

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EGG HARBOR CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Egg Harbor City, New Jersey 08215

Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2022

Charles L. Spragg School

Multi-Purpose Room

601 Buffalo Avenue

7:00 PM

I. Regular Meeting

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.

The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

There are two opportunities to address the Board. The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, residents may address the Board on any school related issue. Once identified, a speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes. Yielding time is not permitted. The public comments portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes total.

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-P

Ms. Cramer ('24)-P

Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-P

Ms. Fuentes ('22)-P

Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-P

Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-P

Mrs. Seaver ('22)-P

IV. Open Floor to Public

No comments.

V. Comments for the Good of the Board

No comments.

VI. Monthly Reports

- a. Superintendent / Principal Report *Attachment*
Mrs. Sulby reported that our Covid numbers have dropped dramatically since January, details are still being posted on the website's dashboard. We are waiting for further guidance from the Governor regarding lifting the mask mandate. We are planning our first in-person events, a winter concert for Kindergarten/First Grade and a Spring concert for Second/Third Grade.
- b. Business Administrator Report
Mr. Bedell reported Budget discussions with the Finance committee are in progress. The Ethics disclosures previously sent to the Board need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. It is planned that the Audit will be presented at the March meeting. Tonight's Finance motions f and g are requests for permission from the state to start these projects. The recreation grant projects for the Community School are in the planning stages and are hopefully to be completed by the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Dr Forester comments that there are multiple areas of different types of equipment/space usage planned.
- c. Director of Special Projects Report
Dr. Forester reported that we are finishing the Mid-Year Link-It assessments and Ms. Garcia will report at the March meeting. We are also in the process of starting the third round of evaluations for non-tenured staff.
- d. EHCCS Principal Report *Attachment*
- e. Supervisor of Early Childhood/LDTC Report
- f. Board Solicitor's Report

VII. Board Minutes

Motion: Mr. Guercioni

Second: Mrs. Seaver

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
 - i. January 5, 2022 Reorganization/Regular *Attachment*
- Roll Call
- Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
 - Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
 - Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y

VIII. Financial Items

Motion: Mrs. Seaver

Second: Mrs. DiGiacomo

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
 - i. Board Secretary's Report – December 2021 *Attachment*
 - ii. Treasurer of School Moneys Report – December 2021 *Attachment*
- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 The Egg Harbor City Board of Education certifies that as of 12/31/21 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.

- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** January 2022 Bills' List *Attachment*

1	General Account	\$303,887.01
2	Capital Account	\$0.00
3	Food Service Account	\$31,242.32
4	Payroll Account	\$672,080.37
5	Debt Service Account	\$0.00

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Budget transfer (Resolution #22-9) for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:

January 5, 2022 Fund 10 - \$75,350.00 Fund 20 - \$78.66 *Attachment*

e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the submission and acceptance of funds for the 21st CCLC/Reach grant amendment 2 for a total of \$400,000, including \$50,000 in supplemental funds.

f. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Resolution #22-10 to submit the Charles L. Spragg Elementary School 1994 Addition HVAC Equipment Replacement and Low Roof Replacement project project to NJ Department of Education.

Attachment

g. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Resolution #22-11 to submit the Egg Harbor City Community School Broad Chiller replacement project to the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

Attachment

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y

Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y

Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y

Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y

Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y

Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y

Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y

IX. Non-instructional Operations Items

Motion: Mr. Guerciono

Second: Ms. Cramer

a. Misc.

i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Board Committees for 2022.

Attachment

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y

Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y

Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y

Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y

Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y

Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y

Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y

X. Personnel Items – as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Motion: Mrs. DiGiacomo

Second: Mr. Guercioni

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Appointment of Kaitlin Reehill as substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** Appointment of Yasmine Galarza as substitute custodian for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** To accept, with regret, the retirement of Carmen Schulz-Reilly effective June 30, 2022. *Attachment*

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y	Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y	Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y		

Motion: Mrs. DiGiacomo
Second: Mr. Guercioni

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the hiring of Kathryn Thurlow as a Part-Time (.85 FTE) Classroom Aide at the Charles L. Spragg School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, Step 1 Aide HS+60, \$23,222 per year prorated, pending criminal history approval.

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y	Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y	Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Recused		

Motion: Mrs. DiGiacomo
Second: Mr. Guercioni

- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve posting for 1 substitute Program Coordinator for the 21st CCLC/Reach program at the agreed upon rate of \$43/hour.

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y	Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y	Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y		

XI. Student Items

Motion: Mr. Guercioni
Second: Mrs. Seaver

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Motion to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported by the Superintendent and resolved by the building principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee. *Attachment*
- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** Rescind approval of receiving a homeless student from the Monroe Township School District with ID 872065439687152603209 at a rate of \$9,234.76 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Submission of the Student Safety Data System report to the NJDPE for Report Period 1: 9/1/21-12/31/21.

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y	Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y	Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y		

XII. Program Items

Motion: Ms. Cramer

Second: Mr. Guercioni

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Acceptance of the Local Recreation Improvement Grant through the New Jersey Division of Community Affairs in the amount of \$75,000 to be used to buy/build outdoor recreational equipment and fencing behind EHCCS.
- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** The following ACIT Medical Assistant students to complete school health screenings at CLS with school nurse, Stacy Baggstrom, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
 - i. Zainab Kawajab
 - ii. Madeline Davis
 - iii. Olivia Wood
 - iv. Grace Miller
 - v. Jaraah Hossain
 - vi. Cynthia Deocampo

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y	Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y	Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y		

XIII. Professional Development

Motion: Ms. Cramer

Second: Mrs. DiGiacomo

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, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local student Individual Education Plans, or entitlement/discretionary grants. Adequate funds have been appropriated.

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Professional Development Workshops for the 2021-2022 school year. *Attachment*

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y	Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y	Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y
Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y	Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y	Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y
Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y		

XIV. Policies / Regulations Items

XV. New Business

XVI. Informational Items

- a. The Egg Harbor City School district participated in The Great Kindness Challenge and was recognized as a Kindness Certified School District.

Attachment

Mr. Guercioni asked what is the Great Kindness Challenge. Mrs Shulby explained that the students participate in a variety of activities to promote kindness.

XVII. Open to Public

Andrew Ross congratulated our newly elected Board members and thanked the members of the Negotiation Committee for their time spent to date on negotiations.

Mrs. Shulby mentioned that Cooper-Leverson will be doing the annual boat show on March 3rd, Board members will receive two tickets to attend.

Jeanette DePiero also congratulated the new Board members and thanked the Negotiation Committee for their time.

Mrs. DiGiacomo asked about the revision to the 2021-2022 school calendar due the four snow days in January. Mrs. Shulby stated that we will wait until after February to update the calendar. At this point no decision has been made as to where the days will be added.

XVIII. Calendar Dates

February 18, 2022	Staff Development, No School
February 21, 2022	President's Day, Buildings Closed
March 9, 2022	Staff Development, 12:50 Dismissal
March 9, 2022	Regular Board of Education Meeting

XIX. Adjournment Time

Motion: Mr. Guercioni

Second: Mrs. Seaver

Time: 7:25

Roll Call

Ms. Caudo ('23)-Y

Ms. Fuentes ('22)-Y

Mrs. Seaver ('22)-Y

Ms. Cramer ('24)-Y

Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y

Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-Y

Ms. Leeds-Smith ('24)-Y