MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940

PUBLIC MINUTES **11/18/2014**

The Public Meeting of the Madison Board of Education, Morris County, New Jersey, was called to order by President Ellis at **6:40 p.m.** on **November 18, 2014** in the Alice Perlaw Library Media Center of Madison High School, Ridgedale Avenue, Madison, NJ

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:	**Board Members Absent:** Dave Arthur
Lisa Ellis, President	
Kevin Blair, Vice President	**Also Present:**
Shade Grahling	Dr. Michael A. Rossi, Superintendent
Johanna Habib	Mr. Gary S. Lane, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Thomas Haralampoudis	Mr. Matthew Mingle, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Leslie Lajewski	
James Novotny	

2. RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Johanna Habib, 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 7-0 TIME: 6:40 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:	**Board Members Absent:** Dave Arthur
Lisa Ellis, President	
Kevin Blair, Vice President	**Also Present:**
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7. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Ellis congratulated all high school athletic teams on their great seasons. The football team will play their second round state game this weekend. The field hockey team lost 3-2 in the state final to Rumson, but won county and sectional games.

8. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Dr. Rossi introduced Supervisor Janine Locansolo, who presented the NJ Exemplary Educator Awards to Gina Sloginski KRS, Kathy Spelker CAS, Marisa Caruso TJS.

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

At 7:54 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were no comments.

10. EDUCATION AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Blair, seconded by Shade Grahling, to approve, as per the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the 2014-15 school year as follows: a-j

a. Appointments

Approve appointments:

1- **Laura Colantoni** - MJS Leave Replacement/Science Teacher (replacing Catherine Tahlmore) – $110/day days 1-40, $258/day starting at day 41, 11-130-100-101 –effective on or about November 10, 2014 – May 29, 2015, *revised* to include 10/17, 10/23, 11/3 (1/2 day), 11/4 (1/2 day) and 11/5 as overlap days
2- **Katherine O'Neill** - KRS Leave Replacement/Elementary Teacher (replacing Jessica Yurecko) – $110/day, 11-120-100-101– effective November 10, 2014 to December 5, 2014
3- **James Fryer** - MJS Leave Replacement/Vocal Music Teacher (replacing Ariana Ciolino) – $110/day days 1-40, $258/day starting at day 41, 11-130-100-101 – effective on or about January 7, 2015 – May 8, 2015

b. Courses of Study

Approve Courses of Study for Madison High School:

1- Chinese V Honors
2- Contemporary Humanities
3- Creative Writing
4- English 11
5- Geometry
6- Honors Physics
7- AP Physics

Mrs. Habib questioned whether these were revised or new curriculum. Mr. Mingle stated that they were revised, existing courses. Mrs. Grahling added that all were incredibly detailed and available on the website.

c. District Substitutes

Approve District Substitutes as follows:

	Name	Appointment	Salary
1	Andrew Benton	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
2	Jillian Benus	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
3	Laura Brennan	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
4	Wendy DeCaro	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
5	Matthew Fico	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day

6	Alyssa Fine	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
7	Terri Gallagher	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
8	Ryan Nally	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
9	Katherine Newburg	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
10	Kevin Reinhardt	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day
11	Leah Sachs	Teacher/Teacher Assistant	$90/day, $80/day

d. Extra Compensation

Approve Extra Compensation for staff to teach Professional Development Workshops for Madison Teacher Academy at the contractual rate of $46 per hour for instruction and preparation:

	Staff Name	Course Title	Date(s)	Prep Hours	Teaching Hours	Total Hours	Total Pay
1	Robert Grundfest	Google Classroom	12/3/14, 12/10/14, 12/17/14	6	6	12	$552
2	Richard Bradshaw	Google Apps for Education	12/8/2014	1		1	$46
3	Stephen Finkelstein	Google Apps for Education	12/8/2014	1		1	$46
4	Nancy Hill	Google Apps for Education	12/8/2014	1		1	$46
5	Katherine Siso	Google Apps for Education	12/8/2014	1		1	$46
6	Elizabeth Troullos	Google Apps for Education	12/8/2014	1		1	$46

Mrs. Lajewski asked if the workshops were going well. Mr. Mingle stated that they are doing well and all new accounts are active and moving along; about 30+ staff are using it.

e. Extracurricular Appointments/Revisions

Approve the ECA appointments/revisions as follows:

	Name	Position	Step	Stipend
1	Jessica Rosella	**Revised** Appoint - HS Girls Basketball Assist Coach	1	**$4,870**
2	Jaclyn Bertos	Appoint - HS Girls Basketball Assist Volunteer		N/A
3	Jamie Conroy	Appoint – HS Drama Lighting Consultant		$750*
4	Brian Lynch	Appoint – HS Drama Lighting Consultant		$40/hour for a maximum of 10 hours*
5	Pat DeNegri	Appoint – HS Drama Sound Consultant		$800*
6	Nancy Leib	Appoint – HS Boys Head Swim Coach (New 1/2)	1	$2,720.50
7	Lisa Moretti	Appoint – HS Boys Head Swim Coach (New 1/2)	1	$2,720.50
8	Stephen Hughes	Appoint – HS Heroes and Cool Kids (New)		$1,000

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

Mrs. Lajewski asked for an explanation of Heroes and Cool Kids. Dr. Rossi and Mrs. Ellis explained that it is a leadership program under the athletic department. There is a nomination process to be selected to work with our younger students.

f. Field Trips

Approve field trips: (the following field trips are *self-funded*, including transportation)

	Sch	Gr	# Stud	Class/ Group	Field Trip	Date	Location/Town
1	TJ	K	33	KAM	Brookhollow Farm	5/20/15	Boonton, NJ
2	TJ	K	17	KPM	Brookhollow Farm	5/20/15	Boonton, NJ

3	JS	7	188	7th grade	Fairview Lake YMCA Camp	5/11/15	Newton, NJ
4	JS	6-8	9	6/7/8 grades	Hope's Promise	11/17/14	Chester, NJ
5	HS	9-12	68	Marching Band	Performance at Millburn Christmas Parade	12/7/14	Millburn, NJ
6	HS	9-12	20	Robotics Club	Robotics Competition, Mt. Olive High School	11/23/14	Mt. Olive, NJ
7	HS	11-12	9	Student Council	Student Leadership Conference, Randolph High	12/4/14	Randolph, NJ

g. Home Instruction

Approve home instruction:

	Name	Subject	Service
1	Nancy Herbert	Elementary	Maximum of 5 hours/week for a St. Vincent's student to be continued through 1/2/2015 @ $46/hour (5 hours/week for 7 additional weeks = $1,610)

h. Leave of Absences

Approve Leave of Absence for the following:

1- **Erin Thompson**, Special Education teacher – CAS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about March 4, 2015 through March 31, 2015 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on or about April 1, 2015 through June 19, 2015

2- **Stephanie Dimakos** - *revised*, Elementary Teacher – CAS, Family Leave of Absence for disability period commencing on or about September 2, 2014 through September 24, 2014 and unpaid Family Leave commencing on September 26, 2014 through December 23, 2014, and unpaid, child-rearing leave commencing on December 18, 2014 through February 27, 2015

3- **John Gatti**, Teacher Assistant – CAS, Family Leave of Absence on or about March 31, 2015 through April 28, 2015 (15 unpaid days)

i. Professional Services

Approve professional services:

1- **Jo-Ann Feniger** – Professional development in Mathematics for Grade 3 teachers and K-5 Administrators – full day on December 2, 2014 - $1,200 total

2- **Terry D. Goldfischer** – Professional development in Mathematics for Grade 4 and 5 teachers – full day on December 16, 2014 - $1,200 total

3- **East West Math** – Professional development in Mathematics for Grade K-1 and 2 teachers – full day on December 11, 2014 - $2,100 total

4- **Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired** – Increase in yearly rate from $1,600 to $1,800 (*revised from rate approved by Board on 6-22-14*) - 3 students - $5,400 total
Mrs. Ellis asked if this was a state program. Dr. Rossi said that it was.

j. Travel

Approve the school district travel

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

11. BUSINESS AGENDA

Moved by Leslie Lajewski, seconded by Kevin Blair, to approve as follows: a-k

a. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of:
November 4, 2014 Public and Closed Session Meetings

b. Donations

Approve the following **donations:**

	Organization	Donation
1	Bill Meyer	One ¾ size Ibanez electric bass, for the music department of MJS

c. Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Approve the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) for five years, from 2014-15 through 2018-19

d. Special Education Settlements

1- Approve the Special Education settlement agreement upon the terms and conditions outlined in said agreement for (S2236)
2- Approve the Special Education settlement agreement upon the terms and conditions outlined in said agreement for (S1074)

e. PQ Energy Services Agreement

Approve the agreement with PQ Energy Services, Inc. for the Energy System Upgrade for five schools including one year of service and monitoring in the amount of $35,040.00.
At the request of Mrs. Lajewski, Mr. Lane explained the program.

f. Waiver Requests

Approve the waiver request for use of facility fees:

Organization	Waive
1-YMCA	$430 of facility use fees for event on Saturday, 11/8/14; will pay $90 in custodial overtime fees
2-TJS PTO	$180 of custodial overtime fees for Book Fair event on Saturday, 11/1/14
3-TJS PTO	$180 of custodial overtime fees for Holiday Workshop event on Saturday, 12/13/14

g. Annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Annual Maintenance Worksheet (M1)

Be it resolved that the Madison Board of Education, as required by statute, hereby approves the Annual 3-Year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Annual Maintenance Worksheet (Form M1 per NJAC 6A:26A)

h. Parette Somjen Architects Agreement

Approve the agreement with Parette Somjen Architects (PSA) for the Kings Road School Boiler Replacement in the amount of $40,100 plus expenses, which will be billed separately

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

The Board of Education accepts the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys (**October**). 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

j. Transfers

Authorize the transfer of funds

k. Bill List

Approve the November 18, 2014 bill list

ROLL CALL: UNANIMOUS 7-0

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy – *Chair: L. Ellis, Members: L. Lajewski, J. Habib, Alternate: S. Grahling*
b. Finance – *Chair: T. Haralampoudis, Members: L. Ellis, J. Habib, Alternate: L. Lajewski*
c. Curriculum – *Chair: S. Grahling, Members: D. Arthur, L. Lajewski, Alternate: K. Blair*
d. Buildings & Grounds – *Chair: K. Blair, Members: T. Haralampoudis, L. Ellis, Alternate: J. Habib*
The minutes of the Buildings and Grounds meeting of 11/11/14 were distributed.
e. Shared Services – *Chair: D. Arthur, Members: T. Haralampoudis, L. Ellis, Alternate: K. Blair*
f. Negotiations/Personnel – *Chair: L. Ellis, Members: S. Grahling, L. Lajewski, Alternate: J. Habib*

13. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

From 8:11 p.m. until 8:27 p.m. the meeting was open to the public. There were comments regarding EPOCH busing, the school directory, and the Alexander Avenue parking hazards.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Blair seconded by Shade Grahling to adjourn the meeting:

VOICE VOTE: APPROVED 7-0 Time: 8:27 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary S. Lane, Board Secretary