

MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2010

Opening Statement

The Regular Meeting of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 PM on July 12, 2010, by Board President Mary Jo Walilko. 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.

Mary Jo Walilko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Caryn Battaglia, Steve Hoh, Patricia Hernandez (arrived at 7:50) Bridget Mauro and Mary Jo Walilko

Absent:

Jill Del Rio

Others Present:

Denise Arias, Karen Condon, Julia Coyne, Susan Kenlon, Michelle Melendez and Ernest Palestis

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board accepted the **Closed Session minutes** of the Regular meeting held on June 28, 2010.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board accepted the **minutes** of the Regular meeting held on June 28, 2010.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

The following correspondence was addressed by Mary Jo Walilko:

- Letter from Paul Green
- Letter from Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso and Zitomer
- Thank you letter from the Skelly Family
- Technology Plan approval letter from Dr. Serafino-The Board expressed their thanks to Greg Hobaugh and Dorothy Quinn.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Palestis welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.
- Dr. Palestis indicated that the part time Speech Pathologist contract is on the agenda for approval this evening. MBE Speech and Language Services will

save the district \$50,650.00. That is over \$15,000.00 more than the original anticipated savings of \$35,000.00.

- Dr. Palestis reported that the Canfield Avenue School is still in the process of looking for a part time American Sign Language teacher.
- The district is looking into Story Town or Journeys as the new Language Arts Series. Dr Palestis reviewed Greg Hobaugh's recommendation of Story Town.
- Dr. Palestis indicated that the Buildings and Grounds committee met with the new architect last week. The HVAC grant is in the process of being reworked. The windows in the all purpose room were discussed as well as the hallway tile remediation.
- The soils engineer has designed the cap for the shaft and the work will begin as soon as the appropriate contractors are scheduled. Dr. Palestis requested permission from the Board to address the issue with the concrete pad for the new shed and the gravel parking lot while the equipment for the shaft remediation is here. The Board agreed and Dr. Palestis will follow up.
- Dr. Palestis indicated that the broken window in room 210 is in the process of being fixed.

Board Discussion/Reports

- June Discipline Report-No discussion
- School Uniforms-The Board would like to institute a school uniform policy. Dr. Palestis recommended an online survey to get parent and staff input to be done sometime in September or October. He also suggested contacting other public school districts that have a uniform policy.

Presentations-None

Business Administrator's Report-None

The following of Board of Education Candidates were interviewed:

- Denise Jiménez-Arias
- Michelle Melendez

Mrs. Walilko thanked the potential candidates for their interest in being on the Board.

Public Discussion

- Karen Condon indicated that the dress code policy might be in need of updating. She also indicated that the policy was not included in the student agenda. Dr. Palestis will follow up.
- Karen Condon also inquired about another vending machine for the staff. The Board indicated that the Mine Hill Teacher's Association has full support to arrange for a new vending machine.

FINANCE Steve Hoh, Patricia Hernandez

Motion by Steve Hoh and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, the Board approved the **payment of bills** as per the attached bill list in the amount of \$527,155.73. (Attachment 1)

Motion by Steve Hoh and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, the Board approved the **First Reading** of the following policies and regulations: (Attachment 2)

- 2436-Activity Participation Fee Program (new)
- 6360-Political Contributions (revised)
- 6422-Budget Transfers (revised)
- 6740-Reserve Account (revised)

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Jill Del Rio

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Patricia Hernandez, the Board approved the adoption of Story Town as the **new reading series** for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

OPERATIONS Jill Del Rio, Mary Jo Walilko

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

Organization	Purpose	Rooms Needed	Dates
Mine Hill/Wharton Cub Scout Pack 45	Cub Scout Pack Meetings	Gym and *Playground (*6/18 only)	Sept 2010 through June 2011 (dates on file)

Motion by Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board approved the **First Reading** of the following policies and regulations: (Attachment 3)

- 5111-Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (revised)
- 8420-Emergency and Crisis Situations (revised)
- 8420.01-Fire and Fire Drills (revised)
- 8600-Transportation (revised)

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 Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved **Zorina Carter-Munson as a lunch aide** for the 2010-2011 school year, at the rate of \$11.59 per hour, no benefits, effective September 1, 2010.

Motion by Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the one time payment to **Tim Collins for unused vacation time** for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$1,455.10.

Motion by Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the one time payment to **Roberto Bautista for unused vacation time** for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$ 727.55.

Motion by Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved **Diane Lansdell as the substitute teacher for the 2010-2011 summer school program, as needed, at a rate of \$32.01 per hour.**

Motion by Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **workshop travel request for Gregory Hobaugh to attend, on July 15, 2010, the free workshop titled “Title I and Title II Technical Assistance for Program Directors”, Jamesburg, New Jersey, with mileage of 100 miles at .31 per mile for a total cost of \$31.00.**

Motion by Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **workshop travel request for Gregory Hobaugh to attend, on August 19, 2010, the free workshop titled “Determining Officials Workshop 2010”, Morristown, New Jersey, with mileage of 34 miles at .31 per mile for a total cost of \$10.54.**

Motion by Patricia Hernandez and seconded by Mary Jo Walilko, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the **workshop travel request for Gregory Hobaugh, to attend, on July 14, 2010, the free workshop titled “Choice Meeting”, Trenton, New Jersey, with mileage of 162 miles at .31 per mile for a total cost of \$50.22.**

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

Type of Contract	Company/Person	Purpose	Cost	Other Quotes
Professional Services	MBE Speech and Language Services, LLC Speech/Language Pathologist	Provide Speech/Language Services September 2010 to June 2011	\$100.00 per hour Weekly hours not to exceed 15. Annual hours not to exceed 540	N/A

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Caryn Battaglia

- None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS Bridget Mauro, Caryn Battaglia

- None

Dover Report Bridget Mauro

- Mrs. Mauro indicated that the Dover High School discussed the new reorganization of AP and Honors classes. She also informed the Board that Mr. Sean Bullok has been appointed as the new Dover High School principal. The Board asked Mrs. Mauro to follow up with issue of grades being available online for parents.

MHEF Report Jill Del Rio

- It was suggested by the Board that the Mine Hill Educational Foundation attend future Board of Education meetings annually for the purpose of presenting their business plan, goals and future endeavors to the Board. Proper processes need to be followed to ensure that the greatly appreciated donations and programs sponsored by the Mine Hill Educational Foundation are carried out efficiently.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Mary Jo Walilko received a letter from Assemblyman Anthony Bucco to Senator Lautenberg and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen requesting financial help on our behalf for the sinkhole remediation.
- Dr. Palestis indicated that the municipality is in the process of writing a grant proposal that would help to map the mines in Mine Hill.

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia at 8:42 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 adjourned 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 3 and 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 Caryn Battaglia at 8:53 PM, the Board returned to the regular session meeting.

Public Discussion

- None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mary Jo Walilko and seconded by Caryn Battaglia, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Roll Call Vote-All Present Voting Yes-Motion Carried