

**OUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

Present:

Y. Encarnacion
T. Lofaro
K. Maher
P. Nasta
J. Obando
L. Perdomo
M. Regan

Also Present:

Gregorio Maceri, Superintendent/Principal
Elizabeth Schaefer, Board Secretary
Several citizens

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 11/3/14, 11/10/14

Discussion – Approved.

Motioned by J. Obando, seconded by L. Perdomo. 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 10/31/14

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by T. Lofaro, seconded by K. Maher. Roll call, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report of 10/31/14

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by J. Obando, seconded by L. Perdomo. 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 T. Lofaro, seconded by Y. Encarnacion. Roll call, all in favor.

Superintendent/Principal Report:

Mr. Maceri opened his discussion by reviewing his superintendent's report. He provided the date for his Open Forum which is schedule for December 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Mr. Maceri stated that Mrs. Criscione had done a community service project with grades 2 through 5. The students raised \$171.00 for the New Jersey Community Food Bank. The

children had to do chores and earn money. This was a great class lesson in which the children then used calculators and food menus to purchase the food for donation. Mr. Maceri also stated that the student council is doing a tee-shirt and sock drive for veterans and that the police department together with the school is doing a toy drive. He provided the board with the current school enrollment which stands at 249 students. He reported that there were no incidents of HIB for the month of November. As part of his report he gave the board a brief rundown of upcoming events for the month of December. Other matters discussed were: dates for faculty/PLC meetings, social skills schedule, Memorial School Holiday fund, conference week attendance report and the number of students that received honor roll for the first marking period. Mr. Maceri stated that Ms. Schaefer, Mrs. Scholz and Mrs. Messery had a meeting with Valley National Bank regarding the schools banking needs. He stated that the district would like to consolidate all the accounts into one bank. The district currently has 3 banks and that service fees are being imposed on the accounts for various reasons. It was recommended by both Mrs. Messery and Mrs. Scholz that the district looked into other banks. The district cannot incur these bank fees on a constant basis. Mrs. Scholz and Ms. Schaefer had on several occasions met and made phone calls to PNC to look into these fees and have them reversed. This matter was not always resolved. Valley National Bank would provide a proposal for the district and if Mr. Maceri is in agreement we would like to have this transition by February 1, 2015. Mr. Maceri informed the board that our music teacher Mrs. Makofske is expecting her first child sometime in June. Mrs. Regan asked how that would affect the graduations. Mr. Maceri stated that he already reached out to get coverage for this. Mr. Maceri asked the board to consider January 2, 2015 as a district shut down for the 12 month employees. If the board was in agreement he would like have a motion in place to approve this. The board did not see a problem with this request. Mr. Maceri asked the board if they would like to discuss nominating a President and Vice- President for 2015 during this meeting so that when the board re-organizers in January these two positions will just be appointed and approved through a Motion. The board was fine with this decision. Mrs. Lofaro recommended Ms. Maher as president. Mrs. Regan recommended Mrs. Lofaro as Vice- President. The remainder of the board was in agreement with these recommendations. Mr. Maceri asked if any board member had any questions or need clarification on any of the motions on the consent agenda. None where voiced. He informed the board of 3 individual motions presented for approval. He then requested a motion for the district shut down as discussed earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Regan made that motion.

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by K. Maher, seconded by L. Perdomo. Roll call, all in favor

BILLS

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

Discussion – Approved

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

COMMENTS AND CITIZENS:

Mrs. Lofaro stated that the board email addresses are still not working properly. Mr. Maceri stated that he sent out a test today. Most of the board members did not receive it. He stated that he would again look into this matter and make some changes together with Mr. Badre. Mrs. Lofaro stated that she is still adamant about getting a police officer for the district. She stated that this needs to be discussed for budgeting purposes if the Police department is not willing to work with the district. Mr. Maceri asked if the board wants to continue the rotation of officers during schools hours or are they looking for a full time officer at school. Mrs. Lofaro would like to see a full time officer, but she doesn't know how the other board members feel out this. She stated that residents of South Hackensack are pleased that there is a presence of police officers around the school. Mr. Maceri stated that he would reach out to Chief Terraccino regarding this matter and will inform the board. Mr. Maceri stated that a letter was sent home to 4th through 8th grade parents regarding an issue with student's personal belongings being stolen from the locker rooms. The letter just stated that parents reinforce responsibility and respect for their own and other's property so that together we can prevent future incidents. The board and the Education Association of South Hackensack (EASH) presented Mrs. Nasta with a gift for her many years of service as a board member to the district. Mrs. Regan thanked Mrs. Nasta on behalf of the board for her 10 years of service and dedication to the children of Memorial School. Mrs. Nasta stated that it has been an honor to service the community and the school district and thanked the board members for their support over the years and specially the years she served as Board President. Mr. Maceri stated that even though he and Mrs. Nasta only served on the board for a year and a half together, Mrs. Nasta exhibited the professionalism that people should have when they sit on a board of education the respect for the people that she hired together with the rest of the board and for knowing the roll of being a board member. Mrs. Lofaro thanked Mrs. Nasta for her many years of service and for her guidance.

Meeting opened to citizens at 8:25 p.m.


None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Motioned by P. Nasta, seconded by T. Lofaro

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Schaefer
Board Secretary