

MINUTES

Agenda Session of the Metuchen Board of Education

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

The Board will take no formal action on agenda items at this time.

I. Flag Salute

II. Notice of Meeting

I hereby make this statement to indicate compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey, 1975, which became effective 90 days after enactment, January 19, 1976.

Notice of this meeting was given by providing the location, time and date of this meeting, and posting of the same on the front door of the Board of Education offices, by delivering copies to the Borough Hall and the Metuchen Public Library, The Home News and Tribune, The Sentinel, The Star Ledger, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

III. Roll Call

Mr. Benderly	A	Mr. Lifton	P
Ms. deVries	P	Ms. Matise	P
Mr. Flaherty	P	Ms. McGuire	P
Ms. Gibson	P	Mr. Small	P
Ms. Lanton	P		

IV. Showcase of Success

Students who received top-scaled scores of 300 on the 2012 administration of the NJASK were honored. Each student was announced by name and came up to shake the Superintendent's hand. Each was also presented with a certificate signed by Mr. Caputo

Grade Three – Math

Julia Armelli, Anushka Agrawal, Terrance Barker, Matthew Chinchar, Jocelyn Chou, Edward Kalegi, Paige Larson, Isabel, Li, Alex Liu, Nicholas Malamug, Daniel Martynovich, Kevin McGrath, Mark Miller, Daniel Nawn, Sophie Palter, Nicholas Pocchia, Christopher Ray, Luke Schleck, Allie Tay, Isabel Weiner, Andrew Whittington, Alan Xia.

Grade 4 Science

Samantha Antin, Emily Belyk, Jonathan Benderly, Jakob Cherry, Richa Desai, Prajit Dhuri, Noah Fong, Andrew Fuentes, Catherine Jennings, Max Gerlach, Elizabeth Jurcsek, Jonathan Kantar, Matthew Karlovich, Ayana Kelly, Frederick Krebs, Diego Lijeron, Sophie Lipshutz, Nicholas Lomax, Megan Shen, Giacomo Spasiano, Evan Ridgway, Aaron Puerzer, Julia Rothar, Annabella Russo, Jackson Schnarre, Jordan Valiquette

Grade 4 Math

Richa Desai, Prajit Dhuri, Swagato Kanjilal, Nicholas Lomax, Evan Ridgway,

Grade 5 – Math

Yasmine Baiod, Eric Bernheimer, Michael Cyran, Abigail Galeota, William Hoover, Chloe Jaques, Matthew Lai, Philip Marcille, Kate McGrath, Juliana Mullen, Alanna Redwood, Caleb Rutter, Joseph Schugel, Natalie Tiu, Liam Walker, Christopher Whittington, Rachel Wyetzner, Julia Zhu.

V. Presentations/Discussion

Presentation on Balanced Literacy

Supervisor of English and Social Studies Ed Porowski gave a PowerPoint presentation which spoke about balanced literacy instruction in grades K through 5.

Discussion of AP Grade Point Differential.

Superintendent Vincent Caputo discussed his recommendation for an increase of the grade differential for AP courses to +1.0, while the differential for Honors classes remains at +0.5. This would be phased in over three years beginning in 2013-14 with the freshmen and sophomores (the current freshmen).

VI. Policy

Policy Committee chair Jackie Gibson spoke about the policies explaining that changes made were to make them compliant with the N.J.A.C and with QSAC requirements.

Policy/Regulation #		Policy/Regulation Name
6220	Finances	Budget Preparation
6471	Finances	School District Travel
6820	Finances	Financial Reports

VII. New Business