

November 15, 2017

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President  
John Longtine, Vice President  
Rachel Byrne  
Liz Cangiano (Arrived at 7:25 PM)  
Al Decena (Arrived at 7:21 PM)  
Al Roldan  
Karl Svenningsen

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 7:07 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 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](http://www.mtarlingtonk8.org)

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBIC SESSION:**

Ms. Rowland presented the new Media Specialist, Sherry Kercher. Ms. Kercher greeted the Board and gave a brief introduction.

**MINUTES:**

Motioned by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mrs. Byrne, to approve minutes of October 18, 2017 regular and closed session meeting.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 2 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 111517-B-1 through 111517-B-9 were moved by Mr. Roldan and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen.

111517-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the check register of payments dated October 19, 2017 through November 16, 2017 the amount of \$1,282,852.36 as attached.

111517-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for September 2017.

111517-B-3 RESOLVED, that the report of the Secretary and the related statement of cash balances for the month of September 2017 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 September 2017 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.

111517-B-4 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 091317-B-7 and approve the following route and cost for the 2017-2018 school year with Roxbury Board of Education:

Route	Route Number	Cost
Special Education Sussex Co-op	E-0888	\$8,124.60

111517-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the 2017-2018 related service providers and their associated costs provided by the Educational Services Commission of Morris County as follows:

Related Service	ESC Rate (@ 6.5 hrs/day)	Frequency
Physical Therapy	\$615.00 per diem	Two days/week
Occupational Therapy	\$615.00 per diem	One day/week
Speech/Language Therapy	\$615.00 per diem	One day/week

111517-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education revise motion #091317-B-14 to reflect the following:

Student ID	Contract	Date	Cost per session	Frequency	Revision*
10050	Integrated Therapeutic Group, LLC	9/6/2017-6/21/2018	\$140.00	2 sessions per week	(added up to two sessions last year... didn't continue this year)
10057	Integrated Therapeutic Group, LLC	9/6/2017-6/30/2018	\$140.00	1 session per week	(No change from previous motion)

111517-B-7 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2017-18-M-1, the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to be unfounded.

111517-B-8 RESOLVED, relative to Disciplinary Matter 2017-18-M-2 the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to continue to monitor the situation and to take disciplinary action as the circumstances warrant, and in accordance with Board Policy.

111517-9 RESOLVED that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the appointment of LPG Investigations to conduct residency investigations at a rate of up to \$85 per hour not to exceed 20 hours during the 2017-2018 school year.

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:**

Motion 111517-S-1 through 111517-S-10 were moved by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

- 111517-S-1 RESOLVED to add Jesse Nelson, Lynne Fomchenko, Lauren Wehmeyer, Jennifer Gil and Terri Tiefau to our list of substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. (Approval is based upon receipt of required certification and background check).
- 111517-S-2 RESOLVED to appoint Anne Terkovich as Art Club Advisor for the 2017-18 school year stipend being paid according to the rates listed on Schedule B of the 2015-2018 Mount Arlington Education Association Contract.
- 111517-S-3 RESOLVED to terminate the employment contract for employee #3078 as of January 16, 2018.
- 111517-S-4 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Sherry L. Kercher as School Library Media Specialist at MA Level Step 1 (prorated), effective January 16, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background check and certification).
- 111517-S-5 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Beginner Band/Choir Concert on December 5, 2017:

Name	Rate per Event
Emilie Radkovich	\$90.95
Michael Aberback	\$90.95
Danielle Brinkofski	\$90.95
Michele Chow	\$90.95

- 111517-S-6 RESOLVED to approve chaperones for the Concert Band/Choir Holiday Concert on December 7, 2017:

Name	Rate per Event
Emilie Radkovich	\$90.95
Michael Aberback	\$90.95
Jen Ochoa	\$90.95
Kaitlyn Cascio	\$90.95

- 111517-S-7 RESOLVED to approve the following chaperones for the Holiday Tour Concert on December 13, 2017 at no cost to the Board of Education.

Name	Rate per Event
Emilie Radkovich	Not Applicable
Michael Aberback	Not Applicable
Marlen Tomosieski	Not Applicable
Paul Gonzalez	Not Applicable

111517-S-8 RESOLVED to accept with regret the resignation of Barbara Miele, part-time instructional aide effective November 29, 2017.

111517-S-9 RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the following 10 month non-certificated staff listed below for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, effective immediately. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of State approved background checks as required by law).

Name	Position	2017/2018 Salary
Karen Westergaard	P/T Special Education Aide	\$15.00 per hour
Jesindi Torres	P/T Special Education Aide	\$15.00 per hour
Danielle Lisi	P/T Special Education Aide	\$15.00 per hour

111517-S-10 RESOLVED to approve the following staff members to provide Home Instruction due to a chronic illness for a special education student #10655 for up to 2 hours per day effective immediately:

Name	Position	2017/2018 Rate
Michele Chow	Teacher	\$40.72 per hour
Megan Hahn	Teacher	\$40.72 per hour
Jennifer Ochoa	Teacher	\$40.72 per hour
Edwina Bordonaro	Aide/Substitute	\$15.00 per hour

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Curriculum/Policy

Motion 111517-S-11 and 111517-S-14 moved by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mrs. Byrne.

111517-S-11 RESOLVED to approve the following revisions\* to motion 062017-S-25 home programming for the special education student listed below:

Student#	Dates of Program	Shared Total Hours	Included in Program	Revision*
10050	9/7/17-6/22/18	4 hrs/wk	2 hrs/mo team meeting	Reduction of 2 hrs/wk
10050	6/23/18-7/1/18	25 hrs/wk	2 hrs/mo team meeting	No change (except range of dates)
10050	7/2/18-8/3/18	6 hrs/wk	2 hrs/mo team meeting	No change (except range of dates)
10050	8/4/18-9/4/18	15 hrs/wk	2 hrs/mo team meeting	Reduction of 10 hrs/wk

111517-S-12 RESOLVED to approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Education and Law Enforcement (2015 revisions).

111517-S-13 RESOLVED, to approve the first reading of the following Policies(P), Bylaws(B), and/or Regulations(R), Mandatory(M) as follows:

- P 2700 Services to Nonpublic School Students(M)(Revised)
- P & R 7100 Long-Range Facilities Planning (M)(Revised)
- P & R 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects (Revised)
- P 7102 Site Selection and Acquisition (Revised)
- R 7102 Site Selection and Acquisition (New)
- P 7130 School Closing (Revised)
- P 7300 Disposition of Property (Revised)
- R 7300.1 Disposition of Instructional Property (Abolished)
- R 7300.2 Disposition of Land (Revised)
- R 7300.3 Disposition of Personal Property (Revised)
- R 7300.4 Disposition of Federal Property (Revised)

111517-S-14 RESOLVED to approve the following field trips/fund raisers for the 2017-2018 school year:

- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gateway trip to the First Lego League Robotics Competition in Chester, NJ on November 18, 2017 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade trip to Shoprite in Succasunna on February 27, 2018 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Choir and Concert Band Holiday Tour Trip to Senior Living, Carriage Club on December 13, 2017 at a minimal cost to the Board of Education.

- Staff Attendance for October 2017 was 97.2%
- Student Attendance for October 2017  
Decker-96.6% MAPS-96.8%

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

- MAPS and Decker Fire Drills
- MAPS and Decker Shelter In Place Drills
- Bus Evacuation Drills (conducted with Roxbury Transportation Department)

Roll Call:        5    Yes                    0    No                    2    Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance- No report.
- B. Personnel- No report
- C. Buildings & Grounds- Ms. Flowers reported that the window project is complete.
- D. Curriculum/Policy- Policies are still being reviewed.
- E. Negotiations- The committee will be meeting in anticipation of upcoming negotiations.
- F. Town Council- Mrs. Studint reported the following: Finance committee is starting to meet to discuss next year's budget and the goal is to cut the municipal tax rate; The Borough has contracted to pave 19.2 miles of road, anticipate completing by 2019, at a cost of \$500K-\$750K; The Borough is looking into an audit of the Woodmont Development; Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 1, 2017.
- G. PTA- Mrs. Cangiano stated the following: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2017; Family movie night for grades K-4 will be held on November 30, 2017 at 6:30 PM, at the Mount Arlington School and Pajamas will be collected that evening for the "Kindness for Christopher".

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:

Mrs. Cangiano stated that the Robotics Team Competition is this weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Studint congratulated Mrs. Byrne and Mr. Svenningsen for re-election to the Board.

Mrs. Flowers announced that NJSBA is having a program, "Preparing for Bargaining", on Saturday, December 2, 2017 9 AM – 4PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Decena and seconded by Mr. Roldan that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:47 PM, to discuss HIB and Legal matters specific to PILOT and HIB investigations 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 HIB & 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.

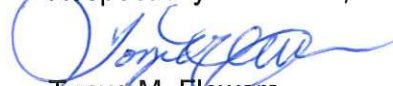
It was motioned by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mr. Decena that the meeting return to open session at 8:38 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call:     7     Yes       0     No       0     Absent

ADJOURN

Motioned by Mr. Roldan and seconded by Mr. Longine that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tonya M. Flowers  
Board Secretary