

**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Office of the Board Secretary**  
**13 Swift Drive**  
**Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234**

**MINUTES**

**July 16, 2019**

**WORK SESSION**

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM**

Procedural: 1.2 Open Public Meetings Statement

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Procedural: 1.3 Roll Call

**Members present**

Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Lou Della Barca

Late: Ray Ellis

Absent: Kristy Bird

Also Present: Dr. Kim Gruccio/Superintendent, Mr. John Davis/Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Santilli/Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Chandra Anaya/Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

**2. RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION - July 16, 2019**

Action: 2.1 Recess to Executive Session at 6:04 PM

**RESOLVED**, that the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education shall meet in executive session on July 16, 2019, immediately, for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Litigation and Attorney-Client Privilege.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the discussion of each subject matter in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the matter has been settled, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law.

Discussion: 2.2 Personnel

Discussion: 2.3 Attorney's Report

Action: 2.4 Reconvene Open Public Meeting at 7:01 PM

**3. PUBLIC MEETING OPENING**

Procedural: 3.1 Call to Order at 7:08 PM

Procedural: 3.2 Open Public Meetings Statement

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Procedural: 3.3 Roll Call

## **Members present**

Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Absent: Kristy Bird

Also Present: Dr. Kim Gruccio/Superintendent, Mr. John Davis/Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Santilli/Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Chandra Anaya/Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Jamie Shoemaker/Assistant to the Business Administrator, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

Procedural: 3.4 Flag Salute

## **4. FINANCE/OPERATIONS**

Discussion: 4.1 Finance and Operations Committee Report

Ms. Anaya spoke about Finance and Operation items, to be approved at the upcoming Regular Session Meeting and answers to questions, previously asked by Board Members, regarding the following Agenda items:

- ACSSSD Transportation Runs Bid
- T-Mobile switch
- Lowes purchases
- Insight Invoices
- Professional Consultants for Special Ed

Discussion: 4.2 Transfers for Ratification 2018/2019

Discussion: 4.3 Transfers for Ratification 2019/2020

Discussion: 4.4 Bills for Payment

Discussion: 4.5 Purchases (per Board Policy #6421)

Discussion: 4.6 Out of District Travel

Discussion: 4.7 Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

Discussion: 4.8 Financial Report of the Board Secretary for May 2019

Discussion: 4.9 Board Report and Receipts and Expenditures for May 2019

Discussion: 4.10 Financial Report of the Board Secretary for June 2019

Discussion: 4.11 Board Report and Receipts and Expenditures for June 2019

Discussion: 4.12 Resolution for Meal Program 2019/2020

Discussion: 4.13 2018/2019 Out of District Tuition Contract for McKinney Vento Act Student Sent

Discussion: 4.14 Approve the FY2020 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Grant Application Submission

Discussion: 4.15 ESSA Title I, IIA, & III Split Salaries

Discussion: 4.16 Acceptance of Carl D. Perkins Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2020

Discussion: 4.17 2019/2020 Professional Consultants

Discussion: 4.18 2018/2019 Out of District Tuition - Special Education

Discussion: 4.19 2019/2020 Out of District Tuition - Special Education

Discussion: 4.20 Approve the FY2020 IDEA Federal Grant Application Submission

## **5. CURRICULUM**

Discussion: 5.1 Curriculum Committee Report

Mr. Davis spoke about Curriculum items to be approved at the upcoming Regular Session Meeting and answered questions, previously asked by Board Members, regarding LinkIt!

Discussion: 5.2 Field Trips Out of State

Discussion: 5.3 Brooks Irvine Football Club

Discussion: 5.4 Thanksgiving Football Games Luncheon

Discussion: 5.5 Out of State Winter Track Meets

Discussion: 5.6 Crew Races

Discussion: 5.7 Penn Relays

Mr. Della Barca welcomed Dr. Charlton, who was seated at the dais, and wished him the best in his new position

## **6. PERSONNEL**

Discussion: 6.1 Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Gruccio gave the Personnel Committee highlights. Items discussed were:

- 2019/2020 Staffing Needs
- Resignation of the Davenport Principal, Ms. Latifah Potter

Dr. Gruccio, on behalf of the Administration, wished Ms. Potter the best in her new position, at her new district

Discussion: 6.2 Public Hearing for the Superintendent of Schools' Employment Contract

Ms. Anaya read the Resolution for the Public Hearing of the Superintendent of Schools Contract

