

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 14, 2020. Meeting was held remotely through the use of electronic equipment.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 December 16, 2019 (remote meeting notice December 3, 2020) 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: Mr. Aquilina, Ms. Davis, Mr. Donatello, Mr. Lemonie, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mr. Yannetti

Absent: None

Also Present: Jason Chirichella, Elizabete Schaefer

Approximately 17 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: 11/16/20

(On file in the business office) moved by Mr. Aquilina, seconded by Mr. Tornmabe

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

Approval of Correspondence: None

Report of the Acting Superintendent:

Mr. Chirichella opened his discussion by sharing some good news with the board and citizens. Last month, Mrs. Criscione, with the help of Mrs. Watts, Miss Carroll and Mrs Castillo completed a committee food bank project. A total of \$142.00 was raised and donated to the New Jersey Community Food Bank of NJ. Each dollar served 3 Thanksgiving Day meals to families in need. Ms. Gould completed a holiday lesson with the lower grades on gingerbread. Students had fun making gingerbread cookies after the lesson. Mrs. D'Elia's 5th grade class made signs and special notes to inspire each other and their teacher. Mr. Chirichella provided the current enrollment which stands at 273. He discussed the district goals update which included the implantation of the new math series for grades Pre-K to 8, the implementation of the new Pearson Elevate Science and the implementation of the SeeSaw program in the lower grades. He informed the board that the district administered the Strong Start Assessment which was put out by the Department of Education for grades 4 to 8. Testing was done within 2 days for these grades. He continued his report by giving the number of attendees for conference week which was done via zoom. He discussed the holiday festivities for the district, the board reorganization meeting date and the request from the Township Committee to use the school's gym to hold their board meeting on January 7, 2021. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Chirichella to share the results of the Strong Start Assessment with the board once it becomes available. Mr. Donatello thanked Ms. Duva and Mrs D'Amico for the phenomenal work that they both have done and continue to do with the Pre-K students and the virtual learning. He further stated that their hard work will not go unnoticed. He thanked Mr. Chirichella for his leadership in the school. Ms. Paladino asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda. No questions or comments were voiced.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Aquilina, seconded by Mr. Donatello

1. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting 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

2. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting 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

3. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting 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 Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education ratify the virtual professional development request(s) for Workshop #704 Read and Write for Google on November 24, 2020:

Rita Liggio	Jessica Carroll	Kelly Marrella
Tatjana Castillo	Lori Murphy	Laura Criscione
Nicky Collova	Theresa Hartmann	Patrick Ryan
Kristin Forsdahl	Victoria Giacalone	Jacalyn Adler
Christina Caporrino		

*The fee for the workshop is \$35 per person, which is a total of \$420.

5. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the virtual professional development request(s) below.

Faculty	Date & Time	Professional Development	Cost
Nicollette Manresa	December 15, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Perform Care Webinar	\$0

6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve Jason Chirichella as the Acting Superintendent of Schools as of January 1 - March 31, 2021 pending Interim Executive County Superintendent and Commissioner of Education approval.
7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the Board of Education's regulations / policies as submitted and as follows: *(as presented)*

Bylaw 0164.6 - Remote Public Board Meeting During A Declared Emergency (New)

2464 - Gifted and Talented Pupils (M) (Revised)

8. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Preliminary Health and Safety Buildings Checklist. *(as presented)*
9. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education ratify the request for carryover of vacation days for the staff member below for the 2019-2020 school year.

Jason Chirichella	1 vacation day to carry over
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*Board only approved 2 carry over but should have been a total of 3.

10. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the discard of the following items:

Item	Location	Tag #
Copier (no longer working)	CST - office	002060
Lunch Room Table (broken)	Lunch Room	002068
Lunch Room Table (broken)	Lunch Room	002069

11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the advertising of the 2021 Public Meeting calendar in The Record. *(Attachment B)*
12. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the appointment of OMNI Financial Group, Inc as a third-party administrator of the district's 403(b) retirement plans for 2020-2021, effective January 1, 2021 at no cost to the district.

13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to pay December 2020 bills.
14. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the actual payroll for the month of November 2020 in the amount of \$319,562.65 that the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Acting Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above.
15. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the estimated payroll for the month of December 2020 in the amount of \$319,000 the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Acting Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above \$319,000.

Roll Call:

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

Resolutions Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Chrichella thanked Mr. Aquilina for his 5 years of service to the district. He thanked him for this time and dedication to the board, the students and the staff of Memorial School. Mr. Chrichella wished him all the best in his future endeavours and he will be missed. Mr. Aquilina thanked everyone for the support he got in the past 5 years. He stated that it was his pleasure to serve the community and that he will truly miss being a part of it. He wished everyone continued success and stated that he has full confidence that the board and the administration will continue to have the best interest of the students and staff as top priority. Mr. Aquilina thanked Ms. Schaefer for supporting him and always being in full communication with the board. Ms. Paladino thanked Mr. Aquilina for all his hard work and for being there for her during her first year as a board member. Mr. Donatello thanked Mr. Aquilina for all his help and hard work on the board and was happy to not just call him a board member but also a friend. Ms. Davis stated that Mr. Aquilina will be truly missed. She further stated that he always had a heart for Memorial School and for the children of this district and the community. We truly appreciate what you have done and contributed to the board during your time. The board

presented Mr. Aquilina with a small gift to honor him for his service to the district.

PRIVATE SESSION:

Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Aquilina seconded, to Private session @7:22p.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. Davis motioned, Mr. Aquilina seconded, to return to public session @8:17 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Aquilina, seconded by Mr. Donatello
Mr. Yannetti abstained from Resolution #1

1. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education appoint Thomas Yannetti as a board member for an unexpired term effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 pending a criminal history background check.
2. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education appoint Maria Regan as a board member for an unexpired term effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 pending a criminal history background check.

Roll Call:

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

Resolutions Approved

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Aquilina, seconded by Ms. Davis

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Schaefer

Board Secretary

December 2020 Meeting (November Correspondence)

No correspondence