

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ABSENT: None

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

Board of Education President, Mrs. Rachel Byrne, called the in-person meeting to order at 7:01 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 Mrs. Studint, and seconded by Mr. Botero, to approve:

1. January 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. January 19, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Absent: 0

Motion Passes

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was presented by Mr. Roldan, and seconded by Mr. Botero, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:06 PM, to discuss Personnel, Legal & Student matters. Action is expected to follow.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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 Mr. Roldan, and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, that the meeting return to Open Session at 8:21 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Passes

PRESENTATIONS

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. 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. Roldan, and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, to approve Finance Agenda Items 021622-B-1 through 021622-B-15.

021622-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated January 20, 2022 through February 16, 2022 in the amount of \$1,140,191.12, as attached.

021622-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for January 2022.

021622-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of January 2022, 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 2022, 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.

021622-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
D.VanDongen	NJMEA Convention	2/25/22 & 2/26/22	\$302.50	\$100.10
L. Westervelt	Visualizing & Verbalizing	3/29/22 & 4/1/22	\$750.00	Virtual -0-

021622-B-5 RESOLVED, that Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the submission of the project application of the MAPS Office HVAC project to the New Jersey Department of Education as an “Other Capital Project”, where no state funding is being requested. The Board of Education also approves any changes to the Long Range Facility plan as may be required.

021622-B-6 RESOLVED, that Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the Education Specifications for the Small Group Instruction room being created by the MAPS Office HVAC project.

021622-B-7 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, accepts the donation of the Explore Learning Reflex Math Program from Reflex Math. This program provides 40 seat for 12 months and is valued at \$1,300.00

021622-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, accepts the donation of an Ellison Die-Cutting Machine Set from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Mount Arlington. This item is valued at \$500.00.

021622-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a contract with Bayada for nursing services at a rate of \$63.00/hour for RN services and \$53.00/hour for LPN services, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

021622-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a waiver for the SEMI requirement:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the FY23,

WHEREAS, The Mount Arlington Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI, to receive the eligible amount, would not provide a cost benefit to the district for the 2022-2023 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the FY23.

021622-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a contract with Dr. Lori Hanes and Associates for a complete bilingual Child Study Team Evaluation including the following to consider a student for special education and related services:

Evaluation Type	Cost
Educational	\$525.00
Psychological	\$525.00
Social History	\$525.00
Speech and Language	\$525.00

021622-B-12 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a contract with Learn Well for tutorial services beginning 2/7/2022, for a general education student ID #10686 at an hourly rate of \$47.00 plus an additional 33% for those services (i.e. each 3 hours of teaching generates 1 hour of admin/prep time cost).

Contract	Dates	Hours Per Week	Number of Sessions Per Week
Learn Well	2/7/2022-3/4/2022	10	5

021622-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approve the district’s participation in OMNIA Partners, online marketplace for purchase of products and services with Amazon Business.

021622-B-14 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following route and cost for the 2021-2022 school year with Roxbury Board of Education plus 4% administrative fee.

Route	Route Number	Cost
Green Brook Academy	Q-578	\$43,435.00

021622-B-15 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the use of Maintenance Reserve Funds to complete the revitalization of the MAPS baseball field and Activity area.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passes

PERSONNEL:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Studint, and seconded by Mr. Botero, to approve Personnel Agenda Items 021622-S-1 through 021622-S-9.

021622-S-1 RESOLVED to add Sara Silva to our list of substitute teachers, Thomas Edge to our list of substitute aides and Michael Mangino to our list of substitute custodians for the 2021-2022 school year. (Note: Addition is pending receipt of State approved background checks).

021622-S-2 RESOLVED to approve a temporary leave of absence for employee #5502 to Begin March 7, 2022 through April 8, 2022.

021622-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the following faculty advisors for the 2021-2022 school year with stipends being paid according to the rates listed on Schedule B (21-22) of the approved 2021-2024 Mount Arlington Education Association Contract.

Boys' Baseball Advisor	Chris Merker
Asst. Baseball Advisor	Stephanie Guida
Girls' Softball Advisor	Tanya Occhiuzzo
Asst. Girls' Softball Advisor	Lauren Wehmeyer

021622-S-4 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Concert Band and Concert Choir Winter Concert on February 23, 2022 (snow date 2/28/22):

Name	Rate per Event (21-22 Scdl B)
Diane VanDongen	\$98.37
Michael Aberback	\$98.37
Kara Kelly	\$98.37
Laura Moroney	\$98.37

021622-S-5 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Beginner Band and 3rd/4th grade Choir Concert on Macrch 1, 2022 (snow date 3/10/22):

