

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School by board president Allison Lih-Thiessen with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by this opening statement:

STATEMENT RE: SUNSHINE LAW

This meeting has been advertised in two newspapers, the Courier-News and Star-Ledger, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting and has been posted in conspicuous locations including the borough hall and school buildings. This complies with state law governing meetings of school boards and other organizations.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Ambrose, Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen, Mrs. Noll and Mrs. Sarboukh

ABSENT: Mrs. Santora

Also present: Dr. Lorise Goeke, Superintendent/Principal; Staff members Mr. Parente, Mrs. DeGiralamo and Ms. Drury; PTO members Mrs. Cuzzocrea, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Stephens, and Mrs. Seyffart; Mrs. Malone, Secretary/Bookkeeper; and Mr. Salkeld.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda as distributed to board members.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mr. Allen

VOTE: 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2011

Motion to approve minutes of January 13, 2011, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Esposito

SECOND: Mrs. Noll

VOTE: 6-0

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Parente acknowledged a gift of twelve keyboards from the PTO. He indicated he was overwhelmed by their generosity, which will revolutionize the music department by adapting technology into the curriculum. He was touched that these parents would make such a purchase when so many districts are cutting art and music programs in their schools. Mrs. Lih-Thiessen, on behalf of the board, added their appreciation.

(Dr. Goeke's report is attached)

CONSENT ITEMS

a. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to approve payment of bills per warrant listing dated January 27, 2011 in the amount of \$317,561.59.

Motion to approve the above consent item a.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh

ROLL CALL

VOTE: 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of resignation from Deepika Gidwani, lunchroom aide.
- b. Letter from The Eagleton Institute at Rutgers, informing Mrs. Bochner that her class has been selected to receive a grant.
- c. Letter from Robert Morris PTO regarding gift of keyboards to the Music Department.

ACTION ITEMS A-W

Motion to open items a-w for discussion.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh

SECOND: Mrs. Esposito

VOTE: 6-0

a. **SCHOOL BOARDS RECOGNITION MONTH RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2011 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The South Bound Brook Board of Education is one of 588 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The South Bound Brook Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.37 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school

students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of local boards of education, in partnership with stakeholders ranging from parents to teachers to state education officials, have fostered a public school system that has contributed to New Jersey's status as a leader in academic benchmarks, such as elementary and middle school scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and college preparation through Advanced Placement offerings; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the South Bound Brook Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2011 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the South Bound Brook Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

NOTE: After Dr. Goeke read the above resolution, she thanked the PTO for providing refreshments and the board took a break to enjoy them, reconvening at 8:00.

b. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
(NEW AND REVISED)

Motion to adopt, for second reading and adoption, the following Policies and Administrative Regulations:

- 1140 Affirmative Action Program (New policy)
- 1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan (Revised policy)
- 1530 Equal Employment Opportunities (Revised policy & regulation)
- 1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (Revised policy & regulation)
- 2260 Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices

- (Revised policy)
 - 2415.01 Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability (Revised policy)
 - 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (Revised policy & regulation)
 - 6360 Political Contributions (Revised policy)
 - 6362 Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards (Revised policy)
 - 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (Revised policy)
 - 8420 Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (Revised regulation)
 - 8420.2 Bomb Threat (Revised regulation)
 - 8420.7 Lockdown Procedures (Revised regulation)
 - 8420.10 Active Shooter (New regulation)
 - 8740 Bonding (Revised policy)
- c. FIRST READING OF POLICY
Motion to adopt, for first reading, the following Policy:
2415.04 Title I – District-wide Parental Involvement
- d. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM PTO
Motion to accept a gift of 12 new Yamaha keyboards from the PTO.
- e. EMPLOYMENT (TEMPORARY) OF INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Motion presented, as recommended by the superintendent, to employ Patrick R. Collum as an interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator. Mr. Collum will be paid \$500.00 per diem, not to exceed eight (8) days between January 31, 2011 and February 16, 2011.

APPROPRIATION LINE 11-000-251-101
- f. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH EJK ASSOCIATES RECORDS
MANAGEMENT GROUP
Motion, as recommended by the superintendent, to contract with EJK Associates Records Management Group to purge and organize records at a cost of \$5,250.00.

APPROPRIATION LINE 11-000-262-300
- g. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF DEEPIKA GIDWANI
Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of lunchroom aide Deepika Gidwani, effective January 28, 2011.

h. ACCEPTANCE OF STATE HOUSE EXPRESS GRANT

Motion to accept a grant of \$300.00 from the Eagleton Institute at Rutgers, donated to help pay for a bus to take Mrs. Bochner's eighth grade Civics students to the State House in Trenton for a tour.

i. RESOLUTION WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2011-12, and

Whereas, the South Bound Brook Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the South Bound Brook Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Somerset an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2011-12 school year.

j. MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS

Motion to approve the attendance of the following to attend workshops and to receive reimbursement for incurred expenses:

