SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business/Public Meeting Agenda April 29, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
(Open meeting & immediately go into Executive/Closed Session)
Public Meeting Agenda begins at approximately 7:00 P.M.
Middle High School Cafeteria

2023-2024 DISTRICT GOALS

Goal Area 1: Curriculum and Instruction Goal Statement
To ensure all students have equal access to a high-quality education in the South Amboy Public Schools, the district will ensure that all scholars have equal access and opportunities regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, level of academic performance or any other identifier that may be or have been used as an impediment within past experiences with the South Amboy Public Schools.

Goal Area 2: Community Engagement Goal Statement
The South Amboy School District believes in positively working with the community and ensuring transparency is demonstrated in every facet of the district. The district will consistently provide opportunities for community engagement to review policies, procedures, decisions, instructional practices and curricula.

Goal Area 3:Communication and Transparency Goal Statement
The South Amboy School District believes in transparency within the district's communications with the community. The district will consistently communicate effectively via a myriad of opportunities and sources to ensure that the community and families are aware of current and new practices, protocols and procedures.

DISTRICT MISSION/VISION STATEMENT
The Mission of the South Amboy School District is to educate and empower today's learners to develop intellectually, emotionally, and socially as tomorrow's leaders within a diverse community of supportive and committed educators, parents, and citizens.

Mrs. Kasics, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mr. Frascella, called the roll:

Present: Mr. Albarran, Ms. Conway, Mr. Inclan, Mrs. Kasics, Ms. Kern, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Raskoshin, Ms. Taggart

Absent: Mr. Dragotta

Also Present: Peter Frascella, Board Secretary; Dr. Frederick D. Williams Superintendent; Mr. Silvestro, Board Attorney; Dr. Martin Gurczeski, Assistant Superintendent;

Reading of Public Notice – P. Frascella

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In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, the South Amboy Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting setting forth the time, date, and location to be submitted for publication to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger and posted at the Board Office, Middle/High School, Elementary School, City Hall, Library and Senior Citizens Center Bulletin Boards at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting. Members of the public who wish to address the Board will be given the opportunity before the Board adjourns for the evening.

Adjourn to Executive Session

- On a motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Kern, the Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:05 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Frascella reads the closed session notice:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Sunshine Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 13, the South Amboy Board of Education will now meet in closed session to discuss:

- Confidential Student Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Attorney client privilege

The aforesaid subjects are within the exemptions permitted to be discussed in closed session in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13. Information regarding the Board's closed session discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session in approximately 1 hour.

- On a motion by Ms. Kern and seconded by Ms. Taggart, the Board reconvenes into the public portion of the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Salute to the Flag

Presentations:

- **Elementary Recognitions,**
  - Mr. Sean Dunphy, Principal
  - Mrs. Michelle Buchanan, Vice Principal

- **Middle/High School Recognitions,**

- ➢ Mr. James Brown, Principal
- ➢ Mrs. Erin Lamberson, Vice Principal
- ➢ Mr. Ja'mon Dunn, Director Of Athletics, PE, Health, And The Arts

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Williams congratulated students on winning a recent essay contest, and we will be recognizing them at the upcoming May meeting. He also discussed the changes to this year's school calendar in light of the one unused snow day. Lastly, he also welcomed Ben Smith up to address the board, who invited the board to this year's prom.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Vera shared a presentation with the board featuring: Spongebob the musical, take your child to work day, recent MHS events, and swimming facts.

MINUTES

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

March 18, 2024	Business-Public Meeting (Minutes 3.18.24)
March 18, 2024	Closed Session/Business Meeting

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM ITEMS & REPORT (Joan Conway)

Ms. Conway discussed the items on this evening's agenda. Ms. Conway discussed upcoming student testing and the new smart hall pass system implemented in the MHS. She also discussed the new Verkada guest system being implemented at the MHS as well new upcoming climate surveys for families and staff.

2. THE REVISED 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

That the Board of Education approves the revised school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

POLICY ITEMS & REPORT (Judith Raskoshin)

Ms. Raskoshin briefly discussed the policies on the agenda this evening.

