

Somers Point Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, December 16, 2021)
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Vice President Heather Samuelson called the Somers Point Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:05 PM at the Jordan Road School.

Open Public Meetings Statement- Vice President Heather Samuelson read the following statement

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to two newspapers, posted on the bulletin board of City Hall and on the doors of the three schools as required in the Open Public Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 and as amended by P.L. 2020, c.11

Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank, Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Mr. Michael Sweeder, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Dr. Alice Myers

Members Absent: Mrs. John Conover and Mrs. Staci Endicott

Others Present: Dr. Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Julie Gallagher, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Amy Houck Elco, Attorney

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Dr. Alice Myers, seconded by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco to approve Item A from the minutes. Resolved that the following meeting minutes be approved as presented and available for release to the public upon request and according to policy. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

A. Regular Meeting - 11.18.21
Executive Session - 11.18.21
Special Meeting - 12.3.21

Presentations

A. Superintendent's Presentation - NO PRESENTATION THIS MONTH DUE TO MULTIPLE RECOGNITION, DATA, and ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS

B. SPSD HIB Self Assessment Presentation for 2020-2021 School Year
The 20-21 HIB Self Assessments for Jordan Road School, Dawes Avenue School, and New York Avenue School.
2020-2021 SPSD HIB Self Assessment Presentation

C. Presentation of Proposal for Jewish Family Services Students/ Family Resource Center

D. First Round MTSS Data

E. Presentation of Governor's Teacher of the Year and Educational Service Professionals of the Year:

Governor's Teachers of the Year
Mrs. Chrissy Quinn - Jordan Road
Mrs. Donna Coan - Dawes Avenue
Mrs. Julia Lindsay - New York Avenue

ESP
Mrs. Nancy Garrett - Jordan Road
Mrs. Shiela Altomare - Dawes Avenue
Mrs. Michele Sokalski - NYA
Public Forum-Agenda Items Only

Open Meeting to Public/Guidelines for Public Forum

Vice President Heather Samuelson opened the meeting to the public at 7:01pm and read the following notice: Public participation will be in accordance with District Policy #0167. Public participation will include, but not be limited to the following rules: a participant of the public will present his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate. Each participant will be limited to three (3) minutes per statement and the overall duration of the public comments shall not exceed 30 minutes.

- Nicole Barnabel- Spoke about concerns that we have lost a lot of good teachers. She also stated the concern that we are not paying teachers enough money and that we have also lost a lot of things such as buses but taxes have not gone down. So where is the money going?

Closed Public Comment at 7:02PM

School and Community

Student and Community Affairs Committee Report:

- Cultural Awareness
- Jewish Family Services
- Pedestrian Safety
- ESSER ARP
- Public Relations
- Final Phase of Redistricting
- Staff Attendance
- Enrollment

Foundation for Education Liaison Report:

- No Report

City Council Liaison Report:

- No Report

Election Results for Board of Education Members beginning January 1, 2022, as certified by the Atlantic County Clerk's Office:

John Conover - 2,048

Heather Samuelson - 1,797

Nicholas Wagner - 16 (write-in candidate)

Finance/Operations

Finance Committee Report:

- Contracts
- Grant for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs
- Cornice replacement
- ESEA Grant revision-2021-2021 School Year
- Audit
- Budget
- American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grant allocation
- Safety Transportation
- Bad Debt

Motion was made by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, seconded by Dr. Kathleen Dolton to approve Items B-N. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

B. Transfer of Funds

Approve the Adjustments for the Budget as presented and made a part of these minutes

Monthly Transfers 1121.pdf (212 KB) Nov 2021 Appropriations.pdf (438 KB)

C. Secretary Report/Cash Report

Approve the Report of the Secretary for the month ending November 2021, as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that they certify that as of November 2021, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The board further approves the Cash Report for the month of November 2021.

D. Treasurer's Report

Approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending November 2021 as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) and that they certify that as of November 2021, after review of the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

E. Bills for Payment

Approve the Bills List as presented and made a part of these minutes:

GENERAL - \$ 1,076,984.22

CAPITAL - \$ 0

PAYROLL - \$ 933,419.28

TOTAL - \$ 2,010,403.50

F. Contracts

Approve the following contracts, as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

1. Affiliation Agreement for student teachers between the Bloomsburg University, College of Education in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and the Somers Point Board of Education.

2. Jewish Family Services Program to have a Student and Family Resource Center located at Jordan Road/ accessible to the entire Somers Point School District Community. Two Certified Therapists on-site, 5 days a week, from 10-6 pm daily. GRANT FUNDED.

G. Fund Raising Activities

Approve the following fundraisers, as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

1. Margie Smock for the Future Act Club on December 08, 2021, to raise money for the Food Bank. The club members will make reindeer candy canes to sell to the students. Time during the club meetings will be used to decorate candy canes and sell them during lunch periods. This will be for the 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade students.

H. Transportation

Accept the completion of the first of two "Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills" for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the New Jersey Administration Code NJCA 6A:27-11.2

I. Fixed Assets

Accept the 2020-2021 school year Fixed Asset report.

J. ASSA Application

Approve the submission of the 2021-2022 school year Application for State School Aid (ASSA) to the New Jersey Department of Education.

K. ESEA Grant Revision -2020-2021 School Year

Authorize the submission and acceptance of the ESEA Grant carryover from the 2020-2021 grant as listed below:

Original Grant for 2021-2022 \$46,6797

Carry Over from 2020-2021 \$86,761
 Total Revised 2021-2022 FY \$553,558

L. Reorganization Meeting Date

Advertise the Reorganization meeting of the Somers Point Board of Education for Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:00pm as follows: The Somers Point Board of Education, the County of Atlantic, the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for January 6, 2022 at 6:00pm, will be held as an in-person meeting at the Jordan Road School, 129 Jordan Road, Somers Point, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, and as amended by P.L. 2020, c.11. Formal Action will take place.

M. Tuition bad debt

Approve the bad debt write off of tuition from the 19-20 year for student #998997 in the amount of \$3,000.

N. Safety Grant - JIF

We have been notified by ACCASBOJIF that we qualified for the Elite II Safety Grant which is worth \$2,500. Along with outstanding claims processing and safety incentives totaling \$7,000 Mrs. Loder, along with the safety committee members, continued to work as a team to ensure that safety issues were being addressed even though the schools were closed from March 16 till the end of the school year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Loder for her dedication to the Somers Point School District's safety awareness!

Curriculum

Instruction Committee Report:

- Bloomsburg Request for Fieldwork
- Mental Health Discussion
- SPTSD STEAM
- Preliminary Data Review
- Start Strong Data
- Report Card Changes

Motion was made by Dr. Alice Myers, seconded by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco to approve Items B-D. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

B. Out of District Professional Development

Approve the following Out of District Professional Development for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Program	Date(s)	Location	Fee	
1	Michele Sokalski	Speech-Language Therapy	02/14/2022	Mt. Laurel	Registration - \$279 Travel - \$21.35
2	Carly Stranges, David Laut, Kim Fontana	Mainland Regional High School Tour for case managers, special ed teachers, and counselors.	02/17/2022	Linwood	\$0.00
3	**Michelle Kaas, Phil Pallitto, Emily Ford	Intro to the EL Education 6-8 Language Arts Curriculum	Online at the teachers convenience	n/a	\$668.00
4	**Devon Kallen	Lifelines Suicide Prevention Training	12/14/2021	Zoom Meeting	\$0.00
5	**Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder	Techspo '22	12/26 - 12/28/22	Harrah's Atlantic City	\$490.00

C. School Activities

Activity	Group	Destination
Field Trip	Band/Chorus	Hershey Park

D. Special Education Staff visit to Egg Harbor Township High School

Motion to approved the following staff members to visit Egg Harbor Township High School on January 5th, 2022 to observe the special education Life Skills School Store program. Staff members will use 1/2 professional day for the morning visit:

- Kristen Trusty
- Larry Randour
- Robyn Nichols
- Carly Stranges
- Carleena Supp

Personnel

Negotiations Committee Report:

- Contract Information

Motion was made by Mrs. Stacie Brookbank, seconded by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco to approve Items B-F. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

B. Retirements

Approve the following retirements as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Name	Position	School	Effective Date
1. Mario Montanero	STEAM teacher	Jordan Road	01/01/2022
2. Elizabeth Buffa	Paraprofessional	Jordan Road	01/22/2022
**3. Patty Jensen	Interventionalist	Dawes Avenue	03/01/2022

C. Resignations

Approve the following resignations as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Name	Position	School	Effective Date
**1. Meghan Weimer	ESL Teacher	Jordan Road	2/11/2022

D. Stipends/Clubs/Activities

Approve the following stipends, clubs, and activities as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

1. AIM MENTORS	STIPEND (prorated on Title I Grant approval and Start Date)
Dave Laut Kim Fontana Cris Reinhold Devon Kallen Jackie Wootton Amanda Winslow Margie Smock Tiffany Unsworth Phil Pallitto Emily Ford	\$1,000 (prorated)

E. Stockton Fieldwork Placement Revision

Approve the Stockton student revision due to resignation of Michelle Baltz originally approved at the June 10, 2021 Board meeting, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

CP2 - INTERMEDIATE FIELDWORK - Fall 2021

Name	Dungan Taylor
Cooperating Teacher/School	Nancy Mensch Dawes Avenue
Grade	1
Dates	09/07/2021 - 12/17/2021

F. FMLA/NJFLA Leave

Employee ID	FMLA/NJFLA	Dates
S415	FMLA	02/16/2021 - end of school year

Policy

A. Policy Committee Report

Public Forum

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- No Comments

Closed Public Comment at 7:19PM

Board Forum

- Mrs. Stacie Brookbank- The PTO event that was held on December 9th was so great. It was nice to see administration and teachers out. Thanked the SPEA for supplying the pizza and also thanked everyone.
- Mrs. Heather Samuelson- Talked about seeing a decrease at Dawes in the enrollment report and asked if exit interviews are still be completed.

Board General Information - For Information Only

A. Board Calendar

B. NJSBA Upcoming Events NJSBA MEETING SCHEDULE

Administrative Monthly Reports - For Information Only

- Enrollment Report as of 12/16/2021 784
- Jordan Road Principal and Assistant Principal Report
- Dawes Avenue and New York Avenue Principal Report
- Director of Curriculum Instruction

Possible Executive Session

Motion was made by Dr. Alice Myers, seconded by Dr. Kathleen Dolton to enter Executive Session. All In Favor

A. Recess to Executive Session at 7:22PM, we will be in executive session for approximately 10 minutes. Action may be taken.

B. Motion was made by Dr. Kathleen Dolton, seconded by Dr. Alice Myers to reconvene to Public Meeting at 7:37PM. All In Favor

Action May Be Taken After Executive Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, seconded by Dr. Alice Myers to approve Items A and B. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

A. Acknowledge HIB Incidents

Acknowledge there were 1 HIB incident reported for the Somers Point School District from 11/19/2021 to 12/16/2021 in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:16-7.1.

#224960 - Founded for some (JRS)

B. Affirm HIB Incidents

Affirm there were 6 HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from 10/22/2021 to 11/18/21 in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:16-7.1.

#223296 - Unfounded (JRS)

#223854 - Unfounded (JRS)

#224062 - Unfounded (JRS)

#224419 - Unfounded (DAS)

#224204 - Founded (JRS)

#224171 - Founded (JRS)

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the meeting the meeting was made by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, seconded by Dr. Alice Myers at 7:41PM. All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,


Julie Gallagher
Business Administrator/Board Secretary