

Somers Point Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, March 17, 2022)
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President Staci Endicott called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

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.

Flag Salute was led by Boy Scout Robert Malfitano

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. John Conover, Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Dr. Alice Myers, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Mrs. Staci Endicott

Members Absent: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank and Mr. Michael Sweeder

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. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve Item A. Motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

A. 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- 2/17/2022

Executive Meeting- First Meeting 2/17/2022

Executive Meeting- Second Meeting 2/17/2022

Presentations

Recognition-All South Jersey Jr. High Honors Band

Congratulations to 8th grader Wolf Antolini and 7th grader Geoffrey Lovett for being accepted into the All South Jersey Junior High Honors Band.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation

2022-2023 Budget Presentation

Budget Presentation 22-23 school year

Superintendent's Presentation

March 2022 Superintendent's Report Presentation

Public Forum-Agenda Items Only

Open Meeting to Public/Guidelines for Public Forum

President Staci Endicott opened the meeting to the public at 8:04pm 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 was closed at 8:05pm

School and Community

Student and Community Affairs Committee Report

- Before/After School Program (YMCA)
- Athletics/Activities
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Safety and Security
- Public Relations
- Redistricting

Foundation for Education Liaison Report:

- No Report

City Council Liaison Report

- Passed around survey for Cannabis

Finance/Operations

Finance Committee Report

- Audit
- Budget
- Facilities
- Donation
- Emergent and Capital Maintenance Grant
- Pleasantville Tuition Contract
- Time Change

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Items B-J. Motion was 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 0222.pdf (212 KB)

Feb 2022 Appropriations.pdf (445 KB)

C. Secretary Report/Cash Report

Approve the Report of the Secretary for the month ending February 2022, as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that they certify that as of 02/28/2022, 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 February.

Secretary Report 0222.pdf (2,149 KB)

Monthly Board Certification 0222.pdf (76 KB)

Cash Report 0222.pdf (93 KB)

D. Treasurer's Report

Approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending 02/28/2022 as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) and that they certify that as of 02/28/2022, 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.

Treasurer Report 0222.pdf (101 KB)

E. Bills for Payment

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

GENERAL - \$1,007,560.78

CAPITAL - \$0

GENERAL-batch 70- \$6,967.21

PAYROLL - \$907,068.23

TOTAL - \$1,921,596.22

MARCH 17 2022-BATCH 70.pdf (423 KB)

MARCH 17 2022 BILLS LIST.pdf (513 KB)

F. Contracts/Agreements

Approve the following contracts/agreements for the 2021-2022 school year, as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Contract/Agreement	Amount	Student ID
Brookfield Educational Service Program-Home Instruction	\$43.00	998338

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Basketball coach stipend agreement between the SPEA and the Board of Education dated 03/01/2022		
Pleasantville Tuition Agreement	6,466.00	936840372

G. Use of Facilities

Approve the use of the Dawes Avenue and Jordan Road Media Center from March 21, 2022 - March 25, 2022, held by the PTO for the Spring Scholastic Book Fair as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

H. Fund Raising Activity

Approve the following fundraising activity for grades 4-8.

Spring Fan-O-Gram 04/04/2022

Dress down - March 28 - April 14, 2022 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) for District Renaissance - \$10.00 per staff member.

I. Donations

To accept the following donations:

1. \$500 in gift cards to be donated to the schools on behalf of Acme from GENYOUTH
2. Donation of sports equipment for recess to Jordan Road and Dawes Avenue from the Parent Teacher Organization

J. Emergent and Capital Maintenance Grant

Approve the submission and acceptance of the Emergent and Capital Maintenance Grant in the amount of \$20,117.

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Item K. Motion was carried unanimously 6-0.

K. Approval of Tentative Budget for 2022-2023

To approve the 2022-2023 tentative budget to be remitted to the County Executive Superintendent of Schools as follows: General Fund: \$15,771,692 Special Revenue Fund: \$5,722,155 Debt Service Fund: \$966,020 TOTAL BUDGET: \$22,458,867 BE IT RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2022-2023 school year budget as described in a general fund tax levy of \$10,392,770 (no increase over 2021-2022 levy) and debt service tax levy of \$ for a total tax levy of \$; and BE IT RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator is authorized to advertise said tentative budget in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held at the Jordan Road School, 129 Jordan Road, Somers Point, NJ on April 28, 2022 at 7pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the 2022-2023 school year budget.

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Items M-N. Motion was carried unanimously 6-0

M. Maintenance Reserve Withdraw 2022-2023 Budget

To approve the withdraw from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$400,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for maintenance expenditures.

N. IDEA Grant Revision -2020-2021 School Year

To authorize the submission and acceptance of the IDEA Grant carryover from the 2020-2021 grant as listed below:

Original Grant for 2021-2022 \$309,844

Carry Over from 2020-2021 \$48,844

Total Revised 2021-2022 FY \$358,688

Curriculum

Instruction Committee Report:

- K-3 Curriculum Phase 1
- Request for Nursing Practicum-Summer 2022
- VERY preliminary data-2nd trimester
- New Teacher Induction Proposal
- New York Avenue Update
- Summer Partnership Opportunities
- GT Opportunity

Motion was made by Mrs. DeCicco, seconded by Dr. Myers to approve Item B. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

B. Out of District Professional Development

Approve the following Out of District Professional Development as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Program	Date(s)	Location	Fee	
1	Keith Nelson	Annual NJ Bldg/Grounds Expo	03/21/22 03/22/22 03/23/22	Atlantic City	\$0.

2.	Kristie Unsworth	Catching Up Eng. Lang. Learners Who Have Fallen Behind	03/30/22	Virtual	\$279.00
3	Julie Gallagher	NJASBO - Purchasing Class	03/22/22	Mt. Laurel	\$150.00
4	Jodie Mairone	Childhood Apraxia of Speech	03/21/22	Virtual	\$279.00
5	Dr. Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder	Jostens Renaissance Global Conference	7/17/2022 to 7/20/2022	Orlando, Florida	No To Exceed \$1,000.00

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Item C. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

C. Eagle Scout Project

Approve the Eagle Scout Project at the Dawes Avenue School.
Rob Malfitano

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Items D-E. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

D. Field Trips

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

School	Destination	Grade Level	Date(s)	Purpose
Jordan	Somers Point Beach	5th	06/10/2022	1
Jordan	Kennedy Park	5th	06/01/2022	2
Jordan	Somers Point City Fields	4th - 8th	06/01/2022 to 06/10/2022	3
Jordan	Somers Point Baseball Fields	6th	06/16/2022	4
Jordan	Kennedy Park	6th	06/10/2022	5
Jordan	Dawes Avenue School	Student Council	04/14/2022	6

E. Revised School Calendar

Approve the revised school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year (additional snow day noted), as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

2021-2022-SchoolCalendar-Revised-031722.pdf (96 KB)

Personnel

Negotiations Committee Report

- No Report

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Items B-L. 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	Last Day in District
Stacey Gross	Paraprofessional	NYA	April 06, 2022	April 06, 2022

C. New Hires

Approve the following new hire(s) as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Position	Step	School	Dates
Mason Henry	L/T sub w/ Benefits - Library	BA/ Step 1	Dawes	TBD

D. FMLA / NJFLA Leave

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

Employee ID	FMLA/NJFLA	Dates
5407	Without Pay	04/04/2022 - 06/30/2022

E. Stipends/Clubs/Activities

Approve the following stipends for Club/ Sports/ Activities, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Jeanette Cellucci - JV Basketball Coach	\$2,730
Matt Marrucci - JV Basketball Coach	\$2,730

F. Stockton Fieldwork Placement Summer 2022 Semester

Approve the following for CP1/Introductory Fieldwork (80 hours) Placement for Summer 2022 Semester from Stockton College, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

NAME	COOPERATING TEACHER	SCHOOL	GRADE	DATES
Michele Per	Christine Reinhold	Jordan	7	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Kaitlin Reehill	Kim Ciampa	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Samantha Bilcik	Deanna Haas	Dawes	K	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Nicole Brooks	Tracy Esposito	Dawes	1st	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Dara Sborea	Samantha Notos	Jordan	5/6	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Gillian Schuldiner	Michelle McKeon	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Lauren Ryan	Kristen Trusty	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Tyler Burns	Aubrey Atkinson	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Wan Chan	Jennie Lick	Dawes	K	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Kristen Schreiber	Tiffany Unsworth	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Rohima Begum	Sue Fischer	Dawes	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Gabrielle Bock	Nicole Stanewich	Dawes	K	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Reese Terraciano	Giannine DiSciascio	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Catherine Knoll	Devon Kallen	Jordan	Multiple	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Lauren Woolbert	Margie Smock	Jordan	5-Math	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
Julia Maier	Alyson Carroll	New York	P/K	05/16/22 - 06/20/22
LaKeira Simpson	Paige Lovejand	Dawes	K	05/16/22 - 06/20/22

G. Long Term Substitute

Approve the following continuing leave replacement as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.
Jason Carroll - Continuation of his contract for Elementary Music Effective March 18, 2022, to June 30, 2022

H. Sports Assignors

Approve the following sports assignors for the 2021-2022 Spring Sports Season at the following rates:

Rick Warren	Track & Field Assignor	\$59.00
Jim Conover	Baseball Assignor	\$86.00
Jim Conover	Softball Assignor	\$84.00

I. Sports Umpires

Approve umpires for baseball and softball at the following rates for the Spring 2022 sports season, Baseball-\$86.00 per game, Softball-\$84.00 per game

J. Sports Track & Field Officials

Approve Track and Field Officials at the Following rates for the Spring 2022 sports season.

Dual meets (1 starter and 3 officials)

Starter: \$67
Official: \$59

Tri meet (1 starter and 5 officials)

Starter: \$76
Official: \$67

Quad meet (1 starter/5 officials)

Starter: \$98
Official: \$85

K. Baseball Coach

Approve Jon Bruccoleri as the Baseball Coach as approved by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, ED.D., Superintendent of Schools, for a stipend of \$2,730.00

L. Rutgers University-Camden - School Nursing Program

Approve the following student for Practicum II hours as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Cooperating Teacher	School	Dates
Sheila Taney	Margo Moses	Jordan Road	Summer

Policy

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCiccò to approve Item B. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (Dr. Dolton had a vote of No on Policy 2431.4).

B. First Reading

REVISED

- Policy 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment
- Policy 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- Policy 2622 Student Assessment
- Policy 3233 Political Activities
- Policy 7540 Joint Use of Facilities
- Policy 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias Related Acts
- Policy 9560 Administration of School Surveys

NEW

- Policy 3421.13 Post-Natal Accommodations
- Policy 4421.13 Post-Natal Accommodations
- Policy 5541 Anti-Hazing

Public Forum

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- Josh Tostevin- Thanked the Board for the approvals of the stipends
- Theresa Dougherty- Commented about how she feels nervous about some of the concerns of the teachers and hoping that they will be heard but as a parent she sees good things coming out of Dawes and Jordan.

Public comment was closed at 8:31pm

Board Forum

- No Comments

Board General Information - For Information Only

- A. Board Calendar
- B. NJSBA Upcoming Events

Administrative Monthly Reports - For Information Only

- A. Enrollment Report as of 3/17/2022 766
- B. Jordan Road Principal Report
- C. Dawes Avenue and New York Avenue Principal Report
- D. Director of Curriculum Instruction

Executive Session

Motion was made to enter Executive Session by Dr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson. All in Favor

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Somers Point in the County of Atlantic, NJ, that upon passage of this Resolution they go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters: HIB, Personnel, Contracts and Attorney Client Communication. We will be in executive session for approximately 60 to 90 minutes. Action may be taken.

Reconvened to the Public at 10:36pm

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Dolton to approve Items A-B. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

A. Acknowledge HIB Incidents

Acknowledge there were 2 HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from 02/18/2022 to 03/17/2022 in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:16-7.1.

#228621 - Unfounded

#228755 - Founded

B. Affirm HIB Incidents

Affirm there were 2 HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from 01/21/2022 to 02/17/2022 according to N. J. A. C. 6A:-7.1.

#227210 - Unfounded

#227853 - Unfounded

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve Item L. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

L. 2022-2023 PreSchool Grant

Approve the 2022-2023 PreSchool Grant in the amount of \$1,241,540 plus \$146,278 carry over and \$10,000 from the operating and submit to the state accordingly at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 10:38pm was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Myers. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Gallagher
Business Administrator/Board Secretary