

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 9, 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 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 **December 15, 2023**. 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 Bert Arifaj, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

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

Absent: Mr. Yannetti,

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

2 people in attendance

Mr. 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: 10/15/24, 11/11/24

(On file in the business office) moved by Mr. Paladino , seconded by Mrs. Zanca

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

Approval of Correspondence: None

Report of the Superintendent:

Mr. Chirichella opened his discussion by thanking school staff, coaching staff and two South Hackensack parents for assisting with a medical condition that occurred during a basketball game at the district while waiting for the South Hackensack Police Department and EMTs to arrive. He continued his report by providing the board with the current enrollment which is at 224 students. He shared some good news with the board which included Mrs. Competiello's 5th Grade Homeroom as the Bulldogs of the Month for the best attendance for the month of November. He thanked Mrs. Criscione, the staff and students who helped to organize a collection for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey during the month of November. Mr Chirichella thanked Mrs. Carter and all the students who volunteered to participate in the student Chorus for the Township Tree Lighting ceremony that was held on December 6th. Other matters discussed included; the Honor Roll Assembly that was held on Thursday November 14th. He congratulated all the students for their hard work. He discussed the basketball season with the board and the various Basketball tournaments that the district will be participating in. He provided dates for the Reorganization Meeting of the board and the 2025 Board Meeting calendar. He informed the board that the QSAC date had been set for February 18, 2025. He recognized and thanked Mr. Henry Yannetti for his dedicated service to the South Hackensack School District , the staff , the students and families for the last 3 years and wished him all the best. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday season. Ms. Paladino asked if there were any questions on the resolutions presented. No comments or questions were voiced on any of the resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Ms. Davis seconded by Mr. Tornambe

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 2024-2025:
Accept Monthly Discipline Report

Month	In/Out School Suspensions
September 2024	0
October 2024	1
November 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 2024-2025:

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

Month	HIB Incidents
September 2024	0
October 2024	0
November 2024	2

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 2024-2025:
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 PK-8 Curriculum revisions for the 2024-2025 school year. *(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 the submission of Title I Comparability Report and Performance Report for school year 2024-2025.
6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the extra curricular stipend for Lesley Carter rehearsal and attendance of the Christmas Tree Lighting at a rate of \$36.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours.
7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the K9 Presentation with Bergen County Sheriff Department to visit Memorial School on December 12, 2024 in the school gym from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
8. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the contracted services with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the school year 2024-2025.

Position	Annual Rate
CST Director 60% share	\$72,719.46
BCBA 40% share	\$39,347.27

9. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following request(s) for professional development:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Professional Development</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bert Arifaj	NJASBO Professional Development provided by State Association	January 14, 2025 February 13, 2025 March 27, 2025 April 10, 2025	\$145.00/session
Steven Sheppard	Mandatory NJSLA Technology Coordinator Training Park Ridge Marriott Park Ridge, NJ	January 14, 2025 8:30am-3:30pm	\$0

Lauren Boland	Bureau of Education & Research Guided Math: Practical Strategies to Differentiate Your Math Instruction Using Small Groups, Centers and Whole Group Instruction (Grades K-3) <i>Live Online Seminar</i>	March 20, 2025 9:00am-3:30pm	\$295.00
Jaymie Mainieri	Bureau of Education & Research Increase Your Students' Mastery of Math Facts and Mental Math Skills (Grades 1-5) <i>Live Online Seminar</i>	March 6, 2025 9:00am-3:30pm	\$295.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION

10. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following request(s) for professional development:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Professional Development</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Rachel Pekarsky	Speech Therapy Unlimited Online Courses	One Year Unlimited Access	\$189.00

11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following requests for academic credit:

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Rachel Pekarsky	University of Pacific	Articulation & Phonology: Practical Applications for the	EDUP 9031	4

		Speech-Language Pathologist ----- Virtual/Flexible		
Rachel Pekarsky	University of Pacific	Pediatric Language: Practical Applications ----- Virtual/Flexible	EDUP 9033	4

12. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the placement of the Special Education students listed below for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student ID#	School Attending	Tuition (Does not include Transportation)
90024	Bergen County Special Services Springboard Program	\$65,817.00

13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the contracted services with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the school year 2024-2025 for the Special Education Program at a cost of \$210,465.26.

PERSONNEL

14. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the updated substitute list for the 2024-2025 school year.
15. 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 member effective on or about February 10, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

Name	Step 2024-2025	Salary 2024-2025	Position
Iaconetti, Kristen	BA3	\$59,924	PreKindergarten Teacher

**pending paperwork*

16. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the individual below as a long term substitute instructional teacher for the PreKindergarten program.

Name	Dates
Miranda, Jianna	<i>On or about</i> December 10, 2024 - February 7, 2025

17. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the corrected salary of the following tenured faculty effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

Faculty	Step 2024-2025	Salary 2024-2025	Longevity 2024-2025	Other (College Credits)	Gross
Criscione, Laura	MA30 10	\$87,854	\$4,400*		\$92,254

* *longevity adjustment*

POLICY

18. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the first reading of the amended District Policy# 7510 - Use of Facilities regulations/policies as submitted and as follows: *(as presented)*

FINANCE

19. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the advertising of the 2025 Public Meeting calendar in The Record. *(Attachment B)*
20. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to pay December 2024 bills.

21. 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 C*)

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

22. 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 D*)

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

23. 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.

24. 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 November 2024 in the amount of \$369,083.03 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.

25. 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 December 2024 in the amount of \$385,000 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.

26. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approved the Bill List for November 2024.

(Attachment E)

Fund 10	\$	994,878.49
Fund 20	\$	16,114.28
Fund 30	\$	0
Fund 40	\$	0
Fund 50	\$	8,467.16
Total	\$	1,019,459.93

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27. 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, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mr. Mrs. Zanca
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Yannetti

Resolutions Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: None

Private Session:

Mr. Tornambe motioned, Ms. Zanca seconded to Private session @7:11 p.m. – Student Matters

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 Student Matters.

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.

Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Tornambe seconded, to return to public session @7:46 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Tornambe seconded by Mrs. Zanca

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Arifaj

Board Secretary