

NORTHVALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bargisen, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Johanna Bargisen
Mrs. Jamie Corday
Mrs. Peg DeGennaro
Mrs. Jennifer Venditti

Absent: One vacant seat

Also Present: Mr. Michael Pinajian, Superintendent
Ms. Dawn Delasandro, School Business Administrator
Mrs. Dianne Smith, Principal

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Bargisen led all those present in a salute to the flag.

III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been emailed to the municipal clerk and the Rockleigh School Business Administrator, and was also published in The Record on January 11, 2018 and the Star Ledger on January 12, 2018.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. DeGennaro, seconded by Mrs. Corday the Northvale Board of Education approved the following Northvale Public School District minutes:

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2017

IN FAVOR: Mrs. Bargisen, Mrs. Corday, Mrs. DeGennaro, Mrs. Venditti
ABSTAINED: None
OPPOSED: None
ABSENT: None

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V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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NONE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Pinajian thanked Mrs. Carney, PTO President, and Mrs. Kim for meeting with administration to discuss the creation of a Korean Committee of the PTO. There are many great initiatives the Korean parents would like to pursue.

Mr. Pinajian reviewed his agenda items and asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 1-6.

Mrs. DeGennaro motioned and Mrs. Corday seconded the motion that Resolutions 1 through 6 be accepted as presented.

Mrs. Bargisen:	Yes to all
Mrs. Corday:	Yes to all
Mrs. DeGennaro:	Yes to all
Mrs. Venditti	Yes to all

1. The Childbirth Disability Leave for Mrs. Nadine McGrath to commence on March 1, 2018 and continue through April 30, 2018. Unpaid Family Leave to begin May 1, 2018 and to continue through July 31, 2018. Returning September 4, 2018 at a reduced work schedule of 3 days per week through November 2, 2018.
2. The Childbirth Disability Leave for Ms. Erin Clarke to commence on May 10, 2018 and continue through June 21, 2018. Unpaid Family Leave to begin September 1, 2018 and continue through November 30, 2018. Returning on December 3, 2018.
3. Rescind Track Coach stipend awarded to Mr. Michael Schulman for the 2017-2018 school year as previously approved in Resolution #20 on May 17, 2017.
4. Award Track Coach stipend to Mrs. Sharon Vadovic for the 2017-2018 school year.

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5. Travel Requests:

Ms. Kristen Doramajian	Education Leader Cadre Meeting	Middlesex, NJ	2/2/18
Mrs. Debra Cicchetti	Region III Workshop	Old Tappan	2/2/18
Mrs. Nadine McGrath	NJ Int'l Dyslexia Seminar	Clark, NJ	2/3/18
Mrs. Rose Zara	NJIDA WIFFT Seminar	Clark, NJ	2/3/18
Ms. Dawn Delasandro	NJSBA Finance Conference	West Windsor, NJ	2/9/18
Mrs. Becky Endo	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ	5/30/18
Mrs. Patricia Magnani	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ	5/30/18

6. The following Drills:

Security: 12/18/17 - Lockdown

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VII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Delasandro noted that January is School Board Recognition Month and thanked the board for everything they do. She reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 1 – 9.

Mrs. DeGennaro motioned and Mrs. Corday seconded the motion that Resolutions 1 through 9 be accepted as presented.

Mrs. Bargisen:	Yes to all
Mrs. Corday:	Yes to all
Mrs. DeGennaro:	Yes to all
Mrs. Venditti	Yes to all

1. General Fund warrants:

December In-Office Checks	\$165,892.09
January Bill List	\$ 83,468.25
December 15, 2017 Payroll	\$285,576.66
December 30, 2017 Payroll	\$257,983.08
January 15, 2018 Payroll	\$274,251.57

Milk Fund warrants:	Cream O-Land Dairies	\$ 718.75
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Mrs. Jennifer Venditti, Board Member, does hereby abstain as to her own payment for reimbursement of fingerprinting expenses. Her vote herein shall constitute a vote as to payment of all other bills.

2. Report of the Board Secretary and Report of the Treasurer for the month ending November 2017; and

Further, that in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11(c) 4, the Northvale School District Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3. Transfer of funds between budgetary line items for December, 2017 in compliance with NJ S-1701 Regulations (10% cap)

4. Special Education tuition contract with Bergen County Special Services School District for the Brownstone School for student ID #4318493917 at a cost of \$60,300 pro-rated, and one to one aide at a cost of \$48,000 pro-rated effective December 11, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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5. WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2018 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and WHEREAS, The Northvale Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Northvale Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Northvale Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2018 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Northvale Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

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6. Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2018-19, and
WHEREAS, the Northvale Public School District Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students and the participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2018-19 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northvale Public School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2018-19 school year.

7. Reschedule the April Public Budget Hearing/Regular Board meeting from Monday, April 23, 2018 to Tuesday April 24, 2018 to accommodate budgetary deadlines. The meeting time and location will remain as 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.
8. Post Travel Report submitted pursuant to P.L. 2007, c.53 travel requirements N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33.

Anthony Coppola

9. Applications for Use of School Building submitted by the following organization:
- Girl Scouts #96925 – 3/5/18, 4/2/18, 5/7/18

VIII. NEW BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS

President Bargisen explained that the interviews would be conducted individually. Each interviewee will be allotted 15 minutes and will be asked to first provide a brief statement about themselves and why they would like to be a board member. Each board member will then have an opportunity to ask the candidate questions. Following the last interview, the board will enter a closed session to discuss, and then return to public to appoint a new member.

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The following individuals had responded to the advertisement and were interviewed by the Board.

Stella Kyprianou of Rockland Ave. began at 6:08 P.M.
Nicole Cowley of Lambert Ave. began at 6:27 P.M.
Jessica Cloesmeyer of Overbrook Rd. began at 6:37 P.M.
Erika Cuellar of Margene Court began at 7:00 P.M.
Michele Marinuzzi of Tappan Road began at 7:12 P.M.
David Zimble of Grace Ave. began at 7:26 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act and the Northvale Board of Education policy reserve the right within the constraints of state law to sit in executive session; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this board to meet in an executive session; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northvale Board of Education adjourn into executive session for the following reasons: Discussion of BOE Candidates

It was moved by Mrs. DeGennaro, seconded by Mrs. Venditti and unanimously approved by those present to enter the Executive Session at 7:38 P.M.

X. RE-ENTERED PUBLIC SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. DeGennaro, seconded by Mrs. Venditti and unanimously approved by those present to re-enter the Regular Meeting to the public at 8:39 P.M.

XI. APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Pinajian thanked all the candidates for applying and participating in the interview process. We greatly appreciate all the positive feedback received from each of you and we encourage you to be part of the board in the future. President Bargisen commented she was happy to see so many people apply. It's indicative of what a great district Northvale is. She also commented that by reading resumes of the candidates, it shows how involved you all are in the community. Mrs. DeGennaro thanked all the applicants and asked them to be part of the board in the future. She commented that even if you're not seated at the board table, a seat in the audience may be just as positive.

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Ms. Delasandro, Board Secretary, asked for nominations for Board Member. Johanna Bargisen nominated Nicole Cowley. No other nominations were made.

Mrs. DeGennaro motioned and Mrs. Corday seconded the motion to approve the appointment of new Board member:

Mrs. Bargisen:	Yes
Mrs. Corday:	Yes
Mrs. DeGennaro:	Yes
Mrs. Venditti	Yes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northvale Board of Education appoint Mrs. Nicole Cowley to fill the unexpired term of resigned Board member, Mr. Robert Bargna. The term shall expire on December 31, 2018. New Board member to be sworn in upon completion of a criminal background check.

XII. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Meeting – February 12, 2018.....6:30 pm
Winter Recess February 19 – 22, 2018 (School Closed)

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mrs. DeGennaro, seconded by Mrs. Corday and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.



Dawn Delasandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary