

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Board Secretary
13 Swift Drive
Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234

MINUTES

March 14, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

President Della Barca called the regular meeting of the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education to order at 6:00 PM on March 14, 2017 at the Alder Avenue Middle School Board Room.

At the President's request, Mrs. Anaya, Business Administrator, read the following statement: "On Wednesday, January 4, 2017, notice of this meeting was mailed to "The Press" and "The Current of Egg Harbor Township." Notice was also delivered that day to the Egg Harbor Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in Township Hall."

- 1- On a **motion** by Mr. Riggs and seconded by Mr. Moran the Board voted to go into Executive Session. The Roll Call vote was unanimous.

RESOLVED, that the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education shall meet in executive session on March 14, 2017 immediately, for the purpose of discussing: personnel, litigation and/or attorney-client privilege.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of such subject matter in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the matter has been settled, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law. The items to be discussed are: personnel, litigation and/or attorney-client privilege.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM.

- 2- On a **motion** by Mr. Moran and seconded by Mr. Haines the Board voted to reconvene the open portion of the meeting. The Roll Call vote was unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 6:21 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Pete Castellano, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. Jack Haines, Mr. Chris Moran, Mr. Justin Riggs, Mrs. Marita Sullivan, Mrs. Amber Umphlett, Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi, Mr. Lou Della Barca

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Also Present: Mr. Fred Nickles/Interim Superintendent; Dr. Kim Gruccio/Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Donna Haye/Interim Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Chandra Anaya/Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Dr. Carolyn Gibson/Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney; Mrs. Jamie Shoemaker/Supervisor of Accounting

Mr. Della Barca led the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Nickles discussed the budget.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Representatives reported on school current events, student sports and activity achievements.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – discussed the budget, reading program and textbooks.

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed freshman sports, district office staff and the budget.

Lisa Dagit, 4 Pointe Drive – discussed freshman sports.

Jennifer Rando, no address given - discussed freshman field hockey.

Dr. Denise Trombe, 106 Bonita Drive – discussed freshman sports.

Carol Ewell, 6623 Mill Road and high school teacher - discussed freshman sports.

Steve Elwell, 28 Tradition Circle – discussed freshman sports.

William Gant, 37 Marshall Drive – discussed Title IX and sports safety.

Kristy Bird, 608 Central Avenue – discussed school sports, full-day kindergarten and staff pay increases.

Mrs. Houck-Elco discussed the budget process.

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Mr. Riggs thanked all for their attendance and concerns with the budget. He has asked that the Executive County Superintendent attend a Board meeting to give a presentation on his role in the budget process.

Mrs. Umphlett had questions about the budget process, 41 open positions, UPC codes and the lack of discussion on the budget.

Mr. Castellano discussed the difficult budget process each year and that tonight the Board is voting on the budget number, changes on line items can still be made.

Mrs. Szilagyi discussed the budget process and her support of the budget.

Finance/Operations – 100

1. Accept Gifts, Grants and Donations (per Board Policy 7230)
 2. Approve Out of District Travel
 3. School Resolution to Approve Submission of the School Budget to the County Office
 4. Appoint Treasurer of School Monies
- 3- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mrs. Szilagyi the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #101 through #104

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

No: Mrs. Umphlett

Curriculum – 200

1. Approve Field Trips In State
 2. Approve Field Trips Out of State
- 4- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mr. Riggs, the Board voted to approve CURRICULUM ITEM #201 through #202

Discussion:

None.

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Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Umphlett, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

Personnel – 300

1. Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)
2. Termination(s)
3. Transfer(s)
4. Appointment(s)
5. Leave(s) of Absence
6. Adjustment(s)
7. Elimination/ Creation of Position(s)

5- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve PERSONNEL ITEMS #301 through #307

Discussion:

Item #302.B.1 (D.M.) is withdrawn. #303.B.3 (D.M.) is being added.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Umphlett, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

Policy – 400

1. Policy 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote, Second Reading

6- On a **motion** by Mr. Riggs and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve POLICY ITEMS #301

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Umphlett, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

NEW BUSINESS

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None.

OLD BUSINESS

- 7- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board voted to Affirm HIB Determination Report(s) as discussed in Executive Session: JDM07-1617, JDM08-1617, HS06-1617 and HS07-1617

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Umphlett, Mr. Della Barca

No: Mrs. Szilagyi

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BOARD, STAFF

Chrissy Britebach, 1317 10th Avenue – discussed transgender policy.

Pastor Blake Spencer, 2116 Ocean Heights Avenue – discussed transgender policy.

Emily McGrath, 410 Aurora Drive and junior at EHTHS – discussed transgender vote and gave Mr. Nickles a petition.

Lynn Peterson, 119 Priscilla Drive – discussed transgender policy.

Melissa Tomlinson, 89 Somers Avenue – discussed transgender policy and title nine.

Alexander Barr, 66 S. Mount Airy Avenue – discussed transgender policy.

Mico Lucide, 24 Westover Circle – discussed transgender policy.

Karen Dimicali, 3052 Tremont Avenue – discussed transgender policy and bullying.

Mrs. Houck-Elco discussed HIB staff training, transgender law and the Board vote on the transgender policy.

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed treasurer of school monies on tonight's agenda, reading supplies and the budget.

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Mico Lucide, 24 Westover Circle – questioned current practice and policies.

Alena Foster, 106 Pine Avenue – discussed transgender policy.

Nancy Pino on behalf of Carol Watchler from GLSEN, 29 Asbury Avenue, Linwood – discussed transgender rights.

Steve (no last name given), (no address given) – discussed 8th grade graduation.

RJ Shantos, 119 Crystal Lake Drive – discussed transgender policy.

Eric Reithimer, 22 Tradition Circle – discussed transgender policy.

Kara Velasquez, 10 Greentree Court – discussed transgender policy.

David Delray, 16 Stone Mill Court – discussed transgender and freshman sports.

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed HIB.

Mr. Ellis left the dais at 8:32 PM and returned at 8:34 PM.

Harold Van Dyne, 210 Iowa Avenue – discussed budget cuts, policies, volunteer coaches and is praying for Board members and community.

Emily McGrath, 410 Aurora Drive and junior at EHTHS – discussed bullying.

Mrs. Houck-Elco, Mr. Haines and Dr. Gruccio discussed HIB.

Alena Foster, 106 Pine Avenue - discussed being a victim of bullying.

Jamie Kraus, 1762 Somers Point Mays Landing Road, EHTHS senior – discussed transgender.

Carleena Jones, 1762 Somers Point Mays Landing Road, EHTHS senior – discussed transgender.

Mr. Ellis discussed freshman sports, pay to play, his background in law enforcement and the transgender policy vote.

Mr. Haines thanked all for their attendance this evening.

8- On a **motion** by Mrs. Szilagyi seconded by Mr. Riggs, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Chandra D. Anaya, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary