

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY
WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, entered Regular Public Meeting Session on Monday, September 17, 2018 in the Instructional Media Center of Fieldstone Middle School, Spring Valley Road, Montvale NJ. President Rossig called the meeting to order at 7:19 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, Resignations, Provisional
Teacher, Name Changes
Superintendent's Merit Goals
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 8:06 p.m.

At 8:06 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 five 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 – Dr. Petersen thanked the entire Montvale team as the school year is off to a great start. The first day at Memorial began with the annual ringing of the school bell while Fieldstone's opening day included a reading by Dr. Petersen to the fifth grade of Dr. Seuss's "Oh The Places You Will Go." Dr. Petersen thanked all the twelve month employees for their dedication and reviewed the summer happenings in the district including facilities projects, summer programs for the students, and curriculum writing. Fieldstone Back To School night was well attended on September 13. Memorial's Back To School Night will take place on September 27. Everyone is excited for the 2018-2019 school year and we will continue to explore, grow and build in the upcoming year.

Enrollment – Memorial enrollment is 449, Fieldstone is 516, for total district enrollment of 965.

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:
August 27, 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 July 2018 will be presented for action at the 9/24/18 public meeting.

Monthly Financial Review – Mrs. Wasserman reviewed the process of issuing a purchase order and all the steps involved from obtaining a quote to paying the vendor for the goods or services provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were shared

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn congratulated Mrs. Simon on the produce grown from the hydroponics tower in her classroom.

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn noted the summer MSI boot camp was enjoyed by her son who attended the inaugural year of the program and thanked all the people involved for ensuring positive experiences for the students.

Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn attended a meeting in August led by the New Jersey School Boards on the Art of Effective Communication. It highlighted how Boards conduct themselves and Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn shared many of the points she learned at the conference. She highlighted things the Board and the Trustees do well and things the Board should continue to focus on. One big take-away is the continued importance of communications with all stakeholders.

Mr. Carvelli attended Fieldstone Back to School Night. It was very well executed. Mrs. Foley and Mr. DiFiore echoed the positive impression of the night.

Mr. Carvelli attended the Borough of Montvale's 9-11 Memorial and asked how the district ties civics into the curriculum. Dr. Petersen discussed the importance of the topic and how it is embedded in school education.

Mr. DiFiore asked if anyone knew if Casino Night would be taking place this year. Dr. Petersen understands that there are not enough volunteers to help the MEF execute the event this year.

Mr. Carvelli commented on a recent newspaper article on the topic of school districts televising Board of Education Meetings.

Mrs. Bagdat noted that Mrs. Foley will be sworn in as a lieutenant next week at the Borough Mayor and Council meeting.

Mr. Carvelli asked about the soccer goals on the Fieldstone fields and how the borough, the MAL, and the district can all work together to ensure the safety of children on the fields. Dr. Petersen and Mrs. Wasserman recently met with the new MAL president on this and other topics.

COMMUNICATIONS

IPM – Mrs. Wasserman shared the Integrated Pest Management Annual Report with the Board of Education.

NJSBA Workshop - The New Jersey School Boards annual conference is scheduled for October 22 through October 26 in Atlantic City.

NJSBA Bergen County Meeting – The next NJSBA Bergen County meeting will take place October 4 in Hackensack from 6-9 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Wasserman reported that the RFP for Architect of Record was issued and over 10 organizations had requested copies of the document.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs. McLaughlin of Memorial School questioned the monitoring of inflatables used in the summer rec program.

Councilwoman Gloeggler thanked everyone for a great job opening the new school year. She also highlighted the TV studio at Borough Offices and looks forward to working with the BOE on upcoming broadcasting opportunities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Bagdat introduced motion 18.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mr. DiFiore and passed unanimously.

Motion 18.1 **RESOLVED**, that this meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wasserman
Board Secretary