

MINUTES

NOTE: Be advised that the Board may recess into executive session at anytime during the meeting.

OPENING - Meeting called to order by President at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Mr. Acanfora Mr. Ficotola Mrs. Hamilton
Mr. Offreda Mr. Riveros Mr. Young Mr. Cox
Mrs. Lahullier
Superintendent Kollinok Mr. Arifaj Mrs. Henke

FLAG SALUTE

OPENING STATEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Carlstadt Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be announced by having the time, date, and location and, to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting thereof, posted on the official bulletin board of this public body more than 48 hours prior to said meeting.

Further action was taken by forwarding a copy of said meeting notice more than 48 hours in advance to the following persons or newspapers:

Office of Carlstadt Borough Clerk
Business office of The Record, Star Ledger and The South Bergenite

PRESENTATIONS:

Esther Fletcher - NJEA Frederick L. Hipp for Excellence in Education Grant

Mrs. Fletcher gave a brief overview of the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp for Excellence in Education grant.

Interview for the Board Vacancy

The Board members noted that they had review and considered election of Officers to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Based on this review and consideration by the Board Members of potential candidates for office, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

have met with several companies and are finally reaching the point of recommending the vendor that is the best to both meet our needs and complete one of the phases of the project at the best cost to the district. I will be setting up a Buildings and Grounds Committee in the very near future to discuss the various options that are available to the district and the time line and plans that it will take to accomplish these goals.

4. Our Robotics Club will be participating in a Robotics Competition at Carlstadt Public School on Wednesday afternoon, March 29, 2017. The competition will take place in Gym "B". I will keep the Board informed regarding the time. We are extremely pleased that we have such a large student interest in this technological activity. Much thanks to Mrs. Ydrovo for running the club.
5. Under the Harassment, Intimation, and Bullying Law, I as Superintendent am required to report to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting results of investigations regarding HIB when those investigations have been completed. We had zero incidents investigated since the last Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Lahullier, so ends my report.

REPORT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THOSE OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

1. Tonight you received the list of board committees. If the Board would like to further discuss this we can do so during new business.
2. I received a letter from the county office applauding our efforts in managing the district's resources. They were pleased we were able to formulate a budget within cap and with our commitment to invest in infrastructure, technology and security for our students.
3. I will be sending out an email to the finance committee regarding next year's budget. I would like to setup a finance committee meeting after the winter break to further discuss the specifics and timelines.
4. I have had discussions with our architect, Robert Donahue, and he informed me that he continues to work on the specifications and construction documents for the projects.
5. I have been very busy meeting with the technology coordinator, administration and several security companies to discuss and put a plan in place to enhance the safety of our

school district. I will be setting up a Buildings and Grounds Committee in the very near future to discuss the various options that are available to the district and the time line and plans that it will take to accomplish these goals.

6. I have attended all the required classes towards my QPA. I will be soon submitting the application required towards receiving my certificate. I will keep the Board updated as the process continues.
7. Reminder – 2016 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by every school official, which includes board members and certain administrators. Newly elected or newly appointed school officials must file the Disclosure Statement within 30 days of taking office or assuming a position. Officials who have previously filed in the District, the deadline is April 30. We are still waiting for a few sitting members to file. I would like to encourage everyone to complete their forms as soon as possible. Failure to file a statement by the deadline may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including removal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25.

You should receive an email from the School Ethics Commission for instructions for filing the Disclosure Statements. Please check your spam folder if you have not received it. Please do not delete this email. If you require any assistance to file, please contact me.

Mrs. Lahullier, so ends my report.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY None

Any citizen present who wishes to be heard on agenda items only, should raise his/her hand to be recognized, state name and address, and limit remarks to five minutes in accordance with board policy. Another Hearing will be conducted after new business for any other matter. The hearing of citizens shall not exceed one hour.

President closes hearing of citizens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

INSTRUCTIONAL/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (Mr. Ficotola)

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves payment of the Annual Membership fee for Restraint Training Certification in the amount of \$150 for Lisa DelMauro, Restraint Certification Instructor.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Pre-K tuition for the 2017-2018 school year \$1750 for Carlstadt residents and \$2500 for non-residents.

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the appointment of Brandon Eldridge as leave replacement teacher (non-tenure track), for Physical Education, from January 23, 2017, for a time to be determined, approximately six weeks, at a cost of \$125.00 per diem.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Arlene Zierold at the workshop “Excel Basics” on Monday, April 4, 2017, in Saddle Brook with a registration fee of \$99.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Denise Henke and Dyan Moore at the workshop “Excel Beyond the Basics” on Tuesday, April 5, 2017, in Saddle Brook with a registration fee of \$99 each.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Ronald Magnusson as advisor of sixth, seventh and eighth grade Shark Tank, Jr. Club after school, with revised dates, from January 2017 through June 2017, with a minimum of 8 sessions and a maximum of 12 sessions, at the contractual rate of \$48 per session.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Sheeja Matthews as a substitute teacher for the 2016-2017 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Aurelina Peguero as a substitute teacher for the 2016-2017 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.

Moved: Mr. Ficetola

Seconded Mr. Riveros

Mr. Acanfora x **Mr. Ficetola** x **Mrs. Hamilton** ---

Mr. Offreda x **Mr. Riveros** --- **Mr. Young** x **Mr. Cox** x

Mrs. Lahullier x

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY COMMITTEE: (Mr. Acanfora)

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised Carlstadt Public School Emergency Operations Plan as written.

Moved: Acanfora

Seconded Ficetola

Mr. Acanfora x **Mr. Ficetola** x **Mrs. Hamilton** ---

Mr. Offreda x **Mr. Riveros** --- **Mr. Young** x **Mr. Cox** x

Mrs. Lahullier x

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following resolution:

Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2017-2018 school year, and

Whereas, the Carlstadt Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Carlstadt Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Moved: Mr. Offreda

Seconded Mr. Young

Mr. Acanfora x **Mr. Ficotola** x **Mrs. Hamilton** ---

Mr. Offreda x **Mr. Riveros** --- **Mr. Young** x **Mr. Cox** x

Mrs. Lahullier x

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Young announced that he was elected as President of the NJ Bergen County school Boards Association.

Mrs. Lahullier mentioned that she also attended the Bergen County meeting and announced that Carlstadt was a Stigma - Free Zone School, which is a County wide program which aims to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness which accesses free programs available.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: None

Any citizen present, who wishes to be heard, should raise his/her hand to be recognized, state name and address, and limit remarks to five minutes in accordance with board policy. Matters of a personal nature must first have been exhausted through the proper channels. The hearing of citizens shall not exceed one hour.

President closes hearing of citizens.

ANY ACTION ARISING FROM HEARING OF CITIZENS

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act and Carlstadt board policy reserve the right within the constraints of state law to sit in executive session; and

