

Regular Meeting

November 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Matarazzo at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Early Childhood Center, 270 First Street, Palisades Park, NJ.

The assemblage saluted the flag.

In attendance: T. Matarazzo, S. Jang, J. Kim, R. Lee, E. Min, J. Mattessich, J. Woo, T. Yang,
J. Cirillo, A. Spasevski, Ben Choi, Esq.

Absent: Barnabas Woo

Statement of Presiding Officer:

In Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 213, I hereby state that adequate notice of this meeting has been given by written notice dated September 12, 2019.

The Meeting has been:

- Posted in all school buildings
- Advertised in at least one of the Board's official newspapers
- Communicated with the Borough Clerk

Report of the Board President:

Dr. Matarazzo congratulated the school board candidates re-elected November 5, 2019 each for 3-year terms: Jason Kim, John Mattessich and Thomas Matarazzo. Also, congrats to the Football Booster Club for another successful fundraiser.

A moment of silence was conducted for Anthony "Willie" Sambogna, a former 2-term Palisades Park Councilman and an advocate for education.

Dr. Matarazzo welcomed the AP History students in attendance.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Cirillo introduced Police Captains Anthony Muccio and Anthony Albanese. They spoke to the Board regarding the appointment of an SRO (School Resource Officer) who will begin working in the school district tomorrow, November 21, 2019.

Dr. Cirillo announced 2 monetary awards from the Korean Consulate of NY. Lindbergh Elementary School and the Jr/Sr High School will receive \$6,000. 00 each.

December 2nd all 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grade students will participate in the First Annual Spelling Bee. Winners will be announced at the next Board meeting (12/18). They will represent our district on January 7, 2020 at Bergen Community College.

The Annual Uniform MOA between the Board and the Local Police Department will be acted on under New Business, and then forwarded to the County and State DOE's.

The referendum was defeated at the November general election. Dr. Cirillo is reaching out to the Mayor, the Borough Administrator, and the Buildings & Grounds Committee to develop a new plan of action.

There are 3 dates in the future at which to hold a “special” election – January, March and June 2020. The referendum can be presented again to the voters of Palisades Park.

Report of the Board Attorney:

The Negotiations Committee is still working on the PPEA agreement. A mediation is scheduled on November 26th. A MOU has been drafted on the Administrator’s contract. 2 matters involving out-of-district student placements will be discussed in closed session. One matter will be acted on the open session for a proposed monetary settlement.

Minute Approval:

September 18, 2019 – Motion to accept: Jason Kim, Second by Stephanie Jang. Abstention due to absence - R. Lee, J. Mattessich, T. Yang. Ayes – Matarazzo, Jang, Kim, Min, Woo. Motion passes.

October 16, 2019 – Motion to accept: John Mattessich, Second by Jason Kim. All ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to go into Closed Session: J. Mattessich, Second by S. Jang – All ayes on roll call.

Open closed session: John Mattessich, Second by Rebekah Lee, all ayes on roll call.

Closed Session:

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Board Committee Reports Are Attached

New Business:

Dr. Cirillo requested Board action on 3 Resolutions:

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and local Law Enforcement Officials.

Motion by: J. Kim, Seconded by: J. Woo, All ayes on roll call vote.

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the SRO Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Borough of Palisades Park and its Police Department.

Questions prior to a vote:

- What classes would the SRO be responsible to teach? "SRO related classes"
- Who does the SRO report to? "Capt. Albanese"
- School schedule? "Assignments will be staggered"
- Availability during summer months? "Available during summer school programs" (4 hours per day"
- Term of Contract? "11/21/2019 thru 06/30/2020, subject to renewal"
- Junior Police Academy – "2 - week program to potentially begin in the summer of 2020"
- SRO day to day communications? – "Communicates with Capt. Albanese of Capt. Muccio"

Motion by: T. Matarazzo, Seconded by: S. Jang, All ayes on roll call. 1 - Abstention (J. Mattessich)

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a settlement agreement in the matter of V.A. and P.A. o/b/o A.A. V Palisades Park BOE in the amount of \$10,731.00, not to exceed a maximum of \$13,500.00.

