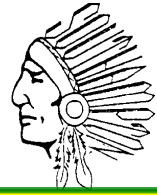


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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
July 23, 2024**



MEETING

- **6:00 p.m. – Open Public Session – School 3 Media Center**
- **6:10 p.m. – Closed Executive Session– School 3 Media Center**

**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.

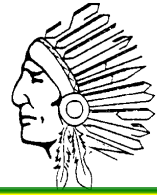
Our Mission

The Mission of Southamptton 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.

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.

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Katie Topf, <i>Vice President</i>	X	
Irving Bodine, III	X	
Betty Wright		X excused
Janine Hoey	X	
Joseph Allen	X	
Leon Carelli		X excused
Russell Hann	X	
Melissa Walker	X	
Jeffrey Hicks, <i>President</i>	X	

Others Present: None

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, 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, the Courier Post, and the Township Clerk on July 18, 2024.

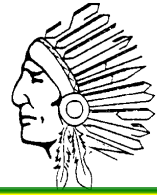
MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED

MOTION: Topf **SECOND:** Allen

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

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

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, July 23, 2024**; 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: 6:04 p.m. MOTION: Topf SECOND: 7-0 VOICE VOTE

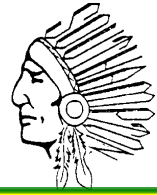
MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 6:43 p.m. MOTION: Allen SECOND: Hoey VOICE VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

Members of the public are invited to submit comments on agenda action items during this public comment portion of the meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open

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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) Agenda action item you are commenting on.**

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

1. ACTION ITEMS

1.1 *Superintendent's Recommendation for Employment:

- Jessica Gindle, 1st Grade Elementary School Teacher, Salary \$57,588.00, Step 1, BA Column on the A-1 2024-2025 Salary Guide effective 09/01/2024 and pending satisfactory completion of background check and all required documents.

1.2 *Accept Resignations

- Casey DeJoseph, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective 09/02/2024 or before, if replacement is hired before the last day of employment.
- Jessica Bryson, 3rd Grade Elementary School Teacher, effective 09/01/2024.

MOTION: Walker SECOND: Topf to accept and approve (item #s 1.1-1.2)

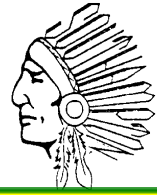
ROLL CALL VOTE

K. Topf, Vice President	J. Hoey	R. Hann
I. Bodine III	J. Allen	M. Walker
B. Wright	L. Carelli	J. Hicks, President

1.3 *Preschool Expansion Aid Submission Project

- Approval to accept Letter of Authorization for Regan Young England Butera Architects to develop blueprints for approximately 9 additional classrooms to be added to School #3 or on another plot of land for the upcoming Preschool Expansion Aid Submission Proposal.

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MOTION: Walker SECOND: Bodine to accept and approve Letter of Authorization for Regan Young England Butera Architects to develop blueprints for approximately 9 additional classrooms to be added to School #3 or on another plot of land for the upcoming preschool expansion aid submission project. (item #1.3) ROLL CALL VOTE

K. Topf, Vice President	J. Hoey	R. Hann
I. Bodine III	J. Allen	M. Walker
B. Wright	L. Carelli	J. Hicks, President

1.4 *Approval to grant Al Camaione, A.G. Technologies, \$250.00 per hour, for up to 20 hours, as approved by the Superintendent, for the preparation of the Gemba Project. (Scope of work to be completed July 29–August 9, 2024 so the Gemba project progress is not impeded)

MOTION: Walker SECOND: Bodine to accept and approve Al Camaione, A.G. Technologies, \$250.00 per hour, for up to 20 hours for the preparation of the Gemba Project. (item #1.4) ROLL CALL VOTE (Scope of work to be completed July 29–August 9, 2024 so the Gemba project progress is not impeded)

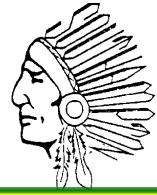
K. Topf, Vice President	J. Hoey	R. Hann
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1.5 Approval of proposed Work Session and Board of Education dates for September 2024–December 2024.

- **Work Sessions**, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m., School #2 All-Purpose Room **(No Action will be taken)**
- **Board of Education Meetings**, 4th Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. Closed Executive Session – School #3 Media Center, 7:00 p.m. Public Session – School #2 All-Purpose Room **(Action will be taken during Regular Board of Education Meetings)**

Type of Meeting	Proposed Dates for Remainder of 2024				
Work Session	Aug. 15	Sept. 19	Oct. 10	Nov. 14	Dec. 12
Board of Ed. Meetings	Aug. 20	Sept. 26	Oct. 17	Nov. 21	Dec. 19

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MOTION: Topf SECOND: Bodine to accept and approve the above captioned proposed meetings dates for September – December 2024. (item #1.5) ROLL CALL VOTE

K. Topf, Vice President	J. Hoey	R. Hann
I. Bodine III	J. Allen	M. Walker
B. Wright	L. Carelli	J. Hicks, President

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, October 21-24, 2024 . Rooms have been reserved at Bally's. Deadline to reserve rooms is September 9, 2024 to the Administrative Office.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

1.6 Approve the letter of authorization for Regan Young England Butera architects to update the long range facilities plan.

MOTION: Hoey SECOND: Hann to accept and approve (item #1.6) ROLL CALL VOTE

1.7 Approve the Superintendent to hire staff between Board of Education Meetings beginning July 24, 2024 – August 31, 2024.

MOTION: Walker SECOND: Bodine to accept and approve (item #1.7) ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION: Topf SECOND: Hoey TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:38 p.m.