

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2014

The monthly Agenda Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Board President, Mr. Irwin.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

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| P | Mr. Connors | P | Ms. King | Arrived at 7:05pm | Mr. Nazir |
| P | Mr. Irwin | Arrived at 7:05pm | Ms. Lopez | P | Mr. Okamoto |
| P | Mr. Johnson | Absent | Mr. Mosier | Arrived at 7:22pm | Mr. Stern |

II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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 September 10, 2013 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

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III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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: 7:02 pm

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| Moved | <u>Mr. Okamoto</u> | Seconded | <u>Ms. King</u> |
| Yea | <u>6</u> | Nay | <u>0</u> |

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene: 8:10 pm

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| Moved | <u>Ms. King</u> | Seconded | <u>Mr. Nazir</u> |
| Yea | <u>8</u> | Nay | <u>0</u> |

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- MCSBA Spring Conference

VII. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Alexandra Lopez

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

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS

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| Christina King, Social Studies Teacher/Quibbletown | Effective: 5/31/14 Reason: Personal |
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| David Bass, Community Education Preschool Aide/Children’s Corner | Effective: 4/7/14 Reason: Personal |
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B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - STAFF PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION

Megan Strang, Assistant Elementary School Principal, with an annual salary of Step 1 Elementary Assistant Principal \$90,000, effective 9/1/14 for the 2014-2015 school year.
Account #11-000-240-103-00-07: 25%, Account #11-000-240-103-00-14: 25%,
Account #61-852-331-100-83-98: 50%

CUSTODIAN

Gladys Llerena, Custodian/Grandview effective 4/16/14, with a prorated annual salary of \$36,841 for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
Account #11-000-262-110-00-41

OTHER

The following Adult & Community Education Supervisors, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2014 Spring Semester, 4/26/14 to 6/7/14. Account #61-851-330-100-00-98

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Stephanie Dunlap | Site Coordinator | \$ 20.00 per hour |
| Elizabeth Kellijs | Site Coordinator | \$ 20.00 per hour |

Judith Biczis, MC Teacher/Conackamack be approved to participate in a 2 hour training webinar on 4/30/14 for a new math program for the Mild Cognitive Middle School class at rate of \$30.00 per hour. Account # 11-000-223-590-00-36

Jennifer Aiello LD Teacher/Grandview to participate in after school sessions for the Primary Report Card Committee for the 2013-2014 school year, at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 5 hours.
Account #11-000-221-114-00-22

The following teachers to write a program outline and curriculum for PHS special education courses, Topics in Foundation Math 1,2,3, for the 2013-2014 school year at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 180 hours (60 hours per course) among special education and mathematics faculty.
Account #11-000-221-114-12-22

Rebecca Dayton Joanne Gabriel Regina Horre

The following teachers for Saturday Academy Middle and High School, for the 2013-2014 school year at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 52 hours shared by the group of teachers. Account #11-424-100-178-00-22-04

Jason Bellew Rebecca Dayton

SUBSTITUTE

Michelle McKeown, Substitute Nurse at a daily rate of \$135.00 effective 4/11/14 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

C. CHANGE OF STATUS - STAFF PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Blanshaft FROM: Middle Grades Literacy Specialist/District TO: Assistant Elementary School Principal with a prorated annual salary of Step 3-Elementary Assistant Principal \$93,500, effective 4/21/14 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Account #11-000-240-103-00-06: 25%,
Account #11-000-240-103-00-11: 25%, Account #61-852-331-100-83-98: 50%

TEACHERS

Cyrene Azim, Elementary Teacher/Arbor extension of Child Care Leave Act 9/1/14 – 6/30/15 without pay and without waiver. Account #11-120-100-101-01-06

Rebekah Sterlacci, Vocal Music Teacher/Schor change in Federal Family Medical Leave Act FROM: 3/3/14 – 5/4/14 with pay and with benefits, 5/5/14 – 5/26/14 without pay and with benefits. TO: 3/3/14 – 5/18/14 with pay and with benefits, 5/19/14 – 5/26/14 without pay and with benefits. Account #11-130-100-101-16-05

Karyn Kobylarz, Elementary Teacher/Grandview, extension of Child Care Leave Act 9/1/14 – 6/30/15 without pay and without benefits. Account #11-120-100-101-01-09

Carmela LaMarsh, Elementary Teacher/Arbor, extension of Child Care Leave Act 9/1/14 – 6/30/15 without pay and without benefits. Account #11-120-100-101-01-06

Carolyn Romanoski, Support Specialist/Grandview change in Federal Family Medical Leave Act/ New Jersey Family Leave FROM: 3/10/14 – 5/15/14 with pay and with waiver, 5/16/14 – 6/19/14 without pay and with waiver. TO: 3/10/14 – 4/29/14 with pay and with waiver, 4/30/14 – 6/18/14 without pay and with waiver and Leave of Absence 6/19/14 without pay and with waiver. Account #20-231-100-101-00-09

Marguerite Fordi, Special Education Teacher/Program Chairperson/Administration Building, covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act 3/24/14 – 4/6/14 with pay and with benefits. Account #11-000-219-104-99-37

Matthew Viola, English Teacher/High School, covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act /New Jersey Family Leave 5/5/14 – 6/19/14 without pay and with benefits. Account #11-140-100-101-11-02

Marina Fonzetti, Elementary Teacher/ML King, change in Federal Family Medical Leave Act/New Jersey Family Leave FROM: 2/24/14 – 5/1/14 with pay and with benefits, 5/2/14 – 6/19/14 without pay and with benefits. TO: 2/24/14 – 5/12/14 with pay and with benefits, 5/13/14 – 6/19/14 without pay and with benefits. Account #11-120-100-101-01-09

AIDE

Stephen Lapchuk, RP Aide/High School, covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act 3/25/14 – 3/28/14 with pay and with benefits. Account #11-213-100-106-00-37-44

TRANSPORATION

Vera Kesic, Bus Driver/Transportation, extension of Federal Family Medical Leave Act 4/8/14 – 4/21/14 with pay and with waiver, 4/22/14 – 5/7/14 without pay and with waiver

D. ADDENDUM

TERMINATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Samantha Kozbial, Science Teacher/High School be terminated with sixty (60) days notice, in accordance with the contract. Termination will be effective June 9, 2014.

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| <u>M/S</u> | | <u>Vote</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
| <u> </u> | Mr. Connors | <u>Y</u> | | <u> </u> | | <u>N</u> |
| <u> </u> | Mr. Johnson | <u>Y</u> | <u>S</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u> </u> | Ms. King | <u>Y</u> | | <u>Y</u> | | <u>Y</u> |
| | | <u>Yea</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>1</u> | |

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: 8:45 pm

Moved Ms. King Seconded Mr. Okamoto
 Yea 8 Nay 0

IX. PUPIL SERVICES – Ira Stern

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

A. 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> | | | |
| YCS Muller 1 Program | 4/1/14 | Emotionally disturbed | \$327.58 per diem |
| Greenbrook Academy | 4/7/14 | Emotionally disturbed | \$349.52 per diem |

B. 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 tuition contract between the Franklin Board of Education as the sending district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the receiving district for a total tuition cost, including related services of \$42,597 (prorated) for one special education student commencing April 7, 2014 and terminating on June 20, 2014 as follows:

| | <u>Tuition</u> | <u>Counseling</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Student A : BD Program | \$40,977 | \$1,620 | \$42,597 |

| <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
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| Mr. Johnson | Y | Mr. Nazir | Y | Mr. Connors | Y |
| Ms. King | Y | Mr. Okamoto | Y | Ms. Lopez | Y |
| Mr. Mosier | | Mr. Stern | Y | Mr. Irwin | Y |
| | Yea | | Nay | | |
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X. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Margaret King

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

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

Explanation

The following resolution reflects the need for contracts with outside service providers conducting courses on behalf of the Office of Adult and Community Education. All contracts are contingent upon sufficient enrollment.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Adult & Community Education contracts, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2014 Winter Semester.

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| EFB I Nights | Connie Stanzione | \$ 25 per hour |
| Keep It Movin’ Monday & Saturdays | Estelle Terra Nova | \$ 20 per hour |
| Cake Decorating | Robin Hart | \$ 20 per student |
| Ballroom Dancing | Adrienne Green | \$ 25 per hour |
| Chess for Success | Lou De Lauro | \$ 25 per hour/11 students or \$ 30 per hour/12+ students |
| Chess for Success | Nick Kovalevich | \$ 10 per hour if enrollment exceeds 12 students. |
| Stop Smoking with Hypnosis | Marc Sky | \$ 20 per pupil |
| Behind the Wheel Instruction | Edison Driving School | \$250 per pupil |
| Cool Cardio | Vincenzo Stio | \$ 20 per hour |
| Basketball | Vincenzo Stio | \$ 20 per hour |
| Mix It Up Fitness | Vincenzo Stio | \$ 20 per hour |
| Gymnastics | KidCor | \$ 60-85 per hour |
| Gymnastics & Dance Combo | Cheryl Nogan | \$ 8 per student/per class |
| Dance and Theater | Kimberly Dutton | \$ 25 per hour |
| Hip Hop | Malcolm Little | \$ 20 per hour |
| Take Great Digital Pictures | Brien Szabo | \$ 65 One Session Course |
| CPR Class | Big Hearts, Little World | \$ 25 per person |
| Child and Babysitting Safety | Big Hearts, Little World | \$ 25 per person |
| Piano | Peter Seyffart | \$ 20 per hour |
| Piano | Ruth Seyffart | \$ 20 per hour |
| Knitting | Marilyn Higgins | \$ 20 per hour |
| English for the Foreign Born | Florence Wininger | \$ 30 per hour |
| Dance Fitness for Adults and Students | Darryl Catay | \$ 25 per hour |

| <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Vote</u> |
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| <u>M</u> | Ms. King | <u>Y</u> | Mr. Okamoto | <u>Y</u> | Mr. Johnson |
| | Mr. Mosier | | Mr. Stern | <u>Y</u> | Ms. Lopez |
| <u>S</u> | Mr. Nazir | <u>Y</u> | Mr. Connors | <u>Y</u> | Mr. Irwin |
| | Yea | <u>8</u> | Nay | <u>0</u> | |

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

Explanation

The following resolution reflects the need for contracts with outside service providers conducting courses on behalf of the Office of Adult and Community Education. All contracts are contingent upon sufficient enrollment.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Adult & Community Education contracts, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2014 Winter Semester.

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| <u>Course</u> Zumba Tone | <u>Contractor</u> Lisa Fox | <u>Amount</u> \$ 33 per student |
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| <u>M/S</u> M | Ms. King | <u>Vote</u> Y | <u>M/S</u> | Mr. Okamoto | <u>Vote</u> Present not voting | <u>M/S</u> | Mr. Johnson | <u>Vote</u> Y |
| <u> </u> | Mr. Mosier | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | Mr. Stern | <u>Y</u> | <u> </u> | Ms. Lopez | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>S</u> | Mr. Nazir | <u>Y</u> | <u> </u> | Mr. Connors | <u>Y</u> | <u> </u> | Mr. Irwin | <u>Y</u> |
| | | Yea | <u>7</u> | | Nay | <u>0</u> | | |

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fiscal Planning – Mr. Connors
- Curriculum – Mr. Okamoto
- Legislative
- Policy

XII. REVIEW OF APRIL 24, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Comments from the Board
- Motion to reconvene Executive Session – Motion by Mr. Okamoto and Second by Mr. Johnson at 9:15 pm.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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| Moved | <u>Mr. Okamoto</u> | Seconded | <u>Mr. Nazir</u> |
| | Yea <u>8</u> | | Nay <u>0</u> |

- - - Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio
Interim Board Secretary