

SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business/Public Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018 – 6:00 P.M. – Middle/High School Cafeteria

Mrs. Kasic 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: None

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

Mr. Frascella Administered the Oath of Office – New Board Member Joan M. Conway

Ms. Conway took her seat on the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:05 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. Conway and seconded by Mrs. Taggart, the Board reconvened into the public portion of the meeting at 7:05 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.

Mr. Diaz Presented the PARCC Analysis and 2017-2018 In-Review

Mr. Blekeski Presented Patrick Walsh with a Cross Country Banner Memorializing his Achievements

The Board Committee Chairs reviewed the Agenda Motions

MINUTES

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

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| August 27, 2018 | Business-Public Meeting |
| August 27, 2018 | Closed Session/Business Meeting |

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

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION

That the Board of Education approves the School Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented, and as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment A)

2. STUDENT TEACHER FIELD EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the following student teacher field experience placement for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent:

| Student Name | College | Cooperating Teacher | Subject | Location | Dates |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| Samuel Suhotliv | Rutgers College | Shane Hughes | Social Studies | HS | Fall 2018 |

PUBLIC COMMENT ON EDUCATION & CURRICULUM ITEMS

None

A motion was made by Mrs. Kasics and seconded by Mrs. Taggart to approve motions One through Two 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
 Absent: None

POLICY

1. FIRST READING OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT & SECLUSION POLICY AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINT REGULATION

That the Board of Education approves the first reading of the Physical Restraint & Seclusion Policy and Physical Restraint Regulation, #5142.2, as attached and recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment B)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON POLICY ITEMS

None

A motion was made by Mrs. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Kasics to approve motions One 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
 Absent: None

PERSONNEL

1. APPROVAL OF MENTOR/MENTEE ASSIGNMENT/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the Mentor/Mentee assignment for 2018-2019 school year, of the following individuals as recommended by the Superintendent:

| MENTOR | MENTEE | SCHOOL YEAR |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Tara Vona | Megan Collante | 2018-2019 |
| Wendy Sherman | Laura Ng | 2018-2019 |
| Denis Bourgeau | John Kim | 2018-2019 |
| Laura Butler | Kim Barna | 2018-2019 |
| Loretta Cannon | Sarah Dahl | 2018-2019 |
| Eileen Desouza | Lindsay Durant | 2018-2019 |
| Sheri Harlan | Gretchen Katzenberger | 2018-2019 |

2. REHIRE OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER /RATE INCREASE/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the reemployment of substitute teacher, Marcia Mercado at a rate of \$90.00 per diem, for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

3. APPROVE/ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER /2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Danica A. D’Achiardi Daily Rate: \$85.00 per diem

4. APPROVE/CHESTER YUAN/AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION TEACHER

That the Board of Education approves Chester Yuan for the After-School Detention Teacher Position at the Elementary School, for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. The rate for this position will be in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association.

5. ADDITIONAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITION/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individual to an Extra-Curricular position for the 2018-2019 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:

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| Peer Leadership Advisor | Michelle Witte |
| 10 TH Grade Advisor | Sarah Spinapont |
| History Club Advisor | Anthony Mecca |
| Early Act Club/RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) (ES) | Kimberly Gundrum |

6. AGREEMENT/SOUTH AMBOY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

That the Board of Education adopts the Agreement between the South Amboy Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association to be in effect from July 1, 2017 and to continue in effect until June 30, 2020.

7. REVISED MATERNITY EXTENSION REQUEST/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 February 4, 2019 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.

8. 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 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

Joy LaVigne
Carrie Kenny

9. SICK LEAVE REVISED/2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR/CUSTODIAN/JEFFREY LAKATOS

That the Board of Education approves the sick leave of Jeffrey Lakatos, Custodian at the Elementary School, for a period of September 17, 2018 until September 21, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PERSONNEL ITEMS

None

A motion was made by Mrs. McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Conrad to approve motions One through Nine 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 6)
Absent: None

BUDGET AND FINANCE MOTIONS

1. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

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

2. EXPENDITURES FOR 8/28/2018-9/24/2018 (Attachment D)

The Board of Education approves the following expenditures for 8/28/18-9/24/18

| Bills For | Amount |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Regular Bills | 836,103.42 |
| 8/15/18 Payroll | 90,394.99 |
| 8/30/18 Payroll | 86,955.19 |
| TOTAL | <u><u>\$1,013,453.60</u></u> |

August Agency

65,981.13

3. ACCEPT THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT – AUGUST 2018 (Attachment E)
 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. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS
 The Board of Education approves the attached field trip requests for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attachment F)

Trip # MH-19002 – MH-19007
Trip # E-19002 – E-19007

5. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/SOUTH AMBOY PARADE COMMITTEE
 That the Board of Education approves the request of the South Amboy Parade Committee to use the Middle/High School Theater on March 15, 2019, from 5:00pm until 11:00pm. This activity will be covered by the City of South Amboy’s insurance. There is no cost for the Use of Facilities for this activity.

6. APPROVE NONRESIDENT CONTRACTS FOR 2018-2019
 The Board of Education approves contract agreements consistent with board policy #5118 for nonresident students listed below:

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| Student ID |
| #8205801382 |

7. DISTRICT APPROVED FINANCIAL ADVISORS – MASS MUTUAL
 That the district approves Mass Mutual as a district Financial Advisor to provide life insurance products to the South Amboy Public School employees.

8. ACCEPT TEMPORARY EMERGENCY IMPACT AID FOR DISPLACED STUDENTS
 That the Board of Education accepts Grant Funding of \$52,625 as part of the State Program for Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students for the 18-19 school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER MOTIONS

None

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

Absent: None

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Walsh – Thanked everyone involved and all those who came for his banner presentation.

Mr. Conrad – Congratulated Mr. Walsh and thanked Mr. Diaz for his presentation.

Mr. Lukie – Informed the Board and Public about Student Council Elections, the cross-county team, and the GMC's for tennis.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Murphy – Concerned about the coxsakie cases at the Elementary School and how it was communicated to the parents.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Mrs. Kasics and seconded by Mr. Dragotta that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:55. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Frascella

Business Administrator/Board Secretary