MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES **04/25/2017**

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **5:08 p.m.** on **April 25, 2017** in the Alice Perlaw Library Media Center of Madison High School, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:
Lisa Ellis, President
Shade Cronan, Vice President
Dave Arthur
Debra Coen
Johanna Habib
Leslie Lajewski
Thomas Piskula
Abi Singh-Harding Rep.

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present:
Dr. Richard Noonan, Interim Superintendent
Gary S. Lane, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Diane Schulthes, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

2. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Debra Coen, to approve as follows:
Resolved: that the Board of Education move into closed executive session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for Superintendent of Schools and personnel/legal issues. It is anticipated that the Board will be in closed session for 2.5 hour(s) and action may be taken in public session afterward. Discussion conducted in closed executive session shall be disclosed to the public to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with the Open Public Meeting Act.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS 8-0 TIME: 5:08 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. the Board reconvened from closed session with all members present:

4. FLAG SALUTE

5. NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of New Jersey, 1975, notice of this meeting has been sent to the Madison Eagle, the Daily Record and has been posted in the Board of Education Office, the Borough Hall, the Madison Railroad Station, the YMCA, the Madison Library, all school buildings and on the district's website. The public is invited to attend. This evening's meeting constitutes an official Public Meeting of the Board of Education. Action may be taken.

If needed, the Board will convene into Executive Session to discuss matters permitted pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board will return to Regular Session at which time public action may be taken.

6. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present:
Lisa Ellis, President
Shade Cronan, Vice President
Dave Arthur
Debra Coen
Johanna Habib

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present:
Dr. Richard Noonan, Interim Superintendent
Gary S. Lane, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Diane Schulthes, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – No report.

8. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

a. Dr. Noonan introduced Tom Liss, Principal of Central Avenue School, who gave an update on what is happening at CAS.
b. Dr. Noonan and Mr. Lane gave a PowerPoint presentation and presented the final 2017-18 School District Budget.
c. Dr. Noonan commented on upcoming events: the MEF's 5k Run, the school poster contest – United We Stand, and on Friday the NY Jets are coming to MJS for the Play 60 Program.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy – Chair: L. Lajewski, Members: J. Habib, T. Piskula, Alternate: S. Cronan
b. Finance – Chair: J. Habib, Members: L. Ellis, T. Piskula, Alternate: D. Arthur
c. Curriculum – Chair: S. Cronan, Members: D. Arthur, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Ellis
d. Buildings & Grounds – Chair: D. Coen, Members: L. Ellis, L. Lajewski, Alternate: S. Cronan
Mrs. Coen noted that the HS STEM bid opening will be on June 6, 2017, the JS STEM project is moving forward, the locker room meeting will take place on 5/10/17, a draft of the LRFP has been received, a meeting with the Borough took place regarding the HS sign, the district received some direction, but there is still a long way to go.
e. Shared Services – Chair: D. Arthur, Members: J. Habib, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Ellis
f. Negotiations/Personnel – Chair: L. Ellis, Members: S. Cronan, L. Lajewski, Alternate: D. Arthur

10. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC *(Agenda Items Only)*

From 8:45 p.m. until 9:07 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding revenue to the district and the Junior School sports program. Several Board members stated, once again, that it has been determined that the Board will not reinstate the Junior School Sports program at the district's expense.

11. PERSONNEL AGENDA

Moved by Leslie Lajewski, seconded by Shade Cronan, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, for the 2016-17 school year as follows: a-g

a. Resignations/Retirements

1. **Marlene Ryan** – TJS – Reading Specialist/Reading Recovery Teacher, effective July 1, 2017, due to retirement, with appreciation for her many years of service to our schools
2. **Janice Corte** – MJS – Teacher of Special Education, effective July 1, 2017, due to retirement, with appreciation for her many years of service to our schools
3. **Marie Pehowic** – KRS – Teacher, effective July 1, 2017, due to retirement, with appreciation for her many years of service to our schools
4. **Penelope Sullivan** – CO - Secretary– effective on or before June 30, 2017
5. **Lisa Phillips** – TJS – ESL/Spanish Teacher, effective June 30, 2017

Mrs. Ellis thanked our long-time employees who are retiring.

b. Appointments

Approve appointment:

1. **Kimberly Pirro *(revised start date)*** - 60% TJS/40% CAS - School Psychologist (replacing Lyndsi Silberman) –- MA+30/Step 3 $68,263 (to be prorated) – 11-000-219-104 – effective 4/24/17
2. **Nicholas Bellanich** – MJS – Non Tenured Leave Replacement/Science Teacher (replacing Catherine Tahlmore) - $110/day - 11-130-100-101 – effective on 4/26/17 through 6/16/17

3. **Lindsay Messina** – CAS – Non Tenured Long Term Substitute/Special Education Teacher (new position) - $110/day – effective 5/1/2017 through 6/16/17

c. District Substitutes

Approve District Substitutes:

1. Substitute Teacher/Teacher Assistant – at $90/day or $80/day
   a. Mark Ciabaton
   b. Constance Haggerty
   c. Marissa Levis

d. Home Instruction

1. Approve home instruction:

	Name	Subject	Service
1	Robert Grundfest	US History	Continuation of 2 hours/week/instructor effective 3/31/17 through 6/2/17, for student #5112792813, at $46/hour (cost = $3,680)
2	Leslie Gentile	Geometry	
3	Ashley Tamkutonis	Biology	
4	Jason Ellrott	English	
5	Carolyn McCarthy	Biology	2 hours/week/instructor effective 4/4/17 through 4/18/17, for student #4289362203, at $46/hour (cost = $368)
6	Joseph Cecala	US History	
7	Leslie Gentile	English	2 hours/week/instructor effective 4/10/17 through 4/21/17, for student #4289362203, at $46/hour (cost = $184)
8	Patricia Saltarelli	Algebra	2 hours/week/instructor effective 4/17/17 through 5/8/17, for student #8026232752, at $46/hour (cost = $368)
9	Luis Largo	Math	Continuation of 2 hours/week/instructor/subject effective 4/8/17 through 4/30/17, for student #2809039908, at $46/hour (cost = $1,472)
10	Luis Largo	Science	
11	John Ciferni	Social Studies	
12	John Ciferni	Lang Arts	

2. Approve home instruction/contracted service:

	Name	Subject	Service
1	Rama Madhavarao	Mathematics	To provide enrichment services in mathematics from 2/2/17 to 6/16/17 for student #9515312776 for 2 hours/week, at a rate of $46.00 per hour. Services are to be provided under the supervision of certified staff.

e. Leave of Absence

Approve Leave of Absence:

1. **Judy Bletcher** - Teacher – TJS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about 8/15/17 through 9/13/17 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on or about 9/14/17 through 12/6/17 and unpaid leave of absence commencing on or about 12/7/17 through 1/31/18
2. **Valarie Delli Paoli** – Teacher – CAS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about 9/1/17 through 10/22/17, unpaid Family Leave commencing on or about 10/23/17 through 1/21/18, and unpaid leave of absence commencing on or about 1/22/18 through 6/30/18
3. **Erik Lih** – Social Studies Teacher – MJS, Family Leave commencing on or about 5/31/17 for 10 days using 10 paid sick days
4. **Caitlin Young** – English Teacher – MJS, Family Leave of Absence for unpaid Family Leave commencing on or about 9/1/17 through 11/24/17

f. Health Insurance Waiver Settlement Agreement

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and Madison Education Association, Inc. (MEA) regarding the health insurance waiver settlement

g. Summer Programs 2017

1. Approve the positions **Title I Summer Programs**, *not-to-exceed*, as follows:

	Period	Position	Hours/Length of Time	$/Hour
1	July 31-August 3	Bridge to Algebra I Teacher	1.5 student hours and 1 prep hour per day	10 hours @$46/hour = $460
2	August 7-August 10	Bridge to Algebra I Teacher	Total: 4 sessions (2 hrs. of teaching +1 hr. prep each session)	10 hours @$46/hour = $460
3	July 31-August 3	Bridge to English 9 Teacher	Total: 4 sessions (2 hrs. of teaching +1 hr. prep each session)	10 hours @$46/hour = $460
4	August 7-August 10	Bridge to English 9 Teacher	Total: 4 sessions (2 hrs. of teaching +1 hr. prep each session)	10 hours @$46/hour = $460
	Total Cost (funded by Title I)			$1,840

2. Approve the positions for the **Title III ELL Summer Program**, *not-to-exceed*, as follows:

	Period	Position	Hours/Length of Time	$/Hour
1	July 5 (set up) July 10-July 13 July 17-July 20 July 24-July 27	ELL Summer Program Teacher	1 session for set-up (1.5 hours) and 12 sessions (2.5 hrs. teaching + 1 hr. prep each session)	43.5 hours @ $46/hour = $4,002
	Total Cost (funded by Title III)			$4,002

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

12. EDUCATION AGENDA

Moved by Debra Coen, seconded by Leslie Lajewski, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, for the 2016-17 school year as follows: a-c

a. Field Trips

Approve field trips:

