

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Gymnasium of Memorial School, 1 Dyer Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 **June 30, 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: Ms. Davis, Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca

Absent: Mr. Yannetti

Also Present: Mr. Arifaj, Mr. Chirichella, Ms. Schaefer

2 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: None

Approval of Correspondence: None

Report of the Superintendent:

Mr. Chirichella opened his discussion by welcoming Mr. Bert Arifaj for his first board meeting as the district's Business Administrator and Board Secretary. He discussed the Summer Program which started on July 1, 2024 and will run till July 26, 2024. The students will enjoy an educational presentation on reptiles from Uncle Tony's Reptile Shack, a fun day at the splash pad at Veterans Park and the South Hackensack police department will be presenting a bicycle/scooter safety to the students during the summer program month. He thanked the summer school staff for all their hard work in making this summer program a success and a special thank to Ms. Zahn for all her efforts in organizing these fun events. The board meeting in August would be rescheduled for a later date.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Tornambe seconded by Mr. Donatello

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>In-School Suspensions</u>
September 2023	2
October 2023	0
November 2023	2
December 2023	3
January 2024	0

February 2024	1
March 2024	0
April 2024	0
May 2024	1
June 2024	2
Total:	11

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)

<u>Month</u>	<u>HIB Incidents</u>
September 2023	1
October 2023	1
November 2023	2
December 2023	1
January 2024	0
February 2024	0
March 2024	1
April 2024	0
May 2024	0
June 2024	1
Total:	7

3. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual Instruction Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. *(on file Superintendent's office)*
4. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 SOA regarding the NJDOE testing of lead in drinking water. *(on file Superintendent's office)*
5. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the summer program students field trip to Veterans Park on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the contract between the Bergen County Special Services School District and the South Hackensack Board of Education for Educational Audiology services as needed for the school year 2024-2025 for student #886 in the amount not to exceed \$975.00, unless otherwise agreed upon. *(on file in the business office)*
7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the contract with the State of New Jersey Department of Human Resources Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2024-2025 4 school year for student #90042 in the amount of \$2,420.00. *(on file in the business office)*
8. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the contract between Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSS) and the South Hackensack School District for the provision of Hospital Instruction for the 2024-2025 school year for students who are confined during school hours for medical and/or rehabilitative care at New Bridge Medical Center , Paramaus, NJ at a cost of \$65.00/hour.. *(on file in the business office)*

PERSONNEL

9. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the re-hiring of the following non-tenure staff members pending contract negotiations effective September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Staff	Salary 2024-2025
Chinchar, Kelly	\$23.00/hour
DeVito, Joanne	\$26,052
Estrada, Keungsuk	\$26,052
Molina, Diana	\$22,170
Nti, Veronica	\$31,014

10. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the appointment of the following faculty pending contract negotiations effective September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Name	Step 2023-2024*	Salary 2023-2024*	Position
Palmiere, Runelvy	MA2	\$64,480	School Social Worker

**pending paperwork*

11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve Jianna Miranda for completion of The Felician University Office of Field Placement teaching experience internship program at Memorial School for Grade 1 for the Fall 2024 Semester (September-December).
12. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following faculty member to work summer hours related to Child Study Team services to comply with NJ administrative code for special education not to exceed 60 hours as per the 2020-2024 Education Association of South Hackensack contract from July 1, 2024 - August 30, 2024 at the hourly rate listed. (Hourly rate is based on 6.75 hours per day) her current salary is 74,980 or 374.90 per day

Faculty	Dates	Rate
Pekarsky, Rachel	July 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024	\$57.68/hour 23-24 rates*

**hourly rate to be adjusted when the new contract is settled.*

13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education rescind the following grant personnel appointment for the 2023-2024 school year as amendment below that was originally approved at the May 13, 2024 board meeting.

ARP ESSER - 20-487-100-100-00

Lesly Carter - From \$49,908 - \$53,812

14. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following grant personnel appointment for the 2023-2024 school year as amendment below:

Title IIA - 20-233-100-101-00

Lauren Boland- From \$14,896 - \$15,000

POLICY

15. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the first reading of the Board of Education's regulations / policies as submitted and as follows: *(as presented)*

Alert 233

- 0141 - Board Member Number and Term - Policy
- 0141.1 - Board Member Number and Term – Sending District - Policy
- 0141.2 - Board Member Number and Term – Receiving District - Policy
- 0164.6 - Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency - Policy (M) **(ABOLISHED)**
- 2200 - Curriculum Content - Policy (M)
- 3160 - Physical Examination - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 4160 - Physical Examination - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 5200 - Attendance - Regulation (M)
- 5337 - Service Animals - Policy (M)
- 5350 - Student Suicide Prevention Policy (M)
- 7231 - Gifts From Vendors - Policy (M) **(ABOLISHED)**
- 8420 - Emergency and Crisis Situations Policy (M)
- 8467 - Firearms and Weapons Policy & Regulation (M)
- 9181 - Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants - Policy

FINANCE

16. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following maintenance service contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

Vendor	Services July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	Cost
Arrow Elevator Inc	Hydraulic Elevator	\$2,940.00
Automated Logic	DDC Control System	\$4,350.00
Automated Logic	Software update	\$3,684.00
Broad USA	Chillers	\$30,571.00
Classic Sport Floors	Recoating Gym/Stage Floors	\$5,022.00
DJP Commercial and Industrial Services LLC	HVAC	\$8,240.00
Handi Lift	Handicap Elevator	\$1,299.00
Scientific Water Conditioning Co.	Water Treatment	\$4,079.25

17. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to pay July 2024 bills.
18. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following reports in accordance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b). (*Attachment A*)

Board Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Monthly Fund Transfer Report
May 2024

19. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11-4 and upon consultation with district officials, certifies that to the best of its knowledge, no major account of funds have been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's needs.

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 June 2024 in the amount of \$400,375.34 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 July 2024 in the amount of \$80,000.00 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 \$80,000.00

22. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Bill List for June 2024.

(Attachment B)

Fund 10	\$ 1,275,149.62
Fund 20	\$ 99,911.62
Fund 30	\$ 0
Fund 40	\$ 0
Fund 50	\$ 20,769.70
Total	\$ 1,395,830.94

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Yannetti

Resolutions Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: None

Private Session:

Mr. Tornambe motioned, Ms. Davis seconded to Private session @6:15 p.m. – Personnel

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

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. Tornambe motioned, Mrs. Zanca seconded, to return to public session @6:48 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Tornambe, seconded by Ms. Davis

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Arifaj
Board Secretary