MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940

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

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **6:30 p.m.** on **April 4, 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 Debra Coen, seconded by Tom Piskula, 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 8-0 TIME: 6:30 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:32 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
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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

8. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

a. Dr. Noonan introduced Principal Greg Robertson, who gave a MHS update. Several students spoke about leadership, academic enrichment, character and service and ECA offerings.
b. Principal Dave Coster and Vice-Principal Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker presented the MJS schedule recommendation. Discussion included the pros and cons of the current schedule. The new schedule accounts for 52 minute periods.
c. Information Items – Dr. Noonan gave an update on school activities.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – There were no reports.

d. Policy – Chair: L. Lajewski, Members: J. Habib, T. Piskula, Alternate: S. Cronan
e. Finance – Chair: J. Habib, Members: L. Ellis, T. Piskula, Alternate: D. Arthur
f. Curriculum – Chair: S. Cronan, Members: D. Arthur, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Ellis
g. Buildings & Grounds – Chair: D. Coen, Members: L. Ellis, L. Lajewski, Alternate: S. Cronan
h. Shared Services – Chair: D. Arthur, Members: J. Habib, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Ellis
i. Negotiations/Personnel – Chair: L. Ellis, Members: S. Cronan, L. Lajewski, Alternate: D. Arthur

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

From 9:05 p.m. until 9:18 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were questions regarding the MJS schedule and class size, and comments regarding Mr. Kenny's retirement.

11. PERSONNEL 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-d

a. Resignations/Retirements

Accept resignation:

1. **Christopher Kenny** – District – Supervisor of Special Services, effective July 1, 2017, due to retirement, with appreciation for his many years of service to our schools
   Mrs. Ellis wished Mr. Kenny well and noted that he was an asset to the district.

b. Appointments

Approve appointment:

1. **Rachel Halek** – MJS – Non Tenured Leave Replacement/Math Teacher (replacing Amanda McPeek) - $110/day days 1-40, 11-130-100-101 – effective on or about 5/1/17 through 6/16/17
2. **Colleen Manion** – MJS - Teacher Assistant (new position) – Step 1, $21,498 (to be prorated) - 11-000-217-100 – effective 4/5/17 for the 2016-17 school year

c. District Substitutes

Approve District Substitutes:

1. Substitute Teacher/Teacher Assistant – at $90/day or $80/day
   a. Kelly Flemming
   b. Webster Lewin
   c. Alicja Moszczynski

d. Home Instruction

Approve home instruction:

	Name	Subject	Service
1	Debra Reilly	Honors Algebra	2 hours/week/instructor effective 4/1/17 through 4/21/17, for student #5435066719, at $46/hour (cost = $552)
2	Angela Wylykanowitz	Chemistry	
3	Leslie Gentile	English	Continuation of 2 hours/week/instructor effective 3/27/17 through 4/7/17, for student #8160730854, at $46/hour (cost = $552)
4	Luis Largo	Algebra	
5	Robert Grundfest	History	
6	Luis Largo	Physics	2 hours/week/instructor effective 3/29/17 through 4/21/17, for student #6771229682, at $46/hour (cost = $1,104)
7	Leslie Gentile	Algebra	
8	Robert Grundfest	World History	
9	Margaret Cox	English	

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

12. EDUCATION AGENDA

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

a. Courses of Study

Approve the following Courses of Study for 2017-18:

Course	Grades
Advanced Ceramics - semester course	9-12
Honors Art Studio/PreAP - full year	9-12
AP Art Studio - full year	9-12

Ms. Cronan clarified and explained that these are essentially cost neutral.

b. Field Trips

Approve field trips:

	Sch	Gr	# Students	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location	Transport	Cost/ Student
1	CA	4	54	4O&4L	Great Swamp	5/9/16	Chatham	District bus	0
2	CA	4	22	4T	Great Swamp	5/16/17	Chatham	District bus	0
3	CA	4	22	4DP	Jockey Hollow	5/16/17	Morristown	District bus	0
4	TJ	5	44	5th	MJS-orientation	5/30/17	Madison	District bus	0
5	HS	9-12	50	Chinese	Lunch @ Chinese restaurant; experience culture, food, speak Chinese	4/20/17	Florham Park	District bus	Students purchase own lunch

c. Professional Services

Approve professional services (by outside organization)::

	Name	Service
1	Christine Lagatta – Educational Consultant	To work with Jennifer Vernieri to plan grade level expectations and prepare materials for K-5 summer curriculum writers –

		4/19/17 - $1,300

d. Travel
Approve the school district travel

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

13. BUSINESS AGENDA
Moved by Dave Arthur, seconded by Deb Coen, to approve as follows: a-f

a. Minutes
Approve the Minutes of:
March 28, 2017 Public and Closed Session Meetings

b. Special Education Settlements
1 Approve the Special Education settlement for 5498597991 to reimburse parents amount not to exceed $42,250 (per year) effective for the 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 school years at the mutually approved upon educational facility, as set forth in the terms of the settlement agreement; additionally the Board will provide reimbursement for transportation at $5,000/year (totaling $20,000); moreover the Board will provide reimbursement for independent evaluations not to exceed $6,000; finally the Board will provide a one-time reimbursement for compensatory education totaling $7,500 (total reimbursement $202,500)

2 Approve the Special Education settlement for 3169058315 to contribute and not to exceed $6,000 toward the program at the mutually approved upon educational facility for the 2017 extended school year 6/27/17 through 8/11/17, all other costs are the responsibility of the parent

c. Acceptance of Grants
Accept $500 grant money for each school ($1,000 total) from the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for KRS & TJS participation in “Slam Dunk the Junk” Grant Program (Clean Communities Grant for Public Schools) on 5/19/17

d. Transfers
Authorize the transfer of funds

e. Bill List
Approve the April 4, 2017 bill list

f. Special Education Placement
Approve the placement for one resident special education pupil 3605567176 at Windsor Bergen Academy, for the 2016-17 school year, effective 4/5/17; $300.57 per diem for 49 days=$14,727.93. Transportation provided by the parent until district can arrange same

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
From 9:25 p.m. until 9:45 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding the MJS schedule, locker rooms, STEM at HS and JS, phone use by students, HS sports consuming too much family time (consider canceling holiday tournaments and less or no summer practices), and the HS bleachers.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 8-0 Time: 9:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary