

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
January 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order by board president Allison Lih-Thiessen at 7:36 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by this opening statement:

STATEMENT RE: SUNSHINE LAW

This meeting has been advertised in the Courier-News, prior to the meeting and has been posted in conspicuous locations including the borough hall and school buildings. This complies with state law governing meetings of school boards and other organizations.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Brown, Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen, Ms. Lima, Mrs. Esposito (arrived at 7:41 PM) and Mrs. Santora (arrived at 7:45 PM).

Also present: Dr. Lorise Goeke, Superintendent/Principal, Mr. Vincent J. Caravello, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

REQUIRED OATH TO NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER

The required Oath of Allegiance was administered to newly elected member Mrs. Esposito (7:42 PM):

ACTION ITEM "A" READ BY DR. GOEKE

- a. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE EFFORTS OF SCHOOL BOARDS THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to all code provisions, with the goal of providing an outstanding education to prepare all students for college and the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2019 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the contributions of our state's local boards of education to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members of their local school boards.

Approval of above action item a.

MOTION: Mrs. Conner

SECOND: Mr. Brown

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 4-0*

* Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Santora were not present for vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda as distributed to board members.

Also present:

MOTION: Mrs. Conner

SECOND: Mr. Brown

VOTE: 5-0**

** Mrs. Santora was not present for vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 3, 2019

a. Motion to approve minutes of January 3, 2019, Annual Organization and Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Conner

SECOND: Mr. Brown

VOTE: 4-0***

*** Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Santora were not present for vote.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Mrs. K. Conner was present for the meeting and questioned if there were plans to redesigning and/or redecorating the Library/Media Center.

Mrs. S. Hanlon was present for the meeting and encouraged people to join "what's up SBB".

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Goeke thanked the SBB Board of Education for their service and thanked them for their support throughout the year.

Dr. Goeke reported the following:

- January 31st is International Night.
- January 25th is PTO Glow Party.
- Mrs. Butynes, Mr. Caravello, Mr. Libitz and herself will be attending TECHSPO to see the new technology available to the district.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from Roger Jinks, Interim Executive County Superintendent, dated January 8, 2019.

CONSENT ITEMS A – F

a. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2018 NON-CHECKS

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Approval of the following posting of December 2018 non-checks to the General Account:

N0729 in the amount of \$200.00, dated December 12, 2018 for posting of withdrawal from the General Account to replenish petty cash.

N0731 in the amount of \$ 166.00, dated December 18, 2018 for payment of Pomptonian invoice # 846-29.

b. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST – JANUARY 2019

Motion to approve bills listing for January 2019 in the amount of \$ 944,903.36; includes January 15, 2019 payroll.

c. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to approve Board Secretary's Reports dated December 31, 2018 indicating a cash balance of \$ 3,606,775.30.

d. TREASURER'S (CONSULTANT) REPORT

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2018 indicating a cash balance of \$ 3,606,775.30.

e. TRANSFERS WITHIN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL BUDGET

Motion to approve the following transfers, made to avoid over expenditure of accounts:

From		To		Amount
11-000-230-339	Other Purch Prof Serv	11-000-230-332	Audit Fees	\$ 1,170.00
30-000-400-331	Architect Services – HVAC	30-000-400-450	Construction Serv – HVAC	\$ 14,612.33

f. APPROVAL OF CAFETERIA BILLS

Motion to approve bills for payment from the cafeteria account:

PAYMENT TO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Pomptonian	Reimbursement 846 010419	\$ 4,308.13
Pomptonian	Reimbursement 846 011119	\$ 5,449.61
Bella Roma	Pizza Day – February 2019	\$ 372.00
Jay-Hill Repairs	Hood Exhaust Repairs – Inv#376564	\$ 313.00

Motion to approve the above consent item a-f.

MOTION: Mrs. Conner SECOND: Mr. Brown

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 5-0 ****

**** Mrs. Santora was not present for vote.

ACTION ITEMS B - G

b. MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion to approve the attendance of the following to attend workshops and to receive reimbursement for incurred expenses:

NAME	DATE	COST	DESCRIPTION
S. Bisaha	2/28/19	\$ 259.00	Practical Strategies To Differentiate Your Math Instruction Using Small

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			Group Instruction & Math Learning Centers
D. D'Alessandro	3/15/19	\$ 205.00	27 th Annual Joint Conf. NJSHA/NJIDA
J. El-Raheb	3/1/19	\$ 40.00	Annual Regional Women's Educational Leadership Forum
J. El-Raheb	3/26/19	\$ 259.00	Develop Growth Mindset in Mathematics to Increase Students' Perseverance, Engagement and Success
L. Goeke	3/1/19	\$ 40.00	Annual Regional Women's Educational Leadership Forum
E. Kalacheva	5/29/19-5/30/19	\$ 314.00	NJTESOL/NJBE 2019 Spring Conference
S. Khosla	3/26/19	\$ 259.00	Develop Growth Mindset in Mathematics to Increase Students' Perseverance, Engagement and Success

APPROPRIATION LINES 11-000-223-320, 11-000-223-580

c. MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PRINCETON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion to approve contract with Princeton HealthCare System to provide onsite educational Services, at \$65.00 per hour for a hospitalized student, not to exceed \$ 3,000.00.

APPROPRIATION LINE 11-000-270-514

d. EMPLOYMENT OF CALLIE KRONER AS TEACHER MATERNITY REPLACEMENT FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion, as recommended by the superintendent, to employ upon completion of employment requirements Callie Kroner as Teacher Maternity Leave Replacement for the 2018-2019 school year (February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019). Callie Kroner will be placed on Step 1 BA of the salary guide at \$ 54,485.00. Salary will be prorated.

APPROPRIATION LINE 11-000-219-104

e. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE MATERIALS

Motion that the board declares the items below as obsolete and authorize disposal by the Business Administrator in accordance with Policy #7300. The provided list of items are being deemed non-functional or antiquated for current educational use and will be picked up by Upcycle for no cost to the district.

f. APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 school year (through June 30, 2019):

Khawas, Ruqiya
Mihailovischi, Karina
Vinson, Nichole
Garber, Michael
Ali, Kristina

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Krayn, Cassandra
Solomos, James
Dworak, Danielle

Rates to be paid per agreement with EDUStaff.

APPROPRIATION LINE 11-130-100-101-001

g. EMPLOYMENT OF RASHIDA GHASLETWAIA AS PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion, as recommended by the superintendent, to employ upon completion of employment requirements Rashida Ghasletwaia as paraprofessional for the 2018-2019 school year (through June 30, 2019). Rashida Ghasletwaia will be placed on Step 5 of the paraprofessional salary guide at \$ 18,969.95. Salary will be prorated.

APPROPRIATION LINE 11-000-219-104

Approval of above action items b – g.

MOTION: Mr. Brown

SECOND: Mrs. Conner

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Caravello shared the following with the board:

- Gwen Thornton is scheduled to come to the March 6, 2019 board meeting for the Board Self-Assessment.
- Still waiting on quotes for Madison Street parking lot gate (already met with two vendors).
- Camera and security upgrades project to start at the end of February 2019.
- The Architect will be presenting at the February 6, 2019 board meeting (rescheduled from the canceled January 23, 2019 board meeting).

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Caravello informed the board of the following:

- Ethic Disclosure Statements were emailed and must be completed by the end of February 2019.
- The first Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- The Demographic Study is complete, there will be a presentation on February 20, 2019 at 7:30.
- Pre-meetings for upcoming HVAC Project to replace RTU-1 and the nine remaining units on the 2nd floor were conducted with the Engineer and Architect on January 22, 2019.
- We are conducting an energy audit to find out where improvements and cost savings can be had within the building.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Mrs. C. Conner had a question regarding the repair/replacement of the Madison Street flagpole light. She also wanted to confirm that the nine HVAC units were being replaced this Summer.

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ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (TIME: 7:55 PM)

RESOLVED by the South Bound Brook Board of Education as per Chapter 231, P.L. 1975:

- a. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on January 23, 2019 to discuss:
 - Superintendent's Contract
 - Student Matter(s)
- b. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.
- c. Length of meeting thought to be approximately 20 minutes.
- d. Action may be taken upon return to Open Session on student matter(s) and Superintendent's Contract.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mr. Brown

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (TIME: 8:12 PM)

Motion to return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mrs. Conner

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

ACTION ITEMS H - I

- h. APPROVAL OF REVISED PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT FOR DR. LORISE GOEKE FOR 2018-2023

Motion to approve the revised Principal/Superintendent contract for Dr. Lorise Goeke for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. Approval of the contract has been received from the Executive County Superintendent, letter dated January 8, 2019.

- i. ACCEPTANCE OF HIB INCIDENT REPORT

Motion to accept January 23, 2019 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Incident Report.

Approval of above action items h – i.

MOTION: Mrs. Conner

SECOND: Mrs. Santora

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT (TIME: 8:30 PM)

MOTION: Mrs. Conner

SECOND: Mr. Brown

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent J. Caravello
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary