

PROSPECT PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021—7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Prospect Park Board of Education, Prospect Park, New Jersey, was called to convene by Board President Nadim on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:04 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting--Board members, administrators and public participation will be limited via the Zoom conference platform. Details regarding the telecommunications/Zoom platform will be posted on the District's website.

1. Call to Order Board President

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 notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and the 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, which is addressing the manner in which public meetings should be conducted during a State of Emergency. The meeting notice has been mailed to The Record and Herald News (Gannett News Service) for publication. Adequate notice has been provided."

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent	Absent w/ Notification
Mr. Nadim	X		
Ms. Gonzalez	X*		
Mr. Colcloughly	X		
Ms. Ensour		X*	
Mr. Lopez	X		
Mr. Rodriguez	X		
Ms. Valerio			X

Also in attendance: Mrs. Allison Angermeyer, Superintendent; Ms. Erin Delaney, Board Secretary; Mrs. Catherine D'Arrigo, Principal; Mr. Albert Buglione, Board Attorney; and members of the public.

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 principal, teacher, and parent work in unison to insure the successful progress and goal attainment of the child.

5. Acknowledging and Reaffirming 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 subject to removal from the meeting, and may be subject in 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 with, in a fair and respectful manner.

7. Public Participation: Statement to the Public—Agenda Items Only!

At this portion of the meeting, time has been allotted for public comment by members 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 chose to speak are not required to give their home address.

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.

Board President Nadim made a motion to open the public portion which was seconded by Board Member Lopez. All members in attendance voted in favor of doing so.

No one wished to be heard.

Board President Nadim made a motion to close the public portion which was seconded by Board Member Colcloughly. All members in attendance voted in favor of doing so.

8. Communications:

None.

9. Reports Section

- A. President's Report** – Board President Nadim shared that negotiations are still ongoing, with a mediation session being held tonight, and that things are moving forward.
- B. Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Angermeyer advised that the restart plan is going well, with Hybrid A & B classes joining together and only one group left to go, which is the pre-school, that will be joining next week. She advised that some students are still remote, by choice, and commended the teaching staff and aides being that they are instructing in person students and remote students at the same time. Mrs. Angermeyer stated that the custodial staff scheduling has increased being that more sanitizing is needed now that students are back in session and that playground lunch monitors have been assisting with this task. She went on to announce that state testing is not taking place and, as a result, the teachers are working with administration to gather benchmarking data requested by the Department of Education. Mrs. Angermeyer shared that there is a revised calendar on the agenda, due to not using emergency days, in addition to the next school year's calendar. She then said that preparations are already taking place for the next school year and that they are focusing on mental health and counseling within those plans. Mrs. Angermeyer continued on by detailing the summer program which will now include additional grades and subjects in anticipation of some learning loss due to the majority of the school year taking place virtually. The teachers have surveyed themselves to gauge who would be interested in the summer program. She ended her report by wishing all a Happy Spring.
- C. Principal's Report** – Principal D'Arrigo wished everyone a Happy Spring and stated how

great it is to see the students back and excited, while abiding by social distancing requirements. She advised that they are currently closing out the third marking period and that the fourth marking period is in full swing. Teacher conference have begun and are different, more successful than the first quarter. Mrs. D’Arrigo shared good news regarding the Geography Bowl within the Gifted and Talented program by announcing many of the district winners. She went on to say that the Battle of the Books is also approaching. Mrs. D’Arrigo then discussed the end of year preparations regarding eighth grade activities and graduation. Though there is no update from the Department of Education regarding graduation limits, they have already begun to strategize. She announced that caps, gowns, and rings will be delivered to those who ordered in the beginning of May and that the school did as much outreach as possible to encourage such orders. Mrs. D’Arrigo ended her report by sharing tomorrow is Administrative Professionals Day and she cannot say enough good things about their staff.

- D. Committee Reports** – Board President Nadim advised that the new Buildings and Grounds committee held their first meeting.
- E. Board Attorney Report** – Board Attorney Buglione stated that the legal department has been busy and that negotiation are continuing. He stated that a meeting was held yesterday and mediation will continue after the meeting, where he will provide a status update to all Board members.

Motion to accept & approve the reports:

Motion by: Board Vice-President Gonzalez

Second: Board Member Lopez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

10. Approval of Minutes

Be it resolved, the Board accepts and approves the following Board of Education meeting minutes: Regular Meeting—March 16, 2021

Motion to approve the meeting minutes:

Motion by: Board President Nadim

Second: Board Member Lopez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

11. Presentations

None.

12. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE AGENDA

Motion by: Board Member Lopez

Second: Board Vice-President Gonzalez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

F1 Approval of District Claims—Bills List—March 2021

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 March 2021. The total payment amount was \$909,676.25 including payroll.

F2 Secretary’s Report – Acceptance—February 2021

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the Board Secretary’s financial reports for the month of February 2021, based upon the certification of the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) (3), N.J.S.A. 18A:17-10 and N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, that no line-item account or program category account has been over expended, and that no account or fund has been over expended.

F3 Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys—Acceptance—February 2021

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the Reports of the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month of February 2021.

F4 Approval of Monthly Transfer of Budget Funds Report—Month of February 2021

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Monthly Budget Transfer Report for the month of February 2021.

F5 Accept the FY21 CRRSA ESSER II Grant Allocations

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the following FY21 CRRSA ESSER II grant allocations:

CSSRSA-ESSER II	1,850,395.00
Learning Acceleration	118,749.00
Mental Health	45,000.00

F6 Approval of ESEA Consolidated FY21 Amendment Submission

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves submission of the Amendment FY21 ESEA Consolidated Application to include carryover funds, and accepts the grants award of funds as follows:

Title I Part A	\$638,189.00
Title II Part A	\$50,850.00
Title III	\$30,071.00
Title III Immigrant	\$8,410.00
Title IV Part A	\$69,4448.00

PERSONNEL AGENDA

Motion to approve resolution P1-P2:

Motion by: Board Member Colcloughly

Second: Board Member Rodriguez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

P1 Approval of Substitute Teachers

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year:

LAST NAME, FIRST	PRIORITY	CERT#
AL KHAROUF, RULA	II	C
DELDONNA, SARAH	III	C
ECONOMOU, ALEXIS CHRISTIN	III	C
FIORE, JESSE M.	III	C
GIORDANO, LINDSEY MARIE	III	C
KARTANOS, JACQUELINE F	I	S
SEE, ROBERT PATRICK	III	C

P2 Approval of FY21 ESEA Title I Salaries

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following allocated salaries under Title I for the 2020-2021 school year per the FY21 ESEA Application:

Name	Amount Allocated	% of Salary	Account
Lia Ogden	\$41,583.00	100%	20-230-100-101
Laura Colomier	\$76, 443.00	100%	20-230-100-101
Giovanna Aliano	\$57,909.00	100%	20-230-100-101
Leila Khalil	\$14,691.00	28%	20-230-100-101
Lauren Carrero	\$39, 347.00	100%	20-230-100-101
Katrina Dumicic	\$57,663.00	100%	20-230-100-101
Chasty Alvarenga	\$69,475.00	80%	20-230-100-101

EDUCATION AGENDA

Motion to approve resolution E1-E3:

Motion by: Board Member Colcloughly

Second: Board President Nadim

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

E1 Approval to Discard Textbooks

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves to discard the following textbooks as per NJ code N.J.S.A. 18A:34-3 (See List Attached)

E2 Approval of the Submission of the Road Forward Spring Assessment Data for school year 2020-2021

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the submission of the Road Forward Spring Assessment Data to the New Jersey Department of Education.

E3 Approval of the 2019-2020 School Performance Report

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the 2019-2020 School Performance Report from the New Jersey Department of Education.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS AGENDA—None

POLICY SECTION

Motion to approve resolution BP1-BP3:

Motion by: Board Member Colcloughly

Second: Board Member Rodriguez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

BP1 Approval of School Calendar Revision for 2020-2021

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the revisions to the school calendar for 2020-2021 (attached).

BP2 Approval of School Calendar for 2021-2022

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the school calendar for 2021-2022 (attached).

BP3 Approval of Summer Educational Program Schedule

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2020-2021 summer educational program to take place 6/28/21– 7/25/21, exclusive of 7/4/21.

FOOD SERVICES AGENDA—None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

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Motion to Open Public Hearing:

Motion by: Board Member Lopez

Second: Board Member Colcloughly

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

- Beth Solloway, School District Teacher/Co-president of Teachers Association, inquired as to when Board meetings will be held in person being that Police promotions were held in person within the school.
- Ruth Illescas, TAP Treasurer, shared that an event was held on March 27th which allowed them to make a generous donation to ministries.

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion by: Board President Nadim

Second: Board Member Lopez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

13. New Business Section

-Board of Education Members Training – Board Secretary Delaney reminded members that they must register and take their annual training if they did not already do so.

-School Financial Disclosures – Board Secretary Delaney advised members that many Financial Disclosures were rejected as questions that did not apply to them were left blank. She shared that N/A or None must be inserted and asked that those members’ whose disclosures were rejected resubmit them.

-Preview on Budget public hearing – Mr. Turner announced that the budget was approved by the County and that the public hearing and presentation will be held at the May meeting.

-RFP for School Architect/Engineer – Board Attorney Buglione stated that a need for a School Architect/Engineer was discussed at the Buildings and Grounds committee meeting. He suggested that a new RFP be advertised, of which the members agreed to. A motion was made by Board President Nadim to advertise which was seconded by Board Vice-President Gonzalez. Motion carried by those present.

14. Executive Session

Motion to Enter into Executive Session:

Motion by: Board Vice-President Gonzalez

Second: Board Member Colcloughly

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

***Board Member Ensour attended the Executive Session, arriving at 8:24PM.**

Motion to Close Executive Session:

Motion by: Board Vice-President Gonzalez

Second: Board Member Lopez

	Nadim	Gonzalez	Colcloughly	Ensour	Lopez	Rodriguez	Valerio
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	
No							
Abstain							
Absent				X			X

15. Closing Remarks/Announcements

***Board Vice-President Gonzalez was no longer in attendance after the Executive Session.**

Board President Nadim stated that it was a good executive session and discussions will continue. He wished everyone a great Spring and thanked those that attended the meeting.

Board Member Colcloughly thanked the teachers and everyone involved for the great transition in returning back to school.

Board Member Rodriguez encouraged everyone to enjoy the warm weather and extended his gratitude to all.

Board Member Lopez thanked everyone for their hard work.

Board Member Ensour stated that the school staff’s hard work does not go unnoticed.

16. Adjournment

Board Member Colcloughly made a motion adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Board Member Rodriguez. All members in attendance voted in favor of doing so. The meeting adjourned at 9:38PM.