3. Approve Second Reading of the following Bylaws, Policies, and/or Regulations (Attachments)

- **FULL ADOPTION OF STRAUSS ESMAY MANUAL**

4. Approve Second Reading of the following Bylaws, Policies, and/or Regulations (Attachments)

- **STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED TECHNOLOGY POLICY 2363**

PERSONNEL (Lynn Kasics)

5. REHIRE OF FULL-TIME/PART-TIME OTHER STAFF LISTED

That the Board of Education approves the reemployment of full-time/part-time other staff listed for the 2024-2025 school year as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Salaries will be reflected as per negotiated agreement and as recommended by the Superintendent. **-** 2024-2025 Staff List (as of April 29, 2024)

6. REHIRE OF NON-TENURED PERSONNEL

That the Board of Education approves the reemployment of the attached list of non-tenured personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Salaries and steps will reflect negotiated agreements with the Board of Education. 2024-2025 Non-Tenure Staff List (as of April 29, 2024)

7. REHIRE OF NON-TENURABLE FULL-TIME/PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF, PART-TIME/FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE STAFF

That the Board of Education approves the reemployment of non-tenured full-time/part-time paraprofessional staff, part-time/full-time custodian/maintenance staff and other staff listed for the 2024-2025 school year as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Salaries and steps will be reflected in the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the South Amboy Education Association. 2024-2025 Staff List (as of April 29, 2024)

8. APPOINTMENTS CONTRACTUAL

Last Name	First Name	Position	Bldg.	Total Salary	Effective
Romo	Paulina	World Language Teacher (Spanish)	MHS	$87,412 Step 14	9/1/2024-6/30/2025

* Fingerprints approved through NJDOE Office of Student Protection (Policy #4111/4211)
* Completion of Physicals for Employees (Policy #4212.4)
* Pending approval of NJDOE Office of Student Protection and Employment History statute P.L.2018, C.5

9. APPROVE PERSONNEL FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) CONTRACTUAL (NOT TO EXCEED 60 HOURS)

Last Name	First Name	Position	Bldg.	Total Salary	Effective
Frank	Erica	ESY Teacher	ES	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Johnson	Linda	ESY Teacher	ES	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Krull	Marissa	ESY Teacher	ES	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Quigley	Erica	ESY Teacher	ES	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Sherman	Samantha	ESY Teacher	ES	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Sosa	Ashley	ESY Teacher	ES	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024

Strumwasser	Lauren	ESY Coordinator	ES	$3,333.33	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Crowley	Joan	ESY Paraprofessional	ES	$907.80	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
English-Honimar	Jessica	ESY Paraprofessional	ES	$907.80	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Mulligan	Danielle	ESY Paraprofessional	ES	$907.80	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Pinto	Alyson	ESY Paraprofessional	ES	$907.80	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Rowley	Jennifer	ESY Paraprofessional	ES	$907.80	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Delatore	Sarah	ESY Teacher	MHS	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Gerasini	Alexis	ESY Transition Coordinator	MHS	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Grasso-Finochio	Jessica	ESY Teacher	MHS	$2457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
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10. APPROVE PERSONNEL FOR SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS CONTRACTUAL & HOURLY RATE (NOT TO EXCEED 60 HOURS)

Last Name	First Name	Position	Bldg.	Total Salary	Effective
Conklin	Callan	Summer Program Teacher	ES	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
DeSilva	Tiffany	Summer Program Teacher	ES	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Koy	Sharon	Summer Program Teacher	ES	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Mercado	Marcia	Summer Program Teacher	ES	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Morelli	Salvatore	Summer Program Teacher	ES	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Welton	Eileen	Summer Program Teacher	ES	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Adamiecki	Monica	Summer Program Teacher	MHS	$2,457.60	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024

Housman	Cathy	Summer Program Nurse	MHS	$68.77/Hr	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
McAlonie	Lisa	Summer Program Nurse	ES	$70.70/Hr	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024
Crowley	Joan	Bus Aide	ES	$32.09/Hr	7/1/2024 - 8/1/2024

11. HOURLY POSITIONS

Last Name	First Name	Position	Bldg.	Rate	Hours/Week	Effective
Sinka	Tara	Lunch Aide	MHS	$16.00/hour	Not to exceed 15 hours per week	TBD

* Fingerprints approved through NJDOE Office of Student Protection
* Pending approval of NJDOE Office of Student Protection and Employment History statute P.L.2018, C.5

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	Position	School	Category	Effective
DeJesus, Shayla	Accounts Payable/Transportation Secretary	District	FMLA	7/1/2024-12/20/2024
Dennis, Gabrielle	Special Education Teacher	ES	FMLA	9/3/2024-1/1/2025
Bagala-DeVoe, Roxanne	Secretary	MHS	Paid Medical	5/3/2024-5/31/2024
Dornacker, Brina	Special Education Teacher	MHS	FMLA	Revised 4/23/2024-6/30/2025
Masella, Michelle	School Guidance Counselor	ES	Unpaid FMLA	Revised 2/29/2024-6/30/2024
Yeomans, Lindsay	Special Education Teacher	ES	FMLA	6/11/2024-12/13/2024
Zeller, Alanna	Learning Consultant	District	FMLA	Revised 3/6/2023-6/14/2024

* Dates to be adjusted based upon recovery

13. STAFF TRANSFERS

Name	From	To	Effective
Downs, Nicole	ES	MHS	09/1/2024

Sherman, Wendy	MHS	ES	09/1/2024

14. END OF SERVICE

Name	Position	School	Category	Last Day
Santangelo, James	ELA Teacher	MHS	Resignation	6/30/2024
Santangelo, James	E-Sports Advisor	MHS	Resignation	6/30/2024

15. CONTRACT FOR/ AND APPOINTMENT OF/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/ DR. MARTIN GURCZESKI JR.

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Dr. Martin Gurczeski as Assistant Superintendent effective July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, as per negotiated agreement and approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

16. INTERIM DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Approve Ms. Meryl Gill, as Interim Director of Special Services, effective July 1, 2024 through March 27, 2025, at a per diem rate of $515 per day.

17. MOU - SUMMER HOURS FOR SECRETARIES

The Board of Education approves Secretary summer hours of Monday-Thursday from 8AM - 3PM per the Memorandum of Understanding June 26, 2024 through September 1, 2024.

18. MOU - SUMMER HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATORS

The Board of Education approves Administrator summer hours of Monday-Thursday from 8AM - 3PM per the Memorandum of Understanding June 26, 2024 through September 1, 2024.

19. CHILD STUDY TEAM MEMBERS TO CONDUCT SUMMER EVALUATIONS AND ATTEND MEETINGS

That the Board of Education hereby approves the Child Study Team Members to conduct evaluations and attend meetings on an as needed basis, at their hourly rate, during the summer of 2024, as follows:

Bove, Lauren	Petruzzi, Stephanie	Zeller, Allana
Eberly, Alex	Sanders, Brielle	
Lieboff, Sharri	Strumwasser, Lauren	

20. APPROVE ALL STAFF TO ATTEND IEP MEETINGS DURING SUMMER

The Board of Education approves All Staff to attend IEP Meetings during the summer as needed to be paid at their 2024-2025 hourly rate.

21. REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION-IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION TEACHER

22. APPROVE David Lisowski to be assigned to the Elementary School 3 days per week to provide school counseling support effective May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

23. APPROVE/SUSPENSION/EMPLOYEE #4947

That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the suspension with pay of Employee #4947 effective May 1, 2024-May 17, 2024.

24. APPROVE/SALARY INCREMENT WITHHOLDING/EMPLOYEE #4090
That the Board of Education approves the withholding of salary and step increment increase for employee #4090, effective for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

BUDGET AND FINANCE ITEMS & REPORT (Lynn Kasics)

25. EXPENDITURES FOR 03/19/2024-03/31/2024 (ATTACHMENT A)
The Board of Education approves the following expenditures for 03/19/2024-03/31/2024

South Amboy Board of Education Expenditures 3/18/2024-3/31/2024	
Bills For	**Amount**
Regular Bills	$ 866,993.79
3/15/2024 Payroll	$ 589,899.22
3/30/2024 Payroll	$ 558,271.93
TOTAL	**$ 2,015,164.94**

26. ACCEPT THE MARCH 2024 ATHLETIC FUND BALANCES (ATTACHMENT B)
The Board of Education accepts the attached March 2024 Athletic Fund Balances

27. ACCEPT THE MARCH 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL FUND BALANCES (ATTACHMENT C)
The Board of Education accepts the attached March 2024 Organizational Fund Balance.

28. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS (ATTACHMENT D)
The Board of Education approves the attached field trip requests for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

29. REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2013, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $8,470,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED $5,100,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED $5,100,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (with not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the City of South Amboy in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "School District"), is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable School Bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of $8,470,000 and dated September 12, 2013 (the "2013 Bonds"). The 2013 Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2025 (the "Refunded Bonds") may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date

on or after September 1, 2024 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the par amount of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed $5,100,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding $175,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the City Clerk and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such a statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the 2013 Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

30. USE OF FACILITIES - SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT

That the Board of Education approves the use of facilities for the South Amboy Fire Department to use the MHS parking lot for the purpose of fire truck parking on 05/26/2024 from 9am to 3pm. This activity will be covered by the City's insurance.

31. USE OF FACILITIES - MIDDLESEX COUNTY PARKS

That the Board of Education approves the use of facilities for the City of South Amboy to use the MHS parking lot for the purpose of overflow parking on 06/26/2024 from 2 pm to 11pm. This activity will be covered by the County's insurance.

32. USE OF FACILITIES - RARITAN BAY BASKETBALL

That the Board of Education approves the use of facilities for Raritan Bay Basketball to use the MHS Gymnasium, Monday through Friday Evenings (5pm-9pm) from 6/26/2024-7/31/2024, for basketball. Activities will be coordinated with SABOE and the Board reserves the right to schedule the facilities as needed for school activities. Raritan Bay Basketball insurance will be used.

~~**33. USE OF FACILITIES - OLD BRIDGE HOOPS**~~

~~That the Board of Education approves the use of facilities for Old Bridge Hoops to use the MHS Gymnasium, 7/15/2024& 7/29/2024 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm , for basketball. Old Bridge Hoops insurance will be used.~~

34. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – EFFECTIVE SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

The Board of Education approves a Professional Services Agreement between the South Amboy Board of Education and Effective School Solutions to provide Mental Health Services. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

35. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BUSCH LAW GROUP

The Board of Education approves a Professional Services Agreement between the South Amboy Board of Education and The Busch Law Group as the Board Attorney for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 at a rate of $175/hour. (Copy of contract is on file in the Board Office).

36. ACCEPTANCE OF MONETARY DONATIONS

That the Board of Education accepts the monetary donation of $500.00, from The South Amboy Parade Committee

37. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Board of Education approves the following professional development under the "Travel and Reimbursement Policy" of the South Amboy - Board of Education as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Staff/Board Member	Program Date	Program Title or Event	Fees	GAAP Account
Lauren Bove	5/9/2024 & 5/10/2024	2024 NJSHA Annual Convention	$380	11-000-219-800-12-65-00-060
Stephanie Petruzzi	5/9/2024 & 5/10/2024	2024 NJSHA Annual Convention	$380	11-000-219-800-12-65-00-060
Eleni Tsoukas	5/9/2024 & 5/10/2024	SESEBA	$350	20-218-100-321-00-00-00-060
Maria Sweeney	5/9/2024 & 5/10/2024	SESEBA	$350	20-218-100-321-00-00-00-060
Jessica Kramer-Teheran	5/9/2024 & 5/10/2024	SESEBA	$350	20-218-100-321-00-00-00-060
Amy Russo	5/3/2024	NJAEYC Leadership Conference	$189	20-218-100-500-00-00-00-060
Maria Sweeney	5/3/2024	NJAEYC Leadership Conference	$189	20-218-100-500-00-00-00-060
Jessica Kramer-Teheran	5/3/2024	NJAEYC Leadership Conference	$189	20-218-100-500-00-00-00-060

OTHER MOTIONS

38. REPORT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (HIB) APRIL INCIDENT REPORT

That the Board of Education accepts the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Incident Report for April HIB incidents reported to the Board of Education.

39. AFFIRM, MODIFY, OR REJECT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (HIB)

MARCH INCIDENT REPORT
That the Board of Education affirms the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Incident Report for March HIB incidents reported to the Board of Education.

40. APPROVAL/REMOVAL
That the Board of Education herby finds and determines that the following students are not entitled to attend the South Amboy Public Schools and direct their removal in accordance with the law:
#32133
#32663

AFFIRM, MODIFY OR REJECT (MARCH HIB Cases)										
Case #	**Mr. Albarran**	**Ms. Conway**	**Mr. Dragotta**	**Mr. Inclan**	**Ms. Kasics**	**Mrs. Kern**	**Mr. Murphy**	**Mrs. Raskoshin**	**Ms. Taggart**	**HIB Determination**
ES2324-05	A	A	n/a	A	A	A	A	A	A	Unfounded
ES2324-06	A	A	n/a	A	A	A	A	A	A	Unfounded
MS2324-23	A	A	n/a	A	A	A	A	A	A	Unfounded
MS2324-24	A	A	n/a	A	A	A	A	A	A	Unfounded
MS2324-25	A	A	n/a	A	A	A	A	A	A	Founded
HS2324-09	A	A	n/a	A	A	A	A	A	A	Founded

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT (Paula Taggart)

Ms. Taggart discussed district repairs since the last board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MOTIONS OR OTHER ITEMS

"Boards use the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer session or a 'cross-examination' between the public and individual members. Be aware that not all issues brought before a board meeting will be resolved that evening; boards may respond to public comment by seeking additional information or by delegating the authority to investigate the issue to the superintendent or his/her designee." NJSBA
Members of the public are limited to one (1) three (3) minute opportunity to address the board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Remaining time is not transferable to other members of the public. (Policy/By-Law 9322)

Mr. Dunphy also congratulated his student's for their recent essay contest winners.

Ms. Smocovich congratulated everyone on a great performance at the spring musical as well as tonight's honorees.

Ms. Alcuri invited everyone to attend the upcoming Spring Concert on 5/16/24.

Mr. Dunn thanked the PTO for everything they do.

APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Ms. Kern and seconded by Ms. Taggart to approve all items on the consent agenda of the regular public meeting of April 29, 2024 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ayes: Albarran, Conway, Inclan, Kasics, Kern, Murphy, Raskoshin, Taggart

Nays: Murphy #15

Abstention: Conway (241042), Kern (#26 (#240492, #240663, #240495, #240663, #240665,#241311, #241297))

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy congratulated all of this month's student honorees. He also thanks Ms. Basoka for her wonderful presentation and thanked the PTO for their hard work. He wished all the mothers in attendance Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Raskoshin shared her applause for the student's hard work on Spongebob the musical.

Ms. Taggart also shared her excitement for the spring musical. Congratulations to Vera on her college acceptance.

Ms. Kasic congratulated Vera on her college acceptance and what a wonderful job she has done as the student representative.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

Convene to Public Hearing

On a motion by Ms. Kern and seconded by Mr. Inclan the Board convenes to the public hearing portion of the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Frederick D. Williams, Superintendent of Schools

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Peter Frascella, SBA will review the slide presentation.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS (BUDGET)

A. Board of Education

None

B. Public Comment

Maureen Strzykalski asked for a copy of the budget presentation.

Mr. Conrad discussed equalization aid and how vital it is to the budget. He wanted to thank Congressman Coughlin for his continued support of South Amboy students.

1. ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Amboy Board of Education hereby readopts the following budget for the 2024-2025 school year, as originally approved by the Middlesex County Executive County Superintendent and as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Schools.

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve Educational Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Appropriations		**Revenue**	
General Current Expense	$22,097,253.00	Budgeted Fund Balance	$528,028.00
Special Revenue Fund	$2,181,998.00	Local Tax Levy	$11,420,872.00
Repayment of Debt	$604,390.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	$120,000.00
		State Aid	$9,823,009.00
		SEMI	$58,844.00
		Interest from Reserves	$10,500.00
		State Restricted Entitlements	$1,504,648
		Federal Restricted Entitlements	$677,350.00
		Local Debt Service Tax Levy	$604,390.00

		Budgeted W/D Maint. Reserve	$136,000.00
		Budgeted Fund Balance	$528,028.00
Total Appropriations:	**$24,883,641.00**	**Total Revenues:**	**$24,883,641.00**

2. APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2024-2025

The Board of Education approves the following tax levy payment schedule to be presented to the City of South Amboy for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025:

Due Date	Total Due
7/5/2024	$1,002,099.00
8/5/2024	$1,002,099.00
9/5/2024	$1,002,100.00
10/5/2024	$1,002,100.00
11/5/2024	$1,002,100.00
12/5/2024	$1,002,100.00
2024 Total	**$6,012,598.00**
1/5/2025	$1,002,099.00
2/5/2025	$1,002,099.00
3/5/2025	$1,002,099.00
4/5/2025	$1,002,100.00
5/5/2025	$1,002,100.00
6/5/2025	$1,002,100.00
2025 Total	**$6,012,597.00**
2024-2025 TOTAL	**$12,025,195.00**

3. MAXIMUM TRAVEL AMOUNT

The South Amboy Board of Education establishes a district-wide maximum for travel expenditures of $80,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record travel expenditures to ensure that the maximum travel expenditure amount is not exceeded.

C. APPROVE BUDGET AND FINANCE MOTIONS

I move that the South Amboy Board of Education approves motions One through Three of the Public Hearing on The Budget section of the regular public meeting agenda of April 29, 2024 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Inclan and seconded by Ms Kern.

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Albarran, Conway, Inclan, Kasics, Kern, Murphy, Raskoshin, Taggart

Nays: n/a

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Ms. Kern and seconded by Ms. Raskoshin that there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter T. Frascella
Business Administrator/Board Secretary