

SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business/Public Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Open Meeting & immediately go into Executive/Closed Session

Public Meeting Agenda begins at 6:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting using AT&T Conferencing (Call toll free 1-866-390-1828. Enter access code 9392521#. To enter the conference, press #)

Mr. Conrad, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mr. Frascella, called the roll:

Present: Mr. Albarran, Mr. Conrad, Ms. Conway, Ms. Kasics, Ms. McLaughlin, Mrs. Taggart, Mr. Walsh

Absent: Mr. Dragotta, Ms. Gonzalez

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

On a motion by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mrs. Kasics that the Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:03 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 Mrs. Kasics and seconded by Mr. Conrad 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.

Mr. Diaz provided an update on the district moving to virtual learning through January 15th.

MINUTES

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

November 30, 2020

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EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

2. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR/2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented, and as recommended by the Superintendent. (2021-2022 School Calendar)

PERSONNEL

3. ACCEPTANCE OF SUPERINTENDENT MERIT GOALS/2020-2021(Merit Goals)

That the Board of Education accepts the Quantitative (3) and Qualitative (2) Merit Goals of Jorge E. Diaz, Superintendent of Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year as approved by the Middlesex County Executive Superintendent of Schools on December 16, 2020.

4. APPROVE SIDEBAR AGREEMENT WITH SAEA – WINTER SPORTS (Agreement)

That the South Amboy Board of Education approves the sidebar agreement with the South Amboy Education Association regarding winter sports during the 2020-2021 school year.

5. ATHLETIC/INTRAMURALS/2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to Athletic/Intramural positions for the 2020-2021 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:

Boys Basketball – (Varsity)	Matthew Wiater
Boys Basketball – (JV)	Joe Charmello
Boys Basketball - (MS)	Steve Herdman
Cheerleading – (MS)	Ashley Sosa

Cheerleading-(Varsity)	Nicole Eardley
Winter Indoor Track	Anthony Mecca
Girls Basketball – (Varsity)	Daniel Poulsen
Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach - (Varsity)	Christine Nemeth
Girls Basketball- (MS)	Darci Carnevale
Time Keeper – Varsity (per game)	Brian Wohlt
Time Keeper- Varsity (per game)	Gene Reagan
Time Keeper- Varsity (per game)	Julian Wilson
Site Manager	Julianne Jimenez
Site Manager	Gayle Martinez
Site Manager	Sarah Hobler

BUDGET AND FINANCE

6. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board of Education approves the attached transfers for November 2020 in conjunction with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8-1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10. (Attachment)

7. EXPENDITURES FOR 12/01/2020-12/21/2020 (Attachment)

The Board of Education approves the following expenditures for 12/01/20-12/21/20

Bills For	Amount
Regular Bills	586,970.21
11/15/20 Payroll	492,014.06
11/30/20 Payroll	481,809.18
TOTAL	\$1,560,793.45
November Agency	395,043.46

8. ACCEPT THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020 (Attachment)

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.

9. ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL FUND BALANCES (Attachment)

The Board of Education accepts the attached November 2020 Organizational Fund Balances.

10. ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 2020 ATHLETIC FUND BALANCES (Attachment)

The Board of Education accepts the attached November 2020 Athletic Fund Balances.

11. 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
ELENI TSOUKAS	MAY 25 - MAY 27, 2021	NJTESOL/NJBE VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE	\$299	20-270-100-300-00-00-00-060
STEPHANIE PETRUZZI AND DENISE COLUMBO	APR 22 - APR 23, 2021	2021 NJSHA ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$300 EACH	20-270-200-300-01-05-00-CO
ELENI TSOUKAS	FEB 10, 2021	HELPING ENGLISH LEARNERS EXIT ELL PROGRAM	279.00	20-270-200-300-01-00-CO
ELENI TSOUKAS	JAN 26, 2021	STRENGTHENING ELL ENGAGEMENT	279.00	20-270-100-300-00-00-00-060 11-000-222-300-01-13-00-030

12. ACCEPT SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education accepts the School Security Grant 2020-2021 allocation as follows:

School Security: \$58,079

13. ACCEPT AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 - PEEA GRANT (Attachment)

That the Board of Education approves PEEA Grant Amendment number 1 for the 2020-2021 school year as per the attached document.

OTHER MOTIONS

HIB Reports

14. AFFIRM HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (HIB) INCIDENT REPORT 2020

That the Board of Education affirms the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Incident Report for HIB incidents reported to the Board of Education. (Report)

15. APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SAAA

That the Board of Education hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement with the South Amboy Administrators' Association for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MOTIONS AND OTHER ITEMS

Brian Murphy – Asked about the Superintendent's Merit goals and launching the app. Wanted to know the status of winter sports. Made suggestion to have cutouts in stands for games as a fundraiser.

APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Ms. Conway to approve of the consent agenda of the regular public meeting of November 30, 2020 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ayes: Albarran, Conrad, Conway, Kasics, McLaughlin, Taggart, Walsh

Nays: McLaughlin (#3)

Abstention: Kasics (#10)

Absent Dragotta, Gonzalez

B. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Mercado – Felt that the teachers are doing a great job in class and extra-curricular activities. Excited for the prospect of returning to school. Athletes are excited about winter sports.

C. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Conrad – Thanked all staff for their hard work during 2020 and wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Diaz – Thanked Mr. Conrad for his work on the Board and congratulated him as he listed his accomplishments.

Ms. Conway – Discussed Curriculum Committee Meeting including social emotional learning initiatives, gifted and talented, and marketing curriculum. She congratulated Lynn on becoming a Master Board Member.

Mrs. Kasics – Thanked Anthony for his service

Mr. Albarran – Thanked Anthony for all his work on the Board

Mr. Walsh – Thanked Mr. Conrad for his service, discussed winter athletics, discussed Mr. Diaz's goals.

Mr. Frascella – Thanked Mr. Conrad for his time on the Board.

Mr. Conrad – Thanked all of the Board Members and the students and staff for making his time on the Board special.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Conway that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully,

Peter Frascella

Peter Frascella
Board Secretary