

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – September 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Delanco Board of Education was held on September 9, 2015 in the M. Joan Pearson School cafeteria, Delanco Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. 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. Phil Jenkins, Mrs. Marisa Karamanoogian, Mr. Corey Lilliston, Mr. Harry Litwack, and Mrs. Cynthia Wagstaff.

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; Mrs. Ruth Esposito, PTO President; three DTEA members; one parent; one Township Representative; 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 September 1, 2015; by advertising in the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 16, 2015 and by sending a notice on September 1, 2015; and by filing written notice with the Clerk of Delanco Township on September 1, 2015.

Approval of Minutes of the August 19, 2015 Regular & Executive Session Meetings

Motion: Mrs. Wagstaff Second: Mr. Hamlin Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Accept Reports of Secretary and Treasurer for July 2015 which are in agreement

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Marisa Karamanoogian Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Liaison Reports

Riverside High School Student Representative Report

Mr. Cameron Jenkins introduced himself and reported on the following activities at the High School: Freshman Orientation for the Class of 2019 took place on 8/26/15: the Student Council is encouraging "Ram Pride" by selling tee shirts and is looking forward to an exciting year.

Delanco PTO

PTO President, Mrs. Ruth Esposito reflected on PTO activities that kicked off the school year: Meet and Greet Mr. Conti, kindergarten and sixth grade orientations and the staff Welcome Back breakfast. The first PTO meeting will be held on 9/14/15. Upcoming events include: PTO

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membership drive; Fall Fundraiser with Gifts N Things; Back to School Bingo/Sundae Night on 9/25/15; and the Book Fair from 9/29/15 through 10/3/15.

Student Recognition

- A. Students of the month for September will be recognized during the Board of Education meeting on October 14, 2015.

Welcome Visitors - Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no comments.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Mersinger

Mr. Mersinger expressed appreciation to the PTO and to the staff for their tremendous efforts toward preparing for a smooth opening of school.

A motion is requested to approve the following:

- A. Superintendent's Weekly Reports submitted by Joseph Mersinger
- B. Principal's Monthly Report submitted by Louis Conti
- C. HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) Self-Assessments for Walnut Street Middle School and M. Joan Pearson Elementary School for 2014-2015
- D. Date for the public hearing on the annual Violence and Vandalism Report to be October 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM
- E. Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for 2015-2016

Motion: Mr. Adams

Second: Mrs. Gonteski

Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

The following items were tabled until after the Executive Session:

- F. District Goals for 2015-2016
- G. Superintendent Merit Goals for 2015-2016
- H. Superintendent Professional Development Plan for 2014 through 2017
- I. Superintendent Evaluation for 2014-2015

Pupil Welfare Report

- A. HIB, Suspensions, Classifications - See supplement
- B. Mr. Mersinger reported that enrollment at Pearson is currently 267 and at

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Walnut is 134.

- C. 47 students enrolled in Kindergarten; now divided into three homerooms
- D. Mr. Mersinger reported that orientations held for Grade 6 and Grade K were valuable for the students.

Mr. Adams asked when Genesis will be opened for parents. Mr. Mersinger replied that updates are underway and the parent portal will be opened for Walnut Street School soon. At this time, use of the parent portal is not planned for Pearson School.

Special Education Report

No report

Curriculum Committee Report

The committee chairperson makes a motion to approve the following:

- A. Board of Education and staff travel per the attached exhibit
- B. Revised K-8 Technology Curriculum by Amanda Smith (aligned with 2014 Technology and 21st Century Life and Careers Standards)
- C. Grade 6 Science Curriculum by Pegeen Harper aligned with the 2014 Next Generation Science, ELA CCSS, Writing and Literacy in History, Social Studies, Science, and Technology, Math CCSS, 21st Century Life and Careers Standards
- D. K-5 “Wonders” ELA program Scope and Sequence/Pacing Guides developed by:
 - 1. Kindergarten - Stephanie Weller
 - 2. Grade 1 - Kelli Santino
 - 3. Grade 2 - Lisa Wallace
 - 4. Grade 3 - Linda Guckin
 - 5. Grade 4 - Dayna Mader
 - 6. Grade 5 - Kim Minimi

Motion: Mrs. Wagstaff Second: Mrs. Karamanoogian Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Finance Report – Mr. Adams

The committee chairperson makes a motion to approve the following:

- A. Necessary line item transfers for August 2015
- B. Monthly line account certification for July 2015

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- C. Payment of bills in the amount of \$69,227.20; handwritten check #131997 in the amount of \$472.52; and electronic funds transfers totalling \$89,881.75
- D. Special education tuition contract for the 2015-16 school year with Riverside Board of Education to receive two students in the M. Joan Pearson School LLD special education class for the period 9/3/15 through 6/16/16 at the annual rate per student of \$27,632, prorated
- E. Resolution for member participation in a cooperative pricing system with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission per attached agreement

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mrs. Karamanoogian Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Lunchroom Report – Mr. Adams

No report

Riverside Liaison Report - Mr. Jenkins

No report

Operations and Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Litwack

- A. Mr. Litwack reported on the tour of facilities and many maintenance projects that were accomplished over the summer.

Policy Committee Report - Mr. Hamlin

- A. Mr. Hamlin reported on the policy manual review and revision. The goal is to have the policy manual updated and online by June 2016.

Personnel Committee Report - Mrs. Karamanoogian

The committee chairperson makes a motion to approve the following:

- A. Hiring of Anne LaVergne as Kindergarten Teacher for the 2015-16 school year at the BA step 1 annual salary of \$47,825, prorated
- B. Hiring of Takeyia White as part-time instructional aide (4.75 hours) for the 2015-16 school year at the Walnut Street Middle School at the rate of \$10 per hour, pending fingerprinting and background check
- C. Linda Guckin (Grade 3 Teacher) to serve as the official state-required mentor for Keri Toth (Grade 3) for 2015-16.

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- D. Stephanie Weller (Kindergarten Teacher) to serve as the official state-required mentor for the Anne LaVergne (Kindergarten Teacher) for 2015-16.
- E. Paid leave of absence for the adoption of a child for Sandra Fleming-Stein for the period 9/10/15-9/28/15
- F. Additional summer hours for Denise Cotten for administrative transition - 71 hours at rate per DTEA contract
- G. Rescind hiring of Shane Manuel as part-time instructional aide for the 2015-16 school year

Motion: Mrs. Karamanoogian Second: Mr. Hamlin Roll Call Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Old Business

NJSBA Workshop will be held October 27-29, 2015. Registration cancellation deadline is 9/26/15. Lodging refund deadline is 10/16/15.

New Business

- A. Mr. Mersinger announced that access to the Board Self-Evaluation for 2014-2015 is available.

Distributions

None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Karamanoogian expressed appreciation for the level of communication she has received as a parent from Middle School teachers this year.

Executive Session

At 8:04 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 regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of executive session at approximately 8:34 p.m. this evening

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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:

A. Superintendent Evaluation and Goals

Motion: Mr. Litwack Second: Mr. Adams Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

The Board returned to public session at 8:48 p.m.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the following items:

F. District Goals for 2015-2016

G. Superintendent Merit Goals for 2015-2016

H. Superintendent Professional Development Plan for 2014 through 2017

I. Superintendent Evaluation for 2014-2015

Motion: Mr. Adams Second: Mr. Litwack Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Wagstaff, seconded by Mr. Lilliston and carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne P. D'Angelo
Board Secretary