

MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
CONFERENCE/ACTION MEETING
January 11, 2010

Opening Statement:

The Conference/Action Meeting of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 PM on January 11, 2010, by Board President Mary Jo Walilko. Adequate notice of the date and time for this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record on April 28, 2009, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mrs. Walilko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Patricia Hernandez, Margo Maher, Bridget Mauro and Mary Jo Walilko

Absent:

Caryn Battaglia, Steve Hoh and Anthony Novelli

Also Present:

Julia Coyne, Nancy Gulley, Jason Kryzwicki, Sam Morris, SSP Architectural Group and Ernest Palestis

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Margo Maher, the Board accepted the Conference/Regular session minutes of the joint monthly meeting held on December 21, 2009.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Correspondence

- Thank you letter from Noah's Ark was read by Mary Jo Walilko.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Palestis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. SSP Architectural Group was introduced by Dr. Palestis, and their presentation was delivered to the Board (see attached.)

Board Discussion/Reports

- Mary Jo Walilko inquired about SSP Architectural Group's familiarity with alternative energy sources. SSP responded they have completed several projects using geothermal and solar energy and have tied those projects in with the school's curriculum.

- Dr. Palestis commented on the exemplary business practices of SSP Architectural Group and the very positive relationship he experienced with them during his tenure at Morris Hills Regional.

Presentations
None

Business Administrator's Report
None

Public Discussion

- Mary Jo Walilko congratulated Sam Morris for being elected Town Council President and liaison to the Mine Hill Township Board of Education.
- Dr. Palestis indicated that the Board looked forward to a continued positive relationship with the Town Council.
- Dr. Palestis indicated that the damaged pole from the Canfield Avenue parking lot that was taken down needs to be removed from the property. Sam Morris will follow up with the Town Council.
- Patricia Hernandez inquired about the property behind the dumpsters being a safety issue. Mr. Morris replied that the property in question was not part of the school grounds and will be addressed by the Town Council, with the intention of filling in the hole in the spring.

FINANCE Steve Hoh, Patricia Hernandez

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, the Board approved the workshop travel request for the following: (Attachment 1)

NAME	WORKSHOP	LOCATION	DATES	COST	MILEAGE
Lu Olivo	Comprehensive Literacy	Newark	January 14, 2010	None	68 miles (at .31 per mile) \$21.00
Betty Lou Minno	Comprehensive Literacy	Newark	January 14, 2010	None	N/A (carpooling with Lu Olivo)

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Anthony Novelli, Margo Maher

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, the Board approved the following request for services: (Attachment 2)

STUDENT ID#	SERVICE	PROVIDER	DATE	COST
5807602015	Occupational Therapy Evaluation	Morris County Educational Services	TBD	\$355.00

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

OPERATIONS

Margo Maher, Mary Jo Walilko

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, the Board approved the First Reading of the following Policies and Regulations: (Attachment 3 a-i)

- 4281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct
- 3281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct
- 3431.3 New Jersey’s Family Leave Insurance Program
- 3240 Professional Development
- 3126 Induction Program for Provisional Teachers
- 2560 Live Animals In School
- 2423 Bilingual And ESL Education
- 2415.03 Highly Qualified Teachers
- 3325 Staff Use of Internet Social Networks And Other Forms Electronic Communications

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, the Board approved the second reading of Regulation 2624 Grading System. (Attachment 4)

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

PERSONNEL

Patricia Hernandez, Steve Hoh

New personnel employment appointments are contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks in accordance with N.J.S.A. 116, P.L. 1986.

And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board submit to the County Superintendent, as required, applications for emergency hiring and the applicant's attestations that they have not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.18A:6-7.1 et.seq.,N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. seq.,or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et.seq., on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board rescinded the appointment of Steve Toth as Educational Facilities Manager, effective January 6, 2010.

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the appointment of Substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year as per the attached list. (Attachment 5)

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following appointment of new Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year:

Katie Thrower	\$80 per day, \$90 after 10 days
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Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Caryn Battaglia, Mary Jo Walilko

- Dr. Palestis indicated that the Board was pleased with the Canfield Avenue School web page and the following items were discussed at the committee meeting:
 1. Parent Involvement Program
 2. Interdistrict Public School Choice Program
 3. Zero period and after school hours to be used for NJASK preparation

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS Mary Jo Walilko, Caryn Battaglia

- Dr. Palestis indicated that the following items were discussed at the committee meeting:
 1. Shared Services
 2. Right to Know Training
 3. State Funding Issues
 4. Swipe Card at Canfield Avenue entrance

5. Removing pole
6. Repainting
7. Wharton bus issues

- The Board inquired about the handicapped sign near the Kindergarten entrance being replaced and moved to the correct parking space. Dr. Palestis will follow up.

Dover Report

Bridget Mauro

- The Board asked Mrs. Mauro to inquire about the status of Dover's 2010-2011 school calendar at their January 19, 2010 meeting. Bridget Mauro will follow up.

MHEF Report

Margo Maher

- Dr. Palestis requested further information about the AR donation provided by the Mine Hill Educational Foundation. Mrs. Maher will follow up.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Patricia Hernandez at 8:55 PM, the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

- 1) *a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law*
- 2) *a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds*
- 3) *material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy*
- 4) *a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it*

- 5) *a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds*
- 6) *protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law*
- 7) *pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege*
- 8) *specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session*
- 9) *deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Note: This closed session will include items in categories __7__. It may be adjourned while business is conducted in public then reconvened after public business has been completed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Margo Maher at 9:00PM, the Board returned to the regular session meeting.

Public Discussion
None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Bridget Mauro, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried