

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Public Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2022

Dr. Kulikowski called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Auditorium, 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mrs. Amy Boroff
Ms. Amy Winkler

Others Present

Joan Mast, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Robert A. McGarry, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of
Curriculum and Instruction
Christopher Jones, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jeanne Cleary, Director of Operations and Special Projects
James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator/
Assistant Board Secretary
Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources
Lisa Rebimbas, Director of Special Services
Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Suriani at 7:16 p.m., that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, HIB, Suspensions/Detention Report, and Legal Status Report; 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.

Carried 7-0-0

The meeting returned to public session at 8:02 p.m.

Members Present Ms. Nancy Bauer
 Ms. Deb Brody
 Mrs. Karen Mitchell
 Ms. Stephanie Suriani
 Ms. Tonya Williams
 Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President
 Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent Mrs. Amy Boroff
 Ms. Amy Winkler

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Kulikowski reported that Personnel, HIB, Suspensions/Detention Report, and Legal Status Report were discussed in Executive Session.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Mast gave an update regarding masks.

Business Administrator’s Report

Christopher Jones deferred to the Auditor.

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*, now known as the *Union County Hawk*, the *Star Ledger*, the Township Clerk of Scotch Plains and the Borough Clerk of Fanwood in the revised Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings as adopted September 1, 2021.

Instructional Updates

- Audit Report by Ms. Kathi Mantell of Nisivoccia & Co., Inc.
- Strategic Plan Presentation by 11th grade student Ava Billotto and the Administrative Team

The meeting was opened for public comments at 8:53 p.m.

John Dening, SP - Said that his children now attend a private school and felt that they were not safe.

Julio Gomez, SP - Supports the board for the mask decision.

Gina Berry, FW - Thanked the board for the strategic plan and the diversity goal.

Public comments ended at 9:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

- Community Relations - reported by Ms. Brody
- Curriculum - reported by Ms. Suriani
- Facilities - reported by Mr. Murray
- Finance - reported by Ms. Brody

Letters To The Board

Total of eight letters and emails were received from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

Board Motions

Curriculum Report

For 1-C through 6-C:

Motion by Ms. Brody, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the Board of Education:

1-C the following SY2021-2022 change in Out of District placement:

Case	Classification	Placement	Prorated Cost
17-02	OHI	Shepard Preparatory HS	\$28,771.41
21-13	OHI	Cornerstone Day School	\$33,898.03

2-C approves the superintendent's decisions in the following HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on January 20, 2022. Of the four cases, two were determined to be HIB.

Case # 060-2122-05

Case # 060-2122-06

Case # 065-2122-07

Case # 070-2122-01

3-C approves the following field trips:

- Mr. Rittner requests to take the SPFHS Academic Environmental Science class (approx. 20 students) in April 2022 to Jockey Hollow Visitor Center (part of Morristown National Historical Park) in Morristown NJ. The Visitor Center is operated by the National Park Service and students will work with staff biologists to participate in the Dragonfly Mercury Project.
This project engages citizen scientists as students and teachers in the collection of juvenile dragonflies for mercury analysis. The goal of this field study is for students to participate in an ecological assessment of their local environment. This will help to cultivate greater environmental stewardship and sense of place for students. They will develop skills in sampling organisms and managing riparian ecosystems.
- Mr. Ducker Duffy and Guida Faria request to take 15 students from grades 9-12 that make up the Raider Robotics Team to Morris Knolls High School in Rockaway NJ on March 6, 2022. The Robotics team has advanced to the state Championship and this is the only event venue for this trip this year.
- Mr. Giannacio requests to take approximately 125 terrill students and 20 chaperones per day from grades 5, 7 and 8 on March 23, 25, May 27 and June 3, 8, 10 to Jersey Lanes, Linden, NJ. The purpose of the trip is to participate in a game that can be played by people of all ages and encompass everyone's overall "wellness".
- Jen Jenkins and Nick Ellis from Nettingham Middle School request to take the Jazz band and Crimson Choir, 60 students and 6 chaperones, to Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on May 27, 2022. The students will participate in the Music in the Parks performance and receive critique based on their performance. Students will then discuss the critiques and reflect on their performance. This will be an annual trip.

4-C approves the 2022-2023 10-Month School Calendar.

5-C approves making Tuesday, June 21, 2022 a single session day on the 2021-2022 School calendar.

6-C approves the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan and the Goals and Objectives for the 2021-2022 school year as presented on February 24, 2022.

Carried 7-0-0

Personnel Report

1-PERS Motion by Ms. Suriani, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated February 24, 2022 in the areas noted below as amended:

1. Resignations/Terminations
2. Appointments
3. Change of Status
4. Leaves of Absence
5. Degree Status Change
6. Sixth Period Assignments
7. Coaching Appointments
8. Co-Curricular Appointments
9. Creative Summer Workshop
10. Job Description
11. Auxiliary Athletic Personnel
12. Auxiliary Employment - Federally Funded ESSER
13. Substitute Staff

Carried 7-0-0 on a roll call vote

Business Report

For 1-BUS through 17-BUS:

Motion by Ms. Brody, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Board of Education:

1-BUS approves the staff training report dated February 24, 2022:

<p align="center">Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools Board Approval for Staff Training and Seminars, Conventions and Conferences Board Meeting: February 24, 2022</p>						
Number Attending	Conference Title	Dates Location	Anticipated Reimbursement	Purpose	Date of Request	Date of Board Approval
	<p>* Expenses may exceed state and federal reimbursement guidelines + How will this activity promote the delivery of instruction, improvement of curriculum, or further district goals?</p>					

Three	Poetry Mentor Texts in Secondary ELA Classrooms	Mar. 1, 2022 Virtual Conference Sponsor: The College of NJ	\$125.00 each (registration)	Explore strategies for incorporating poetry into secondary English classrooms.	Jan. 27, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
Two	2022 National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Conference	Mar. 3-5, 2022 New York City, NY Sponsor: NAEA	\$300.00 each (registration for 3 day conference with mandatory membership fee – Utilizing Title IIA funds)	Attend 2022 National Art Educators Association Conference.	Feb. 3, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
Three Coaches	NJ State Wrestling Championship Tournament	Mar. 3-5, 2022 Atlantic City, NJ Sponsor: NJSIAA	\$1,158.70 (total hotel expense for 2 nights/2 rooms for 3 coaches & 2 wrestling team members)	To attend the NJSIAA State Wrestling Championship Tournament in which our wrestling students will compete.	Feb. 16, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
Five	Writing About Literature: Exploring the Contemporary Essay	Mar. 8, 2022 Virtual Workshop Sponsor: The College of NJ	\$125.00 each (registration)	Participate in learning series on writing about literature and exploring the contemporary essay.	Jan. 27, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
One	36 th Annual New Jersey Educational Technology (NJECC) Conference	Mar. 8, 2022 Montclair State University Sponsor: NJECC	\$125.00 (registration)	Attend Annual New Jersey Educational Technology Conference.	Jan. 18, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022

One	NJ Leadership Planning for Summer Curriculum Writing	Mar. 8, 2022 April 5, 2022 May 3, 2022 Online workshops Sponsor: Atlas	\$99.00 (registration for 3 online workshops)	Learn to develop district-specific resources for high-quality curricular improvements and define clear goals for summer work.	Jan. 18, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
One	Centering Black Women in American History	Mar. 11, 2022 Virtual Workshop Sponsor: Rutgers	\$10.00 (registration)	Seminar will focus on how to incorporate the contributions of Black women into the teaching of US history.	Feb. 9, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
One	2022 New Jersey School Buildings & Grounds Association (NJSBGA) Expo	Mar. 20-23, 2022 Atlantic City, NJ Sponsor: NJSBGA	\$300.00 (registration for 4 day conference)	Attend 2022 New Jersey School Buildings & Grounds Association Expo.	Jan. 27, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
Three	2022 NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Conference	Mar. 24-25, 2022 Atlantic City, NJ Sponsor: NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD	\$320.00 each (registration for 2 day conference) Utilizing Title IIA funds	Attend NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Conference.	Feb. 16, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
Two	HVAC License Renewal Class	April 14, 2022 Johnstone Supply University, Springfield, NJ Sponsor: Johnstone Supply	\$309.00 each (registration)	Attend required HVAC license renewal class.	Jan. 27, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022

Two	Inventing America: Thomas Edison and the History of Technology and Industry	May 16, 2022 West Orange, NJ Sponsor: Rutgers	\$35.00 each (registration)	Learn to incorporate resources of the Edison Papers and the history of technology and industry into teaching of history and social science.	Jan. 26, 2022	Feb. 24, 2022
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2-BUS approves the following related service vendor for 2021-2022 SY:

Related Service	Provider	Current Year	Hourly Rate
Home Instruction	Brookfield Schools/For KEEPS Program	\$ 5,000	\$ 44
Reading Instruction	Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes	\$12,160	\$152
Nursing	Tru Care Nursing Services	\$20,000	\$85 RN/\$65 LPN

3-BUS approves the renewal of the short term flood policy effective March 11, 2022 through July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$4,084.29 through A J Gallagher & Co.

4-BUS approves the acceptance of the New Jersey Chinese Teaching Association in the amount of \$1,400 to support Lunar New Year celebrations, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPA) activities and culturally significant art and sport events at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

5-BUS approves the special education settlement agreement where Case # 21-12 will be placed into Banyan School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and ESY2022 and 2022-2023 school year and ESY2023 if applicable. Transportation will be provided by the district.

6-BUS approves the following theater vendor:

Name	Title	Stipend To Be Paid From Proceeds
Michael Nuzzo III	Director/Producer-MS Musical (B) - Terrill	\$3,443
Rachel Neer	Rep Theater Set/Stage Design	\$2,000

7-BUS approves the disposal/sale of equipment via public sale of the following surplus equipment due to age and maintenance issues:

Device	Total
Dell Chromebook 3180	80
Model A1466 Macbooks 13 inch	175

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, approves the disposal of listed equipment by public bid sale and reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

- 8-BUS that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), and based upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary, the Board of Education, by this resolution and without advertising for bids, authorizes purchases of goods and services from Atra Janitorial Services relating to custodial supplies up to \$250,000. The award of contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive bid Ed Data Co-op #51896 and #51923.
- 9-BUS that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), and based upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary, the Board of Education, by this resolution and without advertising for bids, authorizes purchases of goods and services from Hannon Floors relating to flooring supplies up to \$100,000. The award of contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive bid State Contract A81751.
- 10-BUS that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), and based upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary, the Board of Education, by this resolution and without advertising for bids, authorizes purchases of goods and services from Kelin Air Conditioning and Heating relating HVAC services up to \$600,000. The award of contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive bid Ed Data Co-op #10978.
- 11-BUS approves the release of Capital Reserve Funds for the furnishment and installation of various air conditioning and heating projects in the district by Kelin Air Conditioning and Heating for in the amount of \$600,000.
- 12-BUS acknowledges receipt of the district schools Security and Fire Drill Reports for the month of January 2022.
- 13-BUS pursuant to NJAC 6A:27-111.2, acknowledges receipt of the district schools receipt of Fall/Winter evacuation drills that were held between November 2021-February 2022 for the 2021-2022 School Year for all district routes and students that were supervised by district bus drivers at the receiving school locations. Signed documentation of each drill is on file in the Transportation Office.

14-BUS approves participation in Educational Data Services, Inc. for cooperative bid pricing and licensing and maintenance in the ordering of school supplies process for the 2021-2022 school year for a fee of \$13,340, 0% increase.

15-BUS 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 January 31, 2022, 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 Transfers, the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month ending January 31, 2022.

16-BUS acknowledges receipt of the following disbursement listings dated January 31, 2022:

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

17-BUS approves bills for the period of January 15, 2022 through February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$4,565,796.10.

Carried 7-0-0

Other Board Business

Liaison Reports

Garden State Coalition (GSCS) - update by Ms. Bauer

Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) - update by Ms. Suriani

3-OBB Motion by Ms. Suriani, seconded by Ms. Brody, that the Board of Education adopts the following Youth Art Month resolution::

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students including:

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education, and

WHEREAS, March is officially recognized as **YOUTH ART MONTH**.

- developing students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- teaching sensibility to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;
- giving students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;
- reinforcing and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- interrelating student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education does hereby endorse March 2022 as Youth Art Month.

Carried 7-0-0

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes below:

1. January 6, 2022 - Reorganization Meeting
2. January 20, 2022 - Regular Public Meeting Minutes - Executive Session
3. January 20, 2022 - Regular Public Meeting Minutes

Carried 6-0-1 for January 6, 2022 Minutes, Ms. Bauer abstained
Carried 6-0-1 for January 20, 2022 Minutes, Ms. Williams abstained

The meeting was open for public comments at 9:21 p.m.

Amanda Hudes, SP - Thankful for the masking decision. Asks to bring back parent visits for school project presentations.

Tim Mehl, SP - Thank you for the mask decision. He requested to increase the comments to five minutes. He also requested live streaming for the board meetings

Lila Menendez, FW - Thank you for the masking decision. Would like the live streaming. Encouraged by the strategic plan.

Danielle Wildstein, SP - Thank you for keeping schools open and the strategic plan. Also asked the board for mental health support for students.

Laura Benoit, SP - Thank you for the strategic plan. Would like the live streaming. Hoping for more health options from the food service company.

John Dening, SP - Commented on how Math and Science should be fully integrated in the curriculum.

Public comments ended at 9:38 p.m.

Good Of The Order

Evan Murray - Congratulations to the sports teams.

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Williams at 9:41 p.m., that the Board of Education adjourns.

Carried 7-0-0



Christopher Jones
Board Secretary