

**July 26, 2022 Board Meeting**

- 1.) **President Calls the Meeting to Order – 6:00 p.m.**
- 2.) **Flag Salute**
- 3.) **Roll Call**
- 4.) **Statement of Presiding Officer**
- 5.) **Report of the Board President**
- 6.) **Report of Superintendent**
- 7.) **Report of the Board Attorney**
- 8.) **Minute Approval: May 24, 2022, June 16, 2022 (posted on the website)**
- 9.) **Committee Reports:**

**Finance: Kevin Lim- Monthly financial reports, Payroll 7/15/22, 7/22/22 (Comp Time), School Alliance Insurance Fund Renewal, Hunterdon County Cooperative, Food Service Vouchers, Monthly Bill List**

**Buildings & Grounds: Charlie Shin – Application for Temporary Instructional Space (ECC), Palisades Park Recreation Department (Request for “movie night”)**

**Personnel: Eun Min- School Psychologist (LS), Supervisor of Humanities, Athletic Director, BSI Teacher (LS), Physical Education Teacher (HS), Salary Adjustment (move across the guide), Integrated PreK-3 Teacher (ECC), Resignation (ECC)**

**Curriculum: Peter Longo**

**Negotiations: John Mattessich/Anieska Garcia- Central Office Support Staff**

**Policy: Anieska Garcia**

**PTA/PTSA Liaison: Soo Chung**

**Student Activities/Field Trips: Eun Min**

**Calendar/Food Service: Jason Kim**

10.) **Old Business:**

11.) **New Business: School Safety Data Submission**

12.) **Audience Participation: Limited to 3 minutes per participant (Policy #9322)**

13.) **Closed Session – HIB, Other Matters**

14.) **Adjournment**

**Special Meeting**

**July 26, 2022**

The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Assemblage saluted the Flag.

In attendance - Board members: Dr. Matarazzo, Eun Min, Anieska Garcia, Kevin Lim, Peter Longo,  
John Mattessich, Charlie Shin

Superintendent Dr. Cirillo, Alek Kondovski, Asst. to the B.A., Sarah Kim, Esq.

Absent: Soo Chung, Jason Kim

Statement of the Presiding Officer:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975, I hereby state that adequate notice of the Special meeting has been provided to the public by a written notice dated July 20, 2022.

The meeting has been:

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

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Cirillo asked the Board to address the School Safety Data System (SSDS) under New Business and submit the data collected to the NJ Department of Education.

Minute Approval:

Motion by A. Garcia, seconded by E. Min, all ayes on roll call to accept the 05/24/22 board minutes.  
Motion passes 7 - 0

Motion by J. Mattessich, seconded by A. Garcia, all ayes on roll call to accept the 06/16/22 board minutes. Motion passes 7 - 0

Committee Reports: (Attached)

Finance  
Buildings & Grounds  
Personnel  
Negotiations  
New Business

Report of the Finance Committee – Mr. Kevin Lim, Chairman

1.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following payrolls:

- July 15, 2022                      \$130,313.92
- July 22, 2022                      \$ 60,516.36 (Comp time for teachers)

2.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent renews an Agreement with the "School Alliance Insurance Fund" for the 2022/2023 school year.

S.A.I.F. provides the following coverages:

- Property, Boiler & Machinery, General Liability, Auto Liability
- Excess Liability
- School Leaders Professional Liability
- Environmental Liability

Annual premium: \$201,730.00

3.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves renewing an Agreement with the "Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission: for the 2022/2023 school year. The district will participate in a cooperative pricing system for the provision & performance of goods and services.

4.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following food service payments:

Pomptonian Food Service – Request for Expenses W/E 6/10/22    \$29,204.01  
Pomptonian Food Service – Request for Expenses W/E 6/30/22    \$24,207.78

5.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the July bill list in the amount of \$1,262,813.25:

Fund 10 General/Current Expenses: \$1,221,247.56  
Fund 20 Special Revenue: Fund:     \$ 41,565.69

Introduced by: Kevin Lim

Seconded by: John Mattessich

Roll Call: Matarazzo, Min, Garcia, Lim, Longo, Mattessich, Shin

Resolutions adopted: 7 - 0

Report of the Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Charlie Shin, Chairman

- 1.) RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of an application for “Temporary Instructional Space 2022-2023 School Year” to the County Department of Education.

