

November 17, 2009

Minutes
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Liz D'Abbraccio, Vice President, Anne Hughes,
Eugene Paradiso, Sheila Studint

ABSENT: Tom Cryan, President, Jim Eichvalds, Tom Morgan

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

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

Mrs. D'Abbraccio asked for a moment of silence for a parent of a student who passed away.

PRESENTATION OF VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM VIDEO-

The video that was prepared by staff, which included students for the Veteran's day program, was shown to the Board members.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT-

Heidi A. Wohlleb from the auditing firm of Nisivoccia & Co. presented an overview of the District's annual audit. She thanked the District employees for their cooperation and noted that there were no audit recommendations this year. Mrs. Wohlleb responded to several questions from the Board members.

PUBLIC SESSION- No one wished to be heard.

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Paradiso, seconded by Ms. Studint, to approve minutes of the October 20, 2009 regular minutes and closed session, and October 26, 2009 special meeting.

Roll Call: 4 - Yes 0 - No 3 - Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS- No one wished to be heard.

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

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

Motions 111709-B-1 through 111709-B-13 were moved by Mr. Paradiso, and seconded by Sheila Studint.

FINANCE:

111709-B-1 RESOLVED, that the List of Bills for the month of November, 2009 in the amount of \$639,490.90 as presented to the Board be approved.

111709-B-2 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington approve the list of line item transfers for November 2009.

- 111709-B-3 RESOLVED, that the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of October 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 October 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).
- 111709-B-4 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Auditors' Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009, and authorize the submission of the reports, indicating that no recommendations were noted by the auditor, to the Department of Education.
- 111709-B-5 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education acknowledge that the 2008-2009 Synopsis of Audit is available to the public and authorize submission to the County Superintendent of Schools of the corrective action plan that notes there were no audit findings or audit recommendations.
- 111709-B-6 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
K. Arbolino	Algebra Articulation Meeting	10/23/09	0	\$3.07
T. Angelillo	"Learning from a built Environment" Workshop	11/3/09	\$35.00	0
C. Buckley	Morris County School of Technology Open House Programs	11/12/09	0	0

K. Arbolino	Morris Area Curriculum Network	12/3/09	50.00	\$7.32
L. Alexander	Morris Area Curriculum Network	12/3/09	0	\$8.12

111709-B-7 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve Developmental Center for Children and Families, LLC to provide social skills services for a special education high school student from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for one session per week at a rate of \$60.00 per hour session.

111709-B-8 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education award the quote to provide mechanical ventilation for the small group instruction rooms at the Edith M. Decker School to Nesbitt (Da-Lor Service Co. Inc.) in the amount of \$14,734.00 as approved by the District’s architects, Gianforcaro Architects. Funding for this project (STEPS Program) will be from the ARRA-IDEA grant.

111709-B-9 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the resolution for participation to purchase Electrical Generation Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperation Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS until May 2014, resolution on file in the Board of Education office.

111709-B-10 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the resolution for participation to purchase Natural Gas Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperation Pricing System ID#8801-ACESCPS until May 2014, resolution on file in the Board of Education office.

111709-B-11 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education approve the use of facsimile signatures for Board President, Interim School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Monies for the following bank accounts as applicable:

Skylands Bank: General Operating Account
Unemployment Account

Bank of America: General Operating Account
Cafeteria Account
Payroll Account
Agency Account

111709-B-12 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.

Reiner Group, Inc	Service of Univent	\$297.00
Developmental Center for Children and Families	Case-based training	\$300.00
Developmental Center for Children and Families	Floor-time Coaching	\$300.00

111709-B-13 RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education authorize the replacement of the District Server at the Mount Arlington School providing increased processing speeds, additional memory and storage and an upgrade to the operating systems utilizing Computer Matrix and CDW-G at a total fee not to exceed \$4,500.

Roll Call 4 - Yes 0 - No 3 - 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 111709-B-1 and 111709-S-2 were moved by Mrs. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

PERSONNEL

111709-S-1 Resolved to approve reappointment of tenured and non-tenured faculty and custodial staff for the 2009-2010 school year, as per attachment A (Please note: All salaries, steps and levels of compensation is based upon the 2009-2012 Agreement between the Mount Arlington Board of Education and the Mount Arlington Education Association).

111709-S-2 Resolved to add Christopher Wheeler to our list of substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year (State approved background check and certification is on file in the Superintendent's office)

Roll Call: 4 - Yes 0 - No 3 - Absent

CURRICULUM/POLICY

Motions 11179-S-3 and 111709-S-4 were moved by, Ms. Studint seconded by Mr. Paradiso.

111709-S-3 Resolved to approve first reading of the following policies:

5118 Nonresidents updates/replaces current policy adopted 4/26/05
3451 Conduct and Discipline updates/replaces current policy adopted
2/25/08

111709-S-4 Approve the following field trips/fundraisers for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 5th Grade trip to the Liberty Science Center on January 13, 2010 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 8th Grade trip to Roxbury High School on November 23, 2009 to participate in “Rachel’s Challenge” at a cost to the Board of Education of approximately 110.00 for transportation.
- 3rd Grade trip to Shop-Rite in Succasunna on April 27, 2010 at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 3rd Grade trip to the Bronx Zoo on May 26, 2010 at no cost to the Board of Education.

- Band/Choir trip to Ledgewood Mall/Mount Arlington Senior Living for Holiday Concert on December 16, 2009 at a cost to the Board of Education of \$470.00 for transportation.
- 8th Grade Fundraisers as follows:
 - 10/14/09-11/19/09 Poinsettia and Wreath Sale
 - 11/3/09 – Frank’s Pizza
 - 11/13/09 – Movie Night
 - 11/14/09 – Clothing Drive
 - 12/6/09 and 12/16/09 – Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping & Bake Sale
 - 12/2 and 12/9/09 – Cracker Barrel Raffle
 - 12/14/09 and 1/15/10 – Candy Bar Sale
 - 1/16/10 – Aspen Ice
 - 2/6/10 – Can Drive
 - 2/13/10 – Aspen Ice
 - 3/12/10 – Student vs. Teacher Basketball Game
 - 3/26/10 – Theme Dance
 - 4/30/10 – Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Game

- ✚ Fire Drills for November were as follows:
 - Decker School 11/09/09 and 11/13/09
 - MAPS 11/09/09 and 11/11/09
- ✚ Staff Attendance for October 2009 was 99.7%

✚ Student Attendance for September 2009 and October 2009 was:

Decker: September 97.6% October 96.6%
MAPS: September 98.9% October 96.8%

ROLL CALL: 4 - Yes 0 - No 3 - Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- Mr. Paradiso reported that he was pleased with the results of the Annual Audit. Mr. VanTassel advised the Board as to the status of the development of the 2010-2011 Budget.

Personnel- Mrs. Jameson reported that the County Office has given their approval for the Educational Media Specialist to begin work in the District.

Buildings & Grounds- Mrs. Jameson advised that several projects are underway. The architect is preparing documents to be filed for the State Grant for the roof on the old section of the Mount Arlington School. Also, being completed is the rebuilding of the retaining wall by the boiler room at Mount Arlington School and also work was being done to correct a drainage problem.

Curriculum- Mrs. D'Abbraccio reported that the Curriculum/Policy Committee had met before the Board Meeting and that some policy revisions were included in the Board Agenda.

Negotiations- Mr. Paradiso stated that staff negotiations are complete.

Town Council- Mrs. Hughes indicated there was no official report this evening.

PTA- Mrs. D'Abbraccio stated there was no report this evening.

DELEGATES REPORTS-

Roxbury- Mrs. D'Abbraccio reported that the Roxbury Band, which has several Mount Arlington students in it, has won the National Championship. She also reported the football team is doing very well and that a program "Rachel's Challenge" will be made available to students and parents.

NJ School Boards-There was no report this evening.

MC School Boards- Mrs. Studint reported that the school boards were worried that many Legislative bills, adverse to local school districts, would be pushed through this lame duck session of the State Legislature.

ESC of Morris County- There was no report this evening.

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OLD BUSINESS- Mrs. Jameson reported that H1N1 shots were given at Decker School. All that participated were very complimentary of the services provided that day. She also reported that the construction of the Rain Garden will include help from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Eagle Scouts. Mrs. Jameson also advised that the district's attorneys, Porzio Bromberg & Newman, are providing relevant workshops on various topics to Superintendents and Business Administrators at no cost.

NEW BUSINESS- Mrs. Jameson reported on the various happenings going on in the schools. Mrs. Jameson indicated with the support of the Board, an award will be created in honor of Joseph Luongo which will be given at the Annual Awards Assembly.

PUBLIC COMMENT- No one wished to be heard.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Paradiso seconded by Ms. Studint that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William VanTassel
Board Secretary