Mrs. Houck-Elco further explains the reasoning and legal process for the Public Hearing, and opens up the hearing to public comment/questions regarding Dr. Gruccio's contract

No comments or questions were presented

Action: Rescind Current Contract for Dr. Gruccio and Approve 2019-2023 Superintendent of Schools Contract as Approved by the Atlantic County Office of the NJDOE

**Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Pete Castellano to Rescind Current Contract for Dr. Gruccio and Approve 2019-2023 Superintendent of Schools Contract as Approved by the Atlantic County Office of the NJDOE**

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Abstain: Marita Sullivan but stated her full support to Dr. Gruccio

Absent: Kristy Bird

Action: Approve Personnel Item 6.4 Personnel Resignations/Retirements

**Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Barbara Szilagyi to Approve Personnel Item 6.4**

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Absent: Kristy Bird

Discussion: 6.5 Elimination/ Creation of Position(s)

Discussion: 6.6 Transfer(s)

Discussion: 6.7 Appointment(s)

Discussion: 6.8 Leave(s) of Absence

Dr. Gruccio thanked the Board for their support

**7. POLICY**

Discussion: 7.1 Policy Committee Report

Mr. Santilli informed the Board of the Policy Item that is to be approved at the upcoming Regular Meeting

Discussion: 7.2 Policy 3216 - Dress and Grooming, Replacement, Final Reading

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Della Barca informed everyone about the Board Retreat that occurred, where they developed Board Goals to be approved at the upcoming Regular Meeting

Discussion: 8.1 2019/2020 Board Goals

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion: 9.1 EHTPD and EHT Municipal Alliance Request for EHTSD Bus Usage for EHT National Night Out on August 6, 2019

Discussion: 9.2 Permit the Superintendent to Hire Staff

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORTS**

Reports: 10.1 District Enrollment Report through June 21, 2019

Reports: 10.2 Swift/Monthly Reports/June 2019

Reports: 10.3 Slaybaugh Complex/Monthly Reports/June 2019

Reports: 10.4 Davenport Complex/Monthly Reports/June 2019

Reports: 10.5 Alder Avenue Middle School/Monthly Reports/June 2019

Reports: 10.6 High School/Monthly Reports/June 2019

Reports: 10.7 Eagle Academy/Monthly Report/June 2019

Reports: 10.8 ASPIRE/Monthly Reports/June 2019

Reports: 10.9 Development Office/Monthly Report/June 2019

Reports: 10.10 Facilities/Monthly Report/June 2019

Reports: 10.11 Insight/Monthly Report/ June 2019

Reports: 10.12 ITS/Monthly Report/June 2019

Reports: 10.13 Out of School Suspension Reports

Reports: 10.14 Registration/Monthly Report/May 2019

Reports: 10.15 Security/ Monthly Report/ June 2019

Reports: 10.16 Transportation Department/ Monthly Reports/ June 2019

**11. COMMUNICATIONS**

Information: 11.1 Board Calendar

Information: 11.2 NJSBA Upcoming Events

## 12. COMMENTS

Information: 12.1 Guidelines for Public Comments at the Board of Education Meeting

Paul Sparano-9 Fairfax Road-asked about Kids Klub information and bullying

Dr. Gruccio extended an invitation to meet with Administration

Mr. Santilli responded to Mr. Sparano's questions on Kids Klub

Steve Napoli-402 Shadeland Road-asked about class rank

Mr. Della Barca informed Mr. Napoli that the Policy Committee has not met yet

Information: 12.2 From Administration

Dr. Gruccio updated everyone on the following:

- EHT has been named one of the top 5 districts in New Jersey
- Board goals
- New development to be completed Spring 2020, possibly requiring a bus stop

Ms. Anaya further discussed abatement information received at a meeting with the Township

Dr. Gruccio also expanded on the future re-districting to provide full day Kindergarten

Information: 12.3 From Board Members

Mr. Castellano spoke about legislation Path to Progress, affordable housing payments, and requested continued reporting on Development

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd spoke positively about Dr. Gruccio's announcement on restructuring the district

Mr. Della Barca stated that there were 3 Strategic Plans and moving forward with the current plan is important

Mr. Price informed the Board about a local fire with displaced family and Ms. Dena Danz gave information about clothing donation locations

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 13.1 Adjourn Meeting

### **Motion by Barbara Szilagyi, second by Marita Sullivan to adjourn the meeting**

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Michael Price, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Ray Ellis, Lou Della Barca

Absent: Kristy Bird

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Chandra D. Anaya, CPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary