

February 15, 2017

MINUTES  
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 15, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President  
John Longtine, Vice President  
Rachel Byrne  
Al Decena  
Al Roldan  
Karl Svenningsen

ABSENT: Liz Cangiano

ALSO PRESENT: Bernard Josefsberg, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Tonya M. Flowers, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. in the Mount Arlington Public School, in the all purpose room, 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:

Mr. Grillo welcomed everyone to Supersundae and thanked them for coming. Mr. Grillo introduced Dr. Josefsberg to assist him with the presentation of the honor roll awards.

SUPERSUNDAE:

At 7:23 P.M. a short recess was taken for the Supersundae celebration.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Longtine that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:24 PM. The Board discussed personnel matters, regrading four candidates returning for second round of interviews for the Superintendent position 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 Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mr. Decena that the meeting return to open session at 7:53 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Dr. Josefsberg presented the initial proposed appropriations for 2017-2018 budget. He highlighted the budget drivers; an increase in tuition and health benefits/salaries and decrease in capital outlay and instructional supplies. A more detailed presentation will be given in March.

MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen, to approve minutes of the January 18, 2017 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call:       6     Yes        0 No        1 Absent

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 021517-B-1 through 021517-B-14 were moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

- 021517-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated January 19, 2017 through February 15, 2017 in the amount of \$1,093,394.34, as attached.
- 021517-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Non-check N0229 in the amount of \$2,148.86 for July-Dec 2016 DCRP Employer's Contribution.
- 021517-B-3 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 011817-B-3.
- 021517-B-4 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of December 2016, 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 December 2016, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2016-2017 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.
- 021517-B-5 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. Crawford	Climate Science Teachers	1/31/17	-0-	-0-
M. Malakuskie	Inspiring Engineers	2/24/17	-0-	\$25.02
K. Manney	Motivating & Managing Hard to Reach Students	3/23/17	\$225.00	*
S. Komorek	Motivating & Managing Hard to Reach Students	3/23/17	\$225.00	\$10.80
T. Flowers	NJASBO Conference	6/7/17-6/9/17	Not to exceed \$762.06	\$69.44

\*carpool

021517-B-6 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 FY18,

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 21 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI, to receive the eligible amount, would not provide a cost benefit to the district for the 2017-2018 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 FY18.

021517-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education enter into a parental contract with parents of student ID#10050, provision of transportation services to and from Celebrate the Children-Denville at a per diem rate of .31 per mile beginning February 16, 2017 through June 30, 2017, not to exceed \$1,111.04, subject to the submission of all required documentation.

021517-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve The Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education, Rutgers University, to provide 20 days of Math Coaching, professional development at a cost of \$12,000.00 of which \$6,113.00 will be funded through the Title IIA Grant.

021517-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the 2016 NJEA Small Grant Award from Sustainable Jersey Corporation in the amount of \$5,000.

021517-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the awarded grant in the amount of \$500.00 from Petroleum Marketing Group, Inc., Educational Alliance Program.

021517-B-11 RESOLVED to approve Erin Shipley, MS CCC SLP, to provide two hours of parent ProLoQuo iPad training at a rate of \$130.00 per hour in February 2017 to support the communication needs of in-district special education students.

021517-B-12 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with Limitless (formerly DCCF) for the following After School program for an out of district student requiring special education and related services as follows:

Student ID	Contract	Dates	Cost per Session	Number of Sessions
10050	Limitless	2/1/17 – 3/29/17	\$110.00	One session per week (2 hours in duration) including a 1:1 aide.

021517-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education provide the following services with Bergen County Special Services as follows:

Student ID	Contract	Dates	Cost per School Year	Number of Sessions
10556	Teacher of the Deaf	2/16/2017-6/30/2017	\$3,300.00 (prorated for 5 remaining months)	1 session per week

021517-B-14 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education allow non-resident student #10390 to continue to matriculate at the Mount Arlington School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year.

Roll Call:      6    Yes            0    No            1    Absent

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Josefsberg reviewed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

PERSONNEL:

Motions 021517-S-1 through 021517-S-5 were moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Svenningsen.

021517-S-1 RESOLVED to accept (with regret) the resignation of Laine Geary, Instructional Aide effective March 1, 2017.

021517-S-2 RESOLVED to add Edwin Lorenzo to our list of Substitute Custodians for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. (Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and medical clearance).

021517-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Edwin Lorenzo as part-time evening custodians, effective February 16, 2017 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and medical clearance).

021517-S-4 RESOLVED to add Andrea Danysh to the list of personnel (motion 101916-S-4) to teach the Basic Skills Instruction Extended Day Program for grades 3-8. Total teaching time not to exceed 3 sessions per week at one hour per session effective through May 2017.

021517-S-5 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the following 10 month non-certificated staff listed below for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, effective immediately. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background checks as required by law).

Name	Position	2016/2017 Salary
Michele Kest	P/T Special Education Aide	\$15.00 per hour
Andrea Scalfani	P/T Special Education Aide	\$15.00 per hour

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

Motions 021517-S-10 was moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Svenningsen.

021517-S-10 RESOLVED, to add Danny Arnold to our list of Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. (Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check).

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 1 Absent 1 Abstain

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 021517-S-6 through 021517-S-9 were moved by Mr. Svenningsen seconded by Mrs. Studint.

021517-S-6 RESOLVED, to approve second reading and adoption of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P & R 1510 American with Disabilities Act (M)(Revised)
- P & R 2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Students (M)(New)
- P & R 5116 Education of Homeless Children (Revised)
- P & R 8330 Student Records (M)(Revised)

021517-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the Month of March 2017 as Youth Art Month.

021517-S-8 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the week of February 27th through March 3rd as Read Across America Week.

021517-S-9 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips for the 2016-2017 school year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade trip to Native Lands in Parsippany on June 1, 2017 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade trip to Historic Boathouse, Lake Hopatcong on May 22, 2017 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.

• Fire/Emergency Drills Conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for January 2017 were as follows:

- MAPS and Decker Fire Drills
- MAPS Shelter In Place Drill
- Decker Reverse Evacuation Drill

• Staff Attendance for January 2017 was 97.4%  
• Student Attendance for January 2017:  
MAPS - 94.5%                      Decker - 95.4%

Roll Call:        6 Yes                      0 No                      1 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Committee met on February 8, 2017 to discuss 2017-2018 budget.
- B. Personnel- Committee met on February 8, 2017 to discuss personnel for 2017-2018 budget.
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Committee met on February 8, 2017 to discuss 2017-2018 projects and facilities needs and the budget impacts.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- Committee met on February 15, 2017 prior to tonight's board meeting to discussed the need to establish a NJ Sustainable green team policy and 2017-2018 budget.
- E. Negotiations- No report
- F. Town Council- No report
- G. PTA- Mr. Longtine announced the Tricky Tray will be held on March 10, 2017 at Roxbury High School.

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:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

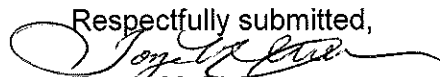
Dr. Josefsberg and Mr. Grillo attended a calendar meeting on February 15, 2017 at Roxbury Board of Education Office to discuss 2018-2019 school calendar. There will be a second meeting to follow in approximately two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Tonya M. Flowers  
Board Secretary