

**SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business/Public Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018 – 6:00 P.M. – Middle/High School Cafeteria**

Mrs. Kasics, Board Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Frascella, called the roll:

Present: Mr. Conrad, Mr. Dragotta, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Kasics, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Perez, Mrs. Taggart, Mr. Walsh
Absent: Mr. Simko
Also Present: Jorge Diaz, Superintendent; Peter Frascella, Board Secretary; Mr. Silvestro, Board Attorney; B. Henry, Student Representative

On a motion by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin that the Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:01 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. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board reconvened into the public portion of the meeting at 6:32 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.

Mrs. Kasics led all assembled in the Flag Salute.

Presentation

Presentation to 2017-18 Retirees

Jackie Campbell	Maureen Gordon
Sandy Carlisle	Jane LaRocca
Dawn DeHart	Terri Marian

Linda DePasquale	Cathy Ravaioli
Eve Freeman	Diane Tighe
	Kathleen Van Ness

Presentation to 2017-18 Teacher of the Year Recipients

Dawn DeHart	Geeta Nisraiyya
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Presentation to 2017-18 Educational Services Professional of the Year Recipients

Joan Crowley

Joy Przywara

Presentation to 2017-18 Student Board Representative

Benjamin Henry, II

The Board Committee Chairs reviewed the Agenda Motions**MINUTES**

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

April 30, 2018

Business-Public Meeting

April 30, 2018

Closed Session/Business Meeting

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

PERSONNEL**1. AGREEMENT/PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL/2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR/ALEXANDRIA DE GRAZIA**

That the Board of Education approves the employment of Alexandria DeGrazia as a Part-Time Paraprofessional in the Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year effective May 1, 2018 until June 25, 2018 (or the last day of school) as recommended by the Superintendent. Salary, (Step 2), will be as reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association.

2. MATERNITY/CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR/JENNIFER WILKINSON

That the Board of Education approves the maternity/child rearing leave of absence request of Jennifer Wilkinson, Teacher at the Elementary School, during the 2018-2019 school year starting September 1, 2018 through December 17, 2018 in accordance with Article XVI., Paragraph B., of the collective negotiations agreement between the Board and the South Amboy Education Association. Ms. Wilkinson's unpaid leave shall commence following her exhaustion of her allowable accrued paid leave. Ms. Wilkinson's unpaid leave days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq., and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et seq., as appropriate and as recommended by the Superintendent.

3. REVISED MATERNITY/CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE/MICHELLE MASELLA

That the Board of Education approves the maternity/child rearing leave of absence request of Michelle Masella, Guidance Counselor at the Elementary School, for a period from June 18, 2018 through December 3, 2018 in accordance with Article XVI., Paragraph B., of the collective negotiations agreement between the Board and the South Amboy Education Association. Ms. Masella's unpaid leave shall commence following her exhaustion of her allowable accrued paid leave. Ms. Masella's unpaid leave days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq., and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et seq., as appropriate and as recommended by the Superintendent.

4. PERSONNEL FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to serve the students enrolled in the district’s extended school year program as recommended by the Superintendent. The program will run from July 2, 2018 through July 26, 2018 Mondays through Thursdays from 8:45 A.M. to 12:00 Noon (The 4th of July Holiday will be observed). Rate of pay will be as reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association:

- ELEMENTARY TEACHERS**
- PARAPROFESSIONALS**
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT STAFF**
- SCHOOL NURSE**

Michelle Fincke, Corin Everett
 Evelyn Gonzalez, Amy Russo
 Carrie Kenny, Kelly Trzeciak
 Karen Laino

5. REHIRE OF NON-TENURED PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF

That the Board of Education approves the reemployment of non-tenured part time paraprofessional staff for the 2018-2019 school year as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Salaries and steps will be as reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association. Due to reorganization and budget constraints and consistent with contractual and certification requirements, personnel may be transferred to any position subject to approval by the Board of Education:

Diane Bloomer	Donna Kales
Mary Blumetti	Carol A. Poth
Alexandria De Grazia	Amy Russo
Jessica English-Honimar	

6. APPROVE/ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER/CORIN EVERETT

That the Board of Education approves the employment of Corin Everett as an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year effective September 1, 2018 until June 20, 2019 (or the last day of school) as recommended by the Superintendent. Her salary (BA Step 5), 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 and Board Policy #4212.4 (Physicals for Employees)

7. REHIRE PART-TIME IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION TEACHER/MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL/MICHELLE WITTE

That the Board of Education approves the employment of Michelle Witte as part-time In-School Suspension Teacher at the Middle High School for the 2018-2019 school year effective September 1, 2018 until June 20, 2018 as recommended by the Superintendent. Her salary (.20 BA Step 1), no benefits, will be as reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PERSONNEL ITEMS

None

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

- Ayes: Conrad, Dragotta, Gonzalez, Kasics, McLaughlin, Perez, Taggart, Walsh
- Nays: None
- Abstention: Conrad (Motions 5 & 7), Dragotta (Motion 5)
- Absent: Simko

1. ACCEPTANCE OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (HIB) INCIDENT REPORT/MAY 21, 2018

That the Board of Education accepts the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Incident Report for HIB incidents reported to the Board of Education on May 21, 2018. (Attachment A)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER MOTIONS

None

A motion was made by Mrs. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Perez to approve motions One of the Other Motion section of the Business/Public Meeting Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE MOTIONS

1. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board of Education approves the attached transfers for April 2018 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 5/01/2018-5/21/2018 (Attachment C)

The Board of Education approves the following expenditures for 5/01/18-5/21/18

Bills For	Amount
Regular Bills	652,475.53
4/15/18 Payroll	439,363.71
4/30/18 Payroll	431,707.87
TOTAL	\$ 1,523,547.11
April Agency	401,943.33

3. ACCEPT THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT – APRIL 2018 (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 APRIL 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL FUND BALANCES

The Board of Education accepts the attached April 2018 Organizational Fund Balances. (Attachment E)

5. ACCEPT THE APRIL 2018 ATHLETIC FUND BALANCES

The Board of Education accepts the attached April 2018 Athletic Fund Balances. (Attachment F)

6. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board of Education approves the attached field trip requests for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment G)

Trip # MH-18017 - MH-18020
Trip # E-18042 – E-18043

7. APPROVE REVISED TUITION CONTRACT FOR 2017-2018 – CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Board of Education approves tuition contract between the South Amboy Board of Education and The Center for Lifelong Learning for student #7565941556 for the period September 5, 2017 – February 27, 2018. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

8. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/RARITAN BAY SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

That the Board of Education approves the request of the Raritan Bay Summer Basketball League to use the Middle/High School gymnasium for a summer basketball league on Mondays through Fridays from June 1, 2018 until August 2, 2018 (excluding June 25, 2018, when the high school team is practicing in use for school events, and during construction to replace the RTU at the Middle/High School) from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. This activity will be covered by the Raritan Bay Summer Basketball League pending receipt of current insurance and negotiated offer based on the Use of Facilities Fee Schedule.

9. APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF SAFETY GRANT THROUGH NJSIG

That the Board of Education approves the Submittal of the Safety Grant through NJSIG in the amount of \$7,491.66.

10. APPROVE RELATED SERVICES AGREEMENT – UNITED THERAPY SOLUTIONS, INC.

The Board of Education approves a contract for related services between the South Amboy Board of Education and United Therapy Solutions, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. (Copy of contract and rates is on file in the Board Office).

11. SUBMISSION OF PRESCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM GRANT

The Board of Education approves the submission of the 2018-2019 Preschool Early Childhood Program plan from the New Jersey State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education with amended budget. (Attachment H)

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

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

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Diaz – June meeting will be on June 26th so there is no conflict with graduation. Discussed the OEM Event at the MHS regarding DUI Drill.

Mrs. Taggart – OEM drill was very impactful and felt that it meant a lot more to see how classmates could be effected by their discussions.

Mr. Walsh – Congratulated all those employees honored earlier in the meeting. Thank Mr. Henry for his hard work as Student Representative. He also congratulated track team, Baseball team and congratulated Mr. Henry on winning scholar athlete of the year.

Mrs. Kasics – Discussed the Touch-A-Truck Event.

Mrs. Taggart – Discussed the Spring Concert

Mr. Henry – Congratulated Baseball team for winning State Tournament Game. He spoke about the Senior Trip, the NHS Induction Ceremony, and the A.P tests. He also thanked the Board for a great year.

Mrs. McLaughlin – Asked Mr. Diaz about NHS eligibility.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. McCabe – Provided an update on the Annual School Plan.

Diane Smocovich – Discussed the 6th and 7th grade trips.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Frascella

Business Administrator/Board Secretary