

Manalapan, New Jersey
December 5, 2017

The Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Board of Education in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, convened on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for a Regular Board Meeting. This meeting was held at the Wemrock Brook School, 118 Millhurst Road, Manalapan, New Jersey.

This meeting was called to order by the Board President, Dotty Porcaro.

Roll call showed the following Board Members in attendance:

Gerald Bruno, Annamarie Galante, Christine Parisi, Dotty Porcaro,
Joanne Schechter, Lori Semel, Joe Tringali

Absent:

Brian Graime, Michele Stipelman

Also in attendance:

John Marciante, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent
Veronica Wolf, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Nicole Santora, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources

OPENING STATEMENT

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

1. The prominent posting of said notice in all district schools and other public places;
2. The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, Asbuty Park Press and News Transcript and The Manalapan Patch.
3. Filing with the Clerk of Manalapan Township and the Clerk of Englishtown Borough.

Student Performance

The Wemrock Brook Intermediate Band performed for the Board of Education and public in attendance.

FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION

1. Superintendent's Report - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
 - 2 Incidents of H.I.B. were documented
 - 20 Incidents were investigated

ADMINISTRATION

Motion by Mrs. Schechter, seconded by Mr. Tringali, and approved by roll call vote the following item:

Donation (WB) - Drum Set

1. The donation of a Pacific drum set from Mr. Mark A. Lippman worth \$800.00.

We would like to thank Mr. Lippman for his generosity and support.

ROLL CALL VOTE :

AYES : Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Parisi, Mrs. Porcaro,
Mrs. Schechter, Mrs. Semel, Mr. Tringali

NAYS : None

ABSENT : Mr. Graime, Mrs. Stipelman

BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Galante, seconded by Mrs. Porcaro, and approved by roll call vote the following item:

List of Bills

1. The claims for goods received and services rendered to be correct by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in the amount of \$644,618.16.

ROLL CALL VOTE :

AYES : Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Parisi, Mrs. Porcaro,
Mrs. Schechter, Mrs. Semel, Mr. Tringali

NAYS : None

ABSENT : Mr. Graime, Mrs. Stipelman

PERSONNEL

General Statement on Hiring

1. The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education accept/approve the following Personnel items, including the emergent employment of the following employees

(indicated by *) conditional upon final approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the Board further authorizes the submission of an application for emergency hiring pursuant to NJSA 18A:6-71, et seq., NJSA 18 A:64.13, et. Seq.

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Tringali, and approved by roll call vote the following items:

Appointments

2. The following appointments effective as noted:

Employee	Position/Position Code/Location	Step	Salary	Certification	Effective
a)Kurt Abel*	Supervisor of Instruction/ MSSOI001/MS	1	\$103,545 (Prorated)	Standard-Supervisor	2/1/18-6/30/18

Employee	Position/Position Code/Location	Guide	Step	Salary	Certification	Effective
b)Thomas Hague*	Replacement Special Education Teacher/ J. Nappa/ MERES012/MEMS	1	A	\$54,999 (Prorated)	Standard-Teacher of Handicapped	12/11/17-6/30/18

ROLL CALL VOTE :

AYES : Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Parisi, Mrs. Porcaro, Mrs. Schechter, Mrs. Semel, Mr. Tringali

NAYS : None

ABSENT : Mr. Graime, Mrs. Stipelman

WORKSHOP

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Porcaro, and approved by roll call vote to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for the Workshop Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE :

AYES : Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Galante, Mrs. Porcaro, Mrs. Schechter,
Mrs. Semel, Mr. Tringali

NAYS : Mrs. Parisi

ABSENT : Mr. Graime, Mrs. Stipelman

Physical Plant: Planning for the Future

1. Vincent Pietrucha, Director of Physical Plant, presented a proposal to the Board in favor of creating an administrative position within the Physical Plant department to prepare for a smooth transition at some point in the future to a new director.

Update on District Goal #1

2. The Superintendent gave the Board an update on District Goal #1 - "The District will utilize various forms of standards-based data to increase student achievement and decrease achievement gaps". Dr. Marciante presented some comparative data for several other similarly sized districts and what each of those districts are doing to increase student achievement and how we can learn from them.

QSAC Equivalency Application Process

3. The Superintendent discussed the application process for obtaining a QSAC Equivalency waiver that will significantly streamline the process that the Board will be required to undertake.

2018-2019 School Calendar - DRAFT

4. The Superintendent presented a draft calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The Board felt that it was too early to entertain that discussion at this time and will revisit it in the coming months.

Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. Schechter, seconded by Mr. Bruno, and unanimously approved by roll call vote the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting adjourn to closed session at 8:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

1. Matter of Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this meeting will reopen after the closed session and further action of the board may be taken before the board adjourn for the evening;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as the matter of confidentiality has been terminated.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Porcaro, seconded by Mrs. Schechter and unanimously approved by roll call vote to return to open session at 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further items to come before the Board at this time, motion by Mrs. Porcaro, seconded by Mrs. Schechter and unanimously approved by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Veronica Wolf
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board President