

**PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SPECIAL MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012

The Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Administration Building, 292 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

CALL TO ORDER

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President Calabria opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

President Calabria stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as specified in the Act. A meeting notice was published in the Daily Record on July 28, 2012. Additionally the Notice of Meeting was posted at the Municipal building and copy of Notice filed with the Township Clerk on July 26, 2012. This notice was also transmitted on July 28, 2012 to the Daily Record, The Citizen, Neighbor News, The Star Ledger, The Herald News and radio station WMTR. This is an official meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

FIRE NOTICE

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The Fire Notice was read by President Calabria.

ROLL CALL

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Present: Mrs. Susy Golderer
Mr. Anthony Mancuso
Mr. Gary R. Martin
Mrs. Debbie Orme
Mrs. Fran Orthwein
Mr. Sharif Shamsudin (arrived @ 7:05 p.m.)
Mr. Michael Strumolo
Mr. Frank Neglia
Dr. Frank Calabria

Also Present: Dr. Lee Seitz, Superintendent
Mr. Mark Resnick, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Paul Saxton, Interim Director of Personnel
Mrs. Susan Tindal, Assistant Board Secretary
Mrs. Katherine A. Gilfillan, Esq., Board Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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President Calabria led the assembly in a salute to the flag.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Neglia and seconded by Mrs. Orme and was approved by roll call vote with 8 ayes and 1 Absence to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of personnel.

1. This public meeting is hereby recessed into a private session where the public shall be excluded for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the following: personnel.
2. It is the determination of the Board that a discussion of the aforementioned subject matter may be prejudicial to the interests of the parties involved and could result in a possible invasion of a right of privacy and be detrimental to the parties involved.
3. Discussion and/or action of the Board with regard to the above mentioned subject matter shall be (or not be) disclosed to the public within 60 days hereof.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Superintendent Seitz gave a presentation to the Board and community outlining the options for multi-purpose turf fields at both high schools.

He then introduced Mr. John Carton and Mr. Bill Edwards of Parette Somjen Architects who reviewed the project and the budget at each high school. He then answered questions from the Board members and a lengthy discussion ensued.

PUBLIC PORTION

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Hank Heller – synthetic fields more dangerous; too costly; build only one off-site to be shared.

Mary Purzycki – nice plan but not palatable for voters; time fields will be used and by whom needs to be decided.

Roman Hoshowsky – referendum binding or non-binding; list of projects done by architects.

Maurice Saunders – township people need to realize that improvements are needed for students.

Terry Vivera – lost sight of original plan to improve fields; plans have become “glorious” and unfair to taxpayers.

Bob Venezia – convincing case for part of the referendum, but much of it is extravagant and unnecessary.

Michael Espejo – if spraying turf makes it more like “real turf”, why not use real grass? Is it a necessity to hold to a state track meet requirement for 8 lanes; boosters, etc. using fields;

doesn't want fields used every day and at night; problem with election in January; notification.

Beth Bluj – plan not realistic; repair the fields don't need “bells and whistles”; fields, tracks, lights and fences not realistic.

Danny Ilisc – fields long overdue; facilities an embarrassment; check locker rooms at schools.

Steve Smith – commends the Board for bringing the plan to the community; lives next to Jannerone Field and lights are not a problem; not having bathrooms will have impact on using the fields; can't do it piecemeal.

Kristin Ritter – thanked the Board of Education for the information; Parsippany Hills High School doesn't mention wetlands.

Hank Barbarack – would like full explanation of wetlands; drainage at Parsippany High School is a problem now; asking residents to deal with lights every night is an imposition; consider neighbors; no comparison to Jannerone Field.

George Blair – students should be able to play on field comparable to other town fields; community comes together when teams start winning.

Rick Negaro – community divided; usage patterns by outside groups; move fields to another part of the property.

Pat Petaccia – expected a more acceptable presentation; 6 lanes are enough; maintenance cost; supports improvements, but not to this extent; other estimates; one field enough; neighbors not notified about meeting.

Deborah Marsicovete – movement to have band competitions at larger facilities because neighbors complain; possibly move to Rutgers; parents don't want band competitions at Parsippany fields; investigate new tracks with grass fields; lighting is an issue.

Judy Foster – senior citizen taxpayer would like a referendum where seniors don't pay; concerned about paying for referendum in January; use volunteers, i.e. Eagle Scouts, etc. to clean up the locker rooms and bathrooms; maintenance costs of artificial turf.

Laura Smith – Jannerone Field in her backyard; \$54 is \$.15 per day; change should come about to improve sports; current fields are “obscenely embarrassing” talent drain due to condition of facilities.

