

MAINLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MARCH 16, 2015

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mainland Regional High School District of Atlantic County was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on the above date in the Library in Linwood, New Jersey; President Ojserkis presiding.

2.0 **FLAG SALUTE**

3.0 **COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:**

Ms. Ojserkis duly noted that adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education was provided by the Board Secretary's office on October 3, 2014, to newspapers, municipal clerks and was posted on the bulletin board located in the main school entrance specifying time, place, and date in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act – Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

4.0 **ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum

Present: Messr.'s Broomall, Harvey, Milhous  
Ms. Cupo, Gorski, Gray  
President Ojserkis

Absent: Messr. Person  
Ms. Siegel

Superintendent Previti, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Jensen, Principal Marrone, Vice Principal O'Neal, and Supervisor Lichtenwalner were also present.

5.0 **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

None

6.0 **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Ms. Amy Melson** and the Cast of Les Miserables Performance.

**Mr. Mark Marrone** recognized Ms. Maggie Dods, National Merit Finalist.

**Mr. Mark Marrone and Mr. Nathan Lichtenwalner presented the following Commended Scholars to the Board of Education:**

Ezza Ahmed  
Klea Kalia  
Erin Kiernan  
James Reddie  
Ciara Sacco  
Catherine Wilson  
50,000 Highest PSAT 2013  
Top 16,000 Semi Finalist  
34,000 Commended Students on National Selected Index

**Mr. Mark Marrone presented the following students of the month for March 2015:**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Student</u>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Benjamin Goddard
10 <sup>th</sup>	Alexander James Reynolds
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Krulish
11 <sup>th</sup>	Carly Mae McAvinue
12 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary Ewing

**Mr. Mark Marrone** presented the Board Member of the Month to Ms. Gray in recognition of her selection to the Atlantic City Weekly “Forty Under Forty” list.

**MRCP Liaison Report** - None

**Aquatic Report** - None

7.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law (NJSA 10:4-1 et seq) that it shall:

- A. Immediately
- B. At the conclusion of the Regular Agenda
- C. At the call of the chair

Enter into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, Negotiations, Student, and/or Security matters: and the information discussed at this meeting can be disclosed to the public only upon formal

written request to the Secretary of the Board of Education and it thereafter has been reviewed by the Board of Education at the next Work, Special or Regular Meeting to determine if the time and circumstances would then be appropriate to disclose the information discussed.

Ms. Gray moved items 8.0 - 9.1

- 8.0 Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2015. Minutes
- 8.1 Motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2015. Exec. Minutes
- 9.0 Motion acknowledging receipt of the Treasurer's Report and the Board Secretary's Report which are in agreement for the period of January 2015 as filed with the Board.
- 9.1 Motion acknowledging receipt of the Cafeteria Reports for the period of January 2015.

Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Ayes (7)

10.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

After Prom request for the \$5,000.00 contribution from the Board of Education was distributed to the Board Members via e-mail.

11.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Ms. Ojserkis described that the Board and Administration are proud of the student achievements as portrayed at this meeting with the cast of Les Miserables, Students of the Month and Merit award semi-finalists and finalists.

Ms. Ojserkis informed the Board Members that a motion has been placed on the personnel agenda to extend Dr. Previti's employment contract as Interim Superintendent for Mainland Regional High School to June 2016. The Mainland Regional High School Board of Education is pleased that Dr. Previti will remain another year in the District.

12.0 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Previti introduced the 2015-2016 school year as outlined in his Proposal that was e-mailed to the Board on Friday.

13.0 **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Lisa Harvey of Linwood recognized the grave budget situation but spoke on behalf of the proposal for a Varsity Volleyball Team for Mainland Regional High School.

Ms. Harvey described the sport as the third highest participation sport nationwide. The sport provides longevity for females unlike field hockey and lacrosse.

Ms. Harvey would like the District to “think out of the box” to allow Volleyball as a Varsity sport. Mainland Regional High School has had a Volleyball Club for the past two years and would like to move onto a sport status. Ms. Harvey discussed how the future budgets will be more of a hardship and fears that Volleyball will never gain sport status.

Ms. Harvey requested if a booster club could raise funds to support the team.

Ms. Ojserkis responded that the Board would like to accommodate Volleyball as a Varsity sport, but will need time to see if the costs will fit into the budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Jeff Lischin, Northfield Councilman, introduced himself as the Liaison to the Mainland Regional High School from the Northfield City Council.

Mr. Lischin discussed that he appreciated the programs and Mainland Regional High School, especially the play that has included elementary students from the sending districts.

14.0 **EDUCATION**

Dr. Harvey moved items 14.1 – 14.9

14.1 Motion to approve Home Instruction/Outside Placement for: HI/OP

Home Instruction from March 6, 2015 to May 6, 2015

CASE HI#15

6 Hours at \$45.00 X 7 Weeks = \$1,890.00

Home Instruction

CASE HI#20

4 Hours at \$45.00 = \$180.00

Home Instruction from February 24, 2015 to June 22, 2015

CASE HI#36

4 Hours at \$45.00 X 15 Weeks = \$2,700.00

Home Instruction from February 19, 2015 to March 19, 2015

CASE HI#42

10 Hours at \$45.00 X 4 Weeks = \$1,800.00

Home Instruction from February 24, 2015 to April 13, 2015

CASE HI#43

6 Hours at \$45.00 X 7 Weeks = \$1,890.00

Home Instruction from March 3, 2015 to June 18, 2015

CASE HI#44

2 Hours at \$45.00 X 14 Weeks = \$1,260.00

Home Instruction from March 3, 2015 to April 2, 2015

CASE HI#45

10 Hours at \$45.00 X 5 Weeks = \$2,250.00

Home Instruction

CASE HI#46

5 Hours at \$45.00 = \$225.00

Home Instruction from March 6, 2015 to April 6, 2015

CASE HI#47

10 Hours at \$45.00 X 4 Weeks = \$1,800.00

Home Instruction from March 11, 2015 to March 25, 2015

CASE HI#48

12 Hours at \$45.00 X 2 Weeks = \$1,080.00

Home Instruction from March 16, 2015 to April 16, 2015  
CASE HI#49  
10 Hours at \$45.00 X 3 Weeks = \$1,350.00

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| 14.2 | Motion to approve the Field Trips for the 2014-2015 school year.  | Field Trip  |
| 14.3 | Motion to approve the 2015 annual Baseball Spring Training Trip to Florida beginning March 25, 2015 through March 30, 2015 at no cost to the District.  | Field Trip  |
| 14.4 | Motion to affirm the recommendation from the Superintendent for the following HIB Cases:<br><br>14-15-014 CONFIRMED<br>14-15-015 Unconfirmed<br>14-15-016 Unconfirmed<br>14-15-018 Unconfirmed        | HIB         |
| 14.5 | Motion to accept the recommendation from the Superintendent for the following HIB Case:<br><br>14-15-019 Unconfirmed  | HIB         |
| 14.6 | Motion to approve the Revised 2014-2015 School Year Calendar.   | Calendar    |
| 14.7 | Motion to approve the Resolution for Procedures for LEA/Agency Response Corrective Action Plan and Reconsideration Process.   | LEA         |
| 14.8 | Motion to certify that the findings were discussed and a Corrective Action Plan approved by the Board of Education regarding the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance for Title I findings. | CAP         |
| 14.9 | Motion to approve a fundraiser for the Mainland National Honor Society Autism Walk at Ventnor Boardwalk scheduled for April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015, rain date May 3, 2015.                           | Fund-raiser |

Ms. Gorski seconded the motion.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Ayes (7)

15.0 **PERSONNEL**

Ms. Cupo moved items 15.1 – 15.16

Motions relative to staff appointments are presented by the Committee with the recommendation of the Superintendent and are subject to Chapter 116, P.L. 1986.

- 15.1 Motion to approve the employment contract between the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education and Dr. Robert Previti as Interim Superintendent for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a rate of \$557.69 per diem. Supt.
  
- 15.2 Motion to approve Ms. Natalie Monroe as a Long-Term Substitute replacing Ms. Anne Cancelmo (Jayne Feeney), at a salary of \$41,944.00 (BA, Step 1) for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Pro-rated, effective April 13, 2015. Benefits Offered. LTS
  
- 15.3 Motion to approve the following to teach a 6<sup>th</sup> Mod Class for Jill Hatz’s Leave for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year beginning approximately April 20, 2015. The amount will change due to effective date. MOD

Class	Jill Hatz Classes	Teacher Coverage (6 <sup>th</sup> Class)	Stipend (pro-rated)
Mod 1	CP Geometry	Morkevich	\$1,999.80
Mod 2	CP FST	Cross	\$1,999.80
Mod 4	CP Geometry	B. Hatz	\$1,999.80
Mod 7	CP Geometry	Repetti	\$1,999.80
Mod 9	CP Geometry	Sher	\$1,999.80

- 15.4 Motion to approve the following substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year: Sub

Donald Applegate	All Areas; Pending Substitute Certificate
Amanda Casazza	All Areas
Byron Nelson	All Areas

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| 15.5  | Motion to approve the revised Job Description for the position of Attendance Officer.   | Attend.<br>Officer |
| 15.6  | Motion to approve with regret the permanent disability retirement of Vicky Georgiou, a Food Services staff member, as of June 30, 2015.   | Retire.            |
| 15.7  | Motion to approve a one-year sabbatical leave request for John-Fred Crane, Teacher of Science, commencing July 1, 2015 so that he may pursue a Masters in Physical Science Education in compliance with the terms and conditions of the negotiated contract agreement.                                  | Sabbat.<br>Leave   |
| 15.8  | Motion to approve the revised unpaid Family Medical Leave with benefits for Ms. Joyce Barrie, beginning February 26, 2015 through June 3, 2015.   | LOA                |
| 15.9  | Motion to approve an extended Family Medical Leave request for Ms. Kelly Klever, Special Education Aide, from February 24, 2015 through approximately May 15, 2015.   | LOA                |
| 15.10 | Motion to approve an extended Family Medical Leave request for Ms. Mary Chialastri, Special Education Aide, from February 27, 2015 for forty-two intermittent days, as needed, during the twelve month period beginning the first date of this request.   | LOA                |
| 15.11 | Motion to approve a Family Medical Leave request for Mr. William Smith, a District Custodian, from March 12, 2015 until approximately June 30, 2015. Mr. Smith will be utilizing State Family Paid Leave on an intermittent schedule.   | LOA                |
| 15.12 | Motion to approve a Medical Leave request for Mr. James Lanzendoen, Special Education Teacher, from April 14, 2015 through approximately June 23, 2015. Mr. Lanzendoen will be utilizing his accumulated sick days.   | LOA                |
| 15.13 | Motion to approve a stipend for Ms. Judi Bessor, Facility Secretary for the 2014-2015 school year totaling \$5,000.00   | Fac.<br>Stipend    |
| 15.14 | Motion to approve Michael DeCicco as an Assistant Baseball Coach at a stipend totaling \$5,909.00 for the 2014-2015 school year, replacing Gregory McLaughlin.  | Co-Curr.           |
| 15.15 | Motion to approve Family Medical Leave for Mr. Gregory McLaughlin, Special Education Aide, from January 21, 2015 through April 1, 2015. Mr. McLaughlin will be utilizing his sick/personal and accumulated sick and personal days before utilizing unpaid FMLA from April 2, 2015 through May 13, 2015. | LOA                |



15.16 Motion to approve Morgan Arrington as an unpaid Volunteer Drama Assistant for the 2014-2015 school year.

Co-Curr.

Mr. Broomall seconded the motion.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Ayes (7)

16.0 **FINANCE AND FACILITIES**

Mr. Broomall moved items 16.1 – 16.15

- 16.1 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the FY 2015-2016 tentative school district budget for submission to the Atlantic County Education Executive Superintendent as follows: Budget

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a school district budget for the FY 2015-16 School Year for submission to the Atlantic County Superintendent as follows:

	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$ 27,316,851
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	\$ 372,500
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	\$ 3,451,961
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 31,141,312</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education establishes a maximum of \$50,000.00 in the general fund FY 2015-2016 budget, allotted for travel and travel related expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there should be raised for General Funds \$ 17,391,192 for the ensuing FY 2015-16 School Year as follows:

Linwood- 32.49%	\$ 5,649,922
Northfield- 31.91%	\$ 5,550,036
Somers Point- 35.60%	<u>\$ 6,191,204</u>
Total	<u>\$17,391,162</u>

- 16.2 Motion to approve Invoices in the amount of \$1,404,343.36 for the 2014-2015 School Year. Invoices
- 16.3 Motion to approve Purchase Orders in the amount of \$4,372.66 for the 2014-2015 School Year. Purchase Orders
- 16.4 Motion to approve Athletic Invoices in the amount of \$6,313.00 for the 2014-2015 School Year. Athletic Invoices

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| 16.5  | Motion to approve Food Service Invoices in the amount of \$27,902.31 for the 2014-2015 School Year.  | Food Srv.<br>Invoices |
| 16.6  | Motion to approve Student Activity Invoices in the amount of \$2,758.09 for the 2014-2015 school year.   | Student<br>Activities |
| 16.7  | Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification.   | Certif.               |
|       | Board Secretary's Monthly Certification:   |                       |
|       | Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d)*, I certify that as of February 28, 2015, 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 and 18A:22-8.1.  |                       |
| 16.8  | Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification.   | Certif.               |
|       | Board Secretary's Monthly Certification:   |                       |
|       | Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)2*, I certify that as of February 28, 2015, no anticipated changes in revenue amounts and sources which would enable the district from meeting the financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.  |                       |
| 16.9  | Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification.   | Certif.               |
|       | Board of Education's Monthly Certification Budgetary Major Account Fund Status.  |                       |
|       | Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(e)*, we certify that as of February 28, 2015, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:20-2.A-10(a.1)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. |                       |
| 16.10 | Motion to approve line item transfers as of March 16, 2015 for the 2014-2015 School Year.  | Transfers             |
| 16.11 | Motion to approve Travel Reimbursements for the 2014-2015 School Year totaling \$925.60.   | Travel<br>Reimburs.   |

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| 16.12 | <p>Motion to approve the Use of Facility for:</p> <p>Mainland Softball Association for the use of the JV Baseball Field and JV Softball Field only, each Sunday, April 12 through August 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Men's Softball.<br/>(Fees Apply)</p> <p>D &amp; M Panthers for the use of the East and West Gymnasiums on Saturday, April 11, 2015 and Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Girls and Boys A.A.U. Basketball Tournament.<br/>(Fees Apply)</p> | Use of<br>Facility |
| 16.13 | <p>Motion to approve the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan for submission to the New Jersey State Department of Education.</p>   | SEMI               |
| 16.14 | <p>Motion to approve the After Prom Committee's request for financial support from the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education in the amount of \$5,000.00 for operating costs.</p>  | After<br>Prom      |
| 16.15 | <p>Motion to approve Ms. Patricia Maletto as a Contractor to provide Speech Therapy Services for the 2014-2015 school year at an hourly rate of \$85.00, not to exceed 10 hours per month.</p> <p>Ms. Gorski seconded the motion.<br/>Roll call vote was unanimous. Ayes (7)</p>  | Speech<br>Ther.    |
| 17.0  | <p><b><u>POLICY :</u></b><br/>None</p>  |                    |

18.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
None

19.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Regular Meeting Agenda – April 20, 2015

Public Hearing: School Budget: FY15 – April 27, 2015

20.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
None

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

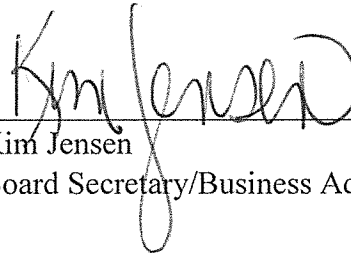
Mr. Ray Romito, MREA President, congratulated the IT Tech team and PARRC team for a successful first day of testing. He stated the staff and students encountered very few problems.

Ms. Ojserkis thanked Mr. Romito and MREA leadership for their input on the District budget. She also recognized the significant work of Dr. Previti, Ms. Jensen and the leadership team in drafting what appears to be a responsible budget in this difficult year.

21.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Broomall. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Jensen  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator