

**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Public Meeting Agenda
February 24, 2022
(7:15 p.m. Executive Session)
8:00 p.m. Public Session - High School Auditorium**

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
- 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 FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, HIB, Suspension/Detention Report, 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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S 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*, 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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community Relations
- Curriculum
- Facilities
- Finance
- Negotiations Update
- Personnel
- Policy
- Strategic Planning
- Student Activities and Athletic
- Wellness and Equity

LETTERS TO THE BOARD

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

BOARD MOTIONS

CURRICULUM REPORT

- *1-C Move that the Board of Education approves 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 10-Month School Calendar.

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

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

*1-PERS Move 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: (Roll Call Vote)

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
10. Auxiliary Athletic Personnel
11. Auxiliary Employment
12. Substitute Staff

BUSINESS REPORT

*1-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the staff training report dated February 24, 2022.

*2-BUS Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move 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 Move 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 Move 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the district schools Security and Fire Drill Reports for the month of January 2022.

*13-BUS Move that the Board of Education, 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 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 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 Move that the Board of Education 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 Move that the Board of Education approves bills for the period of January 15, 2022 through February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$4,565,796.10.

BOARD POLICIES

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 Move 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.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Move 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

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UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

March 3 - Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent and Members of BOE - Terrill - 7:30 p.m.
March 10 - Open Agenda Meeting -TBD - 8:00 p.m.
March 24 - Regular Public Meeting - TBD - 8:00 p.m.

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