SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Public Meeting – On-Line and Live Streamed  
August 27, 2020  
8:00 p.m. Public Session

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: p.m

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Ms. Nancy Bauer  
Mrs. Amy Boroff  
Ms. Deb Brody  
Mrs. Karen Mitchell  
Ms. Stephanie Suriani  
Ms. Tonya Williams  
Ms. Amy Winkler  
Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President  
Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

OTHERS PRESENT  
Joan Mast, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Deborah S. Saridaki, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Robert A. McGarry, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources  
Lisa Rebimbas, Director of Special Services  
Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel and Legal Matters; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private recess by this Board and administrative staff, and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

BOARD PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance 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 this Act, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Board of Education offices located at 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Such notice was also provided in written notice forwarded to The Times, The Star Ledger, the Township Clerk of Scotch Plains and the Borough Clerk of Fanwood in the Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings as adopted March 26, 2020.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE GO TO SPFK12.ORG FOR ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BYLAWS #0164 and 0165, THE MEETING WILL BE OPENED FOR 15 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. (MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.) SPEAKERS ADDRESSING SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS, BUSINESS FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER BOARD BUSINESS WILL BE HEARD FIRST. IF TIME REMAINS, SPEAKERS MAY ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS. If you would like to make a public comment, go to spfk12.org for Zoom login information.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community Relations
- Curriculum
- Facilities
- Finance
- Negotiations Update
- Personnel
- Policy
- Strategic Planning

LETTERS TO THE BOARD

75 emails were received from the public and were forwarded to the appropriate administrators for response.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*1-S Out of District Placements

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the following Out of District Placements in the 2020-2021 school year for:

a) the following students for out of district placement (Private) in the 2020-2021 school year - Change:

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b) the following students for out of district placement (Public) in the 2020-2021 school year

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c) the following student for out of district placement (Private) in the ESY20 Program

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* 2-S Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent’s decisions in the following two HIB cases reported in Executive Session on June 25, 2020. One was determined to be HIB and the other not.

050-1920-15
050-1920-16

*3-S Curriculum Approvals (Roll Call Vote) - forthcoming

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the following Curriculum Proficiencies and Program of Studies:

*4-S Establish or Eliminate Special Education Program/Service - forthcoming

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorizes submission of the following requests to establish or eliminate the following Special Education Program/Service to the Union County Office of Education:

Request to Establish

Request to Eliminate

*5-S Revision of 2020-2021 District Calendar

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the revised 2020-2021 District Calendar.
PERSONNEL AGENDA

* 1-PERS  Move that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated August 27, 2020 in the areas noted below: (Roll Call Vote)

and

that the Board of Education appoints Saint Barnabas Medical Center – d/b/a The Matthew J. Morahan III Health Assessment Center for Athletes - “The Morahan Center” for the 2020-2021 school year providing services as the Football Physician for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

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BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

* 1-BUS  Staff Training

MOTION:  Move that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for staff training reimbursements on report dated August 27, 2020.

* 2-BUS  Related Services through Private Vendors

MOTION:  Move that the Board of Education approves the following vendors and costs for the 2020-2021 school year and additional related services for ESY 2020:
a) **2020-2021**

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*3-BUS*  
**Original Budget Modification**

**MOTION:** Move that, due to the reduction in State Aid for 2020-2021 in the amount of $439,874, the Board of Education adopts the following changes to the original budget approved on April 23, 2020 as follows:

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<td>Increase Appropriation</td>
<td>ESL Staff</td>
<td>$ 27,485</td>
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<td>$ 8,500</td>
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<td>Custodial Supplies</td>
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<td>$ (30,000)</td>
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<td>Extraordinary Aide-New Position</td>
<td>$ (17,829)</td>
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<td>Tech Supervisor-Not Replaced</td>
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<td>Kindergarten Teacher - New Position</td>
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**COVID19 Pomptonian Emergency Procurement and Contract Modification**

**MOTION:** Move that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools are currently operating on an On-Line Learning Program and students are schooling from home due to the Coronavirus; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to establish an emergency agreement to facilitate the feeding of some students; and,

**WHEREAS,** this separate and distinct program in place is not included in the current, traditional contract between the District and Pomptonian; and,
WHEREAS, Pomptonian is providing a food service while properly following government procedures and documentations, as well as, keeping separate billing for each program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the billing from Pomptonian will include all payroll costs associated with emergency feeding, all purchases for food and supplies, and any other direct expenses. Pomptonian also will include its management fee of $315 per day, which is half of the average daily rate. This agreement is effective from September 1, 2020 until students return to school but no later than June 30, 2021.

*5-BUS Acceptance of Federal and Submission of State Grants

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education Funds approves the acceptance of the Federal CARES Emergency Relief, IDEA, and ESEA Grants and the submission of the NJ School Security Grant in the following amounts:

Acceptance of the Following Federal Grants:

2019-2020

CARES Emergency Relief Grant $ 92,103

2020-2021

IDEA Basic Grant (includes non-public dollars) $ 1,399,634
IDEA Preschool Grant $ 57,830
$ 1,457,464

ESEA Title I-A $ 115,119
ESEA Title I Reallocated $ 53,321
ESEA Title II-A (includes non-public dollars) $ 62,406
ESEA Title III $ 9,095
Title IV-A (includes non-public dollars) $ 10,000
$ 249,941
*6-BUS Accepted Union County Cares Grant

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education Funds approves the acceptance the CARES Act Subaward through the County of Union in the amount of $230,835.74.

* 7-BUS Participation in Reading Recovery Program 2020-2021

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to execute the agreement for the 2020-2021 ongoing professional development for trained Reading Recovery teachers provided by the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District at a cost of $4,500 for five (5) teachers to participate in this program.

* 8-BUS 2020-2021 Purchases

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the purchase fencing from National Fence Systems, Inc., 1033 Route 1, Avenel, NJ 07001 in the amount of $54,389 and concrete from Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc., 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, NJ 07110 in the amount of $16,940

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<th>Field Accommodations - Fencing</th>
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<td>Vinyl Fence – along Baseball Path between properties</td>
<td>$21,900</td>
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<td>Chain Link Fence – Boundary Fence along Old Farm Road</td>
<td>16,789</td>
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<td>Slide Gates – Access to Athletic Shed</td>
<td>12,800</td>
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<td>Shed Electric Enclosure</td>
<td>2,900</td>
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<th>Field Accommodations - Concrete</th>
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<td>Shed Walkway</td>
<td>16,940</td>
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Total $71,329
MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the renewal of the SwiftReach Networks LLC Agreement for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of $11,000.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves Spartan Construction’s contingency change order for stone work for the Park Masonry Restoration in the amount of $38,313, which will be deducted from the $50,000 contingency allowance. The remaining contingency balance is $11,687.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves EKA Associates for engineering services in determining flooding issue along High School property lines up to the amount of $7,995. Funds will be withdrawn from the Operating Account.

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<td>Concrete Monument Marker Installations</td>
<td>$2,500 - $500 each marker</td>
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<td>Base Mapping of Area, if needed to resolve problem</td>
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<td>Capped Hourly Labor, if needed to resolve problem</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,995</strong></td>
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MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the EI Associates Proposal in the amount of $18,800 to analyze the air quality of the HVAC system at each of the eight schools and recommend any changes or updates. Funds will be withdrawn from the Union County CARES Act.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Saint Barnabas Medical Center - the “Morahan Center” to support the High School as the on-site team physician for up to four home games at the rate of $1,100.
*14-BUS Disposal/Sale of Equipment

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following surplus equipment due to age and maintenance issues:

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WHEREAS, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, County of Union, as follows:

(1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.
(2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com

(3) The surplus property is:

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(4) The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

*15-BUS Business Reports

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Board Secretary’s Reports, Treasurer of School Funds Reports, and Budget Adjustments:
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Board Secretary certifies that as of June 30, 2020, and July 31, 2020, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a); and that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, certifies that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b).

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approves receipt of Budget Adjustments, the Board Secretary’s Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months ending June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

* 16-BUS   Receipt of Disbursement Listings

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following disbursement listings dated June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020:

- Creative Summer Workshop
- Cafeteria
- Payroll Agency Account
- Petty Cash
- Music Account
- Athletic Account
- Elementary Student Activity
- Park and Terrill Middle Student Activity
- High School Student Activity

*17-BUS   Approval of Bill Lists

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves bills for the periods of June 23 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of $2,686,833.56 and, July 1 to August 24, 2020 in the amount of $10,354,550.51.

BOARD POLICIES

*1-POL   Approval of Board Policies

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the first reading on August 27, 2020 of the following board policies:
P #1648  Restart and Recovery Plan
P# 1560  Remote Learning
P# 1651  14-Day Quarantine for Employees Upon Return From Travel

NEW BOARD BUSINESS

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

1-OBB  Liaison Reports

- Affordable Housing
- Garden State Coalition (GSCS)
- Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC)
- NJ School Boards Association
- PTA Council
- Presidents Council Meeting
- SP-F Shared Services
- Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT)
- Union Co. Educational Services Commission (UCESC)
- Union Co. School Boards Assoc.

2-OBB  Request to Attend Workshops and Workshop Reports

*3-OBB  Arts in Education

MOTION:  Move that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and
WHEREAS, to succeed in today’s economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds and movement to communicate; and

WHEREAS, the arts provide the skills and knowledge students need to develop the creativity and determination necessary for success in the global information age; and

WHEREAS, arts education has the power to make students want to learn not just within the arts, but other areas of study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of September 13-19, 2020 is designated as “National Arts in Education Week.”

*MOTION: Suicide Prevention Month

Move that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth ages 10 to 24 in the State of New Jersey, and the second leading cause of death for youth in that age group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, youth suicide statistics from the American Association of Suicidology show that in the United States, one young person under the age of 24 dies of suicide every hour and 43 minutes, and for every suicide death, it is estimated that approximated 200 teens and young adults make suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, there are many risk factors for youth suicide, including trauma, abuse, prior suicide attempt, and a history of family members, committing or attempting to commit suicide; and

WHEREAS, data from the Youth Suicide Report also show that among New Jersey youth who completed suicide, mental health, relationships, and substance abuse were prevalent challenges; and

WHEREAS, youth suicide’s impact reverberates through families, friends, and communities, and many suicide attempts that do not result in death do end in serious injury to the victims and lifelong trauma to their family and those who know them; and

WHEREAS, suicide warning signs include: previous suicide attempts; current talk of suicide, or making plans to attempt suicide, a strong wish to die or a pre-occupation with death; giving away prized possessions; moodiness; increased alcohol or other drug use; hinting at not being around in the future; or saying good-bye to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, early identification of these warning signs as well as recognition by family, friends, and members of the community of depressive behavior and other mental or behavioral health issues may help reduce the number of teens and young adults who commit or attempt to commit suicide; and
WHEREAS, increased public awareness of the risk factors and warning signs of youth suicide and community involvement in creating strategies to prevent teens and young adults from taking their own lives are key factors in youth suicide prevention and in the development of Statewide comprehensive anti-suicide initiative; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education:

1. September of each year is designated as “Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in New Jersey in order to increase public awareness of the risk factors and warning signs for youth suicide, increase community involvement in creating strategies to prevent teen and young adults from taking their own lives, and to endorse the development of State wide comprehensive anti-suicide initiatives.

2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a proclamation recognizing September as “Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in New Jersey and calling upon public officials, the citizens of the State, and other interested groups to observe the month with the appropriate activites and programs.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the minutes listed below:

1. June 8, 2020 - Student Recognition
2. June 11, 2020 - Open Agenda Meeting - Executive Session
3. June 11, 2020 - Open Agenda Meeting
4. June 15, 2020 – HIB Appeal - Executive Session
5. June 15, 2020 – HIB Appeal
6. June 25, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting – Executive Session
7. June 25, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting
8. June 29, 2020 - Superintendent Evaluation – Executive Session
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE GO TO SPFK12.ORG FOR ZOOM LOGIN INFORMATION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BYLAWS #0164 and 0165, THE MEETING WILL BE OPENED FOR 15 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. (MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.) SPEAKERS ADDRESSING SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS, BUSINESS FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER BOARD BUSINESS WILL BE HEARD FIRST. IF TIME REMAINS, SPEAKERS MAY ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS. If you would like to make a public comment, go to spfk12.org for Zoom login information.

Callers: State your full name and the town in which you reside.

PLEASE NOTE: Board Members cannot respond regarding concerns with individual students or staff members. Such matters should be addressed with the Superintendent’s office.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

No September Open Agenda Meeting
Wednesday, September 30 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m.- TBD
Thursday, October 15 – Open Agenda Meeting – 7:30 p.m.- TBD
Thursday, October 29 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - TBD
Thursday, November 12 – Open Agenda Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - TBD
Thursday, November 19 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - TBD
No December Open Agenda Meeting
Thursday, December 17 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - TBD

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT