

**SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014– 7:30 p.m.**

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education of the Township of South Hackensack, New Jersey was called to order by Regan at 7:30 p.m. in the Lunch Room, Memorial School, South Hackensack, NJ on 9/8/14. Proper advertising was done so that action by the Board can be taken.

Roll Call: Y. Encarnacion, T. Lofaro, P. Nasta, J. Obando, L. Perdomo, M. Regan

Absent: K. Maher

Flag Salute: Led by Regan

Sunshine Law Announcement by Regan

Also Present:

Gregorio Maceri, Superintendent/Principal

Elizabete Schaefer, Board Secretary, Mrs. Criscione

This meeting was advertised in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 commonly cited as the Open Public Meetings Act.

New Business:

Bills were turned over to the finance committee for review and signature.

Correspondence available for review.

Items Discussed: Mr. Maceri opened his discussion by reviewing the motions to be presented to the board for action at the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2014. Mr. Maceri asked for a board member and a parent to volunteer for the District Evaluation Advisory Committee for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Lofaro volunteered as the board member and Ms. Obando as a parent to the committee. Mr. Maceri also informed the board that due to maternity leave of two of our current teaching staff, the district would be in need of hiring 2 additional aides in the coming months. Mr. Maceri asked the board if there were any questions or comments on any of the motions presented. None were voiced. Mrs. Lofaro asked how the first day of school went. Mr. Maceri stated that it went smooth. Mr. Maceri stated that by dismissing the students at 5 minute intervals has helped with the traffic flow. Ms. Obando questioned the current enrollment. That information was provided to her. She thanked the district for mailing out the student's paperwork prior to school starting. This was a great idea and she stated that it is so much easier especially when there is so much paperwork to be completed and returned. Mr. Maceri also stated that the District's website should be up and running soon. Most if not all the forms will be available to download which the parents can do and therefore save

the district money and time on copying and sending out. Mrs. Lofaro commented on the monthly calendar and was happy with the new layout. Mr. Maceri thanked Ms. Duca for that. Mr. Maceri stated that the district will post as much as possible on the website to reduce running copies and using paper. This will be a cost savings to the district due to the high costs of paper and copies. The board was in agreement. Mr. Maceri stated that Back to School Night is on September 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and he at that time will introduce the new website to the parents.

Comments:

Mrs. Lofaro asked about the situation with the police stationed at the district. Mr. Maceri stated that he had spoken to Chief Terraccino and they have decided to keep the room that was originally set up for Detective Licamara. Currently there is no police officer stationed in the district, but the district continues to be monitored on a regular basis during school hours about 4 times a day. Mrs. Lofaro stated that it will be a must for an officer to be presented at school events or when there is public in the building. The elections that will be held here in November are her main concern, due to the fact that school will be in session. Mrs. Lofaro suggested inviting as many police personnel as possible to Back to School Night and introducing them to the parents so that they know that the school is serious about safety. Mrs. Schaefer stated that the mandated training for the board members is now available online and if any board member is interested in registering for the training to please let her know.

Citizens:

Meeting opened to citizens @ 8:18 p.m.

Mrs. Criscione thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to attend a writer's workshop over the summer. She stated that it was very informative and that she thoroughly enjoyed it.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Motioned by J. Obando, seconded by Y. Encarnacion

Roll call, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabete Schaefer
Board Secretary