

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President
 Edwin Botero
 Rachel Byrne
 Al Decena
 Melissa Eckert
 Karl Svenningsen

ABSENT: Al Roldan

ALSO PRESENT: Monica A. Rowland, Superintendent of Schools
 Steven E. McHugh, Sr., School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Jeff Grillo, Principal
 Jennifer Ochoa, Supervisor of Special Services
 7 Members of the Community

Board of Education President, Mrs. Sheila Studint, called the in-person meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., 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 of Education 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 of Education Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the Agenda have been posted on the Mount Arlington Public Schools Website: www.mtarlingtonk8.org

All Board of Education members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

A motion was presented by Mr. Botero, and seconded by Mr. Decena, to approve:

1. November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote:

Yes: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Absent: 1

Motion Passes

PRESENTATIONS

1. Nisivoccia, the School District's auditing firm, presented the FY21 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 202. The School District received no Audit Findings and completed the transition between School Business Administrator efficiently.
2. The Veterans of Foreign Wars recognized the Patriots Pen Essay Winners

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. McHugh reviewed the motions before the Board of Education as shown on the agenda.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

FINANCE:

A motion was presented by Mr. Decena, and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, to approve Finance Agenda Items 121521-B-1 through 121521-B-9.

121521-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated November 18, 2021 through December 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,632,807.53 as attached.

121521-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for November 2021.

121521-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of November, 2021 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, 2021 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2021-2022 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.

121521-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
C. Spicuzzo	Sight Words Webinar	12/9/21	\$35.00	-0-
S. Guida	NJASC 2022 Virtual Winter Convention	1/12/22	\$100.00	-0-
L. Huber	NJASC 2022 Virtual Winter Convention	1/12/22	See above	-0-

121521-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the five year lease Agreement, February 2022 through January 2027 with Municipal Capital Corp. for (2) Savin 6002 & (1) Savin 7503 IM Digital Copier System, at a monthly cost \$959.00, not to exceed \$44,183.68, NJ State Contract #40467.

121521-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board accept the approval by the New Jersey Department of Education for the ESEA Consolidated Grant FY22. The amount for each grant is as follows:

Title I-A	\$ 53,672
Carryover	\$ 14,111
Title II-A	\$ 10,490
Carryover	\$ 10,126
Title IV Part A	\$ 10,000
Carryover	\$ 8,000

121521-B-7 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 061621-B-21 to reflect a change in program.

Student ID	Attending	Date	# of days	Tuition	Aide Support	Other
011521	RHS MD	9/1/21-9/26/21	15	\$3,276.30	N/A	N/A
	RHS BD	9/27/21-6/30/22	165	\$28,349.00		

121521-B-8 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 061621-B-21 to reflect a change in dates of attendance.

Student ID	Attending	Date	# of days	Tuition	Aide Support	Other
11372	Westbridge Academy	9/9/21-12/7/21	60	\$26,499.60	N/A	N/A

121521-B-9 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 072121-B-23 to reflect a change in aide support beginning 12/1/2021.

Student ID	Attending	Date	# of days	Tuition	Aide Support	Other
10656	Celebrate the Children	9/9/21-6/30/22	180	\$74,160.00	\$13,500.00	N/A

Roll Call:

Mr. Botero *Yes*
Mrs. Byrne *Yes*
Mr. Decena *Yes*
Mrs. Eckert *Yes*
Mr. Roldan *Absent*
Mr. Svenningsen *Yes*
Mrs. Studint *Yes*

Motion Passes

PERSONNEL:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Byrne, and seconded by Mr. Botero, to approve Personnel Agenda Items 121521-S-1 through 121521-S-3.

121521-S-1 RESOLVED to approve the following personnel to provide home instruction for a general education student.

Staff Member	Dates	Hours per week	21/22 rate of pay
Devon Villacampa	12/1/2021-12/22/2021	2	\$44.04/hour

121521-S-2 RESOLVED to rescind the appointment of Joseph Panella (061621-S-5) as part-time custodian and approve his appointment as full-time custodian for the 2021-2022 effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 at a pro-rated salary based on the Custodial guide C-1 (2021-22) Step 2 \$44,958 and the requirement to obtain a Black Seal Certification by December 31, 2022. (Note: State approved background check already on file)

121521-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the following part-time Instructional Aide effective January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022. (Note: Appointment is based upon State approved background check)

Instructional Aide	21/22 rate of pay
Cami Venditti	\$15.00/hour

Roll Call:

<i>Mr. Botero</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Decena</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Eckert</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Roldan</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mr. Svenningsen</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Studint</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion Passes

CURRICULUM/POLICY

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, to approve Curriculum Agenda Items 121521-S-4 through 121521-S-7.

121521-S-4 RESOLVED, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P2422 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education(M)(Revised)
- P2467 Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents(M)(Revised)
- P5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students (M)(Revised)
- P5114 Children Displaced by Domestic Violence (Abolished)
- P5116 Education of Homeless Children (Revised)
- P&R 7432 Eye Protection (M)(Revised)
- P8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)(Revised)
- P8420.1 Fire and Fire Drills (M)(Revised)
- P8540 School Nutrition Programs (M)(Revised)
- P8550 Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M)(Revised)
- P8600 Student Transportation (M)(Revised)
- P8810 Religious Holidays (Abolished)

121521-S-5 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2021-22-M-1, the Mount Arlington Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to be a confirmed case of HIB.

121521-S-6 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2021-22-M-2, the Mount Arlington Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to be a confirmed case of HIB.

121521-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Grades 3-8 G&T Virtual Cardboard Challenge Competition conducted by the NJ Consortium of Gifted and Talented Programs. The Competition begins October 15, 2021-November 24, 2021 (at a minimal cost to the board of education)
- Grades 1-6 G&T Virtual Competition conducted by the NJ Consortium of Gifted and Talented Programs. The “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” Competition begins December 15, 2021-January 15, 2021 (at a minimal cost to the board of education)
- Grades 1-8 G&T Virtual Poster Competition conducted by the NJ Consortium of Gifted and Talented Programs. The Poster Competition begins January 24, 2022-February 18, 2022 (at a minimal cost to the board of education)
- Grades 7-8 G&T Virtual Field Trip conducted by the NJ Consortium of Gifted and Talented Programs. The Junior Model UN will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022 (at a minimal cost to the board of education)
- Grades 6-8 G&T Field Trip conducted by the NJ Consortium of Gifted and Talented Programs. The two-day Workshop on the Arts takes place on January 13, 2022 and January 14, 2022 (snow dates January 20, 2022 and January 21, 2022) at the Morris Museum in Morristown, NJ (at a minimal cost to the board of education)
- 8th Grade Carnival fundraiser in January or February (TBD)
- Fire/Emergency Drills Conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for November 2021 were as follows:
 - MAPS and Decker Fire Drills
 - MAPS and Decker Non-Fire Evacuation Drills
- Staff attendance for November 2021: 94.8%
- Student attendance for November 2021:
 - MAPS – 94.8%
 - Decker – 93%

Roll Call:

<i>Mr. Botero</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Decena</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Eckert</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Roldan</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mr. Svenningsen</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Studint</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion Passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance:

- Mr. Decena reviewed current topics as listed in the Agenda.

B. Personnel:

- Mrs. Studint reviewed current topics as listed in the Agenda.

C. Building and Grounds:

- Mr. Decena reviewed current topics as listed in the Agenda.

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D. Curriculum and Policy:

- No report

E. Negotiations:

- No Report

F. Town Council:

- No Report

G. Parent Teachers organization:

- No Report

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Delegate to Roxbury BOE:

- Mr. Botero reported on Roxbury BOE current topics.

2. Delegate to NJ School Board Association:

- Workshops and Trainings are Available

3. Delegate to Morris County School Board Association:

- No Report

4. Delegate to Educational Service Commission of Morris County:

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Rowland updated the BOE on the following Topics:

- Roxbury Math & Science Curriculum Meeting
- Technology Infrastructure Upgrade
- COVID Numbers
- Chorus & Band Concerts Were Postponed
- The Chorus was featured on WSUX
- Mt. Arlington Insider
- District Staffing Needs:
 - Paraprofessionals
 - Substitutes
 - Custodians

CLOSED SESSION I:

A motion was presented by Mr. Botero, and seconded by Mrs. Eckert, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:41 PM, to discuss Personnel matters. No action is expected to follow.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Passes

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 personnel and 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.

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, that the meeting return to Open Session at 8:09 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Passes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN

A motion was presented by Mr. Roldan, and seconded by Mrs. Eckert, that the Regular meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried at 7:58 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr
School Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Approved: January 19, 2022