

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2017**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, entered Regular Public Meeting Session on Monday, June 26, 2017 in the Instructional Media Center of Fieldstone Middle School, Spring Valley Road, Montvale NJ. Vice President McGauley-Eichhorn Rossig called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. Foley, and Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn. Mr. Carvelli and Mr. Rossig were absent. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator; and no members of the public.

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn read the **Open Public Meetings announcement** as follows:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted by Borough Hall/Montvale Public Library, the Board Secretary's Office, posted on the district web site, and such notice given to *THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS* and *THE RECORD*."

COMMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn announced that no smoking is allowed and that pre-approval of audio or video recording by the public is required.

PRIVATE SESSION

Mrs. Baskin introduced motion 4.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Foley and was unanimously approved.

Motion 4.1 **WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Montvale Board of Education reserve the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Private Executive Session, and

WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Executive Session, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montvale Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss exempt matters as follows:

Superintendent's Report of Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying
Personnel – New Hires, Employee Stipends, Resignations, Salary Guide
Advancement, Student Teacher/Intern Placements
Superintendent's Evaluation

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed

1. When the Board reconvenes to the Regular Meeting business portion of this meeting this evening; or
2. At a later date, undetermined at this time.

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION at 8:05 p.m.

At 8:05 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. Foley, and Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn. Mr. Carvelli and Mr. Rossig were absent. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator; and approximately 50 members of the public. The Board Vice President restated the open public meetings announcement and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed the public and invited them to sign the attendance sheet, if they so chose. She announced that no smoking is allowed and that pre-approval of audio or video recording by the public is required.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Petersen highlighted the Fieldstone Middle School Graduation that took place on Wednesday June 21 with 121 students graduating. He extended the district's thanks to Pascack Hills High School for hosting the event and congratulated all the graduates.

Dr. Petersen addressed the Borough of Montvale's plans to update the fields behind Fieldstone, whether using turf or something else. Dr. Petersen highlighted that the town has an upcoming meeting on this topic and that the School Board will be in communication with the the Mayor and Town Council as plans for this project are determined.

Enrollment for the fall 2017 kindergarten class is currently 101 students and six sections.

Dr. Petersen presented the HIB summary report.

District Enrollment: Total district enrollment at the end of the school year was 996 students.

Presentation: Student representatives from Pascack Hills High School presented a proposal to the Board that a group of 8 high school students direct the 2017-18 Fieldstone School Play. The students goal is to strengthen the connection between the middle school and high school drama clubs, emphasizing how this could allow a smoother transition to high school for the Fieldstone students. Their proposal is for 8 student directors to produce the play, with each responsible for different areas of the production, with Board approved adult supervision. Goals include a healthy and welcome environment for everyone, not only performers but for everyone involved in all aspects of the production. They are hopeful this could become tradition for years to come. Opportunities for the students are to sell ads and do fundraising which will help the students improved public speaking, and further develop social and business skills. Stage Management gives skills to students including communication, teamwork, and leadership. They also hope to bring the middle school students' acting, vocal, and choreography skills to the next level. These high school students want to share their excitement. The students confirmed the timing of the high school and FMS plays will not overlap. The students answered questions regarding their proposal.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Donna Simon, MEA President, spoke regarding staff transfers and made a request that such transfers not be made at the last minute.

Maureen McLaughlin, MEA Vice President, requested more notice of staff transfers be provided. She also read a letter from Mrs. Schrek, Memorial Teacher, regarding recent staff transfers.

Kelly Rhatigan, Memorial teacher, shared her experiences transferring from first to third grade.

Bonnie Faiella, Memorial teacher, commented on the importance of staff members feeling that they are being treated fairly.

Lisa Rudd, Memorial teacher, questioned why a teacher was told she would be reassigned so close to the last day of school.

Jessica Gutierrez, Memorial teacher, shared with the board that it is a difficult for teachers to move grades and actions such as informing teachers late in the year are not good for morale.

Jennifer Monaco, Montvale resident, read a letter to the Board she had previously emailed to them complimenting Laurie D'Amaro, Memorial teacher.

David Lafferty, Montvale resident, spoke highly of Laurie D'Amaro, Memorial Teacher and recommended the Board carefully consider staff transfers.

Lois Hana, Montvale resident, shared the Montvale schools have positive momentum and staff transfers at the last minute are not good for staff morale.

Meghan Dugan, Memorial nurse, complimented Mrs. D'Amaro and read a letter from Bree McCabe, Montvale resident, sharing positive family experiences with Mrs. D'Amaro.

