

July 28, 2020

MINUTES  
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 28, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Monica A. Rowland, Superintendent of Schools  
Tonya M. Flowers, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. via ZOOM and teleconference, 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 Public Schools Website: [www.mtarlingtonk8.org](http://www.mtarlingtonk8.org)

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. and Mrs. Metz, current residents of Mount Arlington appeared before the board to present an appeal on behalf of their son who will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader for the upcoming school year to remain in the district should they purchase a home in Roxbury. The Metz expressed their love and involvement in the Mount Arlington community and their very difficult decision to relocate to

Roxbury to fulfill their family’s need to move into a larger home that to date they have not been able to find in Mount Arlington but may have found in Roxbury.

SUPERINTENDEINT’S REPORT: Ms. Rowland reviewed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

PERSONNEL:

Motion 072820-S-1 was moved by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Roldan

072820-S-1 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Samantha Lapszynski as Kindergarten long term maternity leave replacement teacher (non-tenure track position) for the 2020-2021 school year, effective September 1, 2020 through December 2020 at a salary based on the 2020-2021 teacher salary guide, BA Step 1 \$54,795 (Note: Approval is based upon State approved background check as required by law).

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

CURRICULUM/POLICY:

Motion 072820-S-2 was moved by Mrs. Cangiano and seconded by Mrs. Eckert

072820-S-2 RESOLVED to approve the School Re-opening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

Motion from the floor 072820-S-3 was moved by Mr. Botero and seconded by Mrs. Eckert

072820-S-3 WHEREAS, policy number 5111, permit a Board of Education to admit a nonresident student free of charge

WHEREAS, the Metz Family, current residents of Mount Arlington who may be relocating to Roxbury has appeared before the Board of education to make an appeal for their son to complete his 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year at the Mount Arlington Public School in the event their relocate during the 2020-2021 school year

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has heard the appeal and discussed the issue before the public and at board discretion made their determination

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it hereby approves student 10620 to remain in district for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

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\*Mr. Roldan and Mrs. Studint on behalf of the board commended the Metz's for being fully transparent and forthright with their request.

Roll Call:        7    Yes                      0 No                      0 Absent

ADJOURN

Motioned by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya M. Flowers  
Board Secretary