

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 15, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Delanco Board of Education was held on July 15, 2015 in the M. Joan Pearson School gymnasium, Delanco Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. Vice President, Mr. Phil Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed. The flag was saluted.

On roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Ken Adams, Mrs. Rose Gonteski, Mr. Paul Hamlin, Mr. Eric Hoffman, Mr. Phil Jenkins, Mrs. Marisa Karamanoogian, and Mr. Harry Litwack.

Also present were Mr. Joseph Mersinger, Superintendent/Principal; Mrs. Joanne D'Angelo, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mr. Louis Conti, Principal; Mr. Cameron Jenkins, Riverside High School Representative; one DTEA member; one student; and three residents.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given in the following manner: Posting written notice on the official bulletin boards at the M. Joan Pearson School, the Walnut Street School, and the Board of Education Office on July 1, 2015; by advertising in the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 16, 2015 and by sending a notice on July 1, 2015; and by filing written notice with the Clerk of Delanco Township on July 1, 2015.

Election of Officers

On a motion by Mr. Hoffman, and seconded by Mr. Adams, Mr. Jenkins was nominated as President. Roll call vote showed 7 ayes, 0 nays to elect Mr. Jenkins as President. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Gonteski, and seconded by Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Adams was nominated as Vice-president. Roll call vote showed 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Mr. Adams), and 0 nays to elect Mr. Adams as Vice-president. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the June 10, 2015 Regular & Executive Session Meetings

Motion: Mr. Hamlin Second: Mr. Hoffman Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Acceptance of the Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for May 2015, which are in agreement:

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Karamanoogian Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Liaison Reports

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Riverside High School Student Representative Report

Mr. Cameron Jenkins reported that groups of Student Council officers and Junior ROTC cadets attended leadership conferences and learned valuable skills.

Welcome Visitors - Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no comments.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Mersinger

A motion is requested to approve the following:

- A. HIB Report for June 2015 - See Supplemental Agenda
- B. Drills conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:27-11.2 during the month of June as follows:

	Fire	Emergency
Pearson	06/11/15	06/15/15 Bomb threat evacuation
Walnut	06/08/15	06/18/15 Lockdown drill
- C. New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC) Report
- D. Teacher Evaluation System - Annual Adoption

WHEREAS, the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey Act (TEACH NJ Act) requires all New Jersey Public School Districts to adopt educator evaluation rubrics that include state-approved teacher and principal practice evaluation instruments; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Danielson Teacher Evaluation Model be adopted by the Delanco Township School District;

THEREFORE, the Delanco Township Board of Education adopts the Danielson Teacher Evaluation Model for the 2015-2016 school year

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mr. Paul Hamlin Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Pupil Welfare Report

Mr. Mersinger reported that enrollment as of June 19, 2015 at the M. Joan Pearson School was 265 and at the Walnut Street School was 120. Suspensions for the month June were listed on the supplement. Thirty-nine students have registered for kindergarten to date.

A motion was requested to approve the following:

- A. Approve district calendar revision due to new standardized testing dates as per the New Jersey Department of Education. See attached.

Motion: Mr. Paul Hamlin Second: Mr. Eric Hoffman Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

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Special Education Report

No report

Curriculum Committee Report

In the absence of the Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the following:

- A. Board of Education and staff travel per the attached exhibit

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Karamanoogian Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Finance Report – Mr. Adams

The committee chairperson makes a motion to approve the following:

- A. Necessary line item transfers for June 2015
- B. Monthly line account certification for May 2015
- C. Payment of bills in the amount of \$43,691.81 and \$171,803.38; handwritten checks #131814 and 131817-131818 totalling \$4,417.44; and electronic funds transfers and state aid debits totalling \$847,174.28
- D. Accept donation of school supplies from Ann Schoenstein of 5 Swan Court
- E. Special education tuition contract for the 2014-15 school year with Kingsway Learning Center for one student as of 5/19/15 through 6/30/15 at the annual rate of \$50,693.40, prorated
- F. Special education tuition contract for the 2015-16 school year with Kingsway Learning Center for one student for the period 7/6/15 through 6/30/16 at the annual rate of \$62,724.90, prorated
- G. Special education tuition contract for the 2015-16 school year with Legacy Treatment Services, Inc. - Mary A. Dobbins School for one student for the period 7/6/15 through 6/30/16 at the annual rate of \$67,242.00, prorated
- H. Special Education tuition contract for the 2015-16 school year with Garfield Park Academy for one student for the period 7/6/15 through 6/30/16 at the annual rate of \$56,460.00, prorated
- I. Tuition contract with the Riverside Board of Education to send high school students for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$11,894 per student

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- J. Special education tuition contract with the Riverside Board of Education to send preschool disabled students for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$18,975 per student
- K. Shared-service contract agreement for Child Study Team services with the Riverside Board of Education for the 2015-16 school year, partially funded by the 2016 IDEA Basic grant
- L. Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold - Qualified Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, Joanne D'Angelo, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a qualified purchasing agent (QPA) certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in consultation with the State Treasurer and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), on July 1, 2015 has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with purchasing agents who possess qualified purchasing agent certificates, from \$36,000 to \$40,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Delanco Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$40,000 for the board of education, and further authorizes Joanne D'Angelo to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Karamanoogian Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Lunchroom Report – Mr. Adams

The committee chairperson makes a motion to approve the following:

- A. Nutri-Serve's monthly report for May & June 2015
- B. Ratification of bills paid in the amount of \$22,043.11 with checks #2056-2057
- C. Approve participation in the National School Lunch Program for 2015-16 School Year (Lunch and Breakfast program in both schools)
- D. Revision of May 6, 2015 motion to renew food service management contract as follows:

Year three renewal of food service management contract with Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc. of 4431 Route 130 South, PO Box 297, Burlington, NJ 08016 for the 2015-2016 school year at a flat management fee of \$13,260.00 with no profit/loss/breakeven guarantee

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Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Karamanoogian Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Riverside Liaison Report – Mr. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins mentioned that graduation was held indoors and was very enjoyable.

Transportation Committee Report – Mr. Hamlin

No report

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Litwack

The facilities staff is working hard to complete summer projects.

Policy and Personnel Report – Mrs. Karamanoogian

The committee chairperson makes a motion to approve the following:

- A. Hiring of Natalie Marakowski as 0.6 FTE guidance counselor at the MA Step 1 annual salary of \$50,075 (0.6 FTE prorated to \$30,045) as of 9/1/2015
- B. Unpaid personal leave of absence for Sonya Nestor for the period of 9/1/15 through 12/31/15
- C. Dayna Mader as substitute teacher for the extended school year LLD program at the rate of \$44 per hour
- D. Use of NCLB Title I funds for the salary of Basic Skills teacher, Christopher Hazynski for the 2015-16 school year
- E. Revise approved custodial hourly rate for Tammara Best for the period of 6/22/15-6/26/15 from \$10.84 to \$15.84
- F. Revise approved Behavior Modification grants for the 2015-16 school year to Special Education teacher as listed:

Dawn Schroff (replaces Dayna Mader) - \$100

Motion: Mrs. Karamanoogian Second: Mr. Hamlin Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Old Business

Board of Education nominating petitions are due to the Burlington County Clerk's office by Monday, July 27, 2015 at 4:00 pm

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New Business

Mr. Jenkins asked Board members to contact Mr. Mersinger to express interest in serving on any particular committee. New committee structure will be announced at the next Board meeting.

Distributions

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Representing the Delanco Public Library, Mrs. Maureen Barrett and Mrs. Heather Phillips commented that they would like to see a campaign in place to encourage middle school students to use the public library. It was suggested that the Walnut Street School newspaper contributors hold meetings at the library and that middle school students have opportunities to perform community service hours.

Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Jenkins read the following statement:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into executive session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Delanco School District has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public, and

WHEREAS, the special meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of executive session at approximately 9:45 p.m. this evening

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved, That the Board of Education of the Delanco School District will go into executive session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

To conduct interviews with prospective board members

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Gonteski Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

The Board returned to public session at 9:45 p.m.

Appointment of Interim Board Member

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Corey Lilliston to fill the vacant Board of Education seat until the next reorganization meeting.

Motion: Mr. Hamlin Second: Mr. Litwack Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

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Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Litwack, seconded by Mrs. Gonteski and carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne P. D'Angelo
Board Secretary