

MINUTES
SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014 – 7:30 PM
LIBRARY OF WANDELL SCHOOL

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Senger at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Wandell School.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The November 25, 2014 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, Mrs. Connolly

Absent: Mr. LaSalandra, Ms. Feldsott

Others Present: Dr. Ronzitti, Superintendent

Mr. Stokes, Head Teacher

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

October 27, 2014 BOE Regular and Executive Sessions

November 3, 2014 BOE Regular and Executive Sessions

November 17, 2014 BOE Regular and Executive Sessions

Motion: Mr. Senger; Second: Ms. Arnold; Vote: 3-0; Time: 7:35 p.m.

REMARKS BY DISTRICT BOND COUNSEL, MS. LISA GORAB

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - none

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - none

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - none

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

AGENDA ITEMS AS PER ATTACHED - none

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: Mr. LaSalandra Second: Mr. Senger Vote: 3-0, motion carried
Time: 8:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING

Motion: Mr. Senger Second: Ms. Arnold Vote: 3-0, motion carried
Time: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred D. Palumbo
Board Secretary

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014
RESOLUTIONS – SUMMARY**

ADMINISTRATION

A-799 First Reading – Saddle River School District Policies
A-800 Acceptance of Donation from Wandell Home & School Association - Gazebo
A-801 Acceptance of Donation from Wandell Home & School Association - Games

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR-1122 Kim – Stipend – Wandell Rec Fall Art Club
HR-1123 Hire Substitute Teachers, Aides and/or Office Workers
HR-1124 Hire Substitute Custodian
HR-1125 Budds – Maternity Leave of Absence

EDUCATION

E-771 Approval for Behavior Consultation Services
E-772 Home Instruction for Special Education Student 2014-2015
E-773 Tuition – Special Education – Ridgewood George Washington School – 2014-2015 - 1
E-774 Tuition – Special Education – Ridgewood George Washington School – 2014-2015 - 2

FINANCE

F-2164 Payment of Bills – November 2014
F-2165 Line Item Certification
F-2166 Appropriation Transfers – October 2014
F-2167 Board Secretary Report – October 2014
F-2168 Treasurer Report – October 2014
F-2169 Agreement – Treasurer and Board Secretary Report
F-2170 Transfer of Funds in Excess of 10%
F-2171 Resolution Providing for the Submission of a Special Ballot Question to the School District Voters in a Special School District Election to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015

ADMINISTRATION**A-799 FIRST READING – SADDLE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the first reading of the Saddle River Board of Education policies as customized for the Saddle River School District by the New Jersey School Boards Association and filed in the Board Policy Book on file in the Saddle River School District administrative offices.

A-800 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM WANDELL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - GAZEBO

BE IT RESOLVED to accept, with gratitude, the donation by the Wandell Home & School Association of \$1,000.00 related to improvements to the Wandell gazebo.

A-801 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM WANDELL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - GAMES

BE IT RESOLVED to accept, with gratitude, the donation by the Wandell Home & School Association of approximately 30 games for the students to play with during inclement weather which are valued in the amount of \$353.76.

ALL ADMINISTRATION MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:

Motion: Ms. Arnold

Second: Mr. Senger

Vote: 3-0

HUMAN RESOURCES**HR-1122 CHRISTINA KIM – STIPEND – WANDELL REC FALL ART CLUB**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following stipend award to Christina Kim to be paid \$2,100.00 from Wandell Recreation funds for duties performed in connection with the Wandell Rec Fall Art Club.

HR-1123 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, at the substitute rate of \$90.00 per day: Hannah Maak, Amanda Maguire, Margaret Chartier

HR-1124 HIRE SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to hire Kenneth Konig as a substitute custodian for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

HR-1125 BUDDS – MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

ALL HR MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:

Motion: Mr. Senger

Second: Ms. Arnold

Roll Call Vote: RA: Y IF: Absent JC: Y JL: Absent HS: Y (Motions carried 3-0)

EDUCATION

E-771 APPROVAL FOR BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED to approve two (2) behavioral consultations per month to be provided by Behaviorist Rebecca Brenkert for a Special Education student attending a Ramsey School District school for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$125 per hour for a monthly total of \$250 per month times 7 months, or a grand total of \$1,750.

E-772 HOME INSTRUCTION FOR CLASSIFIED STUDENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education approves home instruction for one special education student at a rate of \$45 per hour for 60 hours (10 hours per week for 6 weeks) for a total cost to the district of \$2,700 for the 2014-2015 school year.

E-773 TUITION – SPECIAL EDUCATION – GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – RIDGEWOOD, NJ – 2014-2015 - 1

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment of tuition to the Ridgewood Board of Education for the following amounts for one Saddle River special education student for the 2014-2015 school year:

Tuition	\$29,466
Related Svcs	6,340
Case Mgt	5,220
<u>Aide</u>	<u>17,067</u>
Total	\$58,094

E-774 TUITION – SPECIAL EDUCATION – GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – RIDGEWOOD, NJ – 2014-2015 - 2

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the payment of tuition to the Ridgewood Board of Education for the following amounts for one Saddle River special education student for the 2014-2015 school year:

Tuition	\$23,991
Related Svcs	4,690
Case Mgt	5,220
<u>Aide</u>	<u>17,067</u>
Total	\$50,968

ALL EDUCATION MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:

Motion: Mr. Senger

Second: Ms. Connolly

Vote: 3-0

FINANCE

F-2164 PAYMENT OF BILLS – NOVEMBER 2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the payment of bills for November 2014 as per the bill lists on file in the business office be approved.

F-2165 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-2166 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS – OCTOBER 2014

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

F-2167 BOARD SECRETARY REPORT – OCTOBER 2014

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

F-2168 TREASURER REPORT – OCTOBER 2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October 2014 be approved.

F-2169 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 October 2014 are in agreement and on file in the Board Secretary’s Office.

F-2170 TRANSFER OF FUNDS (IN EXCESS OF 10%)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following transfer of funds (in excess of 10%) due to the amount of legal costs accrued thus far in the school year 2014-2015, such transfer having been previously approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent in her letter to the District Superintendent dated November 19, 2014.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Line 29180 Tuition	-\$29,342
<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Line 45300 School Administration (Legal)	+\$29,342

ALL FINANCE MOTIONS BUNDLED FOR SINGLE VOTE:

Motion: Ms. Connolly

Second: Mr. Senger

Vote: 3-0

F-2171 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL BALLOT QUESTION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

WHEREAS, The Board of Education (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) of The Borough of Saddle River in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "State") desires to undertake a school facilities project consisting of the replacement and upgrade of the HVAC system at the Wandell Elementary School (the "Project");

WHEREAS, to accomplish the Project, the Board seeks to authorize the submission of a ballot question and an explanatory question at a special School District election to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 (the "Election") and to authorize certain actions required to be taken in connection with the conduct of the Election and the undertaking of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of The Borough of Saddle River in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following Explanatory Statement and Proposal (the "Proposal") shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a special School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the School District. The polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Project

As set forth in the Proposal below, the Board is seeking authorization to undertake replacement and upgrade of 50+ year old HVAC system at the Wandell Elementary School. The total cost of the project shall not exceed \$3,097,091.

State Funding for the Project

The State has awarded the School District aid in the amount of 40% of the total project costs. This State funding for the project reduces the taxpayers' share to 60%. Such State funding will only be available to the School District if the referendum passes.

PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of The Borough of Saddle River in the County of Bergen, New Jersey is authorized to undertake the replacement and upgrade of the HVAC system at the Wandell Elementary School. The Board is authorized to expend on such project an amount not to exceed \$3,097,091 which expenditure shall be funded with bonds of the School District in the amount not to exceed \$3,097,091. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid of 40% of the eligible costs. All of the costs are eligible costs.

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same.

3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to comply with applicable provisions of the Education Law and Election Law, to the Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools, Bergen County Clerk, Bergen County Board of Elections, and to the Clerk of the Borough of Saddle River, and to request such persons to undertake their respective functions under the Education Law and the Election Law, as applicable, in connection with the Election. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to amend the Proposal and the Explanatory Statement to conform same to statutory requirements.

4. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 24-16 and 24-17 of the Education Law, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Saddle River, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Borough of Saddle River, and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to cause such Supplemental Debt Statement to be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

5. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel and the Architect for the Project, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election, including preparation and submission of all required applications for receipt of debt service aid.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Senger, Ms. Arnold, Ms. Connolly

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Mr. LaSalandra, Ms. Feldsott