

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

MINUTES

**February 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 February 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 Mrs. Sullivan and seconded by Mrs. Szilagyi 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 February 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 6:01 PM.

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

The Board reconvened at 7:02 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

Mr. Ellis joined the dais at 7:03 PM.

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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.

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1. December 13, 2016 – Executive Session
2. December 13, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- 3- On a **motion** by Mr. Riggs and seconded by Mr. Castellano the Board voted to approve MINUTES

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Mr. Haines, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Umphlett

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Marinelli, Principal of Alder Avenue Middle School introduced the Veteran’s Advisory Board Essay Winners and the students read their essays for the Board.

Mr. Urtubey, Director of ITS, and Craig Northrup from School Messenger presented, discussed and gave a demonstration a new webpage hosted solution, School Messenger.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Rev. Ric Van Dine, 210 Iowa Avenue – discussed the transgender policy.

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Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed the new website financial savings.

Mrs. Houck-Elco clarified in response to Reverend Van Dine that the transgender law in New Jersey would not be affected by the Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Della Barca reported that all committee reports will be presented at work session meetings.

Finance/Operations – 100

1. Approve Purchases (per Board Policy #6421)
 2. Approve Out of District Travel
 3. Approve Amendment FY17 Carl D. Perkins Grant Application
- 4- On a **motion** by Mrs. Szilagyi and seconded by Mr. Castellano the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #101

Discussion:

Mr. Castellano shared that any comment or input on the budget is welcome anytime.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines (except #101.4), Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan (except #101.4), Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

Abstain: Mr. Haines (#101.4), Mrs. Sullivan (#101.4) and Mrs. Umphlett

- 5- On a **motion** by Mr. Castellano and seconded by Mr. Moran the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #102 and #103

Discussion:

Mr. Haines asked for more information regarding item #103.

Mr. Riggs discussed vocational education.

Roll Call:

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

Curriculum – 200

1. Approve Field Trips In State
2. Approve Field Trips Out of State

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- 6- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mrs. Umphlett, the Board voted to approve CURRICULUM ITEM #201 and #202

Discussion:

None.

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)

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

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

Policy – 400

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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- 8- On a **motion** by Mr. Castellano and seconded by Mrs. Umphlett, the Board voted to Affirm HIB Determination Report(s) as discussed in Executive Session: JDM03-1617, JDM04-1617, A02-1617, HS04-1617

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

No: Mr. Haines and Mr. Riggs

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

Mrs. Anaya read answers to questions from Saturday morning's budget meeting.

Carl Mason, 3057 Fernwood Avenue – discussed sabbatical costs and the projected number of students graduating this year. Mr. Nickles replied that number will be available in May.

Ava (no last name given), 323 Highland Avenue – discussed the transgender policy.

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed Chromebooks. Mrs. Anaya discussed Chromebook purchases from a financial perspective and Dr. Gruccio discussed Chromebook purchases from a curriculum perspective.

Mr. Ellis left the dais at 7:50 PM and returned at 7:51 PM.

Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – discussed class sizes, candidate night comments and impact of foreclosures on staff and students.

Bob Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed the budget and cap.

Kevin Levowitz Sr., 11 Bowen Avenue – thanked the Board for honoring Veterans'.

Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – thanked Veteran's Advisory Board Essay Winners who spoke this evening and at the last meeting.

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed accountability and transparency.

Michael Heath, 1 Forest View Court – discussed the transgender policy.

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Barbara Maples, 26 Sturbridge Court – discussed work session committee reports.

Patty Connor, Swift School Principal – discussed Chromebooks and PARCC.

Mrs. Umphlett discussed:

- Chromebooks – iPads purchased last year, Miller School piloted with Title I
- Budget:
 1. 41 unfilled positions due to resignations/retirements
 2. Custodial comparison
 3. Assistant Business Administrator replacement
 4. Two vice principal cuts
 5. Insight
 6. Line item comparisons of Davenport, Slaybaugh and Swift Schools

She will forward questions to Mrs. Anaya.

Mr. Della Barca discussed NJSBA regional training and Senate and Assembly committee hearings.

Mr. Della Barca reported the next meeting is a work session on February 21st.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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