

EATONTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Eatontown, New Jersey
March 12, 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 Asbury Park Press and sent to the Atlanticville 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.

Pledge to the Flag All pledge allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call Roll call showed the following Board Members in attendance: Messrs. English, Lawson, Ortiz (arrived 7:07 p.m.), Regan and Siino, Mmes. Flynn, Martinock and Miller. Mr. Fitterer was absent. Also in attendance: Mr. Scott T. McCue, Superintendent, Mrs. Lori Youngclaus, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Dennis Collins, Esq.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitterer, Ortiz

Abstain: Siino

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

Memorial School

- On February 9th, Memorial School hosted the 46th Annual Italian Dinner. Teacher cooks and student servers provided pasta and meatballs to parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors with all net proceeds used to offset the costs of the 7th and 8th grade trips to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. For the first time, 11 meals were purchased by Gateway Care Center for their residents and staff. Next year, Memorial School will be seeking participation from other care facilities within the district.
- The students in Ms. Lowes' Honors Math class recently approached a math problem in a new way. The students watched a short video clip that showed someone who invested a small amount of money many years ago and how much more they had after interest, however, the final amount was not announced. The character in the video had a dramatic reaction to the total and Ms. Lowes' students wondered how much his account grew. In groups, the students made general guesses and posted them to Google Classroom. After the guesses were made and discussed, the video was played again in order for students to write down the information they needed to accurately solve the problem. The groups then worked together to revise their answers using an exponential growth equation. The group whose initial guess was the closest to the real answer won a prize.

Meadowbrook School

- Meadowbrook faculty wore red in honor of Women's Heart Health Month on Thursday, February 8th. A donation was made to the American Heart Association on behalf of the Meadowbrook School faculty and staff.
- The Meadowbrook PTA held their "Bring Someone Special" Valentine's Day Dance on February 15th. Students and adults arrived in their fine clothes and had a fantastic time dancing and playing games. A special thank you to Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Ramirez, and Mrs. Worthly for making the event such a success.
- On February 23rd, Meadowbrook School students were treated to a gigantic inflatable earth balloon called, The Earth Dome. The Earth Dome stands 19-feet high and 22-feet in diameter. It is made of 24 huge panels silkscreened with photographs shot from satellites of the surface of the world on cloud free days. It has been used extensively across the United States to educate students about geography as well as environmental issues. Students were able to see and better understand the scale of concepts such as continents, time zones, latitude, longitude, and more. Even major cities in comparison to the total earth were recognized. Thank you to Meadowbrook School's PTA for making this educational enhancement happen.

Vetter School

- Throughout the month of February, students celebrated historical and modern day African-American pioneers in recognition of Black History Month. There were a variety of daily lesson plans that were implemented throughout the month in different classrooms around the school. Students in 5th grade chose a famous African-American, conducted research, and created beautiful biography posters highlighting the person's life and accomplishments. Students presented their posters to the class in order to share information on the contributions and successes of African-Americans from our past to our present. Students in 6th grade explored the origins of Black History Month and racism via videos, articles,

and international pen-pals. Students also debated if we should celebrate Black History Month as suggested in a documentary by Morgan Freeman entitled “American History Is My History”. Afterwards, students created scrapbooks to honor a person of their choosing. The page included “souvenirs” that a person may have had, a six word memoir synthesizing the person’s life, major achievements that have influenced history and society today, and much more.

- Congratulations to the Vetter School students and staff who took part in a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society entitled “Pennies for Patients”. Vetter School is proud to announce that we raised about \$1100.00 for this cause. Thank you to the Vetter School “Community Service Alliance” led by Mrs. Ryan and Ms. Farrah for their hard work in this project.
- Over the month of February, Vetter School took part in Six Flags “Read to Succeed”. This is an incentive program that gives students the opportunity to earn a Six Flags ticket as a reward for reading. Thanks to Mrs. Loxton for overseeing this program and congratulations to the students who earned a day of fun at Great Adventure.

Woodmere School

- On Friday, February 23rd, Woodmere School had its first annual Special Person Dance. Woodmere School in collaboration with the PTA planned a dance in which a student can bring a special person for a night of fun and dancing. Activities were planned and the students had a great time dancing and taking pictures in the photo booth. Snacks were provided by the PTA as well as some great decorations. It was a very special night and fun was had by all.
- With February being Black History Month, Woodmere School had some great activities planned. The school kicked off the month by having the students watch “My Friend Martin” which is a movie about the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This was followed by a very informative presentation about Fredrick Douglas in the middle of the month. This show was provided by the Woodmere PTA. It gave the students some information about what life was like for Fredrick Douglas and other African-Americans during that time. Teachers planned great activities and lessons throughout the month that reflected Black History. We ended the month with a visit from Dr. Rush who enlightened the students about his life growing up as a young African-American and how hard work pays-off in the end. It was a very educational month as well as an enjoyable one.

Special Services

- During the month of February, the Child Study Team conducted 10 evaluations, 10 re-evaluations, 10 identification meetings, 2 eligibility meetings, and 25 IEP meetings. There also were 5 new referrals and 2 early intervention transition meetings.

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education

- On March 1st, over 60 students and family members attended the Family Reading Night at Vetter School celebrating Dr. Seuss’ Birthday. The families enjoyed dinner followed by a night of reading activities such as a reading board game room, an arts and crafts center where the students made Dr. Seuss crafts, a reading room where each child went home with two books donated by Barnes and Noble, and a special reader’s room. The special readers for the evening included Councilman Anthony Talerico, Councilwoman Virginia East, and Officer Ryan Hennelly.

In addition to my School News Report, there were three out-of-school suspensions and one in-school suspension at Memorial School in February.

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitterer

Meeting Opened to The Public To Comment On Agenda Items Only

Mr. Regan 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 To Comment On Agenda Items Only

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment of \$33,068.57 to Sodexo Inc. & Affiliates for the cost of food service operations for the month of February, as per the district's contract agreement.
2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (d), the Eatontown Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator's Certification as of January 31, 2018 that no budgetary appropriations account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Eatontown Board of Education; and

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 2:12(e), we the members of the Eatontown Board of Education of the County of Monmouth after having reviewed the Report of the

Board Secretary and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, certify that as of January 31, 2018, it is to the best of our knowledge 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. The Eatontown Board of Education hereby accepts the Board's Secretary Report and the Treasurer of School Monies report for the month ending January 31, 2018.

Ayes: English item #2 & #3, Flynn, Lawson, Martinock, Miller, Ortiz, Regan and Siino

Nays: None

Abstain: English item #1

Absent: Fitterer

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:

Liz Cleerdin, Social Worker

Workshop: Continuing the Conversation in Youth Suicide Prevention:
Suicide Risk Assessment and Management for School Counselors and
Clinicians, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ

April 9, 2018 & May 4, 2018

Fee: \$100

Mileage: Not Requested

Krystin D'Urso, Memorial School Teacher

Workshop: Student Engagement Strategies

May 10, 2018

Fee: 0

Mileage: Not Requested

Kristen Carter, Psychologist

Workshop: Addressing Common Teaching Challenges in Children with
Autism, Rutgers, Piscataway Township, NJ

May 18, 2018

Fee: \$90

Mileage: \$20.65

Nicole Faas, Social Worker

Workshop: Addressing Common Teaching Challenges in Children with
Autism, Rutgers, Piscataway Township, NJ

May 18, 2018

Fee: \$90

Mileage: \$20.65

Christina Sorbara, Woodmere School Teacher
Workshop: Addressing Common Teaching Challenges in Children with Autism, Rutgers, Piscataway Township, NJ
May 18, 2018
Fee: \$90 Mileage: \$22.56

2. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following field trips for the 2017-2018 school year:

Meadowbrook School
Grade: Kindergarten (96 students)
Allaire Community Farm, Wall, NJ
April 16, 2018
23 Chaperones

Memorial School
Grade: 8th Grade Class Trip (104 students)
Washington, D.C.
May 16, 17, and 18, 2018
11 Chaperones

- ### 3. Partnership Agreement Between Monmouth University and Eatontown Public Schools

BE IT RESOLVED to approve this Agreement made as of the 12th day of March, 2018, between Monmouth University, (hereinafter referred to as “MU”) and Eatontown Public Schools District (hereinafter referred to as “School District”).

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to combine the efforts of MU and School District and to work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning for Eatontown Public School students and novice teachers, counselors, and leaders enrolled in Monmouth University School of Education Programs.

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this partnership is to prepare and educate motivated, engaged K-12 children, pre-service and in-service teachers, counselors, and leaders. It is believed that all participants will be committed to ensuring that each and every K-12 child and university students in the partnership progresses toward achieving his/her maximum academic growth and potential.

WHEREAS, both MU, through its School of Education, and Eatontown Public Schools District shall provide ongoing quality field, student teaching, practicum, and internship placements for Monmouth University students, ongoing professional development for Eatontown Public Schools teachers, and scholarly research opportunities for Monmouth University faculty and the Eatontown Public Schools District. The Eatontown Public Schools shall become a university-school partnership site.

4. BE IT RESOLVED approve Silvergate Prep as the home instruction provider for case # 45, for no more than 10 hours of instruction per week at a rate of \$39.00 per hour as need for 2017-2018 school year.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitterer

Personnel

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

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED to accept with regret the retirement of **JOEL GAHR**, Art Teacher at the Memorial School, effective June 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, **JOEL GAHR** has been a staff member for over 29 years in the Eatontown Public School District; and

WHEREAS, **JOEL GAHR** will retire from active employment in the Eatontown School District, effective June 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, **JOEL GAHR** has influenced and enriched the lives of our students through his genuine concern for children; and

WHEREAS, he has given unselfishly of his time, talent and professional competence to the Eatontown School District and Community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eatontown Board of Education accept the retirement of **JOEL GAHR** with regret, effective June 1, 2018, and further commend him for his dedicated service to the students of the Eatontown Public Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, Administrators and Staff extend to him much happiness and good health in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools will forward an appropriate letter of commendation and retirement to **JOEL GAHR** for his dedication and service.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fitterer

Operations

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator to advertise for bids for Maintenance and Custodial Operation Services for the 18-19 School Year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the joint transportation agreement with Long Branch School District for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$3,281.40. Long Branch is the Host District and Eatontown is the Joiner.

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 that the committee met early this evening with the Eatontown Educators Association for an informal meeting.

Student Activities, Recreation & Development

There was no report from the Committee Chairperson.

Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

Other Business from The Board

Friday	March 23, 2018	One-Session Day for Students -
		P.M. In-Service Day for Staff
Friday - Friday	March 30 - April 6, 2018	Spring Recess - Schools Closed
Monday	April 9, 2018	Schools Reopen

Meeting Opened to the Public

Mr. Ortiz 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.

Closed to the Public

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

Upon call of the question, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment
7:17 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by,



Lori Youngclaus
Business Administrator