

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD RETREAT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
8:35 A.M.**

MINUTES

This Special Meeting - Board Retreat of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education was held at the Bogert School Media Center, 391 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458 beginning at 8:35 a.m. Mrs. Johnston opened the meeting and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with PL 1975, Chapter 232 and appropriate notice had been provided to the designated newspapers, the Borough Clerk and all interested parties requesting such notification.

Members present: Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Gandara (left at 10:10 a.m.), Mrs. Ginsberg, Mrs. Gray,
Mr. Quagliani (arrived at 8:50 a.m.), Dr. Verducci, Mrs. Wenberg

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Siegel, Mrs. Imbasciani

Mrs. Gandara made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Gray to begin the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

OPENING STATEMENT

Mrs. Johnston

Mrs. Johnston welcomed the Board to the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Curricula Updates

Dr. Siegel

- Dr. Siegel updated the Board members on the dissemination of information for the Health and Physical Education standards to the parents.
- The Board discussed how the Health and Physical Education proficiencies would be shared with parents and taught to the students.
- Dr. Siegel updated the Board on the status of the district's participation in the Tri-State Consortium and stressed that this program will help us with long-term planning and is curriculum centric.
- How to approach Strategic Planning was discussed.
- English/Language Arts curriculum professional development in both the elementary and middle school levels was discussed.
- The October 10 Professional Development Day schedule was reviewed (Security, HIB, Vertical Articulation and Board Goals/Strategies)
- The January 2023 Professional Day will focus on Community Circles and reviewing assessment data and using it in the classroom.

2. Update on Parent Committees

Dr. Siegel

- Parent committees will be continuing again this year.
- The actual parent committees will be run differently this year – we will bring back half of the people from last year and get new people for the remaining half.
- Use meetings to discuss positive things going on in the District.
- The Curriculum Committee will set the themes for the meetings for the year.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Dr. Verducci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Quagliani to convene into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m. Mrs. Johnston then read the following statement:

WHEREAS, the members of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education deem necessary to discuss personnel and legal matters, and

WHEREAS, the topics to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in confidential session pursuant to PL 1975, Chapter 231,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting will be made public when the need for privacy no longer exists. Action may be taken.

Mrs. Ginsberg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gray to adjourn Executive Session at 11:13 a.m.

Mrs. Ginsberg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gray to return to Regular Session – Board Retreat at 11:13 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATION:

A motion was made by Mrs. Gray and seconded by Dr. Verducci to approve Administration Consent Agenda Item A and was approved by all in attendance.

- A. Approve the Sidebar Agreement between the Upper Saddle River Board of Education and Upper Saddle River Education Association to revise Article 64, miscellaneous Paraprofessional Compensation. A copy of the Sidebar Agreement is on file at the Board Office.

PERSONNEL:**Dr. Siegel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ginsberg and seconded by Mr. Quagliani to approve Personnel Consent Agenda Items A and B and was approved by all in attendance.

- A. Resignations:
1. Accept the resignation of Lisa Jenney, ABA Paraprofessional, effective September 19, 2022.
- B. Appointments
1. Appoint Mariah Valentin to the position of Paraprofessional at Cavallini Middle School, effective on or about October 10, 2022, Step 5, prorated, subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check required by law.
 2. Approve Jodi Costa, Paraprofessional, as a 1:1 Aide for a Bogert student to assist with after school Chorus, one day a week for the 2022/23 school year. hourly rate
 3. Appoint Lauren Clementi to the position of ACE Team Member for the 2022/23 school year. \$16.00/hr
 4. Appoint Marlene Sanchez to the position of ACE Team Member for the 2022/23 school year. \$22.00/hr
 5. Appoint Mariah Valentin to the position of ACE Team Member for the 2022/23 school year. \$22.00/hr
subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history records check

FINANCE:**Mrs. Imbasciani**

A motion was made by Mr. Quagliani and seconded by Mrs. Ginsberg to approve Finance Consent Agenda Item A and was approved by all in attendance.

A. Approve the following Travel Expenses:

Program Name	Date	Employee	Registration Cost	Travel Cost
New Jersey Network of Superintendents Session # 1 Red Bank, NJ	September 29, 2022	Christine Cipollini	\$0.00	\$63.40
Tri-State Consortium Training Rye, NY	October 3-4, 2022	Rosemarie Malloy James McCusker	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$85.66 \$70.74
Bergen County Association of School Security Professionals Meeting Paramus, NJ	October 12, 2022	Daniel Cazes	\$0.00	\$8.28
NJSBA Workshop 2022 Atlantic City, NJ	October 24-26, 2022	Nijazi Leka	\$550.00	\$309.58
NJTSS Annual Conference - "Time to Talk About Education for Democracy in a Challenging World" Piscataway, NJ	October 25, 2022	Catherine Teehan Eileen Tyburczy	\$105.00 \$105.00	\$57.66 \$57.66
HIB Update 2022 (Online)	November 3, 2022	Stefanie Slacin	\$125.00	\$0.00
Handle With Care Instructor Re-Certification Oradell, NJ	November 16, 2022	Jillian Menendez Laura Pinto	\$300.00	\$0.00
NJASL Conference Atlantic City, NJ	December 5-6, 2022	Elizabeth Ullrich	\$280.00	\$265.10
Tri-State Consortium Introductory Training Rye, NY	December 5-6, 2022	Devin Severs	\$0.00	\$82.28

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gray and seconded by Mr. Quagliani at 11:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Dana Imbasciani
Business Administrator/Board Secretary