(Reason: The space is needed for a Kindergarten classroom due to increased enrollment)

- 2.) RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of an application to the NJDOE requesting an alternate method of compliance for toilet room facilities. In lieu of a toilet room in the “temporary instructional space” toilet facilities will be accessible outside of the classroom and meet all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii.

- 3.) RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a request from the Palisades Park Recreation Department as follows:

- Movie Night – Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
- Movie Night - Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
- Location: Lindbergh School Field

Introduced by: Charlie Shin

Seconded by: Eun Min

Roll Call: Matarazzo, Min, Garcia, Lim, Longo, Mattessich, Shin

Resolutions adopted: 7 - 0

Report of the Personnel Committee – Eun Min, Chairperson

- 1.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment effective 09/01/2022:

Fadila Addaouki  
MA – Columbia University  
School Psychologist  
\$64,980.00

- 2.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment effective 09/01/2022:

James Mascolo  
NJ City University  
St. Peter's University  
Supervisor of Humanities  
\$82,000.00

- 3.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment effective 08/01/2022:

Dino Eliopoulous  
Monmouth University  
NJ City University  
Athletic Director  
\$90,750.00

- 4.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment effective 09/01/2022:

Anka Fioravanti  
NJ City University  
BA – Elementary Education (K-8)  
B.S.I. Teacher @ Lindbergh School  
Salary: \$57,480.00

- 5.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment effective 09/01/2022:

Dennis Martinez  
MA – Montclair University  
Physical Education Teacher @ High School  
Step 1 MA - \$59,145.00

- 6.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a “move across the guide” as follows:

Lisa Panchi  
Special Education Teacher  
Current: Step 11 BA+15 - \$65,800.00  
Adjustment: Step 12 MA - \$74,085.00  
Effective: 09/01/2022

- 7.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointment effective 09/01/2022:

Jennifer Martins  
William Paterson University  
Early Childhood Education  
Teacher of Students with Disabilities  
Step 2 BA+15 - \$57,180.00

- 8.) RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the resignation of Raffaella Bavaro, Title I B.S.I. Teacher, effective 07/25/2022.

Discussion: Kevin Lim and Charlie Shin question the possibility of nepotism on resolution #2.

Mr. Mascolo has been a member of the high school faculty since 2011. Dr. Matarazzo will recuse himself on resolution #2 when the Board votes.

Introduced by: Eun Min

Seconded by: Anieska Garcia

Roll Call: Matarazzo, Min, Garcia, Lim, Longo, Mattessich, Shin

Resolutions adopted: 7 – 0

Dr. Matarazzo recuses on resolution #2.

Report of the Negotiations Committee – Ms. Garcia, Mr. Mattessich

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Central Office Support Staff Contract for the years July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Staff members will receive a 3% increase each year of the contract.

Introduced by: Anieska Garcia

Seconded by: John Mattessich

Roll Call: Matarazzo, Min, Garcia, Lim, Longo, Mattessich, Shin

Resolution adopted: 7 - 0

**New Business:**

Dr. Cirillo asked the Board for a resolution approving the submission of the "School Safety Data System" for the 2021/22 school year to the NJDOE.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3 (d)1, the SSDS is required to be reported twice a year (January and August). The SSDS collects incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substance abuse, and HIB.

RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the submission of the 2021/2022 School Safety Data System to the New Jersey Department of Education:

Introduced by: John Mattessich

Seconded by: Anieska Garcia

All eyes on roll call: 7 – 0

**Audience Participation:**

Dino Eliopoulos thanked the Board for their support in his new position as the district's Athletic Director.

Alex Monteleone thanked the Board for the use of Lindbergh School facilities used to host the Junior Police Academy. The program was highly successful and will be offered again next school year.

A parent questioned the process involved in remediating mold (when present) in the school buildings and the costs involved.

Dr. Matarazzo made a motion to proceed in closed session in order to review & discuss a current HIB incident.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Diane Montemurro