

April 21, 2022

Regular Meeting

The Board met in a Regular meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

In attendance: Dr. Matarazzo, Eun Min, Soo Chung, Anieska Garcia, Jason Kim, Kevin Lim, Peter Longo, John Mattessich, Charlie Shin, Dr. Cirillo, Sarah Kim, Esq.

President Thomas Matarazzo read the Statement of Presiding Officer.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Cirillo announced that Friday, June 17th is the last day of the 2021/22 school year.

Three (3) graduation ceremonies will take place that day at the County Field, Palisades Park:

- Kindergarten graduation – 9:00 a.m.
- 6th Grade promotional ceremony – 5:00 p.m.
- High School graduation – 7:30 p.m.

The rain date will be Monday, June 20th. More information will follow.

Our school district has been selected to pilot a test at the Jr/Sr High School for students in Grades 7, 8, & 9. Students in Grades 10, 11, & 12 will have a delayed opening on Monday, April 25th.

In the 2022/2023 school year, our district will offer free preschool to 3- & 4-year-olds. This is the second year of a 5-year plan funded through Governor Murphy's Universal Pre-K Plan. We will be able to accommodate seventy-five students. In 2023/24 school year, we will increase the total number of students to ninety. By year 5, we should be able to offer free preschool to 210 students. That is based on the Pre-K Plan criteria.

Dr. Cirillo will meet with the Mayor tomorrow to discuss expansion options for our school buildings.

Minute Approval:

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2022 special meeting moved by Jason Kim, second by Eun Min. All ayes on roll call.

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2022 minutes (Audit Presentation) moved by Anieska Garcia, second by Eun Min. All ayes on roll call.

Report of the Committees

Finance:

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 03/30/22 payroll in the amount of \$799,390.04 and the 04/08/22 payroll in the amount of \$830,376.13

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves tuition reimbursement as follows:

Laurie Nova
Felician College
"Curriculum Issues & Trends" (3 credits)
(To be reimbursed at the end of this school year)

3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district contract for a student attending 1st Cerebral Palsy of NJ, Belleville commencing on March 14, 2022 through June 2022. Annual tuition: \$66,759.00 (pro-rated).

4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Food Service vouchers as follows:

• Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 03/04/22	\$ 17,206.01
• Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 03/11/22	32,157.70
• Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 03/18/22	16,903.69
• Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 03/25/22	10,264.11
• Pomptonian, Inc.	Request for expenses w/e 03/31/22	42,222.93
• JFM Electric LLC	Labor & Material at High School Café	2,318.00
• Jay-Hill Repairs	Repairs to walk-in freezer at the ECC	1,868.50
• Map Supplies	New walk-in freezer at H.S. Café	<u>26,070.00</u>

5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a workshop for Joanna Hali, CST Director on 05/13/22. Location: Madison, NJ – NJPSA Annual Special Education Summit. Cost: \$125.00

6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves tuition reimbursement as follows:

Karla Campos
Montclair University
"Literacy & Bilingual Learner
In the Elementary Classroom"

"Teaching Content In Early Childhood
And Elementary Bilingual Classrooms"
(6 credits – to be reimbursed at the end of this school year)

7.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an out-of-district contract for a student attending Lewis F. Cole Middle School, Fort Lee commencing March 14, 2022 through June 2022. Tuition & transportation: \$15,676.80.

8.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the High School and the Lindbergh School student activities accounts, month ending 03/31/22. (attached)

9.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Business Administrator/Treasurer of School Moneys for the month ending 03/31/22.

Furthermore, the Board certifies that in accordance with NJAC 6:20-2A that no major account or fund in the 2021/22 budget 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 report on file in the Board Office).

10.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the attached list of transfers in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and designates the Business Administrator to make budget transfers as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.

11.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the April 2022 bill list in the amount of \$651,153.32 as follows:

- Fund 10 (General/Current Expenses) \$573,685.72
- Fund 20 (Special Revenue) 77,467.60

Moved by Kevin Lim, second by Charlie Shin, all ayes on roll call.

Personnel Committee:

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Amani Dyer, Technology Coordinator, effective May 27, 2022.

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of John Wiseman and Joseph Galeazza as HS Weight Room coordinators, effective immediately. Stipend: \$35.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per week.

3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Jessica Graf as the Intramural Track Coach. Stipend: \$ 2,987.00

4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a 50 -hour leadership internship for Alberto Plummer at the Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Plummer is a student at Seton Hall University.

5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Mrs. Ellen Kim as a Secretary/Korean Translator, effective May 2, 2022.
Annual Salary: \$51,895.00

Moved by Eun Min, second by Jason Kim, all ayes on roll call.

Negotiations:

A Resolution will be introduced under New Business.

PTA/PTSA:

Ms. Soo Chung is actively engaging with the County PTA and the State PTA organizations. She is trying to encourage new membership. As Ms. Chung gathers information, she will continue to report her findings to the Board.

Student Activities/Field Trips:

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request from the HS Dramatic Arts Society.

Destination: Sieminski Theatre, Basking Ridge NJ

Date: May 4, 2022

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost per student: \$25.00

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for First Grade Students.

