

SOMERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education
301 Grace Street
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

June 21, 2017

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 5:32 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 Meeting 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.

Our attorney has advised us that we cannot prevent you from making remarks about our employees. He has requested we advise you that our employees are not Public Officials and you are not immune from civil actions they may bring as a result of your remarks whether vocal, by e-mail, or social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

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

Also Present:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS on any action items. - None

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. NEW BUSINESS

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, Alicia Conte, Chairperson, James Anderson, Alternate Chairperson, Kim Barkoff, Administrative Liaison: Robert Ford

A. Policy – Reviews, updates and creates district policies with Superintendent and presents them to the board.

Report by Policy Committee Chair

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

Recommend that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following items 1 a-j:

1. For Second Reading a - j:
 - a. 0000.02 Introduction
 - b. 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option
 - c. 2460 Special Education
 - d. 2464 Gifted and Talented Students
 - e. 2467 Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents
 - f. 2622 Student Assessment
 - g. 3160 Physical Examination
 - h. 4160 Physical Examination
 - i. R 2460 Special Education
 - j. R 2460.1 Special Education – Location, Identification, and Referral

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 5 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 4

On a motion made by Mrs. Barkoff and seconded by Dr. Howard the following was approved:

Recommend that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the following items 1 k-p :

For Second Reading Items k - p:

- k. R 2460.8 Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education
- l. R 2460.9 Special Education – Transition From Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs
- m. R 2460.15 Special Education – In-Service Training Needs for Professional and Paraprofessional Staff
- n. R 2460.16 Special Education - Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Students
- o. R 3160 Physical Examination
- p. R 4160 Physical Examination

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 5 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 4

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on any item) - None

Audience Recognition and Public Comment

The public is reminded that all public complaints against a district employee must be made through a specific grievance process.

A description of this process may be found in BOE policy (File Code 9130). This policy is available upon request in the office of the Board Secretary.

Any individual naming an employee in a complaint before the Board of Education, without the employee's permission, could be cited for violating that employee's civil and contractual rights.

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Mr. Anderson arrived at the meeting at 5:37 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Phillips the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Engelhardt