SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

November 21, 2024

- **6:00 p.m. - Board Tour**
- **6:30 p.m. - Closed Executive Session - School 3 Media Center**
- **7:00 p.m. - 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
Katie Topf, *Vice President (resigned)*		**X**
Irving Bodine, III	**X**	
Betty Wright	**X**	
Janine Hoey	**X**	
Joseph Allen	**X**	
Leon Carelli	**X**	
Russell Hann	**X**	
Melissa Walker	**X**	
Jeffrey Hicks, *President*	**X**	

Others Present: Megan Geibel-Superintendent, Mary Conroy - SBA/BS, Emily Strawbridge-Solicitor, Mr. Regan Young-Architect (left after presentation @7:30 PM)

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 October 14, 2024.

Notice that public session is being audio recorded
Please note that the **public session** of tonight's meeting is being audio recorded.

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

Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy/

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 **Thursday, November 21, 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: 6:36 PM MOTION: B. W. SECOND: J. Hoey VOICE VOTE 8 Yes:
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:02 PM MOTION: J. Hoey. SECOND: J. Allen VOICE VOTE :8:0
MOTION CARRIES

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

MOTION: L .C. SECOND: B. W. to accept the agenda as published VOICE VOTE 8:0 ***MOTION CARRIES***

CORRESPONDENCE:

- ***Email from Katie Topf resigning as a Board of Education member.**

SPECIAL ACTION ITEM:
With the resignation of Katie Topf, the Vice President position is vacant. The floor is open for nominations to fill the vacancy of Vice President. Board Secretary, Mary Conroy, will handle the voting process.

M. Walker **nominated** I. Bodine
R. Hann **nominated** B. Wright
L. Carelli **nominated** L. Carelli

The following votes were made by paper ballot:
I. Bodine III - I.B
B. Wright - B.W
J. Hoey - I.B.
J. Allen - I.B.
L. Carelli - L.C.
R. Hann - B.W.
M. Walker - I.B.
J. Hicks, President - I.B.
Irving Bodine, III was elected new Vice President STSD BOE

***EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- **Shelley Brockson -** RtI Teacher
- **Stephanie Wilhelm -** RtI Teacher

***Superintendent's Recommendation for Employment**

- **April Titus,** Preschool Teacher, Salary $57,588, Step 1, BA Column on the Schedule A-1 2024-2025 Salary Guide, effective 01/01/2025 and pending satisfactory completion of background check and all required documents pertaining to teaching certification.
- **Ashley Sharpe**, Preschool Teacher, Salary $65,858, Step 10, BA Column on the Schedule A-1 2024-2025 Salary Guide, effective 12/01/2024 and pending satisfactory completion of background check and all required documents pertaining to teaching certification.

MOTION: J.A. SECOND: I.B. to accept and approve the Superintendent's Recommendation for Employment. ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0 ***MOTION CARRIES***

	J. Hoey **Y**	*R. Hann* **Y**
I. Bodine III **Y**	*J. Allen* **Y**	*M. Walker* **Y**
B. Wright **Y**	*L. Carelli* **Y**	*J. Hicks, President* **Y**

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

- **April Titus,** Preschool Teacher
- **Ashley Sharpe,** Preschool Teacher

STUDENT PRESENTATION

- **Veterans Day Essay Winners**
  - **Emma Corigliano (Grade 5)**
  - **Audraya King (Grade 3)**

COMMUNITY TOPIC:

- **Mr. Regan Young,** Regan Young England Butera, Public Referendum Presentation

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PTA:

- **Regina Hamara,** PTA Representative-Updated the community on the past events and the coming events hosted by the PTA and Ms. Hamara thanked everyone for their support to the PTA

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:

- **Patricia Carpenter-**Updated on all the great events at the schools. Green and gold day, pep rally, honoring teachers, and future events

BRIEF RECESS (7:36 p.m. - 7:43 p.m.)

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: 7:36 PM NONE
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 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 7:36 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **October 17, 2024 Regular & Executive Session Minutes-**Mr. Hicks stated that the initials on the minutes were J. Hoey (p15 & 13)
- **November 14, 2024 Work Session & Executive Work Session Minutes-**Mr. Hicks stated Correction to adjournment time 9:48 PM

*MOTION: ___**J.A.**_____ SECOND: __**I.B.**_____ to approve the October 17, 2024 Regular/Executive Session Minutes and the November 14, 2024 Work Session/Executive Session Minutes (as provided in the Board packet) ROLL CALL VOTE*

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***Y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y***

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **November 5, 2024 candidates:**
  - Joseph Allen -4,147 Votes
  - Betty L. Wright -4,227 Votes
  - Brett Hart - 3,785 Votes
  - Personal Choice - TBD
- **Election results as provided by the Burlington County Board of Elections website. Winners will not be declared until the election certification date of November 25, 2024
- **POST-ELECTION REMINDERS:**
  - Criminal History Review for new BOE members required prior to service.
  - Fingerprinting to be completed within 30 days of vote certification for new BOE members.

ACTION ITEMS:

1.1 It is recommended that the Board Approve transfers *Line items for the month of **September 2024**, as approved by the Superintendent.

1.2 Authorize the following payments *Payment of the **November 2024** bill list in the amount of $666,747.65. **THE Correct AMOUNT WITH THE 2 VOID CHKS= $662,907.89*****
1.3 Accept the ***Board Secretary's Report** for the month of **September 2024**.
1.4 Accept the ***Treasurer's Report** for the months of **September 2024 and June 2024 (revised).**
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 **September 2024** 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 **September 2024** 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 NJAC6:A23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
1.7 Accept *Revenue Account Status Report for **September 2024.**
1.8 Authorize Nutri-Serve Check Register for the month of **October 2024** in the amount of $7,160.24.
*BD DOC Check into if it is pro-rated-M.C will take care of that

*MOTION: **J.A** SECOND: **I.B.** to approve the Board Secretary Report (items #1.1– 1.8 as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0* ***MOTION CARRIES***

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y R CK#4952***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***Y R Ck#4882***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y R CK#4917/4930***

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- ***Preschool expansion approval letter from the New Jersey Department of Education authorizing the Southampton Township School District to utilize preschool classroom space less than 950 square feet for three years.**

- ***Child care licensing exemption approval letter from the State of New Jersey valid for two years.**

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report

Incident Number	School	Result
270892SS310172024	School #3	Unfounded
271962SS310312024	School #3	Some Founded
271802SS210302024	School #2	Founded

MOTION: ***B.W.*** *SECOND*: ***L.C.*** *to accept and approve the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report (item #1.1) ROLL CALL VOTE8:0*
MOTION CARRIES

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***Y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y***

2. *Special Services Report
3. *Curriculum Director's Report
4. *Nurse's Report
5. *Fire & Security Drill Reports
6. *HIB/Suspension Reports
7. *Principals' Report
8. *Enrollment

Total school enrollment as of November 13, 2024 (PS-8 Including Out of District Students) = 718

- Special Education = 164
  - Resident students in-district = 134
  - Resident students sent out of district = 8
  - Speech and Language only = 22

9. *2024-2025 District Goal Action Plan Progress Reports

- **Goal #1: Literacy Initiative**
- **Goal #2: Providing Math Support Through Response to Intervention (RtI)**

- **Goal #3: Technology**

MOTION: ___***B.W.***_____ *SECOND*: ____***L.C.***____ *to approve the Superintendent's Report (items #2-9) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0* ***MOTION CARRIES***

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***Y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y***

Mr. Carelli asked if a presentation of Special Services could be done and Mr. Hicks asked about the data. Ms. Geibel stated she would have data/updates at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PERSONNEL/STUDENT SERVICES (*Chairperson: TBD*, L. Carelli, and B. Wright)

Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel

*** Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 14, 2024**

Mr. Bodine as VP needed a BOE Member to chair this committee-B. Wright new chairperson and J. Hoey is a member.

INFORMATION ITEMS: ***NONE***

ACTION ITEMS:

1.1 *Workshops

- **Colbey Salay** to attend "Adapt to Include: Modifying Physical Education for All" on 01/21/2025, Burlington County Special Services School, Westampton, NJ, No Cost.
- **Jennifer Mikulski** attended virtual workshop "Pediatric Abnormal Pain- It's Not Just in Their Heads", 11/06/2024, requesting to use offset hours, No Cost.
- **Jocelynn Mattingly** to attend the 2025 NJMEA (New Jersey Music Educators Association) State Conference, 02/20/2025-02/22/2025, Atlantic City Convention Center, Cost $200.00.

1.2 *Approval of Job Descriptions

- Preschool Instructional Coach/Preschool Intervention Referral Specialist
- Computer Technician (Part-time)$20.00 per hour, 30 hours or less per week.

1.3 Superintendent's Recommendation for Transfer from Part-Time to Full-Time Employment

- **Alyssa Gentile,** transfer from part-time Social Work to full-time Preschool Community Liaison/Social Worker, Salary $61,463, Step 5, MA Column on the Schedule A-1 2024-2025 Salary Guide, effective 01/01/2025.

1.4 *Leave of Absence

- **Employee #1169**, FMLA extension from 01/01/2025-01/31/2025
- **Employee #1146**, New Jersey Extended Sick Leave extension from 11/30/2024-03/01/2024.

1.5 *Retirement With Regrets

- **Jennifer Horner**, as of 02/01/2025

1.6 *Resignation With Regret

- **Zachary Phillips** effective 11/22/2024

1.7 Approval of Stipend for Supervisor of Preschool

- **Employee #15373**, $2,000 stipend for additional responsibilities as Supervisor of Preschool, effective 01/01/2025, to be paid out of the Preschool Education State Aid. ***Maureen Walsh***

1.8 Approval for Out-of-District Placement

- Student #162429 to attend Burlington County Special Services School, Westampton, NJ, effective TBD in November 2024.

1.9 Approval for Homebound Instruction

- Student #162420, effective date TBD in November 2024.

1.10 *Approval for Piano Accompanist

- Approval to pay Robert DiLauro $100.00 as a piano accompanist for the December 2024 Choral Concert.

1.11 *Approval to submit the Preschool Projected Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year for a total of 90 students to the New Jersey Department of Education.

MOTION: ***L.C.*** *SECOND*: ***J.A*** *to accept and approve the Personnel and Student Services Committee Report (items #1.1- 1.11) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0*
MOTION CARRIES

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y Recuse 1.3 & 1.7***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker-****Y Recuse 1.3 & 1.7***
B. Wright ***Y Recuse 1.3 & 1.7***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***y***

2. CURRICULUM/POLICY COMMITTEE (*Chairperson: J. Hicks*, J. Hoey, J. Allen)
Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel
***Committee of the Whole Meeting - November 14, 2024**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- ***NJSBA Customized Policy Writing Service-J. Hicks gave a brief update and costs $4500 year 1/ $4500 year 2**
- ***NJ4S-NJ Statewide Student Support Services**

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 *First Reading for Enhancements to Existing Policy

- P0161 Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation

2.2 *First Reading of proposed policy for Operating as a Committee of the Whole

MOTION: ***J.A*** *SECOND*: ***M.W*** *to approve the Curriculum & Policy Committee Report (items #2.1-2.2) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0* ***MOTION CARRIES***

	J. Hoey ***y***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y***

3. BUDGET/FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE *(Chairperson: M. Walker*, R. Hann, I. Bodine)
Administrative Facilitator – Business Administrator, M. Conroy
***Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 14, 2024**

INFORMATION ITEMS: *None*

ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 *Approval to purchase BoardDocs Pro from Diligent Corp. at an annual subscription cost of $11,000.00. **Pro-Rated $6416.76 to 6/30/25**

3.2 *Approval to purchase 6 New Cable Lines from 3D Voice & Data LLC in the amount of $1,175.00, quote #53236.

3.3 *Approval to run 3 New CAT6 Cables for New Clocks from 3D Voice & Data LLC in the amount of $725.00, quote #53235.

MOTION: ___***M.W.***___ *SECOND*: ___***I.B.***___ *to approve the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (items #3.1 - 3.3) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0* ***MOTION CARRIES***

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***Y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y***

3.6 Approve Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Southampton authorizing the appropriate school district officials and professional advisors to prepare and submit documentation to the appropriate state and local agencies in connection with a proposed capital improvement project.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Southampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board), has preliminarily determined to undertake for lawful school purposes a capital improvement program consisting of various improvements and renovations to its facilities (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act ("Act") and other applicable law requires, as a condition precedent to undertaking the Project, the obtainment of various approvals by the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District must issue its school bonds to finance the costs of the Project ("Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Project and the issuance of the Bonds must be approved by the voters of the School District ("Bond Referendum"); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to authorize the appropriate School District officials and professional advisors to prepare and submit such applications and documents and to obtain such approvals as may be necessary to facilitate the Project and the Bond Referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In order to facilitate the Project and the Bond Referendum, the President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, other appropriate School District officials, together with the School District's Architect, Consulting Engineer, Municipal Advisor, Solicitor, Bond Counsel and Auditor, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit to the New Jersey Department of Education, the appropriate local land use boards and any other governmental agency, such applications, filings and documentation with respect to the Project and the Bond Referendum including, but not limited to, any amendment/update to the School District's Long Range Facilities Plan, concept drawings and project applications, as may be required under the Act and other applicable laws, and to represent the School District in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the School District by the President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary or by the School District's professional advisors in connection with the

Project and the Bond Referendum or matters related thereto are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. The President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized to determine all matters and execute all documents and instruments in connection with the preparation and filing of the documents described herein, and the signatures of the President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary on such documents or instruments shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

Section 4. All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption this 21st day of November, 2024.

*MOTION: __**M.W.**____ SECOND: ___**B.W**.____ to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Southampton authorizing the appropriate school district officials and professional advisors to prepare and submit documentation to the appropriate state and local agencies in connection with a proposed capital improvement project. (item #3.6) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0* ***MOTION CARRIES***

	*J. Hoey - **Y***	*R. Hann - **Y***
*I. Bodine III -**Y***	*J. Allen - **Y***	*M. Walker - **Y***
*B. Wright - **Y***	*L. Carelli - **Y***	*J. Hicks, President -**Y***

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (*Chairperson: L. Carelli*, I. Bodine, J. Hicks)
Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel
***Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 14, 2024**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **Referendum Information will be available at the following events:**
  - **November 25 & 26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences**
  - **November 26 - Town Council Meeting (5 Retreat Road)- 6:00 p.m.**

- *M.Geibel will present info on Referendum
- **December 3 - School 1 Winter Concert - 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 5 - School 2 & 3 Choral Concert - 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 5 - Planning Board Meeting (5 Retreat Road) - 6:00 p.m.**
  *M.Geibel will present info on Referendum
- **December 6 - Vincentown Village Christmas Tree Lighting - 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 11 - School 2 & 3 Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.**
  Mr.Hicks-Sat Dec 14th Twp XMAS Concert
  in the Warrior Dome

ACTION ITEMS: *None*

5. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (*Chairperson: L. Carelli,* I. Bodine, J. Allen)
Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel
***Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 14, 2024**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **Gemba Project**
- **Sielox has been removed from the Gemba Project - $34,000 savings**

ACTION ITEMS: *NONE*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Hicks' stated that Ms. Geibel worked on this and the BOE needs to follow up. She will provide the template for action plans. BOE will discuss @ the Dec 12th Work Session

- **2024-2025 Board of Education Goals**
  - **Goal #1** : To enhance student outcomes by prioritizing funding towards literacy development, intervention programs, and technology integration. **Lead-L.Carelli, B.Wright, J.Allen**
  - **Goal #2**: To ensure the successful passage of the upcoming *Secure our Schools into the Future Referendum* by engaging the community and providing clear, transparent information about its benefits for the Southampton School Community. **Lead- J. Hicks, J.Hoey, R. Hann**
  - **Goal #3**: To ensure transparent communication and strengthen teamwork among the board members, staff and the community to foster trust, collaboration and shared decision-making. **Lead-M. Walker, I Bodine**

MOTION: ***__J.A.____*** *SECOND*: ***__I.B._____*** *to approve the status of the Board of Education Goals for 2024-2025 (ROLL CALL VOTE) 8:0* ***MOTION CARRIES***

	J. Hoey ***Y***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***Y***	*J. Allen* ***Y***	*M. Walker* ***Y***
B. Wright ***Y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***Y***

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Southampton Township Committee Appointments
  - Mayor Elizabeth Rossell
  - Deputy Mayor Ronald Heston
  - Committeeman William Raftery
  - Committeeman Arnold Harrison III
  - Committeeman James F. Young
- December 4, 2024 - Joint Insurance Fund Dinner Meeting - The Mansion, Voorhees, NJ - 5:30 p.m.
- December 5, 2024 - BCSBA Hybrid Dinner Meeting - Topic: Support Students' Mental Health- Medford Memorial Middle School - 6:00 p.m.
- December 7, 2024 - NJSBA Hybrid Delegate Assembly - Mercer County Community College - 9:00 a.m.
- December 12, 2024 -
  - Board of Education Work Session - 6:00 p.m. (School #3 Media Center)
- December 19, 2024 - Board of Education Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (School #2 All-Purpose Room)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Superintendent's recommendation to use Tri-Shield Security on an as-needed basis for all future Board of Education Meetings.**
  Mr. Carelli spoke about sending a letter to the state regarding funding and wanted a motion to have the letter signed and sent to the state.
  Motion was made to have the Board of Education sign and send a school funding call to action letter.

Discussion amongst the board regarding the proposed call to action letter to the state that Mr. Carelli wrote. Majority of the board felt this was too premature to send to the state as we do not have enough information.

Motion: ***L.C*** *Second* : ***B.W.*** *to approve the BOE to sign and submit a call to action letter to the state regarding funding. (Roll Call Vote) 3:4:1* ***Motion Denied***

	J. Hoey ***N***	*R. Hann* ***Y***
I. Bodine III ***N***	*J. Allen* ***N***	*M. Walker* ***N***
B. Wright ***Y***	*L. Carelli* ***Y***	*J. Hicks, President* ***abstain***

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.

Patricia Carpenter-Sothampton Twp-questioned the canceling of Near Pod and that four staff members use this.
M.Geibel stated they will have access to this.
Ms. Carpenter stated that as a parent the BOE by recusing itself on personnel matters looked bad in a small town and the board should be transparent.
Ms. Geibel stated that this was a confidential matter and the party involved was spoken to prior to the meeting.

Robert Phillips-Southampton Twp Asked about Information Items and if we need to get approval for PreK space every year? M.G. stated NO

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by the Board of Education to re enter Closed Executive Session

TIME: 8:05 PM MOTION: L. C. SECOND: J. Hoey VOICE VOTE: 8:0

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 9:10 PM MOTION: M. Walker SECOND: J. Allen VOICE VOTE: 8:0

*MOTION: **J.A** SECOND: **M.W**. TO ADJOURN TIME: **9:15 PM***

DATES TO REMEMBER

November - February 28	Public Works Leaf Pick Up
November 18-22	American Education Week
November 21	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
November 22	Report Cards available on-line
November 25-26	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:04 p.m. Dismissal (lunches served)
November 26	Southampton Township Committee Meeting (Referendum Presentation by Megan Geibel, Superintendent) 6:00 p.m.
November 27	School #1 Southampton Day Parade Early Dismissal 12:38 p.m. (no lunches served)
November 28	Southampton Township - No Trash Pick Up
November 29	Southampton Township - Double Trash Pick Up
November 28-29	School Closed - Thanksgiving
December 2	2-Hour Delayed Opening - Students Only
December 3	School 1 Winter Concert 6:30 p.m.
December 5	Southampton Township Planning Board Meeting (Referendum Presentation by Megan Geibel, Superintendent)- 6:00 p.m.
December 5	School 2 & 3 Choral Concert 7:00 p.m. (Warrior Dome)
December 6	Vincentown Village Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.
December 10	Star Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Sally Stretch Library)
December 11	Information Session for Preschool Families 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (School 3 Media Center)
December 11	School 2 & 3 Band Concert 7:00 p.m. (Warrior Dome)
December 12	Board of Education Work Session • 6:00 p.m. Closed Executive Session (Media Ctr.) • Public Session (immediately following Exec. Session- Media Ctr.)
December 13	"Meet and Greet" Students/Parents of Preschool (School 2 Preschool Classrooms)
December 13	Honor Society Gingerbread Competition (Grades TBD)
December 19	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
December 20	Early Dismissal 12:38 p.m. (No lunches served)
December 23-January 1	School Closed for Winter Break

January 2	Board of Education Organization Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 6-8	Drama Club Musical Tryouts 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
January 8	Family Science 6:30-8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 9	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
	Family Math 6:30-8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 14	Star Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Sally Stretch Library)
January 15	Family Science 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 16	Family Math 6:30-8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 17	School #3 Semi-Formal Dance 7:00 p.m. (Warrior Dome)
January 18	Rabies Vaccination Clinic (Vincent Fire House)
	10:00 a.m. - Noon)
January 20	School Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21	2-Hour Delayed Opening - Students Only
January 22	Family Science 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 23	Family Math 6:30-8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 29	Family Science 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)
January 30	Family Math 6:30-8:00 p.m. (School 2 APR)