

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Special Business Meeting – Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Roosevelt Administration Building
125 Jackson Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seesselberg called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

II. ROLL CALL- James Damato

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

Absent: Mrs. Anesh

Also Present: Dr. Noreen Lishak, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Malyska, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. James Damato, Interim Business Administrator; Mr. Thomas Wiggins, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Mr. Marc Zitomer, Legal Counsel; Mr. Ron Smith

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, Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers and W.C.T.C. on June 15, 2018.

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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.

IV. 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:

V. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- A. Agenda Additions and/or Deletions
- B. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

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VI. 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.)

VI.A Appointments, Transfers

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary/ Hrly. Rate	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1.	*Ryan, Joanne	Approve	Supervisor of Special Services	N/A	\$109,200	District	8/27/2018 or sooner	6/30/2019	Acct#: 11-000-240-103-18
2.	*Haughwout, Katherine	Approve	Part time Music Teacher	Step 6 BA	\$34,941	Roosevelt School	9/1/2018	6/30/2019	3/5 th position Acct#: 11-120-100-101-07

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mr. Pennisi

VOTE: 8-0

VII. FINANCE

A. Award Re-Bid #13-18 – Custodial and Grounds Operations

WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:18A-1 (et seq.) advertised for sealed bids for Re-Bid #13-18 – Custodial and Grounds Operations on June 16, 2018, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that advertisement, the bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud in Conference Room in the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Avenue on June 26, 2018. A total of three (3) bids were received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid be awarded to Pritchard Industries in the total amount of \$2,158,111.15 for the 2018/2019 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement pending review by Board counsel, and which the Board President is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board.

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DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Boyle said that she is voting no on this bid. This company has been in this district before and there were multiple problems. Our district manager at the time had to take the wrap for things that went on with asbestos. She left and someone else came in and she created issues and she was asked to leave. Mrs. Boyle said that she is voting not on this because of the major asbestos issues.

Mr. Chapman asked Mrs. Boyle if she can tell the board what these major asbestos issues were. Mrs. Boyle said that when they were cleaning up the asbestos in Grant School they were told to blow it down the hall with fans. AHERA was at our public meeting about it a couple of years ago. They were not given masks to put on, they dumped it in the dumpster in the parking lot and then the men in the white suits had to come because that is what was directed to the custodians. Mr. Chapman asked how long ago that was and Mrs. Boyle said it was about four or five years ago

Mr. Giannakis said that he doesn't think it had anything to do with the director. The director on site found out and she was the one that shut everything down but she was the scapegoat in everything. Mr. Boyle agreed and said that there are other things and she is sure that other companies do this but they water down their cleaning supplies. They are given cloths to clean with and they have to use it for a month. Those are just some of the small issues.

Mr. Damato said that he wants to not that they took the cleaning supplies out of this bid. The reason why they did that is because we had the same problem with Temco. In the last month and half we had no toilet paper, no paper towels and empty soap dispensers in a lot of the schools. Mr. Damato said that we had a lot of the same problems so wanted to put Tom Wiggins in charge of the supplies. He said that he believes that we will have a much better service and Tom can manage the costs. Mr. Damato said that he thinks that there is money to be made by the company on the supplies so Tom will be bringing this back to the Board rather than the company getting that as a profit.

Mr. Giannakis asked if our attorney reviewed the contract and Mr. Zitomer said that they have not but the resolution does say that it is subject to counsel review. He said that Jim will send it over to our office for them to review.

Mr. Cassio asked Jim if he has any experience with this company. Mr. Damato said that he doesn't but that he heard the same things that Mrs. Boyle pointed out. He said that he can tell you that they have been in business for a long time and that Mr. Smith may have some experience with them.

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Mr. Smith said that he worked with them in two districts and he had no trouble, especially if you are going to manage the supplies. Mr. Wiggins added that they asbestos problems won't happen again. He said it won't happen under his watch.

Mr. Giannakis said that he feels much more confident knowing that we have Mr. Wiggins overseeing it. There really was nobody in the past that oversaw anything in that respect so it is a world of difference. He said that taking the supplies out is also a world of difference and he is willing to let them come back to try again. Mr. Giannakis said that it was point out by Mr. Smith which is an enormous factor and he said that he is confident.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mr. Pennisi VOTE: 7-1
Mrs. Boyle voted no.

B. Accept Gift Donation

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the donation of classroom resources, materials and furniture valued at \$5,662.94 as shown in Tab VI.B for the Franklin School Teacher's Wish List from the Franklin School PTO.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mr. Pennisi VOTE: 8-0

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Lishak said that Theresa Tempe just brought to her attention that there is a board meeting scheduled for Yom Kippur. The district is closed so Dr. Lishak asked if the board would like to move the meeting to September 20th.

Mr. Giannakis asked if that will be a heavy agenda. Dr. Lishak said that she won't know until we get closer. Mr. Giannakis suggested doing a dual meeting. Dr. Lishak said that it doesn't make a difference to her. Mr. Damato said that you can do it all on September 12th.

Mr. Zitomer said that someone will need to make a motion to cancel the meeting on September 19, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Boyle VOTE: 8-0

Mr. Seesselberg said that the meeting on the 12th will be both the Committee of the Whole and the Regular meeting. Mr. Chapman asked if the meeting will be at 6:30 or 6:00 p.m. Dr. Lishak said to make it for 6:00 p.m. Mr. Zitomer said to make sure we

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advertise that.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mr. Pennisi

VOTE: 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Damato
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary