

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

MINUTES

**February 28, 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 28, 2017 at the Alder Avenue Middle School Cafeteria.

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 Mr. Riggs and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan the Board voted to go into Executive Session. The voice vote was majority approved with the opposition by Mr. Moran and Mr. Haines.

RESOLVED, that the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education shall meet in executive session on February 28, 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 6:00 PM.

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

The Board reconvened at 6:28 PM.

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

Absent: Mrs. Amber Umphlett

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Also Present: Mr. Fred Nickles/Interim Superintendent; Dr. Kim Gruccio/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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Matthew Ungerer and Isabella Vozzi asked the Board to purchase an ad for the High School production of Hairspray playbill. The Board agreed to purchase a full page ad for \$50.00.

Finance/Operations – 100

1. Transfer for Ratification 2016/2017
 2. Bills for Payment
 3. Approve Purchases (per Board Policy #6421)
 4. Accept Gifts, Grants and Donations (per Board Policy 7230)
 5. Approve Out of District Travel
 6. Approve Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
 7. Approve Board Report of Receipts and Expenditures for December 2016
 8. Approve Finance Report of the Board Secretary for December 2016
 9. Approve Out of District Tuition Contract(s) for Egg Harbor Township Students Places by McKinney Vento Services
 10. Approve Agreement with State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families
 11. Approve Out of District Tuition Contract(s) for the 2016/2017 School Year – Special Education
- 3- On a **motion** by Mrs. Szilagyi and seconded by Mr. Castellano the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #101

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

No: Mr. Haines

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

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

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Riggs (except vendor #2774), Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

No: Mr. Riggs (vendor #2774)

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

5- On a **motion** by Mrs. Szilagyi and seconded by Mr. Castellano the Board voted to approve FINANCE ITEMS #103 through #111

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

Curriculum – 200

1. Approve Field Trips In State
2. Approve Jersey Shore MATHletes
3. Approve the 2017/2018 Program of Studies for the Egg Harbor Township High School
4. Approve Computer Science Discoveries Curriculum Pilot for Alder and Fernwood Avenue Middle Schools for 2017/2018 School Year

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5. Approve the New High School AP Computer Science Principals Course for the 2017/2018 School Year
- 6- On a **motion** by Mr. Moran 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. Moran, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Della Barca

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

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)~~ ON HOLD
 8. ~~Job Description~~ ON HOLD
- 7- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve PERSONNEL ITEMS #301 through #306

Discussion:

Item #307 and item #308 are on hold.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

Policy – 400

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1. Policy 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote, New, First Reading
2. Policy 2430 Co-Curricular Activities, Revised, Single Reading
3. Policy 9270 Home Schooling and Equivalent Education, Revised, Single Reading

- 8- On a **motion** by Mr. Riggs and seconded by Mr. Castellano, the Board voted to approve POLICY ITEMS #301 through #303

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- 9- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board voted to Affirm HIB Determination Report(s) as discussed in Executive Session: SL03-1617, JDM05-1617, JDM06-1617, A03-1617 and HS05-1617

Discussion:

None.

Roll Call:

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

No: Mr. Riggs and Mrs. Szilagyi

Absent: Mrs. Umphlett

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

The following members of the public spoke about the transgender policy:

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Mico Lucide, 2009 Alumni, 24 Westover Circle
Blake Spencer, pastor at 2166 Ocean Heights Avenue

Mrs. Umphlett arrived at 7:14 PM.

Jennifer Crull, 7 Arthur Landing Court, Brigantine
Alex Barr, 66 S. Mt. Airy Avenue
Kata Velazquez, 10 Greentree Court
Barbara Bennett, 42 Redwood Drive
Kevin Murphy, 229 Central Avenue, Ocean City
Melissa Tomlinson, 89 Somers Avenue
Heather Warburton, 825 Oak Drive, Hammonton
Rev. Kevin Bernet, (no number given) Fernwood Avenue
Margaret Erickson, Hamilton Township
Laurie Greene, Stockton University, Ventnor
Christy Britebach, 1317 10th Avenue, Dorothy
Laura Black, 477 Ash Avenue, Galloway
Rowan Marouf, EHTHS alumni
Steve Trotter, Praise Tabernacle
Erin Lourtseu, 673 Zion Road
Melissa Rodriguez, 427 Zion Road
Kevin Leatherwood Sr., (no number given) Fire Road
Hope Valiant, 323 Island Lane
Jenn Sanders, 10 Rally Road
Tom Minichino, 16 Windsor Drive
Quinn Corson, 5075 Tremont Avenue
Jeff Whitaker, (no number given) Ontario Avenue
Mikaila (last name inaudible), 1124 Ocean Heights Avenue, student
Shawn Damico, 2513 Tremont Avenue
Frank Mahoney, 79 Mattix Run
Kathleen Leon, Oceanview
Julie Reinhardt, Galloway, EHT Teacher
Jerry Rios, 37 Equestrian Road
Carl Mason, 3517 Fernwood Avenue
Ethel Hermenau, Galloway
Caitlyn McCally, (no number given) Tremont Avenue
Marie Radcliffe, 209 Atlantic Avenue
John Carlson, 157 Alder Avenue
Gloria Morales, NJ Family Policy Council
Michael Heath, Egg Harbor Township resident (no address given)
Katie Deshmire, 10 Rally Road
Tommy (no last name given), 105 East Ocean Avenue

Mr. Moran suggested a community committee to work together on the transgender policy.

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Mr. Castellano is disappointed the Board choose not to vote on the transgender policy this evening.

- 10- On a **motion** by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mr. Castellano, the Board voted to Adopt Policy 5756 as revised for the Second Reading

Discussion:

Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Della Barca and Mr. Castellano discussed the motion, time and work put into the policy and division in the community.

Mrs. Umphlett left the dais at 9:04 and returned at 9:05.

Mrs. Umphlett discussed the policy, the divide, and the Board violating policies and ethics since her election. She would like to abstain on the vote, but will vote tonight.

Roll Call:

Yes: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Haines, Mr. Moran, Mr. Della Barca

No: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Umphlett and Mrs. Szilagyi

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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