

December 16, 2013

Minutes  
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2013

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 7:08 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 introduced Mrs. Studint, Personnel Committee chair, to honor Mrs. D'Abbraccio. Mrs. Studint read the Mount Arlington Board of Education resolution giving recognition and thanking Mrs. D'Abbraccio for all of her years of service as a Board of Education member. Mr. Grillo also thanked Mrs. D'Abbraccio, for all her years of service to the school district.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Jameson and Mr. Grillo presented awards to High Honor Roll, Honor Roll and citizenship recipients. Mrs. Jameson and Mr. Grillo also gave special recognition to the NJ ASK perfect score students.

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AUDIT PRESENTATION:

Valerie Dolan, from Nisivoccia & Company, presented the Mount Arlington Board of Education June 30, 2013 audit. There were no recommendations and the district is in good financial shape.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Brian Kincade gave a tribute in appreciation for everything Mrs. D'Abbraccio has done for the school district and for the best interest of the children of Mount Arlington.

Mr. Charley Squires thanked all the board members. He also commended Mrs. D'Abbraccio for the great job she has done for Mount Arlington. Mr. Squires added that he opposes the study to merge Mount Arlington and Roxbury, and estimates that 40 signatures have been removed from the petition.

MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena, to approve minutes of the November 18, 2013 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call:       6   Yes               0   No               0   Absent    1   Abstain

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

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

FINANCE:

Motions 121613-B-1 through 121613-B-10 were moved by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

FINANCE:

121613-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated November 19, 2013 through December 16, 2013 in the amount of \$1,120,354.93, and payroll dated November 15, 2013 in the amount of \$223,409.49 as attached.

121613-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for November 2013.

121613-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of November, 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 November, 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.

121613-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

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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. Jameson	MCASA Crisis Management Committee Meeting	12/17/13	-0-	\$8.56
C. Petrat	Executive Dysfunction: Effective Strategies for Children-DVD	12/19/13	-0-	-0-
C. Petrat	Self Injurious Behavior in Adolescents	1/8/14	\$30.00	\$4.22
J. Jameson	PARCC Transition & Performance Report Workshop	1/10/14	\$25.00	\$13.07
J. Grillo	PARCC Transition & Performance Report Workshop	1/10/14	\$25.00	\$7.48
R. Tedesco	Contracting With Food Service Management Companies	1/15/14	-0-	\$42.92
B. Caggiano	Contracting With Food Service Management Companies	1/15/14	-0-	*
N. Sutera	2014 Statewide Preschool Nurses Meeting	1/29/14	-0-	\$8.62
J. Pickens	NJASA Techspo	1/30/14 & 1/31/14	\$583.00	\$91.87
D. Arnold	NJASA Techspo	1/30/14 & 1/31/14	\$583.00	*
R. Tedesco	Public School Purchasing	3/20/14	-0-	\$5.15
B. Caggiano	Public School Purchasing	3/20/14	-0-	*

\*Carpool

121613-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Kristen Dziuba as piano accompanist for (9) concerts, for an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 for the 2013-2014 school year.

121613-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves and accepts the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance with no recommendations in the CAFR and the AMR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, as submitted by

Nisivoccia & Company, LLP, the district's auditors, having been presented and reviewed at this public meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education acknowledge that the 2012/2013 Synopsis of Audit is available to the public and approves the submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

121613-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the Agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for enrollment in the Athletic Reconditioning, Skilled Trades Time and Material/Maintenance Bids at a rate of \$830.00 from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

121613-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the Shared Service Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2013-2014 school year to provide Teachers Observation Services for the tenured teachers, for a fee of \$142.00 per observation not to exceed \$7,100.00.

121613-B-9 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2013-14-M-5, 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.

121613-B-10 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the NCLB Consolidated Grant FY14 Application. The amounts for each grant are as follows:

Title I	\$23,891
Title IIA	\$18,291

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

Motion 121613-B-11 was moved by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mrs. Studint.

121613-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve to move the Board of Education meetings from Monday to Wednesday.

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 121613-S-1 through 121613-S-9 was moved by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

121613-S-1

WHEREAS, Liz D'Abbraccio, President of the Mount Arlington Board of Education, is

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retiring from the Mount Arlington Board of Education as of January 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has served as a member of the Mount Arlington Board of Education from February 24, 2004 through December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has presided over the Board, as President, from August 24, 2010 through December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has also served as Vice- President and Committee Chair to numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has attended New Jersey School Board training in the areas of School Ethics, Governance, Legal, Communications, Community Relations and Personnel; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has served as liaison to the Roxbury Board of Education from April 2006 through December 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has dedicated her time and service to the Community of Mount Arlington and its students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. D'Abbraccio has served her community, selflessly and without reservation, making a significant positive impact on the Mount Arlington Public School District and community.

RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education takes great pleasure in recognizing the significant achievements of Mrs. Elizabeth D'Abbraccio and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Mount Arlington Public Schools and the community of Mount Arlington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. D'Abbraccio be honored on this day December 16, 2013 and applauded for her efforts in leading and guiding the Mount Arlington Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to the Morris County School Boards Association.

121613-S-2 RESOLVED to approve the job description for Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools as attached.

121613-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the job description for Accounts Payable Payroll Clerk/Confidential Secretary (Board of Education Office) as attached.

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121613-S-4 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Concert Band/Choir Holiday Concert on December 5, 2013:

Name	Rate per Event
Ms. Emilie Peterson	\$90.95
Mr. John Piepoli	\$90.95
Ms. Katie Arbolino	\$90.95
Mr. Danny Arnold	\$90.95

121613-S-5 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Beginner Band/Choir Concert on December 12, 2013:

Name	Rate per Event
Ms. Emilie Peterson	\$90.95
Mr. John Piepoli	\$90.95
Mrs. Danielle Brinkofski	\$90.95
Ms. Megan Hahn	\$90.95

121613-S-6 RESOLVED to approve the following chaperones for the Holiday Tour Concert on December 18, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.

Name	Rate per Event
Ms. Emilie Peterson	Not Applicable
Mr. John Piepoli	Not Applicable
Ms. Kara Kelly	Not Applicable
Mrs. Jennifer Toncic	Not Applicable

121613-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the following chaperones for the "High Note Festival" at Dorney Park on May 23, 2014:

Name	Extended Hourly Rate
Ms. Emilie Peterson	\$13.25 per hour
Mr. John Piepoli	\$13.25 per hour
Mrs. Andrea Danysh	\$13.25 per hour
Mr. Paul Gonzalez	\$13.25 per hour
Ms. Kara Kelly	\$13.25 per hour
Mr. Michael Malakuskie	\$13.25 per hour

121613-S-8 RESOLVED to appoint Brent Dukin, Yvannie St. Luc, Shannon Kuratli and Shanna Willis as home program providers for two out of district special education students at a rate of \$30.00 per hour starting immediately and for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year with hours not to exceed total approved hours for individual programs. (Note: Appointment is based upon receipt of State approved background checks as required by law.

121613-S-9 RESOLVED to approve the Mount Arlington School Safety Planning Team as follows:

Jane Mullins Jameson, Superintendent  
Robin Tedesco, Business Administrator  
Jeff Grillo, Principal

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Christina Buckley, Dean of Students  
Susan Cummings, Special Services Coordinator  
Patty Pickens, Administrative Assistant  
Chief Keith Licata, Mount Arlington Police Department  
Detective Sergeant Matthew Green, Mount Arlington Police Department

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

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 121613-S-10 through 121613-S-13 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

121613-S-10 RESOLVED to approve second reading and adoption of the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulations:

0000 Bylaws  
1000 Administration  
2000 Program  
3000 Teaching Staff Members  
4000 Support Staff Members  
6000 Finance  
8000 Operations  
9000 Community

121613-S-11 RESOLVED to approve the 2014-2015 Proposed School Level Objectives for the Mount Arlington School and the Edith M. Decker School as attached.

121613-S-12 RESOLVED to approve the Lenape Lifeways program for Grade 4 held in school on Wednesday, December 18, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.

121613-S-13 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2013-2014 school year:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Trip to Shop Rite in Succasunna, NJ for the "Young Consumer Program" on March 19, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 4, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Jockey Hollow on March 11, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to the American Museum of Natural History on May 29, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gateway trip to the Morris Museum in Morristown for the "Art of the Brick: Lego Architecture Program" on January 14, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Pequest Trout Hatchery on May 28, 2014 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- School Safety Team Fundraiser "Shoe Box Recycling" effective immediately for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year to support Family Night Programs.
- School Safety Team Program "Morris County Prevention is Key" sponsored by the Mount Arlington F.O.P and the Mount Arlington P.T.A. on January 30, 2014

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(snow date February 13, 2014) from 9-2:30 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 6-7:30 p.m. for Parents/Guardians at no cost to the Board of Education.

- ✚ Fire/Emergency Drills for the Month of December were:
  - Decker School –December 11, 2013
  - MAPS – December 12, 2013
- ✚ Staff attendance for November 2013: 98.2%
- ✚ Student attendance for November 2013:
  - MAPS – 96.02%
  - Decker- 96.5%

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Mr. Paradiso reported that the Finance Committee met at 6:30 P.M. today and all financial statements are in order.
- B. Personnel- No report
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Mr. Longtine reported the Buildings & Grounds committee met at 6:00 P.M. today. Open summer projects were discussed as well as what projects will be done over the next year.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- Mrs. Cangiano reported that the committee has been reading policies.
- E. Negotiations- No Report
- F. Town Council-Mrs. Studint reported that the town is fixing lights on Howard Boulevard.
- G. PTA- Mrs. Byrne reported there was no December meeting, and the Sharing Snowman is in full swing.

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: No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. D'Abbraccio asked for a moment of silence for the shooting in Colorado. Mrs. Studint asked that the Board of Education meeting day be moved from Monday to Wednesday, everyone concurred.

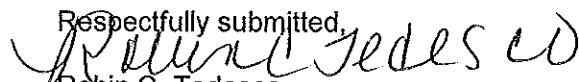
PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

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

Unanimously carried by all in attendance at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robin C. Tedesco  
Board Secretary