MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940

PUBLIC MINUTES **03/04/2014**

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **6:43 p.m.** on **March 4, 2014** in the Alice Perlaw Library Media Center of Madison High School, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ.

1. ROLL CALL

Board members present:
Lisa Ellis, President
Kevin Blair, Vice President
Shade Grahling - arrived 7:24 p.m.
Johanna Habib
Thomas Haralampoudis
Leslie Lajewski
James Novotny - arrived 6:52 p.m.
Board members absent: Dave Arthur
Also present:
Dr. Michael A. Rossi, Superintendent
Mr. Gary S. Lane, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Matthew Mingle, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

2. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Tom Haralampoudis, seconded by Kevin Blair, to approve as follows:

Resolved: that the Board of Education move into closed executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel/legal issues. It is anticipated that the Board will be in closed session for 1 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 5-0 TIME: 6:43 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:37 p.m. the Board reconvened from closed session with seven 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
Kevin Blair, Vice President
Shade Grahling
Johanna Habib

Thomas Haralampoudis
Leslie Lajewski
James Novotny
Board member absent: Dave Arthur
Also present:
Dr. Michael A. Rossi, Superintendent
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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Ellis extended congratulations to the winter sports teams. Both basketball teams played in the first round of the State Tournament. One wrestler finished second in the Regions and is heading to the State Tournament this weekend.

8. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Dr. Rossi discussed the following:
- BYOD (bring your own device) is available to all employees.
- The district is working on a 50 ChromeBook Pilot Program.
- School will be in session on May 23 and May 27 due to snow days used. The district has one more snow day to make-up. The 2013-14 calendar states April 17th. Dr. Rossi would like consideration given to add Saturday, March 29th for four hours instead of April 17th. No lunch will be served and it will count as a full school day. Activities, if needed, will occur after school.

b. Katie Lemerich, Supervisor of Math and Business, gave a presentation regarding Grades 9-12 math adjustments.

Curriculum Chairperson, Shade Grahling, thanked Ms. Lemerich for her presentation and her more detailed report provided to the Curriculum Committee.

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

From 8:07 p.m. until 8:16 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding PARCC and the math presentation.

10. EDUCATION AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Shade Grahling, to approve as follows: a-o

a. **Appointments**

Approve **Appointments** as per the recommendation of the Superintendent for the **2013-14** school year:

	Name	Position	Loc	Replace	Step	Effective	Account #	Salary
1	Kathleen Callihan	Long Term Teacher Assistant	CAS	Carolyn Rega		2/24-4/17/2014 or until return of staff	11215100106	$100/day

b. **New Courses**

Approve the following **New Course** Recommendations for Madison High School for the **2014-15** School Year:

	Course
1	American Studies I
2	Pre-Algebra (Special Services course)
3	Algebra I Seminar
4	Geometry Seminar
5	Algebra II Seminar
6	Engineering and Design I

c. **Courses of Study**

Approve the following **Courses of Study** for use at Madison Junior School:

	Course
1	Sixth Grade Language Arts
2	Seventh Grade Language Arts

3	Eighth Grade Language Arts

d. **Course Title Changes**

Approve the following changes to Course Titles due to requirements of the Common Core State Standards, PARCC assessments, NCAA guidelines, and recommendations from the program evaluation process.

	Existing Course Title	New Course Title
1	Enriched Algebra 3	Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry
2	Algebra 2	Intermediate Algebra
3	Grade 6 Mathematics, Grade 6 Honors Mathematics	Math 6, Honors Math 6
4	Pre-Algebra I, Enriched Pre-Algebra, Honors Pre-Algebra	Math 7, Enriched Math 7, Honors Math 7
5	Pre-Algebra II	Math 8

e. **District Substitutes**

Approve the **District Substitutes,** as per the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the **2013-14** school year:

	Name	Appointment	Salary
1	Fauzia Noori	Custodian	$17/hour
2	Anthony Cyrana	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
3	Sarah Switek	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
4	Daniel Cymbala	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
5	David Clark	Custodian	$17/hour

f. **Donations**

Approve the following **donation**:

	Organization	Donation
1	MEF	Memoir writing workshop for grade 7, by Ellen Papazian - $3,275
2	Jessica DiPerna	Red-eared slider turtle, 40 Gallon Tank, Fluval Pump, supplies, accessories, to the HS science department
3	HS Bull Pen Club	Hardware and installation of one Retractable Batting Cage –- Jaypro-JBBC 700B ceiling suspended retract cage mount Lit D-perpendicular 8' on center revised; JBBC-PER Kit D; Installation by O'Connell Sports; total donation $10,865, for HS gym; this donation also includes a two piece padded hitting mat to protect the gym floor and provide footing for the batter, valued at $800, to be donated by the HS Softball Booster Diamond Club

Mr. Haralampoudis stated that the batting cage will be very helpful for softball and baseball.

g. **Extra Compensation**

1-Approve the following instructional staff for preparation and presentation of parent sessions on Family Math Night, 3/5/2014, at the contractual rate of $46 per hour for 3 total hours per person, grand total compensation for 19 staff = $2,622:

	School	Staff		School	Staff
1	CAS	Susan Corea (Grade K)	11	TJS	Michelle Velasco (Grade 1)
2	CAS	Elizabeth Ramella (Grade K)	12	TJS	Ashley LoBrace (Grade 1)
3	CAS	Stacy Trilling (Grade 1)	13	TJS	Kathleen Wallace (Grade 2)
4	CAS	Kelly Dacey (Grade 1)	14	KRS	Sally Lembo (Grade K)
5	CAS	Anne Marie Mastaglio (Grade 1)	15	KRS	Danielle Cohen (Grade K)
6	CAS	Samantha Marciszyn (Grade 2)	16	KRS	Charlotte Azarian (Grade 1)
7	CAS	Stephanie Attilio (Grade 2)	17	KRS	Victoria Koehler (Grade 1)
8	CAS	Kimberly Anastasio (Grade 2)	18	KRS	Kelly Hoekstra (Grade 2)
9	TJS	Meredith Waryha (Grade K)	19	KRS	Sara Kolesar (Grade 2)
10	TJS	Heather Conway (Grade K)			

2-Approve the following Teacher Assistants to accompany the preschool students on the bus in the afternoon, up to 2.5 hours total per week, on a rotating basis, effective 2/4/2014 until the end of this year = $1,371:

	Teacher Assistant	Per Diem
1	Dana Esposito	$14.48
2	Donna Bassolino	$14.17
3	Catalena Oot	$15.58

3-Approve extra compensation for Elaine Davis for proctoring the National Spanish Exam during one prep period (period 2, 9:53-10:52am) on 4/9/14 at the contractual rate of $40/hour

h. **Extracurricular Appointments**

Approve the **Extracurricular Appointments** as per the recommendation of the Superintendent for the **2013-14** school year

	Name	Position	Step	Stipend
1	Stephen Healey	Rescind HS Boys Assistant Track Coach		
2	Scott Spelker	Rescind HS Boys Head Tennis Coach		
3	Robert Koppenol	Appoint HS Volunteer Track Coach		
4	David Snell	Appoint HS Boys Assistant Track Coach	2	$5,275
5	Michael Radzieski	Appoint HS Boys Head Tennis Coach	1	$5,441
6	Sean Fitzgerald	Appoint HS Boys Assistant Lacrosse Coach	4	$6,341
7	Tyler Brown	Appoint HS Boys Assistant Lacrosse Coach	4	$6,341

i. **Field Trips**

Approve **Field Trips** for **2013-14** school year:
(the following field trips are self-funded, including transportation)

	School	Grade	# of Students	Field Trip	Date	Location/Town
1	HS	12	2	Co-editors, plus advisor presenting at Columbia Scholastic Press Assoc. Nat'l Spring Convention @ Columbia Univ.	3/20/14 & 3/21/14	New York NY
2	JS	6-8	20	Human Rights Conference @ Kean Univ.	3/21/14	Union NJ
3	KR	1	47	Community Theatre	6/5/14	Morristown NJ
4	TJ	5	53	Junior School-orientation	3/7/14	Madison NJ
5	TJ	5	53	Junior School-view musical	4/2/14	Madison NJ
6	JS	6-8	200	Six Flags-Trills & Thrills Music Festival	5/16/14	Jackson NJ
7	TJ	5	68	Turtle Back Zoo –rain date 5/13/14	5/12/14	West Orange NJ
8	HS	9-12	66	Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade	3/15/14	Morristown NJ
9	HS	9-12	15	Band/Orchestra concert for 3rd graders CA,KR,TJ	4/2/14	Madison NJ
10	HS	9-12	6	Vocational tour of police department	4/8/14	Madison NJ
11	HS	9-12	5+	WAXQ FM tours of Q104.3 & 4 other stations-date changed from 5/21/14	5/20/14	New York NY
12	JS	8	26	Classic Thyme Cooking School	4/10/14	Westfield NJ
13	HS	9-12	70	Boys Lacrosse Team to attend Philly wings game/tour facility/meet general manager	3/16/14	Philadelphia PA

j. **Home Instruction**

Approve **Home Instruction** for the **2013-14** school year:

	Vendor	Service
1	Professional Education Svcs. Inc.	Maximum of 10 hours/week for 1428, effective 1/27/14 to 3/7/14, $46/hour, total $2,300
2	Stepping Forward Counseling Center	Maximum of 10 hours/week for 1276738, effective 1/16/14 to 2/28/14, $75/hour, total $4,500
3	**Nora Morgan**-History **Leslie Gentile**-Geometry **Kevin Braine**-Physics **Lisa Zemaneck**-Italian **Melissa Antolovich**-English	Maximum of 2 hours/week/instructor for 1276719, effective 3/3/14 to 5/1/14, $46/hour, total $4,140
4	**Lisa Toto**-Language Arts **Maria (Ali) Spangler**-Science **John Ciferni**-Social Studies **Anna Hatziemanuel**-Math	Maximum of 2 hours/week/instructor for 1882, effective 2/14/14 to 3/14/14, $46/hour, total $1,472
5	St. Clare's Hospital	Maximum of 1 hour/day for 1276562, effective 1/19/14 to 3/7/14, $54/hour, total $1,836

k. **Regulation**

Approve **first reading** of the following revised regulation *(to be provided Tuesday):*

Regulation	Name
Regulation 8600R	Pupil Transportation

l. **Professional Services**

Approve professional services for the 2013-14 school year:

Vendor	Service
Creative Speech Solutions II, LLC	Occupational Therapy Evaluation for 1276995 on 1/25/14, $550
Education Inc. @ Summit Oaks Hospital	Maximum of 10 hours/week of onsite education/academic instruction for 1074, effective 2/25/14 to 3/11/14, $49/hour, total $980

m. **Reappointments**
1-Approve **Revised Reappointments**, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, of the non-aligned staff, for the **2013-14** and **2014-15** school years

n. **Resignation**
Approve the resignation, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent, of the following:

	Name	Position	School	Effective Date
1	David Clark	Head Custodian	HS	3/14/2014

o. **Student Teachers/Interns**
Approve **Student Teachers/Interns** for the 2014-15 school year:

	Name	University/Prog	Semester	School/Grade
1	Sarah Lima	FDU	Fall 2014	MJS – Social Studies – Erik Lih

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0, except for 10.e.5 – Mr. Blair voted No

11. BUSINESS AGENDA
Moved by Shade Grahling, seconded by Kevin Blair, to approve as follows: a-j

a. **Minutes**
Approve the **Minutes** of:
February 11, 2014 Regular and Closed Session Meetings

b. **Travel**
Approve the school district travel

c. **Waiver Requests**
Approve the **waiver requests** for use of facilities:

	Organization	Waive
1	Invent Now	Waive field use fee of $1,250 for 6/23/14 event (will pay other fees)
2	NJ North Lacrosse	Waive facility use fee of $750 for 6/8/14 event (will pay overtime fee)
3	Madison Education Foundation (MEF) 5k Run	Waive custodial overtime fees of $1,080 for 5/4/14 event
4	The ARC of NJ	Waive facility use fee of $150 for monthly meetings 1/28 to 5/27/14

d. **Transportation Agreement**
Approve transportation contract for two students to be transported to and from school (1275715 and 1276659), with the Morris County Educational Services Commission (vendor-Empire Transportation, route CN924) @ $156/day effective 2/24/14 through 6/20/14.

e. **Inter-Local Agreement**
Approve Inter-Local Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and the Borough of Madison for cooperation of various services

Mr. Haralampoudis stated that this agreement was worked on with the Borough. The Board of Education will be providing facilities at no charge for the Borough Recreation and the Borough of Madison will take over the school district's waste/recycling, which they did at one time. Mr. Haralampoudis recognized the efforts of Mrs. Ellis, Dr. Rossi, and Mr. Lane on finalizing this agreement. Mrs. Grahling stated that the Borough /Recreation Department will not have bumping rights.

f. **Enrich and Grow Agreement**
Approve Annual Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and Enrich and Grow for after school enrichment classes in our three elementary schools, in the amount of $13,500, for the **2013-14** school year

g. **Disposal of Equipment**
Approve as obsolete and unusable for district purposes and dispose the following **equipment**:

One LifeCycle 9500R Recumbent Stationary Bike located in the boys varsity locker room of the high school

h. **Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report**
The Board of Education accepts the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (**January**). 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

i. **Transfers**
Authorize the transfer of funds

j. **Bill List**
Approve the **March 4, 2014** bill list

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Ellis commented that there was an article in *The Alternative Press* that was very misleading. She stated that the district should be receiving $2.1 million under SFRA in state aid; currently we are getting less than we did in 1999. The loss over time is more than $6 million. The budget process becomes even more difficult considering the combination of cumulative losses in state aid, an endless stream of unfunded educational mandates and, the 2% tax levy cap. It was noted that Madison sends $30-$50 million annually to Trenton.

13. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

From 8:31 p.m. until 8:47 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding the school calendar make-up date, regulation 8600r, minimal state aid funding and potential budget cuts.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Leslie Lajewski, to adjourn the meeting:

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 6-0 Time: 8:47 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary