

**SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business/Public Meeting Minutes
September 23, 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; Ms. Lindquist, Board Attorney, Mr. Pena, Student Representative

On a motion by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:02 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. Conrad and seconded by Mrs. Taggart that the Board reconvened into the public portion of the meeting at 6:45 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.

Mr. Diaz discussed the school safety throughout our district. Police Chief LaVinge spoke about the high level of coordination between the Police and the District.

Presentation – NJSLA Analysis & 2018-19 In-Review (Jorge E. Diaz, Patrick McCabe, & Sean Dunphy)

Brian Murphy – Expressed concern regarding the way the data was shown by sub-groups.

Review/Comment/Approval of Agenda Items (Committee Chairs)

MINUTES

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

September 3, 2019	Business-Public Meeting
September 3, 2019	Closed Session/Business Meeting

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

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.

- English 12
- Spanish 3, 4

2. APPROVE/DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM/MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the Dual Enrollment Program, Middlesex County College, for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented, and as recommended by the Superintendent. (Memorandum of Agreement is on file in the Board Office)

3. ANTI-BULLYING SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES SUBMISSION/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the submission of the outcomes of each school’s self-assessment of the implementation of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Board Discussion:

None

Public Comment:

Diane Smokovich – Asked question about deadlines for the Dual Enrollment Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kasics and seconded by Ms. Conway to approve motions One through Three 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

PERSONNEL

1. 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	
Andrew Heady	Yearbook Advisor
Nidia Sanchez	9 th Grade Co-Advisor (50% Stipend)
Julieanna Jimenez	9 th Grade Co-Advisor (50% Stipend)
Michelle Witte	Peer Leadership

2. APPROVE/TITLE 1 AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM/TEACHERS

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to a Title 1 after-school tutoring program in the Elementary school for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Mary-Anne Lewis
- Eileen de Souza
- Loretta Cannon

3. APPROVAL/PART-TIME CAFETERIA RECESS AIDE/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Cafeteria/Recess Aide for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Her employment is contingent upon completion of the Criminal History Background Check:

- Malgorzata Kwiatek 2.5 hrs. per day Rate: \$12.00 per hr.

4. HOME INSTRUCTOR/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individual as a Home Instructor for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. The stipend for this position will be in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association:

MIDDLE /HIGH SCHOOL
Martina Torretta

5. RESIGNATION/LIFE SKILLS TEACHER/KERI ANNE MCGUIRE

That the Board of Education approves the resignation of Keri Anne McGuire, effective November 17, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent.

6. APPROVAL OF MENTOR/MENTEE ASSIGNMENT/2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the Mentor/Mentee assignment for 2019-2020 school year, of the following individuals as recommended by the Superintendent:

MENTOR	MENTEE	SCHOOL YEAR
Lori Joseph	Grace Amari	2019-2020

Public Comment

None

A motion was made by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Walsh to approve motions One through Six 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: None

OTHER MOTION

1. ACCEPTANCE OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (HIB) INCIDENT REPORT/SEPTEMBER 2019

That the Board of Education accepts the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Incident Report for HIB incidents reported to the Board of Education on September 23, 2019. (Attachment A)

A motion was made by Mrs. Taggart and seconded by Mrs. Kasics to approve motions One of the HIB Report 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

BUDGET AND FINANCE

1. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board of Education approves the attached transfers for August 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 B)

2. EXPENDITURES FOR 8/30/2019-9/23/2019 (Attachment C)

The Board of Education approves the following expenditures for 8/30/19-9/23/19

Bills For	Amount
Regular Bills	811,193.51
8/15/19 Payroll	109,108.51
8/30/19 Wire Transfer	475,482.50
8/31/19 Payroll	95,027.95
TOTAL	\$1,490,812.47
August Agency	94,928.58

3. ACCEPT THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT – AUGUST 2019 (Attachment D)

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. ACCEPT THE JULY/AUGUST 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL FUND BALANCES

The Board of Education accepts the attached July/August 2019 Organizational Fund Balances. (Attachment E)

5. ACCEPT THE JULY/AUGUST 2019 ATHLETIC FUND BALANCES

The Board of Education accepts the attached July/August 2019 Athletic Fund Balances. (Attachment F)

6. 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
Raymond Perez	October 21 st through October 24 th , 2019	NJSBA Workshop	\$1,700 – Group Rate	11-000-230-500-01-00
Michelle Masella	September 30, 2019 and October 1, 2019	Bullying Law Update & How to Investigate HIB Claims	\$300	20-270-200-300-01-00-00-060
Alanna Zeller Thomas Heiry	October 18, 2019	Patterns of Strengths & Weaknesses & Model * Cross Battery Assessments	\$180 each	20-270-200-300-01-00-00-060
Georgann Tice	November 22, 2019	Challenge the Mind, Capture the Heart	\$199	20-270-200-300-01-00-00-060

7. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board of Education approves the attached field trip requests for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment G)

Trip # MHS-0001

8. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/SAYREVILLE JR BOMBERS

That the Board of Education approves the use of facilities for Sayreville Jr Bombers to use the Middle/High School gym and playground in accordance with their agreement on school days, between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:30pm. This activity will be covered by the Sayreville Jr Bombers insurance.

9. APPROVE TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020 – PISCATAWAY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and Piscataway Board of Education for students #8961132390, #5535140590 for the period September 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$65,900. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Kasics to approve motions One through Nine 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: Kasics (#5), Perez (#6)

A. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Pena – Provided prospective of the student body regrading senior parking, athletics, and looking forward to the first day of school.

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Conrad – Thanked the Chief LaVigne and thanked the City of South Amboy for the new sign.

Ms. Conway – Thanked everyone for supporting the City Arts Day.

Ms. Kasics – Asked about the hang tags for the seniors parking in the lot.

Mr. Walsh – Thanked the City, Mr. Pena for his report, welcomed back the teachers, and discussed financial aide night.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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