

MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
CONFERENCE/ACTION MEETING
May 10, 2010

Opening Statement

The Conference/Action Meeting of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 PM on May 10, 2010 by Board Vice President Steve Hoh. Adequate notice of the date and time for this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record on May 5 2010, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Steve Hoh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Caryn Battaglia, Jill Del Rio, Patricia Hernandez, Steve Hoh, Bridget Mauro. Mary Jo Walilko entered the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Absent:

Anthony Novelli

Others Present:

Brett Coranato, Julia Coyne, Nancy Gulley, Sam Morris and Ernest Palestis.

The Board is aware of Anthony Novelli's absences at this time.

Motion by Steve Hoh and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board accepted the closed session minutes of the Regular monthly meeting held on April 26, 2010.

Motion by Steve Hoh and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board accepted the minutes of the Reorganization/Regular monthly meeting held on April 26, 2010.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Mary Jo Walilko read the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Letters from Dr. Serafino regarding representatives to Boards of Education

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Palestis welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Dr. Palestis publicly acknowledged the Town Council for not reducing the budget and heralded them for making a brave decision. He also expressed his

thanks to Mary Jo Walilko and Katine Slunt for presenting a sound budget to the council.

- Dr. Palestis indicated that there have been several new bills released by the Governor and the Board will keep close watch on them as they could have significant impact on the district.
- Dr. Palestis informed the Board that he is in the process of scheduling a “Technology Night” to showcase the new programs implemented. He will follow up with the staff and Mr. Hobaugh.

Board Discussion/Reports

- None

Presentations

- None

Business Administrator’s Report

- None

Public Discussion

- None

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia at 7:40 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 8. 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 Caryn Battaglia at 8:21 PM, the Board returned to the regular session meeting.

FINANCE

Steve Hoh, Patricia Hernandez

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the **workshop travel request for Bridget Mauro** on May 15, 2010 to attend, at no cost, the NJSBA Delegates Assembly and Mandated Training, Plainsboro, New Jersey, with mileage reimbursement of 45.07 miles at .31 per mile totaling \$13.97. (Attachment 1)

Roll Call Vote

Bridget Mauro Abstained-All Others Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the **workshop travel request for Steve Hoh** on May 13, 2010 to attend, at no cost, the NJSBA Morris County Spring Meeting, Memorial Junior School, Whippany, New Jersey, with mileage reimbursement of 12.05 miles at .31 per mile totaling \$3.73.

Roll Call Vote

Steve Hoh Abstained-All Others Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the attached bills list in the amount of \$13,398.56. (Attachment 2)

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Anthony Novelli, Jill Del Rio

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the **request for services** for the following students:
(Attachment 3)

Student ID	Service	Provider	Date(s)	Cost
3514236475	Initial OT Evaluation	Educational Services Commission	To be completed by the end of 2009-2010 school year	\$355.00
4601158618	Psychological Evaluation	TBD	TBD	\$850.00
3258911802	Psychiatric Evaluation	Dr. Kleinman, Morristown, NJ	TDB	\$700* (*\$75 increase from original quote of \$625 approved on April 12)

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the **field trip request** for the following:
(Attachment 4)

Grade	Destination	Purpose	Date(s)	Cost
6 th Grade	Frog Falls Water Park	End of the Year Trip provided by parents	June 11, 2010	None

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the **request for Home Instruction** for Student ID 3206091314, provided by Lyn Rand at the Home instruction rate of \$30.69 per hour, five hours per week for the remainder of the 2010-2010 school year.
(Attachment 5)

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motions Carried

OPERATIONS Jill Del Rio, Mary Jo Walilko

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved **Final Draft of the 2010-2011 School Calendar** which is attached and made part of this resolution by reference.(Attachment 6)

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the following **use of facilities**:

Organization	Room(s) Requested	Purpose	Dates/Times of Use
Wharton/Mine Hill Police Department	Gym	D.A.R.E. Graduation	May 25, 2010 6:00 pm
Girl Scouts	Gym	Investiture/Petal Ceremony	May 18, 2010 5:45 to 6:45 pm

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motions 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 Patricia Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **Preliminary 2010-2011 Teacher Staffing Plan**, which is attached and made part of this resolution by reference. (Attachment 7)

Roll Call Vote-Caryn Battaglia and Bridget Mauro Voting No
All Others Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **renewal of**

teaching staff for the 2010-2011 school year, which is attached and made part of this resolution by reference. (Attachment 8)

Roll Call Vote-Caryn Battaglia and Bridget Mauro Voting No
All Others Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **renewal of support and administrative staff for the 2010-2011 school year**, which is attached and made part of this resolution by reference. (Attachment 9)

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **travel request for Greg Hobaugh** on May 12, 2010 to attend, at no cost, the Dodge Foundation Fellows Acceptance Meeting for 2010 Award Recipients, Monroe Township, New Jersey, with mileage reimbursement of 101 miles at .31 per mile totaling \$31.31. (Attachment 10)

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

Susan Spano	\$80 per day, \$90 after 10 days
*Erik Naclerio	\$80 per day, \$90 after 10 days
*has received his Certificate of Eligibility, entitling him to increase in sub pay rate	

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the appointment of **Lyn Rand as a Home Instruction Provider**, at the home instruction rate of \$30.69 per hour, for the 2009-2010 school year, as needed. (Attachment 11)

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Caryn Battaglia, Anthony Novelli

- None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS Bridget Mauro, Caryn Battaglia

- None

Dover Report

Bridget Mauro

- Bridget Mauro reported that Dover is in the process of organizing a presentation to the Mine Hill Township Board of Education regarding the progress of the Dover Middle School and Dover High School students that are residents of Mine Hill as per the request made by Dr. Palestis on behalf of the Board.

MHEF Report

Jill Del Rio

- Jill Del Rio reported that the Mine Hill Educational Foundation is requesting a list from the Canfield Avenue School of painting projects to be completed during the summer.
- It was suggested that the Mine Hill Township Board of Education complete a formal request to the Mine Hill Educational Foundation to fund Canfield Avenue School's summer school program.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 8:30 am.
- The Curriculum and Student Activities Committee and Operations Committee had a meeting prior to the Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010. Dr. Palestis and the committee members discussed the need to address the ongoing situation with some students habitually arriving to school too early and being picked up from school too late. Dr. Palestis will follow up with Mr. Hobough and Canfield Kids. Alternatives to instruction regarding World Languages and purchasing a new Language Arts series were also discussed. No decisions have been made at this time. Food services have gone out to bid. The Township of Mine Hill has provided the Board with a list of guidelines regarding snow removal and grass cutting.

Public Discussion

- Sam Morris requested a copy of the Teacher Staffing Plan (attachment 7) and the Renewal of Teaching Staff for the 2010-2011 School Year. (attachment 8) Dr. Palestis indicated he could obtain a copy at the conclusion of the meeting. He asked the Board if any significant changes had been made to the plan since the proposal was given to the Council. Mary Jo indicated that there were none. Mr. Morris asked if his understanding that Canfield Avenue School is

responsible for all snow removal on the sidewalks regardless of the amount accumulated was accurate. Dr. Palestis indicated that he was correct.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:37PM.

Roll Call Vote- All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried