

SOMERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education
301 Grace Street
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Work Session of the Board of Education

September 28, 2017

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 6:40 pm

BOE Mission Statement

The mission of the Somerdale School District, in active partnership with the community and staff, is to provide a safe and supportive environment which offers all students the opportunity to develop academically, socially, physically and emotionally, and to create students who are inquisitive and value learning not, only now, but also in the future.

We aspire to provide a broad range of educational opportunities in a nurturing environment designed to challenge all students to strive for personal excellence, achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards and become responsible citizens in this rapidly changing world.

II. SUNSHINE LAW/ROLL CALL

Sunshine Law:

The Somerdale Board of Education Work Session is called to order. The Board of Education is in compliance with the sunshine regulations. This meeting was appropriately advertised by notifying The Courier Post and The Philadelphia Inquirer, as well as posting notices in Borough Hall, the Somerdale Post Office and the Somerdale Park School.

James Anderson - Absent	Susan Lowden - Present
Alicia Conte - Present	Melissa Moore - Present
Colm Fidgeon - Present	John Phillips - Present
Monique Howard - Present	James Walsh - Absent
Kimberly Barkoff - Present	

Also Present:

Dr. Dennis M. Vespe, Superintendent/Principal
Mr. Ford, Vice Principal
Melissa Engelhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS on any action items. N/A

NOTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience whom wish to comment **on any action items on this Agenda.**

Please respect the following procedures:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Identify the resolution/item number on which you wish to comment.
4. Wait to be recognized before you make your comment
(*Just before the resolution is voted on*).
5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution/items.
6. Limit your comments to (3) minutes per person.

IV. PROJECT/BOND REPORT BY SUPERINTENDENT

James Anderson arrived at the meeting at 6:47 pm

Administration needs BOE direction on proceeding with RFP on combined solar/roof project where solar company is to include cost of roof replacement with the solar installation in exchange for SREC and reduced energy savings or continue with possible bond for roof, parking lots and playground.

Board responded to proceed with both.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

On a motion made by Mr. Fidgeon and seconded by Mrs. Conte the board entered into executive session at 7:14 pm.

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Somerdale Park School District, Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in Executive Session,” i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the nine exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the decision as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b):

- X Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public;

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is undetermined; however, the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will make every attempt to estimate the time of the session prior to convening the session after which the public meeting shall reconvene at 7:24 pm and the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will proceed with business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education attorney advises that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the school district or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the board secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

VI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Fidgeon and seconded by Mrs. Moore the board returned to public session at 7:20 pm

VII. NEW BUSINESS

BUSINESS AFFAIRS, John Phillips, Chairperson, James Walsh, Alternate Chairperson, Kim Barkoff, Administrative Liaisons: Dr. Dennis Vespe, Melissa Engelhardt

A. Finance – Reviews and monitors the school district budget and assumes other fiscal responsibilities

On a motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Fidgeon the following was approved:

Recommend that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the business administrator approve the following items 1:

1. To approve the submission of the Interim Superintendent contract to the Executive County Superintendent.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 8 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Discussion with Terri Lewis from NJSBA on building superintendent profile.

Mr. Phillips left the meeting at 7:31 pm

- Cancel Oct 26th work session; Nov 30 closed work session, no action at 6:30 pm - contract negotiations; Move Dec 28th work session to the 7th, closed session with no action at 6 pm - contract negotiations; Jan 22, 23, 25 closed work sessions, no action at 6 pm - 1st round interviews; Feb 12, 13 closed work sessions, no action at 6 pm - 2nd round interviews
- 10/4/17 Camden/Gloucester: sign up Colm Fidgeon

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Conte the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Engelhardt