

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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, Mrs. Anzevino

Mrs. Anzevino 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 13, 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 Bert Arifaj, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present: Mrs. Anzevino, Mrs. Kellman, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca

Absent: Ms. Davis

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

3 people in attendance

Mrs. Anzevino led the Board in the Flag salute

Presentations: None

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

Mrs. Anzevino 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 giving the board the current enrollment for the district which is at 224 students. He shared some good news with the board which included Ms. Caporrino's 8th Grade Homeroom as the Bulldogs of the Month for the best attendance for the month of December. He provided some school events going on in January, which included the South Hackensack Invitational Basketball Tournament, the Student Council Soup Can Drive which will run until February 7th and the honor Roll Assembly scheduled for Friday January 31st. Mr. Chirichella informed the board about the QSAC visit which is scheduled for February 18th and preparations have been underway and the administrative team continues to work on our portfolio. Mr. Chirichella asked Mr. Arifaj to brief the board on the Audit report that the board would be approving tonight. Mr. Arifaj informed the board on the ethics disclosure statements that need to be completed by a timely manager and also the mandated training through the NJSBA. Ms. Schaefer will reach out to all the board members that need to do the training for 2025 and register them. A presentation was made to Ms. Paladino for recognition of her time and service to the South Hackensack Board of Education and the South Hackensack school community as Board President for three years. He thanked her for her commitment, collaboration, and dedication to the Board of Education, Faculty and staff, students, and our school community. Mrs. Anzevino asked if there were any questions on the resolutions presented. No comments or questions were voiced on any of the resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Zanca inquired about the photographer that was hired by the PEO and was taking pictures of the Holiday party and especially in regard to the privacy of the students. Mr. Chirichella stated that he will have a meeting with the PEO president regarding this matter. Ms. Paladino stated that she would like to propose that all the functions and events that happen at the school be shared with the board and suggested having them approved by the board. Ms. Paladino suggested a google form to list all the functions and events taking place in the district. Mr. Chirichella stated that Mrs. Kropp does a newsletter that is shared with the parents, the community and the board on everything that is going on in the district via email. Ms. Paladino suggested a google form to list all the functions and events

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Ms. Paladino seconded by Mrs. Zanca

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
December 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
December 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 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 the Student Safety Data System (SSDS). *(on file Superintendent's Office)*
6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the submission of the Paraprofessional Staff Statement of Assurance SOA. *(on file Superintendent's office)*
7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following field trip(s):

Teacher	Grade(s)	Trip	Date(s)	Time
Valentine Thom	6th	MS Science Classroom	May 19, 2025	9:00am-2:30pm
Valentine Thom	6th	Hackensack River Study WT/Eco-Cruise Laurel Hill Park Secaucus, NJ	May 20, 2025	9:00am-2:30pm
Valentine Thom	6th	Hackensack River Study Mill Creek Point Park Secaucus, NJ	May 21, 2025	9:00am-2:30pm

8. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education appoint the following staff members for the extracurricular teaching duties for school year 2024-2025 at the negotiated salary agreed upon in the 2024-2027 agreement between the Education Association of South Hackensack and the South Hackensack Board of Education.

Name	Position	Extracurricular Activity
Leslie Carter	Advisor	Cultural Arts Performance

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Professional Development</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Elizabeth Schaefer & Monia Dahdouh	School Alliance Insurance Fund Injury Illness Reporting and Recording Training Presented by: PEOSH	January 14, 2025 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (virtual)	\$0.00
Monia Dahdouh	School Nurse Emergency Assessment Training Emergency Cardiac Care Inc. Healthcare Training Academy	Virtual 24/7 Over 90 Days Access	\$129.00
Jason Chirichella & Hillary Sobol	Strauss Esmay Associates HIB Training Program for Winter 2025 Ocean County College Toms River, NJ	January 21, 2025 9:30am-12:30pm	\$290.00

10. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following grant amendments for Title I-A and Title II-A for the 2024-2025 school year carryover funds:

Title I-A Carryover - \$7773 20-231-100-610 General Supplies

Title II-A Carryover - \$ 6106 20-233-100-300 Professional Development

11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the QSAC Equivalency Waiver application for Appendix A, Instruction & Programming Indicators 1 through 7.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

NONE

PERSONNEL

12. Be it Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent to make application for emergency hiring pending completion of criminal history check to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for all personnel positions, as needed, for the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the appointment of David Oliveira as the Treasurer of School Monies effective January 15, 2025 - June 30, 2025 at a salary of \$4,500.00 to be prorated. **pending paperwork*

POLICY

14. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the second reading of the amended District Policy# 7510 - Use of Facilities regulations/policies as submitted and as follows: *(as presented)*
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 234

- 2365 Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Policy (NEW)
- 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students - Policy (M)
- 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying – Policy (M)
- 5460 High School Graduation – Policy (M)
- 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices - Policy
- 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices - Regulation (NEW)
- 5533 Student Smoking – Policy & Regulation (M)
- 5701 Academic Integrity - Policy
- 5710 Student Grievances - Policy
- 7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds Policy & Regulation (M)
- 8500 Food Services – Policy (M)
- 9163 Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events – Policy (M) (NEW)
- 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies - Regulation (M)

FINANCE

16. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to pay January 2025 bills.
17. 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 December 2024 in the amount of \$381,262.05 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.
18. 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 January 2025 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 \$385,000.
19. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Bill List for December 2024.

(Attachment B)

Fund 10	\$ 809,209.10
Fund 20	\$ 37,235.40
Fund 30	\$ 0
Fund 40	\$ 0
Fund 50	\$ 25,716.08
Total	\$ 872,160.58

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

Accept the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024

Accept the Corrective Action Plan for the year ended June 30, 2024

21. 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: Mrs. Anzevino, Mrs. Kellman, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe,
Mrs. Zanca
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ms. Davis

Resolutions Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mrs. Lemonie who is the National Food program certifier for the district informed the board that Ms. Zahn and herself have applied for grants for the food service program. The district has purchased new tables and milk coolers for the lunchroom through the lunch program. Mrs. Lemonie also stated the students have enjoyed the monthly fruit or vegetable presentation that she does during lunchtime. She would like to offer more eating healthy programs to the students and looking for ways to be able to do that. She inquired about the status of securing a music teacher. Mr. Chirichella stated that the Job posting continues to be advertised but still waiting for candidates to apply.

Private Session:

Mr. Tornambe motioned, Ms. Paladino seconded to Private session @7:45 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.

Ms. Paladino motioned, Mr. Paladino seconded, to return to public session @9:53 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Paladino seconded by Mr. Paladino

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Arifaj

Board Secretary