

**OUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Regan at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

T. Lofaro – 7:31 p.m.
K. Maher
P. Nasta
J. Obando
L. Perdomo
M. Regan

Also Present:

Gregorio Maceri, Superintendent/Principal
Elizabeth Schaefer, Board Secretary
Mrs. Watts and several citizens

Absent:

Y. Encarnacion

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY: Regan

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT: Regan

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 the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the South Hackensack Board of education has caused notice of meetings published in The Record by having the date, time and place thereof posted. Notice was also placed on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and in the Lobby of Memorial School.

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of 10/6/14, 10/20/14

T. Lofaro abstained from minutes of 10/20/14

Discussion – Approved.

Motioned by K. Maher, seconded by J. Obando. Roll call, all in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to approve correspondence, per attached listing.

Discussion – Approved.

Motioned by P. Nasta, seconded by K. Maher. Roll call, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Monthly Expense Report of 9/30/14

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by K. Maher, seconded by P. Nasta. Roll call, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report of 9/30/14

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by P. Nasta, seconded by T. Lofaro. Roll call, all in favor

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification Budgetary Line Item Status (N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4)

Board of Education's Monthly Certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status (N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4)

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by J. Obando, seconded by K. Maher. Roll call, all in favor.

Superintendent/Principal Report:

Mr. Maceri opened his discussion by giving the board the current school enrollment which is at 254 students. He reported that there were no incidents of HIB for the month of October but that there had been 2 in school suspensions. Other matters discussed were the Halloween Parade and celebration and the pumpkin science which were both very successful. As part of his report he gave the board a brief rundown of upcoming events for the month of November. Mrs. Lofaro asked if the district had any students being inducted into the Honor society on November 20, 2014 at Hackensack High School. Mrs. Schaefer stated that she would contact the high school and email the board members with that information. Mr. Maceri stated that the next Superintendent Open Forum is scheduled for November 25th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and the topic of discussion will be on the Common Core Standards. Mr. Maceri informed the board that the Little Ferry/South Hackensack Recreation Department had requested the use of the gymnasium starting in January 2015 from 6 to 9 p.m. for baseball /softball indoor practice. The Hold Harmless form and prove of Insurance has been completed and if the board agrees to this request a motion would be put in place for approval. Mrs. Obando questioned the use of the Little Ferry library. Mrs. Lofaro stated that this is a township issue not the board of education and that the request should be made to the Township. Mr. Maceri discussed having shared services with Maywood, Rochelle Park and Hackensack school districts in the area of an IT person, technology and curriculum writing. Ms. Karen Lewis the Superintendent of Hackensack High School really wants to build a better relationship with the sending districts. She suggested having a community night where the upper grades and their parents are invited to attend to ask questions about attending Hackensack High School. Mrs. Lofaro asked if anything ever came about with the Township in sharing an IT person. Mr. Maceri stated that the township was not 100% sold on it. There had been some discussion regarding this matter but nothing really came out of it. The board had a few pros and cons on the sharing with the four districts. The board was just concerned that the splitting of time would be an issue. Mr. Maceri stated that it wouldn't be just an IT person doing the shared services; it would be the whole IT department. Mrs. Lofaro asked to have both options available and the board can discuss at a later date of which way to go with this. Mr. Maceri then discussed the social skills schedule for grades Kindergarten through 8th. He asked if the board had any questions or comments on his report, consent agenda or the individual motions. None were voiced.

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by P. Nasta, seconded by L. Perdomo. Roll call, all in favor

BILLS

Motion to approve, ratify and pay all bills, funds permitting.

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by T. Lofaro, seconded by P. Nasta. Roll call, all in favor

COMMENTS AND CITIZENS:

Mrs. Lofaro congratulated Ms. Maher and Ms. Davis on their recent elections. Mrs. Lofaro just wanted to confirm that an officer was stationed at the district during the elections. Mr. Maceri stated that there was.

Meeting opened to citizens at 7:59 p.m.

Mr. Bidell informed the board that PSE&G would be starting the work on the gas issue on November 15, 2014. The board thanked him for getting involved and glad to hear that this matter would be taken care of earlier than expected. Mrs. Mieses asked for clarification of the shared services regarding the curriculum. Mr. Maceri stated that the 3 sending districts and Hackensack would get somebody from each district to sit down and write the curriculum so that all districts are using the same content and have the same exposure when kids eventually enter Hackensack High School. We would be collaborating with the four districts. Mrs. Mieses asked the board to once again give consideration to school uniforms. She stated that this matter had been discussed but never followed through. The board stated that a survey had been done. The board also stated that due to the fact of low income residents the district would have to incur some costs to have this program implemented. Ms. Maher suggested maybe instead of uniforms the district could use a dress code enhancement. Mr. Maceri stated that this could be looked at again and discussed at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Motioned by T. Lofaro, seconded by K. Maher

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Schaefer
Board Secretary