

**SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**P. O. Box 181**  
**Monmouth Junction, New Jersey**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 21, 2017**

The South Brunswick Township Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Auditorium at Crossroads North School. The meeting was chaired by President Mr. Harry J. Delgado

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Martin Abschutz, Mrs. Azra Baig (7:44 pm), Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Pete St. Vincent

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Patrick Del Piano

**CALLED TO ORDER AND SALUTE FLAG** – Mr. Delgado called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and asked the audience to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**STATEMENT OF ADVANCE NOTICE** – Mr. Delgado read a statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - There was a motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Baig to approve the agenda for January 23, 2017:

Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Martin Abschutz, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Pete St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – There was a motion by Mr. Abschutz seconded by Mr. St. Vincent to approve the Board Minutes of December 15, 2016, January 9, 2017 & January 23, 2017 and Executive Minutes of December 15, 2016:

Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Martin Abschutz, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Pete St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

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### REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Sara Rubiano

#### Activities:

- There will be one last call for “Pay to Participate” for ALL club members. Registration is being re-opened from Wednesday, February 08, 2017 to midnight on Friday, February 24, 2017. For more information, please contact Mrs. Morris in Activities, a club advisor or visit the activities webpage.
- Applications for Subject Area Honor Societies are available in Activities, SPS and 11th Grade Office. They are due by February 24th.
- We have new black and gold items for purchase in the activities office.

#### Performing Arts:

- The Winter Guard will be hosting an International Regional at SBHS on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. All are welcome.
- Auditions for the Spring Musical will take place from the 21st to the 23rd. The musical this spring will be: Cinderella.
- The theater classes will be putting on a production titled: The Trial of Goldilocks. Students from the elementary schools will be coming to the high school to enjoy the performance this week.

#### Guidance:

- As a reminder, registration has opened and will close this Friday. If your child has not registered for classes, please be sure to access Powerschool as soon as possible.
- Counselors will also be meeting with students to review all classes and will provide guidance throughout the process.
- Financial Aid night will take place on March 8th and all are welcome to come.

#### Athletics:

- The Dance Team has returned from Nationals and have won the following:
  - 13th in the Nation for Medium Varsity Jazz
  - 11th for Medium Varsity Pom

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- 6th for Junior Varsity Pom
- 7th for Junior Varsity Jazz
  
- Boys Basketball will have a game tomorrow at home against Sayreville at 5:30 P.M
- Ms. Karen Bertucci has been recognized by the Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey and was given the “Administrative Assistant Award”.
- The Girls Winter Track and Field Team were named Central Jersey Group IV Champions:
  - Courtney Campbell won High Jump
  - Essence Baker won the 800m Dash
  - Chantel Osley won the 1600m Dash
  - Nicole Notarianni won the 55m hurdles
  
- The Boys’ Winter Track Team won the Red Division title this season. Harmodio Cruz led the team and won the GMC and State Sectional Championship in the 400m dash. Harmodio was also a part of the State Sectional Gold Medal in the 4 by 400 relay with Matt Bacchi, Josh Cella, and Vincent Jackson.
  
- Sayvon Jarrett won the shot put at the GMC Championship and won the GMC Shot Put Relay with Joaquin Ferrer. Sayvon will be advancing to the NJ Meet of Champions in the shot put.

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### REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT – Dr. Gary P. McCartney

Dr. McCartney reported the following:

- Schools will be in session on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the first makeup day for the recent snow day on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Parent Academy entitled “Heartfulness: Guided Relaxation Practice for Balanced Living” scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Each year teachers and support staff are recognized, nominations are due by March 6<sup>th</sup> and the recognition will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Kindergarten registration - children turning five years of age by October 31<sup>st</sup> are eligible for kindergarten. There is normally about 350 students are registered for kindergarten during the enrollment period. Routinely another 100 register after enrollment which has an impact on staffing needs. For parents who haven’t yet registered their children eligible for kindergarten please register as soon as possible.
- Tonight the National Merit Commended students will be recognized. At a previous meeting the National Merit Semi-Finalists were recognized, since then all 15 Semi-Finalists have been name finalists. This is the most Semi-Finalists that all made Finalists.

At the last board meeting, a resolution was passed calling for a moratorium on new charter school seats. After the meeting letters were sent out to local legislators and the district received the first reply from Senator Bateman who acknowledged receipt of the letter and replied there are a number of bills pending on Charter Schools. If community members are concerned with the Charter schools they can also call the local legislators. Dr. McCartney announced he also reached out to the State Board of Education.

Dr. McCartney explained Item A. 1.9 on the agenda asking the board to approve extension of the not-to-exceed amounts for professional services. The additional cost reflects students that have since moved into the district that need specialized services.

Dr. McCartney announced two items on the agenda in reference to bond refunding - A. 1. 11 refunding of the 2007 bond issue. The district every ten years has the opportunity to refund bonds as long as the threshold of savings set by the State is met. 1.3 million in savings is anticipated. The sale will take place in April and A. 1.12 refunding bonds for an additional 4 million dollars for the ESIP program.

Mr. Abschtuz announced he was very pleased with Dr. McCartney and Mr. Thompson with their diligence in saving the taxpayers 1.3 million dollars

The refunding of the bonds over the years has saved taxpayers 13 to 15 million.

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Dr. McCartney continued his report:

The preliminary budget for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be presented on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing and final adoption will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to South Brunswick High School senior Amber Brown who scored 40 points and had ten rebounds in a recent basketball game. She broke the all-time women's record.

A new superintendent will be introduced at the next board meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRESENTATION** – 2017 National Merit Commended Students and Honored Faculty – Part 1

Peter Varela, Principal of South Brunswick High School

Mr. Varela announced tonight was a follow up meeting from the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting where the Semi-Finalists were recognized. We are fortunate to recognize students who have been selected as the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program commended students. South Brunswick High School has 34 commended students and 15 will be recognized this evening and the additional 19 students will be recognized at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The top 16,000 out of 1.5 million students who took the PSAT are selected.

Mr. Varela also thanked his secretary Maryann Murphy and Madeline Daniels, Assistant to the Superintendent for their assistance in preparing for this evening's recognition.

Mr. Varela and Board President, Mr. Delgado recognized the following students along with the educator they have chosen that have impacted them during their educational experience in South Brunswick School District and presented them with certificates. The students presented their honored guest with a special book and accompanying inscription.

#### **Student Scholar**

Chan Woo Ang  
Amy Bangad  
Michael Bi  
Nicolas Casilli  
Surabhi Dattatri  
Annamika Dua  
Aditi Ganesan  
Archana Josyula  
Kapil Kanwar  
Marisa Katz  
Humzah Khan  
Zaynab Khan  
Olivia Knutson  
Navina Magesh Kumar  
Mikel Matticoli

#### **Honored Educator**

George Miller  
Tim Burnett  
Marisol Ciccone  
Shauna Beardslee  
Annette Galaro  
Scott Lawrence  
Justin Negraval  
Holly Studzinski  
Marybeth Decarlo  
Donna Cardaneo  
Nicole Saniygo  
Melissa Burdge  
Kathleen Murphy  
Cristina Janis  
Steven Schiff

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Mr. Varela shared some excerpts from letters written by students in honor of their teachers. He congratulated the students, teachers and parents.

Dr. McCartney thanked the students for all the hard work they do in order to be recognized here this evening. Dr. McCartney asked the parents to stand and be recognized for their support and commended the teachers for their excellence in the classroom and for all they do.

Mr. Delgado also congratulated the students and teachers.

Meeting recessed at 8:02 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:05 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

Mr. Nathanson commented on the proposed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan.

Mrs. Baig reported on the South Brunswick Commission on Women's Leadership Conference scheduled for Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at South Brunswick High School. Keynote speaker will be Mayor Frank Gambatese.

Mr. Abschutz commented on the district's fund balance.

**LEAD TESTING UPDATE**

Mr. Thompson announced the first draw on January 14<sup>th</sup> there were no results above 15 ppb for the following buildings:

- 4 Executive Drive, Building & Grounds, Transportation offices
- 231 Blackhorse Lane – Administrative Offices
- Brooks Crossing Elementary
- Indian Fields at Dayton
- Indian Fields Main Campus- results above 15 ppb for the following:
  - bubble water fountain main office work room attached to sink – Immediately took fixture out of service
  - Kitchen sink next to ice machine – signed
  - Kitchen two compartment sink next to ice machine – signed

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- Monmouth Junction – results above 15 ppb for the following:
  - Kitchen next to stove top – signed

First draw on January 28<sup>th</sup> for the following buildings still waiting for results:

- Cambridge
- Brooks Crossing at Deans
- Brunswick Acres Elementary

First draw on February 11<sup>th</sup> for the following buildings still waiting for results:

- Constable
- Greenbrook

Mr. Thompson announced outlets not functioning at the time of testing will not be used until tested. All school buildings have been tested. Once all results have been completed, all outlets not functioning will be tested.

Dr. McCartney announced that the district will keep reporting the findings and be proactive to ensure the health and safety of the children and staff.

**APPROVE ACTION ITEMS** – There was a motion by Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda of February 21, 2017:

### **1 BUSINESS/BOARD**

Administration recommends that the following items be approved:

**1.1 Approval of Expenditures** - That the warrant list dated February 21, 2017 as certified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be approved. It is further certified that there are no overexpenditures in the major accounts: Current Expense, Capital Outlay and Debt Service and that the monthly Financial Status Report indicates that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year (N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13).

<b>Warrants dated:</b>	<b>February 21, 2017</b>	<b>\$4,032,219.95</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>January 13, 2017</b>	<b>\$3,934,419.02</b>
	<b>January 30, 2017</b>	<b><u>\$3,908,698.61</u></b>

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**Total for approved for payment** **\$11,875,337.58**

**1.2 Approve Transfers** - That the transfers of budget appropriations between expenditure codes of the 2016 – 2017 Budget, as specified on the attached sheets, be hereby authorized.

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**1.3 Approve the Report of the Board Secretary** – That the attached Reports of the Board Secretary be approved: **Board Secretary’s Report for December 2016**

**1.4 Approve Bank Reconciliation Statement** - That the Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statements from the Treasurer of School Monies, agreeing with the balance computed in the school district Business Office, be approved as follows:

**Statement as of December 31, 2016** **\$36,417,866.18**

**1.5 Approve Acceptance of Funds** – That the Board of Education accept the following funds from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program (Petroleum Marketing Group, Inc.) in the amount of \$500 for Cambridge Elementary School.

**1.6 Approve Non-Public Security Aid Request** – That the Board of Education approve the Non-Public Technology requests for supplies and materials from Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the 2016 – 2017 school year:

- Noor-Ul Iman School      \$1,983.00 Quote # 1213032K16

**1.7 Approve Disposal of Property** – That the Board of Education approve the following disposal of property:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education has identified the following equipment as no longer usable by the South Brunswick Board of Education and will be offered for disposal by public sale:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Description</u>
U-505015	1982	Ford	Diesel 1500 Tractor
30450-50196	1995	Toro	Ground Master 455-D Lawn Mower

**1.8 Approve Board Committee and Liaison Assignments** – That the Board of Education approve the attached Board Committee List and Liaison Assignments for 2017.



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**1.9 Approve Extensions and Not-to- Exceed Amounts for Professional Services** – That the Board of Education approve and extension and the not-to-exceed amounts for the following services for the 2016 – 2017 school year. These services are necessary for students that are eligible for special education and related services.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>Previous “Not to Exceed”</b>	<b>Increase Amount</b>	<b>New “Not to Exceed”</b>
Brett DiNovi and Associates, LLC	-BCBA consult -RBT services	\$70,000	\$130,000	\$200,000
Tiny Tots Therapy	Physical therapy services - School-based - In-home	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$75,000
Tiny Tots Therapy	OT Services at Dayton	\$52,600	\$30,000	\$82,600
Therapy Source	In-home speech/language and occupational therapy services	\$8,500	\$4,000	\$12,500
Alexander Road Associates	Psychiatric Evaluations	\$8,925	\$2,975	\$11,900
Bayada Home Health Care, Inc	Nursing	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$65,000

**1.10 Approve Evaluation and Professional Services** – That the Board of Education approve the following Evaluation and Professional Services for the 2016 – 2017 school year:

Please accept this request to contract with the following providers and the ‘do not exceed’ amount listed. These services are necessary for students that are eligible for special education and related services and require specialist evaluations. The professional development service is necessary to support special education programming.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>Not to Exceed</b>
JFK Hospital – Center for Audiology	Central Auditory Processing	\$1,050	\$2100

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	Evaluations		
The Rajan Center for Family Wellness	Psychiatric Evaluations	\$550	\$1100
Creative Communications	Professional Development	\$500/day	\$2000

**1.11 Introduction and First Reading of Refunding Bond Ordinance Authorizing Not to Exceed \$17,250,000 Refunding School Bonds –**

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2007 AA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED MAY 8, 2007, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$36,330,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$17,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,250,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Township of South Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable Refunding School Bonds, Series 2007 AA of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$36,330,000 and dated May 8, 2007 (the "2007 Bonds"). The 2007 Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2018 (the "2007 Refunded Bonds") may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after August 1, 2017 (the "Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to 100% of such Refunded Bonds.

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Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,250,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

### 1.12 Introduction and First Reading of Supplemental School Energy Savings Obligation ("SESO")

**SCHOOL ENERGY SAVINGS OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 ENERGY SAVINGS OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance have heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by The Board of Education of the Township of South Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Board of Education"). For the improvements described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of \$4,000,000, such sum being in addition to the \$23,300,000 appropriated therefor by the bond ordinance of the Board of Education finally adopted November 7, 2016 (the "Original Bond Ordinance").

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvements, additional negotiable school energy savings obligation refunding bonds (the "Bonds") are hereby authorized

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to be issued, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 (c)(3) and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.1 et seq.

Section 3. (a) The improvements heretofore authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the Bonds are to be issued are energy conservation improvements, as described in the Original Bond Ordinance.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of school energy savings obligation refunding bonds to be issued for the improvements is \$27,300,000, including the \$23,300,000 authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$4,000,000 school energy savings obligation refunding bonds authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements is \$27,300,000, including the \$23,300,000 appropriated by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$4,000,000 appropriated herein.

Section 4. An additional amount not exceeding \$100,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Bonds authorized herein.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Township Clerk and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount of the bond authorization set forth herein.

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Section 5. A certified copy of this school energy savings obligation refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to final adoption, together with a complete statement in the form prescribed by the Director and signed by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary or the Board President of the School District as to the indebtedness to be financed by the issuance of the obligations authorized herein.

Section 6. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Bonds authorized herein.

Section 7. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and endorsement of the consent of the Local Finance Board upon a certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted.

### **1.13 Approve Resolution for DCO Energy Contract** – That the Board of Education approve the following resolution approving DCO Energy Contract in a form acceptable to counsel -

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Township of South Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") hereby approves an amendment to its contract with DCO Energy for an additional price not to exceed \$3,900.00 to provide and install the energy conservation measures described in the School District's Energy Savings Plan approved November 7, 2016, in a form approved by Counsel and subject to availability of funding; the Board President,

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Superintendent and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to execute such contract on behalf of the Board of Education; and the signature or signatures thereon are conclusive proof of the required review and approval of the contract.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**1.14 Approve Resolution Authorizing Application to Local Finance Board** – That the Board of Education approve the following resolution authorizing application to the local finance board:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(1)(c)(3) AND N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of South Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Board of Education”) desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its approval of a supplemental school energy savings obligation refunding bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$4,000,000 School Energy Savings Obligation Refunding Bonds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(1)(c)(3) and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.1 *et seq.* in order to provide for energy conservation improvements for the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) the purpose is for the health, the welfare, the convenience or the betterment of the inhabitants of the school district;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for the purpose or the improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and

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- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the school district and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the school district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Board of Education's Bond Counsel, along with other representatives of the Board of Education, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Board of Education in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby directed to prepare and to file a certified copy of the financing documents authorizing the Bonds with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings and approval as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statutes.

**1.15 Approve Appointment** – That the Board of Education approve Board Member Patrick Del Piano to the South Brunswick Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Board from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

**1.16 Approve Student Field Trip Destinations** – That the Board of Education approve the student field trip destinations as per the attached for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

**1.17 Approve Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report** – That the Board of Education approve the determinations and recommendations submitted by the Superintendent, through the date of this meeting, regarding the disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.

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**1.18 Approve Resolution for Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement –**

**WHEREAS**, the South Brunswick Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded from the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as per noted on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the travel and related expense reimbursements as listed on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.

**2 PERSONNEL** - Administration recommends that the following personnel items be approved:

**2.1 Accept Resignation** – That the Board of Education accept the following resignation:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Date of Resignation Letter</b>
Paul Bennett	Energy Specialist	District	03/15/17	02/15/17

**2.2 Approve Termination of Employment** – That the Board of Education approve the following termination for the employee listed on the attached sheet on the date indicated.



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**2.3 Approve Leave of Absence** – That the Board of Education approve the following leave of absence:

A. Leave of Absence

Name	Assignment	Location	Period of Leave	Type of Leave
Henry Burnett	Custodian	Maintenance	02/10/17	Unpaid Intermittent FMLA
Glenn Ferraris	Teacher	Brooks Crossing	02/06/17 – 02/10/17	Unpaid Intermittent FMLA
Chelsea Wilson	Speech Language Specialist	Dayton	09/01/17 thru 11/24/17	Unpaid Family Leave (FMLA)

B. Change in Leave

Name	Assignment	Location	Leave - Change From	Leave - Change To	Type of Leave	Previously Approved
Ashley Papcun	Speech Language Specialist	Greenbrook	05/02/17 thru 06/30/17	05/02/17 thru 05/19/17	Unpaid Family Leave (FMLA)	11/21/16

**2.4 Approve Appointments** – That the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

A. Certificated

Name	Assignment	Location	Salary	Reason for Vacancy	Effective Date
Laura McGill	Replacement Fourth Grade Teacher	Indian Fields	\$59,190.00 (MA, Step 3)	Vacant Budgeted Position	02/10/17 thru 06/30/17
Michael Whalen	Replacement Business Education Teacher	SBHS	\$54,070.00 (BA, Step 1)	Vacant Budgeted Position	02/13/17 thru 06/30/17

B. Non-Certificated

Name	Assignment	Location	Salary / Rate	Reason for Vacancy	Effective Date
Tara Laurita	Paraprofessional	Greenbrook	\$2,100.00 (Step 1i)	Vacant Budgeted Position	02/13/17

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**2.5 Approve Change in Assignment** – That the Board of Education approve the following change in assignment:

Name	Assignment - From	Assignment - To	Location - From	Location - To	Salary - From	Salary - To	Reason for Change	Effective Date
Daniel Gorzynski	Replacement Technology Education Teacher	Replacement Social Studies Teacher	Crossroads South	SBHS	\$54,070 (BA, Step 1)	\$54,070 (BA, Step 1)	Vacant Budgeted Position	02/27/17 thru 06/30/17
Dominique Talbot	Teacher	Replacement Supervisor Special Education 9-12	Indian Fields	SBHS	\$64,530 (MA+30, Step 6)	\$90,000.00 (prorated)	Family Leave Position	03/17/17 thru 06/30/17

**2.6 Approve Change in Salary** – That the Board of Education approve the following change in salary:

Name	Assignment	Location	Salary - From	Salary - To	Reason for Change	Effective Date
Felicia Carroll	Bus Driver	Transportation	\$12,527.46 (Step 4*)	\$13,021.22 (Step 4*)	Increase in hours	01/11/17
Steven Jeffries	Paraprofessional	North / South	\$13,269.63 (\$20.75, Step 18L)	\$18,130.31 (\$20.75, Step 18L)	Increase in hours	02/13/17

**2.7 Approve District Substitute Paraprofessional** – That the Board of Education approve the following District Substitute Paraprofessional:

Name	Rate / Step	Effective Date
Alison Iovine	\$12.50 (Step 1i)	02/22/17

**2.8 Approve District Substitute Custodian** - That the Board of Education approve the following District Substitute Custodian:

Name	Hourly Rate	Effective Date
John Beecher, Jr.	\$13.00	02/22/17
Timothy Zeller	\$13.00	02/22/17

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**2.9 Accept Resignation – Community Education** – That the Board of Education accept the following Community Education resignation:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Date of Resignation Letter</b>
Sydney Cortez	High School Intern	Monmouth Junction	03/02/17	12/12/16
Navina Magesh Kumar	High School Intern	Indian Fields	02/27/17	02/13/17

**2.10 Approve Vouchered Substitute Staff – Community Education** – That the Board of Education approve the following vouchered substitute staff - Community Education:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Rate / Step</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Rachel Sperling	Group Leader	District	\$11.50 (Step 1)	02/22/17
Portia Pilapil	Group Leader	District	\$11.50 (Step 1)	02/22/17

**2.11 Approve Vouchered Staff – Community Education** – That the Board of Education approve the following Community Education vouchered staff –

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Rate / Step</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Nichet Epps	Group Leader	Crossroads North	\$11.50 9 (Step 1)	02/22/17
Steven Jeffries	Group Leader	Crossroads North	\$20.75 (Step 18L)	02/13/17

**2.12 Approve Amendment to Resignation Date** – That the resignation date for the following staff member be amended:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resignation Date - From</b>	<b>Resignation Date - To</b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>
Steven Jeffries	Group Leader	Crossroads North	02/13/17	02/16/17	02/06/17

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**2.13 Approve Change in Location** – Community Education – That the Board of Education approve the following Community Education change in location:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location - From</b>	<b>Location - To</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Theodora Vargas	Constable	Greenbrook	Staffing Needs	02/08/17

Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Martin Abschutz, Mrs. Azra Baig, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven M. Patel and Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Pete St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**BOARD COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS** -

Mr. Nathanson announced student Courtney Campbell was the indoor champion of the high jump with 5ft. 6 inches. Student Gus Pelunko is moving on to the regionals after competing in the district wrestling tournament.

Mrs. Baig announced the Lady Vikings won.

Mr. Abschutz announced the Education Foundation of South Brunswick added a two mile walk to their Tour de South Brunswick scheduled for June 11, 2017.

Ms. Kerekes commented on the success of the professional development day held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. There were over 150 presenters. She thanked Chartwells for their service and the students, including student representative Sara Rubiano for acting as human GPS's.

Ms. Kerekes also acknowledge the appointment this evening of Dominique Talbot as Replacement Supervisor Special Education 9-12.

Mr. Robinson reported on the introduction of the National Honor Society at South Brunswick High School. It was a great turnout; he congratulated all of the nominees and the staff for their work in putting it all together.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN** - There was a motion by Mr. Patel, seconded by Dr. Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm to executive session:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of South Brunswick hereby moves to go into Executive Session, in accordance with Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (N.J.S.A.) 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Items
- \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education Self-Evaluation Survey
- X   \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent Search
- \_\_\_\_\_ Terms and conditions of employment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Real estate negotiations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pending or anticipated litigation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confidential pupil matters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion conducted in Executive Session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the matters have been resolved. Formal action may be taken **at any meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,



Thaddeus Thompson  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary