

**SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**April 7, 2014**

- I. Call to order:** This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act," C.231, PL. 1975, and notices were forwarded to newspapers, to Board members and were posted as required.

<b>Roll Call</b>	Present	Arrived at	Absent	Time:	7:00 p.m.
Mrs. Hansen	X				
Mr. Hale	X				
Mr. Panzini		7:17			
Mr. Daino	X				
Mrs. Valori	X				
Mr. Bormann, CSA; Mrs. Allen, SBA; Mr. Griggs, Attorney					

**II. Flag salute**

**III. Public Hearing on Possible Non-Resident Tuition Policy**

Presentation by Mr. Bormann, CSA

Mrs. Hansen clarified that MCVSD High School openings are linked to the student's home district and not the district or school the student attends.

**IV. Public Comments on Agenda Item Only**

The length of time for public discussion may be limited to 30 minutes and individual speakers on a particular subject are limited to three minutes (Policy 1120).

Maryanne Donahue	Commends BOE for looking into this issue; how would siblings be handled?
Mike Aquino	What is the cost to educate in comparison to cost per pupil? <i>JP-Tentative tuition rates based on comparison of the rates of other districts.</i> Proposed PK - Gr 4; what about the upper grades? <i>JB-Pilot one year, upper grades opens up numerous new concerns.</i>
Christine Mawn	Cost per pupil does not match tuition rate? <i>JB-Non-resident student fills an open space with minimal costs and reduces the cost per pupil calculated.</i>
Pete Roche	For a minimal amount of revenue, opening up to litigation for not accepting an applicant or withdrawing a student; he would rather pay more in taxes than opening up district to litigation. <i>JB-It is not only money, it is about maintaining optimal class sizes</i> <i>TH-We need to be forward thinking to maintain our program and sustain our school.</i> <i>CV- Concerned about risk and asked that NJSBA review the policy</i>
Pete Roche	Potential lawsuits will be very costly to the district, <i>PG- his experience goes back to 1978 and he is unaware of a lawsuit against a district with a non resident tuition policy. Enrollment is a privilege not a right.</i>
Jason Martin	Pilot program should have finite time period; what is the criteria for evaluating the pilot? <i>JB- Student progress and discipline</i>
Erin Jordan	If resident student numbers grow before September and district can only take two of four non-resident students back open to challenge <i>VD- Would we terminate a student at the end of August?</i>

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- TH-The numbers are a guideline and not a set number*  
*JB- Social issues are a consideration, diversity would benefit our students*
- Kathleen Gresch Her research indicates 13-17 is the ideal class size and is linked to improved math scores.  
*JB-We look at the dynamics of the student make up. Assessments of PK and K*
- Anthony Petrosini Commends Board for having the conversation. Class size and diversity a benefit to some classes.
- Mrs. Farmer Will there be a limitation of the localities students are taken from?  
*JB-We would not establish that limitation*  
*TH-Our priority is what is best for our children here*
- Dave Frost What is the maximum number; is there a limit on the percentage of students received?  
*CV- Consider a higher rate, Manasquan has a higher parent paid tuition rate*
- Anthony Petrosini Where would we be drawing from?  
Christine Galvin Smaller is better, receiving a tuition student for one year and not the next hard on the child; the difference in Cost per Pupil and tuition rate?  
*EH-The Cost per Pupil is the budget divided by enrollment. The additional tuition students will not increase the budget but will be added to the divisor and reduce Cost per Pupil*
- Elsie Dubac Will tuition student increase the CAP on the Administrator's salary?  
*JB-No, we will not be taking in that many students*
- Marissa Hunt St Rose has an entrance test in kindergarten, when accepted there is no additional testing to continue  
*JB- Entrance 90% but continue by maintaining 80%+; Students previously enrolled and in good standing would have preference over new students.*
- Erin Jordan Her children benefited from small class sizes; recognized a lot of thought and research has gone in to this; asks that we be diligent in keeping below 18.  
*TH-The goal is to maintain and sustain our school and to continue improving and growing for benefit of our children*
- Paul Jordan Middle school does better with larger class sizes  
*VD- Benefits social skills; meet the needs of certain classes*  
*TH- Board trusts the administration to evaluate all factors and make recommendations with the most benefit to our students and community*
- John Muser What is the capacity of the school?  
*DA- functional capacity is just over 400 students*
- Mrs. Farmer Will parents be part of the interview?;ed suggest recommendation of the family and credit checks.  
*CV- What is the next step?*  
*JB- Policy Committee will draft policy for first reading.*
- Elsie Dubac Post the draft policy on line for the community?
- Betsey Callahan Tuition student enrolled from K to 2nd grade, now in third identified and classified?  
*Mid year the parent can opt to pay for additional services or enroll the student in resident district for services.*

**V. Adjourned at 8:40pm**