

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Public Meeting Agenda
February 25, 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

ADDITION – modified after Wednesday, February 24

LETs 11 emails were received by the Board

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

- SPFH Virtual Black History Month Assembly presented by the Black Student Union & Students for Social Justice

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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

Eleven emails were sent to the Board. The appropriate administrator responded.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

*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 11,544.00 - 1:1 Aide (Bancroft) \$36,709.18 - Total Previously Approved – \$56,365.20 Additional Amount for Approval - \$3,912.98	
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 (Roll Call Vote)

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated February 25, 2021 in the areas noted below:

1. Retirements
2. Resignations/Terminations
3. Appointments
4. Change of Status
5. Leaves of Absence
6. Co-Curricular Appointments - 2020-2021 School Year
7. Suspension
8. Auxiliary Employment
9. Substitute Staff - as needed for the 2020-2021 School Year

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 25, 2021.

2-BUS Settlement Agreement – P.S. – approved February 18

3-BUS Related Service Vendors - approved February 18

4-BUS Disposal/Sale of Equipment – approved February 18

*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

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Recycling Bid Award to lowest bidder, Grand Sanitation Services, Inc, in the amount of \$26,616.00 for the three-year annual cost for the period March 1, 2021 through February 29, 2024. Listed below are the two bids received for the bid opening on February 23, 2021:

Company	Address	Amount
Grand Sanitation Services, Inc.	1630 South Second Street, Plainfield	\$26,616.00
Waste Management	107 Silvia Street, Ewing	\$34,406.16

*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 22, 2021 in the amount of \$4,259,196.86.

*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.

*17-BUS District Purchases

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

- a) Two Battery Floor Scrubbers for elementary schools McGinn and School One at the cost of \$6,629 each for a total of \$13,258 from Atra Janitorial Supply as part of the Ed Data Bid #8847. Funds will be withdrawn 2019-2020 Excess Extraordinary Aid.
- b) New Backhoe to replace backhoe gifted from Scotch Plains Township. Purchase to be made from Hoffman in the amount of \$104,254.92 – Educational Services Commission of New Jersey approved Co-Op #65MCESCCPS. Funds will be withdrawn 2019-2020 Excess Extraordinary Aid.

*18-BUS Settlement Agreement – Special Education

MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the settlement agreement where the Board of Education will pay \$100,000 per school year for the tuition of Case #20-17 for the Grove School for the time period of November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023. The Board shall reimburse the parents for the Grove School tuition from the time period of November 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Any additional expenses will be the parents' responsibility.

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 – approved February 18

*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:

- 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.

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, 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.