

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Virtual)
August 20, 2020

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 a.m.**

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Albro, Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Cipriano, Mr. Giancaspro, Dr. Helfant, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Petty and Mr. Scarafile.

Members Absent: Mr. Grieco, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kollinok, Mr. Knipper, Ms. Sciacca, Dr. Sforza and Dr. Yurchak.

Also Present: Dr. Michael Kuchar, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Susan Cucciniello, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Kuchar updated the Board on the status of the school reopening during the Pandemic and the current situation with our programs and transportation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Ms. Forte addressed the Board and thanked the Board and the SBJC for all their hard work putting together the plan for reopening.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT:

None

3. PERSONNEL:

Motion: Mr. Damian Kennedy

Seconded: Mr. Frank Scarafile

3a. Approved Tetyana Duggan as a School Nurse Non-Instructional (R.N./B.S.N), effective September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Annual salary of \$52,000.00 will be prorated for the period worked.

3b. Approved Tara Pearce as a School Nurse Non-Instructional (R.N./B.S.N), effective September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Annual salary of \$52,000.00 will be prorated for the period worked.

3c. Approved Kim Scanapieco as a School Health Aid (R.N.) at the hourly rate of \$47.36 per hour effective September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Cipriano, Mr. Giancaspro, Dr. Helfant, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Petty and Mr. Scarafile.

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. Grieco, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kollinok, Mr. Knipper, Ms. Sciacca, Dr. Sforza and Dr. Yurchak.

4. POLICY:

Motion: Mr. Giovanni Giancaspro

Seconded: Mr. Damian Kennedy

4a. Motioned to approve that Outreach services, evaluations and home programming may start in person immediately. Any virtual home programming, evaluations and outreach will continue to be processed from District Superintendent to SBJC Superintendent.

4b. Adopted the following Policies/Regulations/By Laws/Procedure (Second Reading): (Attachment 4b).

Policy #1648 Restart and Recovery Plan

4c. Approved the attached Re-open Plan (Attachment 4c)

4d. Approved the revised school calendar for the 2020-21 school year. (Attachment 4d)

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Cipriano, Mr. Giancaspro, Dr. Helfant, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Petty and Mr. Scarafile.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Grieco, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kollinok, Mr. Knipper, Ms. Sciacca, Dr. Sforza and Dr. Yurchak.

5. TRANSPORTATION:

Motion: Mr. Frank Scarafile

Seconded: Mr. Damian Kennedy

5a. RESOLUTION

_____ WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education (“SBJC”) entered into transportation contracts on behalf of participating school districts;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Governor declaring a state of emergency and ordering the closure of schools, P.L. 2020, Chapter 27 was enacted which, among other things, required the parties to renegotiate the transportation contracts to determine the SBJC’s financial obligations to the transportation providers for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS, the SBJC and certain transportation providers have negotiated an agreement in full settlement of the SBJC’s obligations in accordance with the parties’ transportation contract and P.L. 2020, Chapter 27;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SBJC approves the agreements with the following transportation providers and agrees to pay the amount set forth in the respective agreements:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
1) #8 Transportation	\$ 22,116
2) Jersey Kids Transportation	\$ 141,868
3) K & H Transport Inc	\$ 111,885
4) K & S Transportation Inc	\$ 92,812
5) Mayor Transportation	\$ 16,362
6) Prestige Express	\$ 16,890
7) Safety Transportation	\$ 23,490
8) Safe and Sound Medical	\$ 49,792
9) Safeguard Transportation	\$ 31,428
10) Sunny Transportation	\$ 106,140
11) Timmy Transportation	\$ 26,489
12) We Care School Trans Inc	\$ 70,625

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBJC shall send invoices to the participating school districts for their proportionate costs of the transportation contracts with the transportation providers listed in this resolution.

Action taken:

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Cipriano, Mr. Giancaspro, Dr. Helfant, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Petty and Mr. Scarafile.

Abstain: None

Nayes: None

Absent: Mr. Grieco, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kollinok, Mr. Knipper, Ms. Sciacca, Dr. Sforza and Dr. Yurchak.

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING:

None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS: The South Bergen Jointure wants to extend their thanks to Felician University for the use of additional space on the second floor of the facility we partially rent from them. This will be used for additional SBJC administrative space. A letter of appreciation will be sent on behalf of the Board to Felician University Interim President Sylvia McGeary.

10. FOOD SERVICE:

None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. James Albro

Seconded: Mr. Damian Kennedy

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at 9:51 a.m. The board then went into closed session.

Action Taken: Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ms. Susan Cucciniello
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

August 20, 2020

Motion: Mr. James Albro
Seconded: Mr. Damian Kennedy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on August 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated August 20, 2020. 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: Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION
CLOSED - MONTHLY MEETING**

Meeting Opened at 9:52 a.m.

Members Present: Mr. Albro, Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Cipriano, Mr. Giancaspro, Dr. Helfant, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Petty and Mr. Scarafile.

Members Absent: Mr. Grieco, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kollinok, Mr. Knipper, Ms. Sciacca, Dr. Sforza and Dr. Yurchak.

Also Present: Dr. Michael Kuchar, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Susan Cucciniello, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Special order of Business

Transportation Negotiations update

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. James Albro
Seconded: Mr. Damian Kennedy

BE IT RESOLVED, that this closed session is adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Action taken

Ayes: Mr. Albro, Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Cipriano, Mr. Giancaspro, Dr. Helfant, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Petty and Mr. Scarafile.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Grieco, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kollinok, Mr. Knipper, Ms. Sciacca, Dr. Sforza and Dr. Yurchak.