneys, is authorized to prepare a Notice of Final Ineligibility to advise Ms. P. of the Board's decision to remove R.P., K.P., and D.P. from the district.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 2 Absent 1 Abstain

Ms. P was present to hear the outcome of the vote of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 10:09 PM, to discuss certain 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

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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

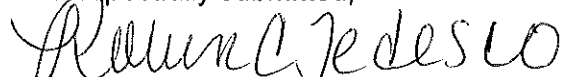
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

It was motioned by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena that the meeting return to Open Session at 11:00 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Longtine that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried at 11:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Robin C. Tedesco
Board Secretary