

**SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business/Public Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2019 – 6:00 P.M. – Middle/High School Cafeteria**

Mr. Conrad, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Mr. Frascella, called the roll:

Present: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Conway, Mr. Dragotta, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Kasics, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Perez, Mrs. Taggart, Mr. Walsh

Absent: None

Also Present: Jorge Diaz, Superintendent; Peter Frascella, Board Secretary; Mr. Silvestro, Board Attorney; Mr. Joks, Student Representative

On a motion by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:06 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Frascella read the following Closed Session Notice:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Sunshine Act, N.J.S. 10:4-12 and 13, the South Amboy Board of Education will now meet in closed session to discuss items falling under Attorney/Client Privilege, Student Related Matters, Personnel Matters, and negotiations.

The aforesaid subjects are within the exemptions permitted to be discussed in closed session in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13. Information regarding the Board’s closed session discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session in approximately 30 minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mrs. Taggart that the Board reconvened into the public portion of the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Frascella read the following Public Notice:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, the South Amboy Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting setting forth the time, date, and location to be submitted for publication to the Home News Tribune and posted at the Board Office, Middle/High School, Elementary School, City Hall, Library and Senior Citizens Center Bulletin Boards at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting. Members of the public who wish to address the Board will be given the opportunity before the Board adjourns for the evening.

Mr. Conrad led all assembled in the Flag Salute.

Moment of Silence for the passing of former teacher John Bernosky

The Board Committee Chairs reviewed the Agenda Motions

MINUTES

Motion Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mrs. Kasics to accept the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

July 22, 2019

Business-Public Meeting

July 22, 2019

Closed Session/Business Meeting

Ayes: Conrad, Conway, Dragotta, Gonzalez, Kasics, McLaughlin, Taggart, Walsh

Nays: None

Abstention: Perez

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. CURRICULUM REVISION/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the following revised curriculum subject areas for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented, and as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Health 9, 10, 11
- College Prep Math
- Pre-Calculus/Calculus
- Pre-Algebra/Algebra
- Marine Science
- World History
- Contemporary Issues
- Financial Literacy
- Elementary Social Studies, Grades 3, 4, 5
- Facing History and Ourselves

2. APPROVE/CURRICULUM/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the following new curriculum subject area for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented, and as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Elementary Counseling, Grades K, 1, 2

3. APPROVE/STUDENT HANDBOOKS

That the Board of Education approves the Elementary School and Middle High School Student Handbooks for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

4. APPROVE/DISTRICT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

That the Board of Education approves the District Goals & Objectives for the 2019-2020 school year. (Attachment A)

Board Discussion:

Mr. Conrad asked for a report every couple of months on the goals being achieved.

Mrs. Gonzalez asked for an update on the construction project in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Public Comment:

Brian Murphy asked about how food service was going to work and if the children would be receiving hot meals. He also stated that it was his belief that parents of student were not aware of the construction.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kasics and seconded by Mrs. Taggart to approve motions One through Four of the Education and Curriculum section of the Business/Public Meeting Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ayes: Conrad, Conway, Dragotta, Gonzalez, Kasics, McLaughlin, Perez, Taggart, Walsh
Nays: None

Abstention: None

POLICY

1. APPROVE POLICY AND REGULATION REVISION TO ADMINISTERING MEDICATION #5141.21/#5141.21R

That the Board of Education approves the revision of policy and regulation #5141.21/#5141.21R, Administering Medication, as attached and recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment B)

2. APPROVE POLICY REVISION TO ATTENDANCE, ABSENCES, AND EXCUSES #5113

That the Board of Education approves the revision of policy #5113, Attendance, Absences, and Excuses as attached and recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment C)

Public Comment:

Brian Murphy had questions regarding the different classifications in the new attendance policy.

A motion was made by Ms. Conway and seconded by Mr. Dragotta to approve motions One through Two of the Policy section of the Business/Public Meeting Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ayes: Conrad, Conway, Dragotta, Gonzalez, Kasics, McLaughlin, Perez, Taggart, Walsh
 Nays: None
 Abstention: None

PERSONNEL

1. REHIRE OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS /SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS/SUBSTITUTE NURSES/SUBSTITUTE SECRETARIES /SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the reemployment of substitute teachers, substitute paraprofessionals, substitute bus drivers, substitute school nurses, substitute secretaries, substitute custodians for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment D)

2. ATHLETIC/INTRAMURAL POSITIONS/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to Athletic & Intramural positions for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. The stipend for these positions will be in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association:

Eugene Reagan	Time Keeper
Colleen Palmeri	Site Manager
Peter Gulla	Time Keeper
Emily Mitchell	Girls Basketball (MS)

3. EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to Extra-Curricular positions for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. The stipend for these positions will be in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association:

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	
8 th Grade Advisor (MHS) (co-advisors)	Tara Vona/Elisabeth Doherty

4. APPROVE/TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS /GRACE AMARI

That the Board of Education approves the employment of Grace Amari as a Teacher of Mathematics in the High School for the 2019-2020 school year effective September 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020 as recommended by the Superintendent. Her salary (BA Step 1), with benefits, will be as reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association. Employment is contingent upon completion of the Criminal History Background Check (Policy #4111/4211) and Physicals for Employees (Policy #4212.4)

5. APPROVE STAFF FOR FEDERAL/STATE PROGRAMS

That the Board of Education approves the attached list of teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, other professional staff, and program directors for the 2019-2020 Federal/State Programs as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment E)

6. STAFF ROSTER/2019-2020

That the Board of Education approves the attached staff roster for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. The salaries and steps will reflect negotiated agreements with the Board of Education. (Attachment F)

7. MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR/BUS DRIVER/SANDY DEL PRETE

That the Board of Education approves the unpaid medical leave of absence of Sandy Del Prete, Bus Driver, for a period of September 1, 2019 until January 2, 2020.

8. RESCIND PART-TIME IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION TEACHER POSITION APPOINTMENT/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Greta Grasso as the Part-Time In-School Suspension Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

9. APPROVE/TEACHER OF SPANISH /NIDIA SANCHEZ

That the Board of Education approves the employment of Nidia Sanchez as a Teacher of Spanish in the Middle High School for the 2019-2020 school year effective September 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020 as recommended by the Superintendent. Her salary (MA Step 6), with benefits, will be as reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association. Employment is contingent upon completion of the Criminal History Background Check (Policy #4111/4211) and Physicals for Employees (Policy #4212.4)

10. RESIGNATION/PT CAFETERIA AIDE/KATHERINE QUINONES

That the Board of Education approves the resignation of Katherine Quinones, effective August 22, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent.

11. STIPEND/BLACK SEAL-CUSTODIAN/SAFWAT YOUSSEF

The Board of Education approves the Black Seal stipend for Safwat Youssef (Custodian). The stipend, retroactive to August 1, 2019, for this position will be in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association.

12. RESCIND WORLD LANGUAGE SPANISH TEACHER POSITION APPOINTMENT/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Julieanne Jimenez as World Language Spanish Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

13. LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/ 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Long Term Substitute Teacher starting September 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020 as recommended by the Superintendent. Employment is contingent upon completion of the Criminal History Background Check (Policy #4111/4211) and Physicals for Employees (Policy #4212.4)

- Julieanne Jimenez Long Term Substitute Teacher - Spanish

14. MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR/WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER/MARIA AQUINO-SOARES

That the Board of Education approves the unpaid medical leave of absence of Maria Aquino-Soares, High School World Language Teacher, for a period of September 1, 2019 until November 1, 2019.

Public Comment

None

A motion was made by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mrs. Kasics to approve motions One through Fourteen of the Personnel section of the Business/Public Meeting Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

- Ayes: Conrad, Conway, Dragotta, Gonzalez, Kasics, McLaughlin, Perez, Taggart, Walsh
- Nays: None
- Abstention: Dragotta (Motion #1), Walsh (Motion #1)

BUDGET AND FINANCE

1. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board of Education approves the attached transfers for July 2019 in conjunction with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8-1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10. (Attachment G)

2. EXPENDITURES FOR 7/23/2019-8/31/2019 (Attachment H)

The Board of Education approves the following expenditures for 7/23/19-8/31/19

Bills For	Amount
Regular Bills	878,906.03
7/15/19 Payroll	108,298.65
7/30/19 Payroll	95,998.37
TOTAL	\$1,083,203.05
July Agency	76,973.94

3. ACCEPT THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT – JULY 2019 (Attachment I)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Amboy Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, does hereby certify that as of the date of the reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a); the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4, that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

4. APPROVE TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Board of Education approves the following under the “Travel and Reimbursement Policy” of the South Amboy - Board of Education as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Staff/Board Member	Program Date	Program Title or Event	Fees	GAAP Account
Sean Dunphy Patrick McCabe Frank Zalocki Martin Gurczeski Jorge Diaz	July 16 th and July 17 th , 2019	LinkIt! Data Forward Summer Institute	\$1,200	20-270-200-300-01-00-00-060 20-270-200-300-01-00-00-030 11-000-230-585-00-01
Kim Barna Marci Oaks	August 20 & 21, 2019; October 23, 2019, January 15, 2020, April 8, 2020	Tools of the Mind Regional Training Workshop	\$3,750 each	20-218-200-580-01-01-00-060
Amy McLaughlin John Dragotta Joan Conway Lynn Kasics Paula Taggart Shannon Gonzalez Anthony Conrad Jorge E. Diaz Peter Frascella	October 21 st through October 24 th , 2019	NJSBA Workshop	\$1,700	11-000-230-500-01-00

- 5. APPROVE RENEWAL TO NJSIG EDUCATIONAL RISK & INSURANCE CONSORTIUM**
 That the Board of Education approves the contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and the New Jersey Insurance Group Education Risk & Insurance Consortium for a period of three years as per contract. (Copy of Contract on file in the Board Office)
- 6. APPROVE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ACELERO LEARNING**
 That the Board of Education approves the contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Acelero Learning to provide services that will include responsibilities related to the role of Master Teacher.
- 7. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – CPC BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE**
 The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and CPC Behavioral Healthcare for students #9900562875, #5452569864, #2475544946 for the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$224,462.70. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).
- 8. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 ESY – ESCNJ – CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**
 The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and CPC Behavioral Healthcare for students #4098271022, #9880067721, #6732255358, #631854506, #3194689036, #1887907053, #4744776169, #20130241591, #3944564593, #5981261432, #4015445792, #9141052803 for the period July 1, 2019 – August 12, 2019 in the total amount of \$71,511. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).
- 9. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 ESY – ESCNJ – PISCATAWAY REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL**

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Piscataway Regional Day School for students #4640775933, #7769635663, #8993906650 for the period July 1, 2019 – August 12, 2019 in the total amount of \$19,435. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

10. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 ESY – ESCNJ – ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Academy Learning Center for students #9635038745, #7350592711 for the period July 1, 2019 – August 12, 2019 in the total amount of \$10,068. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

11. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 ESY – ESCNJ – BRIGHT BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Bright Beginnings Learning Center for student #8486823312 for the period July 1, 2019 – August 12, 2019 in the total amount of \$5,520. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

12. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – UNION COUTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Union County Educational Services Commission for student #1488771299 for the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$64,940. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

13. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – ESCNJ – CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and CPC Behavioral Healthcare for students #4098271022, #9880067721, #6732255358, #631854506, #3194689036, #1887907053, #4744776169, #20130241591, #3944564593, #5981261432, #4015445792, #9141052803 for the period of September 4, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$733,158. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

14. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – ESCNJ – PISCATAWAY REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Piscataway Regional Day School for students #4640775933, #7769635663, #8993906650 for the period of September 4, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$210,438. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

15. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – ESCNJ – ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Academy Learning Center for students #9635038745, #7350592711 for the period of September 4, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$108,918. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

16. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – ESCNJ – BRIGHT BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Bright Beginnings Learning Center for student #8486823312 for the period of September 4, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$59,454. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

17. APPROVE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – N.J. COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Board of Education approves service contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and N.J. Commission for the Blind for students #2021717088, #5981261432, #4228703327, #4015445792,

#1478089520 for the period of September 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$9,500. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office)

18. APPROVE NONRESIDENT CONTRACTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education approves contract agreements consistent with board policy #5118 for nonresident students listed below:

State ID
#1067324908
#4450237224
#6294506855
#7420729367
#6145393130
#6376344141
#9460923570

19. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/B.A.S.C.

That the Board of Education approves the use of facilities for B.A.S.C. to use the Elementary School cafeteria, gym and playground in accordance with their agreement on school days, between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am and 2:00pm and 6:30pm (The regular program ends at 6:00pm and the Extended Care Program ends at 6:30pm) and on early dismissal days, between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00am and 12:30pm and 6:30pm. This activity will be covered by the B.A.S.C.'s insurance. The cost of the use of facilities for the 19-20 school year is \$10,000.

20. PAYMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT MERIT GOAL ACHIEVEMENT/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the South Amboy Board of Education ("the Board") approved Merit Goals for the Superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year consisting of two (2) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals (collectively referred to as the "Merit Goals") and submitted the Merit Goals to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 15, 2019, the Executive County Superintendent approved the Merit Goals, thereby authorizing the Board to award to the Superintendent merit pay upon his successful achievement of each Merit Goal; and

WHEREAS, upon the continued evaluation of the Superintendent's performance, the Board has determined that to date, the Superintendent has successfully achieved completion of one (1) Quantitative Merit Goal, partially achieved another Quantitative Merit Goal and achieved two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals, thereby entitling the Superintendent to a bonus of 11.04186% of his annual salary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby certifies that the Superintendent, Jorge E. Diaz, has successfully achieved completion of one (1) Quantitative Merit Goal, partially achieved another Quantitative Merit Goal, and achieved two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals for 2018-2019 and approves payment of the merit bonus for achievement as approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Kasics to approve motions One through Twenty of the Budget and Finance section of the Business/Public Meeting Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

- Ayes: Conrad, Conway, Dragotta, Gonzalez, Kasics, McLaughlin, Perez, Taggart, Walsh
- Nays: None
- Abstention: Conrad (Motion 4 A.C.) Conway (Motion 4 J.C.) Dragotta (Motion 4 J.D.), Gonzalez (Motion 4 S.G.) Kasics (Motion 4 L.K.) McLaughlin (Motion 4 - A.M.) Taggart (Motion 4 P.T.)

A. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Joks – Students were excited to be coming back to school and wished sports teams luck in the start of their seasons.

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Walsh – Welcomed everyone back for another school year. His thoughts and prayers are with the Bernosky Family. Both the Fed-Up and the National Night Out events went very well. He wished the class of 2019 the best in their future endeavors.

Mrs. McLaughlin – Asked for an update on residency checks and asked if any teams were receiving new uniforms this year.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Smocovich – Felt that the district displayed information to the public regarding the kitchen in multiple areas and that parents need to take advantage of the information be disseminated from those areas.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Walsh there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:10pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Frascella

Business Administrator/Board Secretary