

October 30, 2023 (Monday, October 30, 2023)
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President Mrs. Staci Endicott called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

Open Public Meetings 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 Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and as amended by P.L. 2020, c.11.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank, Mr. John Conover, Mr. Charles Haberkorn (left meeting at 7:00pm), Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Dr. Alice Myers, Mr. Michael Sweeder (arrived at 5:05pm), Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Vice President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President

Members Absent: Mrs. Karen Tomasello

Other Present: Dr. Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Mary Conroy, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Amy Houck Elco, Attorney

Possible Executive Session

Motion was made to enter into executive session by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Myers at 5:03pm. All in Favor

Recess to Executive Session for Attorney client communication, contracts, personnel, we will be in executive session for approximately two hours. Action may be taken.

Reconvene to Public Meeting at 7:02pm

Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Endicott

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. Brookbank to approve item A. Motion was carried with a roll call vote of 7-0.

A. Minutes

Resolved that the following meeting minutes be approved as presented and available for release to the public upon request and according to policy:

Regular Meeting: 9/21/2023
Executive Meeting: 9/21/2023

Presentations

Teachers of the Month

- Dawes Avenue
Kristen Trusty - Jordan Road

Students of the Month - Dawes Avenue

Kindergarten	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade

Students of the Month - Jordan Road

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
James Barr	Lucy Juliano	Andres Pozo	Bailey Zehner	Estrella Chavez

Public Forum-Agenda Items Only

Action, Procedural: A. Open Meeting to Public/Guidelines for Public Forum

Recommended Action: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES: Public participation at a board meeting is intended to allow individual members of the public the opportunity to address the board and administration and comment on issues of public concern. If you have a question pertaining to litigation, student or personnel items, please see the Superintendent after the

meeting as the Board does not discuss these matters in public as they retain their rights to privacy. Please be further advised, that the Board does not endorse, or intend to endorse, any statements made during public comment periods and the person submitting such statements is responsible for any statements made which may be found to be slanderous, defamatory, or in violation of the law. If you would like to make a comment, please come up to the microphone and provide your name and address. All comments must be directed to the Board President and made in a respectful manner. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person. At the end of the three minutes, you will be notified your time is up. You are not allowed to "give" your minutes to anyone else. We will now be open to public comment. Public comment is limited to thirty minutes. President Staci Endicott opened the meeting to the public at 7:16pm and closed the meeting to the public at 7:17pm.

- No Comments

School and Community

A. Correspondence

- No Report

B. Foundation for Education Liaison Report

- Trail of two cities event

C. City Council Liaison Report

- Art Commission

D. Student and Community Affairs Committee Report

- Sports and clubs
- Acenda Health
- Dawes new playground in the spring
- Grading system
- Monster Mash Fun Run

Finance/Operations

Finance Committee Report

- Security Film
- Electric Controls for gate
- Personnel
- Transportation
- Dawes Classroom Flooring
- ASSA Application
- E-Rate

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. Brookbank to approve items B-M. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0.

B. Transfer of Funds

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

C. Secretary Report/Cash Report

Approve the Report of the Secretary for the month ending -----, as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that they certify that as of -----, 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 -----

D. Treasurer's Report

Approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending ----- as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) and that they certify that as of -----, 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. Contracts

Approve the following out of district contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name of Contract		
ACSSSD-Tuition	\$42,840.00	Student ID# 998515
Greater Egg Transportation-SPT Route CM20A 23/24SY	\$83,921.40	

Greater Egg Transportation-SPT-1 Route CM20A 23/24SY	\$59,238.00	
Greater Egg Transportation-ACSSSD- ACS-GE15 Route CM17G (Sheppard Busing) 23/24SY	\$71,755.20	
Greater Egg Transportation-Field Trips Route CM18	First 4 hours is \$394.72 each additional hour is \$99.00	
Brigantine School District- Tuition	\$22,884.00-Received	Student ID# 16092245
Bayada Nursing	\$65.00/hr RN \$53.00/hr LPN	Student ID# 16195906
Weymouth Township School District	UPDATED-Shared Services Agreement for Pre-School Instructional Coach or School Social Worker for Pre-School Services-1 day a week	\$434.14/day \$0.47/mile
Weymouth Township School District	Interlocal Service Agreement for a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)	4 hours as needed \$140.00/hour
Millville Board of Education-Tuition	\$17,664-Sending	Student ID#15316729
Greater Egg Transportation-Student One Transport Route SP-A1	10/11/2023-3/6/2023 \$22,250.00	

F. InSite Health

Approve entering into an agreement with InSite Health to provide mental health services (including but not limited to wellness screenings, psychiatric evaluations, and individual, group counseling, and adult wellness) to both District and students/families as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

G. Acenda - NJ4S

Approve entering into an agreement with Acenda NJ4S/Sto provide mental health services to both District and students/families as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, the Somers Point School District Board of Education supports Acenda Integrated Health in its efforts to partner with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) with the goal of bringing significant and new prevention and mental health services to Atlantic and Cape May County public school students, their parents/guardians, and educators. This opportunity is part of a major statewide DCF initiative called the New Jersey Statewide Student Support Services Network (NJ4S).

WHEREAS, the Somers Point School District Board of Education recognizes the increased need for prevention, mental health, and wellness services in local communities since the pandemic. And insofar as the additional NJ4S services will not replace, impede, or prevent existing school-based and/or community-based services, Acenda will partner with existing supports and resources to provide district students with services that are evidence-based and culturally appropriate.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Somers Point Board of Education is committed to collaborative efforts with Acenda for the success of the state-funded NJ4S student wellness initiative for our schools.

H. Bills for Payment

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

GENERAL - \$ 309,440.98
 CAPITAL - \$ 0
 PAYROLL - \$ 1,340,761.49
 TOTAL - \$ 1,650,202.47

OCTOBER 19, 2023 BILLS LIST.pdf (499 KB)

I. Use of Facilities

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

Organization	Dates	Location	Cost
Men's Basketball	10/23/23-6/11/23 (Mon. & Tues) 7-9pm	Dawes/Gym	Community Support - Free
CPR Lifesavers	10/30/2023	Dawes Avenue	Staff members that need to be certified or recertified \$85.00/pp
Mainland/ Somers Point Basketball	Tues/Thurs for travel practice Friday for open gym for Somers point children 5 th -8 th from 6pm-8pm	Jordan ROAD	Community Support - Free

J. Fund Raising Activity

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

Activity/Club	School	Fundraiser	Purpose
Grade 7	Jordan	Stitch & Stuff	Fund cost of 7th Gr. Field Trip
Student Council	Jordan	Candy Grams	Fund Cost of NJASC Awards at Six Flags
Student Council	Jordan	Costume Day	Fund Student Council Activities
Student Council/Renaissance	Jordan	Fun Run	Can Drive for Community Food Bank
6th/8th Gr Stokes Trip	Jordan	T-Shirt Sale	supplement trips to Stokes

K. Donations

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

Organization	Dates	Location	Cost	Donation
Jordan Road Student Council	11/6/2023 - 11/10/2023	Jordan Road Gym	\$2,200 + Paint Supplies	Donation of 20 x 10 Jaguar Mural

L. E-Rate

Recommended Action: Motion to approve On-Tech Consulting, Inc. to represent the District in connection with completion of our application for the E-Rate (Universal Service Fund) for Funding Year 2024-2025. In all phases of the application and reimbursement process for all services: telecommunications services, internet access, internal connections and basic maintenance of internal connections.

M. Dawes Ave School Flooring

Approve replacement of Dawes Ave flooring of rooms 103, 108, and 109 over the November break and the remaining to be completed over the winter break. To be funded by Dr. Venello's Pre K funding as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum

A. Instruction Committee Report

- Class Changes
- Insight Contract
- Acenda Services
- Professional Development
- Grades

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Myers to approve items B-G. Motion was carried with a roll call vote of 7-0.

B. Out of District Professional Development

Approve the following Out of District Professional Development for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Program	Date(s)	Location	Fee
Taylor Fussner	Making Mentoring Meaningful	10/24/2023 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	SRI&ETTC	4 ETTC hours
Alyson Carroll	Making Mentoring Meaningful	10/24/2023 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	SRI&ETTC	4 ETTC Hours
20 Teachers TBD	Sheltered Instruction Training	Online throughout year	Provided by SRI&ETTC	Not to Exceed \$15,000 paid through ARP ESSR
Laura Venello	PEA Training (required)	Nov. 1, 2023	Washing Twp. School District	-0-
Keith Nelson	NJ School Boards	10/24 - 10/25/2023	AC Convention Center	\$40.00 parking only

C. Field Trips

Approve the Following Field Trips as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Teacher	School/Grade	Destination	Cost	Reason	Date
Jenn Rowe	Jordan / 7	Kennedy Park Walking Trip	N/A	Fall Festival	11/1/23 (*RD 11/3)
Darcy Drutz	Jordan / Renaissance	Philadelphia Zoo	\$1,234.94	Renaissance Reward	10/18/23
*Devon Kallen	Jordan / Grade 6	NJ School of Conservation - Stokes State Forest	\$16,000 + Bus (TBD) approx	Environmental Education, Team Building, Exponential Education	Feb. 7, 2024 - Feb. 9, 2024
*Devon Kallen	Jordan / Grade 8	NJ School of Conservation - Stokes State Forest	\$6,750.00 approx.	Environmental Education, Team Building, Exponential Education	May 22, 2024
Josh Tostevin	Jordan / Band & Choir	Dorney Park	\$12,400.00 approx.	Adjudicated performance /Reward and Incentive	May 10, 2023

D. Resolution for Sustainable New Jersey

Approve the Resolution for Sustainable New Jersey as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent

E. Calendar

Approve the revised 2023-2024 School year calendar (Addition of Preschool Night Conference)

Calendar Revision.pdf (133 KB)

F. Home Instruction

Approve homebound instruction for the following students, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Student Id# 998785	10 Hours a week
Student Id# 16192252	10 Hours a week ends 10/19
*Student Id# 998436	10 Hours a week effective 10/31/2023

G. New Teacher Mentors

Approve the following teachers to serve as mentors for the assigned new teachers during the 2023.2024 school year as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder,Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

New Teacher	Mentor
Isabella Salerno	Alyson Carroll
*Amanda Pedano	Amy Beth Barnhart

Personnel

Motion was made by Dr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Samulson to table Item F. Motion carried with a Roll call vote of 4-1-2. Motion did not carry

Final Resolution of Tabled Motion YES: Dr. Dolton, Dr. Myers, Mrs. Samuelson, Vice President, Mrs. Endicott, President
 NO: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank
 Abstention: Mr. Conover and Mr. Sweeder

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Dolton to approve items B-H.

