

**SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

Present:

A. Davis
T. Lofaro
K. Maher
J. Obando
L. Perdomo
M. Regan

Also Present:

Gregorio Maceri, Superintendent/Principal
Elizabeth Schaefer, Board Secretary
Mrs. Marrella, Ms. Sheli Dansky (president of the BCSBA) and
several citizens.

Absent:

Y. Encarnacion

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY: Maher

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT: Maher

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 4/6/15, 4/13/15, 4/27/15

Discussion – Approved.

Motioned by J. Obando, seconded by T. Lofaro. Roll call, all in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to approve correspondence, per attached listing.

Discussion – Approved.

Motioned by T. Lofaro, seconded by L. Perdomo. Roll call, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Monthly Expense Report of 3/31/15

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by M. Regan, seconded by J. Obando. Roll call, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report of 3/31/15

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by T. Lofaro, seconded by A. Davis. 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 M. Regan, seconded J. Obando. 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 Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Mr. Stefano the township committeeman will be present to brief the citizens on new plans for the Veteran Park. Mr. Stefano is looking for ideas and input from citizens on how to improve the park. He provided the board with the current school enrollment which stands at 250 students. Mr. Maceri shared some good news with the board regarding the Science fair which was held on April 20, 2015. Mrs. Watts, 2nd grade class presented their dinosaur museum on April 28, 2015. Mr. Chirichella had the 5th grade class complete an online fitness grand challenge against the Maywood school district. Mr. Maceri stated that he would like to budget for desktop computer cameras so that the districts can skype lessons with other schools even competitions. The board thought this was a great idea. He provided the board with the names of the students of the Month of April for Science, Language Arts, Mathematics and Social Studies. He reported that there were no incidents of HIB for the month of April. As part of his report he gave the board a brief rundown of upcoming events for the month of May. Other matters discussed were: dates for faculty/PLC meetings, merit goals, curriculum consortium and shared IT services. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Maceri to explain the curriculum consortium. He stated that he would like to entertain entering if the board is in agreement a curriculum consortium with Maywood, Hackensack, Roselle Park and South Hackensack. He stated that Rochelle Park is hiring a new curriculum director. Rochelle Park is proposing that South Hackensack, Maywood and Hackensack join as a part of a curriculum writing group. The goal is to have all the districts on the same page when it comes to curriculum. Mr. Maceri stated that our district already belongs to a curriculum consortium with the South Bergen Jointure, they are very good, but we send our students to Hackensack and Hackensack is not part of the South Bergen Jointure Commission consortium. Mr. Maceri stated that he would find out how much this would cost the district and if the board is interested in pursuing this then we can get more information. The board seemed interested. Regarding the shared IT Services, the township is not interested in pursuing this with our district. Mr. Maceri stated that it is up to the board to see if they want him to continue looking for a district that might be interested in doing shared services. Hasbrouck Heights is interested in the shared services with South Hackensack, if the board is in interested in pursuing this with them. Ms. Obando asked Mr. Maceri what our IT needs are currently. Mr. Maceri stated that we are in need of maintenance for the computers. This includes PARCC, servers, security cameras, computer leases and day to day functions. Mr. Maceri stated that if the district decides to do the shared services with another district that district should make the hire. Mr. Maceri stated that the district needs somebody here during the day. He stated that during PARCC there were some issues and he had to get on the phone to deal with the issues where an IT person should have been doing this. He also stated that it is better to have an IT person involved in the leasing of the new computers who is more knowledgeable of what questions to ask. Mrs. Lofaro suggested also looking at a part time IT person. Ms. Obando felt that shared services with another school district might work out better since they would be dealing with same issues when it came to PARCC but on the flip side will they be available when we need them here and they can't accommodate us. Ms. Davis stated that is the reason that an agreement is drawn up and signed by both parties. Mr. Maceri stated that it doesn't have to be Hasbrouck Heights for the IT shared services but since we already do shared services with them it would be easier to just add this to our contract with them. He further stated that their current IT coordinator is the person who actually helped him get through PARCC. Hasbrouck Heights is using Genesis, which our district will be transitioning to and use the same accounting system (CSI) as our district. Mr. Maceri stated that Hasbrouck Heights would like to meet with him to discuss further on this matter. He stated that he would provide the board with the outcome. Mr. Maceri stated that a full time IT could cost the district \$65,000 to \$90,000 plus benefits. He did mention that the district could look into hiring through Bergen County Technical schools and that the benefits would be included in the cost to hire. The board also inquired and discussed getting a part-time IT person. Mr. Maceri then asked if the board would approve the Meadowlands Family Success Center to use the lunch room to hold a free dinner to the South Hackensack residents. Ms. Maher stated that as long as the district does not incur over time for the custodians that she would be fine with it. The district will make sure that a certificate of insurance is on file for their organization. Mr. Maceri also informed the board of an invitation from Hackensack High School regarding the Top 20 dinner. He will check with Hackensack to see if any of our students made the list. Since it is on the same day as our board meeting, Mr. Maceri would not be attending but that if a board member would like to attend to please let him know. He then informed the board that he will be doing a re-registration for all high school students and this would include all 8th grade student going into h high school next year. He asked the board if there were any questions regarding his Superintendent report and asked if any board member had any questions or needed clarification on any of the motions on the consent agenda. No questions or comments were voiced.

Motioned by M. Regan, seconded by L. Perdomo. Roll call, all in favor
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BILLS

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

Discussion – Approved

Motioned by J. Obando, seconded by L. Perdomo. Roll call, all in favor

COMMENTS AND CITIZENS:

Meeting opened to citizens at 8:04 p.m.

Ms. Sheli Dansky the President of the Bergen County School Boards Association introduced herself and stated that she has been visiting districts in the area. Regarding the part-time IT person that the board was discussing earlier, she stated that currently River Edge school district is having issues regarding the same problem. River Edge has a full time person but needed additional IT help especially during the PARCC testing so the school district decided to hire part-time help. Ms. Dansky stated that it is not working as planned. First finding a qualified part time person is extremely hard and as soon as they get a full time job somewhere else they leave. She stated that South Hackensack would be better off looking at a shared services agreement. The board thanked her for her input on this matter. Ms. Dansky gave a brief overview of her rolls both as the president of the BCSBA and as a 25 year board member with the River Edge Board of Education. Ms. Dansky stated that she is visiting as many school districts as possible in the Bergen County area to inform districts and ask districts to participate in the county and state level of the association. She asked the board to be involved by attending meetings and making their voices heard on any concerns they may have and meeting the board needs. Ms. Dansky provided the board members with the new meeting dates for the 2015-2016 school year . MS. Dansky stated that her main goal is for the districts to give her feedback. Ms. Dansky thanked the board for their time and informed them that she is available to answer any questions either via phone or email. Ms. Maher stated that she together with 2 other board members had attended the meeting of May 5, 2015 and that it was very informative. Mrs. Lofaro asked if Ms. Dansky had any information regarding school security and the hiring of patrol officers for the district. Ms. Dansky stated that many schools do and stated that her district actually used an officer to do residential checks during their recent re-registration. Ms. Dansky stated that Mrs. Lofaro should email Alfred Annunziate with her questions and that he would be her best resource. The board thanked Ms. Dansky for attending the board meeting and for all the information provided.

Motion to go into closed session @8:28 p.m. for contractual matters

Motioned by: T. Lofaro Seconded by: M. Regan

Roll call, all in favor

Motion to return to the regular order of business @9:30 p.m.

Motioned by: M. Regan Seconded by: J. Obando

Roll call, all in favor

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 9:30p.m.

Motioned by M. Regan, seconded by T. Lofaro

Roll call, all in favor

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Schaefer
Board Secretary