

SOUTH HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
January 25, 2021  
7:00 p.m. Virtual

A. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bruno.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance  
Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, this meeting has been duly advertised in the South Jersey Times, issues of January 7, 2021. All municipal clerks of the townships and boroughs within the Regional School District have been duly notified and the requirements of posting of notices have been met.

D. Roll Call

Members Present

David Asis, Janet Brown, Laura Bruno, Deborah Cunningham, Carole English, Janice Huggins, Joan Pino-Talbot, Carrie Selb, Joseph Talbot, Dr. James Lavender, Mr. Jason Schimpf, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Members Absent

E. Student Recognition

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Logan Borger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Maverick Devecchio
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Brayden Barry
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Meghan McMahan
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Luciano Palmisano
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Griffin Shainline

F. Presentations

F-1. Teacher of the Year – Sarah Keane

F-2. Mr. Robert Derham, Mercury Contaminated Floor Information

G. Public Participation

Danielle Barry question regarding gym floor replacement an gym closure.

Sarah Keane question regarding installer of gym floor.

Danielle Barry question regarding other upgrades to the building

Danielle Barry thanked teachers, paraprofessionals and staff

H. Executive Session

Motion by Cunningham, second by Bruno, that the Board of Education approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education desires to hold a closed Executive Conference Session at 8:10 p.m. prevailing time, for approximately 30 minutes as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion Item(s)* (Agenda to extent known)</u>
1	Shared Services
2	Superintendent/Principal Search
3	Negotiation Committee

*\*Pursuant to sthe list of exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act 10:4-12*

The president reconvened the meeting at 9:38 p.m.  
 Motion carried unanimously

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by English, second by Asis

RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>
I-1.	December 14, 2020	Regular Meeting Minutes
I-2.	January 4, 2021	Reorganization Meeting Minutes
I-3.	January 4, 2021	Executive Session Minutes

Motion carried unanimously

J. Correspondence

J-1. Christmas card from Comegno Law Group

J-2. Thank you card

Approval of Agenda Items

Motion by Cunningham, second by Huggins,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Board of Education approve L-2 – L-6, and N-1 – N-9 as follows:

K. Personnel

L. General Administration

L.1. Discussion Items

- Status of Shared Services
- Live Streaming/Hybrid Enhancement for Grades 4, 5 & 6
- Instructional Improvement Grant to Close Learning Gaps resulting from COVID
- 2021-2022 School Calendar

L-2. Enrollment Reports as of December 31, 2020:

Grade Level	Current Totals	June 30, 2020
PK3	1	6
PK4	5	12
K	45	35
1	34	51
2	53	39
3	40	48
4	45	48
5	45	46
6	47	45
Resident Students	290	308
Choice Students	25	23
District Total	315	331

L-3. Emergency Drills/Calls

School / Date	Time	Drill Description
South Harrison 12/8/2020	12:43 PM 12:45 PM	Fire Alarm Phase 2 Cohort A

South Harrison 12/11/2020	2:50 PM 2:51 PM	Fire Alarm Phase 2 Cohort B
South Harrison 12/18/2020	2:57 PM 3: 00 PM	Shelter – in – Place Cohort B
South Harrison 12/21/2020	10:15 AM 10:18 AM	Shelter – in – Place Cohort A

**L-4 Student Discipline, Violence/Vandalism, HIB as of December 31, 2020:**

Infraction Reports	No. of Incidents this Month	2020-2021 Total-To-Date	2019-2020 Total
Detentions	0	0	7
Suspensions	0	0	3
Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse	0	0	0
Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (Confirmed)	0	0	1

**L-5 2021-2022 School Calendar**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**L-6 Resolution Requesting NJQSAC to Postpone Comprehensive Review**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve a Resolution Requesting NJQSAC to Postpone their Comprehensive Review to the 2021-2022 School Year.

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy signed [A-4975](#) into law (P.L.2020, c.143) on December 23, 2020, which provides for postponement of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review for certain school districts that are scheduled to undergo a NJQSAC comprehensive review in the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the law also allows these districts to request to undergo a [comprehensive](#) NJQSAC monitoring in the 2020-2021 school year, as originally scheduled; and

WHEREAS, the South Harrison Township Elementary School District falls under the provisions of this law; and

WHEREAS, the District was not deemed high performing during a comprehensive review the 2017-18 school year; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to significant challenges presented throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, it would be prudent to exercise the option to postpone a comprehensive review during the 2020-2021 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Harrison Township Elementary School Board of Education adopts this resolution, officially requesting NJQSAC to postpone their comprehensive review to the 2021-2022 school year. (Enc. L-6)

M. Curriculum & Instruction

N. Financial

**N-1 Line Item Transfers**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township School District Board of Education ratify the line item transfers listed below for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

To Account	From Account	Amount	Justification
11-000-213-300-05-049	11-000-222-100-05-010	\$4000	School Physician Services
11-000-213-100-05-012	11-000-217-320-05-044	\$5000	Nurse Substitutes, Purchased
11-000-230-530-60-051	11-000-230-590-30-047	\$1500	Tech Services
11-000-230-530-60-051	11-000-230-332-30-050	\$1100	

**N-2** BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following:

- A. Approval of Cash Reconciliation Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of November 30, 2020. The Cash Reconciliation Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of November 30, 2020.
- B. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of December 30, 2020. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- C. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
- D. Board of Education Certification-pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4. We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**N-3** Payment of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township School District approve the following bill lists:

1/14/2020    \$156,789.43                      Bill List

**N-4** Student Activity Financial Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township School District Board of Education approve the Student Activity Financial Report as of December 31, 2020.

**N-5.** 2021-2022 SEMI Waiver

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township School District Board of Education approve to request a waiver of participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on having fewer than 40 special education Medicaid eligible students for the 2021-2022 school year.

**N-6.** Shared Services Agreement for Facility Maintenance Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township School District Board of Education approve a shared services agreement with Logan Township Board of Education for Facility Maintenance Services beginning July 1, 2021.

**N-7.** Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township School District Board of Education approve the submission of the Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant.

**N-8.** FY21 ESEA Grant Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education authorize the submission of an amendment to the FY21 ESEA grant in order to allocate carry-over funds from FY20.

**N-9. School Security Grant**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education authorize the submission of a School Security grant application to the NJ Department of Education in the amount of \$20,000.

**O. Policy**

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

YES                      NO                      ABSTAIN

Asis

Brown

Bruno

Cunningham

English

Huggins

Pino-Talbot

Selb

Talbot

**P. Old Business**

Board Goals

Objective: Strive to provide all students with educational opportunities and learning programs that promote high levels of academic achievement, social-emotional competence, and guided preparation for the future.

1. Continue to offer and monitor the effectiveness of research based academic instructional programs and tiered remedial interventions in meeting with common core standards.
2. Create a cost-effective budget that provides for educational resources and preventive maintenance options for ongoing facility improvement needs.
3. Provide and monitor the effectiveness of research based social-emotional instructional programs to improve prosocial behaviors, social problem solving, and resilience/adaptability.
4. Provide regular updates (3x per year) on actions taken and outcomes delivered to improve the faculty and staff survey results.

**Q. New Business**

**R. Adjournment of Meeting**

Motion by Asis, second by Selb, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Schimpf  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary