

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2018

A work session meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 in the Lunch Room of Memorial School, 1 Dyer Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Vice President, Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis 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 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.

Roll call was taken by Elizabete Schaefer, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present: Ms. Anzevino, Mr. Aquilina, Ms. Davis, Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mrs. Regan, Mr. Terraccino

Absent: None

Also Present: Gregorio Maceri, Elizabete Schaefer, Mrs. Criscione

Ms. Davis led the Board in the flag salute

Approximately 12 people in attendance.

Private Session:

Mr. Aquilina motioned, Mr. Donatello seconded, to Private session @6:31 p.m. – Board Attorney interviews

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 Board Attorney interviews.

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.

Mrs. Regan motioned, Ms. Anzevino seconded, to return to public session @7:20 p.m.

Presentations:

Mr. Maceri welcomed Ms. Rosemary Marks, Acting Superintendent of Hackensack Public Schools and 3 Hackensack board members. They would be making a presentation to the South Hackensack district regarding their proposed referendum. Ms. Marks thanked Mr. Maceri and the board for welcoming her and the board members to attend the meeting. Ms. Marks briefed the board on this proposal which is a long-term solution that will bring the Hackensack district facilities into the 21st century, and also help expand existing programs or add new ones, like universal preschool. She explained that the most expansive item proposed by the Hackensack district is building a new junior high school on the high school campus. The building, would house students in the seventh, eighth and ninth grade. If the referendum passes the schools should be opened by September 2021. A power point presentation was done explaining in detail this proposed referendum. Any questions the board and citizens had were answered and explained. The South Hackensack Board thanked them for coming to make the presentation and wished them all the best of luck.

Discussion Items:

Mr. Maceri informed the board that Back to School Night is scheduled for September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. He then continued his discussion by reviewing the resolutions on the consent agenda with the board. He asked if the board had any questions or needed clarification on any of the resolutions presented. Ms. Davis inquired on Resolution #12 regarding the substitute list. Ms. Schaefer stated that it would be emailed to the board when the regular board agenda is sent out before the September 17, 2018 meeting. No other questions or comments were voice. Ms. Anzevino questioned the times for the Hackensack High School busing. Ms. Schaefer and Mrs. Maceri provided that information. Ms. Schaefer stated that unless parents are addressing bus issues she is not aware of any problems currently with this route. Ms. Anzevino inquired about Mr. Chirichella attending board meetings and wanted to know how the other board members felt on this matter. Mr. Maceri stated in some bigger districts that the Principal does attend board meetings, but since he acts both as Superintendent and Principal he does not feel a need for Mr. Chirichella to attend all the board meetings unless the board feels otherwise. He further stated that Mr. Chirichella is attending the October 1, 2018 board meeting when the presentation is made to the board and parents regarding the PARCC, NJASK Science and Access for Ells testing scores. Mr. Maceri stated that on Back to School Night he will be discussing with Parents the importance of signing up for Genesis and help will be available for any parent who needs to set it up.

Public Session: None

Private Session: None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Regan, seconded by Mr. Aquilina

All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabete Schaefer

Board Secretary