

**CLIFFSIDE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

The Work Session Meeting of the Cliffside Park Board of Education with the Board Members in attendance was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the Board Secretary presiding.

The assemblage saluted the flag

ROLL CALL	Present:	Mrs. Abreu, Mr. Capano, Mr. Ndreu, Dr. Pantoliano, Mr. Raincourt, Mr. Tarabokija, Mr. Yannuzzi
	Absent:	Mrs. Frato, Mr. Garciga, Mr. Russo

Mr. Michael J. Romagnino, Superintendent of Schools, was in attendance.

Board Secretary read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of this act the Cliffside Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the offices of the Borough Clerk, the Borough Library, the Borough Recreation Department, the office of the Board of Education, and the offices of Schools Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and the High School on April 4, 2023 and notices were forwarded to reporters of The Record on April 4, 2023. This is an official meeting.”

Mr. Romagnino reviewed the Consent Agenda with the Board Members.

On the motion of by Mr. Capano, seconded by Mr. Tarabokija, all ayes by roll call vote, the following was approved:

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PERSONNEL

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Farizeh Bedaiwi, Teacher-School #4 effective May 5, 2023.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement of Susan Candee, Teacher-School #4 effective June 30, 2023.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michaella Toumazou, as Special Education Teacher-LLD assigned to School #4 at MA Step-1 \$59,500 effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#11-204-100-101-04-00-0000-060)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Grace Gerhauser, as Grade One Elementary School Teacher assigned to School #4 at BA Step-1 \$54,000 effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#-11-120-100-101-04-00-0000-060)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lenica Gutierrez Bujalil, as High School Business Teacher at ED/PHD Step-1 \$66,000 effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#-11-140-100-101-02-03-0000-030)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marian Elyas, as High School ESL Teacher at BA Step-1 \$54,000 (pending certification) effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#-11-240-100-101-02-00-0000-030)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Maria Kokiadis, as Special Education Teacher assigned to ABA classroom at School #3 at BA+15 Step-9 \$63,891 with benefits effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#-11-214-100-101-03-00-0000-050)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint James Leary, as High School English Teacher at MA Step-1 \$59,500 (pending certification) effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#-11-140-100-101-02-02-0000-030)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Joe Brenner, as High School Mathematics Teacher at MA Step-14 \$84,890 (pending certification) effective September 5, 2023 with benefits for the 2023-2024 school year. (Account#-11-140-100-101-02-01-0000-030)

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The Board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 7:30p.m.

Louis Alfano, Business Administration/Board
Secretary

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Work Session NOTES – May 17, 2023:

2022-2023 Financial Positioning Update-1st iteration-updates to follow in June.

(see attached)

2023 Spring and Summer Facilities Project –**GYM LOBBY RENO BID RESULTS KEY DISCUSSION ITEM-SEE ATTACHED: BID TABULATION FORM:**

Low BID approx. \$1M higher vs LAN assessment-decision is to place project on hold-next steps: meet with new buildings/grounds committee to discuss specifications with LAN. Move forward with Stair Tower Security Door projects for schools #3, #4, and #6.

In addition:

Donna Calabrese presented VP roles and responsibilities –Donna will meet with Mike regarding potential NEW SUPERVISOR HIRE for 23-24 school year.

Mark Vidovich from Pomptonian presented FOOD SERVICE current year overview; and overview for 2023-2024.

Key Discussion items:

Robust cash position in 22-23; for 23-24: cash position will be challenged due to the elimination of federal subsidies.

UNPAID MEALS were also discussed.

Letizia will be setting up the NEW COMMITTEES for 23-24 school year.