SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD TRAINING MINUTES
March 28, 2023

MEETINGS:
6:30 p.m. – Board Training, School #2 Media Center

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, advertised in the *Burlington County Times* on January 6, 2023, and the *Courier Post* on February 17, 2023, and posted on the district website and the Southampton Township School District Facebook page. Notice of this Special Meeting was transmitted to the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post.

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: 6:35 p.m.
ROLL CALL:

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Jeffrey Hicks, *Vice President*	**X**	
Kit Applegate	**X**	
Sean Cassel	**X**	
Katie Topf		**Excused**
Melissa Walker	**X**	
John McMichael	**X**	
Irving Bodine III	**X**	
Russell Hann	**X**	
Betty Wright, *President*	**X**	

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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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 pubic 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

In accordance with District Policies 0164 and 0167 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.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

- A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to (not less than) three minutes' duration
- No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard

Please state your name, municipality, and the action item you're commenting on.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD TRAINING, Jesse Adams, NJSBA Field Service Representative

- **HIB**
- **Board Committees**

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADJOURN

TIME: 8:35 P.M. MOTION: K. Applegate SECOND: J. McMichael VOICE VOTE; MOTION CARRIED 8-0