

**MAYWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Maywood Board of Education was held on March 15, 2021. President Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bendezu, Mr. Cilento, Ms. Kiely, Ms. Padovano, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Velez and Ms. Wiebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jordan, Superintendent and Ms. Jennifer Pfohl, Business Administrator

FLAG SALUTE

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 6, 2021 in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes 10:4-8 as follows: Posted by the Board Secretary in the Board of Education Office, 452 Maywood Avenue, e-mailed to Our Town and the Record newspapers, e-mailed to Municipal Building for posting on the Municipal Bulletin Board in the Borough Clerk’s Office, 15 Park Avenue.

All staff motions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, Chapter 116, PL 1986, Provisional Employment, pending criminal history background check.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Jordan reported on the following:

- The MAS students of the month will be honored this evening.
- Tonight we recognize Ms. Pam Corso. Pam announced her retirement and the resolution is on the agenda this evening. This is indeed a bittersweet moment as we are losing one of our special education professionals who has played a big role in the education of our students. The consummate professional, we wish Pam well in her new role as Grandma for years to come!
- We welcome two teachers as full time employees in the District starting in the Fall. We welcome both Ms. Harrington and Remo. Both of these women played critical roles as maternity leave replacements this year during unprecedented time. With retirements and section counts we are able to bring them into the family as full time teachers. The District prides itself on developing from within and we are thrilled to bring outstanding educators on board who served us in leave positions this past year.
- There has been much conversation since this past Friday concerning a supposed meeting that took place with BCDOH that has indicated that they will now follow CDC guidelines in regard to close contacts and the need to quarantine. Since this is not official, Maywood will wait for such guidance to be communicated in writing.
- Teachers took part in a grade level articulation afternoon on the 15th. The purpose of the meeting was to analyze the curriculum and the point at which we feel we will get to by the end of the year. This information will drive our summer remedial program and shape our curriculum revisions for next year. The next articulation is scheduled for a full day on April 28th when students will be virtual and taught in an asynchronous fashion so that teams can meet cross grade level to work on cross grade level curriculum planning for September.
- We are happy to report a smooth transition to Phase 4. We are now in our second week of five days per week in person with the option for virtual. The custodial crew has been incredible with the removal of the Wednesday deep clean day and they haven’t skipped a beat.
- Student Classifications (as of 4/21/21)

	<u>MAS</u>	<u>MEM</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Total Students	556	386	942
In Person	387 (70%)	294 (76%)	681 (72%)
Opt Out	169 (30%)	92 (24%)	261 (28%)

- NJSLS Assessments have been formally canceled in New Jersey. In the interim all districts have submitted progress indicators for all students and all districts will be responsible for proctoring the Start Strong Assessments in September and October. Details will be forthcoming about the specifics of that assessment.

- This Friday marks what we hope to be a slice of normalcy for our 8th graders as we host an outdoor social. The event will take place in the MAS courtyard. The MAS PTO has worked tremendously hard to get this together and we look forward to a special night that is usually scheduled for an indoor event in January.
- Student Pictures Student pictures at both buildings went smoothly last week and it was great to see the virtual students in person for this event.
- April is Autism Awareness Month. As is the case every year, Maywood looks to educate and inform all students and staff on Autism Awareness not only because of our incredible MAP program and relationship with the South Bergen Jointure Mentoring Program but also because it is important to understand all of our differences and how everyone plays a role in valuing all. Let's show our collective support for Autism Awareness Month by wearing BLUE each Monday of April!!
- As promised, we would work within the framework of the Governor's executive order to provide an in person Class of 2020 Graduation. Last year we were only able to provide a virtual graduation and we noted we would offer an in person graduation this year in replace. Tonight, Class of 2020 students and parents were invited to a graduation on the back field on June 18th followed by a reunion social immediately thereafter on the MAS courtyard. We set a date of May 7th for an rsvp.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Pfohl reported on the following:

- Thanks for completing the Ethics Disclosures. Those who have not completed, please do so.
- We will have a special meeting next week to present the budget and then vote on it the following week.
- UVC uni-vent purchase being approved tonight.
- 2 new buses will be delivered Monday and the rental will be returned. We need drivers and will pay to have interested parties get licensed.

CORRESPONDANCE

- n/a

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – No report

Finance – No report

Curriculum – Assembly supposed to vote on curriculum revisions to be introduced 9/2021. They may be delayed until 9/2022.

Policy – Waiting on Governor's decision on school in September regarding opt-outs.

Personnel – No report

Safety/OEM – No report

Technology – No report

Community Relations – No report

Negotiations – No report

Legislation – Police and Fire pensions offering early retirement buyout option. There is discussion on extending this to teachers.

Mayor and Council – Addressed municipal budget at last meeting.

MAS PTO – Met last week. Gearing up for dance on Friday.

MEM PTO – No meeting in April. There is a meeting scheduled for 5/5/21.

Hackensack BOE – Hackensack asked for a copy of the expired contract. They mentioned a 2% increase.

Becton BOE – Working on expansion plans. Have E. Rutherford students in the afternoon.

Joint Boards Committee – No report

Seniors – No report

Library – To-go kits are available for kids. They are activities for kids. Applying for mini-grant for digital inclusion.

Office of Emergency Management – No report

REGULAR MEETING

- n/a

PRESENTATIONS and RECOGNITIONS;

- n/a

BREAK

- n/a

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Lou Roer thanked the BOE for having a live meeting, and for going above and beyond for the children. The Mayor and Council will vote on 5/11/21.
- Mr. John Brown asked about the Budget Hearing. Asked us to use a microphone when others speak.

BOARD COMMENTS

- n/a

OLD BUSINESS

- n/a

NEW BUSINESS

BL.13 Meeting Block Motion/Approval to Vote on Monthly Motions as a Group

Any board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted motions will be entertained:

RECOMMENDED ACTION - "move that the following actions of the Maywood Board of Education numbered: A.120, A.121, A.123, A.124, A.125, A.126, P.76, P.77, P.78, P.79, P.80, P.81, P.82, P.83, P.84, P.85, P.86, P.87, F.105, F.106, F.107, F.108, F.109, F.110, F.111, F.112, F.113, F.114 and F.115, excepting motions A.119 and A.122 to be approved as shown on the agenda dated, 4/21/21."

Moved by: Mr. Taylor
Seconded by: Mr. Cilento
Vote: 7/0
Abstentions: 0

A.120 Acceptance of Recorded Fire/Security Drills - "that the Board accept the following recorded Fire/Security Drills for March 2021:

MEM:	MAS:
3/12/21 Fire Drill	3/09/21 Fire Drill
3/26/21 Restricted LD/Shelter in Place	3/18/21 Restricted LD/Shelter in Place

A.121 Acceptance of Recorded Enrollment - "that the Board accept the following enrollment numbers as of March 31, 2021:

	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>3/31/21</u>
Memorial	420	385
MAS	<u>563</u>	<u>554</u>
Total in-district	983	939
<i>Change from 6/30/20</i>		
OOD K-8 Sp. Ed.	9	9
OOD Sp Ed. 9-12	13	16
Vo-Tech Special Ed	18	18
Charter Schools	6	6
Bergen Academies/Teterboro	27	27
Bergen Academies/Hackensack	13	13
Applied Tech	12	12
Bergen Vo-Tech Shared Students	3	3
Becton Regional	0	67
Hackensack High School	<u>244</u>	<u>174</u>
Total District Enrollment	1,328	1284
<i>Change from 6/30/2020</i>		-3.34%

A.123 Approval of Services with Bergen County Special Services - "that the Board approve the following resolution

RESOLVED, that the Maywood Board of Education approves Services for Augmentative Communication Assessments to be contracted with Bergen County Special Services (BCSS) on an as needed basis. The board approves all service agreements for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost not to exceed \$975 per assessment."

A.124 Approval of Special Services - "that the Board approve the following special services for student *KC (HS-OOD)* for 2020-2021 school year:

Service: Transition Assessment
Provider: Shift NJ, Paramus, NJ
Date(s): To be completed by 4/30/21
Totals: \$600.00

A.125 Approval of Special Services - "that the Board approve the following special services for student *PI (HS9-OOD)* for 2020-2021 school year:

School: BCSS – Visions Program @ Becton Regional, East Rutherford, NJ
Date(s): 4/01/21 – 6/17/21
Tuition: \$9,000.00 (*prorated amount*)

A.126 Approval of the District Nursing Services Plan – "that the Board approve the District's *Nursing Service Plan* for the 2020-2021 school year."

P.76 Approval of New MAP Paraprofessional Positions - "that the Board approve two (2) new part-time MAP paraprofessional positions at Memorial, effective 3/29/21."

P.77 Appointment of a Paraprofessional - "that the Board approve the appointment of Peyton Boyd, as a part-time ABA paraprofessional for the 2020-2021 school year and receive a rate of \$25.33 per hour. This appointment is retro-active from 3/29/21."

P.78 Appointment of a Paraprofessional - “that the Board approve the appointment of Tammy Gil, as a part-time ABA paraprofessional for the 2020-2021 school year and receive a rate of \$25.33 per hour. The anticipated start date is 4/26/21.”

P.79 Appointment of Teacher - “that the Board approve the appointment of Megan Harrington, as teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. She will be placed on BA, Step 2 and receive an annual salary of \$51,900.00.

P.80 Approval of Submission of Substitute Application – “that the Board approve the submission of the County Substitute Certification Application to the County Superintendent for Jenna Speranza.”

P.81 Approval of Additions to Sub List – “that the Board approve the following individuals be added to the substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year (*pending completed paperwork*).”

Sub-Teacher

Peyton Boyd – County sub certificate

P.82 Approval of Home Programming Coordinator – “that the Board payment to Juvilian Manzer, as a Home Programming Coordinator for student, HM (MEM) – 1 hour per month plus 3 hours for makeups @ her hourly rate of \$60.64 for the 2020-2021 school year from 4/12/21 to 6/30/21.”

P.83 Approval of Home Programming Coordinator – “that the Board payment to Juvilian Manzer, for Home Instruction for student, BPS (MEM) – 2 hours per week @ her hourly rate of \$60.64 for the 2020-2021 school year from 4/12/21 to 6/30/21.”

P.84 Appointment of Teacher - “that the Board approve the appointment of Juliana Remo, as teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. She will be placed on BA, Step 4 and receive an annual salary of \$53,050.00.

P.85 Approval of Leave - “that the Board approve the following leave request:

Teacher/Assignment	Dates	Reason
Senia Romeo, MAP 4 th -8 th	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	Contractual Child Care Leave

P.86 Approval of Leave - “that the Board approve the following leave request:

Teacher/Assignment	Dates	Reason
Diana Connahan	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	Unpaid Leave of Absence

P.87 Acceptance of Retirement- “that the Board accept, with regret, the retirement of Pam Corso, a teacher at Maywood Avenue School, effective June 30, 2021.”

F.105 Approval of Monthly Bills - “that the Board approve the check run for *April* in the amount of: \$1,267,667.85.”

F.106 Approval of Cafeteria Bills - “that the Board approve the check run for *April* in the amount of: \$12,949.79.”

F.107 Approval of Additional Check Run - “that the Board approve additional check run in *April* to be approved at the next regular Board of Education meeting.”

F.108 Approval of Disposal of Equipment - "that the Board approve of the disposal of computer equipment as submitted. These assets have no fair book market value.”

F.109 Approval of Payroll - “that the Board approve the payroll for *March* as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	
10	885,774.70
20	-
Total:	\$ 885,774.70
Board Share FICA/Medicare	14,991.88
State Share FICA Medicare	49,243.02
Board DCRP	2,657.31
Total Payroll Expense:	952,666.91

F.110 Approval of Board Secretary’s Report – “that the Board approve the Board Secretary Report, as submitted, for March 31, 2021.”

F.111 Approval of Treasurer’s Report – “that the Board approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for March 31, 2021.”

F.112 Approval of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - "that the Board accept the Board Secretary's monthly certification on budget line status as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of March 31, 2021, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:22-8.1."

F.113 Approval of Board's Monthly Certification - "that the Board approve the Board's monthly certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, we certify that as of March 31, 2021, after review of the secretary's monthly report (statement of expenditures) and upon consultation with violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year."

F.114 Approval of Transfer of Funds - "that the Board approve the report of transfer of funds for March 31, 2021.”

F.115 Approval of Purchase - "that the Board approve a purchase from Pure Lighting Company, for Uni-Vent Air Handling Units in the amount of \$50,455, using Ed Data contract # 10390.”

EXCEPTED MOTIONS VOTED ON SERPARATELY

A.119 Acceptance of Minutes - "that the Board accept the following minutes of the Board of Education meetings."

3/15/2021 Work Session, Regular Meeting, Closed

Moved by: Mr. Taylor
Seconded by: Ms. Kiely
Vote: 6/0
Abstentions: 1

A.122 Maywood Avenue School Students of the Month - "that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Maraki Bekele, Paola Carvajol, Victoria Clampffer, Owen Donovan, Christopher Gallardo, Laia Harvey, Gabriella Jaskot, Dylan Stigh and Sierra Woo have been awarded the Maywood Avenue School March Students of the Month in recognition of their humanitarian deeds and fine human kindness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maywood Board of Education recognizes this most worthwhile achievement by honoring them with a formal resolution unanimously approved at the public meeting of April 21, 2021."

Moved by: Mr. Taylor
Seconded by: Ms. Kiely
Vote: 7/0
Abstentions: 0

TABLED MOTIONS

- n/a

BOARD COMMENTS

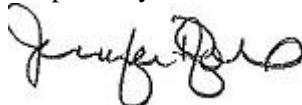
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CLOSED SESSION

- n/a

MEETING ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:13PM

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Pfohl, Board Secretary