

February 21, 2018

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President
Rachel Byrne, Vice President
Liz Cangiano
Al Decena
Melissa Eckert
Al Roldan
Karl Svenningsen(Arrived at 8:08PM)

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 7:05 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

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Grillo welcomed everyone to Supersundae and thanked them for coming. Mr. Grillo and Mrs. Cummings presented the students their honor roll awards.

SUPERSUNDAE:

At 7:27 P.M. a short recess was taken for the Supersundae celebration.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A parent raised concerns about guns being carried by teachers and inquired about the District's position on this matter. Mrs. Studint and Ms. Rowland explained that no directives have been received by the District from the Department of Education at this time. They assured the parent that prior to any policy or actions being taken, the Board would hold public sessions.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:35 PM. The Board discussed legal matters, 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. Roldan and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen that the meeting return to open session at 8:27 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mr. Decena, to approve minutes of the December 20, 2017 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 2 Abstain

Motion by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Cangiano, to approve minutes of the January 31, 2018 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 2 Abstain

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 022118-B-1 through 022118-B-9 were moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Eckert.

022118-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated February 1, 2018 through February 21, 2018 in the amount of \$506,239.43, as attached.

022118-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for January 2018.

022118-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of January 2018, 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 2018, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2017-2018 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.

022118-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
L. Alexander	Strategies for Creating an Exemplary Literacy Day in Reading & Writing Workshop	3/2/18	\$150.00	\$22.32
T. Occhiuzzo	Strategies for Creating an Exemplary Literacy Day in Reading & Writing Workshop	3/2/18	\$150.00	\$22.32
S. Hamilton	Utilizing Technology to Achieve Sustainability In Your School	4/27/18	-0-	\$25.35

D. Donohue	NJ Speech & Hearing Association Convention	4/26/18 & 4/27/18	\$434.00	\$47.43
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- 022118-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the donation from the Mount Arlington PTA in the amount of \$1,220.00 to be used towards the Hydration Station in the Mount Arlington Public School.
- 022118-B-6 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.
- 022118-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve The Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education, Rutgers University, to provide up to 20 days of Math Coaching, professional development cost of up to \$12,000.00 of which \$7,998.00 will be funded through the Title IIA Grant.
- 022118-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the change order in the amount of \$14,200.00 for the Fire Alarm upgrade in the Mount Arlington and Edith M. Decker Schools motion 042617-B-14.
- 022118-B-9 BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:21-4 that the Board of Education approve an additional capital reserve transfer to the capital outlay fund for the following project:

Mount Arlington & Decker School-Fire Alarm Upgrade \$14,200.00

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

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

PERSONNEL:

Motions 022118-S-1 through 022118-S-3 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

- 022118-S-1 RESOLVED to add Denise Dougherty to our list of substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. (Approval is based upon receipt of required certification and background check).
- 022118-S-2 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the 7/8th Grade Valentine's Dance on February 9, 2018 as follows:

Name	Rate of Pay for this event
Paul Gonzalez	\$ 90.95
Julia Ayre	\$ 90.95

022118-S-3 RESOLVED to approve the following personnel to provide home based behavioral programs for special education students for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. (Note: approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check as required by law).

Name	Position	17/18 Rate per Hour
Patricia Barton	Behavior Therapy Provider	\$30.00

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

Curriculum/Policy

Motions 022118-S-5 through 022118-S-7 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

022118-S-4 RESOLVED to approve the addition of Addendum A (Police Access to School District Security Cameras) to our Uniform State Memorandum of Understanding Between Education and Law Enforcement.

022118-S-5 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the Month of March 2018 as Youth Art Month.

022118-S-6 RESOLVED to approve the designation of the week of February 26 through March 2nd as Read Across America Week.

022118-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2017-2018 school year:

- 5-8th Grade Trip to Great Meadows Park for the TransOptions (Regionals) Solar Car Competitions on May 14, 2018 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 5th-8th Grade Trip to Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park for the TransOptions Solar Car State Qualifiers on May 21, 2018 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.

↓ Fire/Emergency Drills Conducted with the Mount Arlington Police Department for February 2018 were as follows:

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

↓ Staff Attendance for January, 2018 was 94.0%

↓ Student Attendance for January, 2018:
 MAPS - 95.4% Decker - 92.2%

Motion 022118-S-4 was tabled.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Committee met on February 5, 2018 to discuss 2018-2019 budget.
- B. Personnel- Committee met on February 12, 2018 to discuss 2018-2019 budget.
- C. Buildings & Grounds-Committee met on February 5, 2018 to discuss facility projects/LRFP for 2018-2019 budget.
- D. Curriculum/Policy-Committee met on February 12, 2018 to discuss 2018-2019 budget.
- E. Negotiations-Committee met on February 28, 2018 to meet the new attorney and have initial discussion about negotiation process.
- F. Town Council- Mrs. Studint reported that Ms. Crawford and our students did a great presentation at the Town Council meeting.
- G. PTA- Reminder to purchase your tickets for the Tricky Tray 8th grade fundraiser.

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 reminded the board to complete their SEC Disclosure statements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Rowland presented the new district motto, "Mount Arlington Schools, the Heart and Future of the Community."

Motion 022118-B-10 was moved by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve student ID#11162 as in-district resident pupil, reserving the right to revisit this matter if necessary.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mrs. Byrne that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tonya M. Flowers
Board Secretary