

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

Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 3, 2019

The South Brunswick Township Board of Education met on Thursday, January 3, 2019 in the Auditorium at Crossroads North School. The meeting was chaired by Business Administrator/Board Secretary David Pawlowski:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen Parker, Mr. Deven Patel, Mr. Arthur Robinson & Mrs. Lisa Rodgers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Azra Baig, Mr. Patrick Del Piano and Mrs. Joyce Mehta

BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER AND SALUTE FLAG – Mr. Pawlowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked the audience to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCE BOARD OF ELECTION RESULTS – Mr. Pawlowski announced the following board of education election results from November 6, 2018:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Barry Nathanson	7,229
Lisa Rodgers	6,692
Stephen Parker	4,445
Magesh Kamalakannan	4,139
Mike Mitchell	3,693

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS – Mr. Pawlowski administered the oath of office to incumbents, Barry Nathanson, Stephen Parker and newly elected board member Lisa Rodgers.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT – There was a motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Patel to nominate Mr. Delgado as president. There were no other nominations. There was a resolution to close the nominations by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers.

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Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen Parker, Mr. Deven Patel,
Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mrs. Lisa Rodgers

No: None

Abstentions: None

Mr. Delgado consented to having his name offered as president.

There was a roll call vote to approved Mr. Delgado as president:

Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen Parker, Mr. Deven Patel,
Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mrs. Lisa Rodgers

No: None

Abstentions: None

Mr. Delgado assumed his seat as president and presided over the rest of the meeting.

Mr. Delgado thanked the community that voted in the school election. He announced he is proud to be part of the school district and is deeply honored to serve as the Board President. He acknowledged his family, wife Nancy and daughters Ashley & Gabrielle for their patience and support. Mr. Delgado also thanked his fellow board members for their support.

NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT – There was a motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Patel to nominate Mr. Nathanson as Vice-President. There were no other nominations; there was a motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers to close the nominations.

Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen Parker, Mr. Deven Patel,
Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mrs. Lisa Rodgers

No: None

Abstentions: None

Mr. Nathanson consented to his name being offered as Vice-President. There was a roll call vote to approve Mr. Nathanson as Vice-President:

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Yes: Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen Parker, Mr. Deven Patel,
Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mrs. Lisa Rodgers

No: None

Abstentions: None

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2019

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – There was a motion by Mr. Patel, seconded by Dr. Parker to approve the consent agenda for January 3, 2019.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – Sahil Ganatra

Performing Arts

- This year's winter play, Clue, is approaching fast! Show dates are January 11th and January 12th, and a Sunday matinee on January 13th, please come out and support the performing arts department.

Athletics

- Saturday, January 12th, the Winter Track team will go to the Bennet Center in Toms River to compete in the GMC Coaches Relay Championships.
- Sunday, January 13th, the UDA Dance Team competition will take place at South Brunswick High School.
- Also on Sunday, January 13th, the Cheer team will be competing at Warrenville Regional High School.
- The Hockey Team is 5-0 and is competing next on January 9th against Jackson Memorial at ProSkate

Activities

- Winter Spirit Week is just around the corner:
 - Monday is hibernation day
 - Tuesday is Toast Toes Tuesday
 - Wednesday is Whiteout Wednesday
 - Thursday is Class Color Day
 - Friday is Black and Gold Day

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- Pep Rally will be held on Friday, where the winter sports teams will be recognized.
- JSA will be hosting their winter conference at SBHS this Sunday.
- The Interact Club is running a new event during lunches at SBHS called "New Year New You"
- Students are encouraged to write down their New Year's resolutions on post it notes, and those post it notes will eventually be hung up throughout the school.

In keeping with the district theme, Sahil encouraged everyone to imagine if every child had the resources they needed to succeed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Mr. Scott Feder

Mr. Feder welcomed Mrs. Rodgers to the Board and congratulated Mr. Nathanson and Dr. Parker on their re-election.

This evening we will be recognizing 68 students from the Crossroads South Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Feder discussed the recent ruling on PARCC under the state appellate court that PARCC will not be the only way to meet graduation requirements. We will continue to maintain PARCC testing and will receive guidance over the next 30 days and will share information.

Parent-teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences – looking at feedback and will present to the Board a revised calendar.

2019 – 2020 School Calendar

Mr. Feder announced he started planning the 2019 – 2020 school calendar with Mrs. Kimberly Maloy-White, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK - Bobbi Binder from the Education Foundation reminded the community about the upcoming 4th Annual Murder Mystery and Desert Fundraiser on January 26th at Pierre's of South Brunswick. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

RECOGNITION – Crossroads South Middle School Nationals Wind Ensemble

Bonnie Capes, Principal of Crossroads South Middle School, congratulated Sergio Fossa, Music teacher and the Crossroads South Middle School Wind Ensemble for being selected to perform in the National Concert Band Festival at the Music for All National Festival on March 14 – 16, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Robert Sears, Director of K-12 Music also congratulated Mr. Fossa and the Wind Ensemble on this huge achievement.

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Mr. Fossa congratulated the students for their hard work, the Board and Administration for their support.

Mr. Delgado announced he couldn't be more proud of the level of achievement these students have reached. He commended Mr. Fossa for making the school district proud.

Meeting recessed at 8:00 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:04 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

FIRST READING OF POLICIES – Mr. Pawlowski reported the policies listed for a 1st reading will be available on the district website until the 2nd reading and adoption on January 14, 2019.

- 0152 Board Officers - Revised
- 0153 Annual Appointment - Revised
- 0167 Public Participation in Board Meetings - Revised
- 0168 Recording Board Minutes – Revised
- 0171 Duties of Board President and Vice President - Revised
- 0173 Duties of the Public School Accountant - Revised
- 0174 Legal Services – (M) – Revised
- 0177 Professional Services – (M) – Revised
- 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) - Revised
- 1230 Superintendent's Duties – (M) – Revised

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Mr. Patel reported on the Curriculum Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening regarding the proposed new courses and revisions changes for the 2019 – 2020 school year at South Brunswick High School. Any questions should be directed to Jennifer Diszler, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

APPROVE ACTION ITEMS – There was a motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers to approve the consent agenda for January 3, 2019:

1 BUSINESS/BOARD

Administration recommends that the following items be approved:

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1.1 Accept Donation – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve a donation from the Rotary Foundation of Plainsboro in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for purchases for Cambridge Elementary STEM Project.

1.2 Record and Award RFP – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the RFP 18-11 for Enrichment Programs for Community Education II opened on December 18, 2018 be recorded as per the following:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Price Per Session</u>
Fun2Learn Academy, Inc. Dbas Engineering for Kids Monmouth Junction, NJ	Summer Stem	\$270.00
Leader Kid Academy Dayton, NJ	Summer – Non-Stem	\$250.00

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the RFP 18-11 for Enrichment Programs for Community Education II opened on December 18, 2018 be awarded as per the following:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Per Session</u>
Fun2Learn Academy, Inc. Dbas Engineering for Kids Monmouth Junction, NJ	Summer Stem	\$270.00
Leader Kid Academy Dayton, NJ	Summer – Non-Stem	\$250.00

1.3 Approve Re-Appointment – That the Board of Education approve the following South Brunswick Township appointment:

Re-appoint South Brunswick High School faculty member Laurie Budhu to serve on the South Brunswick Township Commission on the Arts for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

1.4 Approve Out-of-District Placements – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the out of district placements as listed on the attached sheets for the 2018 – 2019 school year with tuition costs paid by the South Brunswick Township School District.

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1.5 Approve Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Reports – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools 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.

1.6 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 – upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

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2.1 Accept Resignations – upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

Name	Assignment	Location	Effective Date	Date of Resignation Letter
Melissa Colontino	Paraprofessional	Crossroads North	12/31/18	12/13/18
Alexander Lasko	Technology Support Services Coordinator	District	01/04/19	12/13/18

2.2 Approve Appointment of Replacement to Replacement – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following Replacement to Replacement position:

Name	Assignment	Location	Reason for Vacancy	Effective Date
Molly Scrabonia	Replacement School Social Worker	Greenbrook	Vacant Budgeted Position	11/27/18 thru 03/15/19

2.3 Approve Appointment of Extracurricular – SBHS – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following extracurricular at SBHS:

Name	Assignment	Stipend	Effective Date
Ricardo Romero	Assistant Coach - Wrestling	\$6,567.00	2018-2019

2.4 Approve Correction in 2018 – 2019 Non-Unit Salaries – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following correction in the 2018 – 2019 non-unit salaries:

Name	Assignment	Location	Salary - From	Salary - To	Reason for Change	Previously Approved
Susan Jelin	Community Education RN	Community Education	\$37,189.62	\$35,932.00	Correction in Salary	12/17/18
Elaine Runyon	Community Education RN	Indian Fields	\$16,319.88	\$15,768.00	Correction in Salary	12/17/18

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No: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

BOARD COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

Mr. Nathanson thanked the South Brunswick community for the support in re-electing him. He also thanked his colleagues for electing him as vice-president. He also congratulated Dr. Parker on his re-election and Mrs. Rodgers on her election.

Mr. Nathanson noted for the first time in 20 years there are three women on the board. He thanked Dr. Parker for nominating him as vice-president and Mr. Patel and Mr. Robinson for supporting the nomination. Mr. Nathanson wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Dr. Parker welcomed newly elected board member Mrs. Rodgers and congratulated Mr. Delgado and Mr. Nathanson for taking on leadership roles as president and vice president. He thanked the community for re-electing him to his 5th term on the board and announced it is an honor and privilege to serve on the board.

Mrs. Rodgers thanked the community for their support in electing her to the board. She also thanked her family and friends for their support. She thanked the administrators, principals and vice-principals for their support of the students.

Mr. Patel reminded the Board about the upcoming Middlesex County School Boards Meeting in Sayreville and encouraged board members to attend.

Mr. Delgado asked board members to request their committee they would like to serve.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – There was a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Dr. Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pawlowski

Business Administrator/Board Secretary