

REGULAR SESSION

ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 5, 2023

The Regular Session of the Allendale Board of Education was held in the Brookside School Learning Commons on Thursday, January 5, 2023. On motion by Mr. Verbel and seconded by Mrs. Rosner, and carried by roll call vote, the Board reconvened the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Roll Call Present: Mrs. Gundersen, President
Mrs. Rosner, Vice President
Mr. Fliegel
Mr. Verbel

Absent: Mrs. Capano

Also Present: Dr. Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent and Mrs. Maria Engeleit,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Gundersen informed the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures regarding the Open to the Public portion of portion of the meeting, also available on the website.

No comments/questions.

Meeting closed to the public for comments/questions on Agenda Items.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Barcadepone had a moment of silence for Elaine Greenan, Confidential Assistant to the Business Administrator who passed away on January 1, 2023.

He also recognized the Performing Arts teachers, especially Mrs. Diomedea at Hillside. They did an excellent job with this year's Holiday Concerts.

Strategic Plan dates are set for February 9, 2023, March 9, 2023 and April 13, 2023 and letter to go out to parents next week. NJSBA will come and help us develop five (5) goals in the Strategic Plan. The Board of Education will develop goals each year that align to this plan

January is BOE recognition month. The BOE is completely volunteer and you dedicate your time to the Board and the children of Allendale. From the Administration, we thank each of you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds

Mrs. Capano reported the committee did not meet, no report

Policy

Mr. Verbel reported the committee did not meet, no report

Finance

Mrs. Rosner reported the committee did not meet, no report

Education

Mrs. Rosner reported the committee did not meet, no report

Technology

Mrs. Gundersen reported the committee did not meet, no report.

Negotiations

Mr. Fliegel reported the committee did not meet, no report.

MINUTES:

The Minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of voting quorum.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

December 7, 2022	Executive Session
December 7, 2022	Regular Session

PERSONNEL

On motion by Mr. Fliegel and seconded by Mrs. Rosner and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

Mrs. Gundersen commented/recognized service to district and thanked them for many years of service.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the December 7th, 2022 notice of retirement from June Taylor, Secretary to Principal at Hillside School, effective June 30, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the December 14th, 2022 notice of retirement from Patricia Murphy, F/T Playground Aide, effective December 31, 2022.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the December 15th, 2022 notice of retirement from Diana Fiduccia, F/T Playground Aide, effective December 31, 2022.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Brian Princing, as Director of the A Capella Choir for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revised appointments for the 2022-2023 stipend positions; payment will be in accordance with the rates as shown, as per Personnel Attachment I.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year:

Sol Margulies Teacher
Patricia Bombelevicz Secretary Substitute Only

Mrs. Rosner asked about Basketball Coach. Dr. Barcadepone explained we are waiting for a sub certificate.

Mr. Fliegel asked about A Capella ~ is this the second year? Dr. Barcadepone explained Covid impacted this.

Dr. Barcadepone explained the Before School Stipends on the agenda. Mr. Fliegel commented that these individuals should be commended for stepping forward. The Board worked hard to get the stipends in prior year's negotiations.

EDUCATION

On motion by Mr. Fliegel and seconded by Mrs. Rosner and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Allendale Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Allendale Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, school boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2023 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following candidate for Clinical I Internship from January 23, 2023 through May 12, 2023 and Clinical II Internship from August 28, 2023 through December 22, 2023 (3-4 days/week), at Brookside School, under the tutelage of Mrs. Collette Mather:

Mr. Ryan Ward – Montclair State University: Instrumental Music

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy for an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for 504 Student #X000515, as recommended by the 504 Committee.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy for ten x 15 minute Occupational Therapy consults for the 2022-2023 school year for 504 Student #X001904, as recommended by the 504 Committee.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the HIB decision for the following case:

Brookside School Case #240010_BS_12212022

Dr. Barcadepone commented that the District is now using the software package Hibster for the tracking, investigating and reporting of incidents, hence the change in the numbering scheme.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion by Mr. Fliegel and seconded by Mr. Verbel and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Region V for a Speech Language Evaluation for Student #002307, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Region V for a Social History Assessment for Student #000509, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy for an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for Student #001807, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Rickard Rehabilitation for a Physical Therapy Evaluation for Student #001807, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Celebrate the Children for a 1:1 paraprofessional, for out of district Student #001413, as recommended by the Child Study Team.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Dr. Hugh Bases for a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation and written report for Student #001009, at the rate of \$700, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy for five x 15 minute Occupational Therapy consults for the 2022-2023 school year for #001401, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a contract with Dr. L. Hanes & Associates to provide Child Study Team services and to conduct Psychological, Educational, Social and Speech Evaluations, including written reports for the 2022-2023 school year, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Dr. Hugh Bases for a Developmental Pediatric Evaluation of Student #000226, for \$700, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Dr. L. Hanes & Associates for an Educational and Psychological Evaluation, including written reports, for Student #000226, at a rate of \$450 each, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a tuition contract with River Edge School District for the 2022-2023 school year, beginning December 1, 2022, for out of district Student #000123, as recommended by the Child Study Team.

BUSINESS OFFICE/FINANCE

On motion by Mrs. Rosner and seconded by Mr. Fliegel and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

Mr. Fliegel asked about the instructional coach. Dr. Barcadepone commented that this is for the Admin team to provide training guidance outside of the education arena.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, A district board of education, after review of the school business administrator/board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district school officials hereby certifies that no 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.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Services Agreement with the Arden Coaching for an Administrative Team Virtual Workshop to be held on March 1, 2023, as per Business Attachment I.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Bills List dated January 5, 2023, in the amount of \$309,884.07 as per Business Attachment II.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, on behalf of the Board of Education, to participate in the following cooperative purchasing agreement during the 2022-2023 school year:

Omnia Partners
840 Crescent Center Dr., Suite 600

Franklin, TX 37067

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve unavoidable travel and costs as related in this resolution which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee’s current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et. seq. for the following seminars/workshops:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Conference Title</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date of Trip</i>	<i>Total Estimated Expenses*</i>
J. Goodell	Effective and Decisive Leadership	Maggiano's, Hackensack NJ	January 17, 2023	NA
M. Barcadepone M. Tirrito K. Natalino	NJASBO Employment & Benefit Issues	Whippany, NJ	January 19, 2023	\$175 each, \$525 total
J. Goodell	Innovations in Special Education Technology (I-SET)	~ Virtual ~	March 22, 2023	\$149
T. Lopez Gonzalez P. Koutrakos	Bergen County Curriculum Consortium {BCCC}	TBD	2022-2023	\$210 Membership Dues

*Does not include mileage and sustenance as they are contractual

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A. Maroulis T. Lopez-Gonzalez	Effective and Decisive Leadership	Maggiano's, Hackensack NJ	January 17, 2023	NA

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

On motion by Mr. Fliegel and seconded by Mr. Verbel and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS submitted by the Cub Scouts of the Ramapo Valley District, for use of the gymnasium at Brookside School for the Pinewood Derby on April 15, 2023

Mr. Fliegel asked for a “bridge” update. Dr. Barcadepone responded that he had spoken to Borough head of DPW, Ron Kistner, and that a contractor has looked at the bridge; indicating that it may need to be replaced. Dr. Barcadepone asked for it to be more thoroughly blocked as students are using it.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Board President will inform the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures. NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 2023-2024 District Calendar

Mrs. Gundersen reviewed the Northern Highlands calendar with the overlay of traditional holidays.

Mrs. Rosner commented completely separate issues: the school calendar and holiday celebrations. She looked at the other QUAD calendars: HoHoKus – school ending 6/16; Northern Highlands and Upper Saddle River end a few days before Allendale. Be more consistent with QUAD review February break. Then when meet with community to decide what religious holidays to close school; there will be a flex in calendar.

Mr. Verbel asked how the calendar graphic example worked.

Mrs. Gundersen ~ its Northern Highlands calendar with penned in days that are Allendale specific.

BOE discussion continued on the February break and its educational impact. History of having February break giving kids freedom from school structure.

Discussion ensued on “5” days off and continued on “those 5 days” in June verse February with the educational impacts.

Mr. Verbel suggested having breaks but that long February break seems as if we’ve just had time off versus the impacts/efforts of the teachers to keep kids is motivated in June.

Mr. Fliegel commented he had been in favor of shortening break several years ago.

Mrs. Gundersen agrees with all comments, rationales so far and a lot of value to ending earlier. This has been a conversation each year that she has been on the BOE. It has always been odd Allendale is different from High School {Northern Highlands}. She is open to 2 day/3 day break and want to be sure to have enough days to cover potential snow closings.

Mrs. Rosner commented to change calendar verbiage for dates in October to just PD {not PD/Columbus}.

The Board asked Dr. Barcadepone to draft two different calendars with shorter February breaks for discussion at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gundersen ~ now if discussing the possibility of adding other religious holiday(s).

Mrs. Rosner suggested some sort of community input and better understanding of what holiday represents so decision is an educated one.

Mr. Fliegel ~ same and allows to ask questions, but not sure a survey of community asking specifics would be valid or even legal. This should not be unlimited days and cant' be "first come/first serve"; and once grant, can't take the day back.

Dr. Barcadepone had asked Fogarty and there is no legal issue with survey but make sure to make it optional – and that the District should be careful with anonymous surveys because could get "ballot" stuffing.

The BOE plan is review and vote on calendar at next meeting with change in February break, while seeking data on holidays. Any change in holidays could be even for 24-25 calendar because the BOE planning to be deliberate.

Mrs. Gundersen summarized the final Plan and commented then the BOE will formulate a plan to move forward with ascertaining holidays important to the community with a "learning/understanding" component for the Board to use in determining days off in the school calendar.

MISCELLANEOUS

CORRESPONDENCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the open meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. No action will be taken. The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions, which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session, pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. The Board will disclose the information as soon thereafter as possible once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mrs. Rosner and seconded by Mrs. Gundersen Mr. Verbel, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Engeleit
Business Administrator/Board Secretary