

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 8, 2021. Meeting was held remotely through the use of electronic equipment.

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

Mr. Donatello 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 22, 2020 (remote meeting notice February 25, 2021)** 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, Mr. Lemonie, Ms. Paladino, Mrs. Regan (entered at 7:05 p.m.) Mr. Tornambe, Mr. Yannetti

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Hayes, Elizabete Schaefer

Approximately 20 people in attendance

Mr. Donatello led the Board in the Flag salute

Presentations: None

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

Mr. Donatello 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: 2/8/2021

(On file in the business office) moved by Ms. Paladino, seconded by Ms. Davis

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

Approval of Correspondence: None

Report of the Interim Superintendent:

Dr. Hayes opened his discussion by giving the board the current enrollment for the district which is currently at 260. He stated that 172 students are in person and that 88 students are still full remote. Dr. Hayes informed the board that on February 24, 2021 a restart committee meeting was held to discuss Phase 3 of the reopening of school. He informed the board of the decision that the administration and the restart committee discussed on the elimination of the blue and gold cohort and aimed for a March 22, 2021 reopening date to 5 days a week of in person instruction. He further stated that letters were sent out to the community regarding these changes. Only parents that wanted to make a change were asked to respond to the survey that was sent out. The district will continue to be vigilant with mask wearing, desk shields, temperature screenings and no class to class movement except for physical education and pull outs. He further stated that the district is excited to offer this 5 day in person instruction and thanked the restart committee, the board of education, the parents, and the teaching staff for all their support during this time. Dr. Hayes asked if the board had any questions on his report. No questions were voiced. Mr. Donatello thanked Dr. Hayes for all his hard work to get the district reopened. Mr. Donatello then asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda. No questions or comments were voiced on any of the resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following for the school year 2020-2021:

Accept Monthly Discipline Report

Month	In-School Suspensions
September 2020	0
October 2020	0
November 2020	0
December 2020	0
January 2021	0
February 2021	0

2. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following for the school year 2020-2021:

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

Month	HIB Incidents
September 2020	0
October 2020	0
November 2020	0
December 2020	0
January 2021	0
February 2021	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 2020-2021:
(Attachment A)

The monthly district calendar

4. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the virtual professional development request(s) below for the school year 2020-2021:

Name	Date & Time	Professional Development	Cost
Elizabeth DeRogatis	March 18, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Distance Learning in Kindergarten	\$279
Valentine Thom	April 19-24, 2021 4:00-8:00 p.m.	National Science Teacher's Association Engage	\$95

5. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education ratify the following teacher at the modified salary listed below for the 2020-2021 school year.

Teachers	Step	2020-2021	Longevity	Other	Gross
Murphy, Lori *	MA 30 14	\$92,872	\$4,600		\$97,472

**salary will be prorated as of February 1, 2021 - longevity amount changed*

6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education ratify paid medical leave for staff #0059 effective February 8, 2021 to March 12, 2021 per doctor's note on file.
7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education ratify the addendum to transportation services agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and South Hackensack Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year. *(Attachment B)*
8. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve on entering into an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission as an approved coordinated Transportation Service Agency for the 2021-2022 school year. *(Attachment C)*
9. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to pay March 2021 bills.

10. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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
January 2021

11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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.
12. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the actual payroll for the month of February 2021 in the amount of \$335,275.59 that the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Interim Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above.
13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the estimated payroll for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$330,000 the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Interim Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above \$330,000.
14. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Bill List for February 2021.

(*Attachment E*)

Fund 10	\$	747,473.67
Fund 20	\$	15,389.92
Fund 30	\$	0
Fund 40	\$	552,897.50
Fund 50	\$	0
Total	\$	1,315,761.09

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Roll Call:

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

Resolutions Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Donatello congratulated Mrs. Murphy on her 20th year of teaching at the district. He thanked her for her dedication to the students. Mrs. Murphy thanked the board for all their support during the years but especially during the last couple of years that had been very difficult for her and her family. She was proud to be a teacher at Memorial School. Ms. Paladino congratulated Mrs. Murphy and stated that it was a privilege to be in her class and now serving on the board. Mr. Donatello informed the public that the district would be having a special board meeting on March 16, 2021 to approve the 2021-2022 tentative budget. Mr. Donatello also informed the board that he had started a project after speaking to councilman Mr. Anzevino to have the Memorial School faculty and staff vaccinated for Covid-19. He is currently working on this project and is hoping to get the vaccinations in the next few weeks. Mr. Donatello stated that a parent had questioned if the school would go full remote after spring break. Dr. Hayes stated that some communities are concerned about a surge or spread of Covid after spring break but he would like to remain optimistic that spring break is not going to affect our school district and we will continue with our 5 day in person instruction.

PRIVATE SESSION: None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.
Moved by Mrs. Regan, seconded by Ms. Paladino
All in favor
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabete Schaefer
Board Secretary

March 2021 Meeting (February 2021 Correspondence)

No correspondence