

**SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 8, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 8, 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 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 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 Elizabete Schaefer, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present: Ms. Davis (entered at 7:46) Ms. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca

Absent: Mr. Donatello, Mr. Yannetti

Also Present: Mr. Chirichella, Ms. Schaefer, Ms. Manresa, Mrs. Crawford

4 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 providing the board with the current enrollment which is at 241 students. He shared some good news with the board which included Ms. Mainieri's 1st grade as the Bulldogs of the Month for the best attendance for the month of March. Mr. Chirichella congratulated the police department and the 8th grade students who participated in the Badges vs Bulldogs Basketball game. It was an exciting and fun evening with the 8th grade team defeating the police department on a last second shot 71-70. He thanked the South Hackensack police department, the 8th grade parents, coaches and students for a very successful night. Other matters discussed included: the Honor Roll Assembly for the 3rd Marking Period which will be held on April 10, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. He was happy to report that there will be 36 students receiving Honor Roll and 18 students receiving High Academic Honors in Grades 4-8. He reminded the board that the 8th grade class will be in Washington D.C. on April 11th and 12th. He thanked Mrs. Moreno for coordinating the trip and wished the students and their chaperones a fun, exciting and safe trip. Mr. Chirichella informed the board that the Board Negotiations Committee continues to meet for contract negotiations for the teachers association EASH and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th. He wished all faculty, families, and students a fun and restful spring break week. Mr. Chirichella addressed the board in regard to the last day of school for 2024. The board would be approving the last day of school for faculty and students as June 19th, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Paladino 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 2023-2024:

*Accept Monthly Discipline Report*

<u>Month</u>	<u>In/Out School Suspensions</u>
September 2023	1

October 2023	0
November 2023	2
December 2023	3
January 2024	0
February 2024	1
March 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 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	0
December 2023	1
January 2024	0
February 2024	0
March 2024	1

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 2023-2024: *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 the amended district calendar for the school year 2023-2024. *(Attachment B)*
5. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education *rescind* the following field trips:

<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Anna Kisker, Elizabeth DeRogatis, Colleen Lembo	K	Turtle Back Zoo West Orange, NJ	May 23, 2024	9:00am-3:00pm

6. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the academic credit request(s) below  
*\* classes start July 2024*

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>College/ University</u></b>	<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>Session</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
Anna Kisker	Montclair State University	Understanding Reading Comprehension Course # 507	Summer July 2024	3
Anna Kisker	Montclair State University	Supervised Clinical Practicum, Part I Course # 513	Summer July 2024	3
Anna Kisker	Montclair State University	Supervised Clinical Practicum, Part II Course # 514	Summer July 2024	3

7. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following school presentation to Grades K - 1st at no cost to the district:

<b><u>Presented by:</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's Educational Outreach	Build Bird Houses with Students Kindergarten & 1st Grade	April 26, 2024	9:00am-10:00am

8. 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:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Professional Development</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Deborah Watts	2nd Grade English Language Arts & Mathematics Curriculum Writing South Bergen Jointure Teterboro, NJ	May 1, 2024 8:30am-2:30pm	\$0

9. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the following 8th Grade Dinner Dance to be held at the Graycliff in Moonachie on Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

### **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 for professional development:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Professional Development</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Rachel Pekarsky	Talk Tools Virtual Mastering Mastication	April 12, 2024 12:00pm-2:00pm	\$150.00

11. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the new placement of a Special Education student for the 2023-2024 school year - effective March 20, 2024 - June 24, 2024:

<b><u>Student ID#</u></b>	<b><u>School Attending</u></b>	<b><u>Tuition (Does not include Transportation)</u></b>	<b><u>Other Related Services</u></b>
0164	Ridgefield School/ Shaler	\$29,378.00 (will be prorated - \$10,004.40)	Speech/OT \$90/30 minute session

## **PERSONNEL**

12. 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 2023-2024 school year.

13. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the employment of the individual listed below.

<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rate of Pay</u></b>
Carolina Rossi	Long Term Elementary School Leave Replacement	\$281.00/day April 3, 2024 - Last Day of School

*\*official start date will be 4/22/2023*

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

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

Tatjana Castillo - \$83,930.00

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

Lesly Carter - \$49,908

15. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education *rescind* the hiring of the following Hourly Custodian effective March 19, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate of Pay</u></b>
Derryl McFadden	\$20.32/hour

## **POLICY**

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

### **Alert 230**

- 0144 Board Member Orientation and Training - Bylaw
- 2520 Instructional Supplies - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 3217 Use of Corporal Punishment - Policy
- 4217 Use of Corporal Punishment - **(NEW)**
- 5305 Health Services Personnel – Policy (M)
- 5308 Student Health Records - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 5310 Health Services - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures - Policy (M)
- 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs – Regulation (M) **(NEW)**
- 6115.04 Federal Funds – Duplication of Benefits - Policy (M) **(NEW)**
- 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants - Policy (M)
- 7440 School District Security - Policy (M)
- 9100 Public Relations - Policy **(ABOLISHED)**
- 9140 Citizens Advisory Committees – Policy
- 9140 Citizens Advisory Committees - Regulation **(ABOLISHED)**

## **FINANCE**

17. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the lease agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc. 2 Gatehall Drive Parsippany, NJ 07054 of (3) new Ricoh digital copiers, PaperCut Solution and XM Cloud Fax Solution in addition to service & supplies for 54,000 b&w copies and 5,000 color copies per month; and printer service and supplies for 13,439 b&w prints and 1,380 color prints per month under NJ State Contract #52426.
- \*Lease terms: \$1,660.00 per month for 60 months*

18. 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 and Title IIA for the 2023-2024 school year carryover funds:

**Title I Carryover - 20-231-100-610 General Supplies \$317**

**Title IIA Carryover - 20-233-100-101 Salaries of Teacher \$4229**

**20-233-100-300 Professional Development \$ 4788**

**20-233-200-200 Benefits \$901**

19. Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the Interim Business Administrator to pay April 2024 bills.

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 March 2024 in the amount of \$365,853.19 that the President of the Board, the Interim 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 April 2024 in the amount of \$375,000 the President of the Board, the Interim School Business Administrator and the Superintendent be, and they hereby are, authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above \$375,000.

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

*(Attachment C)*

Fund 10	\$ 1,017,449.49
Fund 20	\$ 71,374.57
Fund 30	\$ 0
Fund 40	\$ 0
Fund 50	\$ 14,927.75
Total	\$ 1,103,751.81



23. Be it Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Interim 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. Paladino, Mr. Paladino, Mr. Tornambe, Mrs. Zanca  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Ms. Davis, (entered 7:46) Mr. Donatello, Mr. Yannetti

**Resolutions Approved**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: None

Private Session:

Mr. Tornambe motioned, Mr. Paladino seconded to Private session @7:13 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.

Mr. Tornambe motioned, Ms. Paladino seconded, to return to public session @8:41 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.  
Moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mrs Zanca  
All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Beverly Vliestra  
Board Secretary