

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
November 28, 2023**



MEETINGS:

6:00 p.m. - Special Meeting / Closed Executive Session- School #2 Media Center

6:30 p.m. - Special Meeting- School #2 APR

**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. Please be aware this meeting may be recorded in accordance with District Policy #0168.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:

ROLL CALL:

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

Others Present: M. Harris

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
November 28, 2023**



SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

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. A revised schedule of meetings was filed with the Township Clerk on March 28, 2023. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Township Clerk, Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post on November 17, 2023.

Notice that public session may be audio recorded.

Please note that the **public session** of tonight's meeting may be audio recorded.

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

MOTION: K. Applegate **SECOND:** I. Bodine

MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion 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.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT: No public was present

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

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
November 28, 2023**



- 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 #9** as above indicated and the subject to be discussed is as follows:

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, November 28, 2023 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: 6:03 MOTION: K. Applegate SECOND: S. Cassel

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 6:27 MOTION: K. Applegate SECOND: I. Bodine

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Interim Superintendent's Recommendation for Employment

1.1 Victoria Bowman, Elementary Teacher, at Step 1, BA Column on the Schedule A-Salary Guide, Salary \$56,431.00 prorated for the 2023-2024 School Year, Effective Date TBD.

1.2 Karly Rabinowitz, Special Education Teacher, at Step 1, MA Column on the Schedule A-1 Salary Guide, Salary \$58,306.00 prorated for the 2023-2024 School Year, Effective Date TBD.

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
November 28, 2023**



- 1.3 Natalie Jimenez**, School 2/3 Administrative Assistant, Salary \$42,000 prorated for the 2023-2024 School Year, Effective Date December 11, 2023.

MOTION: R. Hann SECOND: K. Applegate to approve interim superintendent's recommendation for employment (Item # 1.1-1.3) ROLL CALL VOTE

J. Hicks, Vice President	K. Topf	I. Bodine III
K. Applegate	M. Walker	R. Hann
S. Cassel	J. McMichael	B. Wright, President

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0

- 2. Approve stipend for Christine Milke Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, \$10,000.00 Stipend prorated the 2023-2024 school year.**

MOTION: R. Hann SECOND: I. Bodine to approve \$10,000.00 stipend prorated for 2023-2024 school for Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Christine Milke (Item # 2) ROLL CALL VOTE

J. Hicks, Vice President	K. Topf	I. Bodine III
K. Applegate	M. Walker	R. Hann
S. Cassel	J. McMichael	B. Wright, President

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0

- 3. Tri-State Security**

- **Approve request to provide security guard through Tri-Shield Security for seven (7) home basketball games from 3:45 to 6:45 PM each game. Total cost not to exceed \$1,355.00s.**

MOTION: K. Applegate SECOND: K. Topf to approve security guard through Tri-Shield Security for home basketball games (Item # 4) ROLL CALL VOTE

J. Hicks, Vice President	K. Topf	I. Bodine III
K. Applegate	M. Walker	R. Hann
S. Cassel	J. McMichael	B. Wright, President

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
November 28, 2023**



INFORMATION ITEMS

- Donation of (5) \$25.00 ShopRite Gift Cards for families in need within the Southampton Township School District from Central Lodge No. 44, Free & Accepted Masons of Vincentown, NJ

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**MOTION: K. Applegate SECOND: R. Hann TO ADJOURN TIME: 6:48
VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED, ALL IN FAVOR 7-0**