

**SOUTH HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

December 12, 2022
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM Cafeteria

A. Meeting Called To Order

B. Flag Salute

C. Open Meeting Statement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of the Public Bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon in accordance with the provision by having the date, time and place whereof posted in the South Jersey Times, the Harrisonville Post Office and with the Township Clerk.

D. Roll Call

Members Present

Laura Bruno, Joan Pino-Talbot, Janet Brown, Janice Huggins, Jennifer McIlvaine, Carrie Selb, Joseph Talbot, Dawn Leary, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Steven Price, Chief School Administrator

Members Absent

Carole English

E. Student Recognition

PreK	Benjamin Nixon
Kindergarten	Michael Kevil
1st Grade	Massimo Cennamo
2nd Grade	Ally Little
3rd Grade	Vincent Linden
4th Grade	Amelia Bailey
5th Grade	Ariah Perry
6th Grade	Brielle Hartman
Art	Donju Frazier
Physical Education	Dakota Budney
World Cultures	Braelyn Borger

F. Presentations & Discussions

Teacher of the Year

G. Public Comment

Samuel Easterling stated his daughter attends the school. He had a follow-up question regarding the student scores that were not provided during the presentation last month.

Catherina Jannetti thanked the board of education for their help. She stated she has a son in second grade and first grade. She withdrew her son from the school because of concerns she had regarding the new curriculum which deals with gender identity and sex education. She asked if it was approved? There is a book entitled "Everyone is a Rainbow". No one has the right to talk to her child about gender identity. She asked why the board was putting these thoughts in students' heads. She also asked if the board could take her concerns to the department of education who wrote the curriculum. Second concern, she has a fifth grader also in the school. She said, why push things on children right now when they do not need to know about this right now. She said she loves the school and the small family feel it provides.

Jessica Leonardo has a kindergartener in the school. She said she attended South Harrison 20 years ago. The school has a strong foundation. She asked how are the funds being allocated? Are they being used for salaries, supplies, etc. She thanked the board for their feedback and input on the topics discussed. She also thanked the board for having an opt out program. She asked the board to provide the name and contact information for the State representative.

Mr. Price stated he had a conversation with Dr. Kristi Jansen, the Curriculum Director. She has county scores to divide up with Kingsway and other schools within our county with the same factor groups as South Harrison. The presentation will be forthcoming and publicized.

Mr. Price also stated, the curriculum is mandated and is not ours to choose. The board agrees and has concerns which is why the curriculum was delayed. It was supposed to start in September. The curriculum was crafted not to step on parental toes. If parents feel the lesson is inappropriate, they can opt out. Updated time frame for lessons to be taught will be provided. Contact the school to opt out, via email, phone call, etc. The way the money is allocated is public knowledge and is posted on the website. Ms. Leary will go over the budget either at the end of April or early May. The curriculum is on the agenda tonight to be approved. Everyone will be notified when the program starts. Each month the lesson being taught will be listed.

Dr. Bruno referred to the book that was mentioned and told the public it was pulled as well as all the additional resources. She encouraged the public to go to the website to see what topic will be covered by grade level each month. If anyone wishes to contact the Department of Education regarding the curriculum, the director of Health & PE for the State is Lennie Parham.

Ms. Selb reiterated there are only 10 lessons for the entire school year. The controversial topics are grouped together. Parents' decisions will be honored.

H. Executive Session

None at this time.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Talbot, second by Ms. Huggins.

Motion Carried

RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from November 30, 2022

J. CorrespondenceApproval of Agenda Items

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve K-1 through N-5 as follows:

Motion to open discussion of agenda items.

Motion by Mrs. Pino-Talbot, second by Ms. Brown.

K. Personnel1. Gifted and Talented Stipend Position

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve the creation of a Gifted and Talented After School stipend position at a rate of \$1,333. Funds for this position will come from the Newspaper stipend.

2. Employment – Co-Curricular Workers

BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel recommendations be approved, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Name	Position	Hours	Compensation	Reason	Effective Date
Nick Dietz	Gifted & Talented	N/A	\$1,333	Appointment	9/1/2022-6/30/2023

L. General Administration

1. Enrollment Reports as of November 30, 2022
 - i. Enrollment Report

Grade Level	Current Totals	June 30, 2022
PK3	13	13
PK4	13	15
K	45	40
1	43	49
2	45	33
3	34	48
4	52	39
5	38	47
6	48	45
Resident Students	307	305
Choice Students	24	24
District Total	331	329

2. Emergency Drills/Calls

School/ Date	Time	Drill Description
South Harrison November 3, 2022	8:25 AM 8:40 AM	Bus Evacuation
South Harrison November 17, 2022	2:00 PM 2:06 PM	Fire Drill

3. Student Discipline, Violence/Vandalism, HIB as of November 30, 2022

Infraction Reports	No. of Incidents this Month	2022-2023 Total-To-Date	2021-2022 Total
Detentions	11	29	26
Suspensions	1	2	17
Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse	0	0	3
Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Non-affirmed	0	1	N/A
Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Affirmed	0	0	9

M. Curriculum & Instruction

1. Meeting of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee - Mrs. Selb, Chairperson, the committee did not meet in December.

Objective: Evaluate decisions that are data-driven and fiscally responsible that further support QSAC.

2. Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

N. Financial

1. Meeting of the Facilities & Finance Committee - Mrs. Pino-Talbot, Chairperson, the committee did not meet in December.

Objective: Prioritize preventative maintenance needs to sustain safe operational facilities while maintaining a well-supported educational environment with fiscally responsible activity.

2. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following:

- i. Approval of Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of November 2022. The Cash Reconciliation Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of November 2022.
 - ii. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of November. 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.
 - iii. November 2022 Line Item Transfers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. 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.
3. Payment of Claims
BE IT RESOLVED, the the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve the following payment of bills:

12/31/2022	\$260,119.51	December Bills
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4. Student Activity Financial Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve the Student Activity Financial Report as of November 30, 2022.

5. Use of Facilities

Motion to approve the South Harrison Soccer Club to use the MultiPurpose Room every Friday, from January 20th through March 3, 2023, during after school hours. Approval of the use of the MultiPurpose Room is based on the South Harrison Soccer Club meeting the following requirements:

- Submission of a prevention plan as outlined in NJDOH Document dated September 20, 2021
- Approval by the Chief School Administrator of that plan
- Signing of the Waiver Release for use of South Harrison Township Elementary School District facilities

O. Policy

1. Meeting of the Policy & Communication Committee - Mrs. Brown, Chairperson, the committee did not meet in December.

Objective: Prioritize expectations and accountability pertaining to relevant policy updates that will support student learning in a safe environment, as well as effectively communicate with all stakeholders.

P. Old Business1. Board of Education Goals

Objective: 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.

i. Instruction

During the 2022-23 School year, the administrative team will monitor the use of differentiated instruction in all grades and subject areas to ensure students of all ability levels are supported, enriched, and challenged. Administration will report results and highlights to the Board quarterly.

ii. School Culture

The Board of Education wishes to promote positivity throughout the school district. This will be achieved over the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year in a variety of ways, including recognizing excellence in our Students, Families, Staff, and Community.

iii. Finance

The Board of Education will attentively focus on long-range fiscal planning for 2023-24 and following school years. Planning will be in conjunction with the Administrative Team and staff to explore cost savings, alternative funding possibilities, and any other strategies to promote the overall success of our students and school district. A report of findings and suggestions will be completed by June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye - 7

Nay - 1

Jennifer McIlvaine (M2)

Abstained - 1

Selb (N5)

Motion Carried

RESOLVED, that the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education approve agenda items K-1 through N-5.

Q. New Business

1. Board Brief Discussion
2. NJSBA Ethics Refresh

R. Executive Session

None at this time.

S. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Selb, second by Mrs. Cunningham, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Leary, RSBA, MBA, QPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary