

EGG HARBOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Egg Harbor City Board of Education was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at the Egg Harbor City Community School, 730 Havana Avenue, Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, with Board President, Janine Brown opening the meeting, and board members, Stephen Bouchard, Carmen Filippello, Julie Hall, Stephen Murphy, Steven Ortiz and Jeanne Williams (arrived at 7:05) present. Also present was: Superintendent/CLS Principal, Adrienne Shulby; Business Administrator, Joseph Smurlo; Community School Principal, John Griffith; Supervisor of Special Projects, Gina Forester; Board Solicitor, Ron Sahli and Board Secretary, Laura E. Quiñones.

Mrs. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following statement: This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District, in the County of Atlantic, that adequate notice has been given of this meeting as required by the provision of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; that notice thereof has been forwarded for publication in the District official newspapers, posted in the city Schools, and forwarded to the city Clerk within the time required by said Act.

Mrs. Brown called for the flag salute and roll call, which is reflected in the opening paragraph.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Bouchard, and carried the Board resolved to enter into executive session as follows:

RESOLVED: At a public meeting of the Board of Education held on February 11, 2015 at 7:02 p.m. that pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of the "Open Public Meetings Act", the following subjects be discussed in a session of the Board of Education closed to the public:

- (1) Litigation
- (2) Personnel
- (3) Contracts
- (4) Negotiations

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the Resolution can be disclosed to the public when a decision is made upon the same, and in personnel matter, with the consent of the employee.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:15 p.m.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Brown invited the public to comment on or question any topic related to the Board of Education agenda items. No public comments were made.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD

No comments were made.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mrs. Shulby stated that there will be a meeting with SDA on 3/18 at 11:30am at the Community School. City council members and the mayor will also be present. If board members plan to attend please send an email so that everyone may be accommodated.

Mr. Smurlo discussed the budget which is on tonight's agenda. A finance committee meeting was held and the bank cap was discussed. Since we need to build up capital reserve, the committee has decided to ask for an additional 1 cent to be placed in capital reserve. Mr. Smurlo, Mrs. Shulby and Mayor Jiampetti met to discuss the increase. Mr. Smurlo handed out a new resolution reflecting these changes which will replace the resolution on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Smurlo is requesting to add a facilities use request that he received from the American Cancer Society. The society is requesting to use the school parking lot as a stop for their June bike run. Mr. Smurlo will contact them to discuss the details of their request.

Dr. Forester discussed the ACCESS test for ELL students. She stated that testing has begun and that there will be a change next year. Next year the students will be expected to take the test on the computer.

Mr. Griffith discussed the standardized testing occurring at EHCCS. The students are taking the PARRC. He reports that the testing is going very well. Mr. Griffith requested that those present save the date of 4/30. The Every Kid Healthy Wellness Fair will be held on that evening from 6:30-8:30. This is a community event with lots of fun and educational activities planned.

BOARD MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board approved the following sets of minutes:

- February 11, 2015 Regular
- February 11, 2015 Executive
- February 19, 2015 Special

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report for January, 2015. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board approved the board certification pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3. The Egg Harbor City Board of Education certifies that as of 01/31/15 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Revenue and Appropriation sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board approved the March bill list as follows:

1.	General Account	\$236,929.77
2.	Capital Account	\$ 18,288.96
3.	Food Service Account	\$ 33,944.04
4.	Payroll Account	\$552,648.69
5.	Debt Service Account	\$ 0.00

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board approved the budget transfer (Resolution #15-11) for the 2014-15 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:

March 11, 2015 Fund 10 - \$4,365.09 Fund 20 - \$618.54

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Bouchard, the Board approved the submission of the tentative 2015-2016 school district budget to the County Office of Education as follows:

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Contents Standards, as is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Anticipated Enrollment - 505

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2015-2016 school district budget for submission to the County Office of Education as follows:

Budget

General Fund	\$8,166,121.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$1,360,206.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 631,313.00</u>
	\$10,157,640.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2015-2016 budget as described above will result in the following:

General Tax Fund Levy	\$2,596,048.00
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>\$ 631,304.00</u>
	\$3,227,352.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$22,500 in banked cap will be applied to the 2015-2016 school budget. The need for this cap adjustment is to offset additional staffing due to increased classroom size in 4th Grade. These costs cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over an extended period of time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Egg Harbor City Board of Education establishes a maximum of \$25,000.00 in the general fund 2015-2016 budget, allotted for travel and travel related expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Egg Harbor City Board of Education establishes a minimum of \$22,500.00 in the general fund 2015-2016 budget, allotted for an increase in Capital Reserve.

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS ITEMS

Facilities

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board approved use of facilities by the DM Panthers (Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc.) for AAU basketball practices for the 2014-15 school year. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board approved use of facilities by the American Cancer Society for use of the Community School parking lot as a rest stop for a fund raising bike ride on June 15, 2015. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board approved the 2015-2016 School Calendar. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes;

Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board ratified and affirmed resolution #15-12 proclaiming January 2015 “The State of New Jersey School Boards Recognition Month.” (This resolution is to commend the efforts of colleagues throughout New Jersey during School Board Recognition Month and to urge the public to support efforts to improve education.) (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board approved a shared Services Agreement with Camden’s Promise Charter Middle School for Technology Integration/Support Services and Professional Development. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - no; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Mr. Smurlo was asked to explain this service. He stated that this was requested by Mr. Gross, Technology Coordinator for computer consulting services.

PERSONNEL (as recommended by the Superintendent)

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board approved the appointment of the following substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year:

1. Teacher Substitutes - Daily rate: 1) NJ Sub. Cert. w/60 credits + - \$70.00; 2) NJ Sub Cert w/BA/BS - \$75.00; 3) NJ Teach. Cert - \$80.00

➤ Annalise Brown NJ Sub. Cert. w/BA/BS

2. Nurse Substitutes – Daily rate: \$100.00

➤ Dolores Hallsworth

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board approved Stacy Baggstrom as CLS nurse at the salary of \$50,684.00 (prorated) Step 1 BA effective 03/23/15. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board ratified and affirmed a medical leave of absence for Cecilia Rizzi, CLS aide, effective 02/03/15 - will be unable to return to work indefinitely. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board ratified and affirmed extended medical leave of absence for Lee LaRosa from 02/27/2015-05/04/2015 in accordance with FLA/FMLA. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

STUDENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board approved a motion to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported by the Superintendent and resolved by the building principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board approved the following field trips:

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| April 28, 2015 | YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ - 6 th Grade
All admissions and transportation funded by AtlantiCare and the EHCCS Wellness Grant. |
| May 1, 2015 | Wetlands Institute - Kindergarten & Ms. Garcia |
| May 22, 2015 | Cape May County Zoo - Kindergarten & Ms. Garcia |
| May 29, 2015 | Atlantic County Park, Estell Manor - 2 nd Grade |
| June 1, 2015 | Atlantic County Park, Estell Manor - 1st Grade |

Questions were asked regarding the April 28th trip to YMCA Camp Ockanickon. Mr. Griffith explained that the program would involve the 6th grade students and would focus on building leadership.

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board approved The following 21st Century Community Learning Center Program field trips funded by the FY'15 21st CCLC Grant and FY'15 21stCCLC Supplemental Funds Grant:

Supplemental Funds Grant:

April 15, 2015

Cedar Creek 8th grade Transitional Shadowing program at Cedar Creek High School 8:30am-1:00pm

May 6, 2015

Woodford Center Self Contained field trip 1:30pm-3:30pm

21st CCLC Grant

April 16, 2015

Cedar Creek PAC field trip 3pm-5pm

April 25, 2015

Cedar Creek Robot Challenge for engineering club approx. 8am-3pm

May 15, 2015

Duke O'Fluke end of the year Fishing Trip 3:30pm-5:30pm

Questions were asked regarding the following trips:

- April 15 trip to Cedar Creek. Dr. Forester explained that the special needs students will be taken to Cedar Creek and paired up with a student to become familiar with the building as part of the transition from middle school to high school.
- May 6th trip to Woodford Center – Dr. Forester explained that this would involve the special needs students.

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the board ratified and affirmed the following student trip – boys' basketball team on Saturday, March 7, 2015 to see the Villanova basketball team play St. John's at the Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, PA. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

PROGRAMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board ratified and affirmed the Source4Teachers Master Substitute List for March, 2015. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board approved submission of the Four-Year Preschool Program Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board approved the College of New Jersey student, Doreyda Vazquez for fieldwork observations in the Special Projects Speech and Language Department for the remainder of the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development activities have been recommended by building Principals, approved by the Supervisor of Special Projects and the Superintendent as directly related to the fulfillment of individual professional improvement plans and/or

required by the New Jersey Department of Education, No Child Left Behind legislation (NCLB), local student Individual Education Plans, or entitlement/discretionary grants. Adequate funds have been appropriated.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, the Board approved professional Development Workshops for the 2014-2015 school year. (Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – yes; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mrs. Brown-yes). Motion carried.

POLICIES/REGULATIONS

Upon a motion by Mr. Bouchard, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board by a vote of 3 yes, 4 no, did not approve the second reading of the following policies/regulations:

1. Policy 6351 Parental Refusal of Standardized Testing

Mr. Murphy had questions on this policy. Mrs. Shulby explained that this is the policy regarding parents opting out of the PARRC testing. Mrs. Shulby previously provided the board members School Boards recommendations regarding this policy. Discussion of the possibility of state aid being withheld was discussed. The consequence might be the withholding of Title I funds (\$318,773.00) if the school falls below the participation rate for state testing.

(Roll call: Mr. Bouchard - yes; Mrs. Filippello – no; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr.Murphy – no; Mr. Ortiz-yes; Mrs. Williams – no; Mrs. Brown-no).

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bob Ross, Egg Harbor City Council liaison had several comments/questions:

- He commented that he did not know why the board voted against Policy #6351 since the policy reflected the law. Parents have the right to opt out of testing whether the district has a policy or not. Mr. Sahli explained that this means the board did not endorse the policy being presented due to the fact that the consequence of endorsing it might be the loss of state funding.
- Mr. Ross had questions on the budget. Mr. Smurlo explained that the addendum presented would be a 3 cent increase. He also had questions about the travel amount of \$25,000. Mr. Smurlo explained that he had to pick a cap which the district would not exceed.

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CALENDAR DATES

District dates of interest for the upcoming month:

March	20	Staff Development (No School)
April	2	Spring Recess begins (early dismissal – 12:20pm)
April	3-6	Spring Recess (Buildings closed)
April	8	Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a motion by Mrs. Hall seconded by Mrs. Williams, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura E. Quiñones
Board Secretary