Palisades Park Board of Education
Work Session/Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 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	☒	☐

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 **Regular Meeting** has been provided to the public by a written notice dated January 14, 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: Rebekah Lee
2nd: Eun Min
All in favor – aye – 7:10 p.m.

Rebekah Lee departed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Soo Chung extended warm wishes to parents, staff, and teachers for a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year. She also expressed her gratitude to all Board Members for their contributions to a successful 2024 school year. The Reorganization Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the ECC. Appreciation was also extended to the Administration and professional service providers for their continued dedication and support.

H. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cirillo expressed his gratitude to Ms. Eun Min and Mr. Charlie Shin for their dedicated service to the Board, noting that their contributions will be formally recognized at the upcoming Reorganization Meeting. He also provided an update on the completion of two preschool classrooms in the Lindbergh Building. Dr. Cirillo concluded by extending his best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year to all.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

J. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Business Meeting – November 20, 2024

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

- November 20, 2024 Regular Business Meeting

Moved by: Eun Min Seconded By: Aaron Pak
All in favor – aye
No objections, no abstentions
Rebekah Lee – not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

K. FINANCE

Consent Agenda for Items 1-14 – 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, Inc.	11/15/24 – PAL637111524	$46,251.95
Pomptonian, Inc.	11/22/24 – PAL637111224	$12,507.48
Pomptonian, Inc.	11/29/24 – PAL637112924	$28,267.37
Kyung Ahn	Out of District Reimbursement – Pay Schools	$104.00

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 2024-25 financial reports, which are in agreement reflecting the district's financial activities for the period November 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 November 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 November 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 – 11/27/2024, 12/13/2024

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

Payroll Date	Amount
11/27/24	$895,678.25
12/13/24	$907,130.80

5. APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST – DECEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the December 2024 bill list in the amount of **$1,267,287.88**:

- Fund 10 (General/Current Expenses) $994,035.52
- Fund 20 (Special Revenue) $186,121.56
- Fund 30 (Capital Projects Fund) $0
- Fund 60 (Food Service) $87,130.80

6. TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve transfers for the month of November 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 11/30/2024. (on file in BOE Office)

8. CHANGE ORDER REQUESTS – LINDBERGH LOCKER ROOM PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Architect, approves the following change order requests for the Lindbergh Locker Room Conversion Project:

Change Order No.	Cost	Description
6	$2,175.60	• Purchase and electrical installation of hand dryers in bathrooms
7	$4,454.00	• Fire caulking of gaps, penetrations, and joints in classrooms, bathrooms, and storage rooms • Installation of insulation and sheetrock as needed – fire code compliance • Use of fire-rated materials
8	$4,960.00	• HM Door 3'0x7'0 CYL 18 Gauge with custom made hinge locations – Fire Rated Doors required per code • 1-1/2 Hour Door Label, Door Frame • 4 1/2" Ball Bearing Full Mortise Hinge NRP US26D Satin Chrome • 316AL Closer (1-6) Tri-Pak w/ Screw Pack • Prime and paint the door

9. OUT OF DISTRICT CONTRACTS – 24-25 SY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

Student ID#	School	Term	Base Tuition	Additional Services
365716	Ridgefield School District	11/21/2024 – 06/25/2025	$38,102.43	$4,860

10. 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
Ive Pavin	American College of Education	Creating Safe and Supportive Classrooms	3

11. STAFF MEMBER VISITATIONS/WORKSHOPS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following requests for professional Visitations/Workshops:

Staff Member	Activity	Location	Date(s)	Cost	Account Number
Jillian Romero, Andrew Garcia, Patrick Phalon, Joseph Cirillo, Christian Guerrero, Lee Musler	Techspo Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	1/29/25 – 1/31/25	$590.00 each	20-270-200-300-01
Jane Kim	Childhood Apraxia of Speech	Virtual	01/29/25	$295.00	20-270-200-300-01
Dino Eliopoulos	Director of Athletics Association of NJ	Atlantic City	03/10/25 – 03/14/25	865.00	20-270-200-300-01
Alexa Lewris	Phenomena Based Classrooms	Liberty Science Center – Jersey City	03/20/2025	$150.00	20-270-200-300-01
Joanna Hali	NJCEC Spring Conference	Ramapo College of NJ	03/17/2025	$175.00	20-270-200-300-01

12. CANCELLATION OF COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the cancellation of the following completed Capital Projects:

Project Title/Issue	Date	Appropriations	Unexpended Balance June 30, 2023	Transfer
1997 – School renovation project	1997	$2,500,000	$205	Cancel to general fund – General Fund Balance
Roof replacement – Jr./Sr. High School	2004	$252,058	$614	Transfer to general fund – Capital Reserve Balance
Early Childhood Center	2005	$5,577,959	$16,568	$16,106 – transfer to general fund balance $462 – transfer to cafeteria fund balance
Board Office Conversion to Classrooms	2011	$55,137	$23,985	Transfer to general fund – General Fund Balance
		$8,385,154	$41,372	

13. JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT – LEONIA

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a Joint Transportation Agreement with Leonia Board of Education from 11/19/2024 thru 06/30/2025. Transportation will be for school sponsored activities such as field trips and certain athletic events, as available.

14. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves **Circle Janitorial Supplies, Inc.** (Contract #Essex County Coop Bid 15-132) for custodial supplies.

Total cost: $30,234.92
Account #: 11-000-262-610-01

Boyoung Yu – Item #8 Ms. Yu expressed concerns about the sanitary aspects of hand dryers. Dr. Cirillo explained that the hand dryers are intended for preschool classrooms to prevent students from leaving the classroom with paper towels. He also noted that the installation required running an electrical line and connecting it to another circuit.

Mr. Shin – Item #8 - Remarked that tasks such as priming and painting doors seem very basic. While acknowledging the lack of options in this instance, he emphasized that in the future, Board members should be more mindful and deliberate when selecting architectural services.

Aaron Pak – Item #9 Mr. Pak inquired about the nature of the additional services mentioned. Dr. Cirillo clarified that these services could include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or any other supports required under a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Moved to approve Finance Consent Agenda Items #1-14 – Moved by Charlie Shin. Seconded by William Kim

Moved to approve Finance Agenda Items #1-14 except for #8 – Change Order #6 (Hand Dryers) – Moved by Boyoung Yu

Moved to approve Finance Consent Agenda Items #1-14
Moved by: Charlie Shin Seconded By: William Kim

Moved by:
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	☒	☐	☐	☐					

L. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Consent agenda for Items 1-2 – Rebekah Lee

1. WAIVER APPLICATION – NJDOE – PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the submission of the Waiver Application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the two newly constructed preschool classrooms and four private provider classrooms. The waiver will allow the district to use classrooms that have 750 square feet of instructional space, as opposed to the 950 square feet.

2. SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL - ECC

RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education, pursuant to the Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:2711.2) and at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following completed three (3) school bus emergency evacuation drills for the Dr. Charles R. Smith, Jr. Early Childhood Center, 270 1st Street, Palisades Park, NJ.

The following annual drills for the 2024-2025 school year were conducted on the following dates:

Kindergarten Drill: October 30, 2024 at 9:20 a.m. at the front of the Early Childhood Center drop off
Preschool 3 Drill: November 22, 2024 at 9:20 a.m. at the front of the Early Childhood Center drop off
Preschool 4 Drill: November 25, 2024 at 9:25 a.m. at the front of the Early Childhood Center drop off

WHEREAS, the First Student Bus Company's staff of school bus drivers participated in the school bus emergency evacuation drills: and which included the supervision of Mrs. Jillian Romero, Principal.

Dr. Cirillo addressed a question from Aaron Pak regarding the square footage of instructional spaces, clarifying that the square footage had not decreased. He explained that, under New Jersey law, a waiver must be submitted for classrooms smaller than 950 square feet. Soo Chung confirmed that the two new classrooms at Lindbergh School measure 856 square feet and 866 square feet, respectively. In response to Charlie Shin's inquiry about whether similar waivers had been submitted previously, Dr. Cirillo stated that this process has been followed numerous times in the past. Aaron Pak also asked about the type of drill referenced in Item #2. Dr. Cirillo explained that it is a mandatory drill required by the State of New Jersey, which each school must conduct twice a year and report to the state

Moved to approve Buildings and Grounds Agenda Items #1-2

Moved by: Aaron Pak Seconded By: Eun Min
All in favor – aye.
No abstention, no objections.
Rebekah Lee – not present.

M. PERSONNEL

Consent agenda for Items 1-7 – Charlie Shin

1. BILINGUAL PARENT NIGHT – PPHS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following staff members to work at the ESL Bilingual Parent Night on January 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Elsa Wajda	Grace Ko	Andia Giannantonio-Cali	Eric Berman	Michelle Rengifo	Amy Munn

Account No.: 20-242-200-100-01

2. HOME INSTRUCTION TEACHERS

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

Staff Member	Student ID	Start Date	End Date
Jodi Burrows	8929	11/27/2024	12/15/2024

3. 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 for the 2024-2025 school year:

Employee Name	Position	Salary	Start Date	Account #	Building
Sali Ago	Full Time Custodian	$34,500	01/01/2025	11-000-262-101-01	District Wide

4. PRESCHOOL PARENT WORKSHOP

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following staff to work for the Preschool Parent Workshop to be held on February 12, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.:

Staff	Amount	Total
Luis Penallilo	$36.00 per hour for 7.5 hours	$270.00
Fadila Addaouki	$36.00 per hour for 7.5 hours	$270.00
Cindy Vouthas Maza	$36.00 per hour for 7.5 hours	$270.00
Nicole Ostuni	$36.00 per hour for 90 minutes	$54.00
Isabella Ostuni	$36.00 per hour for 90 minutes	$54.00
Rosemarie Carbone	$36.00 per hour for 90 minutes	$54.00
Teodora Mezzina	$36.00 per hour for 90 minutes	$54.00

Grand total - $1,026.00
PEA Funds will be used
Account Number: 20-218-200-329-04

5. RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT BOYS TENNIS COACH

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts, with regret, the resignation of Eric Berman as the Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective 12/09/2024.

6. RESIGNATION OF ASSITANT TRACK AND FIELD COACH

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts, with regret, the resignation of Christine Kline as the Assistant Track and Field Coach, effective 12/03/2024.

7. REQUEST FOR LEAVE

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

Staff ID No.	Effective	Return Date
0222	January 31, 2025	April 25, 2025

Eun Min inquired about Item #4, specifically the Preschool Parent Workshop, asking if it involved training for parents and the types of procedures included. Dr. Cirillo explained that the workshop provides additional educational programs and utilizes the Creative Curriculum. Rebekah Lee followed up by asking if the workshop is held annually. Dr. Cirillo confirmed that it is a yearly event that has been conducted for several years.

Moved to approve Personnel Consent Agenda Items #1-7

Moved by: Eun Min 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 Items 1-2– Boyoung Yu

1. EARLY DISMISSAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves student early dismissal at the high school on the following dates for Midterm Exams:

- Thursday, January 23, 2025
- Friday, January 24, 2025
- Monday, January 27, 2025
- Tuesday, January 28, 2025

2. FIELD TRIPS

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

- Destination: Ramapo College
- Date: November 13th, February 13th, and April 23rd
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Group:
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: American Dream
- Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- Time: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Group: Dance, Drama, Chorus, and Band
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: Walter Kerr Theatre – New York, NY
- Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Time: 10:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Group: Drama Club
- Cost per Student: $50.00

- Destination: Palisades Park Library/Donna's Pizza
- Date: Friday, January 10, 2025
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Group: Work Based Learning
- Cost per Student: $10.00

- Destination: Lifetown USA – Livingston, NJ
- Date: Friday, March 7, 2025
- Time: 9:20 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Group: Work Based Learning
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: Lindbergh Elementary School
- Date: Friday, January 10, 2025
- Time: 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Group: Heroes and Cool Kids
- Cost per Student: None

- Destination: Urban Air – Hackensack, NJ
- Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Group: 7th and 8th Grade Advisory
- Cost per Student: $40.00

Charlie Shin asked whether the $50 fee for the trip to the Walter Kerr Theatre in New York covers both admission and transportation. Dr. Cirillo confirmed that it does. Mr. Shin then inquired about the expected number of students attending, to which Dr. Cirillo responded that attendance could range from 20 to 30 students. He added that fundraising efforts could be explored to reduce costs for the students. Mr. Shin suggested that individuals interested in donating could contribute to support the trip. Dr. Cirillo noted that donations could be made payable to the Student Activities Account.

Moved to approve Curriculum Agenda Items #1-2

Moved by: Charlie Shin Seconded By: Sookyung Park
All in favor – aye
No objections, no abstentions
Rebekah Lee – not present.

