

February 18, 2015

MINUTES  
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 18, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President  
John Longtine, Vice President  
Rachel Byrne  
Liz Gangiano (Arrived 7:30 PM)  
Al Decena  
Al Roldan  
Karl Svenningsen

ABSENT: None

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 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](http://www.mtarlingtonk8.org)

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Jameson and Mr. Grillo handed out Honor Roll and High Honor Roll Awards. Mr. Grillo congratulated those students that were part of the Model UN Program, and stated that awards will be given out at the next Super Sundae.

A short recess was taken at 7:17 PM. for Super Sundae.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Longtine and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:18 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 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. Byrne and seconded by Mrs. Studint that the meeting return to open session at 7:40 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

PUBIC SESSION: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, to approve minutes of the January 21, 2015 regular meeting.

Roll Call:           7   Yes           0   No           0   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 021815-B-1 through 021815-B-7 were moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

021815-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated January 22, 2015 through February 18, 2015 in the amount of \$1,263,221.56, as attached.

021815-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for January 2015.

021815-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of January 2015, 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 January 2015, 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.

021815-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. Ochoa	Social Media: What's Trending It's Impact on Today's Youth	2/4/15	-0-	\$7.56
J. Grillo	Superintendent's Symposium on PARCC and Student Learning	2/18/15	-0-	\$19.60
S. Hamilton	IPM	2/27/15	-0-	\$10.54

021815-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education gratefully accept the donation and installation of three (3) SMART Boards from the PTA with a total approximate value of \$8,243.00.

021815-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Standard Solutions, to provide 1 full day of professional development for PARCC training at a cost of \$4,000.00 of which \$1,500.00 will be funded through the Title IIA Grant.

021815-B-7 WHEREAS, following a solicitation for quotes to replace an expansion tank at the Mount Arlington Public School, the district received three:

Bertoli Plumbing & Heating	\$ 4,525.00
Iron Mountain Mechanical	\$ 5,355.00
PDM Group	\$10,250.00

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the responsible quote, provided by Bertoli Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$4,525.00 to replace an expansion tank at the Mount Arlington Public School and to award a contract reflective of such.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstain\*

\*Mrs. Studint abstained from motion 021815-B-7

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

PERSONNEL:

Motions 021815-S-1 through 021815-S-4 and 021815-S-8 were moved by Mr. Longtine seconded by Mrs. Studint.

021815-S-1 RESOLVED that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the 10 month non-certificated staff listed below be approved for the 2014-2015 school year, effective February 19, 2015 at the salary indicated with terms and conditions as per contract on file in the Board of Education Office (Note: State approved background check already on file).

Name	Position	2014/15 Salary
Marta Skawska	P/T Instructional Aide	15.00 per hour

021815-S-2 RESOLVED to add Kristen Windish 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).

021815-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the following chaperones for the Roxbury High School All District Concert on March 13, 2015 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.

Name	Rate per Event
Dr. Michael Aberback	\$90.95
Mr. Paul Gonzalez	\$90.95
Mr. Michael Malakuskie	\$90.95

021815-S-4 RESOLVED to revise motion 082014-S-1 as follows:

Rescind appointment of Kristina Farley as Girls' Softball Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year.

021815-S-8 RESOLVED to terminate the employment of Jody Marino, Full Time Principal/Main Office Secretary effective March 2, 2015.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstain\*

\*Mrs. Studint abstained from motion 021815-S-2

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 021815-S-5 through 021815-S-7 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

021815-S-5 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the Month of March 2015 as Youth Art Month.

021815-S-6 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the week of March 2nd through March 6th as Read Across America Week.

021815-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips for the 2014-2015 school year:

- 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade trip to Pequest Trout Hatchery on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at a minimal cost to the Board of Education for chaperones and transportation.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Choir to attend ACDA Middle School choral Workshop at Roxbury High School on March 20, 2015 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.

✦ Staff attendance for January 2015 was 97.7%  
Student attendance for January 2015:  
MAPS – 94.9% Decker- 92.9%

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Mr. Decena said the Finance Committee met before tonight's Board meeting. Mr. Decena stated all finance reports were in order, and Mrs. Tedesco is working on the Budget.
- B. Personnel- None
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Mr. Longtine stated we are waiting on alternate pricing from High Point Solutions for a new telephone system for the School District. He also stated the elevator is complete and operational.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- None
- E. Negotiations- Mrs. Jameson stated she was trying to set up meetings with Fogarty & Hara, the Board's Counsel for Contract Negotiations.
- F. Town Council- Mrs. Studint stated last night's Town Council meeting was basically a closed session meeting.

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G. PTA- Mrs. Cangiano stated that the Box Top winners will be announced soon, and Tricky Tray donations are being collected.

Delegate to Roxbury BOE- Mrs. Byrne reported that Contract Negotiations are continuing and that Roxbury High School graduation for the next school year will be June 21, 2016.

Delegate to NJ School Boards- Mr. Svenningsen talked about the resolution in support of eliminating of the Superintendent's Cap, he also discussed PARCC.

Delegate to MC School Boards- Mrs. Studint asked that if possible please attend the next meeting.

Delegate to ESC of Morris County- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Jameson talked about the Healthy Eyes Testing for Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

Mr. Stanzilis spoke to the Board about the work the Borough is doing around town. He asked if the Board would be interested in getting volume pricing with some of the Contractors they are dealing with.

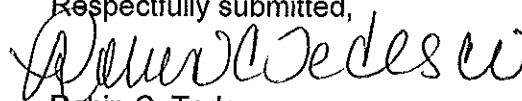
PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin C. Tedesco  
Board Secretary