

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

MINUTES

September 18, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

Procedural: 1.2 Open Public Meetings Statement

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In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, on Wednesday, January 3rd, the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education gave notice of this meeting to "The Press" and "The Current of Egg Harbor Township." Notice was also given that day to the Egg Harbor Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in Township Hall.

Procedural: 1.3 Roll Call

Members present

Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

Also Present: Dr. Kim Gruccio/Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Santilli/Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Davis/Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Chandra Anaya, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

2. RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION -September 18, 2018

Action: 2.1 Recess to Executive Session at 6:03 PM

RESOLVED, that the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education shall meet in executive session on September 18, 2018 immediately, for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Litigation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of each subject matter in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the matter has been settled, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law.

Discussion: 2.2 Personnel

Discussion: 2.3 Attorney's Report

Action: 2.4 Reconvene Open Public Meeting at 7:00 PM

3. PUBLIC MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 3.1 Call to Order at 7:05 PM

Procedural: 3.2 Open Public Meetings Statement

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Procedural: 3.3 Roll Call

Members present

Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

Also Present: Dr. Kim Gruccio/Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Santilli/Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Davis/Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Chandra Anaya, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Jamie Shoemaker, Assistant to the Business Administrator, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

Procedural: 3.4 Flag Salute

4. MINUTES

Action: Approve Minutes

1. May 15, 2018 - Work Session (Corrected)
2. July 24, 2018 - Regular Meeting (Corrected)
3. August 14, 2018 - Executive Session
4. August 14, 2018 - Work Session
5. August 21, 2018 - Executive Session
6. August 21, 2018 - Regular Session

Motion by Amber Umphlett, second by Terre Alabarda to approve Minutes Items 4.1-4.6

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

Abstain: Ms. Alabarda on Minutes Items 4.1 and 4.2, Mr. Della Barca on Minutes Items 4.5 and 4.6, Mr. Haines on Minutes Items 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6, Mrs. Umphlett on Minutes Item 4.2

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentations: 5.1 #EHTPride Superintendent's Monthly Report and Video

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Reports: 6.1 Student Representatives Report on School Current Events, School Sports, and Activity Achievements

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Information: 7.1 Guidelines for Public Comments at the Board of Education Meeting

Barbara Szilagyi-102 Huron Avenue-requested clarification regarding the self-insurance budget

Ms. Anaya responded to Barbara Szilagyi's inquiry

Sonia Cruz-207 Egan Avenue-discussed Policy 5514

Mr. Santilli responded to Sonia Cruz's concerns regarding Policy 5514

Jessica Salerno-210 Tallowood Drive-discussed class rank

Kim Savino-301 Abingdon Drive-discussed class rank

Carl Mason-3057 Fernwood Avenue-discussed class rank

Arwa Muhamed-164 Briarcliff Drive-discussed class rank

Craig Mulhern-211 Dogwood Avenue-discussed class rank

Kristy Bird-608 Central Avenue-discussed class rank

Mr. Castellano extends invitation to meet with Dr. Gruccio and Administration to discuss class rank

8. FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Action: 8.1 Approve Transfers for Ratification 2018/2019

Motion by Jack Haines, second by Amber Umphlett to Approve Finance Item 8.1

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

Action: 8.2 Approve Bills for Payment 8.2-8.20

Action: 8.3 Purchases (per Board Policy #6421)

Action: 8.4 Out of District Travel

Action: 8.5 Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

Action: 8.6 In District Travel Staff 2018/2019

Action: 8.7 Accept Gifts, Grants and Donations (per Board Policy #7230)

Action: 8.8 Board Report and Receipts and Expenditures for July 2018

Action: 8.9 Financial Report of the Board Secretary for July 2018

Action: 8.10 ACSSSD Transportation Jointure ESY 18/19
Action: 8.11 2018/2019 Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program State of Assurance and Technology Plan Agreements
Action: 8.12 Out of District Tuition and Personal Aides 2018/2019 - Special Education
Action: 8.13 Out of District Egg Harbor Township Students Placed by DCP&P
Action: 8.14 2018/2019 Professional Consultants
Action: 8.15 Coop Pricing Agreement
Action: 8.16 2018/2019 Teaching Strategies Agreement - Special Education
Action: 8.17 2018/2019 APEX Learning Agreement
Action: 8.18 ESSA Title I Split Salary
Action: 8.19 Acceptance Elementary and Secondary Education Act/Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA-ESSA) Consolidated Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2019
Action: 8.20 Acceptance of Carl D. Perkins Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2019

Motion by Jack Haines, second by Amber Umphlett to Approve Finance Items 8.2-8.20

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

9. CURRICULUM

Action: 9.1 Field Trips In State 9-18-18
Action: 9.2 Out of State Field Trips 9-18-18

Motion by Amber Umphlett, second by Jack Haines to Approve items 9.1-9.2

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

10. PERSONNEL

Action: 10.1 Elimination/ Creation of Position(s)
Action: 10.2 Resignation(s)/ Retirement(s)
Action: 10.3 Transfer(s)
Action: 10.4 Appointment(s)
Action: 10.5 Leave(s) of Absence
Action: 10.6 Adjustment(s)
Action: 10.7 Job Description(s) (On Hold)

Motion by Jack Haines, second by Terre Alabarda to Approve Personnel Items 10.1-10.6

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

On Hold: Item 10.7

Dr. Gruccio congratulated and introduced Ms. Noon and Mr. Miller.

11. POLICY

Action: 11.1 Policy 1613 - Disclosure and Review of Applicants Employment History (M), NEW, Final Reading
Action: 11.2 Policy 5430 - Class Rank, Revised, Final Reading
Action: 11.3 Policy 8561 - Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M), Replacement, Final Reading
Action: 11.4 Policy 1550 - Equal Employment/ Anti-Discrimination (M), Revised, Single Reading
Action: 11.5 Policy 5350 - Student Suicide Prevention (M), Revised, Single Reading
Action: 11.6 Policy 5514 - Student Use of Vehicles, Revised, Single Reading
Action: 11.7 Policy 5533 - Student Smoking (M), Revised, Single Reading

Motion by Jack Haines, second by Amber Umphlett to Approve Policy Items 11.1-11.7

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

No: Ray Ellis on Item 11.2, Marita Sullivan on Item 11.2

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd assured the Board and the public that there was a very lengthy discussion in the committee meeting regarding Policy 5430

Mrs. Umphlett discussed the time spent putting Policy 5430 together and there was very little input but tonight there are votes against it.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 12.1 Board Calendar
Information: 12.2 NJSBA Carole E. Larsen Award
Information: 12.3 Updated Student Enrollment with Class Size as of 09/11/2018

13. COMMENTS

Information: 13.1 Guidelines for Public Comments at the Board of Education Meeting

Carl Mason-3057 Fernwood Avenue-spoke regarding healthcare and pension

Sonia Cruz-Home & School Association President-spoke about Meet the Candidates Night

Debbie Rockelman-189 Alder Avenue-discussed class rank and the Board vote on the item

Mr. Castellano addressed Debbie Rockelman's questions regarding class rank

Arwa Muhamed-164 Briarcliff Drive-asked about NHS applications

Mr. Castellano informed Arwa Muhamed that a meeting will be setup with Samantha Elko, Director of Guidance

Craig Mulhern-211 Dogwood Avenue-expressed opinion regarding Board vote on class rank

Kristy Bird-608 Central Avenue-discussed class rank and pension

Mr. Castellano responded to Kristy Bird's concerns with the vote on class rank

Bill Warrell-4 Shadow Avenue-asked about cost and documentation for the renovations to the Board room

Dr. Gruccio addressed Bill Warrell's concern regarding the Board room renovation

Arwa Muhamed-164 Briarcliff Drive-discussed class rank

Dr. Gruccio expressed her understanding of Arwa Muhamed's discussion on class rank and clarified the reasoning for the change

Dave Umphlett-Egg Harbor Township-discussed utilization of Campus Portal for class rank as a suggestion

Craig Mulhern-211 Dogwood Avenue-rebutted Dr. Gruccio's clarification on the elimination of class rank

Kathly Waszen-EHTEA President-discussed School Dude and safety and health issue reporting

Information: 13.2 From the Board Members

Mr. Haines discussed the positive climate and culture of the school district

Mrs. Sullivan requested the new employees to stay so the Board can meet them

Mrs. Umphlett thanked everyone that spoke on class rank and discussed role of Board Members when information is introduced for voting

Mr. Della Barca discussed the difficulty he had in making his vote on class rank

Ms. Alabarda stated that she heard the concerns made by Craig Mulhern on class rank and did research before voting

Mr. Haines spoke about making difficult decisions as Board members

Mr. Ellis spoke about making decisions and how ranking makes students work hard and motivates them

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd spoke about Board members having opinions and healthy discussions, as well as about class rank

Mrs. Sullivan discussed class rank policy and why she voted no for the first and second reading and expressed concern to the Board President

Mr. Castellano thanked everyone that came to the meeting

Information: 13.3 From Administration

Dr. Gruccio thanked Leanna Mullen for her hard work and great execution of videos each month, as well as the one for opening day

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Jack Haines, second by Amber Umphlett to adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Terre Alabarda, Lou Della Barca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Jack Haines, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Amber Umphlett, Pete Castellano

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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