

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
POMPTON LAKES, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.**

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Call to Order**-Mrs. Schwartz, Board member, called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. **Flag Salute**-Mrs. Schwartz led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Reading of Notice** – Mrs. Schwartz read the following notice:

In accordance with the “New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law,” notice of this meeting, having the date, time and place, was posted at the Board of Education Office. A list of the following meeting dates was sent to the newspapers on May 21, 2017

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Conference Meetings	Regular Meetings
	July 11, 2017
	August 22, 2017
September 5, 2017	September 12, 2017
October 3, 2017	October 10, 2017
	November 14, 2017
December 5, 2017	December 12, 2017
January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting	January 9, 2018
February 6, 2018	February 13, 2018
March 6, 2018	March 13, 2018
April 3, 2018	April 17, 2018
May 1, 2018	May 8, 2018
June 5, 2018	June 12, 2018

4. Roll Call

- ✓ Mrs. Cioppa-present
- ✓ Mr. Cruz-present
- ✓ Mrs. Horn-present
- Ms. Norris-absent with advance notice
- Mr. Roman-absent with advance notice
- ✓ Mr. Santers-present
- Mr. Salus-absent with advance notice
- ✓ Mrs. Schwartz-present
- ✓ Mrs. Shaw-present (arrived at 7:45 pm)
- ✓ Mr. Troast-present

Dr. Amoroso, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Renee Taveniere, Board Secretary were also present.

5. Correspondence – Dr. Amoroso announced the Public Lakes School District Teachers of the Year: Mr. Rob Edgar, PLHS; Mrs. Lisa Ortega, Lakeside Middle School; Ms. Caitlin Thomas, Lincoln School, and Mrs. Katie Ardizzone, Lenox School. Dr. Amoroso also stated that the Lakeside Middle School all purpose room gym floor should be back on line next week.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD: Curriculum Report “Elementary Program”

Mrs. Shaw introduced Mr. Mike Petrella, Mr. Lou Shadiack, Mrs. Helen Tardif, Ms. Dana Aagaard and Mrs. Marisa Lembo.

Miss Miranda Deevy, Student Council Representative gave her monthly update to the Board and members of the public. Miss Deevy reported that the PLHS winter sport teams (basketball, bowling, and track) are doing well and there is a blood drive scheduled for Feb 2, 2018-donors welcome.

6. Hearing of Public (First Session) and Comments by Board Members

Lakeside School Cool Play Turf Project-several members of the Pompton Lakes community asked questions regarding the proposed Lakeside School synthetic turf project. Questions / comments asked by community members present at the meeting included:

Why weren't the residents living in the immediate area of Lakeside School notified that the Board was considering the synthetic turf project?

Did you apply for a variance? Construction projects require a variance.

Only parents of school children or parents of children participating in sports will benefit.

Where did all of the funding originate from? It had to have come from our tax monies.

Why wasn't the money returned to tax payers instead of being put towards a field project?

How will the traffic and parking be handled?

This project should be put up for a public vote regardless from where the money comes from.

Why would you do a project when we're going through an environmental cleanup project?

Not all tax payers want a turf field.

If this is only the first phase of a project, where will the money for restrooms, bleachers, lights, and other amenities come from? The local taxpayers will have to pay for these amenities.

School board members are elected by the citizens and this is an irresponsible decision by the Board. We're going to have to maintain the fields for ever and ever. This is too big a decision for a small number of people to make.

Dr. Amoroso, Superintendent of Schools addressed the public's comments. Information regarding the field project went out to the parents of children in the district, staff, and town council. Dr. Amoroso gave the background / history on the number of sport teams the high school currently has using the Lakeside Middle School field and Hershfield Park. In addition to the school teams, several of the local youth and adult leagues use both Lakeside School field and Hershfield Park during the fall and spring seasons. Both fields have been well maintained by the buildings and grounds department, but the fields are tired, and a field improvement plan is necessary.

The rationale for installing synthetic turf at Lakeside was primarily due to Hershfield Park's history of being prone to flooding. Hershfield Park has flooded several times during Dr. Amoroso's tenure in Pompton Lakes. Hurricane Irene was devastating to Pompton Lakes and Hershfield Park. Hundreds of man hours were spent putting the field at Hershfield Park back on line. Hershfield Park will continue to be an active community park and the field will not be taken off line-it will continue to be used by the High School and Pompton Lakes community. Dr. Amoroso explained that the project has been broken down into phases-the initial phase is the installation of synthetic turf. The remaining phases will be addressed over a period of several years.

Dr. Amoroso provided an overview of the number of curricular programs the district has added and maintained during his career in Pompton Lakes-i.e. the revitalization of the culinary arts program at PLHS, the addition of several AP classes offered to PLHS students, adding the Life Skills program at PLHS, and the expansion of the LMS LLD special education program. In addition to adding programs for students, the district administration has initiated several new revenue generating programs for the district - i.e. the Autism tuition revenue programs at Lincoln, Lakeside, and PLHS; Choice Student program at PLHS; and the Integrated Pre School program at Lenox School. In addition to the curriculum and educational programs added to the district's portfolio, the Board approved several capital improvement projects to maintain each of the school buildings-ESIP lighting retro fit project in every school building; the saw tooth and 1961 wing roof replacement at the high school; new boilers at Lakeside and Lenox schools; and the ADA wheel chair lift at the high school.

Dr. Amoroso then discussed the annual tax levy increase over the past several years-Pompton Lakes average yearly increase was well below the 2% cap allowed by the State. Dr. Amoroso explained that the Board has deposited on the average one half of one percent of the total budget into the capital reserve account over the past 8 to 10 years. Dr. Amoroso reiterated several times that the quality of education provided the students of Pompton Lakes has not been compromised, in fact student education experiences have been enhanced and the quality of instruction will continue to come first.

Members of the public thanked Dr. Amoroso for his detailed explanation and overview of the project.

7. Approval of Minutes-Motion by Mr. Troast, seconded by Mr. Cruz to approve the January 2, 2018 Conference and Reorganization Minutes. Motion carried by **roll call vote: 7/0.**

FINANCE

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

F-1

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve bills in the amount of \$3,004,319.52 for the month of **January 2018.**

Motion by Mrs. Cioppa, seconded by Mr. Cruz; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

F-2

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Student Activity account bills in the amount of \$12,588.34 for the month of **December 2017**.

Motion by Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

Background

See Following.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

F-3

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (3), the Pompton Lakes Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Secretary's Certification and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year; therefore, it is recommended that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator's Report and Treasurer of School Monies' Report for the month ending **November 30, 2017** approved.

Motion by Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Horn; motion carried by **roll call vote: 7/0**.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS

F-4

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of **December 2017**.

Motion by Mrs. Cioppa, seconded by Mrs. Shaw; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

F-5

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve payment to Environetics Group Architects PC in the amount of \$8,400.00 for professional services rendered for the 1961 Wing Roof Replacement work at Pompton Lakes High School. This project is funded from the Pompton Lakes Board of Education Capital Reserve Account. This project was approved at the Board's March 3, 2017 Conference Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Horn; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS – PLHS

F-6

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Pompton Lakes Board of Education approve New Era Technology, dba Promedia, to provide and install a security camera system at Pompton Lakes High School. The project will consist of the purchase of one IP Integration Services system (server, software, exterior and interior surveillance cameras) network cabling, and

FINANCE, Cont'd.

installation of same at a cost not to exceed \$77,711.27. New Era Technology is an approved ED-Data Service provider, contract no. 7022.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Cruz; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

APPROVAL TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

F-7

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following:

Name & School	Conference/ Seminar/ Workshop	Date	Location	Registration Fee	Other Costs
Karyn Hennessy PLHS	Be The Best Softball Coaches' Convention	1/19/18	Cherry Hill, NJ	\$159.00	Mileage: \$ 63.86 Parking: \$ 8.70

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Shaw; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

F-8

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placements for the following student.

ID#	School	Tuition	Effective Date
5154378446	Gateway High School Program	\$72,505.00 (To be pro-rated)	TBD

Motion by Mrs. Shaw; seconded by Mrs. Horn; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

Background: This is a change of placement for a current out of district student.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK-LINCOLN SCHOOL BOILER F-9

It is the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve Manhattan Welding Company to repair one condensate pump at Lincoln Elementary School and replace one new line starter for the return pump at Lincoln Elementary School. The cost of repair work is \$7,283.99.

Motion by Mrs. Horn, seconded by Mrs. Shaw; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

**PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS**

LENOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REPLACEMENT

P-1

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve Isabelle Nochta as the kindergarten leave replacement (for Brittany DePree) effective January 29, 2018 – June 30, 2018. (BA+15 Step 1 - \$57,290 pro-rated)

PERSONNEL, cont'd.

Motion by Mrs. Cioppa, seconded by Mr. Cruz; motion carried by **roll call vote: 7/0.**

POMPTON LAKES HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAL AIDE

P-1a

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve Sean McClinton as a custodial aide at the Pompton Lakes High School effective 1/10/2018. (At a rate of \$10.50/hour – Replacing Alanna Contreras)

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Troast; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES

P-1b

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following personnel to be added to the appropriate lists for the 2017-2018 school year.

Substitute Teachers	Anthony Occhiuzzi Robert Panek Kellie Uriguen Valbon Vlashi
Substitute Instructional Aide	Eric Gross Robert Panek
Substitute P/C Aides	Erin Keating
Substitute ABA Aides	Robert Panek
Substitute Teachers	Karen Pavero
Student Teacher	Janelle Phalon/WPU/English 9-12/R. Texel 1/18/18 – 5/3/18

Motion by Mr. Troast, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

POLICIES & REGULATIONS

2nd READING

REVISED BYLAWS

P&R-1

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the 2nd reading of the following revised bylaws:

P0168 Recording Board Meetings

Motion by Mr. Troast, seconded by Mrs. Cioppa; motion carried by **roll call vote: 7/0.**

MISCELLANEOUS

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING REPORT

M-1

WHEREAS, the Pompton Lakes Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report of the Superintendent on January 9, 2018, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the HIB Report for December 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Horn, seconded by Mr. Cruz; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Hearing of Public (Second Session)

Mrs. Diaz thanked the Dr. Amoroso and the Board for the presentation on the Lakeside School synthetic turf project and requested that the Board find a way to disseminate information to all Pompton Lakes residents.

Member of the public asked if the Board was considering recording (audio and /or video) the public portion of board meetings. Mrs. Shaw responded that the Board was not considering recording the meetings at this time.

Several members of the public suggested that the Board work with the town council to come up with a way to disseminate information that has a direct effect on all members of the community. Councilman DeLine stated he would discuss the possibility of adding a link to the township website to the school district's website.

Mrs. Shaw suggested that once the 2018-2019 Board Committees are finalized, the Public Relations Committee should meet to discuss ways to disseminate information to the residence of Pompton Lakes.

2. Old/New Business-N/A

3. Future Meetings-Conference Meeting; February 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm; Board of Education Conference Room.

G. MOTION TO ADJOURN

WHEREAS CHAPTER 231 P.L. 1975, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act authorized a public body to meet in Executive or Private session under certain limited circumstances, and WHEREAS said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an Executive or Private session, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES THAT;

1. It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session prior to adjournment of this meeting to discuss a legal matter.
2. The matter discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.
3. Action may be taken when the board returns to public session.

Motion by Mr. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Troast to move to Executive Session at 9:22 pm; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

The Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Board of Education opened at 10:29 pm.

Motion by Mr. Troast, seconded by Mrs. Cioppa to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Board of Education at 10:30 pm; motion carried by voice vote: 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Tavenière

Board Secretary