Southampton Township Board of Education Work Session (Thursday, February 19, 2026)

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1. Opening of the Meeting

- 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		EXCUSED
Sharon Roseboro	X	
Russell Hann	X	
Leon Carelli, President	X	

Others Present:

- Megan Geibel, Superintendent
  Mary Conroy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- Discussion: D. Resolution to Enter Closed Executive Session

2. Closed Executive Session

- Action, Procedural: A. Motion to Approve Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

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, February 19, 2026**; 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: **6:08 PM** MOTION: **S. Roseboro** SECOND: **B. Hart** **VOICE VOTE 8:0 Motion Carries**

- Discussion, Information: B. Executive Session *Matters 7&9

- Action (Consent): C. Motion to Close Executive Session

MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: **7:02 PM** MOTION: **C. Donner** SECOND: **J. Hoey** **VOICE VOTE 8:0 Motion Carries**

3. Opening Public Meeting

- Procedural: C. Guidelines for Public Forum

- Procedural: D. Public Comment-Open-**7:04 PM**
  - NONE: *Mr. Hicks noted the public comment should be before approval of agenda.
- Procedural: E. Public Comment-Close-**7:05 PM**
- Action (Consent): F. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: **J. Hoey** SECOND: **C. Donner** to accept the agenda as published **VOICE VOTE:8:0 Motion Carries**

4. Unfinished Business

5. New Business

- Information: A. Announcements and Reminders
  - Presentations at the February 26, 2026 Board of Education Meeting
    - Entrepreneur Club
  - Reminders to Board of Education Members
    - Financial Disclosure Forms are due
    - 2026 Burlington County SBA 8th Grade Dialogue
      - March 19, 2026
      - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
      - Helen Fort Middle School, 301 Fort Dix Road, Pemberton, NJ
      - RSVP by February 26, 2026 to Christine Milke, Administrative Assistant-Mr. Hicks noted the Dialogue is open to all board members.

6. Personnel & Student Services

- A. Workshops
- B. Field Trips
  - Discussion about having an 8th grade field trip to NYC and the costs.
- C. Student Residency/Tuition assessment/Action

MOTION was made by **L.Carelli** SECOND: **C. Donner** to add the student ID 162482 to Item 6C. **Motion Carries 8:0**

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

MOTION: L. Carelli SECOND: B. Wright Student ID #162482, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1(b)(2), finds that the student is not eligible for enrollment as a resident student and directs administration to issue the required written notice of removal and appeal rights-8:0 Motion Carries

Y B. Wright, Vice President
Y C. Donner
Y J. Hoey

Y B. Hart
Y J. Hicks
A J. Allen
Y S. Roseboro
Y R. Hann
Y L. Carelli, President

*Amendment to add the student ID by L. Carelli and seconded by Mr. Hicks 8:0 Motion Carries

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

D. Student residency matter/Action-Discussion regarding residency/hardship was discussed among the board members and Mrs. Geibel explained.

MOTION: C. Donner SECOND: J. Hoey Student ID #161996, 162221, 161733 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1(b)(2), finds that the students are not eligible for enrollment as a resident student and directs administration to issue the required written notice of removal and appeal rights.

Mr. Donner and Mrs. Hoey rescinded the motion to amend it to a new motion to disenroll due to no residency **8:0 Motion Carries.** The Board had a discussion regarding this issue. This will be effective Monday. Mr. Carelli made note that the board of education discusses certain items in executive session and does make sure the students get the education they need, and these votes are never taken lightly.

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

7. Curriculum & Instruction

- Presentation by Mrs. Casey Noble, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
  - 2025-2026 Mid-Year School District Benchmark Data Progress

- B. Policy Alert

- C. Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
    - Mrs. Geibel stated no issues so far with our students.
- D. New Public Notice Law Discussion *

8. Budget, Finance & Facilities

- Information: A. Information
    - Mrs. Conroy working on the 2026/2027 budget.
    - Some obstacles are:
        - increase +16% in health benefits
        - Out-of-District students
        - Discussion of preschool funds and the state funding

9. Public Relations

- Information: A. Updates

10. Technology

- HPE Aruba Conference
    - June 15-18th
- Projector for Warrior Dome
- 3D printers arrived and deployed to STEAM lab
- Discussion of Aruba conference and the benefits to Mr. Bokey and the district.

11. Referendum

- A. Timeline
    - Demo permit should be in at the end of week
    - March 4 3-Bay Shed Coming
    - Track and Turf Meeting March 6, 2026
        - Timeline
        - Design
        - Final Proposal
- B. Approved Resolution for Annex
    - *Discussion of the annex and the updates of the progress
    - *Mr. Donner stated "For the Record- originally was a Conversion and now New Construction
    - Wait until November to move forward with the construction
    - Discussion took place
- C. Referendum Invoices*
    - Mr. Hart asked about all the submittals on the RYEBREAD invoices and to get clarity.
    - Review referendum invoices from RYEBREAD Architects
        - Invoice #26-006
        - Invoice #26-007

12. Public Comments - Open/Close-9:24 PM

- Procedural: A. Public Comments - Open-**9:24 PM**

13. Adjournment

- Action: A. Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION: **J. Hicks** SECOND: **B. Hart** TO ADJOURN TIME: **9:25 PM**