

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
125 Jackson Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
908-754-4620

Special Business Meeting - Tuesday, July 9, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.
Roosevelt Administration Building
125 Jackson Avenue
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 3:31 p.m.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

III. ROLL CALL- Alex Benanti
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Present: Mr. Both, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Giannakis, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Pennisi,
Mrs. Wolak, Mr. Cassio, Mr. Chapman

Mr. Farinella arrived at 3:33 p.m.

Also Present: Dr. Noreen Lishak, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Malyska, Assistant
Superintendent; Mr. Alex Benanti, Business Administrator/Board
Secretary; Mr. Marc Zitomer, Legal Counsel

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 and sent to the Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library and four newspapers on June 26, 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. 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: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 8-0

VI. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A. Agenda Additions and/or Deletions

Mr. Zitomer read in the following:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby affirms the administration's findings that case number 77-1819, which was heard during this afternoon's executive session is not a substantiated case of HIB and be it further resolved that the Board Counsel shall notify the parents of the Board's determination.

Mr. Chapman asked for a motion to the foregoing resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Pennisi SECOND: Mr. Both VOTE: 7-0-2
Mrs. Boyle recused. Mr. Giannakis abstained.

Mrs. Boyle said that she had to recuse because she spoke to the County Superintendent as the County President with regards to the definition of a HIB.

B. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

VII. PERSONNEL

Motion by Member Mr. Giannakis, seconded by Member Mr. Pennisi, 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:

VII.A Appointments, Transfers

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary/ Hrly. Rate	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Goman, Robert	Approve	Principal	N/A	\$121,188	Roosevelt School	07/10/19	06/30/20	Transfer from Asst. Principal at Grant School Non-Tenured Plus \$2,025 DC & \$630 TD Acct#:11-000-240-103-03
2.	Bendar, Carolyn	Approve	Art Teacher	5 MA	\$61,385	Riley/Kennedy Schools	09/01/19	06/30/20	Non-Tenured Acct#: 11-120-100-101-06
3.	Redmon, Robert	Transfer	Assistant Principal	N/A	\$117,651	Grant School	07/15/19	06/30/20	Transfer from High School Non-Tenured Plus \$1,025 DC & 425 TA Acct#:11-000-240-103-01
4.	Papa, Cheryl	Transfer	Secretary	Sec B- Step 11	\$58,500	Roosevelt School	7/15/2019	6/30/2020	Transfer from Grant School Plus \$900 long. Tenured Acct. #11-000-240-105-07
5.	Ferina, Danielle	Transfer	Elementary Teacher	7 BA	\$62,735	Roosevelt School	9/1/2019	6/30/2020	Transfer from Franklin School Non-Tenured Acct#: 11-120-100-101-04

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6.	Cook, Melissa	Transfer	English Teacher	10 MA	\$71,385	Middle School	9/1/2019	6/30/2020	Transfer from Special Education Teacher to ELA Teacher Tenured Acct.#:11-130-100-101-02
7.	Pabon, Carianne	Approve	English Teacher	2 BA	\$54,735	Middle School	9/1/2019	6/30/2020	Acct#: 11-130-100-101-02

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Boyle asked about number seven. Dr. Lishak said that she interviewed her this morning and she would like to be able to approve her so that she can get the curriculum.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mr. Pennisi VOTE: 9-0
Mrs. Boyle recused on item #3.

Mrs. Boyle said that while she supports Mr. Redmon, he is going to Grant School so she has to recuse.

Dr. Lishak welcomed Dr. Goman as Principal of Roosevelt School.

VIII. FINANCE

1. Approval for Contingency Change Order #2 for M & M Construction Company, Inc. Relative to the Proposed Locker & Toilet Building Project at the Jost Field Athletic Complex - \$50,013.88

Approve Contingency Change Order #2 for M & M Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$50, 013.88 to provide and install above ground heated Meter Enclosure relative to Proposed Locker & Toilet Building Project at the Jost Field Athletic Complex. The Owner's Contingency Reserve of \$97,113.38 will be reduced by \$50,013.88, leaving a balance of \$47,099.50.

2. Approval for Disposal of Old Documents

Approval to dispose of old documents from 1940 – 2012 that are no longer required to be kept in accordance with the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, pending approval by the State of New Jersey.

3. Approval of Agreement between the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (N.J.P.S.A.) and the South Plainfield School District

Approve the Agreement between The New Jersey Principal and Supervisors Association (N.J.P.S.A.) and the South Plainfield School District to provide the district with interim candidates for the position of an elementary school principal for the sum of \$750.00.

DISCUSSION:

There was a brief discussion regarding the old documents that are being disposed of.

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

MOTION: Mr. Pennisi SECOND: Mr. Giannakis VOTE: 9-0
Mr. Giannakis and Mr. Farinella abstained on number 3.

4. Mr. Chapman asked for motion on the following HIB agenda item that was added earlier:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby affirms the administration's findings that case number 77-1819, which was heard during this afternoon's executive session is not a substantiated case of HIB and be it further resolved that the Board Counsel shall notify the parents of the Board's determination.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mr. Both VOTE: 7-0-2
Mrs. Boyle recused. Mr. Giannakis abstained.

Mr. Boyle said that she recused because she spoke to the County Superintendent as the County President with regards to the definition of the HIB.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Boyle congratulated Dr. Goman on his appointment as Roosevelt School Principal.

Mrs. Boyle asked, when schools are closed in the afternoon, is the band allowed to practice at Jost Field or behind the high school. Dr. Lishak said that as long as they are not in the building where they need a custodian.

Mr. Giannakis, Mr. Pennisi and Mr. Cassio welcomed Dr. Goman to his new position.

Mr. Cassio asked Mrs. Boyle for clarification that she only spoke with the County Superintendent in her capacity as former County President. Mrs. Boyle clarified that she is the current County President and that she discussed with the County Superintendent what the definition of a HIB is and discussed Senator Diegnan's bills with regards to clarification. Mr. Cassio asked Mrs. Boyle if she discussed Mr. Giannakis being present.

Mrs. Boyle said that she did ask about that. Mr. Cassio said to Mrs. Boyle that she did discuss Mr. Giannakis being present in an HIB investigation in our own district. Mrs. Boyle responded that she did. She said that she asked the County Superintendent if that is a problem for him to be there if the child feels that it is an issue.

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Mrs. Miller congratulated Dr. Goman on his appointment as Principal.

Mr. Chapman told Mr. Sarullo and Dr. Goman that they were a dynamic team over at Grant School and wished Dr. Goman success at Roosevelt School.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, there was a motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mr. Pennisi

VOTE: 9-0