

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Regular Public Meeting –Wednesday, January 16, 2019– 6:45 p.m.
South Plainfield High School
200 Lake Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

III. ROLL CALL- Mr. Nilkanth Patel

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Present: Mr. Both, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Farinella, Mr. Giannakis, Mrs. Miller,
Mr. Pennesi; Mrs. Wolak, Mr. Cassio, Mr. Chapman

Also Present: Dr. Noreen Lishak, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Malyska, Assistant
Superintendent; Mr. Nilkanth Patel, Interim Business Administrator/Board
Secretary; Mr. Joseph Roselle, Legal Council

IV. BOARD PRESIDENT

In accordance with the terms of the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was posted in all school buildings, the Administration Building, Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers, and W.C.T.C. on January 3, 2019.

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.

V. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

VII. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

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| a. | Committee of the Whole Meeting | December 12, 2018 |
| b. | Executive Session | December 12, 2018 |
| c. | Regular Public Meeting | December 19, 2018 |

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Farinella VOTE: 9-0

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Presentation by Students from the South Plainfield Middle School

Mr. Roger Vroom, Middle School Principal along with Mrs. Kelly Richkus, Middle School Vice Principal, and several Middle School students provided a presentation of the school's STEM initiative.

2. Good News and Progress in Our Schools

Dr. Lishak reminded everyone that Parent Palooza, II is scheduled for February 12, 2019. The topic is Understanding Your Child's Social Media Presence and Its Impact on the Classroom. Information will be listed on the website as well as an informational flyer sent home on Friday. Please remember to RSVP. The Parent Palooza that we had in October was very well-attended and we are hoping that you can get into every session that you would like to get into.

South Plainfield FASFA night, sponsored by the High School Guidance Department, will be held on February 7, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. here in the High School Media Center. Students and parents are invited to a presentation by a Rider University admissions member on Understanding the Process of Applying for Financial Aid, followed by an information session presented by our High School Guidance Department on Navigating Through the College Application Process and Finding the Right College or University for You. The focus will be on students in their junior year of high school. This is a very beneficial presentation. If you are a junior in high school or your child is a junior in high school, please try to attend.

The 50th Annual District Music Festival will be held on March 7th here at the

South Plainfield High School. Tickets will go on sale shortly. If you have the opportunity to attend this event, this is a wonderful program showcasing all of our student's musical talents.

Dr. Lishak reminded everyone that we are honoring our Senior athletes. We just had the opportunity to congratulate our senior wrestlers. Our boys' basketball will be honored on January 22nd here at home. Girls basketball and competitive cheer on February 5th and swimming is February 1st at the JCC in Edison.

Mr. Chapman thanked Mr. Vroom, Mrs. Richkus and the Middle School students on an excellent presentation.

Mr. Chapman announced that the Board needs to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Action will be taken.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Farinella VOTE: 9-0

IX. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. Acceptance of the Fire and Security Drill Reports for December 2018

Accept the Fire and Security Drill Reports to the Board of Education for December 2018.

2. Acceptance of Anti-Bullying Report

Approve the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Reports from December 20, 2018 – January 16, 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following cumulative data regarding HIB incidents from September 5 – January 16, 2019 reported as of this agenda.

School	Number of Alleged Incidents September 5, 2018 – January 16, 2019	Number of Verified Incidents September 5, 2018 – January 16, 2019
High School	15	7
Middle School	10	5
Grant School	9	3
Franklin School	0	0
Kennedy School	0	0
Roosevelt School	0	0
Riley School	2	0

3. Reversal of HIB Determination

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2018, the Administration reported to the Board that HIB Case No. 23-2018/19 was investigated and found to be substantiated, which was then approved by the Board as part of Agenda Item #IX(2); and

WHEREAS, the Administration thereafter reexamined the evidence for HIB Case No.23-2018/19 and has now determined that the outcome of its investigation in this case should be unsubstantiated, because he complained-of actions do not meet the policy and legal definition of harassment, intimidation and bullying;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, based on the Administration’s reconsideration of the matter, the Board hereby rescinds its initial determination that HIB Case No. 23-2018/19 was substantiated and further, approves the Administration’s revised finding that HIB Case No. 23-2018/19 is unsubstantiated, in accordance with Board policy and applicable law.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the foregoing resolutions.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mr. Farinella VOTE: 9-0

X. POLICY

XI. PERSONNEL

Motion by Member Mr. Giannakis, seconded by Member Mrs. Miller, 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.)

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

XI.A Leaves of Absence

Code	Name	Reason	Position	Loc.	Paid FMLA Start Date	Paid Leave (Not FMLA)	Unpaid FMLA Start Date	Unpaid NJFLA Start Date	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Return Date	Discussion
1.	Employee ID#: 2041	Unpd. FMLA	Teacher	Roosevelt School			01/16/19			04/12/19	

XI.B Appointments, Transfers

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Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary/ Hrly. Rate	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Emert, Lawrence	Approve	Paraprofessional	Step 1	\$20,868 (pro-rated)	Grant School	03/01/19 or sooner	06/30/19	Acct#: 11-213-100-106-18
2.	Marin, Alyssa	Approve	Duty Aide	Step 1	\$6,501 (pro-rated)	Roosevelt School	TBD	06/30/19	Pending Successful Completion of Criminal History Background Check Acct#: 11-000-262-107-07
3.	Wilinsky, Mogran	Approve	Psychology Practicum	N/A	N/A	District	TBD	TBD	Pending successful completion of Criminal History Background check Acct#: N/A
4.	Burke, Patricia	Approve	Duty Aide	Step 1	\$6,501 (pro-rated)	Roosevelt School	01/17/19	06/30/19	Acct#: 11-000-262-107-07

XI.C. Adjustments, Stipends, Degree Changes

Code	Name	Action	Position	Degree/Step/ No. of Hrs.	Salary/ Stipend	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Haughwout, William	Approve	Band Director	Step 4	\$8343.00	High School	09/01/18	06/30/19	Revised Step Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
2.	Vozeh, Stacy	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 275 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Roosevelt School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
3.	Luck, Theresa	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 275 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Roosevelt School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
4.	Ackerman- Garcia, Pam	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 275 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Roosevelt School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
5.	Broggi, Kim	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 135 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Franklin School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
6.	Hoffman, Courtney	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 135 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Franklin School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
7.	Alongi, Kim	Approve	PD Presenter	Step 19 BA	\$78.46 per hr.	Grant School	02/15/19	02/15/19	Maximum of 2 hours Acct#: 11-120-100-101-04
8.	Burgess, Jennifer	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 210 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Riley School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
9.	Meleo, Christina	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 210 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Riley School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
10.	Tuohy, Lisa	Approve	Title I After/Before School ELA Program	Maximum of a combined 210 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	Riley School	01/22/19	05/30/19	Acct#:20-231-100-101-11
11.	Zurawiecki, Melissa	Approve	Parent Community Event Presenter	4 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	High School	02/12/19	02/12/19	Cyberbullying & Conflict Resolution, Grades K-6 Acct#: 11-000-218-104-05 & 11-000-218-104-06
12.	Gustavesen, Leanna	Approve	Parent Community Event Presenter	4 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	High School	02/12/19	02/12/19	Cyberbullying & Conflict Resolution, Grades K-6 Acct#: 11-000-218-104-18
13.	Strayhorn, Joretta	Approve	Parent Community Event Presenter	4 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	High School	02/12/19	02/12/19	Cyberbullying & Conflict Resolution, Grades 7-12 Acct#: 11-000-218-104-02
14.	Greene, Rhonda	Approve	Parent Community Event Presenter	4 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	High School	02/12/19	02/12/19	Cyberbullying & Conflict Resolution, Grades 7-12 Acct#: 11-000-218-104-01
15.	Watson, Alea	Approve	Volunteer Competition Cheer Coach	N/A	N/A	High School	TBD	02/24/19	Pending successful completion of Criminal History Background check Acct#: N/A

XI.D. Withhold Increments – 2019/2020

RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14, that the employment and adjustment increments for Employee I.D. # 4952 are hereby withheld for the 2019-2020 school year.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that within ten (10) days, the Superintendent shall notify the employee of this action and the reasons for same.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the foregoing resolutions:

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 9-0

XII. FINANCE

1. Approval of FY2019 ESEA Consolidated Application

Approve the ESSA Amended – Consolidated Grant to include Carryover funds in the following amounts:

Title 1A	\$71,781.00
Title IIA	\$12,946.00
Title III	\$ 7,209.00
Title III Imm	\$ 5,621.00

2. Approval of Cancellation of Transportation Jointure

Approve the cancellation of the 2018/2019 Fall Transportation Jointure with West Windsor/Plainsboro. The students have moved from South Plainfield.

<u>School</u>	<u>Rte. #</u>	<u>District</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Route Cost</u>
Roosevelt School	ROS3-AM	W. Windsor/Plainsboro	70	\$5250.00
Grant School				

3. Approval of Bill List for January 2019

Approve payment of bills and claims that have been certified by the Board Secretary and filed in the Business Office. The following is a list of payments being approved

<u>Checks</u>	<u>Payroll Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll	12-14-2018	\$ 1,684,545.32
Payroll	12-21-2018	\$ 1,676,953.17

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<u>Checks</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Hand Checks</u>		
Preschool		\$
Latchkey	400056 - 400060	\$ 11,883.31
Adult Ed	500033 - 500035	\$ 406.00
Cafeteria	200031	\$ 103,488.29
Trust and Agency	100272 – 100296	\$ 177,158.88
FICA	912141808	\$ 95,778.27
	912211822	\$ 94,665.29
Unemployment		\$
Machine Check	4015 - 4323	\$ 2,155,794.32
FUND 30	700143 - 700157	\$ 211,633.86

** voided bond check #'s 700144 thru 700150

4. Approval for Contingency Change Order #3 for Northeastern Interior Services Relative to the Proposed Toilet Room Renovations at the South Plainfield High School Project

Approve Contingency Change Order #3 for Northeastern Interior Services in the amount of \$2,787.75 for fire detection changes relative to the Proposed Toilet Room Renovations at the South Plainfield High School Project. The amount will be deducted from the Owner's Contingency Reserve of \$46,954.31, leaving a balance of \$44,166.56.

5. Approve Professional Development Expenditure – Staff/Board Member

Approve the following travel expenditures, which are compliant with State payment guidelines, employee job responsibilities and critical to the needs of the school district pursuant to Bylaw #0147. (Acct. #11.000.230.585.12)

Name	Title	Workshop	Dates	Components	Not to Exceed Amounts
Debbie Boyle	Board Member	Middlesex County SBA Meeting Sayreville War Memorial HS Parlin, NJ	1/22/19	Cost: Mileage	\$ 0.00 \$ 9.11
Sharon Miller	Board Member	Middlesex County SBA Meeting Sayreville War Memorial HS Parlin, NJ	1/22/19	Cost: Mileage	\$ 0.00 \$ 9.11

6. Tuition Reimbursement

Approve tuition reimbursement to the following staff members, pending receipt of required paperwork:

Dana Hauck	\$4,056.00
Tracey Smorra	\$3,688.80
Kathleen Benton	\$6,084.00

7. Approval for Related Services Providers – 2018/2019

Approve the following related services appointment for special education students for the 2018/2019 school year:

Augmentative and Assistive Technology

- a. Integrated Speech Pathology, LLC
786 Mountain Blvd., Suite 203B, Watchung, NJ 07069
July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Reevaluation of Speech and Language with Report: AAC \$400.00

- b. Bilingual Speech-Language Evaluations
Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting, Inc.
18 Sheppard Place, Suite G
Edison, NJ 08817
January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019
Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluation \$780.00

8. Approval for Professional Development Training

Approve a payment of \$600.00 to Susan Coyle to provide a presentation on *Addressing the Needs of Students with Mental Health Disorders in Schools* during the Professional Day on February 15, 2019.

Split evenly between accounts 11-000-223-320-11-000 and 20-250-200-300-18-000

Approve a payment of \$450.00 to Louis Redmond to provide *Mindfulness Training* for all counselors during the Professional Day on March 8, 2019

Account No.:11-000-223-320-11

9. Approval of Professional Development Expenditure

Approve the following expenditures (registration, mileage, and conference fees), substitutes, and trips, which are compliant with State payment guidelines, employee job responsibilities and critical to the needs of the school district.

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	<u>Name of Workshop</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Person Attending</u>
1.	Athletic Administration: Enhancing Organization Management	TBD	\$125.00 11-402-100-800-22	Kevin McCann
2.	Developing & Assessing Interpersonal Communication	4/5/19	\$130.00 11-000-223-580-11	Lizbet Arriola
3.	NJSHA – Recent Advances in Understanding Word Level Reading Problems	3/15/19	\$180.00 11-000-223-580-11	Peggy Monagle
4.	Close Reading Across the Curriculum	1/22/19	\$120.00 11-190-100-890-02	Kristin Bennett
5.	Differentiation & Universal Design	3/8/19	\$120.00 11-000-223-580-11	Kristin Bennett
6.	Math Modeling Grades 6- 10	2/11/19	\$205.00 11-000-223-580-11	JoAnn Malta
7.	Oppositional, Aggressive, Attention-Seeking & Uncooperative Children, Teens & Young Adults: High Impact Strategies to Reduce Chronic Misbehavior	1/24/19	\$199.99 20-250-200-500-18	Jessica Patullo
8.	Oppositional, Aggressive, Attention-Seeking & Uncooperative Children, Teens & Young Adults: High Impact Strategies to	1/24/19	\$199.99 20-250-200-500-18	Nyssa Schlem

	Reduce Chronic Misbehavior			
9.	28th Annual NJAGC Conference: Ignite Passion with Purpose	3/22/19	\$219.00 11-000-223-580-11	Jillian Tortora

10. Resolution to Approve Various Purchase Contracts and Orders for the 2018/2019 School Year

Approve the purchase contracts and orders pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-10 and 18A:18A-5(6) in the 2018/2019 school year for the following vendors. Purchase Order numbers and amounts listed in Tab XII.10.

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11. Approval for Crisis Prevention Training

Approve the expenditure of \$1,200.00 (\$600.00 per diem) plus \$19.00 per workbook for Crisis Prevention Training. The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) will be providing a two-day training for up to twenty-five (25) staff members. Training dates will be January 24 and January 25, 2019. Account No.: IDEA: 20-250-200-300-18

12. Approval of Kriger Consultants Purchase Order

Approve the Kriger Consultants Purchase Order for the South Plainfield School District in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a professional development workshop using Title IV funds.

13. Approval of Withdrawals, Placements, and Tuition Adjustments of Special Education Students for the 2018-2019 School Year

Approve the withdrawals/placements/tuition changes for the following special education students for the 2018-2019 school year:

- a. Withdrawal of one special education student from Collier High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Last day of attendance was December 7, 2018. Tuition cost of \$59,040.00 (pro-rated to \$41,656.00/\$328.00 per diem) was approved at the December 12, 2018 COW meeting. State ID No.: 9022727293.

Placement of one special education student at East Mountain School for the 2018- 2019 school year. Start date will be January 16, 2019. Tuition cost will be \$61,884.00 (\$343.80 per diem; pro-rated). State ID No.: 9022727293.

14. Approval of Home/Bedside Instruction Contracts for both General and Special Education Students for the 2018-2019 School Year

- a. Approve the bedside instruction contract with Professional Education Services, Inc. for one special education student for the 2018-2019 school year, effective December 14, 2018. Rate is \$41.00 per hour. State ID No.: 4006823410.

15. Award Bid #06-19 – Public Sale of Surplus Items

WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:18A-1 (et. seq.) advertised for sealed bids for Bid #06-19 – Public Sale of Surplus Items on January 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement, the bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room in the Roosevelt Administration Buildings on January 16, 2019. One (1) bid was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid be awarded to Jersey One Auto, 495 Tonnele Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307, as follows:

Quantity	Description	Bid Amount
1	Bus #2 – Chevy 2004 – 20 Passenger + Wheel Chair VIN #1GBJG31UX31160585	\$ 172.00
1	Bus #3 – Frei 2006 – 54 Passenger VIN #4UZA AWCT96CU66572	\$ 1736.00

16. Accept Proposal from Omega Environmental Services, Inc. to Prepare Asbestos Abatement Specifications and Asbestos Air Monitoring for the Middle School Window Project

Accept the proposal from Omega Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$17,810.00, to prepare asbestos abatement specifications and asbestos air monitoring for the Window Project at the South Plainfield Middle School.

17. Approve Dissolution of Transportation Jointure

Approve the dissolution of the following Transportation Jointure for the 2018/2019 school year. South Plainfield was the host district.

<u>School</u>	<u>Rte. #</u>	<u>District</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Adjusted Cost</u>
Grant School/Roosevelt	WSS/GHM7	West Windsor	70	\$5250.00

18. Rescind Resolution Approved on November 7, 2018 to Transfer Excess Surplus to the Capital Reserve Account

The Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution to approve the transfer of excess surplus in the amount of \$775,000 to the Capital Reserve Account, which was approved at the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 7, 2018.

19. Rescind Resolution Approved on November 7, 2018 to Transfer Excess Surplus to the Maintenance Reserve Account

The Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution to approve the transfer of excess surplus in the amount of \$225,000 to the Maintenance Reserve Account, which was approved at the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 7, 2018.

20. Approval to Transfer Excess Surplus to the Capital Reserve Account

Approve the transfer of excess surplus in the amount of \$1,408,860.48 to the Capital Reserve Account.

21. Approval to Transfer Excess Surplus to the Maintenance Reserve Account

Approve the transfer of excess surplus in the amount of \$725,000 to the Maintenance Reserve Account.

22. Approval of 2018-2019 Yearly Membership to the Special Services Professional Development Academy

Approve 2018-2019 Membership to the Special Services Professional Development Academy through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey at the yearly fee of \$300.00. This membership includes attendance of up to four (4) representatives at the initiation session and each of the four (4) sessions as follows:

February 5, 2019: “Seclusion and Restraint” Academy Initiation Mini Conference

Attendees: Andrew Brandon
Joanne Ryan
Nyssa Schlem
Ashley Kellett

March 6, 2019: “Managing the IEP Meeting” PD Session

Attendees: Ashley Kellett
Caitlyn Muldowney
Patrick Kozyra

Yeselys Gonzalez

April 10, 2019: “Current Legal Issues & Updates” PD Session
Attendees: Ashley Kellett
Caitlyn Muldowney
Patrick Kozyra
Yeselys Gonzalez

May 7, 2019: “School Avoidance” PD Session
Attendees: Amy Gallagher
Susan Pickoff
Patrick Kozyra
Social Worker (TBD)

Account No.: 20-250-200-500-18-000

23. Accept Proposal #ML-011619-00327 from Master Locators, Inc. for Additional Geophysical Services relative to the Frank Jost Field House Project

Accept Proposal ML-011619-00327 from Master Locators, Inc. to provide geophysical services for an additional half-day relative to the Frank Jost Field House Project in accordance with the terms and conditions therein, at a cost of \$800.00.

24. Accept Proposal from Westchester Environmental

Accept Proposal – ASCM Services – Air Monitoring during Asbestos ceiling tile abatement at the Middle School for a fee of \$21,000.00 in accordance with the terms and conditions therein.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the foregoing resolutions.

The following vote is for Finance, with the exception of 5a.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 9-0
Mrs. Miller abstained on herself.

The following vote is for Finance 5a.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 4-0-5
Mrs. Boyle abstained on herself.
Mr. Giannakis, Mr. Pennesi, Mr. Cassio and Mr. Chapman abstained.

XIV. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Boyle congratulated the Middle School students and their teachers on a great job this evening.

Mrs. Boyle said that she wanted to read a segment from a letter from May 7th where Congressman Pallone, Senator Diegnan, Assemblyman Karabinchack and Assemblywoman Pinkin brought this forward to the State Department of Education. Mrs. Boyle read the following: “The South Plainfield Board of Education seeks additional guidance concerning board harassment, intimidation and bullying responsibilities, specifically, the South Plainfield Board of Education believes that the definition of HIB contained in N.J.S.A. 18A should be clarified through regulation to provide greater guidance to the school districts. The law does not allow for a differentiation between harassment, intimidation and bullying nor does it adequately define other distinguishing characteristics. The South Plainfield Board of Education requests clarification to these terms through the regulations to aid district personnel in their investigation of HIB incidences and assist board members with discharging their responsibilities under the HIB step.” Mrs. Boyle said that we still have not had a response.

Mr. Giannakis said that track, wrestling, basketball and competition cheer all placed in their tournaments and that is fantastic. He said that the competition cheer team has had three competitions and they have taken first and grand champions. Mr. Giannakis said that he wanted to send some extra congratulations out to them. Mr. Giannakis said that we have had so much success this past weekend and he suggested that we scroll something on our sign outside the high school to congratulate them. He said that we shouldn't do it for every team but if they win a championship we should put a blurb out there.

Mr. Patel said that he needs to make a correction. He originally said that the finance resolution passed, however, resolution 5A had five abstentions and that resolution does not pass.

Mr. Chapman congratulated the athletes for a tremendous weekend. He said that he would like to take a moment to talk about the students. For the first marking period, the High School had 83 students receive High Honor Roll and 474 student receive Honor Roll for a total 557 out of 1,014 students that received Honor Roll or High Honor Roll.

Our Middle School had 51 Students with High Honor Roll and 213 with Honor Roll for a total of 264 out of 526 students that received Honor Roll or High Honor Roll.

Grant School had 101 students with High Honor Roll and 230 students with Honor Roll for a total of 331 out of 515 students that received Honor Roll or High Honor Roll.

Mr. Chapman said that overall we had 1,152 out of 2,055 students that earned either High Honor Roll or Honor Roll. He said that is pretty phenomenal. He said that we have some great athletes but we also have some fantastic students in this district.

XVII. 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 at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to: (select one or more)

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 funds
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:

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, there was a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Nilkanth Patel
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary