

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**EGG HARBOR CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Egg Harbor City, New Jersey 08215**

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting  
December 8, 2021  
Charles L. Spragg School  
Multi-Purpose Room  
601 Buffalo Avenue  
7:00 PM

**I. Regular Meeting**

This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District, in the County of Atlantic, that adequate notice has been given of this meeting as required by the provision of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; that notice thereof has been forwarded for publication in the District official newspapers, posted in the city Schools, and forwarded to the city Clerk within the time required by said Act.

The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

There are two opportunities to address the Board. The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, residents may address the Board on any school related issue. Once identified, a speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes. Yielding time is not permitted. The public comments portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes total.

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

Mr. Bouchard ('21)-P	Ms. Caudo ('23)- P	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)- A
Ms. Fuentes ('22)- P	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)- P	Ms. Rogers ('21)- P
	Mrs. Seaver ('22)- P	

Mr. Griffith introduced Jacqueline McAlister from the Department of Education before Ms. Garcia started her presentation. Ms. Garcia works with Ms. MaCalister to develop our goals regarding the assessment data and was invited to the meeting for the presentation.

#### **IV. Presentation of District Beginning of Year Assessment Data by Alysha Garcia**

#### **V. Open Floor to Public**

No comments.

#### **VI. Comments for the Good of the Board**

Ms. Jacqueline McAlister complemented the work of Ms. Garcia and our Middle School for their use of the assessments and data to support students.

#### **VII. Monthly Reports**

- a. Superintendent / Principal Report *Attachment*  
Mrs. Shulby thanked Mr. Bouchard and Ms. Rogers for their time on the Board and all they have done for our district. Mrs. Shulby congratulated Mr. Griffith on his retirement and noted that he will be formally recognized at a future meeting. Lastly, Mrs. Shulby informed the Board of the GEOY recipients this year who will be recognized at a future meeting and noted that for the first time we also had Educational Services recipients.
- b. Business Administrator Report  
Mr. Bedell spoke about the application for school aid and that we are unsure of the amount of aid that will be received next year. He will budget with the assumption there will be no additional aid. Mr. Bedell also noted that the Energy Improvement Savings Audit is in progress.
- c. Director of Special Projects Report  
Dr. Forester thanked Ms. Garcia for her presentation and stated Ms. Garcia has been instrumental in our students making great strides with their progress. Dr. Forester also stated the Professional Development of 12/9/2021 on resiliency dealt with both student and staff well-being.
- d. EHCCS Principal Report *Attachment*

Mr. Griffith thanked both Ms. Garcia and Ms. McAlister for their work on the assessment data. Also, the Community School recognized their GEOY recipients. Mr Griffith spoke of the wrestling Clinic through the Atlantic County Coalition for a Safe Community and are now looking into the possibility of a Wrestling Club. Lastly, Mr. Griffith spoke of the Festival of Hope going on 12/8/2021 at the Community School where 30 community agencies were offering services to families, and students were enjoying crafts, treats and a visit with Santa.

- e. Supervisor of Early Childhood/LDTC Report  
Mrs. Macchione commented on the Early Childhood Advisory Meeting for family engagement.
- f. Board Solicitor’s Report

**VIII. Board Minutes**

**Motion:** Ms. Caudo

**Second:** Ms. Rogers

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
  - i. November 10, 2021 Regular *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
 Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y  
 Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**IX. Financial Items**

**Motion:** Ms. Rogers

**Second:** Ms. Caudo

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
  - i. Board Secretary’s Report – October 2021 *Attachment*
  - ii. Treasurer of School Moneys Report – October 2021 *Attachment*

b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 The Egg Harbor City Board of Education certifies that as of 10/31/21 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Revenue and Appropriation sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial

obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** November 2021 Bill's List *Attachment*

1	General Account	\$273,936.86
2	Capital Account	\$0.00
3	Food Service Account	\$37,508.60
4	Payroll Account	\$652,883.74
5	Debt Service Account	\$0.00

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Budget transfer (Resolution #22-7) for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:

December 8, 2021 Fund 10 - \$20,000 Fund 20 - \$0 *Attachment*

- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve an addendum to the contract with ESS in reference to rates for substitute custodians. *Attachment*

- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve submission and acceptance of \$11,152 from the NJ SDA fund for emergent and capital maintenance needs.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y  
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**X. Non-instructional Operations Items**

**Motion:** Ms. Rogers

**Second:** Ms. Caudo

- a. Misc.  
i. **APPROVE (roll call):** To issue checks in lieu of gift cards to employees in accordance with the Employee Wellness Plan administered by the Employee Medical Copayment Plan (Difference Card) during the 2021-2022 school year.

- ii. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Rowan University guidance intern, Jordyn Dulski's, action research project, Supporting Trauma-Informed Educators, to be conducted February - April 2022.

b. Transportation

- i. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Approve the following bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - 1. EHC-I for homeless students with ID #670430881630726988873 and #462554375267263413390 at \$235 per diem beginning November 17, 2021, plus a 5% admin fee.

c. Facilities

- i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve submission of the 2021-22 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to the Atlantic County Office of Education.
- ii. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Approve a facilities use request from Egg Harbor City to hold a town council meeting at the Community School on December 15.

Ms. Rogers questioned the daily rate of \$235.00 for transportation in item b.i.1. Mr Bedell said it went out for bid and came back at this rate.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A Ms. Fuentes ('22) - Y  
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**XI. Personnel Items – as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:**

**Motion:** Ms. Rogers

**Second:** Ms. Caudo

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** To accept, with regret, the retirement of EHCSS Principal Jack Griffith, effective June 30, 2022. *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -A  
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**Motion:** Ms. Caudo

**Second:** Ms. Rogers

- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** To accept, with regret, the resignation letter of EHCSS Teacher Megan Weintraub dated November 16, 2021 and effective January 16, 2022. *Attachment*
- c. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** To approve the posting following full-time position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
  - i. 7th Grade Science/Social Studies
- d. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** To accept, with regret, the resignation letter from Andrew Katapodis dated November 24, 2021 and effective November 30, 2021. *Attachment*
- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Patrick Barry as a full-time 7th grade teacher at the Community School at BA Step 1, \$51,698, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, anticipated start date of January 18, 2022 pending proper certification.
- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Simon Mohr as a full-time 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Community School at MA Step 1, \$54,340, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, anticipated start date of January 3, 2022 pending proper certification.
- g. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the posting of the following full-time positions:
  - i. 21st CCLC/Reach Director
- h. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Monica Puerta as a full-time custodian for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at step 1, \$33,615, anticipated start date of December 9, 2021.
- i. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Kristy Bird through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y  
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

## **XII. Student Items**

**Motion:** Ms. Rogers

**Second:** Ms. Caudo

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Motion to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported by the Superintendent and resolved by the building principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee. *Attachment*
- b. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Approve receiving a DCP&P placed student from the Department of Children and Families with ID 988950868380089180 at a rate of \$14,761.80 for the 2021/2022 school year.
- c. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Approve a contract with Y.A.L.E School East to provide a special education program for student #06476273774233186773, beginning October 4, 2021, in the amount of \$57,068.08 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- d. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Motion to approve an enrichment trip for up to ten (10) EHCCS students to attend the Iron Mike Wrestling Classic in Trenton, NJ on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Transportation provided by local funds and by the Atlantic County Coalition for a Safe Community.
- e. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Approve admitting 1 homeless student from Egg Harbor Township District, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, effective November 22, 2021:
  - i. Student ID #236937422719904888115 at a prorated tuition rate of \$10,269.69.
- f. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Approve a contract with ESCNJ for additional occupational and physical therapy for student ID #162837882547675181 for September 2, 2021 - October 29, 2021 for a total of \$767.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y      Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A      Ms. Fuentes ('22) - Y  
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y      Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y      Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**XIII. Program Items**

**Motion:** Mr. Guercioni

**Second:** Ms. Rogers

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Submission of the District English Language Learner Three-Year Program Plan 2021-2024.

Roll Call:      Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y              Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
                      Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A              Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y  
                      Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y              Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y      Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**XIV. Professional Development**

**Motion:** Mrs. Seaver

**Second:** Ms. Rogers

Professional development activities have been recommended by building Principals, approved by the Supervisor of Special Projects and the Superintendent as directly related to the fulfillment of individual professional improvement plans and/or required by the New Jersey Department of Education, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local student Individual Education Plans, or entitlement/discretionary grants. Adequate funds have been appropriated.

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Professional Development Workshops for the 2021-2022 school year. *Attachment*

Roll Call:      Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y              Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
                      Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A              Ms. Fuentes ('22) - Y  
                      Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y              Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y      Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

**XV. Policies / Regulations Items**

**XVI. New Business**

There were no comments.

**XVII. Informational Items**

**XVIII. Open to Public**

Jeanette DiPiero thanked Alysha Garcia for all her efforts. Ms. DePiero with regret thanked Mr. Bouchard and Ms. Rogers for all of their time on the Board.

Mrs. Shulby shared news from Cedar Creek High School football. We have had two former students go on to much success in football with one student signed to a top school. In addition, two of the top Cheer students are former EHC students.

Mr. Bouchard reminded the Board of the County School Boards meeting on December 9, 2021. Mr. Bouchard continued to speak about his time here on the Board: four Superintendents, five Business Administrators, four Principals in just the MiddleSchool, and a new building. He spoke that he always feels the kids of this town deserve a lot. He is amazed with the amount of improvement he has seen since he started with the Board, and is so proud to tell others about our district.

**XIX. Calendar Dates**

December 23, 2021	Winter Recess Begins
December 24-31, 2021	Winter Recess, Buildings Closed
January 3, 2022	School Reopens
January 5, 2022	Reorganization-Regular Meeting

**XX. Adjournment Time**

**Motion:** Mr. Guercioni

**Second:** Ms. Caudo

Time: 7:42

Roll Call:     Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y             Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y  
                     Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -A             Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y  
                     Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y             Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y     Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y