

Palisades Park Board of Education
Work Session/Special Business Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – at 6:30 p.m., Early Childhood Center

A. CALL TO ORDER : Board President

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Ms. Soo Chung	☒	☐
Mr. Charlie Shin	☒	☐
Ms. Rebekah Lee	☒	☐
Ms. Sookyung Park	☒	☐
Mr. Aaron Pak	☒	☐
Mr. William Kim	☒	☐
Mr. Anthony Kim	☒	☐
Ms. Boyoung Yu	☒	☐
Ms. Eun Min	☒	☐
Dr. Joseph Cirillo	☒	☐
Busch Law Group	☒	☐
Ms. Joseline Hernandez	☒	☐

Mr. William Kim arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Boyoung Yu arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Anthony Kim left at 7:16 p.m.

D. STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), I hereby state that notice of this **Special Meeting** has been provided to the public by a written notice dated April 2, 2024 (date of published notice)

The Meeting Notice has been:

1. Emailed to all staff members at the district's 3 school locations.
2. Communicated to at least 1 of the Board's designated newspapers.
3. Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park.

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE REGULAR MEETING

F. ADJOURN WORK SESSION: OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Motion to adjourn work session and open regular meeting

Motion: Eun Min

2nd: Anthony Kim

All in favor – aye – 7:00 p.m.

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Chung welcomed everyone. Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Monday. Lineup starts at 9:30 a.m. on Roff Avenue and East Ruby Avenue.

H. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cirillo announced that tomorrow is our “Senior Awards Night” at the Palisades Park Jr./Sr. High School. The Senior Prom is scheduled on Thursday, June 6th at “The Liberty House” in Jersey City. Dr. Cirillo acknowledged the three “Teachers of the Year” from each school. William Hutchinson from PPHS, Malachy McMullen from Lindbergh Elementary School, and Laurie Nova from the ECC.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

No Report.

J. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Business Meeting – April 17, 2024

Move that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves the minutes of the following meeting;

- April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing on the Budget– May 7, 2024

Move that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves the minutes of the following meeting;

- May 7, 2024 Public Hearing on the Budget

Motion to add meeting minutes to consent agenda

Moved by: Anthony Kim

Seconded by: William Kim

All in favor – aye

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes April 17, 2024 and Public Hearing on the Budget May 7, 2024.

Moved by: Anthony Kim

Seconded by William Kim

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐	Charlie Shin	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐	William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐
Eun Min	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☒	☐	☐	☐
Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐					

COMMITTEE REPORTS

K. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1-21 – Charlie Shin

1. FOOD SERVICE VOUCHERS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves Food Service Payment(s) as follows:

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	COST
Pomptonian Food Service	Invoice 637 041224 – Request for Expenses	\$32,063.88
Pomptonian Food Service	Invoice 637 041924 – Request for Expenses	\$13,330.30
Pomptonian Food Service	Invoice 637 042624 – Request for Expenses	\$44,939.32
Map Restaurant Supplies	Café Supplies ECC #021898 – Wire Shelving	\$1,973.15
Bergen Fire Equipment	Extinguisher Café LS and PPHS #32063	\$300
Able Tex	Plumbing Maintenance LS	\$350

2. SECRETARY’S AND TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s unaudited 2023-24 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district’s financial activities for the period April 2024.

3. RATIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY’S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION – BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that as of April 2024 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2-11(c)4 that the Palisades Park School District Board of Education certifies that as of April 2024 after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial report, in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b).

4. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL – 04/15/24, 04/30/24

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following payroll amount:

Payroll Date	Amount
04/15/24	\$854,803.41
04/30/24	\$853,321.32

5. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST – MAY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the March 2024 bill list in the amount of **\$1,652,959.12:**

- Fund 10 (General/Current Expenses) \$1,337,460.82
- Fund 20 (Special Revenue) \$219,795.82
- Fund 30 (Capital Projects Fund) \$2,745.83
- Fund 60 (Food Service) \$92,956.65

6. TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, approve transfers for the month of April 2024.

7. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the financial reports for the High School and the Lindbergh School Activities Accounts, for the month ending 04/30/2024. (on file in BOE Office)

8. APPROVAL OF HVAC PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following payments for the HVAC Project:

Contractor	Payment No.	Cost	Date(s)
H&S Construction	16	\$30,011.64	05/17/24

9. APPROVAL OF LINDBERGH INSURANCE PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following payment for the Lindbergh School Insurance Payment:

Contractor	Payment No.	Cost	Date(s)
Northeastern Interior Services	1	\$232,536.25	02/05/2024
Northeastern Interior Services	2	\$135,793.95	05/22/2024

10. FSMC CONTRACT RENEWAL – 2024-2025 SY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education “SFA” renews the Food Service Management Contract from The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for the 2024-2025 SY.

1. FSMC Fee:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$48,945 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be included as a cost of operation and billed in 10 monthly installments of \$4,894.50 per month. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fees to the FSMC.

Term of Contract: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.
Year 2 of a 5 year contract

11. ATHLETIC REIMBURSEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following reimbursement accommodations for hotel:

Staff Member	Activity	Location	Date(s)	Cost	Account Number
*Anthony Almeida	NJSIAA Wrestling	Atlantic City, NJ	2/29/24 – 3/2/24	\$377.16	20-270-200-300-01

*Amended from the February 21, 2024 board meeting of \$280 due to increase in total price of hotel stay, including fees.

12. BERGEN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES – ANNUAL CONTRACT NONPUBLIC IDEA FUNDING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves an Agreement between the Board of Education (LEA) and the Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) to provide remedial and auxiliary services to eligible students attending non-public schools within the public school district pursuant to P.L. 1977, Chapters 192-193.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the services set forth in NJSA 18A:46-9 et seq., and NJSA 18A:46-1, et seq. shall be limited to examination, classification, speech correction, as well as the instruction, evaluation and the necessary equipment, supplies, administration and supervision inherent in providing English as a second language, supplemental instruction, annual reviews, home instruction and compensatory education to eligible New Jersey resident students attending non-public schools within the public school district for which the LEA is responsible.

This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Rates to be determined by the New Jersey Department of Education.

13. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following tuition reimbursement requests:

Staff Member	College/University	Course Name	Credits
Joowon Yim	Montclair State University	Data Analysis & Probability	3
Joowon Yim	Montclair State University	Measurement	3

14. EDUCATIONAL DATA SERVICES, INC – RENEWAL 24-25 SY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the licensing and maintenance fee for Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2024 – 2025 SY.

Payment Schedule

07/01/2024 - \$1,788.75

10/01/2024 - \$1,788.75

01/01/2025 - \$1,788.75

04/01/2025 - \$1,788.75

TOTAL: \$7,025.00

15. TAX LEVY PAYMENTS – 2024-2025 SY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following tax payments for the 2024-2025 SY:

• July 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• August 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• September 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• October 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• November 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• December 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• January 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• February 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• March 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• April 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• May 1, 2024	\$2,197,592.67
• June 1, 2024	<u>\$2,197,592.67</u>
TOTAL	\$26,371,112.04

16. SALARY ADJUSTMENT – JENNIFER VELARDO

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a salary adjustment request as follows:

Jennifer Velardo
Present Step/Salary:
Step 17 MA - \$95,950
Adjustment:
Step 17 MA+15 - \$96,250
Effective: 09/01/2024

Based on current salary guide. Salary may change due to negotiations

17. FUN FIT THERAPY LLC – CONTRACT RENEWAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, renews a contract with “Fun Fit Therapy, LLC”. “FFT” will provide the district with Physical Therapy Evaluations and Physical Therapy Services. Contract is in effect from July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025. Evaluations: \$350.00 (in-district), \$450.00 (at home), \$100.00 per hour for physical therapy, \$100.00 per hour for IEP meeting attendance.

18. HOME CARE THERAPIES – CLINICAL STAFFING – AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, renews a services agreement between the Board of Education and “Home Care Therapies, LLC” to provide a full range of staffing services on an as-needed basis. The Agreement will be effective 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025 at a rate contingent on type of service.

19. LOCKER ROOM CONVERSION TO PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM – LINDBERGH

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, authorizes LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. to prepare submission of Schematic Application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education for the following project:

Locker Room Conversion to Pre K Classrooms at Lindbergh Elementary School

DOE Project Number is not yet assigned.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, authorizes LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. to submit the amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan to include this project which shall satisfy the New Jersey Department of Education's reporting requirements for the Long Range Facility Plan. It will also satisfy the requirement for the District to amend its LRFP at least once every five years. The Board will not be seeking a State Funding for this project, and it is being submitted as Other Capital Project.

20. WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an agreement with William Paterson University for professional development. The agreement is in effect from September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Cost: \$36,000 – Title II – 20-270-200-300-01

21. OUT OF DISTRICT CONTRACTS – 23-24 SY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following contracts for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Base Tuition</u>	<u>Additional Services</u>
242280	Benway School	\$13,004.47	N/A
9823	Sage Alliance	\$71,656	N/A

Benway School commences 5/13/2024

Sage Alliance per diem rate is \$398.08 – commencing 4/17/2024

Rebekah Lee #9 – What is the remaining amount? Dr. Cirillo stated the remaining balance is about \$2,000.

Rebekah Lee #21 – Are these schools for special education students? Dr. Cirillo responded, these are special needs out of district placements.

Moved by: Charlie Shin

Seconded By: Aaron Pak

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐	Charlie Shin	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☒	☐	☐	☐
Eun Min	☒	☐	☐	☐					

L. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Consent agenda for Items 1-2 – Rebekah Lee

1. LEARN & GROW ACADEMY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves Learn & Grow Academy, 440 4th Street, Palisades Park, to host their end of year concert in the PPHS auditorium.

Friday June 14th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2. 2023-2024 STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE (SOA)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for Testing and Reporting of Lead in School Drinking Water for the 2023-2024 SY.

Dr. Cirillo – The Statement of Assurance (SOA) is required every year by every school district. Testing will be done this summer at all of our schools.

Moved by: Rebekah Lee

Seconded By: Anthony Kim

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐	Charlie Shin	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐	William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐
Eun Min	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☒	☐	☐	☐
Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐					

M. PERSONNEL

Consent agenda for Items 1-5 – Charlie Shin

1. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of Amanda Vecharello as the Accounts Payable/Assistant Business Administrator.

Start Date - TBD

Salary - \$70,000

2. SUMMER SCHOOL PERSONNEL

SPECIAL EDUCATION	ECC	LINDBERGH	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	SUBSTITUTES – AS NEEDED
Natalie Doornheim	Nicole Ostuni	Kathleen Maurer	Magdali Rodriguez	
Sierra Rosa	Rosemarie Carbone	Allison Ginolfi	Ricky Santana	Seon Lee
Jessica Colon	Isabella Ostuni	Michele Lee	Jaclyn Dellosa	
Lisa Panchi	Helene Wiseman	Tara Lehman		
Jodi Burrows		Tamara Tarantino Ventimiglia	Rwan Elmohdli	
Victoria McNamara		Jessica Abujarour	Henry Agecha	
Sheila Nastasi		Randi Brestin	Andia Giannantonio-Cali	
		Sara Murtagh		
		Malinda O'Reilly		
		Ebet Diaz		
		Kristie Park		
		Hajnalka Veszlovsky		

Account Number – 20-488-100-101-00 (Middle/High School School)

Account Number – 11-422-100-101-01 (ECC & Substitutes as Needed)

ECC – 3.25 hours (3 hours instruction, 15 minutes prep) – Mon thru Friday

Lindbergh and Middle/High School – 4 hours – Mon thru Thurs – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Summer School begins June 24 through July 23 (tentative)

\$35.00 per hour

3. MULTILINGUAL LITERACY NIGHT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff members for “Multilingual Literacy Night” at Lindbergh Elementary School.

