

NORTHVALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph McGuire, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Jamie Corday
Mrs. Peg DeGennaro
Mr. Joseph McGuire

Absent: Mrs. Johanna Bargisen
Mr. Robert Bargna

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

II. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Joseph McGuire led all those present in a salute to the flag.

III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the municipal clerk and the Rockleigh School Business Administrator, and was also published in The Record on January 21, 2017.

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

September 18, 2017

IN FAVOR: Mrs. Corday, Mrs. DeGennaro, Mr. McGuire
ABSTAINED: None
OPPOSED: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Bargisen, Mr. Bargna

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V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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NONE

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Mr. Pinajian introduce the board auditor Gary Higgins of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins CPA. Mr. Higgins reviewed the district's audit results for the 2016/2017 school year. Mr. Higgins explained the contents of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report. He stated they issued an unmodified opinion on the financial records and the district is well prepared for the 18/19 budget. Mr. Higgins also discussed the auditor recommendations. There was one recommendation issued which related to the electrical upgrade project. Due to the timing of the bid award and work done, the auditors recommended that no contract should be awarded without having sufficient funds available. Mr. McGuire asked if the board had any questions or would like to discuss the audit results. There were no questions or discussion. Mr. Higgins thanked the board.

Presentation of PARCC and NJASK results

The district Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Griffin, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. McGrath presented the results of the PARCC and NJASK tests from the 2016/2017 school year. They explained we had almost one hundred percent participation and students are comfortable with the computerized tests. Our performance level on the PARCC exam was the same as the previous year. In Language Arts, 80% of students scored in Level 4 or 5, which correlates to meeting expectations or exceeding expectations. In Grade 3, 88% of the students scored at Level 4 or 5. In Mathematics, all grade levels greatly exceeded the state averages and in Algebra, 100% of the students scored level 4 or 5. Overall, the district far exceeded score averages in New Jersey as well as all states that participate in PARCC.

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They also presented the NJASK scores, which are for 4th and 8th grade Science. In 4th grade, all students were 95% proficient or better and in 8th grade, 83% of students were proficient or better. There will no longer be NJASK tests going forward. Instead there will be state assessments in Grade 5 and 8.

The board discussed the programs used in each grade. Mrs. McGrath explained that the results are used to create Student Growth Objectives and revise curricula.

Mr. Pinajian thanks Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Smith as well as all staff for their preparation and administration of the exams.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Pinajian began his report by noting that the electrical upgrade project is almost complete, with recent installation of bollards around the new transformer and 2 new overnight light poles. He reviewed the items on the agenda this evening, which include acceptance of Mrs. Soria's resignation from the STEAM/Gifted and Talented position, several staff member workshop requests and scheduling the 8th Grade Dinner Dance. Also up for approval is the QSAC Statement of Assurance. The district will have a site visit during next school year. We have already begun to prepare for the site visit. Without further discussion of the board, Mr. Pinajian asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 1 – 15.

Mrs. DeGennaro motioned and Mrs. Corday seconded the motion that Resolutions 1 through 15, to be accepted as presented.

Mrs. Corday:	Yes to all
Mrs. DeGennaro:	Yes to all
Mr. McGuire:	Yes to all
Mrs. Bargisen:	Absent
Mr. Bargna:	Absent

1. To accept the resignation of Ms. Maria Soria, G&T/STEAM teacher, effective December 1, 2017.
2. To appoint Mrs. Debra Cicchetti School District Liaison for Missing and Abused Children for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. The Comprehensive School Counseling Program – Grades K -8 for the 2017-2018 school year.

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4. The NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Travel Requests as follows:

Name	Conference/ Seminar	Location	Date	Estimated Cost
Mrs. Debra Cicchetti	Homeless Shared Resources	Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ	Oct. 20, 2017	miles
Mrs. Jen Lopez	NJALC Fall Symposium	Somerset, NJ	Oct. 20, 2017	\$205 registration, plus tolls & miles
Mrs. Joan Bohan	Healthcare Professional Conference	Englewood Hospital & Medical Ctr.	Oct. 27, 2017	\$65 registration, parking fee, miles
Mrs. Kate Arena	Workshop-When Death Enters Your School	Hastings-on-Hudson, NY	Nov. 14, 2017	\$90 registration, miles & tolls
Mrs. Katherine Dodds	Workshop-When Death Enters Your School	Hastings-on-Hudson, NY	Nov. 14, 2017	\$90 registration, miles & tolls
Mr. Anthony Coppola	Asbestos Op. & Maintenance Refresher Course	Ocean, NJ	Nov. 7, 2017	135.00 registration, miles & tolls
Ms. Dawn Delasandro	Techspo 2018	Atlantic City	Jan. 25 & 26, 2018	Registration \$425, Lodging \$99/night, plus miles, tolls & meals
Mr. Emmett Dresler	Techspo 2018	Atlantic City	Jan. 25 & 26, 2018	Registration \$425, Lodging \$99/night, plus miles, tolls & meals

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6. To amend resolution #8 approved September 18, 2017 to read as follows:

To hire Ms. Deana Lubrani as a part-time one-on-one Special Education Aide for the 2017-2018 school year, pro-rated as per agreement with NEA, effective September 19, 2017 (\$17,687, no benefits). District to be reimbursed by the Harrington Park School District.

