

PROSPECT PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2023,

The Regular Meeting of the Prospect Park Board of Education, Prospect Park, New Jersey, was called order at 6:07 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the Prospect Park Municipal Building at 106 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey 07508.

1. Call to Order: Board Secretary

Reading of the Open Public Meeting Act Notice

“In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, the Prospect Park Board of Education has issued a notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time, and place posted at the Prospect Park School, Prospect Park Municipal Building and the District’s website. This notice complies with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, The meeting notice has been mailed to The Record and Herald News (Gannett News Service) and TAPinto Hawthorne for publication

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT W/ NOTIFICATION
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Ms. Gonzalez (Arrived at 6:31 pm)		X	
Mr. Lopez			X
Mr. Nadim			X
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		

The Board Secretary announced there was a quorum to conduct the meeting.
Ms. Gonzalez arrived at 6:31 P.m.

Also in attendance were:

- Dr. Tyeshia Reels, Superintendent
- Richard Giglio, School Business Administrator
- Christine Kahwaty, Assistant School Business Administrator
- Albert Buglione, School Board Attorney
- James Shoop, Board Secretary

The meeting was turned over to the Board Attorney who read the agenda to the public.

3A. Resolution Relinquish the Office of Board President

Be it resolved, at the request of Board President Ariosto Rodriguez, the Board of Education accepts his request to relinquish him from the office of Board President of the Prospect Park Board of Education, effective retroactively to March 2, 2023. Mr. Rodriguez will continue to serve the citizens of Prospect Park as a Board member.

On a voice vote of the Board, the request was accepted by those members present. Mr. Buglione asked that Item 3B be held for consideration at a later time in the meeting.

As a courtesy to the Board Auditor, the Board granted permission to Mr. Steven Wielkots of Wielkots and Company to make the Annual Presentation of the Audit. See Item #10. Mr. Wielkots made the presentation with no comments from the Board members.

3B. Election of Board President

As there at the present time exists a vacancy in the Office of the Board President, the Board will conduct an election from its membership, for a new Board President.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Colcloughly nominated Ms. Gonzalez for the Office of Board President. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. By unanimous vote by the board members present, Ms. Gonzalez was elected Board President.

4. Mission Statement

The mission of the Prospect Park School District is to develop healthy, alert, informed, responsible, and well-balanced human beings who believe in our America Heritage, and are imbued with a true desire and willingness to participate in and actively contribute to our democratic way of life. We also believe that the public school should be a place where the principal, teacher, and parent work in unison to insure the successful progress and goal attainment of the child.

5. Acknowledging and Reaffirming the School Board Member Code of Ethics

The Prospect Park Board of Education, individually and as a group, acknowledges and reaffirms that as members of the Board of Education, they recognize they hold authority not as individuals but as members of the full Board. The Board members will comply with the Code of Ethics for School Board members pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1 as follows and re-produced below:

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules, and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

h. I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

6. Conduct at Public Meetings

It is the goal of the Prospect Park Board of Education that all Board of Education Members and members of the public, act in a respectful manner toward one another, and do not disparage, nor interfere with school functions, operations, or Board of Education proceedings.

Any verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion shall not be tolerated and anyone violating this prohibited conduct may be subject to removal from the meeting and may be subject to other penalties that are appropriate under the law.

All Board of Education members and members of the general public are requested to take personal responsibility for their actions and to treat everyone that they have contact, in a fair and respectful manner.

7. Public Hearing: Statement to the Public—Agenda Items Only

At this portion of the meeting, time has been allotted for public comment by members of the public. Each speaker may be allotted up to three (3) minutes and one (1) opportunity, during each public session, to address the Board when recognized by the Board President. Individuals wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the Board President and shall give their names, addresses, and the group if any, that they represent. Students of the Prospect Park school system who choose to speak are not required to give their home addresses.

Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its Board President, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual, not in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. With the exception of those individuals whose names are on the agenda, the Board will not respond to questions during the public participation portion of this meeting involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific, prospective or current employee.

All comments and questions are to be directed through the Board President.

Motion to Open Public Hearing:

Motion by: Mr. Rodriguez

Second: Vice-president Colcloughly

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		

Public Speakers

Jose Zamora Southside Soccer Club extends an invitation to the students of the school district. He presented a booklet about the club to the Board.

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion by: Mrs. Ensour
Second: Ms. Valerio

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		

8. Communications

Letter from Board President Rodriguez—Relinquish the Office of the President

9. Reports Section

A. President's Report

B. Superintendent/Principal's Report

Dr. Reels reported to the Board about various school activities, such as Read Across America, St. Patrick's Day, Middle School, and Professional Development

C. Committee Reports

D. Board Attorney Report

Mr. Buglione advised the Board of the Closed Executive Session later this evening.

Motion to Accept All Reports

Motion by: Vice-president Colcloughly
Second: Ms. Valerio

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		

10. Presentations

11. Board of Education Items**A. Motion to Approve Minutes**

Be it resolved, the Board approves of minutes of the following Board Meeting

- February 16, 2023

Motion by: Mrs. Ensour

Second: Ms. Valerio

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	x		
Ms. Valerio	x		
Vice-president Colcloughly	x		
Mr. Rodriguez	x		

12. Agenda/Action Items**A. PERSONNEL SECTION****P1. Approval of Appointment: Classroom Aide**

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Yuraini Ceballos from Lunch Aide to Classroom Aide for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. The effective date of this appointment is March 17, 2023.

P2. Approval of Appointment: Classroom Aide

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Rachida Bizafre as a classroom aide for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. The effective date of this appointment is March 27, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

P3. Approval of Appointment: Classroom Aide

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Sevdije Shehu as a classroom aide for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. The effective date of this appointment is March 27, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

P4. Approval of Curriculum Development Writers

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of the following teachers for Curriculum Development, for the school year 2022-2023, at a rate of \$55.20 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours, for a total of \$1,380.00, as determined by the negotiated contract of the Teacher's Association of Prospect Park, pending budget approval.

Dawn Aguilar

Chasty Alvarenga

Michele Gomez

Michele Pellegrino

Jaime Sullivan

Kelly Vanden Heuvel

Melissa Vogel

David Murphy

P5. Approval of Contract—Substitute Teachers

Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the February list from Northern Region Educational Services Commission to provide substitute teacher services for the 2022-2023 school year.

P6. Approval of Resignations

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves accepting the resignation of Hala A. Fahmy, classroom aide, effective March 10, 2023.

P7. Approval of Appointment - Custodians

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of the following custodians effective April 1, 2023, pending a satisfactory background check:

Day Custodians (12-months)	Hugo Espana Stiven Guerrero	\$40,845.00, Step 1 (prorated)	Health benefits	40 hours per week
Part-Time Night Custodians (12-months)	Eligio Garcia Jaime Rocha	\$15.00 per hour	No health, prescription, or dental	Not to exceed 29.5 hours per week

P8. Approval of Appointment: Lunch Aide

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Latoya Wise as a Lunch Aide for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. The effective date of this appointment is March 27, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

P9. Approval of Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Andreina Pena as a long-term substitute for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$200 per day, without benefits. The effective date of this appointment is March 17, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

P10. Approval of Appointment: Classroom Teacher

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Adeline Beaubrun Buff as a Grade 6 Math/Science teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at STEP 6 MA+4 at a prorated salary of \$68,098. The effective date of this appointment is May 17, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

P11. Approval of Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Be It resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Sab Skenderi as a long-term substitute for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$200 per day, without benefits. The effective date of this appointment is March 27, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal background check.

P12. Approval of Adjusted Increase of Hourly Rate--New Jersey Minimum Wage

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the adjusted increase in the hourly rate of the following part-time employees as per the New Jersey Minimum Wage.

Employee	From	To
Farzana Siddiquie	\$15.50	\$15.95
Souha Skeik	\$16.76	\$17.25
Esther Sumter	\$14.75	\$15.18

The effective date of the adjusted rate is January 1, 2023.

Motion to Approve Personnel Section

Motion by: Vice-president Colcloughly

Second: Mrs. Ensour

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
President Gonzalez	X		

B. EDUCATION SECTION

E1. Approval of Professional Development

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the listed professional development, pending budget approval:

Participant	Workshop Name	Location	Course Dates	Cost of Course
Cara Allison	Developing Students' note-taking skills in Math class	10:00 am – 12:00 pm William Paterson University Campus	03/02/23	\$0.00
	Developing Addition and Subtraction Fluency Among Young Children	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm		
Terri Baccaro	Developing Students' note-taking skills in Math class	10:00 am – 12:00 pm William Paterson University Campus	03/02/23	\$0.00
	Developing Addition and Subtraction Fluency Among Young Children	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm		
Cara Allison	Learning Spaces: Is Yours Conducive to Active Learning Designs	William Paterson University Campus	04/05/23	\$0
Terri Baccaro	Learning Spaces: Is Yours Conducive to Active Learning Designs	William Paterson University Campus	4/05/23	\$ 0
Dr. Erin Stinson-Dioguardi	Using Your Data to Drive Reading Interventions by NJPSA	Virtual	03/17/22	\$75.00
Samantha Gordon	Learning Spaces: Is Yours Conducive to Active Learning Designs?	William Paterson University Campus	04/05/23	\$0
Natalie Valdivia	Learning Spaces: Is Yours Conducive to Active Learning Designs?	William Paterson University Campus	04/05/23	\$0

Michele Pellegrino	What's New in Children's Books and Strategies for Using Them	The Wilshire Grand Hotel, West Orange, NJ	04/17/23	\$279.00
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E2. Approval of Financial Literacy Speaker

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board approves Visions Credit Union to speak with 7th and 8th-grade students about financial awareness on March 24, 2023.

E3. Approval of HIB Report

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the determination in the 2022-2023 HIB case #'s as submitted below:

2411909- founded

242052- founded

242088- founded

241415- unfounded

E4. Approval of 7th Grade Visitation to MRHS

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board approves a visit to MRHS for 7th-grade students on June 7, 2023. Transportation will be provided by MRHS.

Motion to Approve Education Section

Motion by: Mrs. Ensour

Second: Vice-president Colcloughly

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	x		
Mr. Rodriguez	x		
Ms. Valerio	x		
Vice-president Colcloughly	x		
President Gonzalez	x		

C. BUSINESS/FINANCE/OPERATIONS

- Buildings and Grounds
- Food Services

BFO1. Resolution Recommending Shared Services Agreement—Chapter 226 Nonpublic School Nursing Services

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby recommends entering into a Shared Services Agreement with

Northern Region Educational Services Commission (NRESC)
Wayne, New Jersey 7470

The Northern Region Educational Services Commission agrees to provide the Al-Hikmah Elementary School, a nonpublic school located in Prospect Park, with Chapter 226 Nonpublic School Nursing Services as outlined in the proposed agreement received from NRESC. The total contract cost is not to exceed \$32,144.00 which is funded by the New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing Services Aid Program.

The term of the contract will be retroactively from September 1, 2022, and continue through June 30, 2023.

BFO2. Resolution Recommending Shared Services Agreement—Technology Support Services

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby recommends entering into a Shared Services Agreement with

Northern Region Educational Services Commission (NRESC)
Wayne, New Jersey 7470

The Northern Region Educational Services Commission agrees to provide the Prospect Park Board of Education Technology Support Services as outlined in the proposal received from NRESC.

The total contract cost is not to exceed \$182,820.68. The cost will be pro-rated based if the start date is later than September 1, 2022. The term of the contract will be retroactively from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

BFO3. Resolution Awarding Contract—Special Education-Related Services

Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the award of a contract for special education-related services on an as-needed basis to

J and B Therapy, LLC
Augusta, New Jersey 07822

The term of the contract will be retroactively from September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, in accordance with the school calendar.

Schedule of Rates

Educational Support Services LDTC	Occupational Therapy \$85.00/hour
\$90.00/hour	Physical Therapy \$87.00/hour
Home Instruction \$65.00/hour	Speech Therapy \$85.00/hour
Administrative Fee 1%	

**BFO4. Opening of Bid; Award of Contract—Professional Development
NJTSS Bid Number 01-23**

On Friday, March 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., the Board of Education received one (1) response to its bid advertisement for the Professional Development NJTSS services contract (Bid Number 01-23)

Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Business Administrator, the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for Professional Development NJTSS services contract as specified in Bid #01-23 to

LINKIT!
150 West 22nd Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10011

LINKIT! submitted the following bid prices

Contract Period April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023. \$15,825.00

Contract Period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023. \$43,000.00

There were no other bids received by the Board.

BFO5. Approval of Board Secretary's Report

Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Board Secretary's Report for the months of

- October 2022
- November 2022
- December 2022
- January 2023

BFO6. Approval of Board Treasurer's Report

Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Board Treasurer's Report for the months of

- October 2022
- November 2022
- December 2022
- January 2023

BFO7. Approval of District Claims—Bills List—February 2023

Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, the Board of Education approves district claims and payments that were made during the month of February 2023. The total payment amount is \$2,351,911.54 including payroll.

BFO8. Approval of Payroll --February 2023

Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board approves the following gross payrolls, which are included in approved district claims, all having been duly audited by the business administrator and previously paid:

February 15, 2023	\$388,924.75
February 28, 2023	\$383,160.65

BFO9. Resolution Acknowledging District Tax Payment Obligation

Be it resolved, based on the review conducted by the Office of the School Business Administrator, of the payroll taxes to be paid to the State of New Jersey, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the following:

- Quarterly payroll taxes were not paid by the Board from Quarter #3, 2021 through Quarter #3, 2022 and
- The amount of tax liability and interest is \$35,023.83.

The Board of Education hereby acknowledges its obligation to pay the tax liability and interest to the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$35,023.83.

BFO10. Approval of a Facilities Request from the Borough

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the facilities request for the use of the school gymnasium, restrooms, and parking lot for the Prospect Park Adult Basketball Team, beginning on March 20, 2023, thru June 14, 2023, (Monday & Wednesdays only) from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

BFO11. Approval of a Facilities Request from the Borough

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the facilities request for the use of the school gymnasium, cafeteria with tables and chairs, restrooms, and parking lot for the Lighting of the Fanous Crescent on Monday, March 27, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

BFO12 Approval of a Facilities Request from the Borough

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the facilities request for the use of the school gymnasium, bathrooms and parking lot for Prospect Park's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 10:00 am -6:00 pm.

BFO13. Approval of a Facilities Request from the Borough

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the facilities request for the use of the school gymnasium, bathrooms and parking lot, and chairs for the Prospect Park Annual Job Fair on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

BFO14. Approval of the 2023-2024 School District Budget for Submission to the New Jersey Department of Education/Executive County

Be it resolved based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 (c) and N.J.A.C.6A:23A-8.1 (a) recommends the proposed school budget for the school year 2023-2024, be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education and the Executive County Superintendent for Passaic County for review and approval.

- Total School District Budget Appropriations \$18,880,885
- Anticipated Revenues \$15,685,061
- Minimum Tax Levy for Prospect Park taxpayers is \$3,195,824

The budget to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education and the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review is subject to possible adjustments and revisions. The proposed school budget is subject to revisions by the Board of Education.

Christine Kahwaty made a presentation to the Board on the budget and reminded those present there would be no tax increase as a result of the Board's budget.

BFO15. Resolution Approving Maximum Travel & Expense

WHEREAS, the Prospect Park Board of Education policy #6471 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2023-2024 school year.