Motion by: J. Woo, Seconded by: S. Jang, All ayes on roll call. 1 – NO vote – T. Matarazzo

Audience Participation:

Neris Papoters, Resident/Parent, expressed dismay over the failure of the Referendum to pass at the November 5th election. She felt as if the Board members did little or nothing to support the passage of the Referendum. School buildings are still in need of repairs, classes are overcrowded and not fully equipped. Board members should have been present at the polling districts to show support.

Maureen Tansey, Resident – can the Referendum be addressed again in the future? Dr. Cirillo – Yes. 60 days' notice is required to propose a Special election ballot. There can be a question to address repairs/renovations only and no expansion to the school buildings, or 2 questions can be proposed addressing both repairs/renovations and expansion. That would be up to the Board members.

Cathy Doheny, employee – When could a Special election be proposed? The second Tuesday in Marcy 2020 or June 2, 2020. A Special election can cost upwards to \$20,000.00.

Maureen Tansey, Resident – December 5th parent/teacher conferences at the high school between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The school in need of a Korean translator that evening. Stephanie Jang volunteered to assist.

Several Board members addressed the Referendum – R. Lee, S. Jang, J. Mattessich, E. Min and T. Yang. They all spoke in favor of proposing a future question/questions on an election ballot.

Mr. Yang expressed dismay at seeing all the signs posted during the November 5th election cycle stating: “Vote NO on the Referendum”. Those signs promoted a very negative message to the voters of Palisades Park.

Motion to adjourn: J. Mattessich, Seconded by: R. Lee, All ayes on roll call.

Diane Montemurro

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Report of the Finance Committee – Mr. John Mattessich

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the amended grant entitlements for the 2019/2020 school year:

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>
Title I	\$417,420.00	\$484,385.00
Title I SIA	79,600.00	170,619.00
Title II	68,062.00	79,853.00
Title III	76,603.00	95,596.00
Title III Immigrant	20,461.00	26,430.00
Title IV	26,069.00	27,104.00
IDEA	<u>418,447.00</u>	<u>432,181.00</u>
	\$1,106,662.00	\$1,316,168.00

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the Financial reports of the Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month ending 09/30/19.

Be It Further Resolved, that no major account or fund in the 2019/2020 budget has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2019/2020 fiscal year. (Full report on file in the board office for review)

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves out-of-district placements for 2 special needs students at Slocum Skewes Learning Center, Ridgefield, NJ beginning October 29, 2019 through the remainder of the 2019/20 school year. Annual tuition: \$62,101.00 for each student

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent renews a contract with Englewood Public Schools for the transportation of district students attending the "Academies @ Englewood" for the 2019/2020 school year. Cost per month: \$1,300.00 (13 students).

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Student Activities Accounts, month ending 10/31/19. (attached)

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following request for tuition reimbursement for a Pre-K teacher:

Vera Csizmadia
 "Focusing on Abilities" (3)
 "The Importance of Play and
 the Developing Child" (3)
 "Emotions & Learning" (3)
 \$449.00 per 3 graduate credits
 (To be reimbursed at the end of this school year)

- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following workshop requests:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Description/Location</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Nelson Sanchez Guidance Counselor	"Certification for HIB Specialist", Lodi, NJ	12/12/19	\$150.00
Joanna Hali Curriculum Supervisor	"Transgender & Non-Binary Students"/Monroe, NJ	12/11 & 12/12	\$270.00
Gerry Resnick Guidance Counselor	"Enhancing Social Emotional Learning"/Monroe, NJ	01/15/20	\$150.00
Gerry Resnick Guidance	"Bullying Law Update"/ Monroe, NJ	01/27/20	\$150.00
Gerry Resnick Guidance	"How to investigate HIB Claims"/Monroe, NJ	01/28/20	\$150.00

- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a 2.9% salary increase for Amani Dyer, District Technology Coordinator, effective 10/15/19.

- 9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the November 2019 bill list in the amount of \$896,895.97 as follows:

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$848,089.14
Fund 20 (Special Revenue)	<u>\$ 48,806.83</u>
	\$896,895.97

10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the funding of "Option II" teachers (appointed at the 10/16/19 meeting) through the distribution of Title I SIA funds – Account #20-232-100-100 and Account #20-232-200-100.

(Option II serves as an alternative to traditional high school curriculum)

11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the funding of teachers (appointed at the 10/16/19 meeting) working in the After School "targeted group" programs through the distribution of Title I-A funds – Account #20-231-100-101.

12.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the attached transfer lists in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and furthermore designates the Business Administrator to make budget transfers between line items as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.

Motion: J. Mattessich, Second: J. Woo, All eyes on roll call.

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Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Jason Kim

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 – Actual FY 19, Current FY 20, Planned FY 21. The CMP will be submitted to the Bergen County Office on 11/21/19.
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of the school facilities for programs beginning November 26th through March 14th as follows:
 - Lindbergh School gym – November 26, 2019 through February 28, 2020 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for Middle School Basketball (Monday – Friday)
 - Lindbergh School gym – January 4, 2020 through March 7, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Saturdays) for Boys/Girls Basketball – Grades 3 – 6.
 - Lindbergh School Gym – January 6, 2020 – March 13, 2020 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. for Indoor Soccer practice. (Monday – Friday).
 - High School Gym – January 18, 2020 – March 14, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for Indoor Soccer games. (Saturdays)
(Pending on availability and school events)
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from “Learn & Grow Academy”, Palisades Park preschool, to host their holiday concert at the High School auditorium on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (COI and security deposit on file at the Board Office)
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the annual “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday, December 14th at the high school cafeteria. The event will run from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door.
- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of a classroom at Lindbergh School for a six-week STEM Girl Scouts program beginning January 10, 2019 from 2:50 p.m.- 3:50 p.m. and for 5 consecutive Fridays – January 17th, 24th, 31st and February 7th, 14th. Cost per girl, per Girl Scout year is \$40.00.

Motion: J. Kim, Second: J. Woo, All eyes on roll call.

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Report of the Personnel Committee – Mr. Jeffrey Woo

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following B.S.I. teacher appointments at Lindbergh School:

Julisa DeLaCruz
St. Peter's University
B.A. – Elementary K-6

Maria Anastasopoulos
Fairleigh Dickinson University
B.A. – Elementary K-6

\$37.00 per hr/not to exceed 29.5 hrs per week

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following coaching positions:

Joseph Gingerelli
Head Winter Track Coach

TJ Kroncke
Head Spring Track Coach

Stipend: \$6,246.00*

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following Middle School Sports positions:

Andrew Garcia
Middle School Basketball

Ron Panissidi
Weight Room Monitor

Stipend: \$2,987.00*

*Pending negotiations

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following "Homework Club" substitute teachers:

Rose Espino
Kathy Maurer
Allison Ginolfi

\$35.00 per hour

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following teacher aide appointment, effective 10/21/19:

Mayra Bermeo

1.1 Aide @ the ECC

\$14,500.00 (pro-rated)

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Andrew Garcia as an "Option II" teacher for the 2019/2020 school year. \$35.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per month.

- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following School Psychology student intern beginning January – June 2020:

Emily Koop
Kean University
One full day
Two half-days
Per Week

Motion: J. Woo, Second: S. Jang, All ayes on roll call.

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Report of the Curriculum Committee – Mr. Timothy Yang

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves revisions to the standard based report cards for Grade 2 & 3.

Motion: Timothy Yang, Second: S. Jang, All ayes on roll call.

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Report of Student Activities/Field Trips – Ms. Rebekah Lee

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip for the LLD/ASD Science & Math students on 11/21/19. Students will visit the Ridgefield Nature Center in order to enhance their Science curriculum. 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. No cost to students.

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip to NJ Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ on 12/06/19 from 8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. AP Calculus/BC Honors/Calculus I students will be exposed to various engineering fields. \$10.00 per student

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip to Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ on 02/20/20 from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Chorus and Band students will view a live musical performance. Cost per student: \$55.00

Motion: R. Lee, Second: J. Woo, All eyes on roll call.