

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 5, 2024, in the Gymnasium of Memorial School, 1 Dyer Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Ms. Paladino

Ms. Paladino read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on **January 16, 2024**. Said notices was posted at the South Hackensack Municipal Building, in the Lobby of Memorial School, and the South Hackensack School District Website.

Roll call was taken by Elizabete Schaefer, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present: Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca

Absent: Ms. Davis, Mr. Yannetti

Also Present: Dr. Aguilar, Mr. Chirichella, Ms. Schaefer

4 people in attendance

Ms. Paladino led the Board in the Flag salute

Presentations: None

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

Ms. Paladino read the following statement:

Residents are requested to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the District are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific

legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

Approval of Minutes: 1/3/24, 1/8/24

(On file in the business office) moved by Mr. Tornambe , seconded by Mr. Donatello

Ayes: Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ms. Davis, Mr. Yannetti

Approval of Correspondence: None

Report of the Superintendent:

Mr. Chirichella opened his discussion by recognizing our School Safety Officer, Ms. Laura Schreck for her amazing and quick efforts in a health and safety situation last week. Ms. Schreck administered the Heimlich maneuver to a third grade student. A classmate of the choking student alerted Ms. Schreck who happened to be in the vicinity during the lunch period. The classmate was recognized and a Super Bulldog certificate was presented to him. Mr. Chirichella thanked Ms. Schreck on his behalf and on behalf of the board for her services to the district. Ms. Schreck was not able to attend tonight's meeting but was invited to attend the next board meeting in March. Mr. Chirichella then continued his report by giving the board the current enrollment which is at 241 students. He shared some good news with the board which included 6 students of the Month of January for the Positive Characteristics Theme, Mrs. Boland's 3rd grade homeroom as the Bulldogs of the Month for the best attendance for the month of January. Other matters discussed included the Honor Roll Assembly for Marking period 2 for grades 4 - 8. He congratulated all the students who received Honor Roll Recognition and High Academic Honor Roll. He updated the board in regards to the Negotiations with the Teachers Association EASH. The contract negotiations committee has begun their meetings and proposals have been exchanged. The district continues to work on the 2024-2025 budget which a tentative budget needs to be adopted at the March board meeting. He reminded the board of an email submitted by the business office for the Financial Disclosure Statement which needs to be completed and to watch for deadlines for this completion. Ms. Schaefer will register any board members that need to have mandated training completed for 2024.

Ms. Paladino asked if there were any questions on the resolutions presented. Mr. Paladino inquired about Resolution #16. After a brief discussion the board decided to table the resolution until the following month when a new application to reflect some changes in the wording was updated.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Tornambe seconded by Mr. Paladino
Resolution #16 - Tabled

EDUCATION

1. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following for the school year 2023-2024:

Accept Monthly Discipline Report

Month	In-School Suspensions
September 2023	1
October 2023	0
November 2023	2
December 2023	3
January 2024	0

2. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following for the school year 2023-2024:

Accept Monthly Superintendent HIB Report and approves the actions recommended by the Superintendent for the following incidents: (if applicable)

Month	HIB Incidents
September 2023	1
October 2023	1
November 2023	0
December 2023	1
January 2024	0

3. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following for the school year 2023-2024: *The Monthly District Calendar* (Attachment A)*
4. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the "Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the South Hackensack Board of Education and law Enforcement Officials (MOA)." *(on file in the Superintendent's office)*

5. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve Nastia Imperatore to be paid \$40.00 an hour to work as a Home Instructor with student #0127 for 10 hours per week until TBD.
6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the payment of \$80.00 for the basketball referee assignor - Mark Bitar for the BYBL basketball tournament to be paid out from the South Hackensack Athletic Account.
7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following field trips:

Teacher	Grade	Trip	Date	Time
Susan D'Elia	5th	Newark Museum Newark, NJ	April 5, 2024	8:30am-1:15pm

8. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following field trips:

Teacher	Grade	Trip	Date	Time
Lori Murphy & Roberta Carbah	4th	Old Barracks Museum Trenton, NJ	May 29, 2024	8:30am-3:30pm

9. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following field trips:

Teacher	Grade	Trip	Date	Time
Deborah Watts & South Bergen Jointure	2nd	Field Station Dinosaur Overpeck Park Leonina, NJ	May 9, 2024	9:30am-2:30pm
Deborah Watts & South Bergen Jointure	2nd	Dinosaur Presentations for School and Parents (In House)	May 17, 2024	10:00am-3:00pm

10. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the request for Little Ferry/South Hackensack (LFSH) Little League to use the gymnasium for their winter practices on February 20, 2024, February 27, 2024, March 5, 2024, March 12, 2024, March 19, 2024, and March 26, 2024 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.
11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the South Hackensack Recreational Night Gym and events for the following dates pending gym availability:

Event	Location	Date	Time
Night Gym	In-House	March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024	6:30pm-8:00pm
Holiday Show	In-House	March 27, 2024	7:15pm

SPECIAL EDUCATION

12. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the placement of a Special Education student for the 2023-2024 school year.

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Related Services</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
0103	Little Ferry Public School District	\$20,694	\$60.00/hour 2X	N/A

13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the "SEMI" Special Education Medicaid Initiative waiver for the school year 2024-2025.

PERSONNEL

14. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the resignation of the individual listed below effective February 23, 2024 with regret.

Name	Position
Dr. Alfredo Aguilar	Business Administrator/Board Secretary

15. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve a paid medical leave for staff #0067 effective February 15, 2024 to approximately March 13, 2024. *(per doctor's note on file)*

POLICY

NONE

FINANCE

16. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Facility Use Application request from the South Hackensack Strikers to use the soccer/turf field for soccer practices and games - Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday for practices, Sunday for soccer games - March 11 to June 30, 2024.
17. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve a Debt Service wire Transfer of \$190,000.00 for the payment of principal and \$12,097.50 for the payment of interest.
18. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the revised Bill List for December 2023.

(Attachment B)

Fund 10	\$ 1,098,161.00
Fund 20	\$ 39,684.44
Fund 30	\$ 0
Fund 40	\$ 0
Fund 50	\$ 12,388.48
Total	\$ 1,150,233.92

19. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to pay February 2024 bills.
20. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the actual payroll for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$376,592.10 that the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above.
21. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the estimated payroll for the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$375,000 the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above \$375,000.
22. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Bill List for January 2024.

(Attachment C)

Fund 10	\$ 728,709.41
Fund 20	\$ 45,659.68
Fund 30	\$ 0
Fund 40	\$ 0
Fund 50	\$ 13,040.49
Total	\$ 787,409.58

Voided checks# 046251 - 046284

23. Be it Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to approve bids, approve account transfers, pay bills, approve construction change orders, in between board meeting on an emergency basis with lists of such bids, transfers, payments, construction change orders subject to presentation and ratification at the next business meeting of the board.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ms. Davis, Mr. Yannetti

Resolutions Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Yris Encarnacion the Mayor of South Hackensack thanked the district for the continuation of open communication between the Township and the district. She congratulated the new board member, the president and vice-president of the board and wished everyone a great New Year.

Private Session:

Mr. Tornambe motioned, Mr. Donatello seconded to Private session @7:20 p.m. –
Personnel/Negotiations

Whereas, in accordance with provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the South Hackensack Board of Education wishes to meet in Private Session for the purposes of discussing matters of confidential nature relating to Personnel/Negotiations

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the South Hackensack Board of Education adjourn to Private Session for the purpose of discussing such matters, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the public be informed of these matters as soon as the need to Remain confidential is no longer necessary at a future date to be determined.

Mr. Donatello motioned, Ms. Paladino seconded, to return to public session @9:02 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.
Moved by Mr. Tornambe, seconded by Mr. Paladino
All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Alfredo Aguilar
Board Secretary