

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

MINUTES

March 19, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Procedural: 1.2 Open Public Meetings Statement

New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, on Friday, January 4th, 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

Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Lou Della Barca

Late: Ray Ellis

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

2. RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION - March 19, 2019

Action: 2.1 Recess to Executive Session at 6:01 PM

RESOLVED, that the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education shall meet in executive session on March 19, 2019 immediately, for the purpose of discussing

Personnel and/or Litigation and/or Attorney-Client Privilege

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 HIB Case Review

Discussion: 2.4 Attorney's Report

Action: 2.5 Reconvene Open Public Meeting at 7:00 PM

Motion by Mrs. Szilagyi and Mrs. Summer to Reconvene to Open Public Meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

3. PUBLIC MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 3.1 Call to Order at 7:07 PM

Procedural: 3.2 Open Public Meetings Statement

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Procedural: 3.3 Roll Call

Members present

Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Also Present: Dr. Kim Gruccio/Superintendent, Mr. John Davis/Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Santilli/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 the Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education meetings held on February 12 and 26, 2019

1. February 12, 2019-Executive Meeting
2. February 12, 2019-Work Session Meeting
3. February 26, 2019-Executive Meeting
4. February 26, 2019-Regular Meeting

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan to Approve Minutes Items 4.1-4.4

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Dr. Gruccio presented the Superintendent's Report

Presentations: 5.2 Celebrating Music in our Schools Month

Dr. Mark Kadetsky, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, recognized the All South Jersey Junior High and High School Band and Orchestra Students, as well as the All South Jersey and All State High School Choir Students

Presentations: 5.3 Congratulations High School Boy's Winter Indoor Track & Field Team Champions

Mr. Michael Pellegrino, Director of Athletics, introduced the Track Coach, Ryan Smith, who welcomed the new coaches and recognized the High School NJSIAA South Jersey Group IV Sectional Team Champions for Track and Field

Presentations: 5.4 Congratulations High School Boy's Bowling Team Champions

Mr. Michael Pellegrino, Director of Athletics, introduced the Bowling Coach, Doug Winkler, who recognized the High School Bowling Team NJSIAA South Jersey Group IV Sectional Champions

Mrs. Summer left the dais at 7:42 PM and returned at 7:43 PM

Presentations: 5.5 2019 Global Navigator Scholarship Winners

Dr. Michele Schreiner, Supervisor of World Languages, recognized the twelve (12) 2019 Global Navigator Scholarship Winners that will be studying abroad in July with CIEE

Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Bird left the dais at 7:51 PM

Mrs. Bird returned to the dais at 7:52 PM

Mr. Ellis returned to the dais at 7:53 PM

Presentations: 5.6 2019/2020 Budget Presentation

Ms. Anaya presented the 2019/2020 Budget to the Board and community

Mr. Davis and Mr. Santilli addressed the Board's questions related to Curriculum

Ms. Anaya continued the Budget Presentation

Mr. Della Barca thanked Ms. Anaya for the presentation and opened up questions from Board Members regarding the budget

Mrs. Szilagyi thanked Ms. Anaya for the presentation and addressing student achievement and confirmed the Board's approval for the Budget amount can only change within the total or decrease

Mrs. Sullivan appreciated how the budget was presented this year

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Reports: 6.1 Student Representatives, Morgan Suckiel and Sheikh Mahmud reported 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

Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder-1 Harvest Court-spoke about state aid underfunding of the school budget

Amber Umphlett-6512 Mill Road-spoke about the positive collaboration between the Board and Administration in the budget process

Sonia Cruz-207 Eagon Avenue-asked questions regarding co-curricular activities

Ms. Anaya and Dr. Gruccio addressed Ms. Cruz's questions

Liz Butcher-327 Sea Pine Drive-asked about mediation and litigation for special education services

Ms. Anaya and Mrs. Houck-Elco addressed Ms. Butcher's questions

Kathy Waszen-2517 Tremont Avenue-spoke about teacher supplies

Dr. Gruccio stated that the Administration will look into teacher supplies fulfillment process

8. FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Action: 8.1 Transfers for Ratification 2018/2019

Action: Approve Finance Item #8.1

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Pete Castellano to Approve Finance Item 8.1

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Action: 8.2 Bills for Payment

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 Financial Report of the Board Secretary for January 2019

Action: 8.9 Board Report and Receipts and Expenditures for January 2019

Action: 8.10 Asset Disposals - District

Action: 8.11 Amended IDEA Federal Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2019 - Revised

Action: 8.12 Acceptance of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant IDEA Expansion Funds for 2018/2019

Action: 8.13 Xerox/Stewart Lease Renewal

Action: 8.14 T Mobile General Services Agreement

Action: 8.15 2018/2019 Out of District Tuition - Special Education

Action: 8.16 Out of District Tuition for McKinney Vento Students Received

Action: 8.17 2018/2019 Professional Consultant

Action: 8.18 Submission of the 2019/2020 School Budget to the County Office

Action: Approve Finance Items #8.2 through #8.18 with Item #8.17B on hold

Mr. Castellano spoke about the budget and his full support

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Barbara Szilagyi to approve Finance Items 8.2 through 8.18 with 8.17B on hold

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Dr. Gruccio thanked everyone, including the Board, for their support and contributions to the budget process

Mr. Della Barca expressed his opinion on how great everyone worked together during the budget process

9. CURRICULUM

Action: 9.1 Field Trips In State
Action: 9.2 Field Trips Out of State

Action: Approve Curriculum Items #9.1 through #9.2

Motion by Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, second by Amy Summer to Approve Curriculum Items 9.1 through 9.2

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

10. PERSONNEL

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

Action: Approve Personnel Items #10.1 through #10.7 with Items #10.3 and 10.6B1 on hold

Motion by Michael Price, second by Kristy Bird to Approve Personnel Items 10.1 through 10.7 with Items 10.3 and 10.6B1 on hold

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Dr. Gruccio welcomed the newly appointed staff members in the audience

11. POLICY

Action: 11.1 Bylaw 0143.2 - Student Representatives to the Board of Education, Revised, Single Reading
Action: 11.2 Policy 3437 - Military Leave (Teaching Staff), Revised, Single Reading
Action: 11.3 Policy 4437 - Military Leave (Support Staff), New, First of Two Readings
Action: 11.4 Policy 5330.04 - Administering an Opioid Antidote, Revised, Single Reading
Action: 11.5 Policy 8561 - Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs, Revised, Single Reading

Action: Approve Policy Items #11.1 through #11.5 with Item #11.4 on hold

Motion by Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, second by Marita Sullivan to Approve Policy Items 11.1 through 11.5 with Item 11.4 on hold

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

12. OLD BUSINESS

Action: 12.1 Affirm HIB Determination Report(s)

Mrs. Houck-Elco requests a motion, from the Board, to Affirm HIB Determination report(s) from February 26, 2019 as discussed in Executive Session

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan to Affirm HIB Determination report(s) from February 26, 2019 as discussed in Executive Session for DAV1-18/19, DAV2-18/19, JDM3-18/19, A5-18/19, F2-18/19, F6-18/19, F7-18/19

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

13. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 13.1 Approve PS Settlement

Mrs. Houck-Elco requests a motion, from the Board, to approve the PS Settlement as discussed in Executive Session

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan to Approve settlement for PS OAL Docket Number EDS 08499-2018S as discussed and reviewed in Executive Session

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 14.1 Board Calendar

Information: 14.2 NJSBA Upcoming Events

Information: 14.3 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)

15. COMMENTS

Information: 15.1 Guidelines for Public Comments at the Board of Education Meeting

Carl Mason-3057 Fernwood Avenue-gave his opinions on enrollments in other schools and school rank

Lauren Schlam-117 Explorer Lane-gave the Board a letter on behalf of a Title I Teacher that could not be present

Mary Geary-117 Poplar Avenue-thanked Mr. Santilli on streamlining access to the Child Study Team and asked about transportation for activities

Mr. Della Barca stated that someone will get back to her regarding her question on transportation

Easmin Acktor -112 Cardinal Road-requested Muslim holiday school closings

Mr. Della Barca requested that Ms. Acktor contact Dr. Gruccio's regarding her request

Sonia Cruz-207 Eagon Avenue-thanked the District for posting meetings on social media and asked about policies

Mrs. Houck-Elco addressed Sonia Cruz's question on District policies and the procedures on policy revisions

Carl Mason-3057 Fernwood Avenue-gave his opinion on religious holidays

Information: 15.2 From the Board Members

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd spoke about the new budget process

Mrs. Bird thanked everyone for the amount of data received, her first budget process, and requested differentiating classroom supply budget from the building supply budget

Mrs. Houck-Elco clarified statements made earlier, stating that Charter schools are public schools

Mrs. Bird expressed her opinion on public school teachers

Information: 15.3 From Administration

16. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 18.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Ray Ellis, second by Kristy Bird to Adjourn the Meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

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