

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ABSENT: None

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:03 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:
None

MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Cangiano and seconded by Mr. Decena, to approve minutes of the December 14, 2016 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstain

Motion by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Longtine, to approve minutes of the January 4, 2017 regular and closed meeting.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 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 011817-B-1 through 011817-B-11 were moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

011817-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated December 15, 2016 through January 18, 2017 in the amount of \$1,608,024.89, as attached.

011817-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for December 2016.

011817-B-3 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.

011817-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
C. Buckley	School Safety Training	1/11/17	\$38.46	-0-
J. Crawford	Power Save Mid-Year Meeting	1/17/17	-0-	\$42.59
J. Grillo	Effective Teacher Evaluation	1/18/17	\$90.00	\$22.38
J. Crawford	Sustainable Jersey For Schools Small Grants	2/2/17	-0-	\$46.82

	Award			
M. Mack	Sustainable Jersey For Schools Small Grants Award	2/2/17	-0-	\$36.45
T. Occhiuzzo	Sustainable Jersey For Schools Small Grants Award	2/2/17	-0-	\$36.45
J. Grillo	NJ State Regional Training	2/10/17	-0-	\$10.23
C. Buckley	NJ State Regional Training	2/10/17	-0-	\$10.23
K. Alexander	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading	2/16/17	\$150.00	\$24.74
M. Aberback	NAFME Eastern Division Biennial In-service Conference	4/6/17 & 4/7/17	\$319.00	\$90.52

011817-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$150.00, from Work Family Connection to be used towards 8th grade graduation.

011817-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington School District Board of Education appoint board members as committee members and representatives as follows and for the 2017 calendar year:

Buildings & Grounds	John Longtine, Chairperson Al Decena Al Roldan
Curriculum & Policy	Liz Cangiano, Chairperson Albert Roldan Karl Svenningsen
Finance	Al Decena, Chairperson Al Roldan John Longtine
Negotiations	Sheila Studint, Chairperson Rachel Byrne Liz Cangiano
Personnel	Sheila Studint, Chairperson Liz Cangiano Rachel Byrne
Delegate to MCEC	Karl Svenningsen
Delegate to NJSBA/MCSBA	Karl Svenningsen
Delegate to Town Council	Sheila Studint
Representative to PTA	Liz Cangiano
Representative to Roxbury BOE	Rachel Byrne

011817-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 111616-B-7 to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement between Roxbury Board of Education and Mount Arlington Board of Education for the OPUS Program, in the amount of \$6,426.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.

011817-B-8 RESOLVED, that Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a Maintenance Agreement with Arrow Elevator Inc., to furnish monthly maintenance beginning February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 in the amount of \$2,544.00.

011817-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve allocation of the NCLB Title 1 FY 16/17 Grant for the Basic Skills Extended Day Program, cost not to exceed \$10,000.

011817-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve appointment of Michael Donow, as Treasurer of School Moneys, beginning April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, at \$300.00 per month.

011817-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Delta-T Group, the awarded preferred vendor through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey formally known as the Middlesex Regional Cooperative to provide nursing services, (hourly rate sheet attached).

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

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

PERSONNEL:

Motions 011817-S-1 through 011817-S-4 and 011817-S-9 and 011817-S-10 were moved by Mrs. Studint seconded by Mr. Svenningsen.

011817-S-1 RESOLVED to revise motion 081716-S-1 as follows:

- Rescind appointment of Michele Smith as Girls' Softball Advisor for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Appoint John Obermiller as Girls' Softball Advisor for the 2016-2017 school year.

011817-S-2 RESOLVED to approve the appointments of Adriana Lorenzo, Richard Wiltshire and Reginald Frierson as part-time evening custodians, effective January 19, 2017 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and medical clearance).

011817-S-3 RESOLVED to terminate the employment contract for employee #1244 commencing on January 19, 2017 and concluding on March 19, 2017.

011817-S-4 RESOLVED to approve the following chaperones for the Roxbury High School All District Band Concert trip on March 16, 2017:

Teacher	Rate per Schedule B
Mike Aberback	\$90.97
TBD	\$90.97
TBD	\$90.97

011817-S-9 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Carol Forbes as full time Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at a prorated salary according to Schedule A-2, 2016-2017 Teacher Salary Guide, MA Level Step 6, \$61, 295 (Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check).

011817-S-10 WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2017 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Mount Arlington Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Mount Arlington Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students;

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mount Arlington Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2017 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mount Arlington Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

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Curriculum/Policy

Motions 01817-S-5 through 011817-S-8 were moved by Mrs. Cangiano seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

011817-S-5 RESOLVED to approve the submission of the Statement of Assurance regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2016-17 school year to the County Office.

011817-S-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves the HIB Investigations, Trainings and Programs (HIB-ITP) Electronic Data Collection Submission to the Department of Education for reporting period 1 (September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016).

011817-S-7 RESOLVED, to approve first reading 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)

011817-S-8 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips for the 2016-2017 school year:

- 7th and 8th Grade Gateway trip to Drew University for the Model United Nations Program on February 3, 2017 (snow date February 10, 2017) at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 7th and 8th Grade Gateway trip to Morristown Unitarian Fellowship for the NJGTP Workshop on the Arts two-day event on January 11-12, 2017 at a minimum cost to the Board of Education.
- 3rd and 4th Grade Gateway trip to the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship for the NJGTP Learning Carnival on March 15, 2017 (snow date March 16, 2017) at a minimum cost to the Board of Education.
- 6-8th Grade Honors Choir trip to Eisenhower Middle School for the Middle School Choral Workshop on March 24, 2017 at a minimum cost to the Board of Education.
- 5-8th Grade Concert Band to attend the Roxbury High School All District Band Concert on March 16, 2017 at a cost of \$325.00 to the Board of Education for Transportation.
- 7th Grade trip to Pequest Trout Hatchery, Oxford, NJ on June 6th and 7th at a minimum 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 and Decker Lock Down Drills

✦ Staff attendance for December 2016: 95.4%

✦ Student attendance for December 2016:
MAPS - 94.5% Decker - 93.2%

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- Mr. Josefsberg presented goals and initiatives for preparation of next year's budget.
- B. Personnel- No report
- C. Buildings & Grounds- No report
- D. Curriculum/Policy- No report
- E. Negotiations- No report
- F. Town Council- No report
- G. PTA- 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:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Studint that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:33 PM, to discuss legal, non-resident student status, (recently moved out of district) 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 legal matters, which are included in the aforesaid exceptions.

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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 Mr. Decena and seconded by Mrs. Studint that the meeting return to open session at 10:02 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 10:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya M. Flowers
Board Secretary