

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Regular Public Meeting – Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
South Plainfield High School
200 Lake Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seesselberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

III. ROLL CALL- James Damato

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Present: Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Farinella, Mr. Giannakis, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Glover, Mr. Seesselberg

Mrs. Anesh arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Absent: Mr. Cassio, Mr. Chapman

Also Present: Dr. Noreen Lishak, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Malyska, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. James Damato, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mr. Joseph Roselle, Legal Counsel; Mr. Thomas Wiggins, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

IV. BOARD PRESIDENT

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, Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers, and W.C.T.C. on January 5, 2017.

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

Ms. Malyska said that under Curriculum and Student Activities, under the Acceptance of Anti-Bullying Report, the Grant School total has been changed from nine to eight. Mrs. Miller asked if the verified remains the same. Mrs. Malyska said yes, the verified number remains the same.

Mr. Damato said that Curriculum and Student Activities numbers seven and eight are additions, as well as, Finance numbers 15, 16 and 17.

Mr. Damato said that there was an amendment to Finance number six, which changed the amount of the donation from Grant School PTO.

Mr. Seesselberg said that there is also an addition in Personnel, Section C, Number 2 for the Interim LTDC and then there were two other personnel additions, Section 10 and 11 and 11 A #4.

Mrs. Boyle asked if Mr. Damato or Dr. Lishak can explain Finance numbers 15 and 16. Mr. Damato said that number 15 is a donation of incubators to the biology department. Mr. Spring would like to accept it so we added it to the agenda.

Number 16 is a donation for the video production of our Board of Education meetings and that will cover the costs of production and personnel for those meetings.

Mrs. Boyle asked how that came about. Mr. Damato said he was not sure. A letter, along with a check, showed up at his office so we added it to the agenda. It is up to the Board whether or not you want to accept it but that is what the purpose is. Mrs. Boyle said his brother is also a police officer in South Plainfield.

Mrs. Miller asked that the policies be added back to the agenda. She said that they were discussed last week, reviewed by the committee, discussed in public and distributed to the board members in their Friday packet a week and half ago so that they can be approved for a first reading tonight and then a second reading in January. She said that she doesn't see any reason to delay when they worked very hard on these policies and a lot of them are mandated by law. Mrs. Miller made a Motion to add the policies to the agenda.

Mr. Roselle asked Mrs. Miller for the policy numbers so that we have them for the record and the public can hear them for a first reading.

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Education meetings, held on the dates indicated, as transcribed, be received and filed.

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| 1. Special Meeting – Disciplinary Hearing | November 8, 2017 |
| 2. Executive Session | November 8, 2017 |
| 3. Committee of the Whole Meeting | November 8, 2017 |
| 4. Executive Session | November 8, 2017 |
| 5. Regular Public Meeting | November 15, 2017 |
| 6. Executive Session | November 15, 2017 |
| 7. Finance Committee Minutes | November 14, 2017 |

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Glover VOTE: 7-0

VIII SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Lishak said that she would like to begin her report by welcoming our wonderful South Plainfield High School Chorus and their director, Dr. Kregler. The students have been busy over the past month performing at Radio City Music Hall, district concerts, and visits to our elementary schools to perform for our students.

Following the chorus performance, Dr. Lishak thanked them and said that the performance was beautiful. Dr. Lishak then introduced the Jazz ensemble led by Mr. Haughwout. The Jazz ensemble is an integral part of our music program. These students have amazing talents and will be sharing them with us this evening.

Following the performance, Dr. Lishak thanked the Jazz ensemble and said that their performance was terrific.

A. Recognition of Special Olympic Soccer Team Award

The Board of Education wishes to recognize the following students and staff members for winning the NJ Division 11 State Soccer Championship:

Brittany Lillis, Coach	Kyle Both	Andrew Guerrero
Heather Hearne, Coach	Liam Andrew	Michael Heim
Laquan Kalman	Jhosua Meza	Logan Staunton
Ryan Olson	Andy Garcia	Fernando Maldonado

Dr. Lishak asked Mrs. Castronovo and Mr. Freund to join her at the podium. She said that we are going to be presenting certificates to our student athletes who participated in the Special Olympics.

Mrs. Castronovo thanked the Board and Dr. Lishak for giving her this opportunity to acknowledge some very special people. She thanked the students who just performed. She said that they made it quite a special evening here and to continue that she wanted to discuss two of our special education teachers who not only are teaching but they have stepped out and gone into coaching as well. They have been coaching together for a couple of years for track and field and now they started soccer. In their first year of coaching soccer they actually went to the state championship. We are very, very proud of them and the Special Olympics. Mrs. Castronovo called up Coach Heather Hearne-Pascale and Coach Brittany Willis. Mr. Freund then presented the certificates to the student athletes.

A. Recognition of Fall Sports Awards 2017/2018

The Board of Education wishes to recognize the following students and Coaches for 2017/2018 Fall Sports Awards:

Field Hockey

All GMC

Lynda Farinella, Defensive Player of the Year
Haley Olsen
Jennifer Grasso

Gymnastics

All GMC

Allison Graves – Floor Exercise
Kristi Maher – At Large
Jemma Scalera – At Large

Girls Cross Country

All Conference

Julianne Ferraro

Boys Cross Country

All White Division

Alejandro Garcia

Volleyball

All Blue Division

Nancy Tran
Lindsey Soper

Girls Soccer

All Blue Division
Courtney Smith

Boys Soccer

All White Division
Isaiah Storah

Girls Tennis

Dana Curcio, White Division Coach of the Year and GMC Conference Coach of the Year

Football

All Conference
Zachary DelVecchio

All White Division
Zachary DelVecchio
Thomas Massaro
Luke Niemeyer

Dr. Lishak said that our next presentation this evening will be made by Mr. McCann, Athletic Director. He will be presenting awards to our district athletes for their performance during fall sports.

Mr. McCann said that here at South Plainfield we are privileged to have such well-rounded students, whether it was the Jazz Band or the Chorus who did phenomenal jobs or our student athletes who are going to be recognized today. Mr. McCann and the teams' respective coaches presented certificates to the student athletes.

B. **Reading of Official Election Results**

Mr. Damato will read the Official Election Results from the November 7, 2017 election.

Mr. Damato read the following election final vote counts that include all machine, mail-in and provisional ballots:

Mr. Pennisi – 1,859
Mrs. Wolak – 1,606
Mr. Both – 1,552
Mrs. Glover – 1,288

Mrs. Curtis – 1,181
Mrs. Miller – 1,400
Mr. Farinella 1,359

C. Presentation of Plaques to Board Members

Presentation of plaques of appreciation to Chere Glover, John Farinella and Sharon Miller

Dr. Lishak said that we have three additional presentations this evening and these presentation are bittersweet. We are coming to the end of the term of three of our board members. She asked Mr. Farinella join her and Mr. Seesselberg at the podium.

Dr. Lishak said that Mr. Farinella has served as a board member from 2011 to 2017 serving as Vice President in 2013 and 2014. Mr. Farinella has been a calming voice on the Board. Dr. Lishak said, “During your tenure as a board member, you have provided insight and guidance on all of the things educationally based. You’re ability to remove all of the minutia of a situation and only look at what’s best for the child is admirable. You have been an asset to the South Plainfield Board of Education and you will be missed. On a personal note, John, I’d like to thank you for the guidance you have given me during my time here in South Plainfield. Many of you may not know this but Mr. Farinella is a principal in a neighboring district in the county I most recently served. I can tell you that Mr. Farinella’s reputation as an exceptional education leader goes far beyond the borders of South Plainfield, the City of Rahway where he serves as High School Principal, the county and the State of New Jersey. Again, Mr. Farinella, you will be sorely missed.”

Dr. Lishak asked Mrs. Glover to come up. She said to Mrs. Glover, “You have served as a board member from 2015-2017 and as Vice President in 2017. Your dedication to the students of South Plainfield is evident from your attendance at numerous school events to your many, many questions asked during board committee meetings. As a board member, your background as an educator has served you well. Your ability to look at a situation from the whole child’s perspective was always at the forefront of your decision-making. You have been a vocal member of the Board of Education, always supporting the ideas you thought best served the students of South Plainfield and the community as a whole. As Superintendent of the District, I have come to rely on you as a sounding board to present new ideas as well as a calming voice in the midst of some chaotic events. You have been a valuable member of the South Plainfield Board of Education and you will be missed.”

Dr. Lishak invited Mrs. Miller up to the podium. Dr. Lishak said, “Mrs. Miller, you have been a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education since 2008, serving from 2008-2017, as Vice President in 2012 and President in both 2013 and 2014. Mrs. Miller, you have been an integral part of the South Plainfield Board of Education, lending your services to numerous district endeavors, including negotiations, policy and then more policy, as well as, a number of Superintendent searches during your tenure as a board member. Your continued work on enhancing the programs offered in the district is

admirable and as a district we will continue building on the foundations you were a part of building for the students in South Plainfield. I can tell you, I will be hard-pressed to find someone to work with me on policy, going over each change or addition as thoroughly as you have done. I wish you only the best and I am sure I will be seeing you in the audience come the January meeting.”

IX. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. Acceptance of Anti-Bullying Report

Approve the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Reports from November 16, 2017–December 20, 2017.

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 6 – December 20, 2017 reported as of this agenda.

School	Number of Alleged Incidents September 6 – December 20, 2017	Number of Verified Incidents September 6 – December 20, 2017
High School	2	1
Middle School	5	3
Grant School	8	3
Franklin School	4	3
Kennedy School	0	0
Roosevelt School	1	0
Riley School	1	1

2. Acceptance of the Fire and Security Drill Reports for November 2017

Accept the Fire and Security Drill Reports to the Board of Education for November 2017.

3. Acceptance of the Report of Completion of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill to the Board of Education

Accept the Report of the Completion of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill to the Board of Education, according to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, in accordance with the information in the hands of each Board Member.

4. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the South Plainfield Board of Education and The South Plainfield Police Department Memorializing Certain Revisions to the 2015 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the South Plainfield Board of Education and The South Plainfield Police Department memorializing certain revisions to

the 2015 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein.
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5. Approve Healthcare Plan for Severe Reactions to Unknown Allergies: Volunteer Delegate Procedures

Approve the Healthcare Plan for Severe Reactions to Unknown Allergies: Volunteer Delegate Procedures in accordance with Tab IX.5

6. Approve Curriculum

Approve the following Curriculum:

ESL Grades K-4
ESL Grades 5-8
ESL Grades 9-12

7. Reversal of HIB Determination

Resolved, that the Board hereby reverses the HIB determination for C.M. adopted by the Board at its meeting on November 15, 2017 based upon insufficient evidence.

8. Approval of the NJ Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review – SY 2017/2018

Approve the NJ Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review for school year 2017/2018 as shown in Tab IX.8.

DISCUSSION:

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

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Glover

VOTE: 7-0

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:

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(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 all salary placements are pending receipt of college transcripts verifying degree status and letter stating years of service in other districts, *denotes mentoring required.) ***Indicates subject to change contingent upon contract settlement.**

XI.A Resignations, Retirements, Terminations

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

Code	Name	Action	Position	Location	Date Eff.	Discussion
1.	Ayad, Monica	Resign	Mathematics Teacher	Middle School	12/31/2017	Revised New Letter dated 11/28/17
2.	Elsabee, Amanda	Resign	Latch Key Aide	District	12/01/2017	
3.	Johnanids, Melanie	Rescind	Paraprofessional	Grant School	11/06/2017	Didn't accept position
4.	Lang, Ephran	Resign	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/31/2017	

XI.B 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 # 4766	Paid Medical Unpd. FMLA	Teacher	Kennedy School		02/09/18	03/23/18			06/11/18	
2.	Employee # 1228	Paid Medical Unpd. FMLA	Teacher	Middle School		09/07/17	11/21/17			01/03/18	Revised Dates
3.	Employee # 4021	Unpd. FMLA	Teacher	Franklin School			11/20/17			01/03/18	
4.	Employee #4018	Paid Medical Unpd. FMLA	Special Education	Grant School		10/17/17	12/11/17		03/14/17	09/01/18	Revised Dates
5.	Employee #4099	Paid Maternity/ Unpd. FMLA	Music Teacher	Middle/ Kennedy Schools	N/A	09/05/17	10/02/17	N/A	N/A	01/03/18	Revised Dates
5	Employee # 5146	Paid Medical Unpd. FMLA	Elementary Teacher	Roosevelt School		12/18/17	01/8/18			04/09/18	Revised Dates

XI.C Appointments, Transfers

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Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary/ Hrly. Rate	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Wylde, Johanna	Transfer	Spanish Teacher	4 MA+30	\$58,605	High School	09/01/17	06/30/18	Full Time High School Acct#:11-140-100-101-01
2.	Damato, Andrea	Approve	Interim LTDC	N/A	\$400 per day	District	01/03/18	06/30/18	Acct#:11-000-219-104-18
3.	Kanaley, Elyse	Approve	Parent STEAM Academy	N/A	\$41.00 per hr.	Middle School	01/03/18	04/30/18	Approve for 110 hours Acct#:20-231-100-100-11
4.	Stolz, Lori	Approve	Parent STEAM Academy	N/A	\$41.00 per hr.	Middle School	01/03/18	04/30/18	Approve for 110 hours Acct#:20-231-100-100-11
5.	White, Carolyn	Approve	Parent STEAM Academy	N/A	\$41.00 per hr.	Middle School	01/03/18	04/30/18	Approve for 110 hours Acct#:20-231-100-100-11
6.	Fasullo, Elizabeth	Approve	Substitute Latch Key Aide	N/A	\$15.00 per hr.	District	01/03/18	06/30/18	Act#: 61-993-100-101-19
7.	Nguyen, Andrew	Approve	Substitute Latch Key Aide	N/A	\$15.00 per hr.	District	01/03/18	06/30/18	Act#: 61-993-100-101-19
8.	Davisson, Yvonne	Approve	Substitute Latch Key Aide	N/A	\$15.00 per hr.	District	01/03/18	06/30/18	Act#: 61-993-100-101-19
9.	Kertes, Mary	Approve	Substitute Nurse	N/A	\$225 per day	District	01/03/18	06/30/18	Acct#: 11-000-221-110-17
10.	Pasternak, Rob	Approve	Substitute Paraprofessional	N/A	\$9.25 per hr	District	01/03/17	06/30/18	Pending Successful Completion of Criminal History Background Acct#: 11-000-240-105-01
11.	Lee, Christine	Approve	Substitute Secretary	N/A	\$10.50 per hr.	District	12/21/17	06/30/18	Acct#:11-000-240-105-01
12.	Lee, Christine	Approve	Substitute Paraprofessional/Duty Aide	N/A	\$9.25 per hr.	District	12/21/17	06/30/18	Acct#:11-000-240-105-01
13.	Paradiso, Dawn	Approve	Bus Aide	Step 1	\$16.75 per hr. 4 hours per day \$8,040.00	Transportation	12/21/17	06/30/17	Contingent upon successful completion of criminal history background check Acct#:11-000-270-107-16

XI.D. Adjustments, Stipends, Degree Changes

Code	Name	Action	Position	Degree/Step/ No. of Hrs.	Salary/ Stipend	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	Valencia, Dana	Approve	6th Period-Italian	2 MA +45	\$9,775.83	High School	9/1/2017	6/30/2018	Revised Step 5 Days Per Week Acct.#11-140-100-101-25
2.	Wylde, Johanna	Approve	6 th Period--Spanish	4MA+30	\$2,187.00	High School	09/01/2017	11/30/2017	Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
3.	Renden, Paula	Approve	6 th Period	9 BA	\$6,947.10	Middle School	12/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
4.	Salazar, Aura	Approve	6 th Period	11 MA	\$7,696.35	Middle School	12/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
5.	Orlowski, Kristin	Approve	Duty Aide	Step 8	\$18.65 per hr.	High School	10/30/2017	10/30/2017	An extra hour of work Acct#: 11-000-262-107-01
6.	Day, Brenda	Approve	Accompanist	N/A	\$150.00	Franklin School	12/11/2017	12/11/2017	Accompanist for winter concert Acct#: 11-190-100-500-04
7.	Day, Brenda	Approve	Accompanist	N/A	\$150.00	Franklin School	05/14/2018	05/14/2018	Accompanist for spring concert Acct#: 11-190-100-500-04

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Code	Name	Action	Position	Degree/Step/ No. of Hrs.	Salary/ Stipend	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
8.	Piwowar, Cathy	Approve	Paraprofessional	Step 10	\$21.65 per hour	High School	09/06/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Hourly Rate Assisting Children off Bus in the AM Acct#: 11-212-100-106-18
9.	Ayala, Jose	Approve	Bus Driver	Step 1-6 hrs. per day	\$23,689.26 (prorated)	Transportation	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Increase in hrs. from 5.5 to 6 per day effective 11/20/17 for 139 days Acct #11-000-270-160-16 & 11-000-270-161-16
10.	Catanzaro, Grace	Approve	Paraprofessional	Step 10 \$21.65 per hr.	\$ 32.48	Kennedy School	11/14/17	11/14/17	Provide translation for meeting Acct#: 11-212-100-106-18
11.	Schlem, Nyssa	Approve	BCBA	3 MA	\$ 507.87	District	12/18/17	12/19/17	Crisis Prevention Workshops for District Monday—8:30 – 1:30 Tuesday—8:30 – 2:30 Total of 11 hours @ \$46.17 per hr Acct#: 11-000-216-101-18

*NOTE: All salaries, longevity, stipends & hourly rates for NJEA members or the Small Van Drivers' Association and non-affiliated staff are subject to change upon settlement of the agreement for the 2017/18 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 7-0

XII. FINANCE

1. Approval of Withdrawals, Placements, and Tuition Adjustments of Special Education Students for the 2017-2018 School Year

Approve the withdrawals/placements/tuition changes for the following special education students for the 2017/2018 school year:

- a. Placement of one special education student at First Children School for the 2017/2018 school year. Anticipated start date will be December 4, 2017. Tuition cost will be \$63,825.00 (pro-rated) State ID No.: 4345378714
- b. Placement of one special education student at Lakeview School for the 2017/2018 school year. Anticipated start date will be December 11, 2017. Tuition cost will be \$85,003.20 (pro-rated). State ID No.: 1068078229
- c. Additional related services for one special education student attending Cranford School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Total cost for occupational therapy will be \$1,440.00. State ID No.: 9451616022.
- d. Additional related services for one special education student attending Cranford School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Total cost for occupational therapy will be \$1,440.00. State ID No.: 7762175762.

- e Withdrawal of one special education student attending Daytop New Jersey Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. His last day of attendance will be Friday, December 22, 2017. Tuition cost of \$45,786.60 was approved on the October 18, 2017 Board of Education agenda. State ID No.: 2489738298.

2. Dissolution of 2017/2018 Transportation Jointure with Dunellen

Approve the dissolution of the following fall transportation jointure with Dunellen Board of Education as the joiner:

<u>School</u>	<u>Host District</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Route Cost</u>
Piscataway Vo-Tech	South Plainfield	DUNPVTST	\$1885.00

3. Authorize Disposal of Personal Property No Longer Needed

Authorize the Board Secretary to dispose of personal property no longer needed for public use in accordance with the list in the hands of each Board Member. If no bids are received, property can be disposed of for scrap.

4. Authorize Lending Chairs to the South Plainfield Recreation Department

Authorize lending thirty (30) black chairs with green padding-screen printed with South and a Tiger to the South Plainfield Recreation Department for use in the PAL center.

5. Approve Professional Development Expenditures

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.

	<u>Name of Workshop</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Person Attending</u>
1.	Ocean Twp. Visitation	11/28-29/17	\$52.56 mileage/tolls 11-000-223-580-11	Mary Ann Mieke
2.	Ocean Twp. Visitation	11/28-29/17	\$56.89/tolls mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Cynthia Wong
3.	TechSpo 2018	1/25-26/18	\$633.94 registration/mileage/tolls 11-000-223-580-11	Michael Estrada
4.	Ocean Twp. Visitation	11/28-29/17	\$46.67 mileage/tolls 11-000-223-580-11	Douglas Hamway

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5.	NJSELA Roundtable	12/15/17	\$11.97 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray
6.	Middlesex Supervisor Roundtable	12/8/17 (a.m.)	\$6.79 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray
7.	NGSS Implementation Workshop	12/8/17 (p.m.)	\$9.49 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray
8.	Math Integration & NGSS	1/26/18	\$135.00 registration \$4.53 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray
9.	FLENJ: From Student Centered to Student Driven	5/17/18	\$125.00 11-000-223-580-11	Laura Sosna
10.	DAANJ Annual Conference	3-13-15-18	\$375.00 registration \$197.70 hotel 11-402-100-500-22	Kevin McCann
11.	Fundations- Response to Intervention	3/19/18	\$375.00 11-000-223-580-11	Karen Kellerman
12.	NJMEA Music Conference	2/22-24/18	\$170.00 11-000-223-580-11	Tobie Baldwin
13.	Fostering Creativity and Innovation: Design Thinking	1/18/18	\$149.00 11-000-223-580-11	Scott Mangieri
14.	Practical Strategies for ASD	1/5/18	\$249.00 11-000-223-580-11	Gayle Butrico
15.	Genesis User Group	12/11/17	\$11.16 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Helen Gaub
16.	Special Education Law in NJ	2/7/18	\$199.99 11-000-223-580-11	Eli Freund
17.	Curriculum Learning Network	12/18/17	\$14.45 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray
18.	STEAM Academy	2/9/18	\$25.00 Registration \$15.50 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray

19.	Chemical Hygiene Training	2/27/18	\$16.25 mileage 11-000-223-580-11	Shanti Kantha-Murray
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6. Accept Gift Donation

Accept the donation of the following items valued at \$4,565.00 to Grant School from the Grant School PTO:

11 – Chrome Book Carts valued at \$415.00 each

7. Approve the Services Agreement between Total Registration, LLC and the South Plainfield Board of Education

Approve the Services Agreement between Total Registration, LLC and the South Plainfield Board of Education to provide Customer Registration Services for Advanced Placement Exams in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein.
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8. Approval of Line Item Transfers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised line item transfers for October 2017 shown in Tab XII.8

9. Receipt of Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the receipt of the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports as of October 2017, and acknowledge the following certification of the Board Secretary:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4, the Board Secretary certifies that after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial reports in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b).

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James Damato, Board Secretary

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Date

10. Approval of Bill List for December 2017

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	385	\$ 1,720,898.93
Payroll	386	\$ 1,730,602.64

<u>Checks</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Hand Checks</u>		
Preschool		\$
Latchkey	400006 - 400015	\$ 3,447.85
Adult Ed	500006 - 500012	\$ 4,189.00
Cafeteria	200010 - 200011	\$ 184,495.03
Trust and Agency	6453 - 6488	\$ 190,117.02
FICA	880603 - 880604	\$ 195,103.84
Unemployment	215	\$ 53,602.53
Machine Check	872 - 1133	\$ 2,446,958.72
FUND 30	700023 - 700028	\$ 356,601.85

11. Approval of Expenditures for Presenters for Professional Development Workshops

Approve the expenditures for the following Presenters for Professional Development Workshops in February and March:

Barbara DeSantis – Presentation on Library Best Practices on February 16, 2018 for the sum of \$600.00 Acct # 11-000-223-320-11

Diana Sefchik – Presentation on World Language Best Practices on February 16 and March 9, 2018 for the sum of \$1,200.00 Acct. #11-000-223-320-11

12. Approval for Level 1 Services for Special Education Student – 2017/2018

Approve the following special education student for the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Level 1 Services for the 2017/2018 school year:

- a. Level I educational services to be provided to the following special education student by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired at a cost of \$1,900.00 (pro-rated) for the 2017-2018 school year. Cost to be deducted from state aid. State ID No.: 4345378714.

13. Revised: Approval of Contract with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ to Implement the Omnia Medical Plan effective January 1, 2018

Approve the contract with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ to implement the Omnia Medical Plan beginning January 1, 2018. The monthly rates for the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 are as follows:

	<u>Omnia Medical Plan</u>
Single	\$ 614.24
2-Adults	\$1,500.80
Family	\$1,739.56
Parent & Child(ren)	\$1,057.37

14. Accept Proposal from Suplee Clooney for Additional Accounting Services

Accept the proposal from Suplee Clooney & Company to perform additional accounting services in accordance with the terms and conditions therein, in an amount not to exceed \$1,875.00.

15. Accept Gift Donation

Accept the donation of an Incubator/Shaker and Incubator to the Biology Department at the High School for use in the Waksman Student Scholar Program from the Mohtadi family. This donation is valued at \$3,120.00.

16. Accept Gift Donation

Accept the donation of \$2,000.00 from Michael Iarrapino, President, Edison Heating & Cooling, to cover the production and personnel costs of recording and posting the meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education from January 2018 through June 2018.

17. Board Member/Staff Member Conference/Travel

The following individuals have registered for conferences, seminars, etc., which are compliant with State payment guidelines; with Board Bylaw 0147; employee/Board Member job responsibilities and critical to the needs of the school district. (Account 11.000.230.585.12)

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date and Location</u>	<u>Cost/Mileage</u>
Debbie Boyle	Foundations for Success Training	November 30, 2017 Cherry Valley Country Club, Skillman, NJ	Cost: \$ 0.00 Mileage: \$19.22

DISCUSSION:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of

Education approve the foregoing resolutions.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 7-0
Mrs. Boyle abstained on herself and recuse on #16.

XIII. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Giannakis wished everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday break. He said how fantastic the musical performances were tonight. He said that this is bittersweet as he looks forward to working with the new board members, he's been with some of these board members for quite a while. He told Mrs. Miller that she has been on this board a long time. He told Mr. Farinella that he is the voice of reason, he has a calmness to him and intelligence. He told Mrs. Glover that it has been an honor and a privilege to work with her. He said that she makes him look at things in a different way sometimes and he is really going to miss that. He said that he is glad he got to call her not just a board member but a friend. He said that he will miss the outgoing board members and he hopes to see them back.

Mr. Farinella congratulated all of the student and the award winners tonight. He thanked his colleagues on the board as well as the administrative team, the teachers, the support staff and everyone who makes this district go forward. He said that this is a great school district and he has nothing but fabulous accolades for everyone and for the hard work that you do. He said that it is not easy to do what we do but that you make it look easy. Mr. Farinella said that he is thankful for all of the efforts of the district. He said that his family has been here in South Plainfield since the early 70s and South Plainfield has given his children a great start just as it has given him a great start. He wished the Board good luck as they move forward and thanked everyone for the opportunity. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Mrs. Miller said that the chorus and jazz band did a wonderful job. She also congratulated the student athletes. She said that they should be proud of all of their accomplishments. She also congratulated Dana Curcio for being Coach of the Year. Mrs. Miller said that she took on this role as the coach of tennis when nobody else wanted to and she has done a terrific job with the program. Mrs. Miller also thanked Mr. Farinella and Mrs. Glover for their years on the Board. She said that they worked well together and she is going to miss everyone. She said that the board members are volunteers, they don't get paid to do this, it is a lot of hard work, long hours and late nights and waned to say that it is appreciated. Mrs. Miller wished the Board good luck as they move forward. She said that she has been proud to serve the students, staff, parents and the community as a board member for just about ten years. She also wished everyone a happy holiday and happy, healthy and joyous new year.

Mrs. Boyle thanked Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Glover and Mr. Farinella for all of their years of service and being a part of all of the decision-making that we had to do. She wished everyone happy holidays. Mrs. Boyle congratulated all of our musical arts students on an amazing performance. She said that is why they took first place in the competition. She also thanked Dana Curcio for being a part of our coaching staff for the past number of years.

Mrs. Anesh echoes everyone's comments in saying happy holidays and congratulations to all the staff and students. She told Mrs. Miller that she will be sorely missed. She told Mrs. Glover and Mr. Farinella that it won't be the same without them but she is looking forward to working next year and seeing them in the future.

Mrs. Glover said that it is bittersweet. She thanked the community of South Plainfield for electing her and said that her term was very fruitful. She said they accomplished a lot in the last year with our administrative teams throughout the district. She said that we have grown so much and she is leaving this district better than she found it. She said that she is not really sad because she thinks that the new board members will do a great job. She thanked all of the board members because she learned something from every one of them. Mrs. Glover wished everyone happy holidays and congratulated all of the awardees and the students on their wonderful performances. She thanked the Board again and said she is going to miss the crazy meetings at times but is proud of all that was accomplished.

Mrs. Miller asked to have cookies and water back for the students when they come to perform. Dr. Lishak said that was an oversight.

Mrs. Boyle said that she is hoping that some sort of dedication can be made to Mrs. Miller who was a big part of the STEAM and STEM room and she pushed for the lab at every referendum meeting.

Mr. Seesselberg said that we had great entertainment by the music students tonight but also all throughout the district, every school had a holiday concert, winter concert and he was able to attend five of them and they were all great. He said that the talent in our teachers who go between schools and the talent in our students that get pulled from class or show up at 7:00 in the morning do a fabulous job. The response by the parents, grandparents and everybody else who was the elementary school concerts was just phenomenal.

Mr. Seesselberg congratulated the sports award recipients tonight. All throughout the year, we give out accolades and all sports, academic and the arts and various areas so we have a great bunch of students here that are being educated by a great bunch of teachers lead by a great bunch of administrators and this being the end of the 2017 calendar year, we are going to continue this into the 2018 calendar year and into the successive school years.

Mr. Seesselberg to Mr. Farinella that he brought knowledge not only as a parent and community member but also as an educator and at times, an attorney. He said that there are a few more Farinellas in the district and he is sure we will see him here a few more time. He thanked him for all of his hard work and wished him luck in the future.

Mr. Seesselberg told Mrs. Glover that she is tenacious, knowledgeable, fearless, straightforward, even-handed and the knowledge that she brought as an educator in another district helped the board and the administrators immensely.

Mr. Seesselberg told Mrs. Miller that she was diligent and hardworking, whether with the policies or negotiations, you were President, Vice President and was probably on every committee in some form over the past almost ten years. Mr. Seesselberg wished Mrs. Miller good luck and thanked her for her hard work.

Mr. Seesselberg wished everyone a happy holidays. He said to take some time off away from work and enjoy your family. He said to enjoy the time off and hit the ground running on January 3, 2018.

XVI. 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.

Regular Public Meeting
December 20, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mr. Glover

VOTE: 7-0

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, there was a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

James Damato
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary