

**MINUTES**  
**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015 – 7:00 PM**  
**ALL PURPOSE ROOM OF WANDELL SCHOOL**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Senger at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Wandell School.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The February 3, 2015 regular session board of education meeting was advertised according to the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Senger, Ms. Arnold (7:10 pm to 8:00 pm), Ms. Feldsott, Mrs. Connolly  
Absent: Mr. LaSalandra  
Others Present: Dr. Ronzitti, Superintendent  
Mr. Stokes, Head Teacher  
Mr. Secora, LAN Associates  
Ms. Gorab, Wilentz

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

January 7, 2015 BOE Regular (Organization) and Executive Sessions

January 15, 2015 BOE Special Session

January 22, 2015 BOE Special Session

Motion: Ms. Feldsott                      Second: Ms. Connolly                      Vote: 3-0;                      Time: 7:05 p.m.

**SADDLE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT HVAC COMMUNITY FORUM**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- There were no instances of Harassment, Intimidation and/or Bullying since the last report

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- The 2015-2016 Budget process is proceeding according to schedule

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- No Report

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - none**

**AGENDA ITEMS AS PER ATTACHED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Finance/Budget Committee – Committee meeting to be held in the upcoming week
2. Board Communications Committee – no report
3. Technology Committee – no report
4. Curriculum Committee – no report
5. Renovation Committee – no report
6. Wandell School Recreation Committee – no report
7. Liaisons: Ramsey Board of Education – no report  
Northern Highlands Regional High School – no report
8. Home and School Association – Festival of trees event
9. New Jersey School Boards Association/NJSBA Legislative Committee – no report
10. Policy Committee – no report
11. Health, Well-being, Safety and Transportation Committee – no report
12. Liaison to Mayor and Council – no report
13. Negotiations Committee – Awaiting correspondence from SREA to initiate process
14. Search Committee – no report

**COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - none****MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and

WHEREAS the Board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist

BE IT RESOLVED by the Saddle River Board of Education that:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter-specified subjects:

The general nature of these subjects is: Personnel and Superintendent Search

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters will be made public when the Board determines them to be no longer prejudicial or when the board takes formal action.

Motion: Ms. Connolly Second: Mr. Senger Vote: 3-0, motion carried  
Time: 8:30 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING**

Motion: Mr. Senger Second: Ms. Connolly Vote: 3-0, motion carried  
Time: 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred D. Palumbo  
Board Secretary

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015  
RESOLUTIONS – SUMMARY**

**ADMINISTRATION**

A-808 Request for Waiver for SEMI  
A-809 Stokes – Affirmative Action Officer  
A-810 Dr. Ronzitti – ESL/Bilingual Coordinator  
A-811 Strauss – District Homeless Liaison  
A-812 Open Public Meetings Act – Emergency Meeting

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

HR-1131 Glenn Stokes – Vice Principal  
HR-1132 Fred D. Palumbo – Retirement  
HR-1133 Cohen – Additional Aide Assistance – Play  
HR-1134 Hire Substitute Teachers, Aides and/or Office Workers  
HR-1135 Hire Substitute Custodians  
HR-1136 Amendment to HR-1125 Budds – Maternity Leave  
HR-1137 Peer Leader Coordinators  
HR-1138 Berkeley – Head Softball Coach Stipend 2015  
HR-1139 Saingas – Head Baseball Coach Stipend 2015  
HR-1140 Kresch – Intramural Coordinator Stipend 2015  
HR-1141 Barry, Connolly, Ross – Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coaches 2015

**FINANCE**

F-2186 Payment of Bills – December 2014  
F-2187 Line Item Certification  
F-2188 Appropriation Transfers – November 2014  
F-2189 Board Secretary Report – November 2014  
F-2190 Treasurer Report – November 2014  
F-2191 Agreement – Treasurer and Board Secretary Report  
F-2192 Submission of Amendment #1 to IDEA-B Application for FY 2015  
F-2193 Travel - Miller

**ADMINISTRATION****A-808 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.3 (PARTICIPATION IN SEMI)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education seeks a waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.3 (participation in SEMI), due to the fact that the School District will have 40 or fewer Medicaid eligible classified students during the 2015-2016 school year.

**A-809 STOKES – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education approves the appointment of Glenn Stokes as the District Affirmative Action Officer for the calendar year 2015.

**A-810 DR. RONZITTI – DISTRICT ESL/BILINGUAL COORDINATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education approves the appointment of Dr. William Ronzitti as the District ESL/Bilingual Coordinator for the calendar year 2015.

**A-811 STRAUSS – DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISON**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education approves the appointment of Debbi Strauss as the District Homeless Liaison for the calendar year 2015.

**A-812 OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – EMERGENCY MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act (“OPMA”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to provide the public with advanced notice of, and the right to attend, meetings of public bodies such as a board of education; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits certain bodies to hold emergency meetings without adequate advanced written notice in circumstances of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits certain bodies to hold emergency meetings subject to certain procedural safeguards, including that three-fourths of its members present vote in favor of conducting the emergency meeting and that prompt notice of the meeting is given to the public by posting and delivery to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board; and

WHEREAS, an urgent situation has arisen due to the January 26-27, 2015 snowstorm (blizzard); and

WHEREAS, Governor Christopher Christie has declared a State of Emergency in connection with this storm; and

WHEREAS, a school election is scheduled for January 27, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a bond referendum; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education have determined that an emergency meeting must be conducted on January 26, 2015 to discuss and possibly seek New Jersey Superior Court intervention to reschedule the election presently scheduled for January 27, 2015 and reschedule same for February 10, 2015 and direct the Board Attorney to take whatever actions are necessary to effectuate the cancellation of and rescheduling of the election presently scheduled for January 27, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will conduct an emergency meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to be read at the next scheduled public meeting which is to be held on February 3, 2015, and that the Board Secretary is directed to reflect the same in the minutes and post a copy of the Resolution to deliver it to the two official newspapers, including the official newspaper designated by the Board of Education.

**ALL ADMINISTRATION MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:**

Motion: Mr. Senger

Second: Ms. Feldsott

Vote: 3-0

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**HR-1131 GLENN STOKES – VICE PRINCIPAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to change Glenn Stokes position from Head Teacher to Vice Principal at a salary of \$106,470 effective January 1, 2015.

**HR-1132 FRED D. PALUMBO – RETIREMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Saddle River Board of Education accepts the retirement of Fred D. Palumbo, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary effective May 1, 2015; termination date will be at COB April 30, 2015.

**HR-1133 COHEN – ADDITIONAL AIDE ASSISTANCE - PLAY**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to authorize thirty (30) extra hours for Barbara Cohen at her current rate of pay to accompany a special education student after school at practice/play performances on March 9-13 and 16-21 (2015).

**HR-1134 HIRE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, AIDES AND/OR OFFICE WORKERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to hire the following individuals as substitute teachers, aides and/or office workers for the 2014-2015 school year: Regina Frei, Susan Gioia, Linda Hartheimer, Nancy Mezzatesta.

**HR-1135 HIRE SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to hire the following individuals as substitute custodians for the 2014-2015 school year at the rate of \$100 per day or \$12.50 per hour: George Miller, Frank Trumbetti

**HR-1136 AMENDMENT TO HR-1125 BUDDS – MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education amends HR-1125 approving leave for Kerri Budds for the 2014-2015 school year as follows: Dates for leave: January 31, 2015 (vice January 30, 2015) through June 15, 2015, utilizing paid and unpaid sick leave

**HR-1137 PEER LEADER COORDINATORS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education appoints the following stipends:

Peer Leader Coordinator: John Moylan \$500

Peer Leader Coordinator: Angela Penna \$500

Start Date: February 2, 2015

End Date: June 30, 2015

**HR-1138 BERKLEY – HEAD SOFTBALL COACH STIPEND**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Elaine Berkley as Wandell School Head Softball Coach for the 2015 season at a stipend of \$2,400.00, contingent upon sufficient student participation and sufficient funding.

**HR-1139 SAINGAS – HEAD BASEBALL COACH STIPEND**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Chris Saingas as Wandell School Head Baseball Coach for the 2015 season at a stipend of \$2,400.00, contingent upon sufficient student participation and sufficient funding.

**HR-1140 KRESCH – INTRAMURAL COORDINATOR STIPEND**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a stipend payment of \$1,200 to Jeff Kresch in compensation for his role as Intramural Coordinator for Wandell School from February to April, 2015, contingent upon sufficient student participation and sufficient funding.

**HR-1141 BARRY, JONES, ROSS, BASCIO – VOLUNTEER WRESTLING COACHES**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Christopher Barry, Roger Jones, Damian Ross and Zach Bascio as volunteer Wandell Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2015 spring wrestling season.

ALL HR MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:

Motion: Mr. Senger

Second: Ms. Feldsott

Roll Call Vote: RA: Absent IF: Yes JC: Yes JL: Absent HS: Yes

**FINANCE****F-2186 PAYMENT OF BILLS – JANUARY 2015**

BE IT RESOLVED that the payment of bills for January 2015 as per the bill lists on file in the business office be approved.

**F-2187 LINE ITEM CERTIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that in compliance with NJAC 6:20-2A-10(e) that the Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that as of this report, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**F-2188 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS – DECEMBER 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriation transfers for the month of December 2014 as per the list on file in the business office be approved.

**F-2189 BOARD SECRETARY REPORT – DECEMBER 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2014 be approved.

**F-2190 TREASURER REPORT – DECEMBER 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2014 be approved.

**F-2191 AGREEMENT – TREASURER'S AND BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education states that the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Education for the month of December 2014 are in agreement and on file in the Board Secretary's Office.

**F-2192 SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE APPLICATION FOR IDEA PART B GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education authorizes the submission of Amendment #1 to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-B) application for fiscal year 2015 starting July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

**F-2193 TRAVEL – MILLER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following staff travel:

Who: Kathleen Miller

What: Workshop – "Importance of Learning thru Play for All Students"

Where: Maywood, NJ

When: March 20, 2015

Why: Professional Development

Costs: Mileage and tolls: approximately \$6.50

Total: \$6.50 (estimated)

ALL FINANCE MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:

Motion: Ms. Feldsott

Second: Mr. Senger

Vote: 3-0