7. The following sports schedules for the 2017-2018 school year.

Volleyball
Soccer
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball

8. The 8th Grade Orientation at Old Tappan High School.
9. December 6 at 7:00 pm - Northvale Tree Lighting Ceremony – selected band and chorus students performing.
10. December 14 at 11:40 am – Senior Center Holiday Party (McGuire Senior Center) – selected band and chorus students performing.
11. Project Graduation car wash on Sunday, October 29 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
12. The 8th Grade Dinner Dance to be held at the Rockleigh Country Club on January 19, 2018.
13. Kristen Finckenauer, Bergen Community College Student, for 20 observation hours with Ms. Erin Clarke.
14. The following Fire and Security Drills:
- Fire Drill: 10/3/17 -- 3 minutes
15. Ms. Dinka Varaiya to be added to the 2017-2018 substitute list.

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VIII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Delasandro reviewed the items on the agenda including a payment application for the electrical upgrade project, the purchase of the new kindergarten class CD on behalf of the PTO and accepting the annual audit. Ms. Delasandro noted Resolution 9 is being revised on the Addendum to include additional building usage requests. Ms. Delasandro asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 1 – 9, with 9 as amended.

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

Mrs. Corday:	Yes to all
Mrs. DeGennaro:	Yes to all
Mr. McGuire:	Yes to all
Mrs. Bargisen:	Absent
Mr. Bargna:	Absent

1. General Fund warrants:

September In-Office Checks	\$ 159,271.91
September 30, 2017 Payroll	\$ 282,920.03
October 15, 2017 Payroll	\$ 269,028.26
October Bill List	\$ 231,857.05

Milk Fund warrants:	Cream O-Land Dairies	\$ 643.41
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2. Report of the Board Secretary and Report of the Treasurer for the month ending August 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 September in compliance with NJ S-1701 Regulations (10% cap)

4. Payment Application #4 from TSUJ Inc., in the amount of \$42,459.68 for work completed to date with the Electrical Upgrade project, as per the recommendation of the architect, DiCara Rubino Architects.

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5. Approve usage of independent evaluators, as per list attached and on file in the board offices, for various evaluations including but not limited to behavioral, psychiatric, speech & neurological.

6. PURCHASE OF CD FOR THE CLASS 2026

WHEREAS, the Northvale Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) wishes to open a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Class of 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Northvale Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) requested that the Northvale Board of Education oversee this financial transaction; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northvale Board of Education authorize the school business administrator to open a certificate of deposit at PNC Bank located in Northvale, New Jersey and to act as the designated agent overseeing all transactions for Class of 2026 Certificate of Deposit.

7. Accept 2016-2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report prepared by Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ.

8. Post Travel Report submitted pursuant to P.L. 2007, c.53 travel requirements N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33.

Rebecca Endo
Nadine McGrath

9. Revised per Addendum:

Application for Use of School Building submitted by the following organizations:

Northvale Rec Indoor Soccer–Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat..11/16/17 – 3/30/18
Northvale Rec Basketball – Sun/Wed/Fri.....11/16/17 – 3/30/18

Northvale PTO:

Basketball Clinic11/9/17
Movie Nights1/5/18, 1/19/18, 1/21/18
Bingo Night.....2/9/18
Brain Games Assembly Family Fun Night.....1/9/18

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Winter Enrichment – Mondays & Wednesday1/29/18 – 3/15/18
Purple Mat Yoga
Cooking
I piggi Bank
Top Fencing Club
Chess
Abrkadoodle Art
Sylvan for Robotics & Coding
Acting
Mad Science for 2 grade brackets
Mad Science Bixology
Fashion Camp
One Fitness

IX. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Pinajian thanked the Business Administrator and the business office for their efforts in the completion of a successful audit.

X. DATES TO REMEMBER

Teacher Convention November 9 & 10, 2017 (School Closed)
Regular Meeting – November 13, 2017.....6:30 pm

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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XII. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

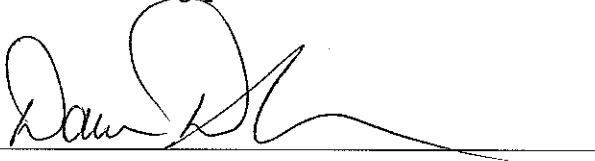
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act and the Northvale Board of Education policy reserve the right within the constraints of state law to sit in executive session; and

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: Student Issues

It was moved by Mrs. DeGennaro seconded by Mrs. Corday and unanimously approved by those present to adjourn the Regular Meeting to the Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

No action will be taken following the executive session and the board will not be re-entering public session.



Dawn Delasandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary