

**MINUTES  
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2026**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Rachel Byrne, President  
Edwin Botero  
Chris D'Amico  
Melissa Eckert  
Erika Puskas  
Sheila Studint, Vice-President  
Karl Svenningsen

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Ficarra, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Scott Pepper, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Robin C. Tedesco, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
(telecom)

ABSENT: Jennifer Ochoa, Supervisor of Special Services  
Joseph Coladarci, Principal

Board of Education President, Rachel Byrne, called the in-person meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., declared a quorum present, and read the following notices:

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting for action and discussion about business before the Board of Education today.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the public's right to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education has sent notice of today's meetings and copies of the agenda to the:

Roxbury Register  
Daily Record  
Star Ledger  
Municipal Clerk  
Board of Education Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the agenda have been posted on the Mount Arlington Public Schools Website: [www.mtarlingtonk8.org](http://www.mtarlingtonk8.org)

All Board of Education members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mrs. Studint, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:01 P.M., to address Personnel issues. Action will follow.

*Voice Vote:*

*Yes: 7*

*No: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: 0*

*Motion Passed*

WHEREAS the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-1 et seq.) expressly provide that a public body may move into Closed Session and exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any of the nine areas set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has determined it necessary to move to Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, which are included in the aforesaid exceptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it does hereby move into Closed Session pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12b to discuss the aforesaid matters with a related action to follow, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the aforesaid discussions shall be made public either at the Public Meeting following said Closed Session or at such time as any litigated personnel matters are concluded, or upon conclusion of any negotiations or discussions; or as otherwise specified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mr. D'Amico that the meeting return to Open Session at 9:18 P.M.

*Voice Vote:*

*Yes: 7*

*No: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: 0*

*Motion Passed*

PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

1. None

PUBLIC SESSION

1. None

MINUTES:

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance:

- No Report

B. Personnel:

- No Report

C. Building and Grounds:

- No Report

D. Curriculum and Policy:

- No Report

E. Negotiations:

- No Report

F. Town Council:

- No Report

G. Parent Teachers Organization:

- No Report

OTHER REPORTS:

Roxbury BOE

- No Report

Delegate to NJ School Board Association:

- No Report

Delegate to Morris County School Board Association:

- No Report

Delegate to Educational Service Commission of Morris County:

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was presented by Mrs. Eckert, and seconded by Mr. D'Amico, that the Regular meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried at 9:19 P.M.

***Voice Vote:***

***Yes: 7***

***No: 0***

***Abstain: 0***

***Absent: 0***

***Motion Passed***

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Robin C. Tedesco  
Interim School Business Administrator/Board of Education Secretary  
***Approved:***