

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Eastampton Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm by Kerry Douglas, Board President.

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, adequate public notice of this meeting has been given by the Business Administrator in the following manner:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Eastampton Community School on January 5, 2022
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* on January 9, 2022 and the *Courier Post* on January 11, 2022
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 6, 2022
- D. Posted official notice on the district's website.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

The Board of Education shall conduct its meeting scheduled for February 15, 2022 in person as well as via Google Meet. Members of the public desiring to participate in the Board of Education meeting remotely will be able to access the meeting by following the directions below:

DIRECTIONS:

Meeting ID – meet.google.com/dgy-tqos-ioi

Or by telephone – 1 941-451-2737 PIN: 102 130 630#

ROLL CALL:

Kerry Douglas, President - present
Brian Curtis, Vice President - present
Kyle Aaronson- absent
Len DiGiacomo - present
Edward Hill -present
Walter Maluchnik - present
Floencia Norton - present

Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Superintendent of Schools
Pat Austin, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FIRE EXITS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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This meeting will now be open to the public; however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel or negotiations, we ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.

- A parent was concerned about the decision being made regarding masks in schools. She was hoping that the Board will follow the March 7th guidance from the Governor in making masks optional in schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (21-22-50)

On the motion by Kerry Douglas and seconded by Ed Hill, the following minutes were approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

Kyle Aaronson, absent
Brian Curtis - yes
Len DiGiacomo - yes
Kerry Douglas - yes
Edward Hill - yes
Walter Maluchnik - yes
Floencia Norton - yes

January 18, 2022 (Regular Session)

PRESENTATIONS:

Student Recognitions – Mr. Duckett, Superintendent/Principal

Mr. Duckett and Ms. Douglas announced three students of the Month

6th grade – Avery Worrell
7th grade – Cheyenne Wortham
8th grade - Dylan Hamrock

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: (Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Superintendent/Principal)

A. Information Item(s):

- 1) School Safety Data System Report Period 1 (September 1 – December 31, 2021)
 - 2) HIB Report dated February 10, 2022 (21-22-51)
 - 3) Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar (21-22-52)
 - 4) Covid Update – Return to School Plan (21-22-53)
 - 5) Liaison Reports
- Mr. Robinson reported out on the report for School Safety
 - Mr. Duckett reported on the HIB
 - Mr. Duckett addressed the new return to school plan which recommended that we follow the March 7th guidelines for March 7, 2022 with masks being optional in the school
 - For the liaison report with the municipality, Mrs. Douglas indicated that there was not much to report and addressed the PTA events being planned for the upcoming months.
 - Mr. Maluchnik wanted to know the status of quarantining for COVID and if masks are optional at school events. Mr. Duckett replied that we are still seeking guidance from the Health department on quarantining and masks are optional at school events

- Mr. DiGiacomo asked if classes will separate in cohorts in the classroom with those with masks. Mr. Duckett replied no they will not separate.

B. Action Item(s):

On the motion by Kerry Douglas and seconded by Ed Hill, the following action items were approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the School Safety Data System Report for Period 1 as presented.
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the action items on the HIB Report dated February 10, 2022 as initially presented at the December 21, 2021 meeting. **(21-22-51)**
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.
- 4) Recommend the Board approve the Return to School Plan as presented.

FINANCE: (Edward Hill, Chairperson)

A. Information Item(s):

- 1) 2021 Disclosure Forms

B. Action Item(s):

On the motion by Edward Hill and seconded by Len DiGiacomo, the following action items were approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following resolution requesting a Waiver of Requirements for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2022-2023 school year, and

Whereas, the Eastampton Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students **and** participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2022-2023 budget year

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Eastampton Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Burlington an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2022-2023 school year.

- 2) Recommend the Board approve the following payrolls:

- a. January 21, 2022 – \$54,536.04
- b. January 31, 2022 – \$257,895.45
- c. February 15, 2022 – \$260,973.99

- 3) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(21-22-54)**

Regular Bills: \$ 325,360.65

- 4) Recommend the Board approve Line Item Transfers dated January 31, 2022. (21-22-55)
- 5) Recommend the Board approve the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2022. (21-22-56)
- 6) Recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report dated January 31, 2022. (21-22-57)
- 7) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4*, we certify that as of January 31, 2022 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)3* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. It is also certified that the Board Secretary's report matches the Treasurer's Report. *Citations are subject to change due to periodic amendments, new rules, repeals. Figures subject to final audit.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)8*, I certify that as of January 31, 2022 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8-1. *Citations are subject to change due to periodic amendments, new rules, and repeals. Figures subject to final audit.

- 8) Recommend the Board approve the following Cafeteria expenses:

1/21/2022	1541	Nutri-Serve Food Mgmt., Inc. (11/01/20 to 11/30/20)	\$ (20,093.71)
1/11/2022	1540	Smart Care Equip Solutions-EEC Acquisitions LLC-Inv.#95739929	\$ (1,546.87)

- 9) Recommend the Board approve the following out of district tuition contract:

CR- BCSSD– January 18,2022 – June 30, 2022– \$42,520 pro-rated
GC- Pemberton Township – September 7, 2021 – June 30, 2022 - \$16,202

- 10) Recommend the Board approve the Bayada Nursing contract for CR from January 18, 2022 to June 30,2022
- 11) Recommend the Board approve the attached request for professional development. (21-22-58)

PERSONNEL: (Kyle Aaronson, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

On the motion by Kerry Douglas and seconded by Brian Curtis, the following action item was approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the employment of David Felicie as district substitute teacher effective February 15, 2022, pending completion of paperwork.

POLICY: (Len DiGiacomo, Chairperson)

A. Action Item(s):

On the motion by Len DiGiacomo and seconded by Walter Maluchnick, the following action item was approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the following policies from Alert 226 (sent in separate email):

	P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment (M) (Revised)
	P & R 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)
<div>delete</div>	P 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) (New)
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	P 2622	Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
	R 2622	Student Assessment (M) (New)
	P 3233	Political Activities (Revised)
	P 4233	Political Activities (Revised)
	P 5541	Anti-Hazing (M) (New) (extended to the Elementary Students in addition to Middle School students)
	P & R 8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M) (Revised)
	P 9560	Administration of School Surveys (M) (Revised)

1. BUILDING AND GROUNDS (Walter Maluchnik, Chairperson):

A. Action Item(s):

On the motion by Walter Maluchnik and seconded by Ed Hill, the following item was approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

Kyle Aaronson, absent
 Brian Curtis - yes
 Len DiGiacomo – yes but abstain on Request #2
 Kerry Douglas - yes
 Edward Hill - yes
 Walter Maluchnik - yes
 Florencia Norton - yes

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following requests for use of facilities:

	Group	Purpose	Date	Time	Room
1	PTA	Color Fun Run 2022	May 14	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	School Grounds
2	Sacred Heart CYO	Little League Baseball and Softball Practice	Mar 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31; Apr 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 25, 27, 28; May 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26; Jun 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Baseball and Softball Fields
3	PTA	Community Story Night with the “Masked Readers”	March 3	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Cafeteria/Library
4	PTA	Math Night	April 7	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Cafeteria
5	PTA	EGG-Cellent EGG-Venture	April 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	School Grounds – Soccer Fields

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- No public participation
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ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm on the motion by Kerry Douglas, seconded by Len DiGiacomo. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Austin
Interim Business Administrator