MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES **12/08/2015**

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **6:36 p.m.** on **December 8, 2015** in the Alice Perlaw Library Media Center of Madison High School, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:	**Board Members Absent:** None
Lisa Ellis, President	
Kevin Blair, Vice President	**Also Present:**
Dave Arthur	Dr. Michael A. Rossi, Superintendent
Debra Coen	Mr. Gary S. Lane, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Shade Grahling	Mr. Matthew Mingle, Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
Johanna Habib	
Leslie Lajewski	
John Flynn-Harding Rep.	

2. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Debra Coen, 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: 6:36 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:35 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:	**Board Members Absent:** None
Lisa Ellis, President	
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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President, Lisa Ellis, read the following statement:

- *Last Wednesday we finally officially closed on the sale of the Green Village Road School bringing this very long process to an end at last. Ten years – three mayors, three superintendents later, the Green Village Road School Property has finally found new life.*

  Built as an elementary school in the late 1940's it was abandoned as a school in 1976 and replaced by Torey J. Sabatini School. Between 1976 and 2008, it housed our special education department and pre-school classes, as well the Adult School, Playwrights Theater, and Rainbow Montessori. A lot of history and great memories for many of our alumni.

  Several committees, lots and lots of input, countless hours of discussion and debate, thousands of hours of time by members of this board, the borough council and hired professionals going as far back as 2003 leading up to the definitive decision on the future of the property as outcome of the 2005 referendum process when the state approval was contingent on our disposal of this building and now, after a failed attempt at a sale in 2008 it is finally resolved.

  I want to thank Dave Arthur and Pat Rowe for their outstanding contributions as part of the GVR negotiating committee as we worked through a multiple year process with the mayor and council to negotiate a profitable and equitable deal once the decision to designate the property as an area in need of redevelopment was reached in 2010. I also want to thank Gary Lane for the countless hours he has committed to getting this done and Dr. Rossi for his support.

  I also want us to remember and thank the late Brian Burns, the amazingly skilled attorney who guided us through this process beginning in 2011 until his death in January of this year. I do not think we would have gotten here without his expertise, negotiating skills and his amazing sense of humor.

  I also want to thank Mayor Conley and members of the borough council, Ray Codey, Jim Burnet, attorneys Jim Bruno and Greg Castano who put politics aside and worked with us to get this done. I just have these few words but all are invited by the Mayor to attend the council meeting this coming Monday night at 8:00pm where we will exchange some really big ceremonial checks…our money is already in the bank but it will be nice to have the opportunity to celebrate together what is surely one of the greatest shared service projects that this community has ever experienced.

  I am very proud to have been a part of this effort and am very proud of a community that saw the merit in this project. It will be a beautiful addition to the downtown and will spur economic growth during and after its construction. I am also proud that we had the foresight to negotiate a 3,000 square foot community space and associated outdoor community space which will be a tremendous asset going forward.

  Thank you everyone for a job very well done.

Board President, Lisa Ellis, commented on the following:

- Mrs. Ellis congratulated the football team on their state championship. The team defeated Rutherford at MetLife Stadium last Thursday.

- Mrs. Ellis recognized Board member Kevin Blair for over nine years of service to the Madison Board of Education and his expertise in education. Mrs. Ellis stated that Mr. Blair knows how a school system is supposed to work. Mr. Blair was presented with a plaque and he then thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity.

Mr. Arthur expressed appreciation to Mr. Blair for his refreshing, direct approach to his service on the Board.

8. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Rossi noted the following:

- The Special Education Director position is down to three finalists. Second interviews will be this Thursday. If no consensus, we'll get an interim and start again.
- The Junior School Principal search will begin with a survey to all stakeholders to cull the applicant pool. Hopefully will have a name to bring forward this Spring.
- The district received all Chrome Books
- The website revision is almost complete, possible roll out by the beginning of 2016.
- The State DOE security team visited the district recently.
- Two new committees were formed, STEM at MHS/JS, and Locker/Team Room upgrade.
- New Student Information System software is in the final stages. Planning on a decision in January.
- The TV Studio is almost complete.

a. Mr. Matthew Mingle presented the PARCC test results.

b. Mr. Bill Schroeder of Nisivoccia & Company LLP presented the Audit Report noting that the district is in very good shape. It was a very good, strong audit with only one minor recommendation regarding the IDEA.

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

From 8:33 p.m. until 8:46 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding test score results and the PARCC presentation.

10. EDUCATION AGENDA

Moved by Debra Coen, seconded by Leslie Lajewski, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the 2015-16 school year as follows: a-i

a. Resignations/Retirements

Accept resignations:

1- **Allen Hudson**, Custodian, TJS, effective November 20, 2015
2- **Richard Kay**, Custodian, CAS, effective December 1, 2015
3- **Robert Williams**, Grounds Person, effective January 1, 2016, due to retirement, with appreciation for his many years of service to our schools

Mr. Blair thanked Bob Williams, a graduate of MHS who started in 1993; a very valuable staff member to our district.

b. Appointments

Approve appointment:

1- Mary Burke – CAS – Elementary Teacher (replacing Caroline Bottone) – BA/Step 9, $56,125, 11-120-100-101 – effective January 4, 2016 for the 2015-16 school year
2- Glen Lampa – MJS – Interim Principal (replacing Nicole Sherrin Kessler) - $500/day, 11-000-240-103 – effective January 4, 2016 until a replacement is found with 5 days overlap in December 2015

Mr. Blair is glad Mr. Lampa is back on board.

c. District Substitutes

Approve District Substitutes:

1- John Castaldo – Teacher and Teacher Assistant - $90/day & $80/day
2- Jenna Fay – Teacher and Teacher Assistant - $90/day & $80/day
3- Patricia Wecht – Teacher and Teacher Assistant - $90/day & $80/day
4- Jennifer Perrotta – Teacher and Teacher Assistant - $90/day & $80/day
5- Francis Wulff Sr. – Custodian - $17/hour

d. Extra Compensation

1- Approve Extra Compensation for staff to teach Professional Development Workshops for Madison Teachers Academy at the contractual rate of $46/hour

	Staff Name	Course Title	Date(s)	Prep Hours	Teaching Hours	Total Hours	Total Pay
1	Joseph Cecala	Twitter as a Teaching Tool	12/9/2015	1	1	2	$92
2	Angela Wylykanowitz	EdPuzzle in the Classroom	12/10/2015	1	1	2	$92
3	John Ciferni	Danielson Meets Gardner	12/16/2015	1.5	1.5	3	$138
4	Monica Brady	Danielson Meets Gardner	12/16/2015	1.5	1.5	3	$138
5	Jill Tyburczy	First Aid ReCertification	12/16/2015	3	3	6	$276
6	Mary Jane Skordinsky	First Aid ReCertification	12/16/2015	3	3	6	$276
7	Megan Petersen	Google Apps & Extensions for Struggling Learners	12/17/2015	1	1	2	$92
8	Nicolette Crescas	Everything You Want to Know about the Flu and How to Avoid Getting It.	1/7/2016	1	1	2	$92
9	Megan Petersen	OT Strategies for Teacher Assistants	1/7/2016	1	1	2	$92
10	Theresa Feron	OT Strategies for Teacher Assistants	1/7/2016	1	1	2	$92
11	Nicolette Crescas	Common Childhood conditions and illnesses: What these mean to the educator.	1/19/2016	1	1	2	$92
12	Megan Petersen	OT 101	2/4/2016	1	1	2	$92
13	Theresa Feron	OT 101	2/4/2016	1	1	2	$92
						Total	$1,656

2- Approve Extra Compensation for Leslie Gentile to teach Title III English as a Second Language Math Tutor for After School Sessions at MHS on the following dates: 12/9/2015, 12/16/2015, 1/6/2016, 1/13/2016, 1/20/2016, 1/26/2016 at the contractual rate of $46/hour, 1 hour/week for a total of $276.

e. Extracurricular Appointments/Revisions

Approve the ECA appointments/revisions:

	Name	Position	Step	Stipend
1	Jessica Rosella	Rescind MHS - Assistant Softball Coach		
2	Jessica Rosella	Appoint MHS - Head Softball Coach	1	$6,176
3	Michael DeGiovanni	Rescind/resign MHS – Head Girls Lacrosse Coach		

4	Kiera Chiarino	Appoint MJS – Musical Assistant Director	4	$2,370
5	Ian Schwinder	Rescind MHS – Baseball Assistant Coach		
6	Matthew Gertler	Appoint MHS – Baseball Assistant Coach	3	$5,736
7	Adam Riley	Appoint MHS – Volunteer Wrestling Coach		
8	Laura Chaneski	Appoint MHS – Musical Choreographer	4	$2,060
9	Emma Peterson	Appoint KRS – Musical Producer/Director		$750
10	Emma Peterson	Appoint TJS - Musical Producer/Director		$750
11	Gina Sloginski	Appoint KRS – Musical Producer/Director		$750
12	Tess McGuire	Appoint TJS - Musical Producer/Director		$750
13	Michael Watson	Appoint MJS – Drama Lighting		$490 max*
14	Jaime Conroy	Appoint MJS – Musical Lighting Design		$750*
15	Helen Raymaker	Appoint CAS – Accompanist		$150
16	Karen Delevan	Appoint MJS, KRS, TJS - Accompanist		$575
17	Joseph Elefante	Appoint MHS - Accompanist		$125
18	Lisa Moretti	Appoint MHS – Boys Assistant Swimming Coach	#	$2,720.50
19	Nancy Leib	Appoint MHS – Boys Head Swimming Coach	#	$2,720.50

