Southampton Township Board of Education Regular Meeting MINUTES (Thursday, September 25, 2025) Audio recording is available
Generated by Mary Conroy on Friday, September 26, 2025
1. Opening of the Meeting - 7:04 PM
Procedural: A. Our Vision/Our Mission

Procedural: C. Flag Salute

Procedural: D. Roll Call

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

Others Present: Megan Geibel, Superintendent

Mary Conroy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Jacob Riley, Parker McCay

2. Closed Executive Session

Discussion: A. Resolution to Enter Closed Executive Session 6:35 PM

Action, Procedural: B. Motion to Approve Resolution to Enter into Executive Session
* Motion by Mrs. Hoey and seconded by Mr. Carelli Voice Vote 6:0

Discussion, Information: C. Executive Session

Action (Consent): D. Motion to Close Executive Session- 7:11 PM
* Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Hart Voice Vote 6:0

3. Statement on Recording of Meeting

Information: A. Audio and Video Recording Notice

4. Agenda Approval

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Agenda
*Change # 18 Referendum to Accept/Acknowledge Item 18B-this is not a definite quote, it is part of the proposal for volleyball courts, repaving, and turf fields. A separate Purchase Order will be done for each.
*Mr. Carelli stated we do not need to remove the word *approve. Mrs. Geibel amended to accept the proposal.
**Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mrs. Wright voice vote 6:0

5. Correspondence

Information: A. Thank You Note*
*Read by Mrs. Conroy

6. Community Topics & Presentations

Information: A. Southampton Township PTA
Mrs. Lynch, PTA Treasurer and Parent gave an update on all the events that the PTA sponsors: Teachers snacks for the beginning of school, Chalk the wall event, back to school grams, Walking Wednesdays, Mum Fundraiser, Child care for meetings, Family night, Halloween movie event, Meet the BOE Candidate night.
B. STEA
*STEA Member Tara Delucia-Teachers were very excited to set up their classrooms this year, made them exciting and cozy spaces for the students. The school #1 makeover was a nice surprise. The school #2/3 white boards and the playground was a big hit with the adults too. The STEA has fall fun events planned Dot Day, Literacy Night, Drama Guild, Kona Ice Event, STAR Foundation Golf. Thanked the BOE and Admin for everything.

Information: C. Retirement Recognition- The Admin Team recognized Mrs. Carol Pero and her retirement.

7. Brief Recess

Information: A. NJSLA 2024-2025 Scores Presentation- Mrs. Casey Noble presented and has also made a podcast and is available online.

8. Statements to the Public

Information: A. Public Participation Statement

9. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment on Agenda Items

Procedural: B. Close Public Comment on Agenda Items-8:58 PM
****George Scott-Appreciates the effort to post the bills list**
****R. Scott- Asked what 11B Transfers were. Mrs. Conroy stated that is money transfers between lines.**
****Carol Pully 10 Carolyn Lane- Thanked the Board for the presentation last week on the turf but stated some of the research is many years old. She also asked about costs and insurance.**
Her three minutes were up.
****Mr. Gregory Sobocinski, Landing Street- Asked about the Solar update and if we will consider going after initial contract company since the results are not what was promised. Mrs. Geibel stated this will be discussed with the solicitor. He also asked if the track and turf contract was approved with the referendum and are we looking over proposals. Mrs. Geibel stated we only have one proposal and it is being reviewed.**

10. Approval of Minutes

Action (Consent): A. Minutes *MINUTES to 8/12/2025 Mr. Hicks asked to do a separate motion for the board meeting minutes (8/12 and 8/21) since he was absent from the 8/21/25 meeting.

MOTION: __Mr. Carelli__ SECOND: _Mrs. Hoey___ to approve the Board Secretary Report (item #'s 10A Minutes from 8/12/25 BOE Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0
Y__ L. Carelli, Vice President
E__ I. Bodine
Y__ J. Allen
Y__ J. Hoey

E__ S. Roseboro
E__ R. Hann
Y__ B. Hart
Y__ B. Wright
Y__ J. Hicks, President

MOTION: __Mrs. Wright__ SECOND: Mr. Carelli__ to approve the Board Secretary Report (item #'s 10A 8/21/25 BOE Meeting Minute and Executive Minutes) ROLL CALL VOTE 5:0:1
Y_ L. Carelli, Vice President
E_ I. Bodine
Y_ J. Allen
Y_ J. Hoey
E_ S. Roseboro
E_ R. Hann
Y_ B. Hart
y_ B. Wright
R_ J. Hicks, President

11. Board Secretary Report

Information: B. July 2025 Transfers*
C. September 2025 Bills List
D. July 2025 Board Secretary Report
E. June* and July 2025 Treasurer's Report
F. July 2025 Monthly Certification Budgetary Line Item Status
G. July 2025 Revenue Account Status Report
H. Nutri-Serve Check Register Sept 2025

Action (Consent): I. Action

MOTION:_Mrs. Wright__ SECOND: _Mr. Hart__ to approve the Board Secretary Report (item #'s 11B-11H as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0
__Y_ L. Carelli, Vice President
__E_ I. Bodine

__Y_ J. Allen
_ Y_ J. Hoey
__E_ S. Roseboro
_ E_ R. Hann
__Y_ B. Hart
__Y_ B. Wright
__Y_ J. Hicks, President Recuse from check # 5790, 5769,5796, 5770

12. Superintendent's Report

Information: 12 A-12I

Action 12 action:

MOTION: _Mr. Allen___ SECOND: _Mr. Carelli____ to approve the Superintendent's Report (item #'s 12A-12I as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0 Motion Carries

*Mr. Carelli mentioned the Omega Man assembly was well received. Mr. Hicks would like a follow up on any issues discussed in the reports.

_Y___ L. Carelli, Vice President
_E___ I. Bodine
_Y___ J. Allen
_Y__ J. Hoey
_E___ S. Roseboro
_E___ R. Hann
_Y___ B. Hart
_Y___ B. Wright
_Y___J. Hicks, President

13. Personnel & Student Services, B. Wright, Committee Liaison
Items A-F

MOTION:__Mrs. Wright__ SECOND: _Mr. Hart___ to approve the Personnel and Student Services Report (item #'s 13 A-13F as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0 Motion carries

_Y___ L. Carelli, Vice President
_ E___ I. Bodine
_ Y___J. Allen
_Y__ J. Hoey
_ E___S. Roseboro
_ E___ R. Hann
_Y___ B. Hart
_Y___ B. Wright
_Y___J. Hicks, President - 1 exception recuse from 13B Workshop for Noble.

14.Curriculum & Instruction, J. Hicks, Committee Liaison
Items #14 A-D

MOTION:__Mr. Allen__ SECOND: _Mr. Carelli___ to approve the Curriculum and Instuction Report (item #'s 13 A-13F as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0 Motion carries

_Y___ L. Carelli, Vice President
_E___ I. Bodine
_Y___ J. Allen
_Y__ J. Hoey
_E___ S. Roseboro
_E___ R. Hann
_Y___ B. Hart
_Y___ B. Wright
_Y___J. Hicks, President

**Mr. Carelli explained the amendment to the donation policy and how the board should be notified. Mr. Carelli noted that the curriculum required literature is online for public view.

15. Budget, Finance & Facilities, I. Bodine, Committee Liaison
A. Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

MOTION:__Mrs. Wright__ SECOND: _Mrs. Hoey___ to approve the Budget, Finance and Facilities Report (item # 15A as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0 Motion carries

_Y___ L. Carelli, Vice President
_E___ I. Bodine
_Y___ J. Allen
_Y__ J. Hoey
_E___ S. Roseboro
_E___ R. Hann
_Y___ B. Hart
_Y___ B. Wright
_Y___J. Hicks, President

16. Public Relations, J. Hoey, Committee Liaison
Information: A. Updates- Successful Kindergarten Boot Camp, Meet and Greet, Community Open House and Back to School Nights. Upcoming Morning Halloween Parade and the STAR Foundation Golf Outing 10/10/25.

17. Technology, L. Carelli, Committee Liaison

Action: B. Action

MOTION: _Mr. Allen___ SECOND: _Mr. Hart___ to approve and adopt technology policies as listed (item #'s 17A **pull out Policy 0169) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0 Motion Carries

_Y___ L. Carelli, Vice President
_E___ I. Bodine
_Y___ J. Allen
_Y__ J. Hoey
_E___ S. Roseboro
_E___ R. Hann
_Y___ B. Hart
_Y___ B. Wright
_Y___J. Hicks, President
**Mr. Carelli noted a clerical change-Mr. Bokey is Supervisor of Technology. Mr. Carelli mentioned all the help that Mr. Bokey was as they reviewed and edited the policies.
** Mr. Allen asked about Policy #0169 and the board decided to pull this off until further investigation. Conversation regarding this policy took place. Mrs. Hoey thanked Mr. Carelli for looking at all these policies. Mr. Hart why didn't Strass Esmay notify of the technology updates and when they did the audit? They need to do this. Leon did all the reviews on these policies. Strauss Esmay has not done what needs to be done. Mr. Hart wants something done.

18. Referendum

Information: A. Project Updates- Mrs. Geibel gave update on projects- Purchase the Boilers to install next summer. American Athletics can move ahead with resurfacing and volleyball court. Do not need permits. Waiting on the architect drawings and approval from Preservation Commission and then we will go out to BID for annex and media center (school #1), CME testing and drawings for the turf fields.

Information: B. Review of Proposal*

Action: D. Action *Mr. Hart requested the RYEBREAD invoice be broken down.
MOTION: _Mr. Allen___ SECOND: _Mr. Carelli__ to approve the Referendum Bills List for August and September 2025 (item #'s 18C as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE 6:0 Motion Carries
_Y_ L. Carelli, Vice President
_ E___ I. Bodine
_Y___ J. Allen
_Y__ J. Hoey
_ E___S. Roseboro
_E___ R. Hann
_Y___ B. Hart
_Y___ B. Wright
_Y___J. Hicks, President

19. Unfinished Business -
**Board Goals and Action Plans -
Goal #1 - Audit district policies and regulations -Mr. Carelli will lead. (Carelli, Allen, and Hann)

Goal #2 - Develop a plan for the Southampton Advisory Council Attendance/Reporting - Advisory negotiated with STEA. Mrs. Wright will lead. (Wright, Hoey and Hart)

Goal #3 - To be determined off of self-evaluation Mr. Hicks discussed the evaluation results. Discussed timing of board goals and action plans. (Hicks, Bodine, and Roseboro)

20. New Business

Action, Information: A. Announcements and Reminders -
** STAR Foundation Gold Tournament
**NJSBA Conference
**BOE Member Election-Nov 4, 2025

**Discuss the Bill A-2180 Mrs. Geibel explained the situation with the approving of other drivers after August 22. Sent emails and has not been resolved.
** Mr. Carelli participated in the STEAM Tank Challenge Webinar-open for K-8 and urges the teachers to look into this program. Our NJSBA dues go towards this.

21. Public Comments - Open/Close 11:03-11:04PM

Procedural: A. Guidelines for Public Forum

Procedural: B. Public Comments - Open & Close 11:03 PM
**Mr. Sobocinski asked to correct the misspelling of his last name.

22. Adjournment

Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting - 11:04 Motion by Mr. Carelli and seconded by Mr. Hart Voice Vote 6:0 Motion carries

23. Dates to Remember

Information: A. Dates to Remember