

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

MINUTES

September 12, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

President Della Barca called the regular meeting of the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education to order at 6:04 PM on September 12, 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 Mrs. Umphlett and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan 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 September 12, 2017 immediately, for the purpose of discussing: personnel, litigation and 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 attorney-client privilege.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:04 PM.

- 2- On a **motion** by Mrs. Sullivan and seconded by Mrs. Umphlett the Board voted to reconvene the open portion of the meeting. The voice vote was majority approved with the opposition by Mr. Haines.

The Board reconvened at 7:04 PM.

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

Absent: Mr. Chris Moran

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Also Present: Dr. Kim Gruccio/Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Stephen Santilli/Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Chandra Anaya/School 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.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gruccio presented the new logo and mission statement and discussed opening of school. She thanked school staff and the Board.

Latifah Potter, Miller School Principal and Kristen Boyd, Director of after school programs discussed the 21st Century Learning Grant.

Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Umphlett, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Anaya discussed the program lottery system, spending and the grant budget.

Mr. Della Barca and Mr. Castellano acknowledged the hard work of Ellen Gregory and Kristen Boyd.

Mr. Della Barca commended Dr. Gruccio for a great school opening.

Mr. Della Barca introduced and welcomed Mary Sadallah and Chinaza Asiegbu as the 2017/2018 student representatives.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

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

Mr. Ellis recognized the Press of Atlantic City reporter, Claire Lowe who will be covering for "The Current of Egg Harbor Township."

Mr. Della Barca congratulated Kaitlyn Schoeffel, Miss New Jersey for coming in second to Miss America.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

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Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – inquired about the finance committee responsibilities and the EHTEA agreement.

Finance/Operations – 100

1. Bills for Payment
 2. Accept Gifts, Grants and Donations (per Board Policy 7230)
 3. Approve Out of District Travel
 4. Approve Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
 5. Approve District Staff for Reimbursement of Regular In-District Travel Expense – 2017/2018
 6. Approve Board Report of Receipts and Expenditures for July 2017
 7. Approve Financial Report of the Board Secretary for July 2017
 8. Approve the Acceptance of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant and Budget for FY18
 9. Approve Disposal of District Equipment – Transportation Department
 10. Approve Participation in the Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority (HTMUA) Shared Services
 11. Approve Professional Consultants Agreements for the 217/2018 School Year
- 3- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mr. Castellano the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #101

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines (except invoice #3235), Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Umphlett, Mr. Della Barca

Abstain: Mr. Haines (invoice #3235) and Mrs. Szilagyi

Absent: Mr. Moran

- 4- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mrs. Szilagyi the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #102 through #111

Discussion:

None.

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Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mr. Moran

Curriculum – 200

1. Approve Field Trips In State
2. Approve Field Trips Out of State
3. Approve Curriculum for the 2017/2018 School Year
4. Approve Dual Credit Program Letter of Agreement between Atlantic Cape Community College and Egg Harbor Township School District for the 2017/2018 School Year at the Egg Harbor Township High School
5. Approve Rowan University Student T.M., Action Research Project for the 2017/2018 School Year

- 5- On a **motion** by Mrs. Szilagyi and seconded by Mr. Haines, the Board voted to approve CURRICULUM ITEM #201 through #205

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mr. Moran

Personnel – 300

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

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

Discussion:

Item #303 has been pulled.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mr. Moran

Policy – 400

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

Reverenced Blake, 2116 Ocean Heights Avenue – discussed the transgender policy.

Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – discussed public school governance and role of the Board and superintendent and the new reading program.

Emily McGrath, 410 Aurora Avenue – discussed the transgender policy.

Kathy Waszen, Association President – thanked Mr. Della Barca for supporting staff.

Mico Lucide, 24 Westover Circle – discussed the transgender policy.

Mr. Haines discussed his experience with the EHT Board in attending 750 Board meetings and discussed student enrollment and the quality of EHT Board employees.

Mr. Riggs thanked the community and staff and mentioned the article in The Current and commended Dr. Gruccio..

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Mr. Ellis discussed the transgender policy.

Mr. Haines discussed New Jersey School Board Association and advancing student achievement.

Mr. Della Barca reported the next meeting will be a Work Session on September 19th, thanked the staff for a great school year opening and discussed the long range facility plan.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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