SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION AGENDA MINUTES
October 10, 2024

MEETING

- **6:00 p.m. - Closed Executive Session - School 3 Media Center**
- **Immediately following Closed Executive Session - Public Meeting- (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 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*	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, Business Administrator
Susan Hodges, Solicitor

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 August 27, 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 #2, #4, #8, #9, and #11** as above indicated and the subject to be discussed is as follows:

Right to Receive Federal Funds/Collective Bargaining Negotiations/
Falling Within Attorney-Client Privilege/Personnel Matters/
Pending or Anticipated Litigation

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, October 10, 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: __6:01 PM__ MOTION: __J. Allen____ SECOND: _L. Carelli___ VOICE VOTE: ALL YES
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: _7:52 PM___ MOTION: _K. Topf_____ SECOND: __M. Walker_ VOICE VOTE: ALL YES
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.

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CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION:

ROLL CALL: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

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Katie Topf, *Vice President*	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: M. Geibel, M. Conroy, S. Hodges

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

MOTION: *L. Carelli* *SECOND*: *K. Topf* *to accept the agenda as published*
VOICE VOTE: *All Yes* ***MOTION CARRIES***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Board of Education Goals

NEW BUSINESS: Candidates night hosted by PTA

REMINDER
BCSBA Hybrid Dinner Meeting - Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at Medford Village Country Club. Dinner at 5:45 PM. Meeting/virtual at 6:45 PM. Elections of County Officers. Featured topic: School Funding by Charles Miller, BA in Residence at NJSBA. Pre-registration required.

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.
9:20 PM

Patricia Carpenter asked about technology and phone updates. She complimented the committee as a whole meeting and stated that Mrs. Geibel is doing a wonderful job and her communication is appreciated by the staff.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION: _*B. Wright*_ *SECOND*: __*L. Carelli*__ *TO ADJOURN TIME*: _*9:24 PM*_____