EATONTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eatontown, New Jersey April 9, 2018

Minutes

Mr. Robert English, Board President, read the following statement: I hereby announce, pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows: A notice was published on January 5, 2018, in the <u>Asbury Park Press</u> and sent to the <u>Atlanticville</u> on January 5, 2018, distributed to the Eatontown Borough Clerk and posted on the front door of the Board of Education Building at 5 Grant Avenue, Eatontown, New Jersey, stating the time, date, and place of this meeting.

Mr. English read the District Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Eatontown Public Schools to set high academic and social expectations for its students. By providing our students with appropriate staffing, resources and funding they will be able to reach these expectations and achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Moment of Reflection

Mr. English read the following statement: Let us take a moment for each of us to reflect on our mission and its place in our work here today and its impact to our continuing commitment to the students of the Eatontown Public School District.

Roll Call Roll call showed the following Board Members in attendance: Messrs. English, Lawson, Ortiz, Regan (arrived 7:05 p.m.) and Siino (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Mmes. Flynn, Martinock and Miller (arrived 7:08 p.m.). Mr. Fitterer was absent. Also in attendance: Mr. Scott T. McCue, Superintendent, Mrs. Lori Youngclaus, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Dennis Collins, Esq.

Presentation - Eatontown Elks Essay Contest presented by Ms. Kelly Miller, Americanism Chairman of the Eatontown Elks

Superintendent's Report Mr. McCue gave the following report:

Memorial School

• This month, in Mrs. Wetzel's and Mrs. McNelis's classes, students were taught the steps to the Engineering Process along with how rescuers in the wilderness use a device known as a "mountain litter". As part of this STEM activity, many materials were provided, but little guidance was given to students on how they might design the litter. Each group did well designing a litter that was different from each other. All designs were able to rescue a potato to safety after navigating simulated rough terrain.

- Students also participated in the following school events:
 - *March 12th Spelling Bee Finals at Monmouth University
 - *March 14th Student Demonstration for School Safety and School Climate
 - *March 16th Monmouth County Teen Arts

Meadowbrook School

- March 2nd was a whirlwind of reading at Meadowbrook School! Students from Vetter School kicked off the morning by demonstrating their reading fluency and expression to the 1st, 2nd, and Kindergarten students. Eatontown Police and Monmouth Boys' Soccer players exemplified their reading chops as well and the classrooms were a buzz with great books and reading activities!
- The Meadowbrook PTA's Family Fun Night was held on March 26th. Students welcomed spring with fun spring crafts and activities. The students were happily surprised when the Easter Bunny made a special visit! Families also were invited to browse the Book Fair during this time.
- As athletes from around the world gathered in South Korea, Meadowbrook School students experienced their own Olympics in the special area classes. Entering the All-Purpose Room under Olympic colored hula-hoop rings, students learned the history of the Olympics in Physical Education class. The next two weeks were filled with activities and challenges relating to the individual areas of Music, Library, and Physical Education. Points were earned by each class and gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded in each grade. The children were very excited to participate and learned valuable lessons about working together and encouraging each other.

Vetter School

- On March 1st, the fifth grade classes attended a class trip to the Liberty Science Center. The students were invited to explore the museum in small groups and learn in a hands on way about various science related topics. In the late morning, the entire group met in the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium and LSC Giant Dome Theater. The Liberty Science Center recently advertised this experience on TV as largest and most technologically advanced planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. The trip was a huge success and both staff as well as students returned with an excitement about the experience.
- On March 2nd, in recognition of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's Birthday, the Vetter School Peer Tutoring group took a trip across town to read to our K, 1st, and 2nd grade students. Vetter School students chose a story to read to the students as well as led a class discussion about the story. The program was very successful and Vetter School will be working with Woodmere School to engage in a similar program in the future.
- On March 6th, Vetter School 5th graders took the annual In-View test. This is a screening test used to measure student IQ which is one of the determining factors for Gifted and Talented program placement.
- On March 19th, the Eatontown Lions Club donated their time to Vetter School to complete a vision screening for the entire student body. The Lions Club is in possession of a device called a Spot Vision Screener which allows the operator to take a picture of the student's eyes and get an immediate reading of vision difficulties. It took about two hours to get through the whole school and resulted 45 new referrals. Thanks to the Lion's Club for their donation of time!

• Throughout the month of March, the fifth grade students ran individual class trips to Wegmans. This experience was funded through a Target Grant completed by Mr. Costanzo. During each class trip, the students were broken into small groups and asked to complete various tasks such as price per pound, taxes to be charged, price comparisons, converting measurements, and sale percentages and/or markdowns. This worthwhile trip had real-life applications that transferred nicely into the classroom. Thank you to Mr. Costanzo for developing the details and educational recording sheets for this special trip!

Woodmere School

- On March 16th, the students at Woodmere School participated in the first Woodmere Science Fair. Teachers and students had been planning this special event for over a month with many great ideas being vetted. With a combination of both time at school and time at home, the students did a fantastic job with their science projects. During the Science Fair, spectators saw projects related to volcanoes, circuits, weather, natural disasters and so much more. The students were very excited to show off their work to their classmates. As an added bonus, the Science Fair extended to the evening where parents and relatives came back to the school and viewed the projects that the students had made. It was a great turnout with standing room only. Friends and family were treated to great projects, science experiments, science information, and refreshments provided by the Woodmere PTA. What a great day and we cannot wait until next year!
- With Woodmere's Science initiative in full effect, the PTA brought in a great assembly to further the students' fascination with science. The assembly was an interactive program full of science and magic. Students were used as volunteers and even witnessed the old rabbit in the hat trick. The show talked about how science is in everyday life and how schools can make science fun. The students had a blast and this was one event that will definitely return in the future.

Special Services

• During the month of March, the Child Study Team conducted 18 evaluations, 12 reevaluations, 15 identification meeting, 5 eligibility meetings, and 15 IEP meetings. The total number of new referrals was 8. In addition, 2 Early Intervention Transition meetings were conducted.

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education

On April 21st, more than 100,000 volunteers across the country and around the world will join together to make change happen on Comcast Cares Day. Our school district has been chosen as a recipient of a \$4,000 grant to be utilized on that day. In February, the district submitted a proposal to Comcast to revitalize Meadowbrook's Greenhouse Courtyard as well as create a Sensory Garden for the Preschool at Woodmere School. Both proposals were approved. Comcast volunteers as well as Eatontown volunteers will contribute their skills at both sites. At Meadowbrook School, volunteers will clean out the courtyard, plant new seeds and flowers, put together picnic benches, and beautify the courtyard. At Woodmere School, the Sensory Garden will include the installation of a fence and gate for safety, a musical area with outdoor musical equipment, a seating area with benches, chairs, and mushroom designed stools, an exploration area with water and sand tables, and a science area with raised beds that will include vegetables and flowers that have distinct smells, sounds, and feel to them. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Mrs.

Micciulla for further information. We would like to thank Comcast and the non-profit organization Meet the Need, Inc. for their tremendous support as well as generosity.

In addition to my School News Report, there was one in-school suspension and three out-of-school suspensions at Memorial School as well as one out-of-school suspension at Meadowbrook School in March.

Mr. Ortiz presented the following Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Miller.

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Superintendent's Report and Student Enrollment for March 2018.

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report (Mandated by the State)

Ayes: English, Flynn, Lawson, Martinock, Miller, Ortiz, Regan and Siino

Nayes: None Absent: Fitterer

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Martinock presented the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2018, be approved as attached.

Ayes: English, Flynn, Lawson, Martinock, Miller, Ortiz, Regan and Siino

Nayes: None Absent: Fitterer

Meeting Opened to The Public

Mr. Siino motioned to open the meeting to the Public, seconded by Mrs. Martinock.

Upon call of the question, the motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the Public.

Meeting Closed to the Public

Mr. Ortiz motioned to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

Upon call of the question, the motion passed unanimously.

Insurance & Finance

Mr. Lawson stated that since the last Board of Education meeting the Finance Committee has not met. I would like to add that the Tentative School Budget was submitted to the County a few weeks ago for approval. The formal budget presentation will be conducted on Monday, April 23, 2018.

Educational Resources

Mrs. Miller presented the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following workshops for the 2017-2018 school year for the personnel listed below plus mileage if requested:

Kristin Lancton, Woodmere School Teacher

Workshop: The View from My Lens: Understanding How Culture Affects Teaching and Learning, Brookdale Community College, Wall Campus, NJ

May 18, 2018

Fee: 0 Mileage: \$5.89

Jay Medlin, Memorial School Principal

Workshop: ESSA School Planning Technical Assistance Session, Stockton

University, Galloway, NJ

April 13, 2018

Fee: 0 Mileage: Not Requested

2. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following course reimbursement for the 2018-2019 school year:

#1 Michelle Czajkowski, Vetter School Teacher

Course: EDIN510 Exploration of Classroom Inquiry

The College of New Jersey, Summer 2018 Not to exceed the amount of: \$1,770.00

#2 Michelle Czajkowski, Vetter School Teacher

Course: EDU548 Styles of Teaching: Personality Type in the Classroom

The College of New Jersey, Summer 2018

Not to exceed the amount of: \$1,770.00 (If funds are available.)

#3 Jamie Johnson, Meadowbrook School Teacher

Course: EDUC-585 Practicum in Literacy Monmouth University, Summer 2018 Not to exceed the amount of \$2,106.00

Ayes: English, Flynn, Lawson, Martinock, Miller, Ortiz, Regan and Siino

Nayes: None Absent: Fitterer

Personnel

Mrs. Martinock presented the following Resolutions, seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Based on the Superintendent's recommendation, the following resolutions are offered for approval or appointment.

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following leave of absence for Susan Hartman, Memorial School Nurse, as follows:

Disability Phase February 5, 2018 to April 30, 2018 (paid)

2. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following leave of absence for Francine Densieski, Memorial School Teacher, as follows:

Disability Phase April 11, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year (paid)

- 3. BE IT RESOLVED to approve Jennifer Manges from Part-time Memorial School Special Education Teacher to Full-time Special Education Teacher at Memorial School at a salary of \$57,964.00 (prorated), BA Step 3, effective April 11, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED to approve Gary Woloshin, Memorial School Paraprofessional, to teach one period (44 minutes) per day as a Memorial School In-Class Support Teacher at the rate of \$50.33 per hour (prorated) effective April 11, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Ayes: English, Flynn, Lawson, Martinock, Miller, Ortiz, Regan and Siino

Nayes: None Absent: Fitterer

Operations

Mr. Siino presented the following Resolutions, seconded by Mr. Ortiz.

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Shared Service Agreement for Swift 911 Emergency Notification System between the Eatontown Board of Education and the Borough of Eatontown as of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. This agreement can be found on file in the Business Office. This agreement provides a reduction in cost for this service for both parties.

Ayes: English, Flynn, Lawson, Martinock, Miller, Ortiz, Regan and Siino

Nayes: None Absent: Fitterer

Technology

There was no report from the Committee Chairperson.

Safety & Security

There was no report from the Committee Chairperson.

Negotiations

Mr. English stated the next meeting will be April 26, 2018.

Student Activities, Recreation & Development

There was no report from the Committee Chairperson.

Items for Discussion

Mr. Ortiz stated that the Science Fair at Woodmere was an extremely good night. Mrs. Flynn agreed.

Mr. English provided the Board with a FMERA update.

Other Business from The Board

Monday May 28, 2018 Memorial Day - Schools Closed

Meeting Opened to the Public

Mr. Ortiz motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

Upon call of the question, the motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the Public.

Closed to the Public

Mrs. Martinock motioned to close the meeting to the Public, seconded by Mr. Regan. Upon call of the question, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session Time: 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Lawson motioned to move into Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Flynn

Upon call of the question, the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Collins read the Executive Session Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public:

Security matters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the Public at a later date under the following circumstance.

When confidentiality is no longer required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Act:

Related to tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and disclosure may adversely affect the public.

Meeting Reopened 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Lawson motioned to reopen the meeting, seconded by Mr. English.

Upon call of the question, the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment 8:32 p.m.

Mr. Lawson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. English.

Upon call of the question, the motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lori Youngclaus

Business Administrator