

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Eastampton Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Glenn Forney, 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 12, 2020.
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* and the *Courier Post* on January 12, 2020.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 8, 2020.
- 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.

Due to the declared a state of emergency that requires school buildings and offices to be closed, the Board of Education shall conduct its meeting scheduled for May 19, 2020 via conference call. Members of the public desiring to listen to and participate in the Board of Education meeting will be able to access the Google Meet conference call by following the directions below:

DIRECTIONS:

Dial in number: 1 575-394-8047 (PIN: 485844533)

ROLL CALL:

Glenn Forney, President - present
 Susan Taylor, Vice President - present
 Brian Curtis - present
 Len DiGiacomo - present
 Kerry Douglas - present
 Deanna McGinnis - present
 Eve Waite - present

Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Superintendent of Schools
 Marian Smith, 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.

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (19-20-71)

On a motion by Glenn Forney, seconded by Len DiGiacomo, the following minutes were approved. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

April 28, 2020 (Regular Session)

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

A. Information Item(s):

- 1) Distance Learning Update
- 2) Update of School Closure Plan (19-20-72)

B. Action Item(s):

On a motion by Glenn Forney, seconded by Brian Curtis, the following action item was approved. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the updated School Closure Plan as discussed
- 2) Recommend the Board approve the updated school calendar. (19-20-73)

FINANCE: (Kerry Douglas, Chairperson)

A. Information Items:

- 1) RFQ for District Solicitor posted online and due May 18, 2020.
- 2) RFQ for Occupational Therapy and Behavior Therapy posted online due on May 25, 2020.
- 3) Non Public Consultation held on May 14, 2020 with Dawn Adams, Principal at TCA and Bobbie Downs, Director at ESU
- 4) Bond Refunding Ordinance Public Hearing – Mrs. Smith explained that the first reading took place at the March 17, 2020 meeting and that the adoption of this ordinance now would allow the district to move forward quickly if/when the market conditions became favorable. The public hearing was closed at 7:31pm.
- 5) Lead Testing Results – all 24 samples passed

B. Action Items:

On a motion by Kerry Douglas, seconded by Glenn Forney, the following action items were approved. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

- 1) Recommend the Board approve the following payrolls:

- a. May 15, 2020- \$266,147.33

- 2) Recommend the Board approve the following invoices for payment: **(19-20-74)**

Regular Bills: \$ 278,017.05

- 3) Recommend the Board approve Line Item Transfers dated April 30, 2020. **(19-20-75)**
- 4) Recommend the Board approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2020. **(19-20-76)**
- 5) Recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report dated April 30, 2020. **(19-20-77)**
- 6) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4*, we certify that as of April 30, 2020 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 April 30, 2020 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 a rental contract with Wee Kids Early Learning center for the 2020-2021 school year for \$5,000.
- 8) Recommend the Board approve a contract with GraMin Consulting Services, LLC to provide facility transitional services from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and Interim Facility Director services beginning July 1, 2020 through the 2020-2021 year as needed at \$400/day.
- 9) Recommend the Board approve the online submission of the Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2021 Application packet for the continuation of the district's school nutrition program for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 10) Recommend the Board approve the adoption of the attached Bond Refunding Ordinance **(19-20-78)**.
- 11) Recommend the Board approve the online submission of the Fiscal Year 2021 IDEA grant and accept the following funds:

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
IDEA Basic	\$212,895	\$197,809
IDEA Pre-School	\$ 8,756	\$ 8,651

12) Recommend the Board approve the online submission of the CARES Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER) and accept the grant amount of \$63,016.

13) Recommend the Board approve the attached requests for professional development for the 2019-2020 school year. (19-20-79)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Santillo thanked the board for moving the last day of school to June 17th. He also asked for more information on the CARES Emergency Relief Grant. Mr. Forney replied that this was the funding passed down to states from the federal government. The state then allocated funds to each district based on a percentage of Title I funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Mr. Forney discussed the following:

- Reminder to the BOE members to complete the online Superintendent's Evaluation.
- Increased traffic of motorized vehicles (ATV's and motorbikes) on school grounds which is resulting in damage to the fields. He expressed concerns about the cost of repairing the damage and the potential legal ramifications should someone be injured. Mr. Duckett indicated that the police department has been very responsive to his calls. He asked if anyone sees these individuals to alert him or call the police department immediately.
- The potential need for a special meeting after August 25, 2020. He indicated that by this date, the State is required to adopt a new budget. He is concerned that funding will be negatively impacted and that the district will need to take actions based on the State's decision on August 25th.

2) Mrs. Taylor stated that she thoroughly enjoyed the Disney parody that the teachers made for our students. She thanked Mrs. King, Ms. Whitmore and all the teachers involved in creating the video which went viral and brought special attention to Eastampton School District.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Glenn Forney, seconded by Eve Waite. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian F. Smith
Business Administrator/Board Secretary