SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION

Board of Education

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time	Location
Monday, October 28, 2024 at 9:30 A.M	The SBJC Ed Center 696 Route 46 West, Teterboro, NJ

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.:

North Jersey Media Group.

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

Meeting opened at _____.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District status update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Seconded:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of September 24, 2024 be approved.

ACTION TAKEN FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. FINANCE REPORT

Motion:
Seconded:

2a. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION, that the FINANCE resolutions as per the attached report are approved. (*Attachments 2b, 2c, 2e*)

2b. The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Report as of August 31st, 2024 and approves " Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(E), certify that as of August 31, 2024 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 August 2024 (*Attachment 2c*).

2d. The Board approves the following resolution: "Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2A.10(d), we certify that as of August 31st, 2024, no budgetary line item has been over-expanded in violation of NJAC 6:20-2A.10(a)."

2e. The September and October bills listed below are approved (*Attachment 2e*).

Bills Payable	$ 4,435,201.58
Payroll Transfers	$ 2,242,894.35
Cafeteria Checks	$ 26,863.76
Total	**$ 6,704,959.69**

2f. Motion to approve the transfers for the month of August 2024 (*Attachment 2f*).

2g. Motion to approve the following Professional Days with cost:

Name	Workshop	Workshop Provider	Date(s)	Cost
Estevez, Frances	School Law	NJASBO	11/23/24 - 12/21/24 (Saturdays)	$300.00
Estevez, Frances	Insurance Risk Management	NJASBO	1/4/25 - 1/25/25 (Saturdays)	$300.00
Kuchar, Michael	NJ School Board Workshop	NJSBA	10/21/24 - 10/24/24	$550.00 + travel
Kuchar, MIchael	Grants 4 Schools Conf.	SUSI Epperson Consulting	10/17 & 10/18/24	$350.00

Rake, Lorraine	Don't Lead Alone! Developing Strong School-wide Leadership	FEA Professional Learning	11/20/24	$150.00
Warmuz, Barbara	School Law	NJASBO	11/23/24 - 12/21/24 (Saturdays)	$300.00
Warmuz, Barbara	Insurance Risk Management	NJASBO	1/4/25 - 1/25/25 (Saturdays)	$300.00

2h. Motion to approve the following field trips with cost:

Field Trip Date	Destination	Teacher(s)	Cost of Trip	Est. Cost of Trans.	Total Cost of Trip for SBJC
10/7/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Schmidt/Chun		$480.00	$480.00
10/7/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Maslanka/DaSilva		$480.00	$480.00
10/18/24	Abma's Farm	Betyeman/Weiss	$251.11	$400.00	$651.11
10/18/24	Baking Bagels	Hickey	$20.00		$20.00
10/21/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Bladzinski/Marszalek/ Lavelle/ McKeon/ Malz		$1,200.00	$1,200.00
10/21/24	Abma's Farm	Chun/Schmidt/ Noriega	$396.00	$400.00	$796.00
10/28/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Whittemore		$240.00	$240.00
10/28/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Brunck/Gentile/White/ Beteyman		$960.00	$960.00
10/29/24	Aldi	Crowe	$264.00	$204.00	$468.00
10/30/24	Bergen County Zoo	Diamond/Kacperowski	$120.00	$304.00	$424.00
11/3/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Tully		$240.00	$240.00
11/4/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Beiermeister/Villegas		$400.00	$400.00
11/4/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Hickey/Lavin		$204.00	$204.00
11/6/24	Health Barn USA	Malz/White/Gentile	$240.00	$400.00	$640.00
11/11/24	Bergen Equestrian Center	Palmieri/Voorhis		$204.00	$204.00
11/13/24	Bergen County Zoo	Diamond/Kacperowski	$120.00	$304.00	$424.00
11/19/24	Veterans Park	Bonilla/Curcio/Potter		$204.00	$204.00
11/20/24	Bergen County Zoo	Diamond/Kacperowski	$120.00	$304.00	$424.00
11/20/24	Veterans	Domingues/ Blanco-Galvin		$204.00	$204.00
11/20/24	Garden State Plaza/Wetzel's Pretzels	Trancucci/Lachcik/ Oliveras		$204.00	$204.00
12/4/24	NJ Sea Life Aquarium	Diamond/Kacperowski	$328.46	$229.00	$557.46
12/13/24	Legoland & SeaLife Aquarium	Malz/White/Gentile	$709.00	$800.00	$1,509.00
1/21/25	Amazon Fresh	Bonilla/Curcio/Potter		$204.00	$204.00
1/22/25	ShopRite	Domingues/		$204.00	$204.00

		Blanco-Galvin			
5/7/25	Van Saun Park	Malz/Marszalek/White/ Gentile/Brunck	$308.00	$400.00	$708.00
10/10/24, 10/23/24 & 11/13/24	Memorial Park	Domingues/ Blanco-Galvin		$204.00	$204.00
10/2/24 & 10/16/24	Lyndhurst Park	Serrano/Rizzo/Agresta/ Campillo/Frangione		$204.00	$204.00
10/8/24 & 10/22/24	Jewell St. Park	Dabbagh & Pombo		$204.00	$204.00
10/8/24, 10/22/24 & 11/12/24	Memorial Park	Bonilla/Curcio/Potter		$204.00	$204.00
12/3/24, 12/10/24 & 1/14/25	Aldi	Bonilla/Curcio/Potter		$204.00	$204.00
12/4/24, 12/11/24 & 1/14/25	Aldi	Domingues/ Blanco-Galvin		$204.00	$204.00

2i. Motion to approve the 2024 partnership with A Stable Life at no cost to the district, as Bergen County Health Services has provided funding for this prevention education program (*Attachment 2i*).

2j. Motion to approve the agreement between the South Bergen Jointure Commission and Lodi Lanes for practice and competition at the Lodi Lanes located at 58 Terhune Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644 (*Attachment 2j*).

2k. Motion to approve the donation of new books from KPMG as a community service event, Family for Literacy Program. KPMG will visit the Maywood Campus on December 13, 2024.

2l. Motion to approve the Agreement with HumanEdge Allied Health to provide staffing services to the SBJC effective October 29, 2024 to June 30, 2025. (*Attachment 2l*)

ACTION TAKEN FOR 2. FINANCE

3. PERSONNEL

Motion:
Seconded:

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, 2024 through July 31, 2025. All employments are approved to be paid additional compensation for the Clubs and Activities Program, Home Programming and Parent Training Home Program, office support 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 approve the appointment of the following personnel. Salary will be prorated for the period worked.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary/Step
Aga, Sidorela	Paraprofessional	10/7/24	$26.98
Bouhot, Bernadette	Paraprofessional	10/21/24	$24.83 or $26.98 w/ sub. cert.
Herrera, Luna	Paraprofessional	11/1/24	$20.16
Giannantonio, Christian	Paraprofessional	10/28/24	$23.66 or $24.74 with sub. cert
Jonoska, Mihaela	Paraprofessional	11/15/24	$24.83 or $26.98 w/ sub cert.

3c. Motion to approve the affiliation agreement with The University of Scranton from September 17, 2024 to September 17, 2027.

3d. Motion to approve the appointment of the following personnel to Clubs and Activities for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Position	Club/Activity	Stipend
Maslanka, Rachel	Teacher	Yearbook	$1,000.00
Schmidt, Randi	Teacher	Yearbook	$1,000.00
Marszalek, Joe	Teacher	Middle School Advisor	$1,000.00
Schmidt, Randi	Teacher	High School Advisor	$1,000.00

Marszalek, Joe	Teacher	Student Council Advisor	$2,000.00

3e. Motion to approve the following students to complete clinical/student teaching/classroom observation hours at the South Bergen Jointure Commission as a requirement of their college:

Name	College
John Serednicky	Felician University
Pagie Cassetta	Ramapo College

3f. Motion to approve the campus transfers for the following staff members for the 2024-2025 school year, based on the teacher's contract.

Name	From Campus	To Campus
Joanna Lachcik	Classroom	Classroom
Dylan Thiemann	Classroom	Classroom

3g. Motion to approve the following staff to be paid their hourly rate for the following functions.

Name	Function	Date
Victoria Conoscenti	Camp Bernie	10/10/24

3h. Motion to approve the contract with each of the Boards of Education for the SBJC to provide 1:1 aide services for the 2024-2025 school year. Full amount of the annual prorated fee shall be charged to each of the Boards of Education.

District	Student ID
Maywood	48451527
Bogota	48451473
Hasbrouck Heights	48451520
Hackensack	48450783
Wallington	48451410

3i. Motion to approve the list of staff for after school home programming, services and evaluations.

Employee	Position
Jeff McGowan	Teacher

3j. 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.

Employee ID#	Position	Effective Dates
0376	Teacher	5/13/24 - 11/17/24 (adjusted)
1160	Paraprofessional	10/25/24 - 11/12/24
0027	Paraprofessional	10/24/24 - 11/22/24
1185	Paraprofessional	11/28/24 - 3/31/25

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

Name	Position	Effective Date	Purpose
Juarez, Ashley	Paraprofessional	10/19/24	Resignation
Nirenberg, Sharon	LDT-C	7/1/25	Retirement

ACTION TAKEN FOR 3. PERSONNEL

4. POLICY

Motion:
Seconded:

4a. Resolution to accept the New Jersey Department of Education's determination that the South Bergen Jointure Commission is in compliance with N.J.S.A 18A:46-13.4 to 13.7 regarding restraints and seclusions (*Attachment 4a*).

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education (OSE) has conducted a comprehensive review of the South Bergen Jointure Commission School District's compliance with N.J.S.A 18A:46-13.4 to 13.7 regarding restraints and seclusions; and

WHEREAS, the OSE has determined that the South Bergen Jointure Commission is in full compliance with the aforementioned statutes; and

WHEREAS, the OSE has closed out its monitoring activities and no further action is required regarding this targeted review;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the South Bergen Jointure Commission School District that it accepts the New Jersey Department of Education's determination that the District is in compliance with N.J.S.A 18A:46-13.4 to 13.7 regarding restraints and seclusions.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will continue to maintain policies, procedures, and training to ensure ongoing compliance with these statutes.

4b. Motion to approve the second reading of the following policy (*Attachment 4b*).

Policy/Regulation #	Policy Title
Policy 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities

ACTION TAKEN FOR 4. POLICY

5. TRANSPORTATION

Motion:
Seconded:

5a. Motion to approve the attached 2024-2025 RSY Quotes Set 2 (*Attachment 5a*).

5b. Motion to approve the attached contract addendums for 24-25 School Year (*Attachment 5b*).

5c. Motion to approve the bid results from October 10, 2024, Special Education/Regular Student Transportation Services, Bid #101024 (*Attachment 5c*).

5d. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on Route #6302 for Castro School Transportation for co-mingling of routes. Penalty of two times the daily rate of $378.86 for one day (October 10th, 2024), total amount of $757.72 will be deducted from the October payment.

5e. Motion to approve the withholding of payment on Route #6365 for Castro School Transportation for co-mingling of routes. Penalty of two times the daily rate of $347.86 for one day (October 10th, 2024), total amount of $695.72 will be deducted from the October payment.

ACTION TAKEN FOR 5. TRANSPORTATION

6. FACILITIES AND PLANNING

7. FOOD SERVICE

8. CURRICULUM

Motion:
Seconded:

8a. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 submission of School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) (*Attachment 8a*).

8b. Motion to approve the updated Field Trip List (*Attachment 8b*).

Action taken:

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting is adjourned at _____.

ACTION TAKEN FOR ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
CLOSED MEETING TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 28, 2024

Motion:
Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION will hold a closed meeting on October 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. to review personnel matters and other confidential concerns as listed on the Closed Agenda dated October 28, 2024 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:

Special Order of Business

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
Seconded:

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

Action taken: