

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2014**

The monthly Agenda Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Board President, Mr. Irwin.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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Salute to Flag – Board President  
Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u>    </u> P	Mr. Connors	<u>    </u> Arrived at 6:45	Ms. King	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Nazir
<u>    </u> P	Mr. Irwin	<u>    </u> P	Ms. Lopez	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Okamoto
<u>    </u> P	Mr. Johnson	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Mosier	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Stern

**II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

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HEREBY BE IT KNOWN that the Piscataway Township Board of Education has complied with the notification requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the announcement of this meeting date and place on March 10, 2014 in the following manner:

- ◆ Posting of the public notice on the posting board for the Board of Education in the Administration Building
- ◆ Email notification to the newspaper serving Piscataway, *The Home News Tribune*
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

This meeting is being digitally recorded. This recording is not an official record or supplement to the minutes and is intended only as a source of information that the public might utilize at a later date to familiarize themselves with the Board's activities.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of review and discussion of the personnel agenda, litigation, HIB monthly reports, and other matters pursuant to law N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

Motion to adjourn:

Moved	<u>    </u> Mr. Okamoto	Seconded	<u>    </u> Mr. Stern
Yea	<u>    </u> 9	Nay	<u>    </u> 0

**IV. PUBLIC SESSION**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene:8:00pm

Moved	<u>    </u> Mr. Connors	Seconded	<u>    </u> Mr. Okamoto
Yea	<u>    </u> 9	Nay	<u>    </u> 0

**V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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- Technology and PARCC update
- 2014-15 School Calendar

**VII. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Alexandra Lopez**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” through “C”, be approved as presented:

**A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS**

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Dr. Suzanne Westberg, Elementary School Principal/Arbor Effective: 6/30/14  
Reason: Retirement

**B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - STAFF PERSONNEL**

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TEACHER

The following staff, effective TBD pending completion of required paperwork, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

James-Edwards Boyd	Step 1-BA	Physical Education Teacher
Account #11-120-100-101-15-07	\$49,537	Eisenhower

OTHER

Alyssa Park, Elementary Teacher/Eisenhower to revise Grades 1-5 Language Arts and Literacy Curriculum, at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours. Account #11-000-221-114-11-22

The following teachers for AP Saturday Academy High School, effective 3/22/14 through 5/10/14 at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours each. Account # 11-424-100-178-00-22-04

Holly Cregar-Porch	Jessica Loux	Bhawana Rathee	Lesley Ann Wilson
Christine DiCanto	Jason Metting	Brinder Soin	Lisa Sudfield
Rohan Gokhale	Diane Moskal	Damian Storey	Lisa Szeto
Adam Latham	Nadyne Perlin	Tracy McGowan	Richard Zirin

The following Community Education, PreSchool staff effective 3/17/14 for the 2013-14 school year.

Kimberly Hannon Dutton, Substitute Teacher/Community Education at an additional prorated difference in annual salary between \$19,142.32 and \$23,000.00 effective 3/17/14 for the duration of a Community Education Teacher's Family Leave. Account #61-853-330-100-00-10-12

MAINTENANCE

Adam Scolnick, Grounds/Ethel Road effective 3/17/14 with a prorated annual salary of \$40,920 for the customary 90 day probationary period for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.  
Account #11-000-263-110-00-45

SUBSTITUTES

Claudia Escalante, Community Education Substitute Aide, at a daily rate of \$75.00 effective 3/14/14 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Account #61-853-330-100-00-10-12

The following Community Education, substitute Before and Extended Child Care staff effective 3/14/14 for the 2013-2014 school year. Contingent upon enrollment: Account #61-852-331-100-83-98

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Brooke Bowers	Aide	\$8.25
Thomas Roberts	Aide	\$8.25

Jessica Ritchie-Ruta, Elementary Teacher/Randolphville to act as a substitute for previously approved Grade 3 tutors at Randolphville. At \$30.00 per day, not to exceed 10 days.  
Account #11-401-100-114-00-14

VOLUNTEER

The following supervised volunteer for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

Patrick Jones	Boys' Track & Field	High School
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C. CHANGE OF STATUS - STAFF PERSONNEL

TEACHER

Matthew Viola, English Teacher/High School, covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act 1/31/14 – 2/9/14 with pay and with benefits. Account #11-140-100-101-11-02

AIDES

Deidre Austin, RP Aide/Knollwood, covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act 3/6/14 – 3/23/14 with pay and with waiver. Account #11-213-100-106-00-37-44

Aaliyah Tankard, Noontime Aide/Arbor, extension of probationary period for an additional 30 days, effective 3/14/14 for the 2013-2014 school year.

The following change in status, effective 3/17/14 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Parmita Handique, Noontime Aide/Randolphville	Probationary	Regular

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE

The following change in location, effective 2/26/14, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Alice Jackson, Custodian	Grandview Account #11-000-262-110-00-41	Children's Corner Account #11-215-100-106-00-37-44 .50 FTE Account #61-853-330-100-00-10-12 .50 FTE

The following change in position, effective 3/17/14 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Anthony Stevens	Maintenance Step 6 \$44,688 Account #11-000-261-110-00-44	Specialist - Heating/Ventilation Technician Step 4 \$45,676 Account #11-000-261-110-00-46

William Brown, Maintenance/Ethel Road, extension of Medical Leave of Absence 3/4/14 – 3/31/14 without pay.  
Account #11-000-261-110-00-46

TRANSPORTATION

Vera Kesic, Bus Driver/Transportation, covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act 2/24/14 – 4/7/14 with pay and with waiver. Account #11-000-270-160-60-00-01

OTHER

Due to adjustments to the NCLB grant application revisions have been made to the following certified staff partially or fully funded by NCLB funds, effective immediately for the 2013-2014 school year:

NCLB 2013-2014 Title IA

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>NCLB Portion</u>	<u>Account #</u>
Arbor	Barbara Horton	\$63,691	\$7,509	20-231-100-101-00-06
Eisenhower	Janelle Burley	\$60,335	\$6,361	20-231-100-101-00-07
Quibbletown	Kelly Russ	\$64,231	\$64,231	20-231-100-101-00-04
Schor	Sonal Bhatt	\$75,337	\$75,310	20-231-100-101-00-05

NCLB 2013-2014 Title IA

<u>School</u>	<u>Behaviorist</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>NCLB Portion</u>	<u>Account #</u>
Grandview	Heather Blumert	53,287	\$10,115	20-231-200-100-00-09

NCLB 2013-2014 Title IIA

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>NCLB Portion</u>	<u>Account #</u>
Schor	Christian Mercado	\$49,537	\$30,828	20-270-100-101-00-16

NCLB 2013-2014 Title III

<u>School</u>	<u>World Language Teacher/ESL Department Chairperson</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>NCLB Portion</u>	<u>Account #</u>
High School	Glennysa Jurado-Moran	\$93,750	\$57,752	20-241-100-100-00-00

<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>
_____	Y	_____	Y	_____	Y
_____	Y	_____	Y	M	Y
_____	Y	S	Y	_____	Y
	Yea	9	Nay	0	

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every Board meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes' duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. The Board may require that individuals register to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Participants may submit written material in support of their position.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Motion to close:

Moved Mr. Nazir                      Seconded Mr. Okamoto  
           Yea 9                                      Nay 0

**IX. CURRICULUM – Mark Okamoto**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” and “B”, be approved as presented:

**A. APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS**

*Explanation:*

*The Piscataway Township Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-5.8(c)(1), hereby approves the following educational field trips. C=Curricular; E=Extra Curricular

Code	Event/Location	Curriculum Standards	Class/Group	Teacher/Advisor	School	Date(s)
C	Tour Lincoln Center, sing at the Empire State Building, see a Broadway Musical – New York, NY	Visual and Performing Arts – 1.1: 1.2; 1.3; 1.4	72 Choir Members (Grades 9-12)	Megan Suozzo	High School	April 30, 2014 (8:00-11:00)

**B. STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS BOWL NATIONAL FINALS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN CHAPEL HILL, NC APRIL 4-5, 2014 AT A COST TO THE BOARD OF APPROXIMATELY \$4000**