Sandy Giercyck – April election rather than January effect time fields will be done; everyone gets ballot in mail and if not in town can get absentee ballot; opposed to one field due to cost.

Bruce Bonin – cost of ADA compliance; scheduled use of fields on day by day basis.

John Buccirelli – thanked the Board on their efforts; Parsippany is one of the last areas without artificial turf; can't afford a field that no one can use.

Roy Messmer – 25% of referendum is for the 2 tracks; Parsippany Hills High School stands will need to be moved; Parsippany High School track needs a re-do; get cost from the Township; toured the locker rooms at Parsippany Hills High School and they are in need.

Liz Kadian – need librarians back before fields; academics are needed first; don't take money from operating budget.

Roman Hoshowsky – students think school stinks because the good teachers leave.

Mr. Carton and Mr. Edwards addressed the questions raised:

- Water cannon
- Wetlands are being investigated
- Parsippany High School existing lighting will be replaced with state of the art to control light spray
- Other facilities they've done: Highland Park Recreation, City of Perth Amboy, Glassboro High School, Monroe High School, Mount Olive High School, Princeton High School, Westfield High School, West New York High School, Hopewell Valley High School
- Relocation of Parsippany Hills High School field on the property would cause additional cost to relocate the baseball fields
- Estimates are professional opinion, not quotes from vendors
- Two additional lanes on the tracks need more research

Superintendent Seitz addressed the community in saying that this Board is not pursuing the "Field of Dreams" and it is not a football field project. It is a multi-field project that can be used by most athletes. School spirit also creates a sense of pride. The students would use the fields during the day. In the evening the usage would end around 9:00 p.m. There would be usage by some outside groups when appropriate. It is a school facility. This is not a "Cadillac", but rather what most schools currently have. Students will not be competitive if they practice on grass and then play games on turf. Is it good for students? Is it good for Parsippany students? Can we afford it?

Superintendent Seitz presented his Bulletin #2.

Number 2

August 1, 2012

"The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined effort of each individual."

-Vince Lombardi

The following motions are non-controversial, a matter of routine business and will be voted on by one motion:

I. The Superintendent Reports. . .

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Multi-Purpose Artificial Fields for Instruction, Extra-Curricular Programs, and Our Community.

B. ITEMS FOR ACTION/EDUCATION

1. **Curriculum Writing Stipends**

CURR WRITING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve payment of the amounts indicated based on \$38.00/hour to the individuals named below for the development of the following curriculum revisions:

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Mathematics Grades, 3, 4 & 5</u>		
Kara Baltuch	20	\$760.00
Tracy Carroll	20	\$760.00
Michele Mizerek	20	\$760.00
Beth Pacifico	20	\$760.00
Amanda Priore	20	\$760.00
Dena Viscuso	20	\$760.00

2. **Curriculum Writing – CHANGE**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the following change as indicated below who will complete additional hours on curriculum revisions and should be compensated for their services.

RMW Math-402

From: Mike Mueller – 20 hrs. @ \$38/hr.

To: Lucille Alexander – 20 hrs. @ \$38/hr.

3. **Employment – Interim Principal**

**INTERIM
PRINCIPAL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve Lewis Ludwig as the Interim Principal at Parsippany Hills High School commencing on August 2, 2012 at a per diem rate of \$600 through June 30, 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTES: SUPERINTENDENT’S BULLETIN

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Mr. Mancuso moved and Mr. Neglia seconded a motion that the Board approve resolutions #1-3 of the Superintendent’s Bulletin #2. The resolutions were unanimously approved by roll call vote with 9 Ayes.

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At 10:13 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Mancuso and seconded by Mrs. Orthwein and was unanimously approved by roll call vote to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of legal and personnel. Action may be taken afterward.

1. This public meeting is hereby recessed into a private session where the public shall be excluded for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the following: legal and personnel.
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The regular meeting was reconvened at 11:35 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Orme, seconded by Mr. Neglia the following motion was approved by voice vote with 5 Ayes, 3 Noes by Mrs. Golderer, Mr. Martin and Mr. Shamsudin, and 1 Absence of Mr. Strumolo:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the retention of Mr. Gary Stein, Esq., as the conflict attorney to review a potential violation of Board policy/by-law at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

ADJOURN

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There being no further business the public meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Neglia, seconded by Mr. Mancuso and unanimously approved by voice vote with 8 Ayes and 1 Absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tindal, RSBS
Assistant Board Secretary