Southampton Township Board of Education Regular Meeting MINUTES 6:30 PM (Thursday, June 26, 2025)
Generated by Mary Conroy on Wednesday, August 6, 2025
1. OUR VISION/OUR MISSION
Procedural: 1.1 Southampton Township Public School Vision/Mission Statement

2. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 2.1 Call To Order/Roll Call

Board of Education Member	Present	Absent
Leon Carelli, Vice President	X	
Irving Bodine, III	X	
Joseph Allen	X	
Janine Hoey		EXCUSED
Sharon Roseboro	X	
Russell Hann	X	
Brett Hart	X	
Betty Wright	X	
Jeffrey Hicks, President	X	

**Also Present: Megan Geibel, Superintendent, Mary Conroy, Business Administrator, Jacob Riley, Solicitor

Procedural: 2.2 Notice that Public Session is Being Audio and Video Recorded

3. ENTER INTO/CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion: 3.1 Resolution to Enter Close Executive Session

Action, Procedural: 3.2 Motion to Approve Resolution to Enter Into Executive Session
***Mr. Allen motioned to enter into Executive Session Items 8&9 Mr. Bodine seconded. Voice Vote 8:0 Motion Carries**

Action (Consent): 3.3 Motion to Close Executive Session
***Motion by Mrs. Wright and seconded by Mr. Allen to close Executive Session at 7:09 PM Voice Vote 8:0 Motion Carries**

Procedural: 3.4 Public Notice of Meeting

4. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC
Procedural: 4.1 Statement
Procedural: 4.2 Salute to the Flag

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
***Mr. Allen would like to add (non) resident tuition rate to the agenda 16:24A**
Motion by Mr. Carelli and seconded by Mr. Allen to accept the agenda.Voice Vote 8:0 motion Carries

6. CORRESPONDENCE
Information, Procedural: 6.1 Correspondence
****Thank you cards from the 8th grade recipients: Avery Witts, Dillon DiNatale, Nolan Potter, Bobby Wintersteen**

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Information, Procedural: 7.1 *Employee Recognition
****Mrs. Roseboro presented to the May 2025 Recipients: Michael Siwak, Taylor Coniglio**

8. PRESENTATIONS

Information: 8.1 Greyhawk Presentation/End-of-Year Data Presentation
****Robert Dinan from Greyhawk presented himself and his company and discussed the plans for the referendum projects.**
****Casey Noble presented end of the year data.**

9. COMMUNITY TOPIC

Information: 9.1 Southampton Township PTA
****Ms. Colleen Riker the PTA Treasurer discussed all the PTA funded activities that took place: Field Day, Fun Run, 5th grade bash, 8th grade picnic, dinner dance, year books, boe was given yearbooks from the PTA, She was presented with a Lifetime Member of the PTA from Mrs. Roseboro**

10. BRIEF RECESS **8:41-8:47 PM**

11. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC
Procedural: 11.1 Statement to the Public

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Information, Procedural: 12.1 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

Information, Procedural: 12.2 Public Comment on Agenda-8:49PM
***Mrs. Carol Pully 40 year resident of Southampton Twp, husband and her raised 4 kids that went School 1 and 2. Wants us to pause on the artificial turf. She is a Nurse Practitioner and is concerned about students, health of soil, water for generations. Knows everyone is doing it but not necessarily good. She will leave the articles she had printed. Research not completed at this point. Wants the district to consider and research. Consider costs and removal costs. She left reading materials re: artificial turf. Mr. Hicks invited her to other meetings.**
George Scott-16.2.8 Mrs. Pero retiring. Makes him sad and she is the best teacher to come through the door. 16.2.4A. are we doing that before 16.2.4 to see costs? Mr. Hicks stated it is up to the board. Mr. Scott I know we do not talk about personnel action 16.2.15 is it wrong ? $4000 is a lot if we keep adding this up.

Information, Procedural: 12.3 Close Public Comment-

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action (Consent), Information, Minutes: 13.1 *Approval of Minutes **Motion by Mr. Carelli and seconded by Mrs. Roseboro to approve the minutes for work session, regular boe, and executive session. (4/10/25,4/30/25, 5/15/25, 5/22/25) with updates from this afternoon.**
Roll Call Vote 8:0 Motion Carries

__Y_ L. Carelli, Vice President
__Y_ I. Bodine
__Y_ J. Allen
__E_ J. Hoey
__Y_ S. Roseboro
__Y_ R. Hann
__Y_ B. Hart
__Y_ B. Wright
__Y_ J. Hicks, President

14. REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

Information: 14.1 Information Items

Action (Consent), Procedural, Reports: 14.2 *Action Items **Motion to approve Board Secretary report Items 1.1-1.12 Motion by Mrs. Wright and seconded by Mr. Bodine Roll Call Vote 8:0 Motion Carries**

__Y L. Carelli, Vice President
__Y I. Bodine
__Y J. Allen
__E J. Hoey
__Y S. Roseboro
__Y R. Hann
__Y B. Hart
__Y B. Wright
__Y J. Hicks, President **Recuse 1.2 Chk #** 5594, 5550, 5551

15. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Information, Procedural: 15.1 Information Items - **Mrs. Geibel explained 15.2.1-15.2.10**
****Mr. Hicks mentioned some of our preschool applications were flagged due to non resident. Mr. Hicks asked when we had a residency audit. Mrs. Geibel explained the residency document. We need more documentation and a signed affidavit. 7 families on the radar now. Mr. Hicks asked when the last audit was done? Not for a while but the families have been watched. Conversation continued...Audio available. Mr. Riley added to the conversation.**

Action (Consent), Procedural, Reports: 15.2 *Action Items

MOTION: _Allen__ SECOND: __Carelli_ to approve the Superintendent's Report (items #15.2.1-15.2.10) ROLL CALL VOTE **8:0 Motion Carries**
___Y L. Carelli, Vice President
___Y I. Bodine
___Y J. Allen
___E J. Hoey
___Y S. Roseboro
___Y R. Hann
___Y B. Hart
___Y B. Wright
___Y J. Hicks, President

16. PERSONNEL/STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT (Liaison: B. Wright) Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel, Committee of the Whole Meeting-June 16, 2025

Information, Procedural: 16.1 Information Items - NONE

16.2.1 Superintendent's Contract

- Approve, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11, the Southampton Township Board of Education is providing notice of its intent to hold a public hearing and to take action to amend the Employment Contract of the Superintendent of Schools at its regular meeting to be held on August 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the School #2 All-Purpose Room. This notice serves to meet the required 10-day notice prior to taking action and the 10-day notice of a public hearing as required by the statute. Prior to any action, the Board will permit the public to make comment on the proposed amended contract. The Board, pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public. However, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration. Copies of the proposed amended contract will be available to review by contacting Mary Conroy, Board Secretary, conroym@stsdwarriors.org or at the Southampton Township Administration Building, 177 Main Street, Southampton, NJ 08088 *Mr. Hicks said Southampton Township Schools Admin Building*

Motion: Wright Second: Allen to approve the Southampton Township Board of Education to provide notice of its intent to hold a public hearing and to take action to amend the Employment Contract of the Superintendent of Schools at its regular meeting to be held on August 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the School #2 All-Purpose Room, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11. (item #16.2.1) ROLL CALL VOTE:

___Y L. Carelli, Vice President
___Y I. Bodine
___Y J. Allen
___E J. Hoey
___Y S. Roseboro
___Y R. Hann
___Y B. Hart
___Y B. Wright
___R J. Hicks, President

Action (Consent): 16.2 *Action Items **Motion to approve Items 16.2.2-16.2.17 made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Carelli Roll Call vote 8:0 motion carries ** Mr. Allen is pulling out 16.2.4 and 16.2.4A**
MOTION: Wright SECOND: Carelli to approve the PERSONNEL/STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE Report (items #16.2.2-16.2.17) ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0 Motion Carries
_Y L. Carelli, Vice President
_Y I. Bodine
_Y J. Allen
_E J. Hoey
_Y S. Roseboro
_Y R. Hann
_Y B. Hart
_Y B. Wright
_Y J. Hicks, President **Recusal of 16.2.9,16.2.10,16.2.13**

****Mrs. Wright said to go back to 16.2.4 and 16.2.4A to discuss. Mr. Allen asked about tuition increase and he wants the student to finish at STSD.**
***Mr. Hicks asked Mrs. Geibel's opinion. She gave all the tuition costs in the surrounding towns. Mr. Hicks stated we need to decide due to time sensitive. Conversation continued. Mr. Allen would like to raise the tuition $500 for the 2025-2026 SY**
****Mr. Allen made a motion to raise the non resident student teaching tuition fee by $500 seconded by Mrs. Wright. Mr. Carelli discussed the fact that teachers would be invested in our district if their children were here. He does not think the $2500 tuition is necessary. Mrs. Wright said Mr. Carelli made some good points but we should charge something. Mrs. Roseboro said this is a nice recruitment and benefit to offer the teachers and would like them to stay. Giving the family less than two months to come up with $2000-$2500 by September is a lot to ask. Mr. Allen said it should be part of negotiations. Conversation continued.. ..audio available. 3:5 MOTION DEFEATED**
__N L. Carelli, Vice President
_ N I. Bodine
_ Y J. Allen
_ E J. Hoey
__N S. Roseboro
__N R. Hann
__N B. Hart
__Y B. Wright
__Y J. Hicks, President

***Mr. Carelli asked if the current tuition will remain since this motion was defeated. Mrs. Wright asked if we need to make a motion to keep it the same? Mr. Carelli motioned to keep the tuition rate at $2000 and Mr. Bodine seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE 7:0 MOTION CARRIES**

__Y L. Carelli, Vice President
___Y I. Bodine
___Y J. Allen
___E J. Hoey
___Y S. Roseboro
___Y R. Hann
___Y B. Hart
___Y B. Wright
___N J. Hicks, President

6.2.4 *Non-Resident Student

*Approve the enrollment into 6th Grade for a child of a non-resident teaching staff member, Employee #1126, for the 2025-2026 school year

Mrs. Wright made a motion to approve 16.2.4 and seconded by Mr. Allen ROLL CALL VOTE 8:0 MOTION CARRIES

___Y L. Carelli, Vice President
___Y I. Bodine
___Y J. Allen
___E J. Hoey
___Y S. Roseboro
___Y R. Hann
___Y B. Hart
___Y B. Wright
___Y J. Hicks, President

17. CURRICULUM/POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT (Liaison: J. Hicks) Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel, Committee of the Whole Meeting-June 16, 2025

Information, Procedural: 17.1 Information Items

Action (Consent), Discussion: 17.2 *Action Items **Motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve Items 17.2.1-17.2.3 Roll Call Vote 8:0 Motion Carries**

__Y L. Carelli, Vice President
__Y I. Bodine
__Y J. Allen
__E J. Hoey
__Y S. Roseboro
__Y R. Hann
__Y B. Hart
__Y B. Wright
__Y J. Hicks, President

Conversation regarding the term Family. Will revisit this.

18. BUDGET, FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Liaison: I. Bodine) Administrative Facilitator: Business Administrator, M. Conroy, Committee of the Whole Meeting-June 16, 2025

Information: 18.1 Information Items - NONE

Action (Consent): 18.2 Action Items **Motion made by Mr. Bodine and seconded by Mr. Carelli to approve items 18.2.1-18.2.4 Roll Call Vote 8:0 Motion Carries**
**** We will wait until Audit is complete to make any reserve transfers**

_ Y L. Carelli, Vice President
__Y I. Bodine
__Y J. Allen
__E J. Hoey
__Y S. Roseboro
__Y R. Hann
__Y B. Hart
__Y B. Wright
__Y J. Hicks, President

19. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Liaison: J. Hoey) Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel, Committee of the Whole Meeting-June 16, 2025

Information: 19.1 Information Items - **Mr. Hicks commented how nice the 8th grade Graduation was and Mr. Carelli stated that the Seneca Graduation was also very nice.**

Discussion: 19.2 Action Items - NONE

20. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT (Liaison: L. Carelli) Administrative Facilitator: Superintendent, M. Geibel, Committee of the Whole Meeting-June 16, 2025

Information: 20.1 Information Items - NONE

Information: 20.2 Action Items - NONE

21. REFERENDUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion, Information: 21.1 Information Items- Meet 3rd or 4th week of July**

Action (Consent), Information: 21.2 *Action Items-**Motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve Items 21.2.1-21.2.2 Roll Call Vote 8:0 Motion Carries**

__Y L. Carelli, Vice President
__Y I. Bodine
__Y J. Allen
__E J. Hoey
__Y S. Roseboro
__Y R. Hann
__Y B. Hart
__Y B. Wright
__Y J. Hicks, President

22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information: 22.1 Information Items-**New Board Goals to revisit in August Work Session**
**** Mr. Hicks asked for update on the Solar Energy Audit. Mrs. Geibel stated the company has all the information and we should hear back soon. We will have a virtual meeting with them in August**

Information: 22.2 Action Items - NONE

23. NEW BUSINESS

Information: 23.1 Information Items- Mrs. Carelli discussed the NJSBA Legislative Updates....Audio available

Information: 23.2 Action Items - NONE

24. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Procedural: 24.1 General Public Comments **10:42 PM**
**** George Scott- Student discount -Mr. Carelli asked the BA to get the number is he missing something? Mrs. Conroy said it is about $16,000. Mr. Scott said that is a $14,000 discount. He asked people about employee discounts. Was excited when Mr. Allen proposed 50% discount. Low income housing coming in its going to hurt. Please keep the tax payer in mind.**
****Mrs. Roselle- Southampton Twp Board Liaison Committee -invited to committee meeting as they take up a resolution on affordable housing. Fireworks July 12th, Baseball game, awards, enjoy your summer.**

25. CLOSE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Procedural: 25.1 Close General Public Comment **10:46 PM**

26. ADJOURNMENT

Action (Consent): 26.1 Adjournment **10:47 PM Motion by Mrs. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Roseboro Voice Vote:8:0**

27. DATES TO REMEMBER
****Mr. Hicks noted School Offices closed on Fridays in the summer.**

Information, Procedural: 27.1 Important Dates

28. ENTER INTO/CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (OPTIONAL, IF NEEDED)

29. EXECUTIVE AGENDA
Discussion: 29.1 Executive Session