	Sch	Gr	# Students	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location	Transport	Cost/ Student
1	KR	2	61	2nd	Millburn Movie Theatre	5/1/17	Millburn NJ	Vendor & District	$12
2	HS	9-12	260	Physics	Six Flags apply laws of physics to rides	5/23/17	Jackson NJ	Vendor	$85
3	HS	9-12	10	Chinese	Chinatown	5/15/17	New York NY	District	Price of lunch

4	JS	7-8	38	Unified Sports LLD/Autistic	Rutgers University	5/31/17	New Brunswick NJ	District	0
5	JS	7	108	Social Studies 7A/B	Metropolitan Museum of Art	5/22/17-7a 5/23/17-7b	New York NY	Vendor	$22

b. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

WHEREAS, the Madison Board of Education has been received the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report of the Superintendent on;

1) 4/4/17

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education does hereby affirm the Superintendent's recommendation on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying regarding the HIB report(s);

1) dated 3/30/17 incident number MHS 5 Confirmed
2) dated 3/27/17 incident number MHS 6 Confirmed

c. Travel

Approve the school district travel

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

13. BUSINESS AGENDA

Moved by Shade Cronan, seconded by Tom Piskula, to approve as follows: a-e

a. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of:
April 4, 2017 Public and Closed Session Meetings

b. Approval of 2017-18 School District Budget

Be it Resolved that the Madison Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the **2017-18** School District Budget as previously adopted by the Madison Board of Education and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as follows:

General Fund	$50,434,166
Special Revenue	$ 825,273
Debt Service	$ 2,636,021
Total	$53,895,460

Be it further resolved that said budget also includes $1,017,107 in General Fund Aid and $540,711 in State Debt Service and,

And Whereas, the district's maximum current expense taxing authority is composed of:

$ - 0 -	Health Benefits Adjustment
$ - 0 -	Enrollment Adjustment, inflated by 2% growth
$ - 0 -	PERS Deferment
$ - 0 -	Banked CAP from previous budgets
$774,815	2% Current Expense tax levy increase
$38,740,759	Prior year (2016-17) Current Expenses tax levy
$39,515,574	Maximum district tax levy available
$39,515,574	2015-16 Current Expense tax levy

Be it Further Resolved, that there should be raised for taxes for the General Fund $39,515,574 and Debt Service $2,070,456 for the ensuing School Year **2017-18** and,

Be it Further Resolved that the Madison Board of Education does hereby approve the following Capital Reserve & Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawals:

Junior School – Auditorium Air-Conditioning – Capital Reserve
RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education requests the approval of a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of $760,000. Statement of purpose: The district intends to utilize these funds to fully install a new air-conditioning system in the Junior School auditorium.

High School – Stadium Bleachers – Capital Reserve
RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education requests the approval of a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of $815,000. Statement of purpose: The district intends to utilize these funds to remove all existing and install new bleachers at the high school stadium.

High School – Courtyard Windows – Capital Reserve
RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education requests the approval of a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of $261,000. Statement of purpose: The district intends to utilize these funds to remove windows in the high school courtyard and replace same with new.

High School – Auditorium Sound System – Maintenance Reserve
RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education requests the approval of a Maintenance Reserve withdrawal in the amount of $150,407. Statement of purpose: The district intends to utilize these funds to maintain the existing auditorium sound system at the high school.

Junior School – S.T.E.A.M. Renovations – Capital Reserve – carry-over from prior year
RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education requests the approval to carry-over a Capital Reserve withdrawal from 2016-17 in the amount of $1,506,125. Statement of purpose: The district intends to utilize these funds to fully renovate both the media center and an adjacent computer lab to meet the curricular needs as it relates to S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) at the Junior School.

High School – S.T.E.A.M. Renovations & Construction – Capital Reserve – carry-over from prior year
RESOLVED that the Madison Board of Education requests the approval to carry-over a Capital Reserve withdrawal from 2016-17 in the amount of $3,691,308 plus an additional deposit in the amount of $387,310 for additional anticipated costs due to expanded room sizes for the new construction for a total of $4,078,618. Statement of purpose: The district intends to utilize these funds to fully renovate an existing woodshop and band room and to provide new music rooms to meet the curricular needs as it relates to S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) at the High School.

c. Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report

The Board of Education accepts the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (**March**). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d), the Board of Education has obtained certification from the Board Secretary that no major account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation and hereby certifies pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(e) that no major account or fund has been overexpended

d. Transfers

Authorize the transfer of funds

e. Bill List
Approve the April 25, 2017 bill list

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
At 9:15 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were no comments.

17. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Shade Cronan to adjourn the meeting:

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 8-0 Time: 9:16 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary