

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education in the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, was held at Linden High School, 121 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, New Jersey on Monday evening, February 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Vice President Topoleski opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and the Board Secretary announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided as follows:

On February 3, 2015 notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and the Clerk of the Municipality.

The following Board members and others were present:

ROLL CALL: 7:30 p.m.

Board Members		Others	
Mrs. Birch	P	Dr. Robertozzi	P
Mrs. Hudak	P	Mrs. Cleary	P
Mr. Kolibas	P	Ms. Gaylord	P
Mrs. Ormon	P	Attorney, Margaret Miller	P
Mr. Strazzella	P		
Mr. Topoleski	P		
Mr. Alvarez	P		
Mrs. Beviano	P		
Mr. Russell	A		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2015. (Copies in the hands of Board Members).

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak	X		X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon		X	X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski					X
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano					X
Mr. Russell			Absent		

Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (agenda items only):

Members of the public desiring to make a public comment may come forward at this time.

Please begin your comments by stating your name and address. Individuals are invited to speak on one topic at a time, and no individual will speak more than once, until all individuals so desiring have spoken once.

The public is reminded that to ensure the efficient and orderly operations of the meeting, members of the public will be limited to speaking on items for three minutes.

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. See information to the Board.
2. Dr. Robertozzi reported on the following:
 - Monthly HIB Report
 - Use of a second snow day. We still have two left.
 - March 9 through March 12 will be Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup.
 - Parent / Teacher conferences. We will now have one night of evening conferences.
 - Held fourth district-wide strategic planning committee meeting. It is anticipated that the plan will be completed to be presented to the Board at the May meeting.

- The bowling team was recognized for their outstanding season. They won the Union County Tournament. Alexis Dulko rolled a 703 series. She also had a high game of 289. James Fostinis had a 653; Brandon Peters a 641; Michele Dekowski a 628; Derric McGee a 544. In the State Tournament, we placed second in the Group IV North Jersey Section II Tournament. We qualified for the Group IV Tournament where we finished in 8th place. We are currently in first place in the Watchung Division of the Union Conference with a 9 – 1 record. There are two matches remaining. The team also set a new Linden High School record for an individual game with a 1,168 pin total against Plainfield. They have been in the top 20 in the entire state with a ranking as high as #5.

Also, Alexis Dulko and Michelle Dekowski finished second and sixth respectively in the Union County Girls Individual Tournament. Michelle Dekowski and Sinoda Cook were among 40 girls statewide that qualified for the NJSIAA Girls Individual Tournament, and Sinoda finished 11th in the entire State. James Fostinis and Brandon Peters finished 10th and 13th place in the Union County Boys Individual Tournament. Michelle Dekowski rolled a 769 series with games of 278 and 275. Derric McGee had a 749 series that featured a game of 278 against Roselle Catholic.

No action this meeting.

The Curriculum & Instruction Committee, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent, present the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. Approve the enrollment as required by state law, of the following handicapped students in a specialized program for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as shown below:

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Mild Cognitive Impaired	Woodbridge School District Woodbridge, NJ	1/30/15	10,741.50 pro rata 115.50 per diem

2. Approve termination of the following out-of-district placement for the 2013-2014 school year.

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Emotionally Disturbed	NuView Academy-MRESC Piscataway, NJ	2/13/15	41,615.00 pro rata 287.00 per diem

3. Approve payment for the related services as per Child Study Team evaluation.

Related Services	Fees Not to Exceed
BILINGUAL EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION Theresa Hernandez 10-50th St. Weehawken, NJ 07086	9 students @\$400.00 each Total \$3,600.00
BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION Jeanette Pena 2009 Summit Ave. Union City, NJ 07087	8 students @\$400.00 each Total \$3,200.00
BILINGUAL SOCIAL EVALUATION Silvana Hungria-Hargrove 449 Huntington Rd. Union, NJ 07083	2 students @\$400.00 each Total \$800.00

3. Continued:

BILINGUAL SPEECH/LANGUAGE EVALUATION Patricia Vazquez-Hill 29 RamKay Dr. Fairfield, NJ 07004	9 students @\$500.00 each Total \$4,500.00
SPEECH SERVICES Union County Educational Services Commission 45 Cardinal Dr. Westfield, NJ	400.00
TRANSITION SERVICES Bridges to Employment 600 Frist Avenue Raritan, NJ	7,000.00

4. Approve adjustment to tuition, as indicated as per New Jersey Department of Education audit.

School	Location	Tuition Year	Adjustment
Gateway School	Jackson, NJ	2012-2013	Reimburse 11,921.69
Essex Valley School	West Caldwell, NJ	2013-2014	Reimburse 8,216.88
Lord Stirling School	Basking Ridge, NJ	2013-2014	Reimburse 10,764.80
New Road School of Parlin	Parlin, NJ	2013-2014	Reimburse 31,716.90
New Road School of Somerset	Parlin, NJ	2013-2014	Reimburse 12,444.00

5. Amend Board action on past *Curriculum & Instruction* Reports, as listed:

Date	Item	Action
2/2/15	15	Change the amount of prep hours for Panich, Michele, Tomko, Magdalena and Zucker, Lisa for a total of 3 hours \$30.00 per hour.
9/23/14	19	Change date and location for Legal One School Law Boot Camp workshop for Gregg Grasso from 1/27/15 and 1/28/15 to 4/16/15 and 4/17/15 Cranbury, NJ.
11/25/14	18	Change date and location for Legal One School Law Boot Camp workshop for Goldstein, Rose, Perkins, Atiya from 1/27/15 and 1/28/15 to 4/16/15 and 4/17/15 Cranbury, NJ.
2/2/15	14	Change date and location for Legal One School Law Boot Camp workshop for Kolibas, Rosalia from 1/27/15 and 1/28/15 to 4/16/15 and 4/17/15 Cranbury, NJ.
8/25/14	25	Change date and location for Legal One School Law Boot Camp workshop for Lorenzetti, Matthew from 1/27/15 and 1/28/15 to 4/16/15 and 4/17/15 Cranbury, NJ.
10/21/14	9	Change date and location for Legal One School Law Boot Camp workshop for Smith, Jennifer, Molinaro, Richard, Altobelli, Michele, Kolibas, Christopher from 1/27/15 and 1/28/15 to 4/16/15 and 4/17/15 Cranbury, NJ.
11/25/14	14	Change the date from 1/28/15 to 2/10/15 for LHS field trip to El repertorio Espanol Spanish Theatre.
2/2/15	14	Change the date for PARCC training workshop from 1/27/15 to 2/12/15 for Dinis, Alicia; Pellettiere, Laura.
2/2/15	14	Change workshop NCSM, National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics to NCTM, National Conference of Teachers of Mathematics Zucosky, Margaret, 4/15/15, 4/16/15, 4/17/15, 4/18/15, Boston, MA, Registration \$300.00, Lodging \$1, 000.00, M&I \$250.00. 11-000-223-580-00-000-50.
2/2/15	13	Amend to include housing cost of \$1, 390.00, registration cost of \$312.00, and cost of meals \$740.00 20-452-100-800-00-000-20 for NJDECA Gold 2/25/15, 2/26/15, 2/27/15.
1/5/15	15	Change the date of workshop for Carvalho, Diana from 2/9/15 to 2/25/15.
1/5/15	13	Change date Professional Learning Community from 5/12/15 to 5/19/15.
11/25/14	18	Change date of Grade 4 Land and Water workshop to 2/4/15.
2/2/15	14	Change date of NCSS workshop for Milkosky, Allison to 3/3/15.

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Date	Item	Action
9/23/14	19	Change date and account # for the Florida League IB Schools Diploma workshop for Mohan, Meghann from 12/8/14, 12/9/14, 12/10/14, 12/11/15 to 6/13/15, 6/14/15, 6/15/15, 6/16/15. Lodging \$450.00 Transportation \$500.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-01. Registration \$850.00 M&I \$204.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-04.
1/5/15	13	Change date of Linden High School Underclassmen photos from 1/26/15 and 1/27/15 to 2/23/15 and 2/24/15.
1/5/15	13	Change date of McManus Talent Show from 5/22/15 to 5/20/15.
1/5/15	15	Add the cost of meals for Robertozzi, Danny for TECHSPO workshop January 29-30, 2015. 11-000-230-580-00-000-01.
1/5/15	15	Change account # to read 11-000-230-580-00-000-01 for TECHSPO workshop.
10/21/14	8	Change date of CBI School 2 field trip to Linden Lanes from 3/17/15 to 3/24/15.
10/24/14	9	Change date of Referral Services workshop for Starr, Shari and Stefanick, Marie from 1/28/15 to 2/23/15.
11/25/14	18	Change date of Dyslexia/Reading Differences workshop for Campbell, Maura, Czyzewski, Dolores, Kolibas, Christopher, Rudnicka, Jolanta, Starr, Shari and Winter, Judy from 2/9/15 to 2/25/15.
11/25/14	18	Change date of Discrimination of Student and Staff workshop for Louis, Annabell from 1/22/15 to 2/26/15.
2/2/15	18	Change dates for the administration of Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) Test for English Learners. 3/2/15 – 4/24/15.

6. Accept the following Course Description Guides as listed:

2015-2016	Elementary Course Description Guide
2015-2016	Middle School Course Description Guide
2015-2016	Linden High School Course Description Guide

7. Grant permission for the following *Use of Facilities and School Activities* on the dates/times listed:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
One	Appierto-Hunter, Carmela	3/11/15	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Library	Annual Title I Parent Meeting	None
Four	Cataline, Anthony	3/3/15	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Cafeteria	3 rd Grade Union County K-9 Unit	None
Four	Cataline, Anthony	4/16/15	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cafeteria & Reading Room	3 rd & 4 th Grade NJ Sea Grant Consortium	\$725.00 PTA
Five	Rodriguez, Michelle	3/4/15 Rain date 3/11/15	12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Back Parking Lot	EMT visit for Pre-K Classes	None
Five	Rodriguez, Michelle	2/25/15	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Gymnasium	Prismatic Assembly	None
Six	Perkins, Atiya	2/26/15	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Building	Preparing for PARCC Parent Night	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	4/1/15	3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Gymnasium	Student vs. Faculty Volleyball Game	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	5/1/15	6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Gymnasium	End of Year Dance	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	3/27/15	6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Spring Dance	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	3/11/15	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Auditorium	Backpack Safety Presentation	None
MMS SMS	Zahir, Kcyronne Picaro, Joseph	6/10/15 Rain date 6/11/15	7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tiger Stadium	Eighth Grade Unity Day	None
SMS	Picaro, Joseph	3/13/15	2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Gymnasium	Student Faculty Basketball Game/ Peer Leader Bake Sale	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/3/15	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Academy	Open House Promoting Vocational Programs	None

7. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/9/15	7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Front Lawn Driveway	NJROTC Car Wash Clothing Drive Garage Sale	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/4/15	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Media Center	Spanish Exchange Parent Meeting	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/24/15	2:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Spanish Honor Society & Spanish Exchange Dinner Fundraiser	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/27/15	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium	“Minute to Win It” Competition – Sponsored by Classes 2015 – 2018	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	4/23/15	3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Media Center	LOL Poetry Club Spoken Word Poetry Night	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/18/15	8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Auditorium	Freshman Class Presentation by Real World Experiences	None

8. Approve dates for the following activities:

School	Requested By	Date(s)	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
MMS	Zahir, Keyronne	6/5/15	6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Gran Centurions, Clark, NJ	8 th Grade Dinner Dance	None
SMS	Picaro, Joseph	6/12/15	6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Nuno’s Linden, NJ	8 th Grade Dinner Dance	None

9. Approve *District Field Trips*. Copy in the hands of Board Members.
10. Approve training for *district staff*, as listed.

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Amaro, Stephanie	Drug, Alcohol, Child Abuse	3/13/15	NY, NY	None
Appierto-Hunter, Carmela	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
Augustyniak, Helena	College and Career Ready Students	2/24/15	Westfield, NJ	None
Bachan, Meenadaye	NGSS Crosscutting Concepts	3/18/15	Somerville, NJ	Registration \$100.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-60
Bivona, Gia Nicole	Seminar on Trade/Vocational Career	3/20/15	Clark, NJ	None
Burge, Micah	Classroom Management for Students Acting Out Behaviorally & Emotionally	03/06/2015	Bloomfield, NJ	None
Buthorn, Stefannie	Transition From Early Intervention to Preschool	03/13/2015	Clifton, NJ	None
Calatayud, Melanie	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
Castaldo, Linda	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
Cleary, Denise	Apple Cohort Meeting	3/23/15	Ramapo, NJ	None
Czyzewski, Dolores	Transition From Early Intervention to Preschool	03/05/2015	Morris Plains, NJ	None
DeFelice, Jessica	Fostering Resilience in Children and Youth Coping with Loss	2/26/15	Elizabeth, NJ	Travel \$3.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-44

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Degnan, William	College and Career Ready Students	2/24/15	Westfield, NJ	None
Degnan, William	Seminar on Trade/Vocational Career	3/20/15	Clark, NJ	None
DiPolvere, Celia	2 nd Annual Transition Conference	04/20/2015	Iselin, NJ	Registration \$65.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Donegan, Patricia	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
Fazio, Gail	NIEER Focus Group	2/26/15	Somerset, NJ	Travel \$15.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-34
Fazio, Gail	Pre-K Our Way	4/21/15	Monroe, NJ	Travel \$20.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-34
Fernandez, Tamarra	Classroom Management for Students Acting Out Behaviorally & Emotionally	03/06/2015	Bloomfield, NJ	None
Froner, Kandra	NJ Speech, Language, Hearing Convention	4/30/15 5/1/15	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Goldstein, Rose	Partnership Liaison Meeting	3/20/15	Rahway, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Hamilton, Jo Ann	Fostering Resilience in Children and Youth Coping with Loss	2/26/15	Elizabeth, NJ	Travel \$3.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-44
Hoffer, Janice	National Council of Teachers or Mathematics	4/15/15 4/16/15 4/17/15 4/18/15	Boston, MA	Registration \$300.00 Lodging \$1,000.00 M&I \$250.00 Travel \$200.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-50
Ioannidis, Danae	Marine Corps Educator Workshop	5/5/15 5/6/15 5/7/15 5/8/15	Beaufort, SC	None
Irizarry-Clark, Reina	Gearing Up for PARCC	2/26/15	Clark, NJ	Registration \$175.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-09
Jackowski, Juliet	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
Kelly, Kristen	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Kondratowicz, Dariusz	IB Diploma Math SL Training	7/7/15 7/8/15 7/9/15	NY, NY	Registration \$995.00 Travel \$45.00 11-000-223-580-00- 000-04
Kosmaczewski, Kristen	100 Best Books for Children	4/24/15	Whippany, NJ	Registration \$199.00 Travel \$15.50 20-270-200-500-00- 000-55
Kowalski, Patricia	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
LaFace, Cynthia	NGSS Gap Analysis	4/23/15	Linden, NJ	None
LaFace, Cynthia	NJ ASK Grade 4 Science Committee Meeting	5/5/15 5/6/15 5/7/15	Robbinsville, NJ	None
Lyszczasz, Robert	2015 New Jersey Library Association Conference	4/21/15 4/22/15	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$215.00 Travel \$24.00 11-000-222-580-00- 000-55
Macchiarelli, Dena	NGSS Gap Analysis	4/23/15	Linden, NJ	None
MacCray, Suzanne	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
Maggio, Melissa	8 th Grade SRA Testing	2/25/15 2/26/15	Linden, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Maggio, Melissa	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
Marchesi, Diana	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
Moreau, Debra	Connecting the Dots, The SLP, Social Learning and the Academic Experience	03/06/2015	Kean College, Union, NJ	None
Moreau, Debra	New Jersey Speech/Language/Hearing Convention	04/30/2015 05/01/2015	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$250.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Oder, Gretchen	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
Paternostro, Alphonsina	Discrimination/Sexual Harassment	2/26/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$75.00 Travel \$20.00 20-241-200-500-00-000-54
Pellettiere, Laura	Positive Schools through Positive Education	3/20/15	Lodi, NJ	Registration \$129.00 Travel \$14.96 11-000-223-580-00-000-44
Petty, Mary	Fostering Resilience in Children and Youth Coping with Loss	2/26/15	Elizabeth, NJ	Travel \$3.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-44

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Picarello, Vicki	Transition From Early Intervention to Preschool	02/25/2015	Morris Plains, NJ	None
Plummer, Larry	School Law Conference	2/25/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$220.00 11-000-240-580-00-000-09
Preston, Dona	Apple Cohort Meeting	3/23/15	Ramapo, NJ	None
Principato, Christine	Improve Behavior and Increase Learning	3/19/15	Fairfield, NJ	Registration \$229.00 Transportation \$16.00 20-218-200-580-03-000-34
Robertozzi, Danny	Apple Cohort Meeting	3/23/15	Ramapo, NJ	None
Rosenthal, Lauren	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
Schwahl, Rita	2 nd Annual Transition Conference	04/20/2015	Iselin, NJ	None
Scocozza, Isabella	Third Quarter Program Director Meeting	4/29/15	Trenton, NJ	Travel \$25.00 20-454-200-580-00-000-35
Sepulveda, Holly	College and Career Ready Students	2/24/15	Westfield, NJ	None
Sepulveda, Holly	Seminar on Trade/Vocational Career	3/20/15	Clark, NJ	None
Silverman, Dina	College and Career Ready Students	2/24/15	Westfield, NJ	None
Skramovsky, Mary	2015 New Jersey Library Association Conference	4/21/15 4/22/15	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$215.00 Travel \$24.00 11-000-222-580-00-000-55

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Smith, Jennifer	FEA Fall Conference	10/22/15 10/23/15	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$260.00 11-000-240-580-00-000-15
Stec, Justyna	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
Stefanick, Marie	Dyslexia Collaborative Workshop	3/19/15 4/21/15 6/11/15	East Orange, NJ	None
Terwilliger, Kimberly	NGSS Gap Analysis	4/23/15	Linden, NJ	None
Tomazic, Juping	National Chinese Language Conference	4/16/15 4/17/15 4/18/15	Atlanta, GA	Registration \$480.00 20-015-200-500-00-000-54 Travel \$578.00 Lodging \$535.92 M&I \$196.00 Confucius Grant 20-015-200-580-00-000-54
Viana, Steven	29 th Annual Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey Conference	3/2/15	Edison, NJ	None
Waite, Cheryl	Fostering Resilience in Children and Youth Coping with Loss	2/26/15	Elizabeth, NJ	Travel \$3.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-44
Walker, Kate Lynn	Rutgers Writing Program Summer College for Teachers	6/29/15 6/30/15 7/1/15 7/2/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$575.00 Travel \$43.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55

10. Continued:

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Walters, Michael	Apple Cohort Meeting	3/23/15	Ramapo, NJ	None
Weiss, Christa	Apple Cohort Meeting	3/23/15	Ramapo, NJ	None
Williams, Linda	National Council of Teachers or Mathematics	4/12/15 4/13/15 4/14/15 4/15/15	Boston, MA	Registration \$300.00 Lodging \$1,000.00 M&I \$250.00 Travel \$200.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-50
Winter, Judy	NJALC: Spring Conference, 2015	04/24/2015	Princeton, NJ	Registration \$160.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33

11. Approve Tutoring for Title 1 students as listed:

Location	Dates	Expenses
School Four	April 1, 2015 – June 5, 2015 Monday-Friday Lunch time ½ hour	9 Teachers at \$30.00/hr. to be paid by Title 1 funds #20-231-100-101-10-000-55

12. Retroactively approve the district personnel listed as *Professional Development Presenters*, to prepare professional development workshops on Friday, February 13, 2015 at the contractual rate of \$30.00/hour for preparation time, paid from Account #'s Elementary -11-120-100-101-00-000-04, Middle School -11-130-100-101-00-000-04, High School -11-140-100-101-00-000-04.

Presenter	Hours	Payment
Alvarez, Jorge	4.5	\$135.00
Degnan, William	1.5	\$45.00
Dinis, Alicia	3	\$90.00
Jachowski, Juliet	3	\$90.00
Kondratowicz, Derek	4.5	\$135.00

12. Continued:

Presenter	Hours	Payment
Louis, Annabell	3	\$90.00
Mazurek, Gary	4.5	\$135.00
Patterson, Shamona	3	\$90.00
Pekosz, Michael	4.5	\$135.00
Pellettiere, Laura	3	\$90.00
Sabala, Laurice	4.5	\$135.00
Scheidemann, Eric	4.5	\$135.00
Simon, Sara	1.5	\$45.00
Walker, David	4.5	\$135.00
Williams, Tracey	3	\$90.00

13. Approve a Vanguard Training session for the following staff on February 24, 2015 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room and IT Training Room.

NAME	NAME
Alvarez, Jorge	Kefalas, Kim
Bachman, Kimberly	Krupski, Kimberly
Bongiovi, Laura	Marchica, Russell
Burke, Kathleen	Mastriano, William
Capalabo, Tracey	Mazurek, Gary
Capanna, Lisa	Mazurek, Melissa
Cataline, Joseph	Milkosky, Allison
Delgado, Eloy	Ortiz, Lizzie
DeNunzio, JoAnn	Pekosz, Michael
DeTrolio, Jennifer	Push, Leah
Durrell, Burress	Ramirez, Rosa
English, Cheryl	Reickhoff, Lisa
Fischetti, Anthony	Rivera, Karen
Grygo, Andrew	Schoenfelder, Katusca
Happel, Wayne	Schweikardt, Walter
Higgins, Melissa	Stevens, Sally
Hill, Emily	Valentino, Rudy
Hollus, Albert	Walker, David
Ioviero, Lauren	Walker, Kate Lynn
Kang, Melissa	Weiss, Christa

14. Grant permission for the following delayed start times at Linden High School on March 10, 11, 12, 2015 during PARCC testing.

Grade	Date	Reporting Time
12	March 10, 2015	10:30 a.m.
12	March 11, 2015	10:30 a.m.
12 Any student not required to take the Math session	March 12, 2015	10:30 a.m.

15. Authorize *Curriculum Writing* as listed:

Curriculum	Grade Level	Hours	Account #
Sports and Entertainment	9-12	10	11-140-100-101-00-001-53
Money and Banking	9-12	10	11-140-100-101-00-001-53
Business Application Skills	9-12	10	11-140-100-101-00-001-53

16. Approve the *Secondary School Grading Policy* for the Linden Public Schools.

Number	Letter
90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
40 – 59	F
Final Exams – No minimum grade	

17. Grant permission for all district schools and organizations listed below to participate in the 17th Annual LINCS Food Pantry *Walk-a-thon to Fight Hunger*, to be held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at Wilson Park, Linden, NJ from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Participating Organizations
LINCS Food Pantry
Linden Education Association
Soehl Middle School National Junior Honor Society
Linden High School National Honor Society
Linden High School Navy Junior ROTC
Linden High School Marching Band
All participating schools

18. Retroactively approve the closing of all schools on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 and Tuesday, February 17, 2015, due to inclement weather.
19. Retroactively approve Early Dismissal day on Monday, January 26, 2015 and Delayed Opening on Monday, February 2, 2015.
20. Grant approval for Linden High School teacher, Megan Romero to complete her 90 hour School Based Internship/Project for the New Jersey Excel Program.
21. Grant approval for Linden High School teacher, Starlette Kirby to conduct a research survey in Mathematics with her classes to fulfill her Master's Degree in Mathematics with New Jersey City University. All data will be kept confidential and reported in aggregate format.
22. Grant approval for School Five teacher, Rokhsanna Suggs to complete her 150 hour School Based Internship for the University of Scranton.
23. Grant permission for the Linden Public School District to apply for the continuation 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Award for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$425,000.00.
24. Grant approval to create a Television and Broadcasting Club at Linden High School for the 2014-2015 school year, to be supervised by Jorge Alvarez, David Walker and Christopher Paskewich on a volunteer basis with no club hours assigned.
25. Grant approval for the submission of the InnovateNJ Community grant to the New Jersey Department of Education.
26. Approve cost of refreshments for the McManus Middle School Restaurant Internationale Participants, on February 27, 2015 to be paid for by Title III Immigrant funds not to exceed \$100.00. 20-244-200-600-00-000-54.
27. Approve the expenditure of Confucius Classroom funds in the amount of \$5,500.00 in support of the Linden High School exchange visit to Xiamen Foreign Language School, Xiamen, China on March 17-31, 2015, covering payment for student and staff Chinese visas, trip insurance, specialized staff passport services and staff round trip airfare. Funds appropriated from the Confucius Classroom acct. # 20-015-200-580-00-000-54. No cost to the board.
28. Grant approval for twenty-one (21) LHS Spanish Exchange students to visit IES Alfonso X-El Sabio High School in Murcia, Spain accompanied by two teachers from April 9, 2015 to April 23, 2015. No cost to the board.

29. Grant approval to establish a LHS Summer 2015 International Learn & Serve Project with the Municipalities of Vallesaccarda and Trevico, Italy. No cost to the board.
30. Grant approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Kean University in which Linden High School students have the opportunity to earn college credit for successfully completing specified business courses while still in high school.
31. Proclaim the month of March 2015 as “*Women’s History Month*” as outlined in the following resolution:

WHEREAS: American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS: American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS: American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

WHEREAS: American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

WHEREAS: American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS: American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS: despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Linden Board of Education proclaims March 2015 is designated as “*Women’s History Month*” throughout the Linden Public Schools and does authorize and encourage all schools to observe March as *Women’s History Month* with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

32. Approve the Superintendent's determination and actions taken for all reported incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying discussed at the February 2, 2015 regular meeting as listed:

Case	HIB	Action
LHS-40	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined, Police Report
LHS-39	Undetermined	Counseled, Mediated
MMS-246	Yes	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-245	Yes	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-244	No	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-243	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-242	No	Counseled
MMS-240	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-239B	Undetermined	Counseled, Police Report
MMS-239A	Yes	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-238	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
SMS-171	Undetermined	Counseled, Parent Conference
SMS-170	No	Counseled
SMS-169	Yes	Counseled, Disciplined, Police Report
SMS-168	Yes	Counseled, Disciplined
Sch 10-31	Undetermined	Physical Change, Parent Meeting
Sch 9-24	Yes	Counseled, Parent Informed

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak		X	X		#5 (M. Mohan)
Mr. Kolibas			X		#5 (C. Kolibas, R. Kolibas)
Mrs. Ormon			X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano	X		X		
Mr. Russell			Absent		

Motions 1 – 32 Carried.

The Management Operations Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools presents the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. The following retirements be accepted with regret:

Name	Assignment	Location	Yrs./Service	Effective Date
Cassidy, Jacquelyn	Literacy Coach	McManus and Soehl	15	6/30/15
Petela, Monica	Elementary	School 9	16	7/1/15

WHEREAS, the above employees are retiring from active service in the public schools of Linden after the number of years listed; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Board of Education of the City of Linden to express their appreciation for their loyal and unselfish service during those years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the gratitude and best wishes of the members of the Board of Education of the City of Linden and hereby be tendered to the employees in acknowledgement of the service they so faithfully and conscientiously rendered, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Education.

2. Amend Board action on past Management Operations Reports, as listed:

Date	Item	Action
7/22/14	3	Amend Vasquez, Genesis leave replacement position to read from 9/1/14 to 6/30/15. (Replacement for Juliano, Laurie)
9/23/14	7	Amend Dollard, Aubrey leave to read 1/05/15 through 3/27/15 FMLA/FLA unpaid.
9/23/14	19	Add Marcus, Brian to early morning security at School 2.
9/23/14	20	Add Marcus, Brian to after school security at School 2.
2/02/15	5	Amend Mottley, Lindsey to read 4/13/15 – 6/24/15 medical using sick time.
2/02/15	5	Amend Gutierrez, Arlene to read 2/17/15 – 5/8/15 FMLA/unpaid and 5/11/15-6/3/15 Medical/unpaid.
2/02/15	20	Amend to include Mastriano, William for 6 credits at \$1018.68.
2/02/15	22	Amend Kuban, Natasha to read Junior Varsity Softball Coach, Step 3 @ \$6853.00
2/02/15	22	Amend Szczesny, Nicole to read Middle School Softball Coach, Step 3 @ \$5075.00

3. Resignation of the following staff:

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Gantt, Chatina	Paraprofessional	School 2	2/12/15

4. Appoint the following staff for the 2014 – 2015 school year as follows:

Name	Effective Date	Degree	Credited Exp./ Step	Assigned Subj. Area	Bldg./Dept.	Spec. Prog. Or Budget	Total Annual Salary Rate
CERTIFIED							
Chabak, Sarah Jane ¹	3/02/15	BA	1	Spec. Ed.	McManus	Budget/R	\$50,099
Halat, Agnieszka	3/02/15	BA	1	ESL	School 2	Budget/R	\$50,099
Kasiuba, Jurgita ²	4/01/15	BA	1	Mathematics	McManus	Budget/R	\$50,099
Paserchia, Nicole ³	2/24/15	BA	1	Mathematics	High School	Budget/R	\$50,099
Summers, Geoffrey ⁴	3/11/15	BA	1	Instrumental Music	School 4 & 10	Budget/R	\$50,099

1. Repl. for S. Garcia 3/2/15-6/3/15 2. Repl. for L. Mottley 4/13/15-6/30/15 3. Repl. for K. Shannon 2/24/15-6/30/15 4. Repl. for C. Campagna 3/11/15-6/30/15

5. Approve the transfer of the following staff:

Name	From	Position	To	Position	Effective Date
Bouldin, Doris	School 10	Resource	School 2	PSD	2/24/15
Vitoroulis, Kaliopi	School 2	PSD	School 10	Resource	2/24/15
MacCray, Suzanne	School 1	Basic Skills	School 4 & 10	Literacy Coach	5/01/15

6. Leave of absence:

Name	Assignment	Location	From	To	Reason
Barnes, Kim ²	Social Worker	High School	2/17/15	2/27/15	FMLA/FLA
Bury, Janel ¹	Pre-K	School 4	4/17/15	5/18/15	Medical
Bury, Janel ²	Pre-K	School 4	5/19/15	6/24/15	FMLA/FLA
Bush, Susan ²	Paraprofessional	School 1	2/23/15	3/23/15	Personal
Carson, Rachel ²	Phys. Ed	School 6	2/10/15	3/02/15	FMLA
Eisenberg, Susan ²	Speech	Travel	2/18/15	2/18/15	Personal

6. Continued:

Name	Assignment	Location	From	To	Reason
Kratzer, Nicholas ²	Custodian	McManus	2/04/15	3/13/15	FMLA
Maresco, Diane ¹	Social Studies	LAST	3/26/15	4/10/15	Medical
Riley, Kathleen ^{1&2}	Paraprofessional	School 4	12/14/14	6/15/15	FMLA/IM
Shannon, Kathleen	Mathematics	High School	2/05/15	6/24/15	Medical
Sorenson, Barbara ¹	Mathematics	Soehl	2/20/15	4/13/15	Medical
Wolffe, Melissa	Developmental Reading	School 9	2/02/15	4/27/15	FMLA

1. Sick 2. Unpaid

7. Compensate staff listed for unused sick days upon retirement as per negotiated contract:

Name	Sick Days	Amount
Barat, Gary	247	\$12,350.00
Hancock, David	70.5	\$ 3,525.00
Huxford, Patricia	193.5	\$ 9,675.00
Kuzma, Sophie	98	\$ 2,548.00

8. Approve the recommendation of the superintendent to suspend employee #13-14/15 with pay effective February 5, 2015, until further investigation and administrative action occurs.
9. Approve the termination of employee #14-14/15 effective January 5, 2015, for excessive absenteeism. (Enterprise Funding)
10. Approve the following staff designated from each elementary school, secretary, nurse, social worker, teacher and part time aides to work Pre-K /Kindergarten Round-up on the evening of Thursday, March 12, 2015 at their contractual rate.
11. Appoint the following teaching staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 2/25/15-8/31/15 at the 21st CCLC contractual rate of \$30/hr. (Acct #20-454-100-100-000-35)

Name	Position
Halkias, Sophia	Substitute Teacher

12. Appoint the following teaching staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 2/25/15-8/31/15 at the 21st CCLC contractual rate of \$25/hr. (Acct #20-454-100-100-000-35).

Name	Position
Brown, LaTonya	Substitute Paraprofessional

13. Appoint the following Medical Bus Aide substitute for the 2014-2015 school year.

Name	Location
Wozniak, Faith	High School

14. Appoint the following as Assistant Coaches on a voluntary basis for the Spring 2015 season:

Name	Sport
Mastriano, Michael	Varsity Baseball
Rotola, Rebecca	Varsity Softball

15. Appoint the following as Child Care Workers for the 2014-2015 school year. Paid from the Enterprise Fund as listed:

Effective Date	Name	Position	Location	Hourly Rate
3/01/15	Joseph, Lindsey	Lead Child Care Provider	School 10	\$22.00
3/01/15	Colato, Vanessa	Child Care Provider F/T	School 10	\$19.00
3/01/15	Colvin, Chafonda	Child Care Provider F/T	School 10	\$19.00
2/03/15	Bornstad, Robin	Child Care Provider P/T	School 10	\$17.00
2/24/15	Chavez, Maria	Child Care Provider P/T	School 10	\$17.00
3/01/15	Herkalo, Lauren	Child Care Provider P/T	School 10	\$17.00
3/01/15	Singley, Nejuwah	Child Care Provider P/T	School 10	\$17.00

Minutes/Management Operations
February 23, 2015

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak	X		X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon		X	X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mr. Russell			Absent		

Motions 1 – 15 Carried.

The Support Operations Committee, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, present the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

FINANCE:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's certification that as of January 31, 2015 no budgetary line-item account has encumbrances and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c).
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(c) and after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriation section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certifies that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
3. Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2015. (Copy in hands of Board Members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
4. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants due for the salaries and supplemental payroll for the month of February, 2015.
5. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants in the amounts specified in favor of the persons named: (as per list submitted in the files and bookkeeping journal – copy of which will become a part of these original minutes). (See attachment).
6. The attached lists of transfers and adjustments for the month of January, 2015.
7. Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2015. (Copy in hands of Board Members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
8. Amend Board action on past agendas as follows:

Date	Item	Action
5/27/14	40	Amend motion to read: Approve contract with Weiner Lesniak in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.
2/2/15	27	Amend motion to read: Approve payment to Alarm & Communication Technologies, Wharton, NJ, in the amount of \$25,035.30, for a service contract based on our T & M bid for the 2014-2015 school year.

9. Accept funds in the amount of \$13,126.00 from Union County College, Cranford, NJ, for the Adult Basic Skills Grant.
10. Accept funds from the Target *“Take Charge of Education”* program as follows:

School #2	\$ 33.97
School #4	\$ 40.84
School #6	\$ 28.80
McManus M.S.	\$ 33.90
Linden High School	\$229.96
School #8	\$ 41.31

11. Accept funds in the amount of \$20.00 from the State of New Jersey Probation Administration representing student restitution.
12. Accept a donation of *The Science Screen Report* for students K-8 from Infineum, USA, Linden, NJ.
13. Accept a donation of eight sets of luggage from Jersey Travel, Edison NJ, for the Linden High School Confucius Classroom.
14. Approve payment to St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Linden, NJ, for utility costs as per the contract executed in July 2014 as follows:

January 2015	\$ 9,398.35
February 2015	\$14,347.46

15. Approve a lease agreement with the Rakin Agency, Linden, NJ for the rental of 3066 square feet of office space located at 350 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, NJ for the Linden Science Program. The contract will be for a period of five years at a fee not to exceed \$70,000.00 per year. (pending attorney review)
16. Authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the 2015-2016 Tentative Annual School Budget to the Executive County Superintendent following receipt of State Aid figures.
17. Approve the enrollment of the following students for the 2015-2016 school year, eligible on a tuition basis, under District Policy #5118, pending enrollment figures:

Student	Placement
N.D.	Pre-K
L.D.	Pre-K

18. Declare the following as surplus equipment (obsolete and/or unusable) to be disposed of in accordance with District Policy 3260 as follows:

Location	Quantity	Description/Model No.	Serial No./BOE Tag
Soehl M.S.	1	Canon Video Visualizer	#2471100170

19. Student Activities Report (Linden High School) for the month of January 2015. (Copies in hands of Board Members and on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).

FACILITIES:

1. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Y. Horre, Principal, Linden High School:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>PTA Meetings</u> Room 206 Media Center	Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	<u>2015</u> March 19 April 16 May 21 June 18

2. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by A. Perkins, Principal, School No. 6:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Preparing for PARCC Parent Night</u> Cafeteria, Gymnasium, Library	Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	February 26, 2015

3. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by P. Saldanha, Linden Youth Soccer Association and approved by S. Yesinko, Athletic Director:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Soccer Practices</u> Tiger Stadium	Monday & Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	<u>2015</u> March 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30 April 1,13,15,20,22,27,29 May 4,6,11,13,18,20 June 1,3,8

4. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by R. Davis, Coach, Linden PAL:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Basketball Practice</u> School No. 5 Gymnasium	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	<u>2015</u> February 25 March 4, 11, 18, 25

5. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by B. Greco Brady, Linden Cultural & Heritage Committee and Mystic Vision Players:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Children's Workshop</u> Dance Studio High School	Weekdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	<u>2015</u> June 24 to July 23
<u>Children's Workshop and Set/ Technical Work</u> Dance Studio High School	Weekdays 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	<u>2015</u> July 27 to July 31
<u>Strike/Cleanup</u> Dance Studio High School	Monday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	August 3

FINANCE

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak		X	X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon			X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski	X		X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mr. Russell			Absent		

Motion 1 – 19 Carried.

FACILITIES

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak		X	X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon			X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski	X		X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mr. Russell			Absent		

Motions 1 – 5 Carried.

The Planning & Policy Committee, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, presents the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. Second reading:

Policy Number	Title
4150/4250	Family Leave And Medical Leave

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak			X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon	X		X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano		X	X		
Mr. Russell			Absent		

Motion 1 Carried.

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on the 2015-2016 budget (tentative) on March 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

NJSBA Delegate:

Mr. Topoleski: No report at this time.

UCSBA Delegate:

Mr. Strazzella: No report at this time.

UCESC Delegate:

Mrs. Ormon: At the last meeting, there was a presentation on transitioning of children into the workforce. Also, there is a program where parents can pay to have a classroom literally inside a business so the children can learn from within.

Negotiations:

None.

EST for Students:

Mr. Topoleski: No report at this time.

EST for Special Education:

Mrs. Hudak: No meeting yet.

Board Member Comments/New Business:

Mr. Topoleski thanked all the Board Members who extended well wishes to his wife, Alice.

Mrs. Ormon said that the middle school basketball team had a phenomenal season this year. She also mentioned the parents who attend the games who have taught their children good character.

Mr. Strazzella asked Dr. Robertozzi to comment on the outstanding season of the high school basketball team. Dr. Robertozzi replied that they are currently ranked #6 in the State of New Jersey and the top public school. We won the first round in the Union County Tournament. There is another game Wednesday. If we win, we will play in the finals and then the State Tournament will begin. More importantly, however, Coach Colicchio has shared with him that this is one of the best groups of young men he has ever coached, not only because of how they conduct themselves on the court, but how they conduct themselves in school and in the classroom.

Mrs. Birch said she has seen some of the winter sports teams compete but would like to make an effort to see as many as she can next year. She also took this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Patela on her retirement.

Comments from the Public:

Members of the public desiring to make a public comment may come forward at this time.

Please begin your comments by stating your name and address. Individuals are invited to speak on one topic at a time, and no individual will speak more than once, until all individuals so desiring have spoken once.

The public is reminded that to ensure the efficient and orderly operations of the meeting, members of the public will be limited to speaking on items for three minutes.

Gretchen Hickey
615 Inwood Road

Read a letter that her husband wrote to Dr. Robertozzi letting him know that their son will not participate in the PARCC testing.

Mr. Topoleski pointed out that the New Jersey Assembly is considering a bill that would delay the impact of state standardized tests for three years beginning next school year. This would put a moratorium on the PARCC results for three years. One of the biggest issues is that the test is computerized and a lot of districts are not ready. Fortunately, our Business Administrator and our upper administration took the necessary moves to prepare our students.

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Hudak made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Ormon. Voice vote was unanimous.

Kathleen A. Gaylord
Business Administrator/Board Secretary