

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President
Edwin Botero
Al Roldan
Karl Svenningsen (via phone: arrived at 7:47 PM)

ABSENT: Rachel Byrne, Vice President, Liz Cangiano, Melissa Eckert

ALSO PRESENT: Monica A. Rowland, Superintendent of Schools
Tonya Flowers, 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 meeting 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:

Mr. John Henry presented awards to the winners of the Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest. Mrs. Valerie Dolan of Nisivoccia LLP, presented the 18-19 audit report and stated that the District is in good financial standing.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Denise Lanza from Preschool Advantage, a non-profit organization in Morris County gave a brief presentation of the importance and funding available through this early education program.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Roldan and seconded by Mr. Botero that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:16 PM, to discuss certain Personnel matters: with 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 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.

It was motioned by Mr. Botero and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the meeting return to open session at 7:20 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

MINUTES:

November 20, 2019 regular and closed session were tabled until the January 15, 2020 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS- None

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Ms. Flowers discussed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

FINANCE:

Motions 121819-B-1 through 121819-B-9 were moved by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen.

121819-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated November 21, 2019 through December 18, 2019 in the amount of \$1,490,190.65, as attached.

121819-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for November 2019.

121819-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of November, 2019 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, 2019 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2019-2020 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.

121819-B-4 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve 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
E. Cosenza	Webcast: Dyslexia Building new neuropathways	12/17/19	\$219.99	-0-
L. Edge	Webcast: Dyslexia Building new neuropathways	12/17/19	\$49.99	-0-
E. Wassel	Workshop: Looking Back, Moving Forward	1/9/20	\$50.00	\$46.48
E. Wassel	AENJ Annual Breakfast Workshop	1/18/20	-0-	\$44.45
J. Crawford	NJCGTP-Mid Year Meeting	1/27/20	-0-	\$15.05

121819-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following accompanists for an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Jarred Lee	Kristen Hoyt
Dave Stolarz	David Caldwell-Mason
Barry Spatz	Sam Groisser

121819-B-6 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the submittal of e2e Exchange form 470 & 471 for FY2020.

121819-B-7 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with The ABA Clinic, LLC to provide services as follows:

Student ID	Contract	Date	Rate	Total Hours	Cost
11138	The ABA Clinic, LLC	10/3/19-6/30/20	\$105 per hour	Not to exceed 8 hours	\$840.00

121819-B-8 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following special education tuition contract for the school year 2019-2020.

Student ID	Attending	Date	# of days	Tuition	Other
090119	Lakeland-Andover School	9/3/19-6/30/20	180	\$55,800	N/A

121819-B-9 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following special education settlement for the school year 2019-2020.

Student ID	Attending	Date	# of months	Cost	Additional Therapy
10050	Integrated Therapeutics Group	9/1/19-6/30/20	10	\$86,480.00	\$22,400

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Rowland reviewed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

PERSONNEL:

Motions 121819-S-1 through 121819-S-9 were moved by Mr. Botero and seconded by Mr. Roldan.

121819-S-1 RESOLVED to add Marissa Kest to our list of substitute aides for the 2019-2020 school year. (Approval is based upon receipt of required certification and background check).

121819-S-2 RESOLVED to approve the following teacher as chaperone for the 7th/8th grade Holiday dance held on December 6, 2019.

Name	Rate per Event
Jennifer Ochoa	\$95.83

121819-S-3 RESOLVED to appoint Lisa Huber Drama Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 School Year (Stipend according to Schedule B (2019-2020) paid by a donation from the Theatre Next Door).

- 121819-S-4 RESOLVED to appoint Elizabeth Wassel, Art Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 School Year (Stipend according to 2019-2020 Schedule B).
- 121819-S-5 RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Dawn Kumetz, part-time instructional aide effective December 20, 2019.
- 121819-S-6 RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Shannon Kuralti, home based behavioral program provider effective June 30, 2019.
- 121819-S-7 RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Kim Ciriaco, part-time aide effective August 20, 2019.
- 121819-S-8 RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Samantha Woodhull Rios, home program based behavioral manager and home-based behavioral provider effective November 1, 2019.
- 121819-S-9 RESOLVED to appoint Sandee Garrett as home-based behavioral program manager for a special education student for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate of \$40.00 per hour effective immediately (Approval is based upon receipt of State Approved Background check as required by law).

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

Curriculum/Policy

Motion 121819-S-10 through 121819-S-12 moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Svenningen.

121819-S-10 RESOLVED, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P3159 Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities(M) (Revised)
- P&R3218 Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances(M) (Revised)
- P&R4218 Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances(M) (Revised)
- P&R7440 School District Security(M) (Revised)
- P9210 Parent Organizations (M) (Revised)

121819-S-11 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2019-20-M-1, the Mount Arlington Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to be a confirmed case of HIB.

121819-S-12 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Grades 6-8 Honors Choir trip to Eisenhower Middle School for Choral Workshop on March 20, 2020 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.

- 4th Grade trip to Papermill Playhouse, Millburn NJ to see “Dogman” The Musical on December 18, 2019 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 1st Grade trip to the Crayola Experience in Easton, PA on January 29, 2020 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- Concert Band to attend the All District Band concert at Roxbury High School on March 5, 2020 at a cost of approximately \$130.00 for transportation.
- 5th Grade Trip to Liberty Science Center on January 31, 2020 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 5th Grade to Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown to see “We Are The People” on April 1, 2020 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- Kindergarten trip to Turtle Back Zoo on April 24, 2020 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- Pre-K trip to Tagalongs Play Place in Lake Hopatcong on May 20, 2020 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- Fire/Emergency Drills Conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for November and December 2019 were as follows:
 - MAPS and Decker Fire Drills
 - MAPS and Decker Testing of Notification System Drill
 - MAPS and Decker Shelter in Place Drill
- Staff attendance for November 2019: 97.3%
- Student attendance for November 2019:
 - MAPS -95.2%
 - Decker – 96.6%

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- No report
- B. Personnel- No report
- C. Buildings & Grounds- No report
- D. Curriculum/Policy- No report
- E. Negotiations- No report
- F. Town Council- No report
- G. PTO- No report

Delegate to Roxbury BOE – No report

Delegate to NJ School Boards- No report

Delegate to MC School Boards- No report

Delegate to ESC of Morris County- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Flowers announced the Green Team recognized the Music Instructor Dr. Michael Aberback as the Sustainability Hero for December 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Rowland presented an update on the growing ESL student population and need to hire a full time ESL instructor. She also mentioned that Roxbury is in discussion regarding the 2021-2022 School District calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 8:05 PM, to discuss certain Personnel matters: with action expected to follow.

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It was motioned by Mr. Botero and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen that the meeting return to open session at 8:10 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

ADJOURN

Motioned by Mr. Roldan and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tonya Flowers
Board Secretary