O. NEGOTIATIONS – William Kim

P. POLICY

Consent for agenda items 1-8 – Eun Min

1. POLICY #3571.4 - AUDIT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #3571.4 "Audit". The Policy update adds content requiring the submission of a corrective action plan for repeat audit findings from a prior year.

2. POLICY #5113 – ATTENDANCE, ABSENCES, AND EXCUSES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #5113 "Attendance, Absences, and Excuses". The Policy update adds content to include State-excused absence for civic event attendance. Additional updates are made to align policy language to regulatory language changes in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.1, et. seq.

3. POLICY #6114 – EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #6114 "Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness". The Policy adds content requiring documentation of the needs of students with disabilities during school security drills and emergency situations, as well as in school security plans. Additional content includes staff training on the needs of students with disabilities in emergency planning and inclusion of student needs during drills in students records.

4. POLICY #6140 – CURRICULUM ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #6140 "Curriculum Adoption". The Policy adds content on grief instruction for students in grades eight (8) through twelve (12) as part of the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (P.L. 2023, c. 201)

5. POLICY #6146 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #6146 "Graduation Requirements". The Policy adds content to include that students seeking to graduate in the 2024-2025 school year and for two (2) years thereafter must complete and submit a financial aid application in a form required by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority or submit a waiver form to the district requesting exemption.

6. POLICY #5141.8 – SPORTS RELATED CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #5141.8 "Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury". The Policy update make clear that the written clearance for return to play must come from a physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

7. POLICY #3570 – DISTRICT RECORDS AND REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #3570 "District Records and Reports". On June 5, 2024, Governor Murphy signed a new bill (S2930/A4045) into law as P.L.2024, c.16, resulting in significant amendments to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). These Policy updates include the relevant changes resulting from the above bill.

8. POLICY #9140 – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following updated Policy #9140 "Student Representatives to The Board". The Policy update will reflect a change in the appointment of the student representative and the term of the appointment.

Dr. Cirillo clarified that all policies have been revised in alignment with the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA). He noted that Policy #8 has been tailored specifically to meet the district's needs. Soo Chung asked whether the policies are being updated based on NJSBA revisions. Aaron Mandal confirmed that the updates generally reflect changes in New Jersey laws. Rebekah Lee requested clarification on the graduation requirement for financial aid. Dr. Cirillo acknowledged widespread concerns regarding the FAFSA requirement, noting that the Governor might address the issue or enact a statute. He mentioned that some families may be reluctant to complete the FAFSA and shared that he recently attended a state legislative hearing on the matter, advising everyone to await further updates. Soo Chung also proposed revisions to Policy #8, which Dr. Cirillo replied, it is up to the board to decide.

Moved to approve Policy Agenda Items #1-8

Moved by: Eun Min Seconded By: Sookyung Park
All in favor – aye
No objections, no abstentions
Rebekah Lee – not present.

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

U. NEW BUSINESS

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Move to open audience participation
Motion: Eun Min
2nd: Aaron Pak
All in favor – aye – 7:23 p.m.

Korinne Sterni, the Negotiations Chair, addressed the public, emphasizing the importance of valuing teachers and staff within the district. She provided several examples of teachers who consistently go above and beyond their regular duties. Ms. Sterni highlighted Jaclyn Dellosa for her exceptional commitment, including her involvement in charitable activities. Jessica Graf, a teacher with over twenty years of experience in Palisades Park and more than fifteen years of coaching, praised her colleague Alexa Lewris. Ms. Graf commended Ms. Lewris for her dedication, noting her contributions outside contractual hours by organizing events such as Movie Nights, Trunk or Treat, Literacy Night, and more. Despite working without a new contract, Ms. Lewris continues to give her best for the children of Palisades Park. Maureen Tansey, who has served the district for thirty years, spoke about the lengths to which teachers go to ensure funding for students who cannot afford field trips. She emphasized that teachers' request for salaries aligned with the County Average is a reasonable demand during negotiations.

Motion to close audience participation and adjourn the meeting
Motion: Aaron Pak
2nd: Eun Min
All in favor – aye – 7:30 p.m.

W. CLOSED SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting
Motion: Boyoung Yu
2nd: Eun Min
All in favor – aye – 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aleksandar Kondovski
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary