

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Organization Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
South Plainfield High School
200 Lake Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENT

South Plainfield Public Schools Mission Statement:

Students are the focus of the South Plainfield Public Schools. We will provide a dynamic, rigorous, relevant and technology-enriched curriculum, guided by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Our mission is to develop life-long learners who are prepared to succeed in a global and diverse society. We are resolved to educate the whole child, instilling the desire within our students to question and to become divergent thinkers who can achieve their fullest potential.

In accordance with the terms of the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was posted in all school buildings, the Administration Building and sent to the Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers and W.C.T.C. on November 27, 2018.

Please be advised:

- There is no smoking on school grounds - inside or outside - at any time.
- Please silence all electronic devices.
- Pursuant to District Policy #0167, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration and no participant may speak more than once on the same topic

III. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH MEETING WAS CALLED:

A. Announcement of Newly Elected Board Members

Mr. Smith will announce the names of the newly elected Board Members:

Douglas Chapman
John Farinella
Sharon Miller

B. Oath of Office

Oath of Office will be administered by the Board Attorney for the successful candidates elected to the Board of Education at the November 6, 2018 annual School Election:

Douglas Chapman, John Farinella and Sharon Miller for three year terms

C. Roll Call- H. Ronald Smith
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator

D. Election of President

The Board Secretary/Business Administrator announces that nominations are in order for the office of President

E. Election of Vice President

The President assumes the chair and announces that nominations are now in order for the office of Vice President.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A. Agenda Additions and/or Deletions

B. Public Comments

V. MEETING DATES

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING DATES

RESOLVED, that the schedule below showing dates, times for Committee of the Whole agenda fixing sessions and the regular public meetings be approved, and to post said list in each of the school buildings and be sent to the Borough Clerk’s Office, Police Headquarters and to fax said list to The Star Ledger, The Home News and Tribune, The Courier News, The Observer, online paper Tapinto and W.C.T.C.

| Committee of the Whole Meetings 6:30 p.m. unless noted | Regular Public Meetings 6:30 p.m. unless noted |
|---|---|
| Wednesday, January 9, 2019 | Wednesday, January 16, 2019 |
| Wednesday, February 13, 2019 | Wednesday, February 20, 2019 |
| Wednesday, March 13, 2019 | Wednesday, March 20, 2019* |
| Wednesday, April 10, 2019 | Wednesday, April 17, 2019 |
| Wednesday, May 1, 2019** | Wednesday, May 15, 2019 |
| Wednesday, June 12, 2019 | Wednesday, June 19, 2019 |
| Wednesday, July 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. | Wednesday, July 17, 2019 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, September 11, 2019 | Wednesday, September 18, 2019 |
| Thursday , October 10, 2019 | Wednesday, October 16, 2019 |
| Wednesday, November 13, 2019 | Wednesday, November 20, 2019 |
| Wednesday, December 11, 2019 | Wednesday, December 18, 2019 |

*Adopt Tentative Budget

**Public Budget Hearing and Adoption

All meetings will be held in the South Plainfield High School Information Center, 200 Lake Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that the Board shall be governed in its deliberations in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with Statute, Administrative Code, Bylaws of the Board or Robert's Rules of Order (as revised), except that rules or order may be amended at any meeting by a majority of the full board.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

VII. ADOPT BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopt the New Jersey School Boards Association Board Member Code of Ethics as shown in Tab VII.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE

VIII. PERSONNEL

Motion by Member _____, seconded by _____, to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and adopt the following:

RESOLVED, that the South Plainfield Board of Education approve the following:

(NOTE: Approval of this resolution authorizes the superintendent to submit to the county superintendent applications for emergent hiring and the applicant's attestation and proof that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq. This includes background checks and fingerprinting for those employees listed below: (All appointments are contingent upon receipt of proper teaching certification **and the satisfaction of all requirements set forth in P.L. 2018, c.5.** All salary placements are pending receipt of college transcripts verifying degree status and letter stating years of service in other districts, *denotes mentoring required.)

VIII.A. Appointments, Transfers

| Code | Name | Action | Position | Deg /Step | Salary/ Hrly. Rate | Location | Date Effective | Date Term. | Discussion |
|------|---------------|---------|---|-----------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|---|
| 1. | Benanti, Alex | Approve | Business Administrator/ Board Secretary | N/A | \$140,000 | District | 03/04/19 | 06/30/19 | Pending County Superintendent Approval of Contract Acct.#11-000-251-100-12 |

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

IX. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

Pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the South Plainfield board of Education elected Dr. Noreen Lishak to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey at their meeting held on January 2, 2019 for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

X. FINANCE

1. Approve the Agreement with Nilkanth Patel (Vendor) to Serve as Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Nilkanth Patel (vendor) to serve as the Interim Business Administrator for the period of January 7, 2019 through March 4, 2019, at an amount not to exceed \$21,667.00.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

X. PUBLIC ADDRESS

- A. Public Comments
- B. Board Member Comments

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et. seq.*) that the Board meets in closed session to discuss confidential matters pertaining to personnel and legal matters.

1. a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3. material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
5. a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public fund
6. protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
8. specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
9. deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session shall be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

XII. ADJOURNMENT