

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 6, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

The Springfield Board of Education is committed to providing high quality, efficient educational programs through which all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Contents Standards. Every effort is made to ensure that the district's certificated and support personnel are among the best in their fields.

The staff and Board of Education are dedicated to maintaining excellence in the delivery of child-centered educational programs. Very simply stated, in Springfield...SCHOOLS ARE FOR KIDS!

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Jonathan Dayton High School Instructional Media Center-First Floor on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:11 P.M.

President's Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on January 7, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Scott Silverstein.

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull
Absent: Mr. Hector Munoz

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Erica Scudero, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Mrs. Dana Kelly, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Jr., Board Attorney

2. CLOSED SESSION (7:12 PM)

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, "I move to suspend the rules of the order of business of the Regular Meeting and adjourn to closed conference session for the reasons contained in the following resolution:"

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning matters protected by Attorney/Client privilege and Negotiations which are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting and which are within the exemptions 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 session by this Board and the 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."

Closed Conference Items

- 1. Matters protected by Attorney/Client privilege
- 2. Negotiations

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

3. RECONVENE TO REORGANIZATION MEETING (7:38 PM)

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Rubin, approval to reconvene to the Reorganization Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

4. RECONVENE FROM THE REORGANIZATION MEETING (7:53 PM)

5. COMMUNICATIONS

1. NJSBA

“School Board Guide to Safer Schools in NJ”- January 16th at 9AM, Rutgers Continuing Education Center, Somerset.

Weekly program update – Dec.19th and Jan. 3rd.

School Board Notes –Dec 18th and 31st.

2. NSBA

“National Connection Daily” –Dec 17th to Jan 3rd.

3. GSCS

News & Notes –Dec 20th.

6. MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, to approve the following minutes:

Executive Meeting - December 16, 2019

Regular Meeting - December 16, 2019

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Abstention: Mrs. Meredith Murphy

Absent: Mr. Hector Munoz

MOTION CARRIED

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, to accept and approve the Superintendent’s Report as presented -

1. Seton Hall celebrating National Girls & Women in Sports Day February 9th at Seton Hall. Inviting over 100 female athletes. JDHS will be represented by Senior Track Athlete Samantha Blackman.

2. Audit FY2019 – was presented by Matthew Clarke

3. Board Member Ethics Training/Update – Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Jr., Board Attorney

4. HIB Report (The Board will go into closed session at the end of the meeting if specific clarification is needed.)

5. Building Usage Request

6. Fund Raiser Request

7. Fieldtrip Request

8. Contracts PL2015, Chapter 47

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

8. PUBLIC SESSION (9:13 PM – 9:18 PM)

The following members of the public had questions or comments regarding:
Bonnie Lafazan item L-2 of the reorganization agenda - Architect of Record, and item L-1 of the Regular Agenda - FMG Media Center Construction.

9. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, to approve the Board Secretary's Report dated November 30, 2019 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, to approve the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2019 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. LEGAL NOVEMBER 2019

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, "Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (e) and after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, I move the Board certify that to the best of its knowledge as of November 30, 2019 no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year."

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. HEALTH BENEFITS INSURANCE BROKER

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, approval to renew Insurance Brokerage Services for Health Benefits-Medical/Prescription/Dental & Property and Casualty for calendar year 2020 to Arthur J. Gallagher in accordance with bid number PC-H 2015-01.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, acceptance and approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report completed by Cannone and Company, P.A. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Saha, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, acceptance and approval of the accompanying Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings completed by Cannone and Company, P.A., and the attached CAP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019." (Attachment A).

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the appointment of personnel on the attachment. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Mrs. Laura Gamarekian, Mr. Marc Miller, Mrs. Meredith Murphy, Mrs. Kristy Rubin, Mrs. Paula Saha, Mr. Scott Silverstein, Mrs. Hilary Turnbull

Abstention: Mr. Anthony Delia

Absent: Mr. Hector Munoz

MOTION CARRIED

16. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - PERSONNEL

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel travel for Professional Development. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

17. SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve Special Education request for Related Services/Placements on the attachment. (Attachment D)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

18. HIB REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, the Board of Education affirms the HIB Report previously presented at the following Board meeting:
December 16, 2019.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

19. TUITION GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel for following courses as being eligible for Tuition Grant reimbursement and applicable for advancement on the guide. (Attachment E)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. STUDENT TEACHER

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, to approve the attached list of Student Teacher(s) for the 2019-2020 school year. (Attachment F)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

21. TEACHER PRACTICE EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the teacher practice evaluation instrument – Charlotte Danielson: The Framework for Teaching (2013 edition) for the 2019-20 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

22. NJPEPL SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the principal practice evaluation instrument – New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) for the 2019-20 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

23. NON PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, approval of the non-public school security initiative program agreements for the participating school (Saint James) located within Springfield through the Union County Educational Services Commission for the Nonpublic School Security Initiative for the 2019-20 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

24. DI GROUP FMG MEDIA CENTER PROJECT

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Delia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve DI Group Architecture, architect of record, for professional services on the Florence Gaudineer Middle School “FMG Media Center” project for all professional services at a cost of \$119,000.00 and to be funded in the FY21 operating budget.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

25. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT #4(FINAL) WHITE ROCK CORP.

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of the Certificate for Payment #4 (final) in the amount of \$40,820.38 to White Rock Corp, Old Bridge, NJ for project number 18.817. (JDHS Part. Roof - Attachment G)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

26. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT #7 PRAVCO INC.

Moved by Mrs. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of the Certificate for Payment #7 in the amount of \$45,065.29 to Pravco Inc., Rahway, NJ for project number 2018.01. (JCBF P1 - Attachment H)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

27. PUBLIC SESSION

The following members of the public had questions or comments regarding:
Beth Thomas advocating for Media Specialists Districtwide.

28. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognize Scott Silverstein, 2 years as Board of Education President
2. Committees sign-up will be forwarded for each Board member to request assignment.
3. FMG PTO Meeting Thursday 7PM
4. Walton PTO Meeting Thursday 7PM
5. JDHS PTO meeting Wednesday

29. CLOSED SESSION (9:36 PM)

Moved by Mrs. Gamarekian, seconded by Mr. Silverstein, “I move to suspend the rules of the order of business of the Regular Meeting and adjourn to closed conference session for the reasons contained in the following resolution:”

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel which are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting and which are within the exemptions permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, it is therefore

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Closed Conference Items

1. Personnel

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

30. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING (10:54 PM)

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, approval to reconvene to the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

31. EXTENSION OF MEETING PAST 11:00 PM

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, approval to extend the Regular meeting of the Board of Education past 11:00 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

32. CLOSED SESSION (10:54 PM)

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Closed Conference Items

1. Personnel

33. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING (11:20 PM)

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, approval to reconvene to the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

34. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Gamarekian, to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:20 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings:

- 1. Regular Meeting – January 27, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS
- 2. Regular Meeting – February 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary