

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY**

**WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2018**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, entered Worksession Public Meeting Session on Monday, January 8, 2018 in the Instructional Media Center of Fieldstone Middle School, Spring Valley Road, Montvale NJ. President Rossig called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. McGauley-Eichorn and Mr. Rossig. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator and 3 members of the public. Mr. Rossig reminded those present that the open public meetings notice was previously read.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Petersen welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2018. He is looking forward to an exciting year and added that 2017 was a great year. The first snow day of the year took place on Thursday January 4. Two students recorded the snow day message which was well received. The MEF auctioned off the recording opportunity at the Fall Casino Night event.

The upcoming Board meeting on January 22 will include a presentation on summer plans and activities scheduled to take place at Memorial Elementary School. The Innovation Team will be doing a site visit on January 30 and all Board members were invited to attend. The Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday February 13, the discussion will focus on the regional math curriculum. On February 6, the regional schools are hosting a speaker, William Deresciewicz, who will discuss his book "Excellent Sheep" at 7pm. Fieldstone School has received a request to host students visiting from China for one day. The visiting students will shadow a Fieldstone student, it should be a great experience for all involved.

Enrollment - Memorial currently has 529 students, no change from December. Fieldstone's enrollment increased by 4 students to 473 bringing the district total enrollment to 1,002.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public wished to be heard.

BOARD BUSINESS

Minutes - Copies of the minutes of the following meetings were available for review and comment:

December 11, 2017

December 18, 2017

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Board Secretary's and Cash Reports – The financial statements for the month of November 2017 will be presented on the upcoming public meeting agenda.

Voucher Payments – A list of checks issued January 22, 2018 will be presented on the public meeting agenda.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mrs. McGauley Eichhorn shared her concern with the Community Path at Memorial not being properly cleared of snow for the start of school earlier in the day. The district did clean up the path to ensure it was cleared for pick up. The Board Trustees then discussed snow removal procedures with Dr. Petersen and Mrs. Wasserman throughout the District.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were shared.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Petersen updated the Board on its options to use Strauss Esmay or NJ School Boards for a policy review. Dr. Petersen reported that many local districts use Strauss Esmay and the Board attorney believes both services are very good.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the upcoming Memorial Summer Building Use presentation with Dr. Petersen expressing some of their interests and questions to be reviewed at the presentation on January 22.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilwoman Elizabeth Gloeggler, of Montvale, commented regarding the snow around Memorial that it is best that everyone work together, both the Borough and the District. All were in agreement. She also shared she will remain as the town council's liaison to the Board of Education and the local TV station.

PRIVATE SESSION

Mr. Carvelli introduced motion 11.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mr. DiFiore and was unanimously approved.

Motion 11.1 **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 reconvene 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, Student Teacher/Intern, Salary Guide Advancement

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. McGauley-Eichorn introduced motion 13.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Foley and passed unanimously.

Motion **RESOLVED**, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.
13.1

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wasserman
Board Secretary