

The Board met in a work session, followed by a regular meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

The assemblage saluted the Flag.

**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 written notice dated January 18, 2022

The meeting 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.

A work session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Board President, Dr. Matarazzo.

Roll call: Dr. Matarazzo, Eun Min, Soo Chung, Anieska Garcia, Jason Kim, Kevin Lim, Peter Longo, Charlie Shin, Dr. Cirillo, Aleksandar Kondovski, Sarah Kim, Esq.

John Mattessich is absent.

The Board reviewed the Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Personnel and Field Trip resolutions. There were no changes or amendments made.

The regular order of business commenced following the work session.

**Report of the Board President:**

Dr. Matarazzo thanked the teachers, secretaries, aides, and the custodial staff for their service and ongoing support during his tenure as a Board Member, and as the President of the Board of Education. He was first elected to the Board of Education in April 1985.

**Report of the Superintendent:**

Dr. Cirillo thanked the outgoing Board Members (Dr. Matarazzo, Jason Kim, John Mattessich, and Peter Longo) for their dedication to the school community. Mr. Mattessich was also a long-standing member of the Board of Education. He was initially elected in April 1987.

High School mid-term exams are scheduled January 24<sup>th</sup> – January 27<sup>th</sup>. Half-days sessions will be scheduled on those days.

This is the first year that sign language is recognized as a component of our World Language curriculum.

Andrew Garcia and Dr. Cirillo will present this curriculum program at the Techspo Conference in January 2023.

**Report of the Board Attorney:**

Sarah Kim advised the board to pass a resolution adopting the PPAA contract agreement.

**Report of the Board Attorney:**

Easter Data Com (Bell/Clock System) is part of the Hunterdon County Cooperative. The Board will vote tonight to become members of this Cooperative. Ms. Kim announced that she attended a “School Law Forum” yesterday.

**Minute Approval:**

Motion by E. Min, seconded by A. Garcia to accept the 10/20/22 minutes. All ayes on roll call. 8 – 0

Motion by A. Garcia, seconded by J. Kim to accept the 11/22/22 minutes. All ayes on roll call. 8 – 0

**Committee Reports:**

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

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following request for tuition reimbursement:

Jenny Busanic

William Paterson University  
 “Specially Designed Instruction”  
 Cost per credit: \$779.75 (3 credits)

- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff member workshops/conferences:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Location/Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Joanna Hali CST Director	Parsippany/Section 504 Law in New Jersey	02/03/23	\$119.00
Heidi Greiner H.S. Nurse	SAME AS ABOVE		
Joanna Hali	Ramapo College, Mahwah “Promoting Social/Emotional Learning”	03/13/23	\$145.00

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Food Service vouchers in the amount of \$43,502.65.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description/Location</u>	<u>Costs</u>
JFM Electric LLC	HS Café – kitchen exhaust	\$ 200.00
Pomptonian, Inc.	Expenses – W/E 11/04/22	\$17,905.97
Pomptonian, Inc.	Expenses – W/E 11/18/22	\$24,876.68
Sentinel Fire Safety	Serviced, Inspected & Tagged Ansul Fire Systems	\$ 520.00

- 4.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the L.S. Student Activities accounts, months ending 09/30/2022 & 10/31/22 and the H.S. Student Activities accounts, months ending 10/31/22 & 11/30/22).

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the withdrawal of \$825,896. from the Capital Reserve account and transfer said funds into the Capital Outlay account to fund the HVAC projects.

- 6.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports of the Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month ending October 2022.

FURTHERMORE, the Board certifies that accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 (b) no major account of fund in the 2022/23 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.

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

- 8.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the NJSDA (NJ School Development Authority) for the FY '23 of \$41,997. for emergent and capital maintenance needs.



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

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of the High School Gym and Cafeteria on Saturday, January 21, 2023 for the Boy Scouts annual “Tiger Tumble”.

- Set-up 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Event – 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
- Clean-up – 12 Noon – 1:30 p.m.
- COI on file in the Board Office

2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the use of the Lindbergh School Auditorium & Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 for the Borough of Palisades Park Reorganization Meeting. Time: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Note: Cafeteria may be used for refreshments. No access to the kitchen area, no cooking permitted.

Motion by: Mr. Charlie Shin

Seconded by: Anieska Garcia

Resolutions #1 & #2 adopted by a roll call vote of 8 – 0.

Report of the Personnel Committee – Mrs. Eun Min, Chairperson

1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following after school program appointments:

- Grace Ko           ESL Program
- Jessica Graf       Middle School Intervention ELA
- Rwan Elmohdli    Outreach Program
- Rosanna Farnese   Mentoring

\$36.00 per hour

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

Alison Candusso  
MA – Caldwell College  
Elementary K – 6  
Students with Disabilities  
MA - Step 7/8 - \$64,435.00  
Approximate Start Date: 02/15/23

- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following appointments:

Carmen Hernandez Aleman  
P/T Custodian – Lindbergh (Evenings)  
Effective: 12/16/22

Adrian Batista  
P/T Custodian – Lindbergh (Days)  
Effective: Pending fingerprint approval

Vilma Pardo  
P/T Custodian – High School (Evenings)  
Effective: 12/16/22

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

Joseph Kim  
Rutgers University  
Biological Science  
Permanent Sub: 01/20/22  
Step 1 BA+15 - \$56,730.00  
(Pending Certification)

- 5.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Aleksandar Kondovski, Assistant Business Administrator, as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective 01/01/2023. Annual salary: \$115,000

Motion by E. Min, seconded by A. Garcia.

Roll call: Ayes – Chung, Garcia, Lim, Longo, Matarazzo, Min on Resolutions #1 - # 5.

Jason Kim and Charlie Shin – Ayes on Resolutions #1 - # 4, table #5 for further review & discussion.

Resolutions #1 - # 5 are adopted.

**Curriculum Committee:** Peter Longo, Chairman

Mr. Longo and Mrs. Tennant, the Director of Curriculum, offered to meet with the new curriculum committee chairperson when that person is announced at the reorganization meeting.

Report of Student Activities/Field Trips – Mrs. Eun Min, Chairperson

- 1.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip to “American Dream Mall”, East Rutherford for the Performing Arts Department (Dance, Band, Dramatic Arts) on 12/21/22 from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - No Cost to Students
  
- 2.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a trip to the “Poconos Environmental Center” (PEEC) for students in Grade 6.
  - Leaving April 3rd and Returning April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Cost per student: \$250.00
  - Payable in 2 installments
  - Cost includes lodging, transportation, and meals
  
- 3.) BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a field trip for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus students to the “Prudential Center”, Newark on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
  - Our students will be performing with thousands of other students in a concert setting
  - Cost per student: \$25.00

Motion by E. Min, seconded by A. Garcia, all ayes on roll call to approve resolutions #1 - #3.

**New Business:**

- 1.) The Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves altering the school calendar on the following dates to accommodate mid-term exams at the high school:

January 24, January 25, January 26, January 27

- 2.) The Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the PPAA contract agreement – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- 3.) Ms. Soo Chung suggested that there are too many committees. We should focus more on the major committees. After research, she mentioned we should replace the PTA Committee with a School Safety Committee. Dr. Cirillo stated he spoke with Matt Lee, our NJSBA liaison, and agrees that other districts do not have as many committees. Ms. Soo Chung stated that the PTA liaison should take the role, not the board members.

Dr. Matarazzo opened the meeting to audience participation.

**Open Session:**

- Neris Paporters – asked for more information on the addition of American Sign Language to the district’s World Language curriculum. She also thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the community.

Dr. Cirillo stated that at this time sign language is only offered online.

- Rebekah Lee – Introduced the newly elected board members. Also stated that our high school class representatives met with the district’s food service management company regarding various suggestions for the cafeteria and the menus.

Dr. Cirillo remarked that Pomptonian Food Service reps meet with a male and a female representative from each grade level on a regular basis.

- Naomi Rivera – Thanked the board members for their ongoing support and service. The PTA “coat drive” will take place on Sunday at the back of Lindbergh School between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Anieska Garcia moved to close audience participation, seconded by Eun Min, all eyes on roll call.



The Board will resume business in closed session to review and discuss a HIB Investigation.

**Closed Session:**      **REDACTED**

Motion by A. Garcia, seconded by P. Longo to reopen the meeting to the public.

The Board voted 8 – 0 to “affirm” the findings of the HIB Investigation. The investigation concluded that the incident reviewed was HIB related. Disciplinary action was taken by the administration and the authorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by roll call vote. 8 - 0

Diane Montemurro