

## Regular Meeting

June 19, 2019

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

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

The assemblage saluted the flag.

Attendees: T. Matarazzo, S. Jang, R. Lee, J. Mattessich, E. Min, B. Woo,  
Dr. Cirillo, Mr. Petracca, Esq., Ms. Spasevski

Absent: J. Woo, T. Yang.

Jason Kim arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**Statement of Presiding Officer:** In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 213, I hereby state that adequate notice of the meeting has been given by written notice dated January 11, 2019:

The meeting has been:

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

**Report of the Superintendent:** The High School graduation is Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> a 6:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the County Field, weather permitting. Tomorrow (June 20<sup>th</sup>) the Lindbergh School 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held at the Jr/Sr High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten graduation ceremonies will be held tomorrow morning at the ECC.

Dr. Cirillo and the Business Administrator met with the Mayor, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough's CFO regarding the proposed referendum. They will be meeting with Mr. Wielkocz, the Board's auditor next week to discuss the financial impact on taxpayers.

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> there will be Town Hall meeting on the referendum at the Jr/Sr High School auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Cirillo remarked on the Spring Sports awards dinner held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at The Fiesta. He mentioned Leslie Quiroa, a medal recipient on the Track Team, and her gracious gesture at the dinner.

Clara Kim, the high school valedictorian, was introduced by Dr. Cirillo. Clara will be attending Princeton University in the Fall.

On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade "Lindbergh Symphonia" band participants were invited to perform in a joint concert with the Bloomfield Youth Band at the Bloomfield Middle School. In its 33-year history, Lindbergh School is the first elementary school ensemble to ever be invited to perform.

Lindbergh School was also the recipient of 2 grant awards: "Autism Speaks" – a \$1,058.00 award and the BCUA - \$1,000.00 grant award.

Dr. Cirillo introduced Mr. Thomas Kroncke, the new varsity football coach for the 2019 season.

**Report of the Board Attorney:** Mr. Petracca announced that there will be no discussion on personnel matters at tonight's meeting. He advised the Board members not to offer any commentary on personnel issues that may be brought up during audience participation due to "social media" rumors.

### Committee Reports Attached

#### **Audience Participation:**

Cathy Doheny, Co-Chair of the PPEA, questioned whether or not there will be a presentation by Jewish Family Services, the district's new After Care Program provider – when it will begin, if there is a quota on the number of students in order to begin the new "Club-Ed" program, fees, if our teaching staff members will be hired through this new organization. Suad Gacham, the Director of School Based Services was present and responded to these initial concerns.

Cheryl Donohue spoke on behalf of Frank Donohue and detailed all his accomplishments during his tenure as a teacher, coach, and principal in the Palisades Park School District. One of Mr. Donohue's most distinguished achievements was being inducted into the N.J. State Hall of Fame. He is the first coach in the history of Palisades Park to be honored as such.

Councilman Paul Kim questioned the proposed transfer of the 3 building principals.

Maria Alvarez, former Board member, asked if she would be able to present her son with his diploma at the graduation ceremony. She also commented on the possible transfer of building principals.

Maria Pesantes, resident/parent, commented that the priority of staff members should be the students, and not which building that faculty member works in. Our school principals are qualified to work in any one of the 3 school buildings. Staff members should not take it as a personal affront when asked to move to a new location.

Grace Song, President of the Korean Parents Group, mentioned that the principals and teachers at each building should work together as a cohesive team.

Maureen Tansey, resident/employee, questioned if there would be a financial impact if principal transfers are done in the new school year. "Change is good when done properly, and not in a rushed manner". Mrs. Tansey also inquired about a "sick day bank" for an employee who may not be able to return to work at the start of the new school year.

Dr. Cirillo said the district is aware of this situation and it will be taken care of in a timely manner.

Joseph Sperlazzo, resident/facilities manager, asked that the upcoming meeting on the referendum be advertised and promoted more diligently for public awareness.

A motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Ms. Lee, all ayes on roll call, to close audience participation.

The Board will enter into closed session in order to discuss a HIB investigative report.

Upon return from executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Mattessich, seconded by Mr. Barnabas Woo, all ayes on roll call, to adjourn the meeting.

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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 following summer workshops:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Location/Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sarah Stoloff Teacher of Music	The College of NJ, Trenton “New repertoire for Instrumental programs”	08/06/19	\$ 90.00
Anna Mancini Teacher of Music	SAME AS ABOVE	“	“
Jenna Mancini Teacher of Science	Rutgers University, New Brunswick AP Environmental Science Program	07/22 – 07/25	\$1,025.00

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the June 14, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$829,812.39.
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the Lindbergh School and the High School student activities accounts, month ending 05/31/19. (Attached)
- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request for tuition reimbursement for Eimy Padron, Bilingual K Teacher.

Course: “Instructional Strategies for Diverse Students”  
Avila University – 3 credits

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent authorizes the submission of the 2020 IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) application and accepts the grant award upon subsequent approval as follows:

Public Basic Amount: \$377,776.00  
Non-Public Amount: 30,396.00  
  
Pre-school Public: 10,275.00

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- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following "extra class" stipends:

**Full Year Stipends: \$7,962.00 (each)**

Jodi Burrows James Mascolo

Andia Cali Inah DelRio

Cynthia Planker

**Half-Year Stipends: \$3,981.00 (each)**

Marisa Deodino Audrey Dellosa

**Maternity Leave Coverage: 09/06/19 – 12/17/19 - \$2,963.63 (each)**

Jaclyn Dellosa (Math 7)

Ewa Krupinska (Study Skills Math 8)

Monica Rosado (Pre-Algebra 8)

Debra Youmshakian (Study Skills Math 7)

Bill Spooner (Math 7) **09/06/19 – 09/21/19 - \$530.80**

**Split Classes: January 7 to June 21 - \$4,732.97 (each)**

Henry Agecha (Geophysical Science)

Jaclyn Dellosa (Concepts of Math)

Grace Ko (World History)

Tom Pecorelli (World History)

Monica Rosado (Algebra I)

Elsa Wajda (Geophysical Science)

**Science Coverage: January 8 – February 25 - \$1,327. (each)**

Robert Biagiotti (Biology)

Natalie Conoscenti (Biology)

Christa Darakjy (Biology)

Herbert Farnese (Honors Biology)

Alexa Lewris (AP Environmental Science)

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- 7.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of the 2020 ESEA (Elementary & Second Education Act) consolidated application and accept the award of funds upon the subsequent approval of the ESEA application.
- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the June 2019 bill list in the amount of \$1,056,803.44 as follows:
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| Fund 10 (General Current) | \$ 765,559.95        |
| Fund 20 (Special Revenue) | \$ 54,965.49         |
| Fund 90 (Agency Account)  | <u>\$ 236,278.00</u> |
- 9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the financial reports of the Business Administrator/Treasurer of School Moneys for the months ending 3/31/19 & 4/30/19, and furthermore the Board certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Full reports on file in the Board Office)
- 10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the monthly budget transfers in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and designates the Business Administrator to make budget transfers between monthly meetings of the Board when necessary.
- 11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent enters into an Agreement with Jewish Family & Children's Services of Northern NJ, Inc. to assume and perform the responsibilities in the administration of the Club Ed Afterschool Program during the 2019-2020 school year. "Club Ed" will be available to students in Grades Pre-K through 6. JFCS shall pay the Palisades Park School District a fee of \$20,000 (\$2,000 a month for 10 months) for the use of facilities.

Introduced by: J. Mattessich

Seconded by: S. Jang

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 a request from the Palisades Park Recreation Department to use the Lindbergh School cafeteria and basketball court for the 2019 summer program.

Recreation will utilize the facilities on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (if the Town Pool cannot be used), the program will use the school facilities. Start date: Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Ending: Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open to children in Grades 1 through 5.

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a Boys Basketball fundraiser for the Andri Rakotoselson Memorial Scholarship on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Fundraiser to be hosted by Damian Lambertis, Class of 2013.

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from "Garden State Kendo", Palisades Park NJ to sponsor a Kendo tournament on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Tentative – pending school schedule)

Introduced by: S. Jang

Seconded by: J. Mattessich

All ayes 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 a maternity leave extension for Colleen Lenge (High School Science Teacher). Initial leave began 10/05/18. Mrs. Lenge expects to return to district in September 2020.
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a maternity leave of absence for Joana Hali (H.S. English Teacher) beginning 09/04/19. Mrs. Hali intends to return to district 10/04/19.
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff members:

Jaclyn Dellosa	Michelle Lee
James Mascolo	Samantha Matarazzo
Dr. Mark Silk	Annette McCarthy
Jaclyn Vanore	Korrine Sterni
JooWon Yim	

\$35.00 per hour

Substitutes:	Robyn Sperlazzo	Nael Llaverias
	Destiny Harmon	Rael Rodriguez
	Elizabeth Paccione	

\$35.00 per hour

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff appointment for the 2019/2020 school year:

Sarah Menchise  
K- 12 Art Teacher Certification  
William Paterson University  
Step 5 BA+15 - \$52,507.00\*  
Replacing Laura Schwartz

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Christa Darakjy, H.S. Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2019.

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- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff appointment for the 2019/2020 school year:

Catherine Clarke  
MS – Occupational Therapy  
Dominican College  
Step 7 MA - \$57,222.00\*

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

Thomas Kroncke  
BA – Montclair University  
MA – University of Texas  
Varsity Football Coach  
\$6,994.00 \*

- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Milita Lombardo, High School secretary, for the 2019/2020 school year. Salary: \$45,785.00

- 9.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the retirement of Marie Gervasio, BSI Teacher. Mrs. Gervasio has served the district since September 2002.

- 10.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves a contract agreement for Angela Spasevski, Business Administrator, for the 2019-2020 school year. (Contract under review by the County Office)

- 11.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the attached Summer School Principals and Personnel for the Extended School Year Programs, the Enrichment Programs, and the Remedial Programs (Grades 6, 7, 8). Summer School will begin on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and end on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Principals - \$40.00 per hour
- Teachers - \$35.00 per hour
- Certified Subs - \$35.00 per hour
- Aides - \$12.50 per hour
- Related Services - \$50.00 per hour

Introduced by: J. Woo

Seconded by: B. Woo

All eyes on roll call



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NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent authorizes the Affirmative Action Team to conduct a Needs Assessment for each school and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan.
  
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent authorizes the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan to the County Office of Education.

Introduced by: Dr. Matarazzo

Seconded by: Ms. Rebekah Lee

All ayes on roll call: T. Matarazzo, S. Jang, J. Kim, R. Lee, J. Mattessich, E.Min, B. Woo