

SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
500 Route 17, Suite 307
Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NJ OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure 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 Business Administrator-Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.:

The North Jersey Media Group

Notice of this meeting has been posted in the lobby of the Board of Education Office and at the Jointure Commission Public Schools. This is an official meeting of the Board of Education/ South Bergen Jointure Commission.

Meeting Opened at 9:34 AM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Members Absent: Mr. F. D'Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

Also Present: Dr. M. Kuchar, Ms. S. Cucciniello

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kuchar welcomed the new board members and all the attendees. He discussed the search for the Lodi Campus Principal, and some additional personnel items. Also, Dr. Kuchar discussed upcoming PD (Danielson Training) and the status of the new building and the anticipated move there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Frank Scarafile

Seconded: Mr. Nick Perrapato

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023 be approved.

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile
Abstain: Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. F. D'Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT:

Motion: Mr. Anthony Albro
Seconded: Mr. James Knipper

- 2a. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the FINANCE resolutions as per the attached report are approved. (2b, 2c, 2d, 2e)
- 2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of May 31, 2023 and approves "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10 (E), certify that as of May 31, 2023 the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations sections), did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriations balances reflected on the report and the advice of districts officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. " (Attachment 2b)
- 2c. The Board accepts the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of May 2023. (Attachment 2c)
- 2d. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of May 31, 2023, no budgetary line item has been over-expanded in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."
- 2e. Motion to approve additional appropriations for revenues and expenditures for the month of May 2023. These appropriations recognize anticipated revenues. (Attachment 2e)
- 2f. Motion to approve the June and July bills list below. (Attachment 2f):

Bills Payable \$4,329,054.06
 Payroll Transfers \$1,604,121.71
 Cafeteria Checks \$ 0.0
Total \$5,933,175.77

2g. WHEREAS it is necessary to release funds from the Committed Fund Balance – Designated for Building Fund;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education (“SBJC”), that funds in the amount of \$500,000. be appropriated from the Committed Fund Balance – Designated for Building Fund to the budget account Capital Outlay – Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services – Construction Services, for roof repairs and other construction services related to the property located at 696 Route 46 West, Teterboro, New Jersey.

2h. Motion to approve the following professional workshops and the reimbursement costs of the workshops.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Workshop Provider</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Miller, Shane	NJL2L Mentoring	NJL2L	11/1/2022-6/30/2023	\$1,000.00

2i. Motion to approve the agreement for General Communications services with Laura Bishop Communications (LBC) at the cost of \$3,000.00 per month for a maximum of \$33,000 annually for a contract term July 26, 2023 – June 30, 2024. (Attachment 2i)

2j. Motion to approve the proposal with Frontline Education for Absence and Time Solution and Frontline Central Solution programs with implementation for a total cost of \$26,985.07 for the 2022-23 school year. The ongoing cost for these programs for the 2024-25 school year will be \$18,992.13. (Attachment 2j)

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafilo, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. F. D’Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

3. PERSONNEL:

Motion: Mr. Nick Perrapato
Seconded: Mr. Joseph DeCorso

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that in compliance with Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 and in accordance with the State of New Jersey Department of Education memorandum dated October 29, 1986 that all new personnel shall be considered to be provisionally hired: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to comply with State Department directives concerning the State and Federal criminal history background checks of these employees and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said new personnel shall be considered provisionally hired until such time as the Department of Education has indicated that they have completed the criminal history background checks of prospective employees and that said employees have satisfied the requirements of Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 at which time said employees shall no longer be provisional; the Business Administrator shall be hereby directed to employ personnel and to take such other personnel actions as indicated.

All appointments upon recommendation of the Superintendent are on an emergent basis, pending completion of a criminal history background check. In addition, all appointments are contingent upon the employee signing a contract in accordance with law and the receipt of favorable reference responses. All aide appointments are contingent upon the employee being available for employment for the month of July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024. All employments are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Office Support, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program and Home Instruction on an as-needed basis.

- 3a. Motion to approve the attached additional pay for services rendered as indicated. (Attachment 3a)

- 3b. Motion to adjust the start date of the following personnel:

Name	Position	From	To:
Duran, Mercedes	Paraprofessional	7/6/2023	7/12/2023
Fernandes, Heleni	Paraprofessional	7/6/2023	7/12/2023
Mihal, Stephen	Paraprofessional	7/6/2023	7/12/2023

- 3c. Motion to rescind the appointment of the following personnel to work the 2023 Extended School Program.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Caeira	Paraprofessional
Littlejohn, Tatianna	Paraprofessional
Bernath, Jason	Occupational Therapist
Cajamarca, Carmen	Paraprofessional
Smith, Tricia	School Social Worker
Toci, Angela	P.T. Paraprofessional

- 3d. Motion to approve Marie Bridge to provide nursing support for student intakes and for August 2023 at her hourly rate .
- 3e. Motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ken Rota as a Part time Personnel Management Coordinator for 3 days per week from July 1 - July 31, 2023 at the per diem rate of \$500 per day. Additionally, approve the appointment of Mr. Ken Rota as the Interim Principal - Lodi Campus effective August 1, 2023 at the per diem rate of \$600.00 per day.
- 3f. Motion to approve the salary adjustment for the following staff who have completed the requirements of the Teacher Salary / Paraprofessional guide. All documents have been provided.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Certificati on</u>	<u>Adjusted Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Haviland, Kristen	Teacher	MA to MA+15 step 12	\$77,425.00	9/1/23
McGowan, Jeffrey	Teacher	MA to MA+30 step 7	\$73,500.00	9/1/23
Oliveras, Karen	Teacher	MA to MA+15 step 4	\$66,625.00	9/1/23
Smith Mason, Sophia	Para	AS to BA	\$27.02 / hour	9/1/23
Neilley, Robert	NetworkTech.	AS to BA	\$68,159.70 with	7/1/23

			longevity	
McKnight, Dana	Para	AS to BA	\$25.48 / hour	9/1/23
Lavelle, Alicia	Teacher	Step 12 to Step 13	\$86,000.00	9/1/23
Duran, Mercedes	Para	rate adjusted based on the approved 23/24 salary index	\$25.48 w/ cert. per hour	9/1/23
Fernandes, Heleni	Para	rate adjusted based on the approved 23/24 salary index	\$25.48 w/ cert. per hour	9/1/23
Mihal, Stephen	Para	rate adjusted based on the approved 23/24 salary index	\$25.48 w/ cert. per hour	9/1/23

- 3g. Motion to approve the leave of absence for the following, using days in accordance with the individual agreement with the Board and utilizing the FMLA and/or NJFLA leave entitlement.

<u>Employee ID#</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
1021	Paraprofessional	9/8/23-9/22/23
0250	Teacher	9/13/23 - 1/31/24

- 3h. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary/Step</u>
Salas, Evelyn	Paraprofessional	9/1/2023	\$23.33 or \$25.48 w/ cert. per hour
Stigliano, Amanda	Paraprofessional	9/1/2023	\$23.33 or \$25.48 w/ cert. per hour
Sanchez, Daysi	Paraprofessional	9/1/2023	\$25.19 per hour
Cela, Sidorela	Paraprofessional	9/1/2023	\$25.48 per hour
Pawlukiewicz, Kenneth	Paraprofessional	9/1/2023	\$23.33 or \$25.48 w/ cert. per hour
Vizcaino, Jeffrey	Paraprofessional	9/1/2023	\$23.33 or \$25.48 w/

			cert. per hour
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* Paraprofessional rate is contingent upon receipt of proof of certification. If proof is not provided, the rate of pay will change.

3i. Motion to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Mirza, Gabriella	Paraprofessional	8/1/2023	Resignation
Calabrese, Tricia	Paraprofessional	7/1/2023	Resignation
Littlejohn, Tatianna	Paraprofessional	7/1/2023	Resignation
DelaTorre, Melissa	Occupational Therapist	9/20/2023	Resignation

3j. Motion to approve the following staff to be added to the substitute list for the 2023- 2024 school year.

Gabriella Mirza

3k. Motion to approve Kathleen Tennant to provide District Home Programming Coordination for July and August 2023 at the 2023-2024 Home Programming Coordinator rate, not to exceed 15 hours each per month.

3l. Motion to approve Robert Neilley, Network Technician, to be paid an additional \$2,000.00 stipend for the Organic Garden Club for the 2023-2024 school year.

3m. Motion to approve the contract for Susan Cucciniello as School Business Administrator retroactive to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (Attachment 3m)

3n. Motion to approve the attached list of Paraprofessionals to be reimbursed \$125.00 for their substitute certification. (Attachment 3n)

3o. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Substitute Rates. (Attachment 3o)

3p. Motion to approve the following staff to be paid an additional up to 1.5 hours for attendance at the Functional Living Skills Committee Meeting on July 19, 2023.

Joanna Lachcik	Kristen Del Rosso	Kathy Tennant	Bernadette Palpallatoc
Tom Barton	Megan Farrell-Ingham	Kellie Weiss	Deborah Chillelli-Boru

3q. Motion to approve the creation of the Behavior Intervention Lead Paraprofessional Stipend position and the attached job description (Attachment 3q).

3r. Motion to approve the creation of the Administrator in Charge Stipend job position and the attached job description (Attachment 3r).

3s. Motion to approve Gianna Gugliuzza to complete observation hours with the South Bergen Jointure Commission Outreach staff as a requirement for Seton Hall University.

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. F. D’Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

4. POLICY:

Motion: Mr. Nick Perrapato

Seconded: Mr. Jason Chirichella

4a. Motion to approve the adjusted South Bergen Jointure Commission 2023 - 2024 Calendar (Attachment 4a)

4b. Motion to approve the first reading for following Policies/Regulations/By Laws/Procedures (Attachment 4b)

Policies	Title
2419	School Threat Assessment Team

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. F. D’Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

5. TRANSPORTATION:

Motion: Mr. Nick Perrapato
Seconded: Mr. Joseph DeCorso

- 5a. Motion to approve the attached 2022-2023 Quote Results ESY Set 1 (Attachment 5a).
- 5b. Motion to approve the addendums for a second vehicle on Contract #M060823-R, Mayor Transportation. The following routes were split due to overcrowding.

Route Number	Effective Date	Vehicle Cost Per Diem	Aide Cost Per Diem	Total Cost Per Diem
SIN300A	7/5/2023	164.00	80.00	244.00
SIN302A	7/5/2023	157.00	80.00	237.00
SIN303A	7/5/2023	157.00	80.00	237.00
SIN315A	6/26/2023	134.00	80.00	214.00
SIN326A	6/26/2023	167.00	80.00	247.00
SIN326B	7/5/2023	167.00	80.00	247.00

- 5c. Motion to approve the addendum for a second vehicle on Contract #SAKA, route S423, AKA School Transportation. Vehicle was added effective July 13th, 2023. Vehicle cost is \$292.00 per diem and aide cost is \$49.00 per diem. Total route cost is \$341.00 per diem.

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. F. D’Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING:

Motion: Mr. Nick Perrapato
Seconded: Mr. Frank Scarafile

- 6a. Motion to approve the License and Use Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Lower Bergen County to facilitate an After School Program for the SBJC students for the 2023-24 school year. (Attachment 6a)
- 6b. Motion to approve the Amendment to the Lease between South Bergen Jointure Commission and 500 Route 17 South, Hasbrouck Heights, LLC effective July 1, 2023 for a month to month basis as needed. (Attachment 6b)

- 6c. Motion to approve the Amendment to the Sublease Agreement with American Academy of Family Physicians for additional temporary office space to accommodate additional office space needs effective July 1, 2023 for a month to month basis (Attachment 6c)
- 6d. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Our Lady Queen of Peace Church for the use of their facility for after school/weekend activities for the 2023-24 school year. (Attachment 6d)
- 6e. Motion to approve the revised Linkage Agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Garfield Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment 6e)
- 6f. Motion to approve the revised Linkage Agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and the South Hackensack Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment 6f)
- 6g. Motion to approve the revised Linkage Agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Lyndhurst Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment 6g)
- 6h. Motion to designate the 696 Route 46 building be known now and hereafter as The Ed Weihenmayer Center, which will be commonly referred to as The Ed Center. Dedication of the new building is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023.
- 6i. Motion to approve the Linkage Agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Moonachie Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment 6i)

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Abstain: Mr. J. Chirichella (only 6f), Mr. J. DeCorso (6g only), Mr. J. Knipper (6i only), Mr. N. Perrapato (6e only)

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. F. D'Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kennedy said he was going to be sending an email to get contact information from all

Board members to create a group for Board communications.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

10. FOOD SERVICE:

None

11. CURRICULUM

Motion: Mr. Anthony Albro

Seconded: Mr. Jason Chirichella

11a. Motion to approve the attached Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment 11a)

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. A. Albro, Mr. J. Chirichella, Mr. J. DeCorso, Mr. G. Giancaspro, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. J. Knipper, Dr. Y. Lozanski, Mr. N. Perrapato, Mr. F. Scarafile, Dr. D. Sforza, Dr. S. Yurchak

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. F. D'Amico, Dr. S. DeNobile, Ms. A. Evans, Mr. M. Helfant, Mr. J. Hurley, Ms. D. Shanley

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Nick Perrapato

Seconded: Mr. Frank Scarafile

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Action Taken: Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Ms. Susan Cucciniello
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
CLOSED MEETING TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

July 25, 2023

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on July 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated July 25, 2023. The items discussed will be made public at the conclusion of the executive session or at a date not determined at this time.

Action taken:

SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
CLOSED - MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Opened at _____.

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Adjournment

Motion:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at _____.

Action taken