

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

MINUTES

April 30, 2019

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:04 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, 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, Dr. Carolyn Gibson/Director of Human Resources, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

2. RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION - April 30, 2019

Action: 2.1 Recess to Executive Session at 6:05 PM

RESOLVED, that the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education shall meet in executive session on April 30, 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 7:05 PM

Motion by Mrs. Sullivan, second by Barbara Szilagyi to Reconvene to Open Public 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

3. PUBLIC MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 3.1 Call to Order at 7:10 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, Dr. Carolyn Gibson/Director of Human Resources, Mrs. Jamie Shoemaker/Assistant to the Business Administrator, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

Procedural: 3.4 Flag Salute

Mr. Della Barca requested a moment of silence following the flag salute to honor a former teacher that passed, Midge Helfrich.

4. MINUTES

Action: Approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education held on March 12 and 19, 2019

1. March 12, 2019-Executive Meeting
2. March 12, 2019-Work Session Meeting
3. March 19, 2019-Executive Meeting
4. March 19, 2019-Regular Meeting

Motion by Kristy Bird, second by Pete Castellano to Approve Minutes Items 4.1 through 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 and discussed transportation and the babysitter form changes

Recognitions: 5.2 Congratulations 2019 Jersey Shore Science Fair and Delaware Valley Science Fair Winners

Dr. Gruccio recognized the students that received awards in the 2019 Jersey Shore Science Fair and those that received awards in the Delaware Valley Science Fair

Recognitions: 5.3 South Jersey Spelling Bee

Dr. Gruccio recognized the student that received 2nd place at the Vineland Spelling Bee Competition

Recognitions: 5.4 Computer Science Students Excelling Outside the Classroom

Adam Swift recognized students that received the NCWIT Aspirations and Computing Awards, the winner of the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship, and the student whose article was published for her research and experience developing a Hack-athon

Presentations: 5.5 2019/2020 Budget Hearing

Ms. Anaya presented the 2019/2020 Budget Hearing

Mr. Ellis left the dais at 7:45 PM and returned at 7:48 PM

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

Jennifer Nath-205 Cranberry Court-appreciated the addition of middle and high school for Take Your Child To Work Day

8. FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Action: 8.1 Transfers for Ratification 2018/2019

Action: Approve Finance Item #8.1

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan 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 Financial Report of the Board Secretary for February 2019

Action: 8.8 Board Report and Receipts and Expenditures for February 2019

Action: 8.9 2018/2019 Delsea Regional High School District Transportation Jointure

Action: 8.10 2018/2019 Transportation Jointure to Atlantic Community Charter

Action: 8.11 2018/2019 Tuition Contract for DCP&P Student Received

Action: 8.12 2018/2019 Out of District Tuition Contract for McKinney Vento Act Student Sent

Action: 8.13 2018/2019 Out of District Tuition Contract - General Education

Action: 8.14 2018/2019 Tuition Contract for McKinney Vento Act Students Received

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

Action: 8.16 2018/2019 Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Agreement

Action: 8.17 Professional Consultant Services

Action: 8.18 WNMU Affiliation Agreement

Action: 8.19 Direct Energy as the Energy Supplier for the District

Action: 8.20 2020 EHTHS Prom Agreement

Action: Approve Finance Items #8.2 through #8.20

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Kristy Bird to Approve Finance Items 8.2 through 8.20

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

Abstains: Pete Castellano from Finance Item #8.17

9. CURRICULUM

Action: 9.1 Field Trips In State

Action: 9.2 Field Trips Out of State

Action: 9.3 2020 Junior/ Senior Prom

Action: 9.4 Weight Training Free Clinic at the High School

Action: Approve Curriculum Items #9.1 through #9.4

Motion by Michael Price, second by Amy Summer to Approve Curriculum Items 9.1 through 9.4

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

10. PERSONNEL

Action: 10.1 Resignation(s)/ Retirement(s)

Action: 10.2 Transfer(s)

Action: 10.3 Appointment(s)

Action: 10.4 Leave(s) of Absence

Action: 10.5 Job Description(s)

Action: Approve Personnel Items #10.1 through #10.5

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan to Approve Personnel Items 10.1 through 10.5

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

Abstains: Amy Summer from Personnel Item #10.3

Dr. Gruccio welcomed the newly appointed staff that were present in the audience

11. POLICY

Action: 11.1 Policy 4437 - Military Leave (Support Staff), New, Final Reading

Action: 11.2 Policy 2610 - Educational Program Evaluation, Revised, Single Reading

Action: 11.3 Policy 7510 - Use of Facilities, Revised, Single Reading

Action: Approve Policy Items #11.1 through #11.3

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Amy Summer to Approve Policy Items 11.1 through 11.3

Discussion: Mr. Santilli interjected to inform the Board of a suggested change for Policy 2610 that was made after the Work 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

12. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 12.1 Approve 2019-2020 District School Year Calendar

13. OLD BUSINESS

Action: 13.1 Affirm HIB Determination Report(s)

Motion by Kristy Bird, second by Pete Castellano to Affirm HIB Determination Report(s) from March 19, 2019 as discussed in Executive Session for DAV03-18/19, A06-18/19, A07-18/19, A08-18/19

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

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 14.1 Board Calendar

Information: 14.2 NJSBA Upcoming Events

Information: 14.3 NJSBA Recognition - M. Sullivan

15. COMMENTS

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

Carl Mason-3057 Fernwood Avenue-spoke about student awards, schools with funding deficits and class rank

Erin Kee-202 Westwood Avenue-asked about recycling at the High School

Dr. Gruccio stated that she would look into this matter

James Lacasse-205 Mitchell Drive-spoke about grade inflation

Dr. Gruccio stated that Policy 2624 would be looked into by the Policy Committee

Angela Baldwin-Director at Trinity-thanked everyone for responding to parent/guardian concerns for transportation

Melissa Denning-335 Sea Pine Drive-asked about changes to Kids Klub for 19/20 school year

Dr. Gruccio responded to her inquiry

Amber Umphlett-6512 Mill Road-spoke about transportation, work sessions, posting Committee reports and accountability

Stephanie Pedrick-10 Copper Ridge Circle-spoke about transportation and child care

Sonia Cruz-207 Eagon Avenue-spoke about the vote for Agenda Item 12.1 and asked about changes to student parking

Mrs. Houck-Elco responded to Ms. Cruz's question regarding student parking

Ms. Cruz also discussed Project Graduation and the donation from the Board

Motion by Pete Castellano, second by Barbara Szilagyi to donate \$3,000 to project graduation from the general budget.

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

Arthur Richman-330 Sunflower Drive-asked about Kids Klub salary

Dr. Gruccio responded to Mr. Richman's question

Veronica Kee-202 Westwood Road-asked about Parent's Club communication and the upcoming meeting for recruitment

Ms. Anaya responded to Ms. Kee's question

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan to Approve 12.1, The 2019-2020 District School Year Calendar

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

Information: 15.2 From the Board Members

Mr. Price spoke about this being his first budget and thanked everyone for their patience and guidance

Mrs. Bird requested the Board recess into Executive Session and Mrs. Houck-Elco informed Mrs. Bird that she would need to state a specific reason for the Executive Session and also clarified her previous comment on student parking to Ms. Cruz

Mrs. Houck-Elco stated that Mrs. Bird had recommended the Board recess into Executive Session for an estimated 10-15 minutes regarding Attorney/Client communication.

Information: 15.3 From Administration

16. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: 16.1 Recess to Executive Session

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Tamika Gilbert-Floyd to Recessing into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege

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

The Board Recessed into Executive Session at 8:25 PM

Discussion: 16.2 Attorney's Report

Action: 16.3 Reconvene Open Public Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Summer, second by Mr. Price to Reconvene to Open Public Meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

The Board Reconvened to Open Public Meeting at 8:39 PM

18. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 18.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan 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 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

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