

# MINUTES

## Open Session

of the Metuchen Board of Education

Tuesday, November 27, 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	P	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

#### *High Achieving Students*

Students who received top-scaled scores of 300 on the 2012 administration of the NJASK were honored. They were called individually to the podium where Superintendent Vincent Caputo presented them with signed award certificates.

Grade 7 – LAL

*Shivani Pandey.*

Grade 6 – Math

*Arnav Agrawal, Kassia Antin, Jake Berger, Rachel Chiusano, Nina Chung, Kerri Farrell, Madelaine Fenner, Divij Gupta, Saahas Hari, Justin Huang, Ankit Kumar,*

*Reilly Lepak, Ian Li, Brooke Margolin, Serena McKiernan, Keith Miller, Noelle Motyka, Ada Nelson, Daniel Petto, Juliana Pirro, Katherine Rizzuto, Seth Rubenfield, Ashima Sharma, Denis Smirnov, Jason Whitmore.*

Grade 7 – Math

*Victoria Czohanski, Melanie Davis, Collin Draper, Vincent Jennings, Patrick Lee, Karen Li, , Shivani Pandey, Anton Popov, Nirmal Prakash, Siri Uppuluri, Siya Zhang.*

Grade 8 – Math

*Alison Bansil, Aidan Benderly, Kieran Brenneman, Peter Chen, Joseph Conroy, Wenjuan Du, Peter Gibson, Murtaza Ismail, Ethan Knecht, Kevin La, Damian Makosa, Donald McCarthy, Dhruv Mehta, Anil Patel, Emily Rehorn, Ayushi Sangol, Arijit (Ayush) Sood, Carl Sun, Rachel Suss, Romeo Tiu, Feng Fan “Gary” Xian.*

Grade 8 – Science

*Alison Bansil, Thomas Davis, Dhruv Mehta, Donald McCarthy, Anisha Patel, Rachel Suss, Romeo Tiu.*

Students who received High Honors on the 2012 administration of the *Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth SAT Program* will be honored.

Grade 5

*Alanna Redwood.*

Grade 7

*Collin Draper, Patrick Lee, Nirmal Prakash, Keaton Weidmaier, Siya Zhang.*

**V. Presentations/Discussion**

***Technology Report and Public Hearing on internet policy for next year***

District Technology Coordinator Christopher Thumann presented a comprehensive report on the status of technology in the district: where we were one year ago, where we are now, and where we need to be.

***ROOTS Program – Edgar Middle School’s Partnership with Princeton University***

Edgar Middle School principal Kathy Glutz introduced Vice-Principal Mike Knoth gave an overview of the ROOTS program. We were one of sixty schools who were chosen to participate. We are in the group of thirty schools who are the “control” group. The other thirty are in the “active” group. At the beginning of the year, students were surveyed anonymously as to their attitudes toward bullying, cliques, and who were perceived as influential

students. They will be surveyed again at the end of the year for any changes in attitudes.

## VI. Policy

There will be a board discussion of the following policies:

Policy/ Regulation #		Policy/Regulation Name
8420	Operations	Emergency and Crisis Situations
8330	Operations	Pupil Records
3126	Teaching Staff Members	Induction Program for Provisional Teachers
R 8420	Operations	Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan
R 8420.2	Operations	Bomb Threat
R 8420.7	Operations	Lockdown Procedures
R 8420.10	Operations	Active Shooter

Committee Chair Jackie Gibson explained that changes made to any of these policies were for compliance with the N.J.A.C. and QSAC.

## VII. New Business