

October 20, 2009

Minutes
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Tom Cryan, President, Liz D'Abbraccio, Vice President,
Jim Eichvalds (arrived at 8:00 PM), Anne Hughes, Eugene
Paradiso, Sheila Studint

ABSENT: Tom Morgan

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Jameson, Superintendent of Schools,
William VanTassel, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Stephen Fogarty, Special Board Counsel

The President called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. in the Mount Arlington School Multi-Purpose Room, declared a quorum present and read the following notices.

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting for action and discussion about business before the Board tonight.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the public's right to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education has sent notice of today's meetings and copies of it's Agenda to the:

Daily Record
Roxbury Register
Star Ledger
Municipal Clerk
Board Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the Agenda have been posted in the following places:

Mount Arlington School
Edith M. Decker School

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION- No one wished to be heard.

MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. D'Abbraccio, seconded by Mr. Paradiso, to approve minutes of the September 22, 2009 regular minutes.

Roll Call: 4 - Yes 0 - No 1 - Absent

Mr. Cryan abstained from voting on the September 22, 2009 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS- Mrs. Galate asked two questions on the Business Agenda, Mr. VanTassel responded to her questions.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Mr. VanTassel reviewed the motions before the Board as shown on the Agenda.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

Motions 102009-B-1 through 102009-B-23 were moved by Mr. Paradiso, and seconded by Mrs. Studint.

FINANCE:

102009-B-1 RESOLVED, that the List of Bills for the month of October, 2009 in the amount of \$864,179.98 as presented to the Board be approved.

102009-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the list of line item transfers for September 2009.

102009-B-3 RESOLVED, that the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of September 2009, which are in agreement, be accepted and ordered filed, and that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the certification of the Board Secretary for the month of September 2009 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line appropriation of the adopted 2009-2010 budget, as revised, in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) and further certifies that no major account of fund has been expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b).

102009-B-4 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approves travel and costs as related in this resolution which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with State travel reimbursement guidelines as

established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et. seq.

| Name | Seminar/Conference | Date | Est. Expense | Mileage Expense |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| L. Seise | 2009-2010 Regional Round table for Supervisors of World Language | 10/5/09 | 0 | \$16.08 |
| M. Mack S. Miller T. Occhiuzzo | Developing an Effective Writing Program | 10/6/09 | 0 | 0 |
| S. Mason | MCAEMSA Fall Conf | 10/8/09 | 0 | \$7.32 |
| J. Jameson | NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting | 10/21/09 | 0 | \$40.63 |
| C. Petrat | Social School Helping our students achieve | 10/23/09 | \$125.00 | \$33.16 |
| T. Occhiuzzo | Morristown National Historical Park Field Trip | 10/23/09 | 0 | \$10.27 |
| M. Hahn | Morristown National Historical Park Field Trip | 10/23/09 | 0 | * |
| J. Jameson | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging Meals | 10/27/09- 10/30/09 | ** \$228.00 \$165.00 | \$91.14 |
| L. D'Abbraccio *** | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging Meals | 10/27/09- 10/30/09 | ** \$228.00 \$165.00 | \$91.14 |
| W. VanTassel | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging Meals | 10/28/09 10/29/09 | ** \$114.00 \$99.00 | \$91.14 |
| S. Mason | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging Meals | 10/28/09- 10/30/09 | ** \$228.00 \$165.00 | \$91.14 |
| S. Cummings | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging | 10/28/09- 10/30/09 | ** \$228.00 \$165.00 | \$91.14 |
| T. Cryan *** | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference | 10/28/09- 10/30/09 | ** | \$91.14 |

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| | Lodging Meals | | 0 \$165.00 | |
| J. Eichvalds *** | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging Meals | 10/28/09- 10/30/09 | ** \$228.00 \$165.00 | \$91.14 |
| A. Hughes *** | NJSBA/NJASBO Conference Lodging Meals | 10/28/09 10/29/09 | ** \$114.00 \$99.00 | \$91.14 |
| D. Tailor | Sensory Diet in the Classroom | 11/8/09 & 11/9/09 | \$425.00 | \$54.93 |
| K. Arbolino | Making the Math Writing Connection | 11/19/09 | \$55.00 | \$12.70 |
| J. Crawford | Making the Math Writing Connection | 11/19/09 | \$55.00 | * |
| J. Jameson | NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting | 12/9/09 | 0 | \$40.63 |
| L. Pappadoulous | Differentiated Instruction Seminar | 12/11/09 | \$100.00 | \$14.03 |
| J. Jameson | NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting | 1/20/10 | 0 | \$40.63 |
| J. Jameson | NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting | 2/21/10 | 0 | \$40.63 |
| J. Jameson | NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting | 3/24/10 | 0 | \$40.63 |
| J. Jameson | NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting | 4/21/10 | 0 | \$40.63 |

- Car pool
- ** Group Registration \$1,100.00
- ***Each Board Member abstained from their individual travel expense motion.

102009-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a tuition contract for a special education high school student to attend Somerset County Alternative Academic Program at a total cost of \$43,115.00 beginning September 9, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

102009-B-6 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a tuition contract for a special education high school student to attend Somerset County Alternative Academic Program at a total cost of \$43,115.00 beginning September 9, 2009.

102009-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve a tuition contract for a special education high school student to attend Mt. Olive High School at a cost of \$27,603.00 beginning September 3, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

102009-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the payment of these following expenses incurred in the renovation of the STEPS Program classroom from ARRA funds.

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| Lakeshore | Horseshoe table & chairs | \$306.94 |
| School Speciality | Supplies | \$102.16 |
| Fun & Function | Supplies | \$25.45 |
| Hyde Glass | Installation Vision Light | \$225.00 |
| Jefferson Lumber | Supplies | \$10.65 |
| M. Malakuskie | Custodian hours | \$317.80 |

102009-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the Shared Services Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County to provide Bidding/Purchasing services for the school supplies for the 2010-2011 school year through Educational Data Services in the amount of \$1,300.00.

102009-B-10 RESOLVED, to amend Motion 063009-B-13 that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the Federal and State of New Jersey ARRA funds in the amounts of \$120,405. for Special Education, \$4,697. for Title I and \$4,354. for Special Education Pre-School and that \$60,000. of the funds be expended for the summer grant project to initiate the STEPS program.

102009-B11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the contract with Ann Marie Massey to provide physical therapy services at a rate of \$85.00 per hour for the 2009-2010 school year, not to exceed a total of 400 hours.

102009-B-12 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the contract with Nicole Drew to provide physical therapy services during the maternity absence of Anne Marie Massey at a rate of \$85.00 an hour.

102009-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve 2008-2009 through 2010-2011 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

102009-B-14 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve submission of the New Jersey Department of School Facilities Annual Maintenance Amount Worksheet, form M1 through the 2011 school year.

102009-B-15 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Special Education transportation routes #J-H14 and route #E-045 with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| Route #J-H14 | \$24,568.10 |
| Route #E-045 | \$11,232.00 |

102009-B-16 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Non-Public Route#R-76 with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2009-2010 school year for \$1,767.60.

102009-B-17 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the following routes and costs for the 2009-2010 school year with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County:

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| Academy | Route #ACMH8 | \$ 3,102.20 |
| Special Education | Route #CE649 & CS174 | \$ 46,945.10 |
| Public | Route #MA01-MA14 | \$226,599.50 |
| Non-Public | Route #P0067 | \$ 7,947.50 |
| Pre-K | Route#MTA1 | \$ 23,850.00 |

102009-B-18 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education amend motion 051209-B-3 service agreement for the 2009-2010 fiscal year with Power to Learn, a division of Cablevision for providing Internet service pricing as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Mount Arlington School | \$94.90 per month |
| Edith M. Decker School | \$94.90 per month |

102009-B-19 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Agreement with Waste Management of New Jersey to provide refuse removal as follows:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Mount Arlington School | \$837.48 per month |
| Edith M. Decker School | \$641.55 per month |

102009-B-20 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the participation for the 2009-2010 school year in the No Child Left Behind Title III (NCLB Title III) Limited English Proficient Student Program Consortium between the Netcong Public School District and the Mount Arlington Public School District.

102009-B-21 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the State House Express Grant in the amount of \$300.00, to be used towards bus rental to bring our students to tour the State House in Trenton.

102009-B-22 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the New Jersey State Parent Information and Resource Center (NJPIRC), Grant in the amount of \$300.00, to be used towards Fourth grade reading materials.

102009-B-23 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education adopt the Integrated Pest Management Plan for the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call 5 - Yes 0 - No 2 - Absent

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-

Mrs. Jameson reviewed motions before the Board as shown on the Agenda for Curriculum and Policy.

SUPERINTENDENT- ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

Motions 102009-1 through 102009-S-4 were moved by Mr. Cryan, seconded by Mrs. D'Abbraccio.

PERSONNEL

102009-S-1 Resolved to add Miss Christina Luzzi and Ms. Patricia Dixon to our list of substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year. (Note: State approved background check is on file in the Superintendents office).

102009-S-2 Resolved to appoint Mrs. Kristy Whittle as part-time (up to 2.5 days/week) School Library Media Specialist for the 2009-2010 school year effective November 1, 2009 at a pro-rated salary on BA level, Step 3. (Note: Approval is based upon receipt of emergency certification from the county office)

102009-S-3 Resolved to extend maternity leave for Mrs. Nicole Malakuskie from January 2, 2010 to September 1, 2010.

102009-S-4 Resolved to extend employment for Mr. Daniel Arnold as maternity leave replacement for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll Call: 6 - Yes 0 - No 1 - Absent

CURRICULUM/POLICY

Motions 102009-S-5 through 102009-S-7 were moved by Mrs. Studint, seconded by Mr. Cryan.

102009-S-5 Resolved that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) at its public hearing on this topic on 10/20/09.

VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Jameson reported that in accordance with our legal requirement, we are holding this hearing on Violence and Vandalism in our schools for the 2008-2009 school year. There were four incidents of violence involving eight students, no increase from the prior year.

Mr. Cryan opened the meeting for public comment and questions.

There were no comments or questions.

102009-S-6 Resolved to approve the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials to be filed with the County and on file in the Superintendents office for the 2009-2010 school year.

102009-S-7 Approve the following field trips for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 4th grade trip to Jockey Hollow – Tempe Wick House on February 4, 2010 at no cost to the Board.
- 5th-8th grade trip to Dorney Park – High Note Festival on May 14, 2010 at no cost to the Board.
- 7th grade trip to State House on November 17, 2009 at no cost to the Board.

✚ Fire Drills for October were as follows:

- Decker School 10/6/09 and 10/14/09
- MAPS 10/5/09 and 10/6/09

✚ Staff Attendance for September 2009 was 99.7%

ROLL CALL: 6 - Yes 0 - No 1 - Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- Mr. Paradiso reported that the finance committee met to discuss negotiations, startup of Budget, and any new items that would effect next years budget including State Regulations, Curriculum, Textbooks and Buildings & Grounds.

Personnel- Mr. Eichvalds stated the personnel committee will be meeting shortly.

Buildings & Grounds- Mr. VanTassel reported that a warranty inspection is being completed on part of the Mt. Arlington School roof.

Curriculum- No report

Negotiations- Mr. Paradiso stated there was a closed session meeting this evening to discuss negotiations.

Town Council- Mrs. Hughes stated a new Officer of Emergency Management was sworn in. The town counsel wants to hire a town planner and a new sign ordinance was enacted.

PTA- No report this evening.

DELEGATES REPORTS-

Roxbury- Mrs. D'Abbraccio reported on the new field and the marching band competition.

NJ School Boards- No report this evening.

MC School Boards- No report this evening.

ESC of Morris County- No report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS- There was no old business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS- There was no new business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mrs. Galate commended on Mr. Eichvalds on completing the 40 mile bicycle ride fundraiser for the police department.

CLOSED SESSION-

It was moved by Mr. Cryan and seconded by Mr. Paradiso that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 8:25 PM.

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-1 et seq.) expressly provide that a public body may move into Closed Session and exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any of the nine areas set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has determined it necessary to move to Closed Session to discuss the following subject, which is included in the aforesaid exceptions:

Negotiations

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it does hereby move into Closed Session pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12b to discuss the aforesaid matter, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid discussions shall be made public either at the Public Meeting following said Closed Session or at such time as any litigated or personnel matters are concluded; or upon conclusion of any negotiations or related discussions; or as otherwise specified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to public session at 9:20 PM. Mr. Cryan announced that a Special Executive Session and Public Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:30 PM to consider the recommended action on a successor collective association agreement with the Mount Arlington Education Association for the 2009-2012 school year.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. D'Abbraccio seconded by Mrs. Studint that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William VanTassel
Board Secretary