Teresa Barry, Montvale resident, read a letter to the Board complimenting Laurie D'Amaro, Memorial teacher.

Dr. Petersen thanked the public for coming and sharing their positive views on Mrs. D'Amaro and noted that everyone is in agreement that Mrs. D'Amaro is an excellent teacher. The administration wants teachers to be in the role where can make they have the most positive impact on students.

Mrs. Debra McGauley-Eichhorn commented on behalf of the Board that she has heard positive comments on Mrs. D'Amaro over the years. Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn requested Dr. Petersen ensure professionalism is used within this schools and that administration review their process around staff transfers.

At this point of the meeting, approximately 20 members of the public left .

BOARD BUSINESS

Mrs. Baskin introduced motions 8.1 through 8.3, which motions were seconded by Mrs. Bagdat and were unanimously approved by all members present.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING

Motion 8.1 **RESOLVED**, that there be affirmed the Superintendent of School's decisions and resulting consequences, if any, in response to reported acts of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying as itemized in executive session.

COUNTY APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S GOAL COMPLETION 2016-17
APPENDIX "A"

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be acknowledged notification from the Bergen County
8.2 Executive County Superintendent certifying attainment by Dr. Darren Petersen of
the merit goals for 2017-18 and authorization for payment of the pre-approved
amount.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to offer
8.3 employment contracts to qualified candidates to fill existing open positions for the
period June 27, through August 25, 2017.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Foley introduced motions 9.1 through 9.19, which motions were seconded by Mrs. Baskin. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye.

NEW CONTRACT AWARD – FIELDSTONE LLD TEACHER

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved award of contract, to Stephanie Alboum
9.1 as Fieldstone Middle School LLD Teacher effective September 1, 2017 through June
30, 2018, with annual compensation at MA, Step 4, \$61,030.

NEW CONTRACT AWARD – FIELDSTONE GRADE 8 MATH TEACHER

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved award of contract, subject to Sara De Lange,
9.2 as Fieldstone Middle School Grade 8 Math Teacher effective September 1, 2017
through June 30, 2018, with annual compensation at \$54,967, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sara De Lange be compensated an additional
12.5% of her annual base salary, \$6,870.88, for teaching an additional class period of
student instruction for the total school year 2017-2018, resulting in total annual
compensation of \$61,837.88, representing an annual base salary of BA, Step 3-4,
\$54,967, plus an additional 12.5%, \$6,870.88.

NEW CONTRACT AWARD – MEMORIAL RESOURCE PROGRAM TEACHER

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved award of contract, subject to Chapter 116,
9.3 P.L. 1986, to Ashley Worthington as Memorial Elementary School Resource
Program Teacher effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, with annual
compensation at BA, Step 1, \$53,467.

TRANSFERS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved transfers of position for the following,
9.4 effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

Name	From	To
Alvarez, Lindsay	Memorial School Resource Program	3 rd Grade
D’Amaro, Laurie	3 rd Grade	2 nd Grade
Sean Boyle	Language Arts Grade 6	Language Arts Grade 8
Laurie Murrell	Library/Media	Language Arts Grade 6

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING ASSISTANTS – EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved re-employment of the following classroom
9.5 teaching assistants to support students with special needs for the period July 1, 2017 through August 30, 2017, subject to continued student need, with compensation at their current hourly rate or as noted:

Kathy Riabov	Kathy Walker (\$13.50/hr.)
Linda Haggerty	Marlene Wynkoop (\$13.50/hr.)
Adrienne Black	

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that all current classroom teaching assistants be approved as substitutes for the summer programs with compensation at their current hourly rate.

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approval an additional compensation award for the
9.6 following responsibilities:

Name	Compensation	Dates	Responsibility
Margaret Meehan	\$14/hr.	Approximately 3 hours	Shadow retiring Memorial School Library Assistant/Nurse’s Assistant
Julie Homa	Current Hourly Rate	June 7, 2017	Chaperone a FMS Student attending FMS Chorus Concert on June 7, 2017

RESIGNATIONS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted, the resignation of Justin Jasper,
9.7 Grade 3 Teacher, effective July 1, 2017.

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted, the resignation of Whitney Rubin, Middle
9.8 Fieldstone School Part-time Resource Program Teacher, effective July 1, 2017.

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted, the resignation of Alexander Marcoulides,
9.9 Grade 7 Science Teacher, effective July 1, 2017.

COMPENSATION FOR LOST PREP TIME

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved compensation to the following for loss of
 9.10 preparation periods with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement:

John McGinley	June 8, 2017	\$ 20.00
Darlene Gonzalez	June 8, 2017	\$ 20.00
Karen Doran	June 5, 2017, June 6, 2017, June 7, 2017, June 8, 2017, June 9, 2017	\$100.00
Amy Leon	June 9, 2017	\$ 20.00
Lauren Dauria	June 19, 2017, June 20, 2017	\$ 40.00
Janice Raimondi	May 26, 2017	\$ 20.00
Janice Raimondi	May 25, 2017	\$ 20.00
Jillian Diamond	June 16, 2017	\$ 20.00
Joan Merwede	June 1, 2017	\$ 20.00
Jodi Levy	June 1, 2017	\$ 20.00
Jessica Gutierrez	June 1, 2017	\$ 20.00
Kristian Diore	May 31, 2017	\$ 20.00

SALARY GUIDE ADVANCEMENT

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved advancement on the salary guide for
 9.11 the following, under the provisions of the Board/MEA Agreement:

Effective: September 1, 2017:
 Joyce Bores advances from MA to MA+15

SUMMER ESSENTIAL LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT INSTITUTE

Motion **RESOLVED** that there be approved summer employment for the following list of
 9.12 employees to teach at Montvale’s Summer Essential Learning and Enrichment
 Institute with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement, subject to sufficient
 enrollment:

Boyle, Sean	Edelstein, Patrice	Murrell, Laurie
Carcich, Lauren	Gonzalez, Darlene	Ripston, Erica
Del Mauro, Andrew	Hennessy, Amy	Tilley Feather, Jennifer
Diamond, Jill	Katz, Debbie	Walker, Debra
Doran, Karen		

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSITUTUTE

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the following faculty members be authorized to participate in
 9.13 the Montvale Professional Development Institute Summer 2017 Curriculum work as
 noted with compensation at \$35 per hour:

Staff Member	Professional Development Institute Responsibility	Hours
Jackie McLoughlin	Peer Mentoring Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours
Danielle Guertin	Peer Mentoring Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours
Debra Walker	Peer Advisory Curriculum	Up to 12 Hours

	Writing	
Debra Silverstein	ELA Curriculum Work	Up to 10 hours

SUMMER 2017 TUTORING (DECODING)

Motion **RESOLVED**, that John McGinley be approved to provide summer
 9.14 tutoring up to 15 hours per week, effective July 5, 2017 through July 28, 2017 with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement.

STUDENT EVALUATIONS - SUMMER 2017

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved summer employment for the
 9.15 following individuals, to complete required student evaluations and complete IEP's, with compensation in accordance with the Board/MEA Agreement:

Employee	Summer Hours/Days
Chelsea Smith	Up to 15 days
Cindy Gardner	Up to 15 days
Jackie McLoughlin	Up to 15 days
Patricia Pizzuta	Up to 15 days
Danielle Guertin	Up to 5 days
Joyce Bores	Up to 5 days

SUMMER SERVICES PER IEPs

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved agreements with Region II and Northern
 9.16 Valley to provide the following list of services for Montvale students over the summer as specified in the students' IEPs:

Region II Speech	Approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One individual 30-minute session weekly – 3 students ➤ Two group 30-minute sessions weekly – 1 student ➤ One group 30-minute session weekly – 7 students ➤ Two individual 30-minute sessions weekly – 5 students ➤ Two 30-minute sessions weekly for the first two weeks of August – 3 students
Region II Occupational Therapy	Approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One 30-minute small group session weekly - 2 students ➤ One individual 30-minute session weekly – 6 students ➤ Two 30-minute individual sessions weekly - 1 student ➤ Two 30-minute sessions weekly for the first two weeks of August – 2 students
Region II Physical Therapy	Approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two 30-minute individual sessions weekly - 2 students ➤ Two 30-minute sessions weekly for the first two weeks of August – 2 students
Region II ABA	2 students
Northern Valley ABA	August ABA for 4 students

STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENTS

Motion 9.17 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved student teacher/intern placement/student observer for the 2017-2018 school year:

Student	College	Co-operating Teacher	Start Date
Sims, Victoria	Ramapo	Laurie D' Amaro	9/13/17 – 12/22/17
Lewrie, Jessica	Ramapo	Patrice Edelstein	9/13/17 – 12/22/17

UNUSED VACATION DAYS

Motion 9.18 **RESOLVED**, that the Christina Gouraige be compensated for five days of unused vacation time at the rate of \$300/day as per current Board/MASA Agreement.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Motion 9.19 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges that on-going professional development is critical to the instructional needs of the district or may further the efficient operation of the school district, and providing said training may require travel expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorize employee and Board Member attendance in informational programs directly related to, and within the scope of the listed job title’s current responsibilities, and/or training opportunities as follows with payment of expenses, if applicable, based on the federal travel regulations provided that such expenses are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount:

Date	Employee	Workshop	Cost (Not to Exceed)
7/27/17	Wasserman, Andrea	ESSA Formula Application Session	\$20.14
7/27/17	Parks, Erik	ESSA Formula Application Session	\$18.44
Online	DeLange, Sara	Mathematical Mindsets	\$99.00
Online	Pittarelli, Carol	Mathematical Mindsets	\$99.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. DiFiore introduced motions 10.1 through 10.10, which motions were seconded by Mrs. Foley. On a roll call vote for motions 10.1 through 10.4, and 10.6 through 10.10, all members present voted Aye. Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn abstained on vote 10.5, all other members present voted Aye.

VOUCHER PAYMENTS

Motion 10.1 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved/ratified for payment vouchers in the total amount of \$202,005.70 as follows:

General Fund
Appendix “B” Checks #7939-8002 \$184,071.78

Student Activities Fund

Appendix "B-1"

Checks #2166-2195

\$17,933.92

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved line item appropriation transfers to the
10.2 2016-17 budget as follows:

From	Account	To	Account	Amount	Explanation
11-000-216-100-1-01	Speech Teacher Salaries	11-000-217-106-1-01	Special Ed One-to-One	\$1,000	1:1 Aide Salaries

BOARD CERTIFICATION – MAY

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approve the following
10.3 reports as of May 31, 2017: The Board Secretary Report and The Cash Report, attached as Appendix "C" to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 [c]4, the Montvale Board of
10.4 Education certifies that as of May 31, 2017, after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports [appropriations section], and upon consultation with the appropriate district official, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

OUT-OF- DISTRICT CONTRACTS – 2017-18

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approves Special Education
10.5 out-of-district placements and contracted tuition and aide costs for the 2017-18 school year as follows:

Out-of-District School	Location	Tuition July-June 2017-18	Aide	State Student ID#
New Beginnings	Fairfield, Essex County	\$71,666.60	\$0.00	6058907026
CTC Academy	Fair Lawn, Bergen County	\$83,156.02	\$0.00	7034886570

OUT-OF- DISTRICT CONTRACTS- EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR ONLY

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approves Special Education
10.6 out-of-district placements and contracted tuition and aide costs for the 2017-18 extended school year as follows:

Out-of-District School	Location	Tuition July-August 2017	Aide	State Student ID#
Bergen County Special Services	Paramus, Bergen County	\$5,000.00	\$4,800.00	4970659955
Bergen County Special Services	Paramus, Bergen County	\$7,500.00	\$7,000.00	6577940897

DISPOSALS - TEXTBOOK

Motion **RESOLVED**, that approval be given to sell the following textbooks; or to dispose
10.7 of the following textbooks if they are over 10 years old; or to dispose the following textbooks subsequent to their 120 day posting on the New Jersey Textbook Sharing Website if they are less than 10 years old:

Title	Author/Publisher	ISBN	Year Published	Quantity
The American Heritage College Dictionary	N/A	0-395-66917-0	1993, 1997	17
The Clear and Simple Thesaurus Dictionary	N/A	0-448-12198-0	1984	13
Scholastic Rhyming Dictionary	N/A	0-439-79642-3	1994	4
Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus	N/A	978-0-87779-076-1	2004	12
¡Ven conmigo! Holt Spanish Level I	Holt, Rinehart and Winston		1996	43
¡Buen viaje! Glencoe Spanish I	Glencoe/McGraw-Hill		2003	16
Discovering World Geography	Richard Boehm / McGraw Hill	978-0-07-893619-7	2014	57
Geography Alive! Regions and People	Diane Hart / TCI	978-1-58371-452-2	2011	31

VOUCHER PAYMENTS - YEAR END AND YEAR BEGINNING

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Business
10.8 Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, to issue payments for expenses from the end of the 2016-2017 school year and for certain 2017-2018 recurring (or emergency) operating expenses prior to the approval of the Board and have these payments ratified at the first public business meeting of the 2017-18 school year.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS YEAR END

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation
10.9 with the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to transfer amounts among minimum chart of account line items for the 2016-17 fiscal year-end, listing of said transfers to be ratified at a subsequent public business meeting of the 2017-18 school year; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to transfer amounts among line items in the Montvale Schools General (Student Activities) Account for the 2016-17 fiscal year-end, listing of said transfers to be ratified at a subsequent public business meeting of the 2017-18 school year

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFER

Motion 10.10 **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.3 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Montvale Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into the Capital Reserve account at year end, subject to the verification upon completion of the Audit, and

WHEREAS, the Montvale Board of Education has determined to designate surplus for the year end June 30, 2017 as follows:

- Maintain a Fund Balance not to exceed the state mandated 2% cap;
- Plus any extraordinary aide over the \$125,000 Budgeted;
- Plus an additional \$400,000 to be appropriated as tax relief in the 2018-19 Budget;
- The excess above this amount is to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of school facilities projects including roofing, paving, and boiler replacement projects in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable amount which is defined by the districts Long Range Facility Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Montvale Board of Education, that it hereby authorizes the district’s School Business Administrator /Board Secretary to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn asked for further explanation on Motion 10.10 which was provided by Mrs. Wasserman.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bagdat introduced motion 11.1, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Foley. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye.

APPLICATION FOR CHANGES IN USE OF EDUCATIONAL SPACE

Motion 11.1 **WHEREAS**, the district wishes to change the use of educational spaces at the Fieldstone Middle school as listed below, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent an application for change in use for the 2017-18 school year as follows:

School/Room	Current Use	Revised Use
Fieldstone/Room 103	Small Group Instruction	LLD Classroom
Fieldstone/CST Office	CST Office Space	Small Group Instruction

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were shared at this time.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. DiFiore reported on the Fourth Grade Picnic, noting the weather held out and it was a really great day. Mrs. Baskin thanked everyone who contributed to the success of this fun event for the fourth grade. Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn also shared thoughts from Mr. Carvelli that the Fourth Grade Picnic and Field Day were well run and fun for all.

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn attended the third grade technology fair and was very impressed by the work and effort of the students. The fair showcased students using both Chromebooks and iPads. Students were well spoken, polite, it was a really well run day and it was noted the third grade team did a great job! Mrs. Baskin reiterated this was a great event.

Mrs. Baskin commented that the 7th grade wax museum was phenomenal. She was proud of the staff and students for putting this together.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were shared at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was shared at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Petersen reported that he recently meet with Montvale's Mayor, Council Members, MAL representatives, and borough engineer regarding the baseball fields by the community entrance at Memorial School to discuss safety at the fields. The Borough is recommending the dugouts be improved for safety purposes. Dr. Petersen shared with the Board an initial proposal for this project from the Borough Engineer. Dr. Petersen recommended the Facilities and Finance committee meet to discuss this proposal.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Laurie Murrell, Fieldstone teacher, requested staff be informed as early as possible of physical classroom moves.

Kari Solomon, Montvale resident, wanted to ensure the BOE was aware of the Borough's plan to use crumb rubber on the fields behind Fieldstone and to request the BOE be an active stakeholder in what happens to the fields as it is important for students' health and safety.

Elizabeth Gloegler - Town Council Member, shared that the town was holding a meeting on Wednesday 6/27 and a topic on the agenda is the replacement of the turf behind Fieldstone. Town residents need to decide if this is what the town wants to do and she recommended community members share their concerns with council members. The council wants to understand what

options are available other than crumb rubber. The Council has already approved this project and funds have been allotted, and she noted more environmental issues are more expensive. Mrs. Gloeggler also spoke highly of Mrs. D'Amato and thanked all the district staff for their hard work.

Debra Stephans, Montvale resident, requested staff be given proper notice of reassignments and as a parent, hopes for good morale in the schools.

Jennifer Feather, Memorial Teacher, requested clarity on the Board Policy regarding teacher assignment transfers.

Diane Polifroni, Memorial Teacher, shared the general morale of staff in the schools is concerning. She requested the priority for all be to make the best learning environment for the students.

Arlene Frankel, Montvale resident, thanked the Board Members for their time. She proposed Montvale consider creating an early childhood center on Memorial drive and requested the BOE explore this option in conjunction with the Borough Mayor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Foley introduced motion 20.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Bagdat and passed unanimously.

Motion 20.1 **RESOLVED**, that this meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wasserman
Board Secretary