

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY  
WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, entered Regular Public Meeting Session on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Cafeteria of Fieldstone Middle School, Spring Valley Road, Montvale NJ. President Rossig called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn and Mr. Rossig. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

Mr. Rossig 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**

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

**PRIVATE SESSION**

**Mr. DiFiore introduced motion 4.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mr. Carvelli 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, Leave Request  
MEA Negotiations

**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 8:01 p.m.**

At 8:01 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn and Mr. Rossig. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and three members of the public. The Board President restated the open public meetings announcement and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the public and invited them to sign the attendance sheet, if they so chose. He 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** – There are many “theme” weeks throughout the month of October, starting with the Week of Respect which includes activities emphasizing the importance of treating one another with respect. October also includes Fire Prevention Week, and Dr. Petersen thanked the Montvale Fire Department for visiting both school and sharing important lessons on fire safety. Dr. Petersen attended the dedication ceremony of the new Montvale Fire House and noted it was a great event. This week is School Violence Prevention week to foster a positive school environment. The last week of October is Red Ribbon week which has a focus of establishing drug free environments.

The Pascack Valley Superintendents meet monthly, Montvale will be hosting these meetings for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. The first meeting for the year of the Superintendents took place on October 11, 2018.

Lastly, Dr. Petersen thanked Mr. Parks and the DEAC committee for sponsoring a terrific Professional Development Day on October 8, 2018. Dr. Petersen also noted it was a good day for staff to be together following the passing of Mrs. Donna Myhre the prior weekend.

**Enrollment** – Memorial enrollment is 519, up 3 since September while Fieldstone decreased by two to 447. Total District enrollment is 966, up one student from September.

## **HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No members of the public wished to be heard.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

*The board discussed and approved placement on the upcoming Board agenda of the following:*

**Minutes** - Enclosed are copies of the minutes of the following meetings for review and comment:  
September 17, 2018  
September 24, 2018

**Nursing Services Plan 2018-2019** – The agenda will include a resolution to accept this plan.

**American Education Week** – A resolution will be included on the agenda to recognize American Education Week, November 12-16, 2018.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*The board discussed and approved placement on the upcoming Board agenda of the following:*

**Voucher Payments** - A list of checks due to vendors from the district will be presented on the public meeting agenda.

**Board Secretary's and Cash Reports** – The financial statements for the month of August 2018 will be presented for action at the October 22, 2018 public meeting.

**Monthly Financial Review** – Mrs. Wasserman reviewed the monthly cash inflows received by the district and how the receipts tie into the revenue budget projections for the school year.

## **FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Architect of Record** – Mrs. Wasserman provided an update to the Board on the RFP process for District Architect of Record.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports were shared

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mrs. Baskin attended the PTO meeting on 9/28/18 noting it was very well attended. The PTO does many great things for the school, and the staff and students are very appreciative of the PTO's donation of air conditioners to Memorial School. The MEF continues to look for more people to get involved. The MEF will host the Harlem Wizards this school year, but will not be running Casino Night.

Mr. Carvelli asked if Dr Petersen could highlight the PTO and MEF meetings in his newsletters to the Montvale community.

Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Foley, Mr. Carvelli, Mrs. Baskin, and Dr. Petersen attended the NJSBA Safety & Security meeting on October 4, 2018. The group felt that as a Board, we are well educated on the topics discussed, which is encouraging to confirm the Board's on-going focus on school safety and security.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were shared

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Wasserman noted that Mr. Fette reached out that the Borough had ordered replacement strobe lights for the lightning detection systems.

Mr. Carvelli asked about the process of notifying MCC when the lightning detectors go off after school. Dr. Petersen shared that the MCC supervisors receives emails when the lightening detectors go off, as well as for the all clear.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rossig attended the Memorial celebration for Donna Myhre which was wonderful and noted the Mayors Gala on 10/25/18, where proceeds from fundraising efforts would go towards college costs for Mrs. Myhre's daughter.

Mrs. Foley reported that during the prior Saturday morning a vehicle was on the field at Fieldstone. She believes it could be tied to a MAL fundraiser. Dr. Petersen said he would follow up with MAL.

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn is working with Councilwoman Elizabeth Gloeggler to take community pictures for the Montvale TV Station.

Mr. Carvelli noted grass by the Memorial school entrance was damaged by a truck and needs to be looked at. Mrs. Wasserman will follow up.

## **HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Polifroni of Memorial School asked about a security vestibule at the main entrance to Memorial School. Mrs. Wasserman reported that the district continues to plan for the installation of a vestibule at Memorial.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Mr. DiFiore introduced motion 19.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Bagdat and passed unanimously.**

Motion        **RESOLVED**, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.  
19.1

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wasserman  
Board Secretary