WHEREAS, the Prospect Park Board of Board of Education appropriated \$20,000 for travel during the 2022-2023 school year and has spent \$6,902 as of March 16, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based on the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, that the Prospect Park Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 school year at the sum of \$11,010 and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

BFO16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROSPECT PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK IN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOCAL EFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP) FOR AID UNDER THE FY 2023 IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short-term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Prospect Park and the Prospect Park Board of Education propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with the implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to provide a shared vehicle to be used by the Prospect Park Public Schools and the Borough of Prospect Park, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Prospect Park has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Prospect Park Board of Education that the Prospect Park Board of Education does hereby join with the Borough of Prospect Park in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$0 to support the implementation of this shared service.

Motion to Approve Business/Finance/Operations Section

Motion by: Mrs. Ensour

Second: Vice-president Colcloughly

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	x		
Mr. Rodriguez	x		
Ms. Valerio	x		
Vice-president Colcloughly	x		
President Gonzalez	x		

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Motion to Open Public Hearing:

Motion by: Mrs. Ensour

Second: Ms. Valerio

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
President Gonzalez	X		

Public Speakers

Beth Solloway

The speaker questioned the board about Possible Police Director information and an SRO being removed. Was there a change in the shared service agreement.?

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion by: Vice-president Colcloughly

Second: Ms. Valerio

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
President Gonzalez	X		

14. New Business Section**Hearing on Introduction of Budget**

At the request of the Board Attorney the Board permitted the public to make comments on the Introduction of the School Budget. There were no speakers.

Addenda

The following addenda were introduced to the Board for approval to include on the agenda. The Board had no objection to including the items on the agenda.

- **Acceptance of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Auditor's Management Report (AMR)**

Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, the Board of Education accepts the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Auditor's Management Report (AMR) for the year ending June 30, 2022, as prepared by Wielkott & Company, LLC of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, the District Auditor.

A corrective action plan will be prepared and presented to the Board of Education at the April 20, 2023, board meeting.

- **Amendment to the Approval of After-School Program Teachers**

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of the following teachers for the Title I and Compensatory after-school programs at a rate of \$45.00 per hour, as determined by the negotiated contract of the Teacher's Association of Prospect Park, and a supervisor at a rate of \$47.00 per hour.

- **Approval of a Facilities Request from the Borough**

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the facilities request for the Prospect Park Fire Department to use the school elevator and elevator room for a training exercise on Monday, March 20, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- **Approval of Appointment of Child Study Team Social Worker (Leave Replacement)**

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Jahmal Bey Nelson as a leave-replacement Child Study Team Social Worker at MA Step 15A at a prorated salary of \$82,868.00 with benefits. The effective date of the appointment is April 16, 2023, pending a satisfactory criminal history background check.

Motion to Approve Addenda Items

Motion by: Vice-president Colcloughly

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	x		
Mr. Rodriguez	x		
Ms. Valerio	x		
Vice-president Colcloughly	x		
President Gonzalez	x		

Resolution to Meet in Executive (Closed Session)

Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Board Attorney and in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.,) the Board of Education hereby adopts a resolution to meet in Executive (Closed) Session. The Board of Education will meet in an Executive (Closed) Session on or about

Date Thursday, March 16, 2023

Time On or about 6:58 pm

The Board of Education plans to discuss the following:

- Pending/Anticipated Litigation
- Personnel Matters

It is anticipated that the closed session will last no more than 15 minutes.

Motion to Meet in Closed Session

Motion by: Vice-president Colcloughly

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	x		
Mr. Rodriguez	x		
Ms. Valerio	x		
Vice-president Colcloughly	x		
President Gonzalez	x		

The Board of Education recesses to meet in closed session at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken to re-convene the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The following Board members were present:

Mrs. Ensour

Mr. Rodriguez

Ms. Valerio

Vice-president Colcloughly

President Gonzalez

15. Closing Remarks/Announcements
There were none.

16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 7:32 p.m.

Motion by: Mrs. Ensour

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Ensour	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		
Ms. Valerio	X		
Vice-president Colcloughly	X		
President Gonzalez	X		

Recorded by James Shoop, Board Secretary