Joowon Kim	Karla Campos	Ebet Diaz	Jorge Vargas	Shamainie Beck
Sei-Jung Oh	Hajnalka Veszlovsky	Barbara Paiotti	Kristie Park	

Amount: \$36.00 per hour

Title III Grant Money will be used

Account Number: 20-242-100-101-01

4. REQUEST FOR LEAVE (REVISED)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the revised leave request for:

Jared Zuckerman
High School Teacher
Effective: 5/14/2024
Mr. Zuckerman will return on 06/11/2024

5. APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the appointment of the following personnel:

Employee Name	Position	Salary	Start Date	Account #	Building
Samantha Scialabba	Social Worker	\$63,215 Step 4 MA	09/01/2024	11-000-219-104-01	ECC
Ashleigh Mulligan	Permanent Sub	\$150 per day	05/23/2024	20-218-100-101-01	ECC
Hannah Kang	Permanent Sub	\$150 per day	05/15/2024	11-140-100-101-03	PPHS
Isabella Bussanich	Elementary School	\$62,715 Step 3 MA	09/01/2024	11-120-100-101-02	Lindbergh

Moved by: Anthony Kim

Seconded By: Charlie Shin

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐	Charlie Shin	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐	William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐
Eun Min	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☒	☐	☐	☐
Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐					

N. CURRICULUM

Consent agenda for Item 1– Boyoung Yu

1. FIELD TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Field Trips:

- Destination: **PPHS Honor Society Pool Party**
- Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
- Time: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
- Grade: Senior Class
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: **Early Childhood Center**
- Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024
- Time: 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm
- Groups: 5th and 6th Student Council
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: **Liberty State Science Center, Jersey City**
- Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024
- Time: 9:15 am – 2:00 pm
- Course Grades: 4th Grade
- Cost per Student: \$35.00

- Destination: **Korean Society & Korean Restaurant, New York, NY**
- Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024
- Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
- Course Grade: Korean 1 and Korean 2
- Cost per Student: \$20.00

- Destination: **Bergen County Technical Schools, Hackensack**
- Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
- Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Course: 6th Grade
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: **Van Saun Zoo**
- Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024
- Time: 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
- Group: Kindergarten
- Cost per Student: \$15.00

- Destination: **Lindbergh School (walking trip)**
- Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
- Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- Group: Kindergarten (move-up day)
- Cost per Student: N/A

Rebekah Lee – In the past, has there been orientation for 6th graders going up to high school? Dr. Cirillo responded that we would like to bring them in early September, late August.

Motion to approve Curriculum consent agenda for Item 1

Moved by: Boyoung Yu

Seconded By: Anthony Kim

All in favor – aye

No opposed, no abstention

O. NEGOTIATIONS – William Kim

William Kim – Negotiations are ongoing.

P. POLICY

Consent agenda for Item 1– Eun Min

1. POLICY #5142.2 – PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following Policy §5142.2 “Physical Restraint”. The Policy shall be reviewed and updated annually, as needed, to ensure that it reflects the most current information available to promote a safe and productive workplace and educational environment for its employees and students, and to ensure that every student in the district is free from the unreasonable use of physical restraint.

Dr. Cirillo stated that this is an update from NJSBA. If and when physical restraint is necessary, school personnel will be trained accordingly.

Moved by: Eun Min

Seconded By: Rebekah Lee

All in favor – aye
No opposed, no abstention

Q. NJ SCHOOL BOARDS LIAISON/ALTERNATE – Sookyung Park**R. COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS REP/ALTERNATE – Aaron Pak****S. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE – Anthony Kim****T. OLD BUSINESS**

Charlie Shin inquired whether there is any case where board members would like to discuss legal issues with the board attorney, what is the process and procedure? Jonathan Busch responded, the Board Attorney can speak to the Board President, the Superintendent, and the Business Administrator.

Mr. Shin mentioned in April we set up a task force to improve the graduation rate and absentee rate. Dr. Cirillo explained that we had a graduation rate last year of 92.4% and trending in the right direction. We are very proud of our achievements, but still have a lot of work to do. The plan next is to meet with Lindbergh Elementary School.

Mr. Shin mentioned we would like to provide internship opportunities for more of our high school students. Dr. Cirillo further stated that these students will not only receive credit, but could also lead to a part time position within our community.

U. NEW BUSINESS

1. PRIMARY DAY – HALF DAY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves a half day on June 4th, 2024 for “Primary Day”.

2. VOTER REGISTRATION – STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the “Voter Registration – Statement of Assurance.”

Motion to approve “New Business” Items 1 & 2
Motion: Rebekah Lee 2nd: Anthony Kim
All in favor – aye
No opposed, no abstention

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Rivera would like to address the teacher’s contract. She would like to know if we are any closer to reaching an agreement. Is it possible to come together as a community to try and get the town involved to be able to increase taxes in the community and meet teacher requirements?

President Chung stated we hear you and are aware of your concerns. We are not allowed to speak publicly about negotiations. We will try our best to resolve the teacher contract. She will try her best to solve the budget problem.

Korinne Sterni – Provided a statement regarding teacher negotiations and her dissatisfaction with the way it has been handled until now. She believes the Board’s vision for this contract would effectively undo a decade of progress they have made.

President Chung responded, stating the Board is taking negotiations very seriously and will continue to negotiate in good faith.

Mr. William Kim also responded, stating he is hopeful we can move forward constructively. Regarding the proposal, the Board tried to clean up the contract. A sloppy contract is not beneficial for either party. We should move forward on the things that are important and address wording issues of the contract separately.

Mr. Shin provided a statement. He understands the challenges we face after the pandemic and record breaking inflation. He urges everyone to consider the other party’s situation. The Board is committed to doing their best within the limits of the budget.

Mr. Lee Musler – We are not trying to be adversarial. We have constantly heard the BOE say we support the teachers repeatedly. How are you, the Palisades Park Board of Education, going to show that you actually support the teachers?

Neris Papoters – Ms. Papoters stating her concerns regarding the teacher negotiations. She would like to see a resolution regarding the contract. Ms. Papoters also expressed her ongoing concern regarding the Lindbergh School gate and hopes the gates can remain open.

Dr. Cirillo responded, stating today in Glen Rock there a shooting at a school field. He is not comfortable opening our gates unsupervised. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent.

Nicole Ostuni – ECC Summer School Hours – Why were they cut to 3.5 hours as opposed to 4 hours?

Dr. Cirillo responded, in years past, we’ve received a lot of federal money. Unfortunately, those funds are no longer available. This is within our budget, and we had to make some exceptions.

Patricia – The teachers deserve more and then some. She believes the teachers are not respected.

Dr. Cirillo responded, he respects each one of them just as the Board does.

Jonathan Busch – The board is negotiating in good faith. Negotiations are complicated and a legally regulated process.

Amanda Bellottie – Ms. Bellottie reiterated the past events regarding teacher negotiations.

Joe Sperlazzo – Are there negotiations this year for the maintenance/custodial staff?

Dr. Cirillo answered, “Your contract ends next year.”

Close Audience Participation

Motion: Rebekah Lee

2nd: William Kim

All in favor – aye – 8:05 p.m.

Motion to go to closed session:

Motion: Boyoung Yu

2nd: Rbeekah Lee

All in favor – aye – 8:06 p.m.

W. CLOSED SESSION

- HIB Matter
- Legal Matter

REDACTED

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. MOVE JUNE MEETING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education has decided to move its meeting previously scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th to Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Early Childhood Center.

2. PPBOE AGREES TO FEE ARBITRATION – C. ELSTON & ASSOCIATES, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education hereby agrees to engage in Office of Attorney Ethics Attorney Fee Arbitration against C. Elston & Associates, LLC.

Motion to approve #1 and #2

Motion: Soo Chung 2nd: Rebekah Lee

All in favor – aye

No Opposed. No abstentions

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion: Eun Min

2nd: Rebekah Lee

All in favor – aye - 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Aleksandar Kondovski

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary