

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Open Agenda Meeting Agenda
February 18, 2021
8:00 p.m. Public Session
(7:30 p.m. Executive 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 for
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

ADDITIONS – modified after Friday, February 12

LET's 22 emails to the Board
1-S 1-S (a) – Requesting approval only for (a) tonight
4-BUS Disposal/Sale of Equipment – information added
16-BUS Camden County Educational Services Commission - added

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.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

- Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Presentation

February 27

- 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget presented by Mrs. Saridaki

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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

22 emails were received by the Board from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

*1-S (a) Out of District Placement

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the following out of district placement for the 2020-2021 School Year.

*(a)	Case #	20-07	New Placement
	Classification	OHI	
	Age	14	
	Placement	The Center School	
	Tuition Cost	\$34,421.55 – 87 remaining school days x \$395.65 per diem	
	Recommended Date of Placement	2/5/2021	
	Transportation	Transportation will be provided by SPF School District	
	Reason for Placement	Student requires a specialized, therapeutic educational placement.	

1-S (b) Out of District Placement

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the following out of district change in placement for the 2020-2021 School Year.

(b)	Case #	10-09	Change in Placement
	Classification	MD	
	Age	16	
	Placement	YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center	
	Tuition Cost	\$25,165.18 - \$340.07 per diem x 74 days 15,213.66 - 205.59 per diem x 74 days for 1:1 aide \$40,378.84 – Total	
		Previously Approved – \$56,365.20	
		Additional Amount for Approval - \$7,582.64	
	Recommended Date of Placement	3/1/2021	
	Transportation	Transportation will be made available by SPF School District	
	Reason for Placement	Student requires a specialized, therapeutic educational placement.	

2-S 12-Month Employee Holiday Schedule

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the proposed 12-month employee 2021-2022 calendar.

* 1-PERS Approval of Superintendent's Personnel Report

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated February 18, 2021 in the areas noted below:

1. Retirements
2. Resignations/Terminations
3. Appointments
4. Change of Status
5. Leaves of Absence
6. Sixth Period Assignments
7. Degree Status Changes
8. Co-Curricular Appointments
9. Repertory Theater
10. Auxiliary Employment
11. Substitute Staff

BUSINESS FUNCTIONS

*1-BUS Approval of Staff Training

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for staff training reimbursements on the report dated February 18, 2021.

*2-BUS Settlement Agreement – P.S.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the settlement agreement for P.S. where specific related services will be provided effective immediately through June 24, 2021, for the extended school year of July 6, 2021 through August 30, 2021, and for the regular school year beginning in September 2021 through February 1, 2022.

*3-BUS Related Service Vendors

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves related services from the following vendors:

Students	Related Services	Service Provider	Current Year	Hourly Rate
Various Students	Orientation & Mobility	Shore O&M	\$ 8,137.50	\$175.00
Various Students	Orton-Gillingham Reading	David Katz	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 80.00
Various Students	Physical Therapy	Carla DiGiorgio	\$13,000.00	\$ 80.00

*4-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:

Description	Quantity
Computer Carts	
Dell Chromebook Carts-black with sliding doors	36
Datamation Systems Inc Carts	16
Bretford Mac Carts - holds 30	30
Appliance	
Stove – Frigidaire Model # FFGF3053LSK	1

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.

5-BUS 2020/2021 Union County STEM Scholar Grant Award

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education accepts the grant award to the following school:

School	Project	Grant Amount
SPFHS	3D Print mirror holders for laptops allowing students to share more easily with teachers during virtual learning.	\$500

6-BUS 2020 Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education accepts the grant awarded to Terrill Middle School from the 2020 Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program in the amount \$500 to encourage studies and careers in math and science.

7-BUS Institute for Teaching Diversity and Social Justice (IDSJ) Training Proposal

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the professional development and training proposal of Khyati Y. Joshi/Educational Resource Group’s Institute for Teaching Diversity and Social Justice (IDSJ) Program to achieve an inclusive, cohesive community and institution free from biases at the cost of approximately \$30,000.

8-BUS Clinical Affiliation Agreement

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Kean University’s Graduate Certificate in School Nursing where the District will participate with the clinical development of nursing students for the time period of February 2, 2021 through February 2, 2024.

9-BUS Theater Vendors

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the following vendors:

Name	Title	Stipend To Be Paid From Ticket Proceeds
Morgan Knight	Drama Club/Play – Director	3,000
	Repertory Theater – Director	4,000
Joanne Sprague	Drama Club/Play – Costume Director	500
	Repertory Theater – Costume Director	1,500
Jeffrey Allen	Repertory Theater – Set Design	2,000
Tom Rowe	Repertory Theater – Lighting	2,000
Katherine Decker-Lewis	Park MS Musical Director/Producer	2,972
Jill Cookingham	Park MS Musical Choreographer	1,000

10-BUS Educational Data Services, Inc. for 2021-2022 Licensing and Maintenance

MOTION: 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.

11-BUS Recycling Bid Award – BID Opening February 23

12-BUS Receipt of Security/Fire Drill Reports

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the district schools’ Fire and Security Drill Reports for the month of January, 2021.

13-BUS Business Reports

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Board Secretary's Reports, Treasurer of School Fund Reports, and Budget Adjustments:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Board Secretary certifies that as of January 31, 2021, 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 over expended 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 month ending January 31, 2021.

14-BUS Acknowledge Receipt of Disbursement Listings

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following disbursement listings dated for the month of January, 2021:

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

15-BUS Bill List

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves bills for the period of January 16, 2021 to February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$

16-BUS Camden County Educational Services Commission – Professional Services

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the communication services of Camden County Educational Services, supervised by Communications Manager, Ms. Lori Perlow, in the amount of \$10,000. Funding to be withdrawn from the Operating Account.

BOARD POLICIES

1-POL Approval of Board Policies

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the first reading of the following board policies on February 25, 2021:

P3159 Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities
P2431.1 Athletic Activities

NEW BOARD BUSINESS

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

1-OBB Liaison Reports

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

2-OBB Request to Attend Workshops

*3-OBB COVID Priority Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

WHEREAS, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel:

COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health, see:
<https://nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/NJ%20Interim%20COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Plan%20-%20Revised%2012-15-20.pdf>

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Assemblywoman Linda S. Carter, Assemblyman James L. Kennedy, Senator Nicholas P. Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

4-OBB Youth Art Month - March

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

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

- art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- art education teaches sensibility to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;
- art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;
- art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics.

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**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education does hereby endorse March 2021 as **YOUTH ART MONTH**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

January 7, 2021 – Organization Meeting – Executive Session
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January 21, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting – Executive Session
January 21, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

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UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, February 25 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – TBD

Thursday, March 11 – Open Agenda Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – TBD

Thursday, March 25 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – TBD

Thursday, April 22 – Open Agenda Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – TBD

Thursday, April 29 – Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – TBD

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education adjourns.