Destination: Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin NJ

Date: May 11, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost per student: \$28.00

3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for 4th Grade Students:

Destination: NJ Sealife Aquarium, East Rutherford NJ
Date: May 25, 2022
Time: 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cost per student: \$19.00

4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for 6th Grade Students:

Destination: Newark Museum, Newark NJ
Date: June 9, 2022
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Cost per student: \$27.00

5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for the HS ESL students:

Destination: The Bronx Zoo
Date: May 23 or May 26, 2022 (TBD)
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cost per student: \$25.00

6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for 7th & 8th Grade Students:

Destination: Palisades Park Swim Club
Date: June 9, 2022
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cost per student: \$5.00

7.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for 3rd Grade Students:

Destination: Wild West City, Stanhope NJ
Date: June 10, 2022
Time: 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cost per student: \$30.00

8.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for the HS Honor Societies:

Destination: Palisades Park Swim Club
Date: June 10, 2022
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Cost per student: \$10.00

Additions:

9.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for 2nd Grade Students:

Destination: Health Barn USA, Ridgewood NJ
Date: May 19, 2022
Time: 9:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Cost per student: \$25.00

10.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip request for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students:

Destination: Van Saun Park/Zoo, Paramus NJ
Date: June 2, 2022 (June 3, 2022 rain date)
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Cost per student: \$12.00

Moved by Eun Min, Second by Peter Longo, all ayes on roll call.

Calendar:

The 2022/2023 school calendar was tabled. Ms. Garcia questioned why Juneteenth (a Federal holiday) was not recognized on next school year's calendar. The Board unanimously voted to table the calendar for further review.

New Business:

The Palisades Park Police Department is having its first annual Junior Police Academy for Palisades Park students. The program is scheduled to begin on June 20th and conclude on July 1st (Monday – Friday). Twenty-five random students in the fifth grade will be chosen to participate.

Lt. Alex Monteleone is requesting permission for the use of the cafeteria, gym, and field/playground at Lindbergh Elementary School.

This is not a Board of Education program. The Program will be conducted solely by the Palisades Park Police Department.

A motion by Jason Kim, second by Anieska Garcia to allow the Palisades Park Police Department to use the Lindbergh Elementary School facilities for a "Junior Police Academy" program. All eyes on roll call.

Additional questions can be directed to Lt. Alex Monteleone via email amonteleone306@pppdnj.org

A motion to approve a delayed opening for students in Grades 10, 11 & 12 on April 25, 2022 was made by Eun Min, second by Jason Kim, all eyes on roll call. Students will report to school at 10:00 a.m.

A Sidebar Agreement Regarding Voluntary Coverage was presented by Anieska Garcia. This Agreement between the Palisades Park BOE and the PPEA will be retroactive to 09/01/2021. Teachers may volunteer for coverage assignment and will now have the choice to either be compensated with release time or paid \$47.50 per hour.

Additional questions will be addressed during closed session.

Motion by Anieska Garcia, second by Jason Kim to table the sidebar agreement until after the closed session concludes.

Charlie Shin raised the issue of re-registration for students in certain grade levels. The re-registration will commence with the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Jason Kim, second by Eun Min, all eyes on roll call to proceed with a student re-registration in Grades Kindergarten, Fourth (fourth) Grade and Seventh (seventh) Grade. The following school year (2023-2024) three additional grade levels will be addressed.

Audience Participation:

Neris Papoters suggested utilizing parents to volunteer during school lunch hours to relieve teachers from this duty. Volunteers will have to undergo a criminal history background check.

Mr. Rivera asked if there are any updates on the HVAC project. Will air-quality testing be conducted while the project is being done?

Dr. Cirillo – ventilation re-conditioning will be conducted during the terms of the project.

Michelle Paprota inquired about the updated health/sex education curriculum. Will parents have an option to allow their children to opt out?

Dr. Cirillo stated that in April 2022, New Jersey adopted the revised Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health & Physical Education. These Standards are not expected to be implemented until

2022/2023 and their integration into the curricula will contain an “opt-out” option for parents to request in specific grade levels.

The new Standards will require students to learn about healthy relationships with Family and Friends, as well as positive and healthy sexual development. Health curriculum will be age appropriate.

A motion by Eun Min, second by John Mattessich, all ayes on roll call to resume the meeting in closed session.

Closed Session: REDACTED

Open Session:

Motion by Anieska Garcia, second by Eun Min, all ayes to reopen the public meeting.

Motion by Anieska Garcia, second by John Mattessich to approve the Sidebar Agreement Regarding Voluntary Coverage between the BOE and the PPEA:

Roll Call: Ayes – Soo Chung, Anieska Garcia, Jason Kim, Kevin Lim, Peter Longo, John Mattessich, Charlie Shin

Dr. Matarazzo and Eun Min – both recused.

Motion passes: 7 – 0

HIB Investigation Report from 03/24/2022:

Upon a motion by Anieska Garcia, second by Jason Kim, all ayes on roll call to affirm that HIB was substantiated.

Jason Kim raised the matter of re-registration and asked what procedures will be followed.

Dr. Cirillo stated that the district does require 3 forms of identification confirming name/address, a copy of a birth certificate or passport for the student being registered, a photo ID of the parent (drivers license, passport or immigration ID card).

If a family can prove that they are domiciled in the community the child(ren) is entitled to a Free/Public Education.

The physical conditions of housing **do not** affect a student’s eligibility to enroll in school. The Board of Education cannot regulate living conditions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.: Anieska Garcia

Second: Jason Kim

All ayes on roll call