

Regular Meeting

February 25, 2021

The Board met in a Regular meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was scheduled at the Early Childhood Center, 270 First Street, Palisades Park. Access to the meeting was also provided via videoconferencing.

The assemblage saluted the flag.

Roll call: J. Kim, J. Mattessich, A. Garcia, S. Jang, R. Lee, K. Kim, T. Matarazzo, E. Min, T. Yang

Dr. Joseph Cirillo, Mrs. Eulalia Gillis, Mr. Ben Choi, Esq.

Statement of Presiding Officer:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby state that adequate notice of this Regular meeting has been provided to the public by a written notice dated February 9, 2021.

The meeting notice has been:

- Emailed to all staff members.
- Communicated to at least one of the Board's designated newspapers.
- Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park

Minute Approval:

Motion to accept the 12/16/20 minutes: Thomas Matarazzo, Seconded by: Stephanie Jang
All ayes on roll call excepting Anieska Garcia and Kevin Lim (not sworn in at that time).

Motion to accept the 01/06/21 minutes: John Mattessich, Seconded by: Eun Min
All ayes on roll call to accept.

Motion to accept the 01/21/21 minutes: Timothy Yang, Seconded by: John Mattessich
All ayes on roll call to accept.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Cirillo asked for a moment of silence for William (Bill) Spooner. Mr. Spooner was a beloved high school teacher and coach.

Dr. Cirillo thanked all those who extended well wishes to him and his family on their recent loss.

Report of the Board President: No Report

Report of the Board Attorney: No Report

Reports of the Committees:

Finance Committee:

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of the Federal Grant (Title I) corrective action plan to the State DOE for review/approval.

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request for tuition reimbursement as follows:

Vera Csizmadia
"Supporting Students with
Disruptive Behavior Disorders"
"Phonics: Foundations of Literacy"
"Teaching Math with Children's Literature"
9 credits @ \$449.00 per credit

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a salary adjustment request as follows:

Frank Viola
Step 8 BA+15 - \$57,218.00
To
Step 8 MA - \$59,633.00*
*Pending negotiations

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the December 2020 and the January 2021 budget transfers in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1.

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the Lindbergh School student activities accounts, months ending 12/31/20 and 01/31/21 and the High School accounts, month ending 01/31/2021.

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of the "Special Education Medicaid Initiative Action Plan" (SEMI) to the County Superintendent of Schools for review/approval.

(The SEMI program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related services listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the February 2021 bill list in the amount of \$821,130.73.

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| Fund 10 (General Current Expense) | \$659,159.77 |
| Fund 20 (Special Revenue) | <u>\$161,970.96</u> |
| | \$821,130.73 |

- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 01/29/21 payroll in the amount of \$843,733.35.

- 9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 02/11/2021 payroll in the amount of \$741,943.85.

Introduced by: J. Mattessich

Seconded by: R. Lee

All eyes on roll call to approve.

Personnel Committee:

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Korean Language translators:

Amy Munn

JeeYoon Chung

(\$30.00 per hour/not to exceed 20 hours per month)

To be paid out of Title II funds

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves Sandra Reyes (part-time custodian) to full time status. Salary: \$32,480.00 + benefits

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Substitute Teacher appointment:

Hannah Kang
Carnegie Mellon University
Bachelor of Fine Arts

4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Spring Sports coaching positions/stipends: *

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| Baseball: | C. Messina, Head Coach | \$6,246.00 |
| | D. Glavan, Assistant | \$4,858.00 |
| Softball: | Zach Shaw – Head Coach | \$6,246.00 |
| | J. Wiseman – Assistant | \$4,858.00 |
| Tennis: | C. Zegarra – Head Coach | \$6,246.00 |
| Track: | TJ Kroncke – Head Coach | \$6,246.00 |
| | J. Gingerelli – Assistant | \$4,858.00 |

***Stipends pending negotiations**

5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Christiam Orellana, part time custodian at the high school, effective March 1, 2021. Salary: \$12.50 per hour

Introduced by: T. Matarazzo

Seconded by: S. Jang

All ayes on roll call to approve.

Policy Committee:

Policy No. 4119.27/4219.27 – “Parent/Guardian Authorization for Livestream Instruction and Educational Services”

The Policy is tabled for additional modification. It will be revisited at the March 18th meeting.

Old Business:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following State Contract vendors utilized by the District:

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>State Contract No.</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Apple Financial Services | 70259 |
| AT&T | 43337 |
| Demco | 80987 |
| EBSCO | 82722 |

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>State Contract No.</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| ETA Cuisenaire | 80985 |
| Fisher Scientific Co. | 75877 |
| W.W. Grainger | 79875 |
| Home Depot | 83930 |
| Lakeshore Learning | 8099 |
| Metuchen Center | 81162 |
| Office Business Systems | 83896 |
| Savin (copiers) | 40468 |
| School Specialty | 80986 |
| Staples Advantage | 77249 |
| Stewart Business Systems | 64041 |
| Verizon | 82583 |
| Verizon Wireless | 82236 |
| Xerox Corp. | 82703 |

Introduced by: T. Matarazzo

Seconded by: S. Jang

All ayes on roll call to approve.

New Business:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves entering into a Cooperative Sports Agreement with the Fort Lee Board of Education for a high school wrestling program. Under emergency NJSIAA guidelines, this Cooperative will be in effect for one school year – 2020/2021.

Introduced by: J. Mattessich

Seconded by: E. Min

Dr. Matarazzo questioned the safety of the participants. Dr. Cirillo confirmed the safety of the program.

All ayes on roll call to approve.

Audience Participation:

Motion to open the meeting to the public.

There was no audience participation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.