

Minutes
September 10, 2014

7:01 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Mr. Ozalis read the Opening Public Meetings statement.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of the public bodies, at which time any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Palmyra Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and purpose thereof posted at Palmyra Borough Hall, the high school library bulletin board, and board offices; mailed to the Palmyra Borough Clerk, Burlington County Times, Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Trend on September 4, 2014.

2. Moment of Silent Meditation

3. Salute to the Flag

4. Roll Call:

Ms. Nancy Brett, Vice President
Mr. Keith Austin
Ms. Sandra Cintron
Mrs. Lori Gilmore
Mr. John Gural
Mr. John Kay
Mr. Stanley Ozalis, President
Mr. John Quigg
Mr. Mark Russell
Mr. Warnock, Riverton Representative
Ms. Mary Ellen Knudson, Beverly Representative
Mr. Giovanni Gravano, Student Representative

Present: Mr. Austin, Ms. Brett, Ms. Cintron, Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Gural, Mr. Kay, Mr. Ozalis,
Mr. Russell, Mr. Quigg, Mr. Warnock (7:07 p.m.), Mr. Gravano

Absent: Ms. Knudson

5. Closed Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. Seq. (Open Public Meetings Act) provides that the *Palmyra Board of Education* may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the *Board of Education* discusses certain matters as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session, approximately 7:20 p.m. this evening

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- _____ Any matter which, by express provisions of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public.
- _____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government.
- _____ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- _____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collection bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public.
- _____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
- _____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.
- _____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.
- X Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
- X Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.
- _____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: Mr. Russell
Second: Ms. Gilmore
Vote: Unanimous

The Board entered closed session at 7:04 p.m.

- 6. Return from Closed Session 7:36 p.m.

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: Mr. Quigg
Second: Ms. Cintron
Vote: Unanimous

- 7. Reports
7.01 Superintendent
Mr. McBride and Ms. Saia presented a PowerPoint outlining summer accomplishments.

Opening of School for 2014-15

- a. "thank you's"
- b. Backpack donations from: Epworth United Methodist Church and Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Johnson

PowerPoint Presentation

- a. Goals
- b. CST
- c. C&I
- d. Business Office
- e. CSS
- f. PHS
- g. PARCC
- h. Calculator
- i. Testing schedule

2014-2015 Schedules at PHS

- a. 8th Grade shortfall
 - i. Convergence
 - ii. Bell schedule
 - iii. NJASK
 - iv. Additional/new electives
 - v. OnCourse
 - vi. Parent Portal

NJSBA 2014-2015 Convention

Employee Retirement Planning

- a. Vanguard option
- b. No additional cost to BOE
- c. Request guidance from Vanguard

BASF Science Grant

EPI-Pen (follow up)

7.02 Student Representative

Mr. Gravano Reported on the opening of school touching on clubs, athletics, homecoming and various other ongoing and upcoming, student centered, activities.

Mr. Kay gave the summer Buildings and Grounds report.

Mr. Warnock reported Riverton's 2014-2015 attendance at Palmyra High School and noted various renovations which had taken place during the summer at Riverton School.

8. Correspondence

2014 Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program Grant Notification

Mr. McBride notified the Board that pursuant to this correspondence, the district would not be receiving the grant award.

9. Public Forum for Agenda Items

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Ms. Jablonski, 7.01 - commented on elements of the Superintendents PowerPoint pertaining to calculators.

Ms. Blatz, 7.01 - commented on elements of the Superintendents PowerPoint pertaining to High School schedule release.

10. Routine Business

10.01 BE IT RESOLVED that the following reports are hereby accepted and approved:
10.01a Volunteers: Ruth Mills

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: Mr. Quigg
Second: Ms. Cintron
Vote: Unanimous

10.02 BE IT RESOLVED that the following reports are hereby accepted and approved:
10.02a Travel and Professional Development

<i>Staff Member</i>	<i>Name/Date of Workshop</i>	<i>Workshop Cost</i>	<i>Workshop Location</i>
*Leslie Dobbs	NJAHPERD Lake Conference 9/26/14-9/28/14	\$175.00	Hardwick, NJ
*Kent MacDougall	Autism and Other Neurodevelo p.m.ental Disorders 9/26/14	\$189.00	Cherry Hill, NJ
*Gina Lewis	Autism and Other Neurodevelo p.m.ental Disorders 9/26/14	\$189.00	Cherry Hill, NJ
*Kim Hoffman	NJSCA Fall Conference 10/12/14, 10/13/14	\$350.00	Long Branch, NJ
Joe Rosato	NJTESOL/NJBE Fall Conference 10/25/14	\$65.00	Galloway, NJ

Roll Call Vote Full BoardMotion: Mr. Gural Second: Mr. Quigg

Ayes: (9) Ms. Brett, Ms. Cintron, Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Gural, Mr. Kay, Mr. Russell, Mr. Quigg, Mr. Warnock, Mr. Ozalis

Nays: (0) none

Abstentions: (1) Mr. Austin

11. Human Resource

11.01 BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel actions are hereby approved as recommended by the Superintendent:

11.01a Novice Teacher Mentors

<u>Novice Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Katie DeMarco	Katie Salvo
Kelly Gallagher	*John Geisel
Amanda Ehret	Karla O'Connell

11.01b Extracurricular Activities

Accept the resignation of Ms. Leslie Dobbs as the advisor for the Just Say No Club for 2014/2015.

11.01c Resignations

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Kathleen Petrucelli, Administrative Assistant Payroll & Benefits, effective October 2, 2014.
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Brian Thomas, Science Teacher, effective August 30, 2014.

11.01d Appointment

- Appoint Ms. Kelly Gallagher as a full time Teacher of Science at Palmyra High School for the 2014/2015 school year, effective September 1, 2014.
- *Appoint Juan A. Caban, Sr. as a part time custodian/bus driver at 4 hours per day, at a rate of \$12.00/hr.
- *Appoint Howard Norcross as the interim school resource officer effective August 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 at a rate of \$18.50/hr.

11.01e *Extra Preparation

- Jamie Patchel – Special Education (2 x \$2,200 = \$4,400)
- Katie DeMarco – German (\$2,200)
- Michael Tumelty – Special Education (\$2,200)

11.01f *Leader to Leader Program

- Reimburse Joni Geiser for Leader to Leader Program fees in the amount of \$800.00.
- Reimburse Michael Papenberg for Leader to Leader Program fees in the amount of \$800.00.

Roll Call Vote Full BoardMotion: Mr. Quigg Second: Mr. Warnock

Ayes: (10) Mr. Austin (11.01a, 11.01c-f), Ms. Brett, Ms. Cintron, Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Gural, Mr. Kay, Mr. Russell, Mr. Quigg, Mr. Warnock, Mr. Ozalis

Nays: (0) none

Abstentions: (1) Mr. Austin (11.01b)

*11.02 BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel actions are hereby approved as recommended by the Superintendent:

11.02a After School Program

Substitute student teacher assistants for 2014/2015: Jesse Anderson, Erin Ortip at a rate of \$8.25/hr.

Roll Call Vote Palmyra BoardMotion: Ms. Brett Second: Mr. Russell

Ayes: (9) Mr. Austin, Ms. Brett, Ms. Cintron, Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Gural, Mr. Kay, Mr. Russell, Mr. Quigg, Mr. Ozalis

Nays: (0) none

Abstentions: (0) none

12. Policy and Curriculum

12.01 BE IT RESOLVED that the following policy and curriculum actions are hereby approved as recommended by the Superintendent:

12.01a Field Trips

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>
9/12/14	Maple Shade	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
9/20/14	Upper Dublin High School for band competition	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
9/27/14	Abington High School for band competition	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
10/4/14	Millville High School for band competition	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
10/4/14	Woodrow Wilson	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
*10/7/14	Philadelphia Zoo	Gr. 10-12/Mr. Budden
10/9/14	Washington Twp. HS	Gr. 8-12/Ms. DeMarco
*10/10/14	BCC for Annual Youth Service Conference	Gr. 7-12/Mrs. Foster
10/11/14	Plymouth Whitemarsh for band competition	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
10/16/14	Collingswood HS	Gr. 8-12/Ms. DeMarco
10/18/14	Egg Harbor High School for band competition	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
10/24/14	Riverside	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore

10/25/14	Delsea High School for band competition	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
10/30/14	Riverton School for Halloween Parade	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
11/1/14	Gloucester Catholic	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore
11/9/14	Hershey, Pa. for band championship	Gr. 7-12/Mr. Moore

The Board would like to recognize the PTA for its financial support, which helps to make many of these trips possible.

12.01b Student Placements/Services

Palmyra student #9119397579 to attend the Burlington County Alternative High School for the 2014/2015 school year at a tuition rate of \$18,312.00 effective 9/3/14.

12.01c Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement

Enter into a Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (MOA) for the 2014/2015 school year.

12.01d Fund Raising Activities

Cheerleading - Fundraiser overseen by Tiffany Murphy
Bake sale in the gymnasium hallway on 9/10, 9/11 &/or 9/12

Soccer Booster Club - Fundraiser overseen by Gina Tait and Ciaran Brett
The Soccer Booster Club will have an ongoing Blanket and Flag sale until supplies are gone to support the boys and girls soccer teams.

The German Club - Fundraiser overseen by Katie DeMarco
The German Club would like to offer a dress down day on 10/3/14 with the money used to offset the cost of their future trip to Europe.

PTA fundraiser for 9/18 at PHS. Parents will be selling water bottles and pretzels.

*Interact – Fundraisers overseen by Lorita Foster
“Pay to Wear Pink” 10/17 or 10/24
Bake Sales for breast cancer on 10/7/14 and 10/21/14

12.01e Curriculum

- Creative Writing
- AP Calculus
- Spanish V

12.01f *Homebound Instruction
SID #7285993441

Roll Call Vote Full Board

Motion: Ms. Gilmore Second: Ms. Cintron

Ayes: (10) Mr. Austin, Ms. Brett (12.01a-c, 12.01e-f), Ms. Cintron, Ms. Gilmore, Mr. Gural, Mr. Kay, Mr. Russell, Mr. Quigg, Mr. Warnock, Mr. Ozalis

Nays: (0) none

Abstentions: (1) Ms. Brett (12.01d)

13. Public Forum for Additional Topics

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13.01a Recognition of members of the Public

Ms. Hartman reported on PTA activities. The PTA Officers presented two framed pictures to the Board and asked that they be hung in the Charles Street media center.

Ms. Martocello asked if there is a uniform policy regarding the grading of summer enrichment work. A short discussion followed between members, the Superintendent and Ms. Martocello.

13.01b Recognition of members of the Board

Ms. Brett asked that the Superintendent try to arrange a "meet and greet" with the Beverly Board of Education.

14. Adjournment

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: Mr. Gural

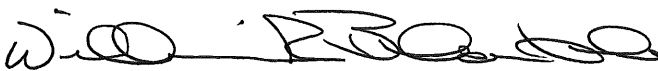
Second: Mr. Quigg

Vote: Unanimous

Time: 9:29 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



William R. Blatchley
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary