

March 26, 2014

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ABSENT: Al Roldan

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:09 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:

Mrs. Jameson gave a special thanks to the staff for their efforts during this hard winter, especially the custodians, acknowledging each by name. Mr. Grillo also thanked the teaching staff and custodians.

Mrs. Jameson and Mr. Grillo presented Honor Roll, High Honor Roll and Citizenship awards to the students.

Mrs. Gilcher and Mr. Grillo gave out Youth Art Certificates.

Ms. Crawford and Mr. Grillo gave out certificates for the workshop on the Arts & Model United Nations Certificates.

Student Council members were honored by Mr. Grillo.

It was moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Longtine at 7:47 P.M. to adjourn for the Super Sundae celebration.

It was moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Longtine at 8:04 PM. to reconvene to public session.

PUBIC SESSION: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mr. Decena, to approve minutes of the February 19, 2014 regular meeting.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

Motion by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mr. Decena, to approve minutes of the March 12, 2014 special meeting.

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 1 Absent 1 Abstain

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 032614-B-1 through 032614-B-13 were moved by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

032614-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments from February 20, 2014 through March 26, 2014 in the amount of \$1,142,507.48, as attached.

032614-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for February 2014.

032614-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of February 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 February 2014 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.

032614-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
R. Tedesco	NJASBO Conference	6/4/14-6/6/14	\$531.50	\$90.62

032614-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with St. Clare's Health Systems Partial Hospitalization Program for tutorial services beginning January 30, 2014 for one hour per day at the rate of \$54.00 per hour for a general education student.

032614-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with St. Clare's Health Systems Children's Crisis Intervention Services unit for tutorial services beginning February 27, 2014 for one hour per day at the rate of \$54.00 per hour for a general education student.

032614-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with Dale M Jacobs, M.D., P.A. for a Neuropsychiatric Evaluation for a pre-school disabilities special education student at the cost of \$550.00.

032614-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the special education tuition contracts:

Student ID	School	Dates	Tuition Cost	Aide Support
10535	Celebrate the Children, Denville, NJ	3/10/14-6/30/14	\$24,960.20	\$11,100.00
10915	Morris School District	10/11/14-6/30/14	\$8,015.05	N/A
10927	Stony Brook School, Rockaway Township Public Schools	3/17/14-6/30/14	\$202.27 per diem	N/A

032614-B-9 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 \$1,990.00 From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

032614-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the allocation of 75% of Nicole Malakuskie's salary to the NCLB Title I FY13/14 Grant in the amount of \$19,035.

032614-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education enter into an agreement for Joint Transportation Services with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the agreement on file in the office of the School Business Administrator.

032614-B-12 **WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 18A:16-12 et seq.* requires that the Mount Arlington Board of Education (the "Board") provide health care insurance to its employees; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17* and *-17.1* were amended to require the Board and its employees to both contribute toward the cost of the employees' health care benefits on a sliding scale, based on individual salaries, as set forth in *N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.28c*; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned amendments went into effect on June 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17.1(c)*, an employee whose contract was in effect prior to June 28, 2011, will not be affected by the increased contribution rate until his or her contract expires; and

WHEREAS, all employees who had a contract in effect prior to June 28, 2011, were required, at minimum, to contribute 1.5 percent of their base salary toward the cost of their health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:17.1*, the contribution rate for those employed on or before June 28, 2011 is to be phased in over a four-year period, starting when the law begins to apply to them; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved Jane Jameson's employment contract in the position of Superintendent of Schools, for a term commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17.1(c)*, Superintendent Jameson is required to contribute 1.5 percent of her base salary toward the cost of her health care benefits until the expiration of her employment contract with the Board; and

WHEREAS, beginning during the 2011-12 school year, the Business Office, in error, began the four-year phase-in deductions from Superintendent Jameson's salary prematurely; and

WHEREAS, the Business Office noted the error during the current school year, which resulted in \$1,898.79 in overcharges for Superintendent Jameson; and

WHEREAS, to remedy this error, the Board Attorneys have advised it to remit a one-time payment in the amount of \$1,898.79 to Superintendent Jameson and immediately revise her contribution rate to 1.5 percent of her base salary in the School's payroll system through the conclusion of her existing contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education, by recorded roll call vote of the majority, has determined that Superintendent Jameson was overcharged erroneously for her contribution toward the cost of her health care benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to remit a one-time payment in the amount of \$1,898.79 to Superintendent Jameson to remedy this inadvertent error.

032614-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education gratefully accepts 30 Solar Car Kits from TransOptions with an approximate value of \$450.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

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

PERSONNEL:

Motions 032614-S-1 through 032614-S-3 and 032614-S-6 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

032614-S-1 RESOLVED to add Sharon Bender, Brian Hehir and Mary K. Loder to our list of Substitute Teachers and Adriana Lorenzo Substitute Custodian for the 2013-2014 school year. (Note: Appointments are based upon receipt of State approved background checks, certificates and physical clearance).

032614-S-2 RESOLVED to approve the return to work of Teacher #0123 effective April 4, 2014. (Note: This approval is based upon receipt of medical clearance by physician).

032614-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the following chaperones for the 8th grade Washington DC trip on May 20th, 21st, and 22nd – Kaitlyn Alexander, Katie Arbolino, Paul Gonzalez, Susan Longo, Michael Malakuskie, John Obermiller, Nina Sutera, and Jeff Grillo.

032614-S-6 RESOLVED to appoint Cortney Polania as Part-time Secretary/Instructional Aide, for up to 25 hours per week, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective March 27, 2014. (Note: Appointment is

based upon receipt of State approved background check as required by law). Ms. Polania will also be placed on our 2013-2014 substitute list.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 032614-S-4 and 032614-S-5 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded Mrs. Studint.

032614-S-4 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the Month of April 2014 as National Volunteer Month.

032614-S-5 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2013-2014 school year:

- 6th Grade trip to Camp Bernie in Port Murray, NJ on October 10, 2014 (2014-15 school year) at no cost to the Board of Education.
- Grades 6-8 Volleyball Tournament at Valleyview Middle School on March 11, 2014 at a cost to the Board of Education of \$150.00.
- 8th Grade Fundraiser – Bowling Night on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Circle Lanes in Ledgewood, NJ.

✦ Fire/Emergency Drills for the Months of February/March 2014 were:

Fire Drills:

Decker School –2/26/14 and 3/11/14
MAPS – 2/26/14 and 3/11/14

Shelter in Place Drills:

Decker School – 2/19/14
MAPS-2/19/14

Active Shooter Drill (Staff Only)-2/24/14

Lock Down Drills:

Decker School-3/3/14
MAPS-3/3/14

(All drills were conducted with the cooperation of the Mount Arlington Police Department).

✦ Staff attendance for February 2014 was 98.4%
Student attendance for February 2014:
MAPS – 96.7% Decker- 96.3%

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- No report
- B. Personnel- No report
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Mrs. Jameson reported that the boiler pump at MAPS needed to be replaced, the boys bathroom leak was fixed, and the Decker School gym floor and stage is being refinished, she added that the District will try to have Mt. Arlington school stage done also.
Mrs. Jameson also reported that the Mt. Arlington School's corridor floors are being ripped up and replaced due to several problems with the flooring that were found. This is scheduled to be completed over the coming summer.
Mr. Longtine stated that the Building and Grounds committee met at 6:00 P.M. today and spoke about the technology infrastructure of the District.
At that Buildings & Grounds committee meeting Garrett Temples presented a plan for landscaping upgrades at Decker School that he will be doing for his Eagle Scout Project.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- No report
- E. Negotiations- No Report
- F. Town Council- Mrs. Studint reported that OPRA requests will be addressed at the Town Council meeting on April 1, 2014.
- G. PTA- Mrs. Byrne reported that theatre week went wonderfully, and the Tricky Tray is Friday, March 28, 2014.

Delegate to Roxbury BOE- Mrs. Byrne reported that Roxbury had their Strategic planning meeting last week.

Delegate to NJ School Boards- No report

Delegate to MC School Boards- No report

Delegate to ESC of Morris County- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Decena that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 8:25 PM, to discuss certain Legal and HIB 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.

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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. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Decena that the meeting return to open session at 9:25 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs Cangiano and seconded by Mr. Decena that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin C. Tedesco
Board Secretary