

Palisades Park Board of Education
Work Session/Special Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 14, 2025 – at 6:00 p.m., Early Childhood Center

A. CALL TO ORDER: Board President

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Ms. Soo Chung	☒	☐
Mr. William Kim	☒	☐
Mr. Anthony Kim	☐	☒
Ms. Rebekah Lee	☒	☐
Ms. Sookyung Park	☒	☐
Ms. Boyoung Yu	☐	☒
Mr. Aaron Pak	☒	☐
Mr. Jun Yim	☒	☐
Mr. Sergio Calle	☒	☐
Dr. Joseph Cirillo	☒	☐
Busch Law Group	☒	☐
Tyler Jung-Student Rep	☐	☒

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 July 11, 2025 (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 The Record.
3. Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park.
4. Posted on District Website

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

Motion to close meeting for Executive session.

Moved by: Jun Yim

Seconded by: Aaron Pak

All in favor – aye – 6:10 p.m.

F. ADJOURN WORK SESSION: OPEN SPECIAL MEETING

Motion to adjourn work session and open regular meeting.

Moved by: Rebekah Lee

Seconded by: Jun Yim

All in favor – aye – 6:30 p.m.

G. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Soo Chung thanked everyone for coming.

H. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Joseph Cirillo thanked everyone as this may be his last meeting.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

Aron Mandel addressed the notice for the special meeting, noting a recent amendment to the Open Public Meetings Act. While prior law required advance newspaper publication, the updated regulation allows for website posting as a valid form of notice. This meeting was submitted to the newspaper last week and posted on the district website on Friday, providing more than the required 48 hours' notice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**J. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Aaron Pak****K. COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS REP/ALTERNATE - Anthony Kim****L. EDUCATION****M.EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – William Kim****N. FINANCE****O. NEGOTIATIONS – William Kim****P. NJ SCHOOL BOARDS LIAISON/ALTERNATE – Anthony Kim****Q. PERSONNEL****1. RESIGNATION OF STAFF**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education accepts the following resignations:

Employee Name	Position	Account #	Effective
Korrine Sterni	Art Teacher	11-000-240-103-01	6/30/2025
Jane Kim	Speech	11-000-219-104-01	06/30/2025
Sarah McCambridge	Social Studies	11-000-240-103-01	6/30/2025
Samantha Scialabba	Social Worker	11-000-219-104-01	06/30/2025
Timarie Toscano	Central Office	TBD	8/15/2025

2. APPROVAL OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education approves Mr. Carl Albano, effective July 21st-June 30, 2026.

Moved by: Aaron Pak

Seconded By: Jun Yim

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☒
Sergio Calle	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐	William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☐	☐	☐	☒	Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jun Yim	☒	☐	☐	☐					

Mr. Jun Yim noted the difficulty of finding a new superintendent and expressed gratitude that Mr. Carl Albano is joining the district. Mr. Yim highlighted Mr. Albano's strong background as a superintendent in multiple districts and encouraged everyone to support him in his new role.

Mr. Albano expressed his gratitude for the opportunity and shared that he looks forward to meeting everyone and supporting the district.

Ms. Soo Chung thanked Dr. Cirillo for his service as superintendent and requested that he attend the next meeting.

Dr. Cirillo stressed the urgency of holding another meeting to fill open staff positions.

R. POLICY – Boyoung Yu

S. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE – Rebekah Lee

T. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

U. NEW BUSINESS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education approves the request from a staff member for paid leave.

Moved by: William Kim

Seconded By: Jun Yim

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☐	☒
Sergio Calle	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐	William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☐	☐	☐	☒	Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jun Yim	☒	☐	☐	☐					

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion to close regular session and Open to audience.

Moved by: William Kim

Seconded by: Aaron Pak

All in favor – aye

Anthony Rotundo - Noted that no new meeting minutes have been posted since February. A response is still pending regarding a previous question about the loss of quorum during a meeting. Clarification was requested on how the superintendent interview process was conducted and who participated in it. It was emphasized that this process should not be kept confidential, and parents are seeking greater transparency and involvement.

National Italian Honor Society Students - Noted that AP Italian scores were released and students performed well. Students requested confirmation that the Italian program will continue for current and future students interested in studying the language.

Motion to close audience participation.

Moved by: William Kim

Seconded by: Aaron Pak

All in favor – aye

Dr. Cirillo assured that the National Honor Society program has not and will not be eliminated. He emphasized the need to remain mindful of budget constraints and noted that a plan is being developed. He added that he will continue to be involved in the decision-making process.

Ms. Chung responded to Mr. Rotundo, noting that meeting minutes have been approved through April and the new Board Secretary will prepare the remaining minutes using recordings. She stated that a quorum for the meeting in question was confirmed by board members, the administrator, and the attorney, and asked that any challenges be supported with evidence. She also clarified that the superintendent hiring process followed proper procedures. Given the urgency, the Board selected the best available candidate with help from parent survey feedback, which informed the choice of Mr. Albano.

W. CLOSED SESSION-

- 1. Superintendent Evaluation**
- 2. Administrative Leave**

Motion to start closed session.

Moved by: Aaron Pak

Seconded by: Soo Chung

All in favor – aye – 6:55 p.m.

Motion to close the closed session and open to the public.

Moved by: William Kim

Seconded by: Jun Yim

All in favor – aye

X. ADJOURNMENT

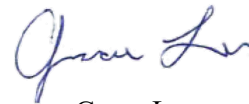
Motion to close special meeting.

Moved by: Aaron Pak

Seconded by: Jun Yim

All in favor – aye

Respectfully submitted,



Grace Lee
Board Secretary