S. Bartocci	2/10/11	20-234-100-600	Somerset, NJ workshop
B. Coddington	4/1/11	20-234-200-500	Rutgers Reading/Writing

k. APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion, as recommended by the superintendent, to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year (September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011):

Aleksandra Hucul

l. ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Motion to approve scheduling of annual school board election for Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

m. POSTING OF ELECTION NOTICES

The Election Budget Notice will be posted on school houses located in the district. The board of education will also designate the public place(s) to post such notices. It is recommended that such notices be posted at the following locations:

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| 1. Borough Hall | 4. Krauszer's |
| 2. C-Town Market | 5. Jimmy's Deli |
| 3. Joe's Meat Market | 6. Main Street Liquors |

n. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

It is recommended that the Somerset County Board of Elections be authorized to advertise for absentee ballots in the Courier-News. The cost is to be divided among participating districts.

o. DAY/TIME FOR DRAWING OF NAMES FOR POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

The drawing of the names for ballot position shall be performed by the Secretary of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board of Education shall make public announcement at the drawing of each name, the order in which the name is drawn and the term for which the drawing is made. The drawing of names for ballot position will be held in the Board of Education Office on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

p. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011-2012 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

It is recommended that the day/time of the public hearing on the 2011-2012 proposed school budget be scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

q. DATE OF ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

All Type II boards of education, including regional districts, shall organize annually on any day of the first or second week following the annual school election (18A:10-3). The dates for the annual organization meeting must be between Monday, May 2, 2011 and Friday, May 13, 2011. Motion to schedule the organization meeting of the South Bound Brook Board of Education for Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School.

r. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS TRIPS

Motion to approve the following class trips for the 2010-2011 school year (at no cost to the Board of Education):

PSD	2/10/11	SBB Post Office (walking)
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PSD, PreK	10/5/10	SBB Firehouse (walking)
PreK	5/12/11	Turtleback Zoo, Livingston
PreK	2/8/11	SBB Post Office (walking)
Kindergarten	3/11/11	Jenkinson's Aquarium
1 st Grade	3/24/11	Morris Museum
1 st Grade	12/10/10	SBB Post Office (walking)
2 nd Grade	3/28/11	Theatre at RVCC, North Branch
3 rd Grade	11/3/10	Cook Farm, Rutgers University
4 th Grade	10/22/10	Bound Brook Library (walking)
4 th Grade	5/25/11	Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY
5 th Grade	4/28/11	Liberty Science Center
6 th Grade	11/11/10	RVCC Planetarium
7 th Grade	10/13/10	Merrill Creek
8 th Grade	6/1-2/11	Malibu Ranch, Milford, NJ
8 th Grade	4/29/11	NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Museum
8 th Grade	5/26/11	Holocaust program, RVCC
7/8 th Grade		Teen Arts Festival, RVCC
Band	5/27/11	Great Adventure

s. TUITION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT FOR 2010-2011

A motion is necessary for inclusion in the minutes to accept the following costs for out-of-district placements for the 2010-2011 school year (September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011):

<u>ID #</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
1684073082	Matheny School	11-000-100-566
	Bernards Twp.	11-000-100-566
		\$46,400.00 (pro-rated 116 days)
		6,001.74 (9/14-11/22)

t. APPROVAL OF STAFFING FOR PASS PROGRAM

Motion to approve the following staff members for the after-school PASS program for the 2010-2011 school year (February 8, 2011 through April 27, 2011):

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Language Arts Literacy</u>	<u>Math</u>
3	Mrs. Steeber	Mrs. Bartocci
4	Mrs. D'Alessandro	Mrs. Kordell
5	Mrs. Wanzie	Mrs. Lidon
6	Mrs. Kordell	Mrs. Tomaino
7	Mrs. Lidon	Ms. Drury

- u. CONTRACT WITH YOUNG AUDIENCES OF PRINCETON, NJ
Motion to enter into service contract with Young Audiences of Princeton, NJ, for a program called *Bantaba: the Circle of Celebration* at no cost to the district, to be funded by a grant from the Dodge Dance Subsidy in the amount of \$1,025.00.
- v. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2011-2012
Motion to approve the school calendar for 2011-2012.
- w. ADJUSTMENT TO 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR
Motion to adjust the 2010-2011 school calendar to indicate the following: Last day of school will be June 23 for students and June 24 for teachers.

Motion to approve above action items a-w.

MOTION: Mrs. Esposito SECOND: Mrs. Noll ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (TIME: 8:25 p.m.)
RESOLVED by the South Bound Brook Board of Education as per
Chapter 231, P.L. 1975:

- a. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on February 10, 2011 to discuss
 - Four-day summer work week
 - Shared Services
- b. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.
- c. Length of meeting thought to be approximately 60 minutes.
- d. No action will be taken upon return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh SECOND: Mr. Ambrose VOTE: 6-0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Motion to return to Open Session at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh SECOND: Mr. Ambrose VOTE: 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOUND BROOK: Mr. Allen reported he will be attending the next meeting of the Bound Brook BOE.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Malone
Secretary Pro Tem