* The fees will be paid from the Proceeds of the event

The head coach and assistant coach for girls swimming are splitting the head coach step 1 stipend for boys swimming (13 boys on the team)

f. Field Trips

Approve field trips:

	Sch	Gr	# Stud	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location/Town
1	KR	K	39	K	Crayola Factory	1/22/16	Easton, PA
2	HS	10-12	15	Special Ed	Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference at Montclair State University	5/26/16	Montclair, NJ
3	HS	9-12	16	Physics Club	Fuel Cell Car Competition at New Providence High School	12/9/15	New Providence, NJ
4	HS	11-12	40	Heroes & Cool Kids	MJS to speak with students-skills transfer-leadership skills	12/17/15, 5/25/16	Madison, NJ
5	HS	24	9-12	Field Hockey & Football Teams	Regal Theater E. Walk Stadium	12/9/15	New York, NY
6	MJS	6-8	20	Robotics	Robotics Championship Tournament @ Mt. Olive HS	12/12/15	Flanders, NJ
7	MJS	6-8	26	Resource Rm	Somerset Patriots Minor League Baseball	5/26/16	Bridgewater, NJ
8	CAS TJS	3	84, 65	3rd Grade	Waterloo Village	5/31/16, 5/3/2016	Stanhope, NJ
9	JS	6	4	Autism Class	Stop & Shop (all walking trips for community based instruction for life skills)	12/9/15, 12/21/15, 12/22/15-(raindate) 1/6/16	Madison, NJ
10	JS	6	4	Autism	Walgreens (walking trip for	1/13/16	Madison, NJ

				Class	community based instruction for life skills)		

g. Leave of Absence

Approve Leave of Absence:

1- **Maryanna Kolinchak-Lane**, Special Education Teacher – MJS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about January 22, 2016 through February 25, 2016 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on February 26, 2016 through May 26, 2016 and unpaid child rearing leave commencing May 27, 2016 through May 31, 2016
2- **Jessica Burdette**, Speech Teacher – KRS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about February 16, 2016 through February 19, 2016 and unpaid child rearing leave commencing on February 22, 2016 through May 20, 2016
3- **Jennifer Tu**, Elementary Teacher – CAS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about March 14, 2016 through May 3, 2016 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on May 4, 2016 through June 20, 2016
4- **Caitlin Manley**, Elementary Teacher – CAS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about March 9, 2016 through May 6, 2016 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on May 9, 2016 through June 20, 2016
5- **Ashley LoBrace**, Elementary Teacher – TJS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about February 11, 2016 through April 1, 2016 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on April 11, 2016 through June 20, 2016
6- **Danielle Manchester**, Elementary Teacher – CAS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about February 29, 2016 through March 29, 2016 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on March 30, 2016 through June 10, 2016
7- **Steven Reichenstein**, Teacher Assistant – MHS, Unpaid Leave of Absence to complete Student Teaching effective January 26, 2016 through May 10, 2016

h. Professional Services

Approve professional services:

1- **Wise Learning Center** – effective November 9, 2015 – November 21, 2015 for student S2703 at $45/hour for 5 hours/week (2 weeks, 5 hours/week = additional $450)
2- **Audio Incorporated**, sound design tech for MJS Musical – includes operator and equipment – effective February 29, 2016 – March 5, 2016 (possibly 3/6/2016 if snow day is used) at $1,573.35 – funds to cover this fee are coming from the musical ticket sale proceeds

i. Student Teachers/Interns

Approve student teachers/interns as follows:

1- **Caitlin Duffy** – Drew University – Spring 2016 (January 25 - May 6) – MHS/French Teacher – Penelope Scheer
2- **Rebecca Fano** – Drew University – Spring 2016 (January 25 - May 6) – MJS/English Teacher – Lisa Toto

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

11. BUSINESS AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Shade Grahling, to approve as follows: a-l, except i

a. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of:
November 17, 2015 Public & Closed Session Meetings
December 1, 2015 Public Minutes

b. District Nonpublic Consultation Meetings
Approve the 2015-16 district consultation meetings for the nonpublic security aid program

c. Establishment of Scholarship Account
Approve establishment of the Nancy Novack Scholarship subaccount in the MHS student activity account

d. Special Education Settlements
1- Approve the Special Education settlement for S1275900 at The Craig School, Mountain Lakes, NJ for tuition reimbursement not-to-exceed $20,000 for the 2015-16 school year; all other additional costs will be the sole responsibility of the petitioners as set forth in the settlement reference number 2016-23175
2- Approve the Special Education settlement for S1276969 at Fusion Academy, Morristown, NJ for tuition reimbursement not-to-exceed $120,000 over a four year period for 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years; ($30,000 per year paid in $15,000 bi-annual installments); all other additional costs will be the sole responsibility of the petitioners as set forth in the settlement reference number 2016-23270
3- Approve the Special Education settlement for S1276619 at Monarch School, Heron, Montana for tuition reimbursement not-to-exceed $5,984 per month, effective January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016, all other additional costs will be the sole responsibility of the petitioners as set forth in the settlement agreement

e. Certificates for Payment
1- Approve payment requisition #1 for Diamond Construction in the amount of $13,365, for the High School asphalt walkway from MHS property to the borough line
2- Approve payment #2 for Panoramic Window & Door Systems, Inc. in the amount of $47,725, for the window replacement project at MHS

f. Donations
Approve the following donation:

	Organization	Donation
1	KRS PTO and KRS Student Activity Account	Interior digital signage to include 40" LED, wall mount, 3-year signagelive, set-up and training, to be mounted in the KRS lobby – total $4,828 (upon completion of the project, one half of total cost, $2,414, to be reimbursed by the KRS PTO and one half of total cost, $2,414 to be reimbursed by the KRS Student Activity Account)
2	Madison Education Foundation (MEF)	Fall grant cycle 2015 – various donations to all five schools totaling $37,850

Mrs. Coen thanked everyone for their donations and support.

g. District Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) and Management Report
Accept the financial Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report as prepared by Nisivoccia LLP for the 2014-15 school year

h. Corrective Action Plan
Accept the corrective action plan for the 2014-15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report

The following motion (i) was removed by the Board.

~~**i. Professional Services**~~

~~Approve professional services for 2015-16 pending receipt of Certificate of Insurance:~~

	~~**Vendor**~~	~~**Service**~~	~~**Frequency**~~	~~**Total**~~
~~1~~	~~Brian L. Satch~~	~~Assist Jeff Coviello with the set-up of the control room/TV studio space at MHS~~	~~$20/hour not-to-exceed 20 hours~~	~~$400~~

j. Transfers

Authorize the transfer of funds

k. Bill List

Approve the December 8, 2015 bill list

l. Special Education Placement

Approve the placement and transportation costs for one resident special education pupil (S2005) at The Allegro School, Cedar Knolls NJ for the 2015-16 school year, effective 12/9/15 through 6/23/16; prorated tuition for 120 days $55,440; Transportation TBD

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 8-0

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy – Chair: L. Lajewski, Members: L. Ellis, J. Habib, Alternate: S. Grahling
Mrs. Lajewski provided an update regarding the Booster Club Policy compliance, international exchange students and the block schedule.

b. Finance – Chair: J. Habib, Members: L. Ellis, L. Lajewski, Alternate: D. Arthur
Mrs. Habib noted that the next meeting will take place on December 16th. The Budget Advisory Committee met, and the second meeting is this Thursday. Mrs. Habib congratulated Gary Lane and the Business Office staff on a fine performance and a great audit.

c. Curriculum – Chair: S. Grahling, Members: D. Arthur, D. Coen, Alternate: K. Blair
Mrs. Grahling discussed the homework policy over break. Dr. Rossi stated that there is none for grades K-8, may be some at the HS, projects based and perhaps some AP courses.

d. Buildings & Grounds – Chair: K. Blair, Members: L. Ellis, D. Coen, Alternate: L. Lajewski
Mr. Blair noted that the next meeting will take place on December 22nd.

e. Shared Services – Chair: D. Arthur, Members: K. Blair, J. Habib, Alternate: L. Ellis

f. Negotiations/Personnel – Chair: L. Ellis, Members: S. Grahling, L. Lajewski, Alternate: D. Arthur
Mrs. Ellis stated that there is a negotiations meeting tomorrow.

13. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

From 8:57 p.m. until 9:42 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding CAS closed restroom, teacher assistants, the Nancy Novack Scholarship and relocating the Board Office to the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Dave Arthur to adjourn the meeting:

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 8-0 Time: 9:42 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary