SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Open Agenda Meeting Minutes March 10, 2022

Dr. Kulikowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Administration Building, 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains.

Members Present Ms. Nancy Bauer

Mrs. Amy Boroff Mrs. Karen Mitchell Ms. Stephanie Suriani Ms. Tonya Williams Ms. Amy Winkler

Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent Ms. Deb Brody

Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President

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 Mrs. Boroff, seconded by Ms. Winkler at 7:31 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.

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The meeting returned to public session at 8:15 p.m.

Members Present Ms. Nancy Bauer

Mrs. Amy Boroff Mrs. Karen Mitchell Ms. Stephanie Suriani Ms. Tonya Williams Ms. Amy Winkler

Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent Ms. Deb Brody

Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Superintendent's Report

Thank you to PTA for organizing "Coffee With The Superintendent and The Board" and to those who attended and submitted questions.

Business Administrator's Report

Christopher Jones discussed the major increases in costs related to the 22-23 budget.

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 Update

NASA TechRise Student Challenge Presentation

The meeting was open for public comments at 8:36 p.m.

Camy Trepca, FW - Enjoyed the presentation and looking for improved school communication.

John Dening, SP - Expressed concerns regarding the process for Read Across America

Richele Gonzalez, SP - Thanked the board for Read Across America

Pamela Bonaccotto, FW - Concerned about the new health curriculum

Public comments ended at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Reports

Community Relations - report by Stephanie Suriani

Curriculum - report by Stephanie Suriani

Facilities - report by Tonya Williams

Letters to the Board

Total of four emails were received from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

Curriculum Report

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Boroff, that the Board of Education:

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

Case	Classification	Placement	Prorated Cost
21-14	OHI	Mt. Carmel Guild Academy	\$29,960

Carried 7-0-0

2-C approves the superintendent's decisions in the following HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on February 24, 2022. Of the seven cases, two were determined to be HIB.

Case#: 050-2122-005 Case#: 085-2122-2 Case#: 070-2122-02 Case#: 060-2122-07 Case#: 105-2022-02 Case#: 080-2122-03

Case#: 085-2122-02

Carried 6-0-1, Ms. Winkler abstained

3-C approves the 12-month employee calendar for 2022-2023.

Carried 7-0-0

- 4-C approves the following Field Trip:
 - Principal Fiory requesting to possibly take the 4th grade class of 2022 to Code Ninjas in Westfield, NJ. Approximately 66 students and 8 chaperones at the cost of \$20 per student. Code Ninjas gives kids an opportunity to learn to code while building their own video games. They gain problem solving, critical thinking and STEM skills in a fun, safe and inspiring environment.

Carried 7-0-0

Personnel Report

1-PERS Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated March 10, 2022 in the areas noted below:

- 1. Retirements
- 2. Resignations/Terminations
- 3. Appointments
- 4. Change of Status
- 5. Leaves of Absence
- 6. Longevity
- 7. Auxiliary Employment
- 8. Substitute Staff as needed for the 2021-2022 School Year

Carried 7-0-0 on a roll call vote

Business Report

For 1-BUS, 2-BUS, and 10-BUS:

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Mrs. Boroff, that the Board of Education:

1-BUS approves the final payment for the Brunner Gymnasium Settlement:

Bid	\$ 554,100.00
Unit Price Allowances	100,850.00
Total Initial cost	654,950.00
ltem	Amount
Various items	47,917.00
Bid document change - data entry error	36,900.00
Exterior Windows	25,000.00
Vapor control liner	3,000.00
Total Change Orders	112,817.00
Project Contingency	(36,600.00)
Electrical Contingency	(10,000.00)
Plumbing Contingency	(10,000.00)
Net Change Orders	56,217.00
Total (initial plus COs)	711,167.00

2-BUS approves the submission and acceptance of carryover funds to 2021-2022 ESEA from 2020-2021 as follows:

Title 1A	Title IIA	Title III Immigrant	Title IV
\$20,467	\$90,808	\$517	\$13,382

10-BUS approves the following Rep Theater Orchestra Vendors:

Name	Instrument	Stipend To Be Paid From Ticket Proceeds
Steve Mejias	Viola	\$670
Haley Lopez	Violin	\$670
Matthew Peters	Cello	\$520
Curren DeVico	Bass	\$620
Fabian Schulz	Oboe/English Horn	\$520
Maxwell Dabby	French Horn	\$570
Leah Jones Swanger	French Horn	\$520

Minutes

Motion by Ms. Suriani, seconded by Mrs. Boroff, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes below:

- 1. February 24, 2022 Regular Public Meeting Minutes Executive Session
- 2. February 24, 2022 Regular Public Meeting Minutes

Carried 7-0-0

The meeting was open for public comments at 9:18 p.m.

Matthew Ritter, Warren Saluated the TechRise presentation

Public comments ended at 9:20 p.m.

Good of the Order

Ms. Winkler Attended the presentation at the High School.

Ms. Suriani Increased usage of technology has been a silver lining.

Mrs. Mitchell Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Dr. Kulikowski Happy to be back at the Administration Building.

Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Boroff at 9:27 p.m., that the Board of Education adjourns.

Carried 7-0-0

Christopher Jones Business Administrator