

# **EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 18, 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:

Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Eastampton Community School on January 5, 2022

Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* on January 9, 2022 and the *Courier Post* on January 11, 2022

Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 6, 2022

Posted official notice on the district's website.

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 January 18, 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/czd-jbqc-bqb](https://meet.google.com/czd-jbqc-bqb)

Or by telephone – **1 929-266-2321** PIN: 810 663 819#

### **ROLL CALL:**

Kerry Douglas, President - present

Brian Curtis, Vice President - present

Kyle Aaronson - present

Len DiGiacomo - present

Edward Hill - present

Walter Maluchnik - present

Florencia Norton - present

Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Superintendent of Schools

Pat Austin, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

### **FIRE EXITS**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

All meetings must be open to the public at all times except for those meetings at which certain excepted matters are discussed. However, the right of the public to be present at the meeting should not be confused with public participation. The public body retains the right to permit, regulate or prohibit active participation of the public at any meeting. (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (a)).

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.

- No one in the public participated

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (21-22-43)**

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

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

December 21, 2021 (Regular and Executive Sessions)  
January 4, 2022 (Regular Session)

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

**A. Information Item(s):**

- 1) 2022-2023 School Calendar (21-22-44)
- 2) Mid Year Budget Review – January 21, 2022
- 3) Covid Update
- 4) Liaison Reports

Student Recognitions – Mr. Duckett, Superintendent/Principal

Mr. Duckett and Mr. Hill announced the three students of the Month

6th grade - Kayla McMillan  
7th grade - Hannah Betanzos  
8th grade - Lauren Thomas

**B. 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 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.

**PERSONNEL: (Kyle Aaronson, Chairperson)**

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

**A. Action Items:**

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the attached list of negotiated salaries for the 2021-2022 school year. **(21-22-45)**
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the following staff member for a 2021-2022 extra-curricular appointment as indicated, with stipend as per negotiated agreement, prorated for the remainder of the school year:

Jamie Fischer

Select Chorale Director

- 3) Recommend the Board approve the employment of Shannon Holloway as district substitute teacher effective January 19, 2022, pending completion of paperwork.

**FINANCE: (Edward Hill, Chairperson)**

**A. Information Items:**

- 1) 2022 Disclosure Forms
- 2) Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund Safety Award 2020-2021 winner of \$5,500

**B. Action Items:**

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

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following payrolls:
  - a. January 15, 2022 - \$ 258,294.23
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(21-22-46)**

Regular Bills: \$ 311,840.00
- 3) Recommend the Board approve Line Item Transfers dated December 31, 2021. **(21-22-47)**
- 4) Recommend the Board approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2021. **(21-22-48)**
- 5) Recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report dated December 31, 2021. **(21-22-49)**
- 6) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4\*, we certify that as of December 31, 2021 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 December 31, 2021 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.

- 7) Recommend the Board approve the increase to the minimum hourly wage of \$13.00 effective 1/1/22 in compliance with New Jersey law.
- 8) Recommend the Board approve the award of the Local Recreation Improvement Grant of not to exceed \$40,000 for the renovation of the outside basketball court.
- 9) Recommend the Board approve the following Cafeteria expenses:

12/21/21

Nutri –Serve Food Mgt

\$ (23,392.99)

### **CURRICULUM: (Floencia Norton, Chairperson)**

On the motion by Floencia Norton and seconded by Edward Hill, the following action item was approved. Roll call vote. Motion carried

#### **A. Action Item:**

Recommend the Board approve the district's English Language Learner Three-Year Plan for 2021-2024, which is on file in the Curriculum Office.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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- Len DiGiacomo asked about the Safety Award and Ambrose Duckett responded.
- Heather Chapman had questions on the ELL Curriculum. Ambrose Duckett indicated that there are volumes of data and to see Linda Fulleylove for the details.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7.25 pm on the motion by Kerry Douglas, seconded by Brian Curtis. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Austin  
Interim Business Administrator