

MOUNTAIN LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 8, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Mountain Lakes Borough Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Lakes High School.

Daniel A. Borgo  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Burch  
Mrs. Feigeles  
Mr. Gniewek  
Mrs. Mitchell  
Mr. Moreau  
Mr. Munday  
Mrs. Shepell  
Mr. Stokes  
Mrs. Wall  
Mr. Benvotato, Boonton Township Representative

Also present: Dr. Kazmark, Superintendent

**STATEMENT OF NOTICE**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice 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 Mountain Lakes Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Mountain Lakes Municipal Building and sent to the following newspaper: the Citizen and the Morris County Daily Record.

**PRESENTATION**

Mountain Lakes High School students were honored for their accomplishments in music, academic achievement and athletics with presentations by Dr. Mucci, Dr. Moore, Dr. Sundquist, Mr. Bernotas, Ms. Bessin, Mr. Killingsworth and Mr. Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins was congratulated and honored for his many years of service to the district. The list of honorees is attached to the official minutes. The students thanked their parents, their teachers and the Board of Education for their support and spoke about their plans for the future.

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**PRESENTATION continued**

Dr. Mucci and Dr. Sundquist talked about the Madrigal Choir trip to Dresden, Prague and Berlin. Dr. Mucci also noted that the Mountain Lakes mock trial team has made it to the finals in Morris County.

Dr. Kazmark congratulated the students and their families and recognized the contributions of their parents, coaches and faculty members.

Mr. Gniewek congratulated the students and their parents on behalf of the Board and thanked the staff members for their efforts.

A short reception was held in honor of the students, parents and faculty.

**COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM MLEA PRESIDENT**

Ms. Wallace congratulated the students for their accomplishments and said she is proud of the staff members who support the students.

**COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Amal Hussein thanked the Board members for their support of the MLEA Scholarship Fund.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Shepell, seconded by Mrs. Burch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2010 with the following corrections:

Change times as follows: Return to Public Session – 9:06 p.m., Adjournment – 9:34 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0-2 (Abstain-Mr. Munday, Mr. Stokes).

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Wall, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of February 1, 2010 with redactions.

Motion carried 7-0-2 (Abstain-Mr. Munday, Mr. Stokes).

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Kazmark advised that the high school has received the 2010 Community Leadership Award from the Community Soup Kitchen in recognition of the work of the students and staff.

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**COMMUNICATIONS continued**

Dr. Kazmark advised that the revised 2010 school election procedure calendar has been received and he will distribute copies.

Dr. Kazmark also advised that a press release was received regarding a variety of initiatives that the Governor and Commissioner are considering regarding pension funds. This issue will be closely watched.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Feigeles advised that the committee met and discussed the open SAC position that the Board voted on last week. The committee also continued to examine and discuss the budget and its impact on program for next year.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, to approve the appointment of **Julianne Kotcho**, as the Principal at Wildwood School, effective July 1, 2010, at an annual salary of \$120,000. Ms. Kotcho will replace Mr. Reid.

389-09  
Personnel  
Appointment

Ms. Kotcho was welcomed to the district. Dr. Kazmark advised that this was a lengthy process with over 100 applicants and Ms. Kotcho will be meeting tomorrow with the staff at Wildwood School.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

Motion by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Mrs. Wall, to approve the following course(s) for tuition reimbursement when the course has been completed and the transcript received by the Superintendent's office:

386-09  
Tuition  
Reimbursement

<b>Elizabeth Bellis</b>	Marygrove College	Foundation of Reading & Literacy	3 credits
LD		Teaching Students To Get Along	3 credits
<b>Melanie Mossack</b>	Marygrove College	Foundation of Reading & Literacy	3 credits
LD		Teaching Students To Get Along	3 credits
<b>Elizabeth Felice</b>	Marygrove College	Foundation of Reading & Literacy	3 credits
LD		Teaching Students To Get Along	3 credits



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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
**continued**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

Motion by Mrs. Burch, seconded by Mrs. Shepell, to approve the extra-pay appointment of **Robert Cadigan**, paraprofessional at MLHS to accompany a MLHS student to participate in the Spring Musical at \$18.51 per hour, up to 150 hours, effective February 3, 2010.

393-09  
Personnel  
Extra-Pay  
Appointment

Mr. Cadigan replaced Mr. Koval.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0-1 (Abstain-Mrs. Wall).

Motion by Mrs. Burch, seconded by Mrs. Shepell, to approve the following list as substitute teachers/substitute nurses for the district for the remaining 2009-2010 school year, pending completion of paperwork.

394-09  
Personnel  
Substitute  
Appointments

<b>Kristen Gemon</b>	interviewed & recommended by Mr. Henry
<b>Maura Dunn</b>	“ “ by Mr. Henry
<b>Kadianne Francis</b>	“ “ by Mr. Hanisch
<b>Michael Johnson</b>	“ “ by Mr. Hanisch
<b>Jessica Luongo</b>	“ “ by Mr. Odenwelder

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 10-0.

Motion by Mrs. Burch, seconded by Mrs. Shepell, to approve the appointment of **John Sebastian**, as an Industrial Arts teacher at Mountain Lakes High School, effective March 1, 2010 – June 18, 2010 at a per diem rate of \$175.00 per day. Mr. Sebastian will be replacing Mr. Bedell.

397-09  
Personnel  
Appointment

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 10-0.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/  
BOARD SECRETARY**

Please note that Mr. Benvolante, Boonton Township representative to the Mountain Lakes Board, only votes on high school and district wide issues.

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the Check Register for the month of January 2010 be approved for payment as follows:

379-09  
Check  
Register

(1) Hand Checks	Check #10019 through #10020	\$882.05
(2) Wire Transfers		\$2,424,491.54

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BOARD SECRETARY continued**

(2) Computer Checks	Check #68482 through #68487 and Check #68559 through #68629	\$188,959.81
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,614,333.40</b>

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Wall, to accept the attached resolution - Waiver of Requirements – Special Education Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

380-09  
Waiver of  
Requirements  
SEMI Program

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 10-0.

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Wall, to approve the adjustment of the 2009-2010 Lake Drive School Tuition Revenue as follows:

381-09  
Lake Drive  
Tuition Revenue  
Adjustment

<u>Program</u>	<u>Tuition Adjustment</u> <u>9/3/09</u>	<u>Tuition Adjustment</u> <u>10/5/09</u>	<u>Tuition Adjustment</u> <u>2/8/10</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Regular	-	\$8,921,080.80	(\$11,423.63)	\$8,909,657.17
Summer	\$624,848.00	-	(\$24,669.00)	\$600,179.00

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Wall, to approve the following changes in Lake Drive Enrollment for the 2009-2010 School Year

382-09  
Changes  
Lake Drive  
Enrollment

Left:	Effective 2/5/10 Regular Program	Elizabeth Public Schools	#LD034
	Effective 2/5/10 Regular Program	New Brunswick Public Schools	#LD080
	Effective 2/5/10 Regular Program	Paterson Public Schools	#LD100
	Effective 2/5/10 Regular Program	Paterson Public Schools	#LD172
	Effective 2/5/10 Regular Program	Warren Hills Reg. High School	#LD151
New:	Effective 2/22/10 Regular Program	Union Twp. Public Schools	#LD179

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/  
BOARD SECRETARY continued**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Burch, to accept a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to Lake Drive School from Mr. Jerry Genberg, to be used for the purchase of library books.

383-09  
Acceptance  
Of Donation  
Lake Drive

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Burch, to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00, to Lake Drive School, through the Lake Drive School Foundation, from Provident Bank, to be used for the "Artist in Residence" program which will run from February 22 through February 26, 2010, with C. J. Jones, a deaf performer and motivational speaker.

384-09  
Acceptance  
Of Grant  
Lake Drive

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Burch, to accept the Resolution of Mountain Lakes Board of Education Authorizing the Execution or Acknowledgment and Delivery of Certain Agreements and Certain Other Actions to be Taken All in Connection with the Morris County Improvement Authority's (MCIA) Renewable Energy Program.

385-09  
Resolution  
MCIA  
Agreement

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 10-0.

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Burch, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approves the submission of the Lake Drive School Classroom and Bathroom Renovations project, DOE Project Number 3460-070-10-1001, to the Department of Education.

395-09  
Lake Drive  
Renovation  
Project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is an other capital project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education will amend the district's Long Range Facility Plan if applicable to reference this project.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0.

396-09  
Special  
Education  
Home  
Instruction

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mrs. Burch, to approve **Steve Hendricks**, MLHS teacher, as a home instructor for #09-106, due to a temporary absence of home instructor **Patricia Pecha**, for approximately three weeks, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 10-0.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Kazmark distributed copies of the brochure describing the trip that the Madrigal Choir took to Dresden, Prague and Berlin. He said that this will be the first of many opportunities for the choir and it was funded by parents and community members. The students had a great trip that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Wall gave Dr. Kazmark an article for distribution from the Daily Record about public pre-school programs in Morris County. The article contains a review of the programs that have been opening in Morris school districts including information regarding ages, tuition, etc.

Discussion took place regarding the recent article in the Daily Record regarding administrative salaries and benefits in New Jersey school districts.

**COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM MLEA PRESIDENT**

Ms. Wallace had no questions or comments.

**COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Audrey Lane asked if the public will be given an opportunity to provide input to the Board with regard to any decisions that will be reached on changes to program.

Dr. Kazmark advised that there have been a series of brown bag lunches and that question has come up at all of them. Some of the reductions in staff will require program changes and those will be discussed by the program committee as well as by the supervisors and teachers and the Board will also take input from the community members. These changes will be brought to the attention of the public prior to the decisions being made.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Shepell, seconded by Mrs. Wall, to adopt a Resolution to enter into Closed Session for the discussion of legal and student confidentiality issues. Resolution was duly read and the Board entered into Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion carried 10-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Burch , seconded by Mr. Stokes, that meeting be adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Motion carried 10-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel A. Borgo  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Regina Giardina, Stenographer

**Meetings of the Mountain Lakes Board of Education**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>
March 1, 2010	Regular	Mountain Lakes High School (7:30 p.m.)
March 29, 2010	Public Hearing/Regular	Mountain Lakes High School (7:30 p.m.)