SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA - SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING
February 12, 2025

- **6:30 p.m. - Town Hall Public Meeting - School #2 All-Purpose Room**

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ 08088
"Building a Tradition of Excellence"

Our Vision

We aspire to be a district which fosters a safe and supportive environment where all individuals feel valued, grow in knowledge, and confidence with commitment to enrich society.

Our Mission

The Mission of Southampton Township School District, in partnership with the community, is to educate, empower and inspire students to be successful global citizens. Driven by passion for education and rooted in a tradition of excellence, we are committed to providing an inclusive and engaging environment that fosters a future forward mindset.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Leon Carelli, *Vice President*		
Irving Bodine, III		
Joseph Allen		
Janine Hoey		
Sharon Roseboro		
Russell Hann		
Brett Hart		
Betty Wright		
Jeffrey Hicks, *President*		

Others Present:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING: This meeting is held in compliance with N. J. S. A. 10:4-6. A schedule of meetings was posted in all schools, the township municipal building, posted on the district website and the Southampton Township School District Facebook page. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Burlington County

Times, Courier Post and Township Clerk on January 31, 2025. Action may be taken by the Board of Education at this meeting.

Notice that Special Town Hall Meeting is being audio and video recorded
Please note that the **Special Town Hall Meeting** is being audio and video recorded.

Notice that Special Town Hall Meeting is being live streamed
The **Special Town Hall Meeting** is being live streamed due to inclement weather pursuant to policies 0164 and 0168, with the exception to P0164 to allow public comment during the live stream.

MOTION: _____ *SECOND*: _____ *to approve the exception to P0164 to allow public comment during the live stream of the special town hall meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE*

L. Carelli, Vice President	*J. Hoey*	*B. Hart*
I. Bodine	*S. Roseboro*	*B. Wright*
J. Allen	*R. Hann*	*J. Hicks, President*

STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Please be advised that often it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate Board committee. The members of the Board committee work with the administration and the Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied that the matter has been thoroughly researched, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion prior to any final action being taken. Only then, is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. Please be aware this meeting may be recorded in accordance with District Policy #0168.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED

MOTION: _____ *SECOND*: _____ *to accept the agenda as published*
VOICE VOTE

COMMUNITY TOPIC

- **Secure Our Schools Into the Future, Bond Referendum**

STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Board Members are legally and ethically required to uphold and enforce the laws and rules of the State Board of Education. This obligation applies to mandated curricula. Administrators are under a similar obligation. Therefore, the District is not in a position to countermand the law and rules.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

As a friendly reminder, public participation in Board of Education meetings is governed by District Policy 0167. During designated public comment periods, members of the public shall direct all statements, questions, or inquiries to the presiding officer (i.e. Board President) and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member will be redirected to the presiding officer. The presiding officer may interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy; is abusive, obscene, or may be defamatory; and may request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public are invited to submit general comments on agenda action items during this public comment portion of the meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Superintendent of Schools or Administration for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns. Please be sure to preface your comment with: **1) Name; 2) Municipality of Residence; 3) Subject Matter**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: As per policies 0164 and 0167, members of the public are invited to submit general comments during this public comment portion of the meeting.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **Special Town Hall Meeting - Leisuretowne Presentation (Laurel Hall) - February 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Referendum Voting Locations - Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (Polls open 2:00-8:00 p.m.)** (*mail-in ballot applications must be received to the Burlington County Clerk seven (7) days prior to the election/mail-in ballots must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. by March 11, 2025)*
    - Vincentown Firehouse - 16 Race Street
    - Laurel Hall - Leisuretowne - 236 Huntingdon Drive

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: _____ *SECOND*: _____ *TO ADJOURN TIME*: _____