

Southampton Township Board of Education Regular Meeting (Thursday, January 29, 2026)

Generated by Mary Conroy on Friday, February 6, 2026

1. Opening of the Meeting 6:30 PM

- Procedural: A. Our Vision/Our Mission
- Procedural: B. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Others Present: Megan Geibel, Superintendent
Mary Conroy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jacob Riley, Parker McCay

- Discussion: D. Resolution to Enter Closed Executive Session

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION-#8 & 9.

TIME: 6:31 PM MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: S. Roseboro VOICE VOTE **9:0 Motion Carries**

- Discussion, Information: B. Executive Session
- Action (Consent): C. Motion to Close Executive Session

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 7:12 PM MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: J. Hicks VOICE VOTE **9:0 Motion Carries**

3. Opening Public Meeting

- Information: A. Audio Recording Notice
- Procedural: B. Flag Salute
- Information: C. Guidelines for Public Forum
- Procedural: D. Public Comments - **Open- 7:15 PM**
 - *Mr. G. Scott-Spoke about attending last night's township committee meeting and explained how they stream their meetings. The school's IT Tech should go to the township's guy so he can show him how to do this? Please keep taxpayers at forefront.
- E. Close Public Comment- 7:16 PM
- Action (Consent): F. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: S. Roseboro SECOND: C. Donner to accept the agenda as published VOICE VOTE:**9:0 Motion Carries**

4. Correspondence - None

5. Community Topics & Presentations

- A. School Board Recognition Month
 - Mrs. Geibel recognized the Southampton Township Board of Education, and thanked them for all they do.
 - Adoption of Resolution in recognition of January being School Board Recognition Month
- B. Employee Recognition for November 2025 & December 2025
 - November 2025 Employee Recognition Recipients
 - Kristine Bertulis, School #2 & #3 Principal
 - Denise Ciesla, School #1 Administrative Assistant to the Principal
 - December 2025 Employee Recognition Recipients
 - Stephanie Wilhelm, RtI Teacher/Literacy Coach/Reading Specialist
 - Arden Hosier, School #1 Kindergarten Teacher
- C. Teacher of the Year/Educational Support Professional of the Year Presentation
 - Educational Support Professional of the Year Presentation
 - Jennifer Mikulski - School #2 & #3 Nurse (Presented by Casey Noble, Director of Curriculum & Instruction)
 - Teacher of the Year Presentation
 - School #1 - Jacalyn Ruhland - Kindergarten Teacher (Presented by Michele Henry, School #1 Principal)
 - School #2 - Jennifer Matthews - RtI Teacher (Presented by Kristine Bertulis, School #2 & #3 Principal)
 - School #3 - Jennifer Glodek - 8th Grade Math Teacher (Presented by Emily Grosser, School #2 & #3 Vice Principal)
- D. Southampton Township PTA
 - Mrs. Regina Hamara gave a PTA Update on all the events happening in the district.
- E. Southampton Township Education Association
 - Mrs. Jennifer Matthews gave an update on the STEA and the sponsored events. She also congratulated the Board of Education and all the employees recognized at the meeting.
- F. SSDS (Student Safety Data System) Semi-Annual Report Presentation*

Motion: **L. Carelli** Second: **J. Allen** to accept and approve the Semi-Annual Report Presentation*. ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0 Motion Carries**

Y B. Wright, Vice President
 Y C. Donner
 Y J. Hoey
 Y B. Hart
 Y J. Hicks
 Y J. Allen
 Y S. Roseboro
 Y R. Hann
 Y L. Carelli, President

Motion: **J. Hicks** Second: **J. Hoey** to adopt Resolution in recognition of January being School Board Recognition Month. ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0 Motion Carries**

Y B. Wright, Vice President
 Y C. Donner
 Y J. Hoey
 Y B. Hart
 Y J. Hicks
 Y J. Allen
 Y S. Roseboro
 Y R. Hann
 Y L. Carelli, President

6. Brief Recess - Cake to celebrate 7:56 PM

7. Approval of Minutes

- Action (Consent): A. Minutes*

MOTION: **J. Hicks** SECOND: **J. Allen** to approve the December 11, 2025 Work Session/Executive Session Minutes and the December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting/Executive Session Minutes (as provided in the Board packet) ROLL CALL VOTE: **9:0 Motion Carries**

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

8. Board Secretary Report

- A. Information - None
- B. November and December 2025 Transfers*
- C. January 2026 Bill Lists*
 - J. Hicks recuse
- D. November and December 2025 Board Secretary's Report*
- E. November 2025 Treasurer's Report*
- F. November and December 2025 Monthly Certification Budgetary Line Item Status*
- G. November and December 2025 Revenue Account Status Report *
- H. Nutri-Serve Check Register *
- I. Action

MOTION: **J. Allen** SECOND: **J. Hicks** to approve the Board Secretary Report (item #'s 8B-8H as listed) ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0 Motion Carries**

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

8. Superintendent's Report

- Information:
 - A. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report*
 - B. Special Services Report*
 - C. Curriculum Director's Report
 - D. Nurses' Report*
 - E. Fire & Security Drills Report *
 - *Mr. Hicks asked about the fire drill report and the issues. Can there be a report that the issues were fixed or the status of when they will be fixed.
 - *Mrs. Geibel explained these reports are created for the state.
 - *Mr. Hicks asked that the board get a separate report.
 - Discussion regarding this issue took place.
 - F. Suspension Reports*
 - G. Principals' Report *
 - H. Enrollment Report *
 - I. Technology Report*
 - J. Action

MOTION: **J. Hicks** SECOND: **B. Hart** to approve the Superintendent's Report (items #9A - 9I) ROLL CALL VOTE **9:0 Motion Carries**

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

10. Personnel & Student Services: S. Roseboro, Liaison

- ***Mr. Hicks** asked Mrs. Geibel to explain the Chronic Absenteeism Action Plan.
 - Mrs. Geibel stated that QSAC flagged School #1 on chronic absenteeism and a corrective action plan was needed.
- ***Mr. Carelli** commended the administrators for working so diligently on this.
- **Mrs. Bertulis** explained what they do to entice students to attend school and that it is less of a problem with older students.
- **Mrs. Henry** also spoke on some enticements they use in School #1 to have students attend and not be absent.

Motion: J. Allen Second: C. Donner to approve the Personnel & Student Services Report (items #10B-10G) ROLL CALL VOTE: 9:0 Motion Carries

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks (Recuse from Item B)
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

11. Curriculum & Policy: L. Carelli, Liaison

- ***Mr. Carelli** discussed Item B. Sexual Harassment and the reading of this.
- ***Mr. Riley** spoke and explained more of the legalities of this policy and the school district's role.
- ***Upcoming** cell phone ban policy and how to notify parents of the upcoming policy discussion took place.

Motion: J. Hicks Second: J. Hoey to approve the Curriculum & Policy Report (items #11A and 11B) ROLL CALL VOTE : 9:0 Motion Carries

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

Motion: L. Carelli Second: B. Wright to approve the Curriculum and Policy Report as amended based on Preponderance of the Evidence (items #11A and 11B-Policy 1552) ROLL CALL VOTE: 9:0 Motion Carries

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks (w/exception of item B-Policy 0142.1, 1220, P&R 1552)
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

12. Budget, Finance & Facilities: B. Hart, Liaison

Motion: B. Hart Second: S. Roseboro to approve the Budget, Finance & Facilities Report (items #12A-12D) ROLL CALL VOTE: 9:0 Motion Carries

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart (Mr. Hart noted that there were spelling errors in the audit report)
Y J. Hicks
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

13. Public Relations: J. Hoey, Liaison

- Information:
 - A. Updates
 - The 5th Grade Wax Museum
 - Took place on January 23, 2026
 - Kids did such a great job
 - Mrs. Wright stated she wished they could do this at night for more people to see.
 - 2026-2027 Preschool Registration
 - Opens March 1, 2026
 - Mrs. Geibel stated we have room for 90 students for next school year but may not fill that.
 - Mrs. Geibel explained the PEA funding.
 - Mr. Carelli stated that local preschool owners are concerned for their business and we should be aware.
 - B. Township Committee Meeting Report*
 - Mr. Hicks gave an update about the Township Meeting.
 - Mr. Hicks stated he shared town bills list with the board leadership and asked if it can shared with the board on the agenda.
 - Mr. Carelli does not think it needs to be on our agenda.
 - You can find this on the township's website.
 - Mr. Hicks updated about the Mill Street Bridge design and meeting on 2/12/26.
 - Mr. Hicks also gave an update on the old cannery that maybe used as affordable housing.
 - Mr. Hicks let the township know the happenings in our district and gave an update on the referendum projects and the audit.

14. Technology: C. Donner, Liaison

- Three-Year Technology Plan

15. Referendum: R. Hann, B. Hart, C. Donner (Alt. J. Allen)

- *Mr. Hart and Mr. Donner asked about the invoice from the architect
- Conversation took place explaining the invoice and what costs were involved in the projects.

- Information: A. Project Updates
- Action: D. Action

MOTION: S. Roseboro SECOND: J. Allen to approve Referendum Account Bill List (item #15C) ROLL CALL VOTE: 9:0 Motion Carries

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey
Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks
Y J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

16. Unfinished Business

- Affirm the following Board of Education Appointments:
 - NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
 - Delegate: *Russell Hann*
 - Alternate Delegate: *Sharon Roseboro*
 - Legislative Chairperson: *Sharon Roseboro*
 - Alternate Legislative Chairperson: *Russell Hann*
 - BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
 - Representative to Executive Committee: *Betty Wright*
 - MENTOR FOR NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER
 - Christopher Donner: *Russell Hann*
 - BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
 - *Jeffrey Hicks*
 - LIAISONS OF THE BOARD
 - Budget, Finance & Facilities: *Brett Hart*
 - Personnel & Student Services: *Sharon Roseboro*
 - Curriculum & Policy: *Leon Carelli*
 - Public Relations: *Janine Hoey*

- Technology: *Christopher Donner*
- AD-HOC COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
 - Sick Leave Bank:
 - *Betty Wright, Janine Hoey, Sharon Roseboro*
 - Referendum:
 - *Russell Hann, Brett Hart, Christopher Donner*
 - Alternate: *Joseph Allen*

17. New Business

- Information: A. Announcements and Reminders
 - Southampton Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year
 - February 2 (focusing on co-teaching)
 - March 30 - Mid-Year Data & Calendar Planning
 - June 8 - Planning for next year
 - Special Education Parent Advisory Group Meeting
 - January 27, 2026 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather
 - New meeting date is February 25, 2026

18. Public Comments - Open/Close 10:29 PM - 10:36 PM

- *Mrs. Scott, Ridge Road
 - Stated that Mrs. Roseboro needs to speak louder.
 - The absentee letters are on time.
 - With the new board, you need to take less anger out on each other and stop fighting against each other for the good of the kids.
 - Three parents walked out.
- *Mr. Scott
 - Is the hand washer station going to cost us more money?
 - Mr. Carelli stated no it's part of the updates.
 - When he went to the township meeting, he noticed the tax levy payment to the school changed and asked why.
 - Mrs. Conroy told him it's due to the different calendars.
 - The RYEBREAD invoice and asked how we need to rein in the architect.
 - They need to give good advice.
 - When do we get the state aid funding back?
 - Mrs. Geibel stated when all projects are done.
 - She explained how the DS works and the schedule.
 - Mr. Scott said to please keep the taxpayers in your forefront when making decisions.

19. Adjournment

- Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION: J. Allen SECOND: C. Donner TO ADJOURN TIME: 10:36 PM

20. Dates to Remember

- Information: A. Dates to Remember