

October 26, 2009

Minutes
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Tom Cryan, President, Liz D'Abbraccio, Vice President,
Jim Eichvalds, Anne Hughes, Eugene Paradiso, Sheila Studint

ABSENT: Tom Morgan

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

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center, pursuant to the following notice and declared a quorum present.

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting to discuss and consider a recommended action on a successor association agreement with the Mount Arlington Education Association for the 2009-2012 school years.

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.

Prior to the start of the Agenda, Mr. Cryan asked for a moment of silence for a retired staff member, Joseph Luongo, who had passed away earlier in the day.

Mr. Cryan announced that the Board would waive the closed session as shown on the agenda until the end of the Board meeting, if needed.

Mr. Cryan introduced Steven Fogarty, Special Board Counsel, to provide information on the proposed agreement between the Mount Arlington Board of Education and the Mount Arlington Education Association.

Mr. Fogarty provided background information on the negotiations process, various meetings held and comparisons of the Mount Arlington proposed settlement to other settlements in Morris County. Mr. Fogarty also stated that key to this settlement is the negotiated change in health benefits coverage which allowed for moving employees from traditional coverage to a managed care plan saving the District substantial funds.

Mr. Fogarty responded to questions from Board members regarding the proposed settlement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cryan opened the meeting for public comment. Two members of the public commented on the proposed settlement. Board members responded to their comments.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

Motions 102609-B-1 and 102609-B-2 was moved by Mr. Paradiso, and seconded by Mrs. D'Abbraccio.

FINANCE:

102609-B-1 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the 2009-2012 Contract and corresponding Teacher and Custodial Salary Guides between the Mount Arlington Board of Education and the Mount Arlington Education Association.

102609-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education establish the hourly rates for part time custodians for the 2009-2012 school year as follows:

2009-2010

\$11.89 No Black Seal License
\$12.99 Black Seal License

2010-2011

\$12.37 No Black Seal License
\$13.51 Black Seal License

2011-2012

\$12.86 No Black Seal License
\$14.05 Black Seal License

Prior to the vote, Board members made statements concerning the proposed settlement.

Roll Call 5 Yes 1 No 1 Absent

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Cryan seconded by Mrs. D'Abbraccio, that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William VanTassel
Board Secretary