Name	Rate per Event (21-22 Scdl B)
Diane VanDongen	\$98.37
Michael Aberback	\$98.37
Tanya Occhiuzzo	\$98.37
Megan Hahn	\$98.37

021622-S-6 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the All-District Band Concert held at Roxbury on March 17, 2022:

Name	Rate per Event (21-22 Scdl B)
Michael Aberback	\$98.37
Heleine Gonzalez	\$98.37
Diane VanDongen	\$98.37

021622-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Sara Silva as long-term maternity leave replacement teacher (non-tenure track position) for the 2021-2022 school year, effective March 7, 2022 through June 30, 2022 at a pro-rated salary based on the 2021-2022 teacher salary guide, BA Step 1 \$55,775 (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of Certification and State approved background check).

021622-S-8 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the following part-time Instructional Aide effective February 17, 2022-June 30, 2022 (Note: Appointment is based upon receipt of State approved background check).

Instructional Aide	21/22 rate of pay
Farzana Rahman	\$15.00/hour

021522-S-9 RESOLVED to add Stacey Miller to the personnel to teach the Basic Skills Instruction Extended Day Program (Homework Club) for grades 3-8 MAPS and grades K-2 at Decker according to the per hour rate (\$44.04) listed on Schedule B (21-22) of the approved 2021-2024 Mount Arlington Education Association Contract. Total teaching time not to exceed 3 sessions per week at one hour per session effective October 2021 through May 2022.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passes

CURRICULUM/POLICY

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mrs. Studint, to approve Curriculum Agenda Items 021622-S-10 through 021622-S-17.

021622-S-10 RESOLVED to approve the 2022-2023 school district calendar as attached.

021622-S-11 RESOLVED to approve the electronic submission of the 3-year ELL (English Language Learner) Plan.

021622-S-12 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the Month of March 2022 as National Youth Art Month.

021622-S-13 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the week of February 28, 2022, through March 4, 2022 as Read Across America Week.

021622-S-14 RESOLVED, to approve the first reading of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:


- P/R5751 Sexual Harassment of Students(M)(Revised)
- P2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment (M)(Revised)
- P&R 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries(M)(Revised)
- R2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services(M)(New)
- P2622 Student Assessment(M)(Revised)
- R2622 Student Assessment(M)(New)
- P3233 Political Activities (Revised)
- P5541 Anti-Hazing (M)(New)
- P7540 Joint Use of Facilities (Revised)
- P&R 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M)(Revised)
- P9560 Administration of School Surveys (M)(Revised)

021622-S-15 RESOLVED, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs(M)(New)
- P6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures(M)(New)
- P6115.03 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Conflict of Interest(M)(New)
- P6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants(M)(Revised)



021622-S-16 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Student/Faculty Volleyball Tournament for an 8th grade fundraiser to be held on March 15, 2022 at Roxbury High School
- 6-8th grade Choir to attend the Middle School Choral Workshop held at Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury NJ on March 25, 2022 at a cost of \$180.00.

 Fire/Emergency Drills Conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for

January 2022 were as follows:

- MAPS/Decker Fire Drills
- MAPS/Decker Lock Down Drills

 Staff Attendance for January 2022 was 95.6%
 Student Attendance for January 2022:
MAPS - 93.9% Decker - 85.2%

021622-S-17 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education Approve Student #10688 and Student #11020 as out of district students for the 2021/2022 School Year.

Roll Call:

<i>Mr. Botero</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Decena</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Eckert</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Roldan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Studint</i>	<i>Yes (No on 021622-S-16)</i>
<i>Mr. Svenningsen</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Yes (Abstain from 021622-S-16)</i>

Motion Passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance:

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

D. Curriculum and Policy:

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

E. Negotiations:

- No Report

F. Town Council:

- Mrs. Eckert Reviewed the following topics:
 - May 21, 2022 Lake Hopatcong Association Block Party

G. Parent Teachers organization:

- Mrs. Eckert Reviewed the following topics:
 - Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Successful Valentine Day Fundraiser
 - Staff Appreciation Cart
 - Love of Reading Week

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Delegate to Roxbury BOE:
 - Mr. Botero reported on Roxbury BOE current topics.
 - Next Meeting 2/28/22

2. Delegate to NJ School Board Association:
 - Training is 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:

- Mid-Year Budget Review
- COVID Numbers are declining
- March 7th Mask Mandate Change
- 8th Grade Class Trip Changes
- Love of Reading Week - Hogwarts

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN

A motion was presented by Mr. Svenningsen, and seconded by Mr. Decena, that the Regular meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried at 9:01 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven E. McHugh, Sr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr
School Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary
Approved: March 23, 2022