Final Resolution was B-H (6-0-1) Dr. Myers Abstention

Items B-H YES: Mrs. Brookbank, Mr. Conover, Dr. Dolton, Mr. Sweeder, Mrs. Samuelson, Vice President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President
 Abstention: Dr. Myers

A. Negotiations Committee Report

- No report

B. Resignations

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

Name	Position	School	Effective Date -Last Day in District
Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D.	Superintendent	District	December 31, 2023
William Straka	Network Administrator	District	December 31, 2023

C. Retirements

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

D. New Hires

Approve the following new hires pending completion of all proper documentation, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Hours
Erika Klein	Substitute	District	Daily Substitute Rate	Not to exceed 4 days per week.
Rosa Santiago	Paraprofessional	Dawes	\$29,383.20	Full Time
John Gecewicz	JV/Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach	Jordan	\$5,460.00	per schedule B of the SPEA contract

Kathryn Hawk	Substitute Custodian	District	\$17.00/hr	per diem
Samuel Jean Mary	Substitute Custodian	District	\$17.00/hr	per diem
Marty Jackson	Substitute Custodian	District	\$17.00/hr	per diem
Lauren Rogers	Nurse	Non-public	\$30.00/hr - per diem	Not to exceed a total of \$10,000
*Amanda Pedano	Gr 4 Teacher, BA+15, Step 1	Jordan	\$55,273	Per SPEA agreement (prorated to 10/4/23)
Michelle Caucci	Permanent Substitute	Jordan	\$30,000	Full Time
*Devon Osler	Substitute	District	Daily Substitute Rate	Not to exceed 4 days per week
*Elizabeth Buffa	Substitute paraprofessional	District	Daily Substitute Rate	Not to exceed 4 days per week
*Kelli Walker	Permanent Substitute	Dawes	\$30,000	Full Time
*Melissa D'Amico	Child Study Team Secretary / Step 13	District	\$51,664	Full-time **Carry 5 vacation days plus 10 sick days.

E. Payroll Specialist/Bookkeeper

Approve Emily Echevarria as the PR Specialist/Bookkeeper at a salary of \$55,000 pro rated for the 23/24 school year, pending completion of all proper documentation as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent

F. Salary Adjustment

Approve salary adjustment for Mrs. Tina Loder, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator to \$51,000 (Retroactive to July 1, 2023), as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

G. Behavioral ParaEducator

Approve the following Behavioral ParaEducators for a stipend of \$4,000, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Position	Location	Required Paperwork
Carly Decker	Behavioral ParaEducator	Jordan Road	RBT Certification/ Coursework

H. FMLA / NJFLA Leave / Leave of Absence

Approve the following employees for FMLA/NJFLA as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Employee ID	FMLA/NJFLA	Dates
5934	FMLA	February 1, 2024 (approximate) to end of the school year 2024

Policy

A. Policy Committee Report

- No Report

B. First Reading

C. Second Reading

Action May Be Taken After Executive Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Myers to approve Item A-B. Motion was carried with a roll call vote of 7-0.

A. Acknowledge HIB Incidents

To acknowledge there were 1 HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from 9/06/2023 to 10/26/2023 in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:16-7.1.

B. Affirm HIB Incidents

To affirm there were ---- HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from ---- to ----- according to N. J. A. C. 6A:-7.1.

Public Forum

Open Meeting to the Public/Guidelines for Public Forum

President Staci Endicott opened the meeting to the public at 7:34pm 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.

Public Comment closed at 7:35pm

Board Forum

Mrs. Samuelson- Thanked the PTO for the Monster Mash on 10/31/2023.

Mrs. Endicott- Stated that the Monster Mash was a lot of work to organize. She also thanked Mr. Straka and Dr. Cry for their time in the district.

Mr. Sweeder-Thanked Mr. Straka for all of his work behind the scenes.

Mrs. Brookbank-Talked about the grading system. She thanked the PTO for the Monster Mash who raised 18,000 to help with field trips. She thanked the business sponsors who helped with the run and all who helped make the run possible.

Board General Information - For Information Only

A. Board Calendar

B. NJSBA Upcoming Events

Administrative Monthly Reports - For Information Only

A. Enrollment Report as of 10/30/2023 is 752

B. Jordan Road Principal Report

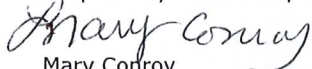
C. Dawes Ave Principal Report

D. Director of Curriculum Instruction

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. Brookbank at 7:40pm. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Conroy

Business Administrator/Board Secretary