

**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Public Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021
Terrill Middle School Auditorium**

Dr. Kulikowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrill Middle School auditorium, 1301 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains.

Members Present Ms. Nancy Bauer
 Mrs. Amy Boroff
 Ms. Deb Brody
 Ms. Stephanie Suriani
 Ms. Tonya Williams
 Ms. Amy Winkler
 Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President
 Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Member Absent Mrs. Karen Mitchell

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
 James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator/
 Assistant Board Secretary
 Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources
 Lisa Rebimbas, Director of Special Service
 Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

Others Absent Jeanne Cleary, Director of Operations and Special Projects

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Winkler at 7:31 p.m., that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, Suspension/Detention Reports, HIB, Legal Matters, 2-LET and Board Self-Evaluation; 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.

Carried 8-0-0

The meeting returned to public session at 8:07 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Kulikowski reported that Personnel, Suspension/Detention Reports, HIB, Legal Matters, 2-LET and Board Self-Evaluation were discussed in Executive Session.

Business Administrator’s Report

Christopher Jones gave an update on transportation and the ongoing bus driver shortages effect on the district.

Board President 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

- Presentation by the SPFHS Robotics Club
- 2020-2021 School Safety Data System (SSDS) and HIB for January to June 2021 presented by Ms. Rebimbas
- Self-Assessment Scores from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 presented by Ms. Lakendra McFadden, Student Assistant Specialist and District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

The meeting was open for public comments at 8:51 p.m.

Julio Gomez - Scotch Plains - discussed overall vaccine effectiveness and provided the board with a handout.

Public comments ended at 8:57 p.m.

Letters To The Board

Two emails and one letter were received from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

Board Motions

Curriculum Report

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Brody, that the Board of Education:

1-C approves the following SY2021-2022 Out of District Placement and changes in Out of District placement:

Case	Classification	Placement	Cost
20-19	MD	Banyan School	\$40,073.44
21-10	AUT	The Deron School of NJ	63,773.20 (placement change)
10-05	AUT	JFK Rehabilitation Vocational	44,480.00 (placement change)

and

- 2-C approves the superintendent's decisions in the following HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on November 11, 2021. One of the cases was determined to be HIB.

065-2122-01
065-2122-02
065-2122-03
060-2122-04

and

- 3-C approves the following field trips:

- Forty-eight students and four chaperones from Terrill Middle School would like to go to Disney Theater in NYC on May 18, 2022. The cost per student is \$84. The 8th grade chorus attends a Broadway musical in NYC every year to observe and reflect on the experience of being an audience member in a professional show.
- Eighteen SPFHS choir students in grades 9-12 and two chaperones would like to go to Carnegie Hall and a nearby hotel (TBD) on June 11-13, 2022. They have been invited to sing Mozart's Requiem with a bigger choir on the main stage at Carnegie Hall.

and

- 4-C affirms the extension of the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District Performance Review (DPR) Report as submitted to the Board on November 18, 2021.

Carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

- 1-PERS Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Winkler, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated November 18, 2021 in the areas noted below:

1. Resignations/Terminations
2. Change of Status
3. Auxiliary Employment
4. Substitute Staff - as needed for the 2021-2022 School Year

Carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

Business Report

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Mrs. Boroff, that the Board of Education:

1-BUS approves the staff training report dated November 18, 2021.

**Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools
Board Approval for Staff Training and Seminars, Conventions and Conferences
Board Meeting: November 18, 2021**

Number Attending	Conference Title	Dates Location	Anticipated Reimbursement	Purpose	Date of Request	Date of Board Approval
<p>* Expenses may exceed state and federal reimbursement guidelines + How will this activity promote the delivery of instruction, improvement of curriculum, or further district goals?</p>						
One	You, Too, Can Do Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) – ABA at its Foundation – Topic One	Dec. 3, 2021 Online Conference Sponsor: Morris-Union Jointure	\$100.00 (registration)	Learn principals of ABA and demonstration of its applicability to a myriad of students.	Nov. 10, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021
One	Teaching About Climate Change	Dec. 3, 2021 Rutgers University Sponsor: Rutgers University	\$145.00 (registration)	Learn up-to-date approaches for teaching about climate change for the Global Perspectives course.	Nov. 11, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021
Five	Annual Bilingual/ESL Conference	Dec. 3, 2021 Online Conference Sponsor: William Paterson University	\$49.00 each (registration)	Attend Annual Bilingual/ESL Conference. Conference offers access to in-depth, applied research and up-to-date pedagogical techniques.	Nov. 10, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021

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Two	New Jersey Association of School Librarians	Dec. 5-7, 2021 Atlantic City, NJ Sponsor: NJ Association of School Librarians	\$200.00 each (registration for 3 day conference)	Attend New Jersey Association of School Librarians Conference.	Nov. 3, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021
One	You, Too, Can Do Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) – ABA at its Foundation – Topic Two	Dec. 10, 2021 Online Conference Sponsor: Morris-Union Jointure	\$100.00 (registration)	Learn how to identify the function of an inappropriate social behavior and then discuss interventions that can be used based on the different functions.	Nov. 10, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021

and

5-BUS approves the Budget Review Process - Budget Assumptions and Guidelines 2022-2023.

and

6-BUS acknowledges receipt of the district schools Security and Fire Drill Reports for the month of October 2021.

and

7-BUS 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 October 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 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 October 31, 2021.

and

8-BUS acknowledges receipt of the following disbursement listings dated October 31, 2021:

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

and

9-BUS approves bills for the period of October 23, 2021 through November 12, 2021 in the amount of \$3,274,414.25.

and

17-BUS approves Laura Bishop Communications Services to provide professional services such as ongoing updates regarding district news to the community through social media from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the rate of \$115 per hour up to approximately \$24,000.

and

18-BUS approves the following related service vendor for 2021 ESY:

Related Service	Service Provider	Rate
Instruction	Susan Glick	\$75/hour

and

19-BUS approves the disposal of 325 books from the School One Library for the following reasons: obsolete, outdated, and damaged.

and

20-BUS approves the District-Wide Classroom Capacity Study Proposal by Potter Architects in the amount of \$34,860 for Professional Services. Funds will be withdrawn from Capital Reserve.

Carried 8-0-0

Other Board Business

Liaison Reports

GSCS Ms. Bauer reported on the November 17 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mrs. Boroff, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes listed below:

1. October 14, 2021- Open Agenda Meeting - Executive Session
2. October 14, 2021 - Open Agenda Meeting
3. October 28, 2021 - Regular Public Meeting - Executive Session
4. October 28, 2021 - Regular Public Meeting

Carried 8-0-0

The meeting was open for public comments at 9:07 p.m. There were no comments.

Good Of The Order

Mr. Murray Congratulations on a great Girls Soccer Season. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Suriani Strategic Planning went well. Thank you for your participation.

Dr. Kulikowski Very impressive strategic planning session.

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Winkler at 9:10 p.m., that the Board of Education adjourns.

Carried 8-0-0


Christopher Jones
Board Secretary