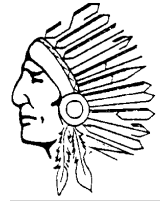


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- **6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting– School 2 All–Purpose Room**

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.

REORGANIZATION MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Board Secretary, Mary Conroy, presiding

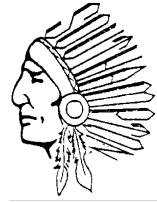
ROLL CALL: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Irving Bodine, III	X	
Janine Hoey	X	
Leon Carelli	X	
Russell Hann	X	
Jeffrey Hicks	X	

Others Present: **M. Geibel, M. Conroy, E. Strawbridge**

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 and the Courier Post on December 30, 2024.

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Notice that public session is being audio recorded

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

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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Board of Education Candidates official election poll results:

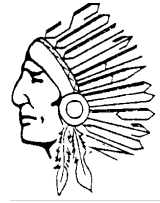
- **Three-Year Term (3 Candidates for 3 positions)**
 - **November 5, 2024 candidates:**
 - Joseph Allen -4,190 Votes
 - Betty L. Wright -4,271 Votes
 - Brett Hart - 3,823 Votes
- **One-Year Term (1 write-in position)**
 - **November 5, 2024 candidate:**
 - Sharon Roseboro - 121 votes

**Election results as provided by the Burlington County Board of Elections website. Winners were certified on November 25, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO RE-ELECTED AND NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. Conroy, Board Secretary, will administer the oath of office to Mr. Allen, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Hart and Mrs. Roseboro, congratulating them on being elected to the Board of Education.

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Conroy opened nominations from the floor for the Office of President.

 J. Bodine nominated J. Hicks as **President**

 nominated as **President**

Hearing no other nominations Mrs. Conroy closed nominations for President.

***Congratulations To Mr. Hicks as BOE President**

Should there be more than one board member nominated, and in accordance with Board policy 0152, Mrs. Conroy provided each member with a blank piece of paper asking them to indicate the candidate they wish to see elected for President, sign and return. Upon tally of the ballots, Mrs. Conroy indicated the following results:

Board of Education Member	Voting For
Joseph Allen	
Irving Bodine, III	
Leon Carelli	
Russell Hann	
Brett Hart	
Jeffrey Hicks	
Janine Hoey	
Sharon Roseboro	
Betty Wright	

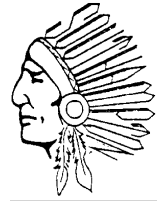
Mrs. Conroy congratulated Mr. Jeff Hicks on his/her election to the **Office of President.**

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Board President J. Hicks opened nominations from the floor for the **Office of Vice President.**

 B. Wright nominated L. Carelli as **Vice President**

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J. Hoey nominated I. Bodine as **Vice President**

Hearing no other nominations, President J. Hicks closed nominations for Vice President.

Should there be more than one board member nominated, and in accordance with Board policy 0152, Mrs. Conroy provided each member with a blank piece of paper asking them to indicate the candidate they wish to see elected for Vice President, sign and return. Upon tally of the ballots, Mrs. Conroy indicated the following results:

Board of Education Member	Voting For
Joseph Allen	I. Bodine
Irving Bodine, III	I. Bodine
Leon Carelli	L. Carelli
Russell Hann	L. Carelli
Brett Hart	L. Carelli
Jeffrey Hicks	I. Bodine
Janine Hoey	I. Bodine
Sharon Roseboro	L. Carelli
Betty Wright	L. Carelli

Mrs. Conroy congratulated Mr. Leon Carelli on his/her election to the **Office of Vice President**.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:

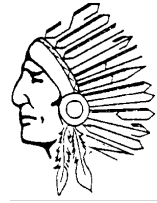
Mrs. Conroy administered the oath of office to President Hicks and Vice President Carelli.

President Hicks conducted the remainder of the meeting.

****Mrs. Conroy-Administer Oath of Office to Mrs. Wright, Mr. Allen,**

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

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MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: I. Bodine to accept the agenda as published VOICE VOTE: 9:0

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

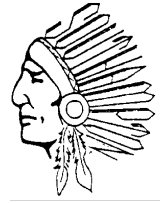
As a friendly reminder, public participation in Board of Education meetings is governed by District Policy 0167. During designated public comment periods, members of the public shall direct all statements, questions, or inquiries to the presiding officer (i.e. Board President) and any questions or inquiries 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:

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. NONE**

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT 6:11 PM

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President Hicks deferred appointments until the next January Board of Education meeting allowing Board Members the opportunity to submit their preferences for consideration.

**Mr. Hicks and Mr. Carelli will

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

- Delegate:
- Alternate Delegate:
- Legislative Chairperson:
- Alternate Legislative Chairperson:

BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

- Representative to Executive Committee:

MENTORS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- Brett Hart:
- Sharon Roseboro:

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- Budget, Finance & Facilities:
- Personnel & Student Services:
- Curriculum & Policy:
- Public Relations:
- Technology:

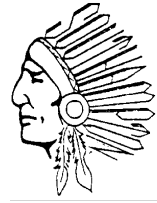
AD-HOC COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- Employee Recognition Committee:
- Sick Leave Bank Committee:

REAFFIRM APPOINTMENTS for 2024–2025 School Year:

- Secretary of Board of Education: *Mary Conroy*
- Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO): *Mary Conroy*

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- Custodian of School Records – Open Public Records Act: *Mary Conroy*
- Affirmative Action Officer: *Megan Geibel*
- Attendance Officer: *Emily Grosser*
- 504 Officer School #1: *Lauren Wilder*
- 504 Officer School #2: *Allison Shaughnessy*
- 504 Officer School #3: *Danielle Madison*
- Substance Abuse Coordinator: *Danielle Madison*
- Asbestos Management: *Bruce Stranahan*
- PEOSHA Coordinator: *Bruce Stranahan*
- Safety & Health Designee: *Mary Conroy*
- School Safety Specialist: *Kristine Bertulis*
- Indoor Air Quality Designee: *Bruce Stranahan*
- Integrated Pest Management Coordinator: *Bruce Stranahan*
- Right to Know Officer: *Bruce Stranahan*
- Chemical Hygiene Officer: *Bruce Stranahan*
- AHERA Coordinator: *Bruce Stranahan*
- Title IX Coordinator: *Emily Grosser*
- Homeless Liaison: *Maureen Walsh*
- Anti-Bullying Coordinator: *Emily Grosser*
- Anti-Bullying Specialist School #1: *Lauren Wilder*
- Anti-Bullying Specialist School #2: *Allison Shaughnessy*
- Anti-Bullying Specialist School #3: *Danielle Madison*
- Child Welfare Liaison School #1: *Lauren Wilder*
- Child Welfare Liaison School #2: *Allison Shaughnessy*
- Child Welfare Liaison School #3: *Danielle Madison*

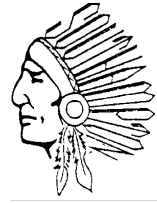
MOTION: **B. Wright** SECOND: **L. Carelli** to affirm above captioned appointments. ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0 MOTION CARRIES**

J. Allen Y	R. Hann y	J. Hoey y
I. Bodine, III Y	B. Hart y	S. Roseboro Y
L. Carelli Y	J. Hicks Y	B. Wright Y

DESIGNATION AND SCHEDULE DATES OF MEETING NIGHTS

- **3rd Thursday of the month – Work Session**

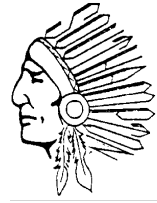
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- **Public Session 6:00 p.m. (School #3 Media Center)**
- **Executive Session – immediately following Public Session (School #3 Media Center). Action may or may not be taken after the Executive Session.**
- **4th Thursday of the Month – Regular BOE MEETING**
 - **Executive Session 6:30 p.m. (School #3 Media Center)**
 - **Public Session 7:00 p.m. (School #2 All-Purpose Room)**
- **Address: 100 Warrior Way, Southamptown, NJ 08088, unless otherwise noted**

Work Sessions	Board of Education Meetings
Thursday, January 23, 2025	Thursday, January 30, 2025
Thursday, February 20, 2025	Thursday, February 27, 2025
Thursday, March 20, 2025	Thursday, March 27, 2025
Thursday, April 10, 2025	Wednesday, April 30, 2025/Public Budget Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Thursday, May 22, 2025
Thursday, June 19, 2025 (Board Self-Evaluation & Superintendent Evaluation)	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Thursday, August 14, 2025	Thursday, August 21, 2025
Thursday, September 18, 2025	Thursday, September 25, 2025
Thursday, October 16, 2025	Thursday, October 30, 2025
Thursday, November 13, 2025	Thursday, November 20, 2025
Thursday, December 11, 2025	Thursday, December 18, 2025
	Wednesday, January 7, 2026 Reorganization Meeting

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MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: J. Hoey to affirm above captioned schedule of meetings for 2025, with work sessions start time of 6:00 p.m. and executive session to immediately follow and regular meetings start time of 6:30 p.m. for executive session and 7:00 p.m. for public session. ROLL CALL VOTE: 9:0

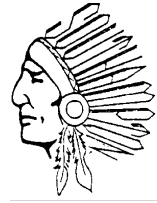
<i>J. Allen Y</i>	<i>R. Hann Y</i>	<i>J. Hoey Y</i>
<i>I. Bodine, III Y</i>	<i>B. Hart Y</i>	<i>S. Roseboro Y</i>
<i>L. Carelli Y</i>	<i>J. Hicks Y</i>	<i>B. Wright Y</i>

REAFFIRM NEW JERSEY CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

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- I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

MOTION: **B. Wright** SECOND: **R. Hann** to reaffirm the above captioned NJSBA Code of Ethics for school board members. ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0**

J. Allen Y	R. Hann Y	J. Hoey Y
I. Bodine, III Y	B. Hart Y	S. Roseboro Y
L. Carelli Y	J. Hicks Y	B. Wright Y

The School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq., requires Board Members to complete Training Programs. Mandated training of District Board of Education Members can be found at the following NJSBA Link:

<http://www.njsba.org/training/mandated-training/>

***Reaffirm Board of Education Charter of Acceptable Norms Bylaw #0142.7**

MOTION: **J. Allen** SECOND: **I. Bodine** to reaffirm the Board of Education Charter of Acceptable Norms Bylaw #0142.7. ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0**

J. Allen Y	R. Hann Y	J. Hoey Y
I. Bodine, III Y	B. Hart Y	S. Roseboro Y
L. Carelli Y	J. Hicks Y	B. Wright Y

***Reaffirm Board - Superintendent Communications Charter Policy #1210.02**

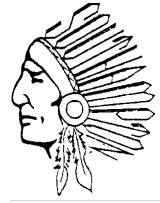
MOTION: **B. Wright** SECOND: **L. Carelli** to reaffirm the Board - Superintendent Communications Charter Policy #1210.02 ROLL CALL VOTE

J. Allen	R. Hann	J. Hoey
I. Bodine, III	B. Hart	S. Roseboro
L. Carelli	J. Hicks	B. Wright

***Reaffirm Board Attendance Policy #0145.1**

Discussion among board members about acceptable excused absences.

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How many since we now have a t least two boe meetings a month. What is legally right. M.G. It is hard to remove a board member for this. Maybe have a conversation with the member about their attendance.

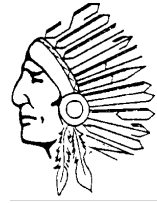
MOTION: L.C. SECOND: J. Hoey to reaffirm Board Attendance Policy
#0145.1 ROLL CALL VOTE: **9:0 MOTION CARRIES**

J. Allen Y
I. Bodine, III Y
L. Carelli Y

R. Hann Y
B. Hart Y
J. Hicks Y

J. Hoey Y
S. Roseboro Y
B. Wright Y

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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: **6:49 PM**

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 **item #8 and #12** as above indicated and the subject to be discussed is as follows:

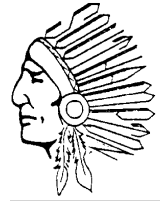
****Mr. Hicks noted we will come out of the executive to take action.**

Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Geibel recognizes the Roseboro Family in attendance and take a family picture.

Falling Within Attorney-Client Privilege/Contract Negotiations

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, January 7, 2025** 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.

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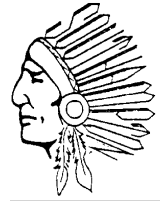
*MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION*

*TIME: 6:50 PM MOTION: L.C SECOND: I.B. VOICE VOTE **9 AYES***
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

*TIME: 7:47 PM MOTION: J. A. SECOND: B. W. VOICE VOTE: **9 AYES***

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1. Motion to approve Resolution of the Southampton Township Board of Education to Accept the Professional Engineer in Construction (PEC) Finding letters.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SOUTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW
JERSEY, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE PROPOSED BUILDING PROGRAM

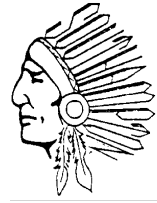
WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Southampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) has determined a need exists to undertake certain capital improvements at various School District facilities (State Project Numbers 4930-050-25-1000, 4930-050-25-2000, 4930-060-25-1000, 4930-060-25-2000, and 4930-070-25-1000) (collectively, the "Project"); and

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

WHEREAS, prior to issuance of the Bonds, the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act ("Act"), and other applicable law, requires the School District to obtain various approvals from the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE"); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, one of the approvals required to be obtained by the School District from the NJDOE is a preliminary eligible cost approval with respect to the Project and a determination as to the amount of financial assistance to be provided by the State of New Jersey ("State Financial Assistance"); and

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WHEREAS, the School District has received five (5) letters, each dated December 30, 2024 (collectively, the "PEC Letters"), from the NJDOE, setting forth the preliminary eligible cost and financial assistance determinations with respect to the Project (collectively, the "PEC Determinations"), copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board must make certain determinations with respect to the PEC Letters, PEC Determinations, State Financial Assistance and method of constructing the Project.

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

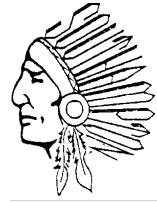
Section 1. Pursuant to the PEC Letters, the Board hereby accepts the PEC Determinations with respect to the Project and agrees not to appeal said determinations.

Section 2. Pursuant to the PEC Letters, the Board hereby accepts the State Financial Assistance. The President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby severally authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with the NJDOE with respect to the State Financial Assistance.

Section 3. The Board hereby determines to construct the Project itself, instead of through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Section 4. The Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority and power to supervise the Project.

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Section 5. All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the School District by the President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary or by the School District's professional advisors in connection with the Project or the Special Election are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. 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 Project and the Special Election, 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 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately file a certified copy of this resolution with the NJDOE.

Section 8. All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of any such inconsistency.

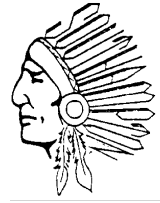
Section 9. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption this 7th day of January, 2025.

MOTION: L.C. SECOND: B.W. to approve Resolution of the Southampton Township Board of Education to Accept the Professional Engineer in Construction (PEC) Finding letters (item #1). ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0 MOTION CARRIES**

J. Allen	Y	R. Hann	Y	J. Hoey	Y
I. Bodine, III	Y	B. Hart	Y	S. Roseboro	Y
L. Carelli	Y	J. Hicks	Y	B. Wright	Y

2. Motion to approve Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Southampton, in the county of Burlington, New Jersey, approving the submission of a proposal to the voters of the School District at a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, location and times to be determined.

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO
THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 11, 2025

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 determined to undertake a capital project, including various improvements to its facilities and the acquisition of various equipment and other related improvements (collectively, the “Project”); 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; and

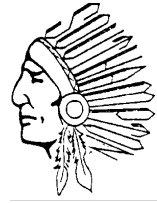
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to authorize and approve: (i) holding the Special Election on Tuesday, March 11, 2025; and (ii) a proposal to be presented to the voters of the School District at the Special Election.

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

Section 1. A special election of the legal voters of the School District in connection with the Project shall be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Section 2. The following proposal (“Proposal”) is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at the Special Election:

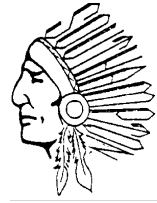
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PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of the Township of Southampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("School District"), is authorized to: (a) undertake for lawful school purposes a capital improvement program consisting of: (i) various improvements and upgrades at Southampton School #1, including the conversion of the existing bus garage into an annex to house an all-purpose, art & music rooms, and other support spaces; various security upgrades; the installation of a "Southampton History Wall"; the conversion of an existing all-purpose room into an instructional media center; improvements to various building systems; and the refurbishment of the playground; (ii) various improvements and upgrades at Southampton School #2, including the construction of new restrooms within certain existing classrooms; various security upgrades; improvements to various building systems; refurbishment of the playground; and flooring improvements; (iii) various improvements and upgrades at Southampton School #3, including, installation of an all-weather, multi-purpose field and running track with additional lighting upgrades; improvements to flooring, building and security systems; the refurbishment of the playground; and the removal of the solar array; and (iv) the completion of site and such other work and improvements, and acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment as may be necessary therefor or related to the completion of the projects set forth above; (b) expend for all the foregoing an amount not to exceed \$14,124,526 (\$8,875,106 of which represents eligible costs ("Final Eligible Costs"), as determined by the Commissioner of Education); and (c) issue bonds of the School District for said project in an amount not to exceed \$14,124,526 in which event the State will pay approximately 40% of the debt service (principal and interest) of the school bonds issued to finance the Final Eligible Costs; and (d) transfer unexpended bond proceeds between said school facility projects. This school facilities project includes \$5,249,420 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facility efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g).

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Notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, the Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, upon the advice of Bond Counsel, are each hereby authorized to approve any changes to the Proposals as may be advisable or as may be required pursuant to provisions of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act or other applicable law, provided, however, that no such changes shall result in the total appropriation for the projects set forth in the Proposals to exceed \$14,124,526.

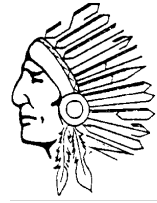
Section 3. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with Sections 16 and 17 of the School Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and 18A:24-17, a supplemental debt statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the chief financial officer of the Township of Southampton, New Jersey ("Township"), giving effect to the proposed authorization of bonds of the School District in the amount stated in the Proposals set forth above and that the supplemental debt statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to have the supplemental debt statement filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the special election.

Section 4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this resolution, including the Proposals, to the Burlington County Clerk, the Clerk of the Township and to the Burlington County Board of Elections.

Section 5. All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the School District by the members of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary or by the School District's professional advisors, in connection with the Special Election or the Proposals are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Section 6. The President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized to determine all matters and execute all documents and

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instruments in connection with the Special Election and the Proposals and the signatures of the President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools or Business Administrator/Board Secretary on such documents or instruments shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

Section 7. All other resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately on adoption this 7th day of January, 2025.

MOTION: J. Hoey SECOND: B. Wright to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Southampton, in the county of Burlington, New Jersey, approving the submission of a proposal to the voters of the School District at a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, location and times to be determined (item #2). ROLL CALL VOTE: **9:0 MOTION CARRIES**

***J.A. asked if we have established formally if we should remove the solar and if we have had any contact with any one from GSRP Holdings. J. Hicks stated we are looking into if we broke the contract early with the solar array company. M.C. stated we are waiting on a reply from the attorney's letter to them. They sent the certified letter twice.*

J.Allen asked if there are financial implications and if we can't get out of the contract. We need clarity.

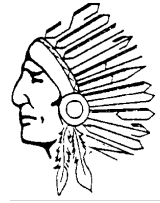
J. Hicks asked if we can put pressure on the companies to answer.

M.Geibel stated it is in the referendum to remove the solar array but that would be in year 2 unless we can get the numbers to see if it is financially better to remove or keep the solar array. The attorney Parker McCay has a solar expert who is looking over the contracts. We can not change the referendum since the letters are done. Asked Emily if she knew what the next course of action would be and she stated we need to get more aggressive.

Mr. Hicks asked if we can get more status by the 23rd meeting.

J. Allen	Y	R. Hann	Y	J. Hoey	Y
I. Bodine, III	Y	B. Hart	Y	S. Roseboro	Y
L. Carelli	Y	J. Hicks	Y	B. Wright	Y

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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 NONE

Next Meeting 1/23/25 6PM Public Session

MOTION: **B.W.** *SECOND:* **L.C.** *TO ADJOURN TIME:* **7:59 PM**