

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 15, 2022



MEETINGS:

6:00 p.m. – NJSBA Training – Media Center

7:15 p.m. – Personnel & Student Services, School #3 Media Center

7:15 p.m. – Budget, Finance, Facilities, School #3, Room #52

7:30 p.m. – Executive Session, School #3 Media Center

8:00 p.m. – Public Meeting, School #2 APR/Cafeteria

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ 08088

“Building a Tradition of Excellence”

OUR MISSION

The Southampton Township School District shall empower our students with the life skills necessary to attain academic excellence while fostering social and emotional growth.

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.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting of the Southampton Township Board of Education was called to order at 6:03 PM by Amy Ushkowitz, Board President.

ROLL CALL: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Sean Cassel	X	
Russell Hann	X	
Jeffrey Hicks	X	
John McMichael		Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X	

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Katie Topf	X	
Melissa Walker	X	
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X	
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X	

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRAINING: “Who Does What & 10 Tips for New Board Members”

Jesse Adams, NJSBA Representative

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 and the township municipal building and advertised in the *Burlington County Times* on January 9, 2022, posted on the district website and the Southampton Township School District Facebook page.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Education is exercising their right to an exemption pursuant to N. J. S. A. 10:4-6 et seq. which provides that a public body may hold a closed session under certain statutory exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act with a general description of exceptions being matters:

1. rendered confidential by expressed provision of law or court order
2. right to receive federal funds
3. unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. collective bargaining negotiations
5. purchase/lease/acquisition of real property with public funds
6. items where immediate disclosure would impair public safety
7. investigation of violations of or possible violations of law
8. falling within attorney-client privilege
9. personnel matters
10. penalty or loss of license to an individual
11. pending or anticipated litigation
12. contract negotiation

The Board of Education has determined that such a circumstance exists which warrants a closed executive session under **items #3, 4, 8 and #9** as above indicated and the subject to be discussed is as follows:

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Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy/Collective Bargaining Negotiations

Falling Within Attorney-Client Privilege/Personnel Matters

The Southampton Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, will meet in executive session closed to the public for the discussion of a matter which falls under a statutory exception to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and that said closed session will be held on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022**; and the closed executive session discussions will pertain to the above mentioned items and that the minutes of the closed executive session will be disclosed after the Board of Education takes formal action or after the reason for the discussions in closed session no longer exists.

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:31 p.m. MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: S. Cassel MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:55 p.m. MOTION: S. Cassel SECOND: B. Wright MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL:

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Sean Cassel	X	
Russel Hann	X	
Jeffrey Hicks	X	
John McMichael		Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X	
Katie Topf	X	
Melissa Walker	X	
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X	
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X	

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG President Ushkowitz led the flag salute.

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

MOTION: J. Hicks SECOND: B. Wright MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

ANNOUNCEMENT: Social Emotional Health Parent Event

COMMUNITY TOPIC: Vincentones

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

January - Acceptance

Kindergarten – Gregory Forvour

Grade 1 – Mila Keshecki

Grade 2 – Josephine Persing

Grade 3 – Charlie Emrick

Grade 4 – Nick Velos

Grade 5 – River Cabanas

Grade 6 – Lane Schellhardt

Grade 7 – Cali Adamiak

Grade 8 – Nathan Snow

Brief Recess (8:13 p.m.) Returned from Recess (8:17 p.m.)

OTHER RECOGNITION: Guidance Department

Sarah Kilpatrick, Danielle Madison and Allison Shaughnessy

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 and requirements for the wearing of masks. Administrators are under a similar obligation. Therefore, the District is not in a position to countermand the law and rules. Failure to abide by this obligation may result in the District losing State Aid which can have significant economic impact on the community. The District is also required to abide by State and Federal laws prohibiting discrimination. The

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consequence of failing to do so can expose the District to significant liability. The curricula of the District does not include the teaching of Critical Race Theory.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining only to the Board agenda action items during this public comment portion of the meeting. General comments, not necessarily pertaining to the agenda, are invited to be submitted during the public comment portion at the end of this 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 state your name, address, and the action item you're commenting on.

Jamie Bodine, Pleasant Street, (Mask Mandate) commented that she was confused by the survey and stated that the survey was not sent to everyone, home schools her kids

Casey Briggs, Falcon Drive, (Mask Mandate) commented that kids need to be able to see everyone's faces and hoped to have mask mandate optional

Kris Gebhart, Pricketts Mill Rd. (Mask Mandate) commented that taxpayers are making it clear they want the mask mandate removed and is looking forward to the day her children/grandchild can go to school with no mask on. Stated that the BOE should be our ally, not opposition

Kristen Sorrentino, Magnolia Road, (Mask Mandate) asked the BOE to vote masks optional and about masking on busses. Stated she was confused about the federal mandate and asked what directive the school was following and who makes that decision. Asked the BOE to advocate for our children

Kit Applegate, Red Lion Road, (Mask Mandate) stated, if not now, when. Asked to make Southampton a leader in returning to normalcy

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Andrea Price, (Mask Mandate) commented on the word "entertaining" in regards to making masks optional and commented on giving power back to parents to do what's best for their children, asked who is holding us back from making masks optional

Alyssa Velez, Main Street, (Mask Mandate) commented on her struggle with the idea of homeschooling her five-year-old depending upon the mask mandate and stated that mental health is just as important as physical health

Chad Bozarth, (Mask Mandate) commended the District for keeping kids in school and hoped the BOE votes to remove the mask mandate and let our children return to normalcy

Garrett Niewenhuzen, Ridge Road, (Mask Mandate) commented that leadership is not easy, he has three kids in school, masks aren't helping, kids that are vaccinated and boosted wear masks and still test positive and they have to stay home, hoped the BOE has the courage to listen to the community and stand with them

Colleen Bozarth, 3rd Street, (Mask Mandate) Thanked the BOE for being one of the first schools to have kids in district and commented that masks are contributing to youth mental health issues. Let parents choose, get back to normal, and allow masks to be optional

Jackie Marcourse, Constitution Drive, (Mask Mandate) Commended the Guidance Counselors who have been extremely helpful to her children and teachers for doing a phenomenal job. Make masks optional

CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REGULAR & EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: January 24, 2022

MOTION: B. Wright **SECOND:** R. Hann **ROLL CALL/VOTE**

ROLL CALL:

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		

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Jeffrey Hicks	X		
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

J. Hicks revisited the Board Meeting minutes from January 4th and restated that he felt the minutes were incorrect. J. Hicks voted to approve the January 24, 2022 minutes "with corrections" however, it has been noted by the Board Solicitor that conditional approvals are not permitted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Financial Disclosure Statement Update

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.1** It is recommended that the Board Approve transfers *Line items for the months of **January 2022 – February 2022**, as approved by the Superintendent.
- 1.2** Authorize the following payments *Payment of the **February 2022** bill list in the amount of \$394,667.07
- 1.3** Accept the ***Board Secretary's Report** for the month of **January 2022**.
- 1.4** Accept the **Treasurer's Report** for the month of **December 2021**.
- 1.5** Approve the *Board Secretary's Monthly Certification Budgetary Line Item Status, Pursuant to **NJAC 6:A:23-2.1(c)3**, I certify that as of **January 2022**, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed line item appropriation in violation of **NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a)**.
- 1.6** And certify the Board of Education's Monthly Certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status Pursuant to **NJAC 6:A23-2.11(c)4**, we certify that as of **January 2022** after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials and the treasurer's monthly financial reports, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of the **NJAC 6:A23-2.11(b)** and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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1.7 Accept *Revenue Account Status Report for **January 2022**.

1.8 Authorize **January - February 2022** foodservice Check Register in the amount of \$50,021.29

MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: B. Wright to approve Board Secretary Report (items # 1.1 – 1.8 as listed) ROLL CALL/VOTE

M. Walker asked when the new sex ed curriculum would be implemented.

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		Recused item 1.2 ck#s 2343,2347
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		Abstain item #1.4
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Strengthening Families
- Survey Results

2. ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve the optional wearing of masks in school effective March 7, 2022 in accordance with and subject to anticipated guidance from the Governor of the State of New Jersey and from the New Jersey Department of Health.

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MOTION: J. Hicks SECOND: R. Hann to approve the optional wearing of masks in school effective March 7, 2022 in accordance with and subject to anticipated guidance from the Governor of the State of New Jersey and from the New Jersey Department of Health. (Item #2) ROLL CALL/VOTE:

J. Hicks supports masks being optional but is concerned about bullying of those who choose to wear a mask

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, Vice President	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, President	X		

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

3. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report

3.1 Incident Number: SS03-01-27-2022 School: #3 Founded/Unfounded – Founded

3.2 Incident Number: SS03-01-28-2022 School: #3 Founded/Unfounded – Founded

MOTION: B. Wright SECOND: R. Hann to approve HIB Reports (item #s 3.1-3.2)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		

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Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

4. *Curriculum Director's Report

5. *Nurse's Report

6. *Fire & Security Drill Reports

7. *Suspension Reports

MOTION: B. Wright SECOND: R. Hann to approve (items #4-7) MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

8. *2021-2022 District Goals Status Reports

8.1 Goal # 1 – Social and Emotional Health

8.2 Goal # 2 - Differentiated Instruction

8.3 Goal # 3 - School Climate & Culture

MOTION: S. Cassel SECOND: B. Wright to approve the 2021-2022 District Goals Status Reports (item #8) MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

M. Walker asked about 8.1, what is considered mid-year?

9. *School Calendar 2021-2022

MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: R. Hann to approve the 2021-2022 Revised School Calendar. (item #9) MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

J. Hicks asked if the calendar was a living document.

10. Kindergarten Enrollment Status Report as of February 4, 2022

Online pre-registrations	24
Preschool Students	10

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11. *Enrollment – February 4, 2022 – Special Services Department

11.1 Total school enrollment = 691 (PSD – Grade 8, including in-district special education)

Special Education = 197

Resident students in-district = 155

Resident students sent out of district = 13

Speech and Language only = 29

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PERSONNEL/STUDENT SERVICES (Chairperson: B. Wright, S. Cassel & A. Ushkowitz)

Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, A. Michael

*Personnel/Student Services Committee Meeting - February 15, 2022

1.1 ACTION ITEMS:

1.1.1 Accept Resignation

- Employee #1168, effective 03/18/2022
- Employee #15308, effective 02/09/2022

1.1.2 2021-2022 Spring Schedule B Appointments / Other Assignments

Approval for the following staff members to fill Schedule B positions for the 2021-2022 school year (subject to the activities not being terminated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

- Softball Coach – Gabrielle Simpson
- Assistant Softball Coach – Anthony Jones
- Baseball Coach – Gary Winkleman
- Assistant Baseball Coach – Joe Chip
- Lacrosse Coach – Lauren Karpovich
- Assistant Lacrosse Coach – Katie Johnson
- Intramural Sports Advisor – Brittany Nixon

1.1.3 Home Instruction

Approval of Home Instruction for Student #161488, effective February 16, 2022.
This instruction will be shared equally between employees #15250 and #15134 for up to 5 hours per week total.

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1.1.4 Workshops

Employee #15355 and Employee #15245 to attend Title IX Training; cost \$1,071.31.

MOTION: B. Wright SECOND: S. Phillips to approve (item #s 1.1.1 – 1.1.4) ROLL CALL/VOTE

ROLL CALL VOTE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		Recused 1.1.4
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

2. CURRICULUM/POLICY COMMITTEE (Chairperson: S. Phillips, K. Topf & J. Hicks)

Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, A. Michael

*Curriculum/Policy Committee Meeting – February 10, 2022

2.1 2021 – 2022 School Level Objectives

School #1 - Objective #1: Social Emotional Development

By the end of the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of students returning from remote to in-person learning will exhibit a positive outlook towards in-person learning and the school environment as evidenced by student feedback and attendance.

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School #1 - Objective #2: Academics

By the end of the 2021-2022 school year, at least 80% of K-2 students will perform in reading within or above the F&P grade-level band for their current grade-level, supported through continued differentiated instruction and structured RtI services.

School #1 - Objective #3: School Culture

During the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of students and staff members will participate in cross curricular, cross-grade and community outreach activities to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the opening of School #1.

School #2/#3 - Objective #1: Response to Intervention

During the 2021-2022 school year our Response to Intervention program/services will be increased to meet the needs of all students returning to 100% in-person learning. Resources will be reallocated to meet as many student needs as possible. At the end of the 2021-2022 school year at least 80% of tier two students (grades 3-5) and (grades 6-8) will show improved growth (minimum of one reading level) evidenced by the F & P benchmark assessment and Star 360 data.

School #2/#3 - Objective #2: Social Emotional Health

During the 2021-2022 school year we will successfully integrate students returning from remote to in-person learning. 100% of students returning from remote to in-person learning will exhibit a positive outlook about school and adjust well to a standard academic schedule. This will be evidenced by individual student surveys.

School #2/#3 - Objective #3: Restorative Practices

During the 2021-2022 school year we will implement a restorative approach when handling discipline situations and behavioral interventions. At the end of the 2021-2022 school year we will see suspensions decreased by 10% in both School #2 and School #3 evidenced by our school suspension reports.

MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: S. Cassel to accept the 2021 – 2022 School Level Objective Status Reports (item# 2.1) MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

2.2 First Reading AND Adoption - Policies & Regulations – Policy #5541

P 5541

Anti-Hazing (M) (New)

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MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: J. Hicks to approve and adopt upon first reading (item #2.2) ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

2.3 First Reading – Policy #0155 Board Committees - Revised

P 0155 Board Committees

MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: R. Hann to acknowledge first reading of Revised Policy #0155 (item #2.3) ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

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MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

3. BUDGET/FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Chairperson: R. Hann, J. McMichael & M. Walker) Administrative Facilitator – Business Administrator, C. DeJoseph

*Budget/Finance/Facilities Meeting – February 15, 2022

3.1 Informational Items:

- Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been completed.
- Budget Development for FY23 is ongoing, plans to meet in small groups to go over the budget in further detail will be forthcoming.
- Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP) update

3.2 Action Items:

3.2.1 Motion to authorize RYEBREAD Architects to update and submit the Long Range Facilities Plan for New Jersey Department of Education approval.

MOTION: R. Hann SECOND: B. Wright to authorize RYEBREAD Architects to update and submit the Long Range Facilities Plan for New Jersey Department of Education approval (item #3.2.1) ROLL CALL VOTE:

Board of Education Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Sean Cassel	X		
Russel Hann	X		
Jeffrey Hicks	X		
John McMichael			Excused
Suzanne Phillips	X		
Katie Topf	X		
Melissa Walker	X		
Betty Wright, <i>Vice President</i>	X		
Amy Ushkowitz, <i>President</i>	X		

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

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4. PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL (A. Ushkowitz, and B. Wright)

4.1 *2021-2022 Board of Education Goals

GOAL #1: Social & Emotional Health

GOAL #2: Communication and Community Involvement

GOAL #3: COVID-19 Reopening Plan

GOAL #1: (Curriculum/Policy Committee)

The Board of Education, in consultation with the Superintendent, Business Administrator, and Administration Team will develop a comprehensive action plan to address the social and emotional health needs of the Southampton Township School Community for the 2021– 2022 school year.

GOAL #2: (Personnel/Student Services Committee)

The Board of Education, is excited to help transition the 2021–2022 administrative team comprised of familiar faces, but the majority in new roles, including the Superintendent. What is unchanged is the unified goal of serving the students and families of Southampton to the best to our collective abilities. The Board will continue to take advantage of opportunities to communicate and work together, while also keeping the community informed about the good work taking place each and every day in our schools.

GOAL #3: (Budget/Finance/Facilities Committee)

The Board of Education in consultation with the Superintendent, and Business Administrator will develop a comprehensive action plan to support the COVID-19 Pandemic School Reopening Plan. This action plan will include educating the school community on the COVID-19 Pandemic School Reopening Plan and ensuring compliance with all necessary local, state and federal health, safety and education guidelines. Detailed action plans will be shared with the public via the Board of Education agenda and community topic presentations at Board of Education meetings.

MOTION: S. Phillips SECOND: R. Hann to accept the 2021-2022 Board of Education Goal Status Reports (item #4.1) ROLL CALL/VOTE

M. Walker asked how the committee gets formed

R. Hann asked If the survey was open to other community members; Mrs. Michael responded there was not an option on the website which would open it up to people outside of our community

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J. Hicks asked if this is a new format on the agenda, there used to be more information, stated it would be helpful for the public to know what the goal entails

M. Walker ask if parents who homeschooled their children could receive the email with the survey; Mrs. Michael responded yes

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0* (*J. Hicks voted yes with the caveat that descriptions of Board Goals are added back to the Board Agenda, however, as noted by the Board Solicitor, conditional approvals are not permitted.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *President Ushkowitz addressed the public and stated that she was happy to see new people and familiar faces at Board Meetings and stated her appreciation for the parents who champion their children and hoped the Board and community can come together in a positive way. She stated that we are here to support the kids, parents, teachers, and administration, and we do listen to your feedback. President Ushkowitz indicated that there is a Chain of Command provided on the District's website under the "Parent Resources" tab.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Test to Stay

NEW BUSINESS:

- February 17, 2022 – BCSBA Meeting – Virtual
- February 26, 2022 – NJSBA Legislative Committee Meeting – Virtual

K. Topf brought up the topic of optional quarantine and wanted to make the BOE aware that we have the option

J. Hicks thanked President Ushkowitz and Superintendent Michael for the letter and asked for clarification on page three, item #2 of the Board Communications Charter; asked if the "District" includes the Board Office, Mrs. DeJoseph responded yes. J. Hicks also asked for a revision to the previously adopted Charter of Acceptable Norms, stating that item #14 should be placed before the meeting, not after a meeting has taken place.

J. Hicks made a MOTION to amend the Charter of Acceptable Norms "as described" {above} after requesting clarification/a more specific motion, Mrs. Ushkowitz asked if there was a second, to which there was none. The MOTION on the floor died.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Members of the public are invited to submit any general comments 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.

Betty Alberto, New Road, commented on the chain of command and a situation in her child's class that made her feel like we don't belong in the district. She wanted her child to have the opportunity to take a retest

Kit Applegate, Red Lion Road, thanked the Board for looking into Test to Stay. Commented that it is not a perfect policy, but we need to jump through hoops to keep our kids in school, perceived that the Board is dragging their feet

Jamie Bodine, Pleasant Street, added to previous statement and commented to stop looking at recommendations, the Board needs to do more and start thinking about what's best for kids

Casey Briggs, Falcon Court, commented that she got a phone call at 10:30 p.m. about a quarantine situation for her child, asked if the district is keeping track of those kids who quarantine and test negative, asked for optional quarantine and to allow parents to make the decision for their children

Nicole Bensley, commented about her child's quarantine situation and the length of time her child was made to stay at home, thanked the Board for thinking out of the box, keeping kids in school, and considering Test to Stay

Cynthia Myers, asked about the determination of quarantine

Janine Hoey, Mill Street, asked how the district knows who is vaccinated, if it is a HIPPA violation to ask; district goal 8.2 Social and Emotional Development is subjective, what is the curriculum and do we have access to it

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Kris Gebhart, Pricketts Mill Road, commented that she wants quarantining to stop, wants full size TVs in classrooms so kids can learn synchronously, and stated that her grandson has zero friends this year and it breaks her heart. Thanked the BOE for making masks optional

S. Phillips made a MOTION to extend Public Comment, J. Hicks SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0

Allison Insigna, asked the BOE to do what they can to save the rest of the year for the 8th graders

President Ushkowitz appointed J. Hicks to be the Township Liaison

**MOTION: A. Ushkowitz SECOND: J. Hicks TO ADJOURN TIME: 10:06 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 8-0**

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

16	Family Science – 7:00 – 8:30 #2 APR
17	Family Math – 6:30 – 8:00 #2 APR
18	Staff In-Service – School Closed for Students
21	Presidents' Day – School Closed
22	Teacher In-service - 2 Hour Delay for Students
23	Strengthening Families 6:15 – 8:30 - Registration Required 03/02, 03/09, 03/16, 03/23, 03/30 & 04/06
	Family Math – 6:30 – 8:00 #2 APR
28-3/4	Read Across America Week

March

7 - 11	Kindergarten Registration
14	Teacher In-service – 2 Hour Delay for Students
14	Board of Education Meeting – 8:00 PM
18	Parent Social and Emotional Health Program

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ADDENDUM

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**Added reasons to enter Closed Executive Session #3 and #8
Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy/Falling Within Attorney-Client Privilege**

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**Removed "SSDS Report/Presentation" from the Information Item section of the
Superintendent's Report. (Information not yet available)**

Adjusted language per Solicitor's recommendation:

- Approve the optional wearing of masks in school effective March 7, 2022 in accordance with and subject to anticipated guidance from the Governor of the State of New Jersey and from the New Jersey Department of Health.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ to approve the optional wearing of masks in school effective March 7, 2022 in accordance with and subject to anticipated guidance from the Governor of the State of New Jersey and from the New Jersey Department of Health. (Item #2) ROLL CALL/VOTE:

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3.1 Incident Number: SS03-01-27-2022 School: #3 Founded/Unfounded – Founded

3.2 Incident Number: SS03-01-28-2022 School: #3 Founded/Unfounded – Founded

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ to approve HIB Reports (item #s 3.1– 3.2)

Page #8 Added word "Accept" resignation

Page #9 Corrected numbering (1.1.1 – 1.1.4)

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**Removed "J. Hicks" from Budget, Finance & Facilities Committee member's names.
(Listed in error)**