

February 27, 2019

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
RE-SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President
Rachel Byrne, Vice President
Edwin Botero
Melissa Eckert
Al Roldan

ABSENT: Liz Cangiano, Karl Svenningsen

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 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

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC SESSION:

Denise Lanza from Pre-School Advantage introduced the organization's mission to provide a Pre-K program for eligible students in Morris County.

Ms. Flowers introduced Mr. Scott Bellows, as our new Facilities Manager, and Mrs. Amber Martin, as our new part time Business Office Clerk.

MINUTES:

Motioned by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mrs. Eckert, to approve minutes of the January 16, 2019 regular and closed meeting minutes.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 2 Absent 1 Abstain

February 11, 2019 special meeting minutes were tabled to March 13, 2019 board 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 022019-B-1 through 022019-B-14 were moved by Mr. Roldan and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

022019-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated January 17, 2019 through February 27, 2019 in the amount of \$817,786.83, as attached.

022019-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for January 2019.

022019-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of January 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 January 2019, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2018-2019 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.

022019-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 |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| J. Grillo | Principal Learning Network Meeting | 2/8/19 | -0- | \$34.78 |
| A.Terkovich | 2019 NAEA Convention | 3/14/19-3/16/19 | \$675.00 | \$148.37 |

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| T. Occhiuzzo | The Curious Classroom: Workshop | 3/22/19 | \$150.00 | \$51.77 |
| M. Hahn | The Curious Classroom: Workshop | 3/22/19 | \$150.00 | \$51.77 |

022019-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the services provided by Integrated Therapeutics Group per approved contract with Roxbury Board of Education.

| Student ID | Attending | Date | Tuition | After School Sessions |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| 10050 | Integrated Therapeutics Group | 1/2/19-2/28/19 | \$17,296.00 | 18 Sessions at \$140 per session \$2,520.00 |

022019-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education enter into a Parental contract for student transportation with parents of student #ID10050 provision of transportation needs to and from Integrated Therapy Group, at a per diem rate of \$.31 per mile beginning December 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, Monday through Friday, not to exceed \$2,527.74 subject to the submission of all required documentation.

022019-B-7 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 FY20,

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 2019-2020 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 FY20.

022019-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves and accepts the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance with no recommendations in the CAFR and the AMR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, as submitted by Nisivoccia & Company, LLP, the district's auditors, having been presented and reviewed at the December 19, 2018 public meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education acknowledge that the 2017/2018 Synopsis of Audit is available to the public and approves the submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

022019-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following routes and costs for the 2018-2019 school year with Sussex Regional Co-op.

| Route | Route Number | Cost |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| McKinney Vento | Q-325 | Not to exceed \$43,450.00 |
| McKinney Vento | J-M14 | Not to exceed \$12,000.00 |

022019-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Center for Mathematics, Science & Computer Education (CMSCE) to provide Project Base Learning 101 (PBL), for professional development at a cost of \$800.00 which will be funded through Title IV Grant.

022019-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Eduscape Partners, LLC, to provide Pre-Assessment Skills, and Google Training, for professional development at a cost of \$2,094.25 which will be funded through Title IV Grant.

022019-B-12 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Amy Rubin, to provide 1 day of Mindful Educator Training, for professional development at a cost of \$1,000.00 which will be funded through the Title IV Grant.

022019-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education allow non-resident student #10513 to continue to matriculate at the Mount Arlington School for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year.

022019-B-14 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education contract with The ABA Clinic, LLC to provide services as follows:

| Student ID | Contract | Date | Cost |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| 11142 | The ABA Clinic, LLC | 3/1/19-5/10/19 | \$1,890.00 |

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

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

PERSONNEL:

Motions 022019-S-1 through 022019-S-6 and 022019-S-13 and 022019-S-14 were moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

022019-S-1 RESOLVED to add Kristyn Scrimo to our list of substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. (Approval is based upon receipt of required certification and background check).

022019-S-2 RESOLVED to revise motion 011619-S-11 appointing Cortney Polania as World Language Teacher effective February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and appoint her as Long-Term Substitute Teacher effective February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. (State approved background check and certification is on file in the Superintendent's office).

022019-S-3 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Middle School Dance on February 8, 2019 as follows:

| Name | Rate of Pay for this event |
|------------|----------------------------|
| Julia Ayre | \$ 93.36 |

022019-S-4 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Amber Martin as part-time business office clerk at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for the 2018-2019 school year effective immediately (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of background check as required by law).

022019-S-5 RESOLVED to add the annual base salary of \$111,348 to motion 121918-S-16 approving the contract and amendment to the employment agreement for Tonya Flowers, Business Administrator Board Secretary for the 2018-2019 school year effective, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (Note Amendment approval is based upon the review and approval of the Executive County Superintendent).

022019-S-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education establish the following qualitative and quantitative criteria and non-pensionable merit salary bonuses for their achievement for the 2018-2019 school year and directs that these criteria and related bonuses be submitted for the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before adding them to the contract.

| Criteria | Status | Merit Bonus Amount |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| Goal 1: CEFM Certification (Qualitative) | Pending Final Approval | 2.50% of base salary |
| Goal 2: Black Seal License (Quantitative) | Pending Final Approval | 3.33% of base salary |

022019-S-13 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the following non-certificated staff members for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check as required by law).

| Name | Position | 2018/2019 Rate |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Gina Barros | Part-time Special Education Aide | \$15.00/hour |

022019-S-14 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the All District Concert Program in Roxbury on March 13, 2019:

| Name | Rate per Event |
|----------------|----------------|
| Tyler Johnston | \$93.36 |
| Jennifer Wendt | \$93.36 |

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 022019-S-7 through 022019-S-12 were moved by Mrs. Eckert seconded by Mr. Botero.

022019-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar as attached

022019-S-8 RESOLVED to approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P2363 Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology
- R8220 School Closings

022019-S-9 RESOLVED to approve the first reading of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B) and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option (M) (Revised)
- R2460.8 Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education (M) (Revised)
- R5530 Substance Abuse (M) (Revised)
- P&R5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) (Revised)
- P&R5611 Removal of Student for Firearms Offenses (M) (Revised)
- P&R5612 Assaults on District Board of education Members or Employees(M)(Revised)
- P&R5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (M)(Revised)
- P&R8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses (M) (Revised)

022019-S-10 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the Month of March 2019 as Youth Art Month.

022019-S-11 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the week of February 25th through March 1, 2019 as Read Across America Week.

022019-S-12 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2018-2019 school year:

- 5-8th Grade Gateway Trip to Marauder Maker Festival-STEM Programs at Mount Olive Middle and High School on March 9, 2019 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 4-5th Grade Gateway Trip to the NJCGTP Learning Carnival on March 6, 2019 (March 7, 2019 snow date) at a minimum cost to the Board of Education.
- 2nd Grade trip to the Mount Arlington Public Library on April 18, 2019 at a minimum cost to the Board of Education.
- 7th Grade trip to Mount Arlington Borough Hall for a Council Meeting on April 2, 2019 at a minimum cost to the Board of Education.

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⚡ Fire/Emergency Drills Conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for February 2019 were as follows:

- MAPS/Decker Fire Drills
- MAPS/Decker Shelter in Place Drills

⚡ Staff Attendance for January 2019 was 94.6%

⚡ Student Attendance for January 2019:
MAPS - 94.7% Decker - 94.0%

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Committee met on February 4, 2019 to discuss budget needs inclusive of summer projects, and the technology plan was presented by Mr. Pickens.
- B. Personnel- Committee met to discuss staffing for 19-20.
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Committee met on February 4, 2019 to discuss facilities needs inclusive of summer projects.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- Committee met on February 11, 2019 to discuss new policies and first reading of other policies.
- E. Negotiations- No report
- F. Town Council- No report
- G. PTO- Mrs. Eckert reminded all of the upcoming events, Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019. Broadway Bound production of Mary Poppins will be on March 15, 2019, and a matinee on March 16, 2019.

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:

Mrs. Studint memorialized Mrs. Liz D'Abbraccio, who recently passed away on February 25, 2019. Mrs. Studint shared many kind sentiments and read the resolution from December 16, 2013 in her honor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mrs. Studint that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 8:09 PM, to discuss legal 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

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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 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 Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mrs. Eckert that the meeting return to open session at 8:31 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Roldan and seconded by Mrs. Byrne that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tonya M. Flowers
Board Secretary