*Explanation:*

*For the past four years, Piscataway High School’s Debate Team, under the advisement of teacher Craig Hoek, has participated in a regional ethics debate hosted by Stevens Institute in Hoboken, NJ. Winners of the debate at Stevens move on to the national competition hosted by The Parr Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. By winning the regional competition at Stevens Institute in December 2013, the Piscataway High School Debate Team has earned a place in the national finals. This year, the national competition will be held at the University of North Carolina on April 4 & 5, 2014. The Debate Team is asking the Board of Education to fund this which will be approximately \$4000 to cover the air transportation for 5 students and their coach as well as two nights stay for an additional chaperone. The Parr Center is providing two nights hotel arrangement for the students and one coach as well as ground transportation and some meals for students.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes five student members of the Piscataway High School Debate Team and Coach Craig Hoek and chaperone Nadyne Perlin to attend and participate in the High School Ethics Bowl National Finals to be held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC April 4-5, 2014. This trip will be at a cost of approximately \$4000 to the Board.

<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>
<u>      </u>	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	<u>S</u>	Mr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Mr. Connors	<u>Y</u>
<u>      </u>	Ms. King	<u>Y</u>	<u>M</u>	Mr. Okamoto	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Ms. Lopez	<u>Y</u>
<u>      </u>	Mr. Mosier	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Mr. Irwin	<u>Y</u>
		<u>Yea</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Nay</u>	<u>0</u>		

**X. PUPIL SERVICES – Ira Stern**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” and “B”, be approved as presented:

**A. APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACTS**

*Explanation:*

*Due to our expansive offerings in special education in-district programs and their excellent reputation of our teachers, several school districts have requested consideration for placement in available classroom openings.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the revised tuition contract between the Sayreville Board of Education as the sending district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the receiving district. The tuition fee will now include additional Speech services at a rate of \$1,620.00 (prorated) beginning on March 10, 2014 and terminating on June 20, 2014 as follows:

	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Speech</u>	<u>1:1 aide</u>	<u>Total</u>
Student A : MC Program	\$24,825.00	Change from \$3,240.00 to \$4,860.00	\$30,367.02 prorated	\$60,052.02

**B. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following students for placement:

<u>Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<u>School Placements:</u> CPC High Point	3/17/14	Emotionally Disturbed	\$329.86 per diem

<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>
<u>      </u>	Ms. King	<u>Y</u>	<u>S</u>	Mr. Okamoto	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>
<u>      </u>	Mr. Mosier	<u>Y</u>	<u>M</u>	Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Ms. Lopez	<u>Y</u>
<u>      </u>	Mr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Mr. Connors	<u>Y</u>	<u>      </u>	Mr. Irwin	<u>Y</u>
		<u>Yea</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Nay</u>	<u>0</u>		

**XI. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Margaret King**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item “A”, be approved as presented:

A. APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AND/OR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD AT CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education deems participation in the following conferences by certain members and/or employees of the Board to be educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the costs aforesaid are and, as they further accrue, will be set forth in detailed documentation on file with the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, pursuant to P.L. 2007, c. 53, hereby approves the following travel events. Unless otherwise stated, all costs of registration, travel, meals and lodging are included, to the extent permitted by law.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost Not to Exceed</u>
Carolyn Keck Thomas Mosier	MAGNA Award Presentation at National School Boards Association Conference	April 5, 2014	\$905 total
<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>
_____ Mr. Mosier	_____	_____ Mr. Stern	_____ Ms. King
_____ Mr. Nazir	_____	_____ Mr. Connors	_____ Ms. Lopez
_____ Mr. Okamoto	_____	_____ Mr. Johnson	_____ Mr. Irwin
	Yea _____		Nay _____

**XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Fiscal Planning & Operations
- MRESC

**XIII. REVIEW OF MARCH 20, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- Comments from the Board
  - NJSBA
  - Board Retreat

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved Mr. Okamoto      Seconded Mr. Nazir  
 Yea 9                      Nay 0

--- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio  
 Interim Board Secretary