

**Somers Point Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, November 17, 2022)**  
Generated by Tina Loder on Monday, November 21, 2022

President Staci Endicott called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Open Public Meetings Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to two newspapers, posted on the bulletin board of City Hall and on the doors of the three schools as required in the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and as amended by P.L. 2020, c.11.

Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Jenna DeCicco

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank, Mr. John Conover, Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Dr. Alice Myers (arrived at 7:05pm), Mr. Michael Sweeder, Mrs. Karen Tomasello, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Vice President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President

Others Present: Dr. Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Julie Gallagher, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Amy Houck Elco, Attorney (arrived at 7:42pm)

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Mrs. DeCicco, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve item A. Motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote of 8-0.

A, Minutes

Resolved that the following meeting minutes be approved as presented and available for release to the public upon request and according to policy:

Regular Meeting- 10/20/2022  
Executive Meeting- 10/20/2022

**Presentations**

Superintendent's Presentation

**Recognition of the 2022 New Jersey Exemplary Educators**

Amy Horan-Smith  
Shannon Johansen  
Phil Pallitto

**Recognition of the District Coaches**

Emily Ford  
Phil Pallitto  
Amanda Winslow

**Teachers of the Month - October**

Carly Cross and Julie Antell- Dawes Avenue  
Devon Kallen- Jordan Road

**Students of the Month - October - Dawes Avenue**

Kindergarten	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade
<b>Sophia Fields</b>	<b>Alexa Dionicio-Aguilar</b>	<b>Alina Iakupova</b>	<b>James Barr</b>
Cole Pitts	Violet Nicodemus	Elijah Jones	Nicole Sketchley
Ares Serrano	Na'Zarie Hazel	Joshua Cruz-Ceballos	Lorena Ramos-Oviedo
Xiomara Cortes	Kai Tilghman	Oliver Juliano	
	Johnny Pilar		

**Students of the Month - October - Jordan Road**

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
Ania Hernandez	Kaleb Morris	Jacob Discioli	Collin Carpenter	Ariangelys Ruiz-Lopez

**RENAISSANCE PRESENTATION**

HIB Self-Assessments 2021.2022 (1).pdf (124 KB)

Dr. Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder- Read a statement about an update of the dress code. Dr. CarneyRay-Yoder reads, " Somers Point Families, I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the school dress code. Earlier this year a petition was presented to myself and the Board regarding concerns about the dress code. As I expressed previously I have an open-door policy, there is no need for a community Petition as we were already working to revise the dress code. It is important to understand that the dress code would have been reviewed last spring, had we not had a turnover in our middle school building leadership. The Dress code that is being implemented was developed by administration prior to my arrival in the district and especially prior to Mr. Pugliese's arrival. That being said here are the steps we have taken so far to assess the dress code: We have been in the process of gathering feedback and drafting revisions to the policy and regulations. We have received student feedback and I will be following up with Jordan Student Leadership in December. I reinstated parent meetings-Expresso yourself with Dr. Cry to receive parent/guardian feedback; I appreciated the parents that showed up to show their concerns and discussed ideas for change. Staff is also sharing their feedback on any concerns and changes. The timeline moving forward is as follows: Before break: Staffuly feedback on dress code and share potential changes with student leadership feedback. Winter: Parent version of expresso yourself with Dr. Cry to share potential regulation changes and first reading of a revised policy, second reading and approval of student new dress code policy 5511, parent version of expresso yourself with Dr. Cry to share potential regulation changes, Board approval of handbook with dress code regulation changed 2023-2024 handbook. Before end of school: Distribution of new regulations in advance of the end of the year for back to school shopping for the summer, We've appreciated your comments. In reviewing it all, as well as conferring with surrounding districts the dress code policy, as is, stands for the remainder of the year (with minor changes) and will be enforced. We are confident any revisions made to the specific guidelines during the student handbook revision process for the next school year will further benefit the students of Somers Point."

### Public Forum-Agenda Items Only

Open Meeting to Public/Guidelines for Public Forum

Recommended Action: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES: Public participation at a board meeting is intended to allow individual members of the public the opportunity to address the board and administration and comment on issues of public concern. If you have a question pertaining to litigation, student or personnel items, please see the Superintendent after the meeting as the Board does not discuss these matters in public as they retain their rights to privacy. Please be further advised, that the Board does not endorse, or intend to endorse, any statements made during public comment periods and the person submitting such statements is responsible for any statements made which may be found to be slanderous, defamatory, or in violation of the law. If you would like to make a comment, please come up to the microphone and provide your name and address. All comments must be directed to the Board President and made in a respectful manner. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person. At the end of the three minutes, you will be notified your time is up. You are not allowed to "give" your minutes to anyone else. We will now be open to public comment. Public comment is limited to thirty minutes. President Staci Endicott opened the meeting to the public at 7:57pm and closed the meeting to the public at 7:58pm.

- No Comments

### School and Community

Correspondence

Dawes Avenue School on receiving the Bronze for the 2021 New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition.

Cross County Connection.pdf (61 KB)

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. Brookbank to approve Item B. Motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. DeCicco with Abstention).

B. Resignations

Approve the resignation of Board member Jenna DeCicco, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Student and Community Affairs Committee Report

- Public Relations
- Athletics
- Extra-Curricular Activities

Foundation for Education Liaison Report

- Tail of Two Cities

City Council Liaison Report

- No Report

### Finance/Operations

Finance Committee Report.

- Finance
- Operational Items

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Myers to Approve Items B-P. Motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote for B-G, I-P 9-0 and H with a vote of 8-0-1 (Mrs. Stacie Brookbank Abstention)

B. Transfer of Funds

Approve the Adjustments for the Budget as presented and made a part of these minutes:

OCT 2022 Appropriations.pdf (444 KB)      Monthly Transfers 1022.pdf (215 KB)

C. Secretary Report/Cash Report

Approve the Report of the Secretary for the month ending October 2022, as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that they certify that as of October 31, 2022-, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The board further approves the Cash Report for the month of October 2022

Secretary Report 1022.pdf (2,066 KB)      Cash Report 1022.pdf (174 KB)

Monthly Board Certification 1022.pdf (75 KB)

D. Treasurer's Report

Approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending October 2022 as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) and that they certify that as of October 31, 2022, after review of the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Treasurer Report 1022.pdf (97 KB)

E. Bills for Payment

Approve the Bills List as presented and made a part of these minutes:

GENERAL - \$ 484,594.50  
CAPITAL - \$ 0  
PAYROLL - \$ 887,092.81  
TOTAL - \$ 1,371,687.31

NOVEMBER 17, 2022 BILLS LIST.pdf (507 KB)

F. December Bills for Payment

Approve the business administrator to process payment for December Bills list

G. Contracts

Approve the following contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name of Contract		
Western Governor's University	Education Affiliation Agreement	College of Health Professions
Kelly Education	Renewal Agreement	2022/2023 school year
Jewish Family Services	Renewal Agreement	\$109,632.48
Millville Public School Tuition	\$16,239.00	Student ID#: 15316729
Durand 2:1 Bus Aide	\$31,680.00	Student ID#: 15647849
Atlantic City School Tuition	\$20,420.00 (Received)	Student ID#: 15135604
(GEHRSD) Pick Me Up Bus Company	SP-B (Mckinney-Vento) Atlantic City to Jordan Road September 21, 2022-January 23, 2023	\$20,046.00
**Strauss Esmay	Addendum to Online Contract	Add access to Regulations.

H. Use of Facilities

Approve the following Use of Facilities:

Organization	Dates	Times	Facility	Fee
MUSA- Mainland United Soccer Assoc.	November through March Tuesdays and Thursdays	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Dawes Ave Gym and Jordan Road	-0-
PBG Foundation	12/24/22	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dawes Gym/Library	\$2,820
Mainland Youth Basketball	12/02/22 - 03/11/23	Tuesday Thursday Friday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Dawes Avenue Gym Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Jordan Road Gym Friday Evening	-0-
Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA	11/09/22 - 06/14/23	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	NYA- Principal/Conference Room	\$200 per week

I. Fund Balance

Recommended Action: Approve the deposit of up to \$1,000,000 into the Capital Reserve Account and up to \$1,000,000 into the Maintenance Reserve Account retro active to June 30th 2022.

J. Transportation

To accept the completion of the first of two "Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills" for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the New Jersey Administration Code NJCA 6A:27-11.2

K. ESEA Grant Revision -2022-2023 School Year

To authorize the submission and acceptance of the ESEA Grant carryover from the 2020-2021 grant as listed below:

Original Grant for 2022-2023 \$468,320  
 Carry Over from 2021-2022 \$166,630  
 Total Revised 2022-2023 FY \$634,950

L. Fixed Assets

To accept the 2021-2022 school year Fixed Asset report.

M. Disposal of Fixed Assets

To approve the disposal of fixed assets below

Asset Tag Number	Item	Location
04192	Traulsen Freezer: Single Section 115V/60A/1-	Jordan Road Kitchen
02780	Traulsen Cabinet Food Warmer: Single Section, 115V/60A	Jordan Road Kitchen
0094	Traulsen Refrigerator; Two Section, 115V/60A/1-PH	Jordan Road Kitchen
04357	Shelley Glas Hot Food Unit: 4 Hot Well, 125/250V/30A	Jordan Road Kitchen
0090	Garland Convection Oven; Model: S63XJMB-7357, 115/230V	Jordan Road Kitchen
02779	Traulsen Refrigerator: Single Section; 115V/60A/1-PH	Dawes Ave Kitchen
02775	Traulsen Refrigerator: Two Section,	Dawes Ave

#### N. Award Contract - Early Childhood Toilet rooms

To award a contract to Marino General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$540,970.00. for Early Childhood Toilet rooms at the Dawas Avenue Elementary School as per the recommendation of the Architect, Regan Young England Butera and as reviewed by Board Solicitor.

#### O. Fund Raising Activity

Approve the following fundraising activity as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Organization/Grade Level	Date(s)	Description/Purpose	Expenses
JRS - Student Council	11/09/2022	Middle School Dance	\$100 cost \$600 Projected Profits
8th Grade Class	TBD	Auntie Anne's Pretzel & Cookie sale/ Fund end of the year activities	0
**District Renaissance	January 2023, March 2023 Days TBD	Family Movie Nights	Food for Concessions - \$Amount not to exceed \$150 per night from District Renaissance Account
**District Renaissance	December 14, 2022	Food Truck/ Restaurant Night - Grilled Cheese and Crab Cake Company	No Cost to District - 25% donated back to District Renaissance

#### P. Reorganization meeting

To advertise the Reorganization meeting of the Somers Point Board of Education for Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00pm as follows: The Somers Point Board of Education, the County of Atlantic, the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for January 5, 2023 at 7:00pm, will be held as an in-person meeting at the Jordan Road School, 129 Jordan Road, Somers Point, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, and as amended by P.L. 2020, c.11. Formal Action will take place.

### Curriculum

#### Instruction Committee Report

- Walkthrough update
- HIB Self-Assessment
- Coastal HUB
- Country-Wide Health and Physical Education Professional Development
- Draft-December 14th Professional Development Agenda
- AIM Mentors
- Grade Level Advisors

Motion was made by Dr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve items B-K. Motion was carried with a Roll Call vote of 9-0.

#### B. Out of District Professional Development

Approve the following Out of District Professional Development for the 2022-2023 school year:

	Name	Program	Date(s)	Location	Fee
1	All Staff	Teaching Strategies Gold (Pre-K only)	Ongoing 09/01/22- 06/10/23	Virtual	\$207.50 each
2	Mary Pinnix	SEMI Fall Meeting	10/20/22	Trenton	\$94.11 (Adjusted from \$60.73)
3	**Deanna Haas	STEAM/GT Workshop Makerspace	11/22/22  (Additional Dates if needed) 12/6/22	Stockton	-0-

			12/8/22 01/18/23 01/19/23  02/01/23  (Additional Dates if needed) 02/14/23 02/15/23 03/01/23 03/15/23		
4	**Giannine DiSciascio	STEAM/GT Workshop Makerspace	11/22/22  (Additional Dates if needed) 12/6/22 12/8/22 01/18/23 01/19/23 11/07/22  02/01/23  (Additional Dates if needed) 02/14/23 02/15/23 03/01/23 03/15/23	Stockton	-0-
5	**Nicole DiGiacomo	STEAM/GT Workshop Makerspace	11/22/22  (Additional Dates if needed) 12/6/22 12/8/22 01/18/23 01/19/23 11/07/22  02/01/23  (Additional Dates if needed) 02/14/23 02/15/23 03/01/23 03/15/23	Stockton	-0-
6	Melanie Smith	PD for Health & PE	12/02/22	Brigantine Community School	-0-
7	John Bruccoleri	PD for Health & PE	12/02/22	Brigantine Community School	-0-
8	Jillian Garza	NJ TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Spring Conference	5/26/23 link available	Virtual Video Conference	\$350
9	Kristie Unsworth	NJ TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Spring Conference	5/26/23 link available	Virtual Video Conference	\$350
10	Kimberly O'Brien	NJ TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Spring Conference	5/26/23 link available	Virtual Video Conference	\$350

11	**Deanna Haas	Maplewood Shop	12/7/2022	On-site Training	\$0
12	**Nicole DiGiacomo	Maplewood Shop	12/7/2022	On-site Training	\$0
13	**Giannine DiSciascio	Maplewood Shop	12/7/2022	On-Site	\$0

**STOCKTON - SRI&ETC Calendar**

The Coastal Hub workshops are available at NO COST, but pre-registration is required. The Coastal Hub workshops are funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education.

**CS Coastal Hub - Fall 2022 - Winter 2023 Schedule of Workshops**

- Elective - Little Bits (Grades K-5), October 26, 2022
- Elective - Makerspace (Grades 6-12), November 07, 2022
- Elective - Spheros (Grades K-5), November 22, 2022
- Elective - Physical Computing with Microbit & Finch (Grades K-5), December 06, 2022
- Elective - Physical Computing with Microbit-Finch & Hummingbird (Grades 6-12), December 08, 2022
- The Core - 4 Day Series, January 18, February 01 and 15, March 01, 2023
- Elective - Screen Free Coding (Grades K-5), January 19, 2023
- Elective - Sphero (Grades K-12), February 02, 2023
- Elective - Little Bits (Grades K-12), February 14, 2023
- Elective - Unplugged CS with Books (Grades K-5), March 02, 2023
- Elective - CS through STEM (Grades K-12), March 15, 2023

**\*\*Maplewood Shop Training** - included in the district's original purchase of the program.

C. Draft ~ December 14th Professional Development Agenda

D. Annual Preschool Operational Plan Update

Approve the Division of Early Childhood Services Annual Preschool Operational Plan Update as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Somers Point School District AnnualPreschoolOperational PlanUpdate.pdf (422 KB)

E. Field Trips

Approve the following field trips as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

School	Destination	Grade Level	Dates	Fees	Purpose
Jordan Road	Johnstone School/Vineland	Student Leadership team	12/02/22	\$603.75 Bus	To meet and exchange ideas with the Leadership Team at Johnstone School with Dr. Rudnesky
Jordan Road	Six Flags/Jackson	Student Council	05/25/23	\$250 Bus to be shared with NCS and MRHS	Attending the NJ Assoc.of Student Council Awards Ceremony

1. Approve the date change of the Hershey Trip from May 19, 2023 to May 26, 2023 previously board approved in October.

F. AIM Mentors

Approve the following AIM mentors for the 2022-2023 school year at \$1000 each as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Grade	School
Tracey Esposito	First	DAS
Sara Steckler	Second	DAS
W. Clay Smith	Third	DAS
Larry Randour	AIR	JRS
Margie Smock	Fifth	JRS
Devon Kallen	Phys. Ed	JRS

Cris Reinhold	Seventh	JRS
Amanda Winslow	Coach	District
Jackie Wootton	MTSS	JRS
Tiffany Unsworth	Phys. Ed.	JRS

#### G. Grade Level Advisors

Approve the following Grade Level Advisors for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

Name	Grade	Building	Stipend
Nicole Stanewich	Kindergarten	DAS	\$1000
Taylor Fussner	First Grade	DAS	\$1000
Tom Taylor & Robin Wolf-Smith (split stipend)	Second Grade	DAS	\$1000
Stephanie Faber & Leslie Rutkowski (split stipend)	Third Grade	DAS	\$1000
Nicolé Digiacomò	Special Areas	DAS	\$1000
Brenda Bullard	Fourth Grade	JRS	\$1000
Aubrey Giglio	Fifth Grade	JRS	\$1000
Casey Edge	Sixth Grade	JRS	\$1000
Jennifer Rowe	Seventh Grade	JRS	\$1000
TBD	Eighth Grade (Plus Graduation)	JRS	\$1500
Devon Kallen	Special Areas	JRS	\$1000
Kim O'Brien	ESL	DAS/JRS	\$1000

#### H. Home Instruction

Approve the following Home Instruction, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

- Approve Mejanie Wagner and Mason Henry for Home Instruction for student #998548 from 10/31/22 until further notice.

#### I. 2021-2022 HIB Grades Self-Assessment

Approve the 2021-2022 HIB Grades Self-Assessment as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Presentation by Dr. Michelle Kaas, Anti-Bullying Coordinator.

HIB Self- Assessments 2021.2022 (1).pdf (124 KB)

#### J. Winter Sports

To approve the 2022-2023 Boys' and Girls' Basketball Game Schedules, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Girls Basketball 2022-23.docx.pdf (54 KB)

BOYS Basketball ~ 2022-23.docx.pdf (55 KB)

#### K. Drexel U Request for Site Access

Ericka Pitman, doctoral student at Drexel would like to do research from our teachers experience regarding instruction during COVID.

### Personnel

Negotiations Committee Report:

- No Report

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. DeCicco to approve items B-F.

Final Resolution: Motion passes B-E (9-0) and Motion Passes Item F with 1 Abstention (8-0-1)



Items B-E Yes: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank, Mr. John Conover, Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Dr. Alice Myers, Mr. Michael Sweeder, Mrs. Karen Tomasello, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Vice President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President  
 Item F Yes: Mr. John Conover, Mrs. Jenna DeCicco, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Dr. Alice Myers (arrived at 7:05pm), Mr. Michael Sweeder, Mrs. Karen Tomasello, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Vice President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President  
 Abstention: Mrs. Stacie Brookbank

**B. FMLA / NJFLA Leave / Leave of Absence**

Approve the following employees for FMLA/NJFLA as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Employee ID	FMLA/NJFLA	Dates
5495	Unpaid Leave of Absence	RETRACTED
5494	Unpaid Leave of Absence	11/28/22 - 04/07/23

**C. Retirements**

Approve the following retirements as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Name	Position	School	Effective Date of Retirement	Last Day in District
Dawn DePlato	Instructional Aide	DWS	01/01/2023	12/31/22

**D. Student Teaching**

Approve the following students teaching positions for the Spring 2022-2023 semesters (pending completion of all District required paperwork) as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

CP2/Intermediate Fieldwork		University
<b>Name</b>	Emily Hall	Stockton
Cooperating Teacher/School	Michelle McKeon/DWS	
Grade	2nd	
Dates	01/17/23 - 05/05/23	
<b>Name</b>	Yoko Cheng	Stockton
Cooperating Teacher/School	Nicole DiGiacomo/DWS	
Grade	K-3	
Dates	01/17/23 - 05/05/23	
<b>Student Teaching</b>		
<b>Name</b>	Emily Hall	Stockton
Cooperating Teacher/School	Michelle McKeon/DWS	
Grade	2nd	
Dates	Start of 2023-24 school year -- 12/15/2023	

**E. Athletics-Basketball**

Approve the following for Winter Sports Coaching Position for the 2022-2023 school year, as recommended by Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools:

- Boys JV Coach: Devon Kallen & Sarah Thoms split stipend
- Girls JV Coach: Carley Cross & Melanie Wagner split stipend
- Program Volunteer: Dashawn Hendricks

**F. Long-Term Substitute**

Approve the following as long term substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

1. Gianna Cottone - Long term sub \$150/day - Dawes Avenue - effective 10/04/22 - 01/30/2023.
2. Annette Langmead as a long term substitute effective 01/04/23 - 06/30/23 at the pro-rated salary of \$51,198 - step 1 BA.
- \*\*3. Tarrah O'Neill as a long term substitute effective 12/06/22 - 06/30/23 at the pro-rated salary of \$54,298 - step 1 BA+30/MA.

#### Policy

Motion was made by Mrs. DeCicco, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve items B and C. Motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote of 9-0.

#### B. First Reading

Approve the first reading of the policy listed below as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

9210 PARENT ORGANIZATIONS.docx (13 KB)

#### C. Second Reading

Approve the second reading of the policy listed below (supporting regulation is for information only), as recommended by Michelle Carney-Ray-Yoder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

P-2464 Gifted and Talented - 10-11-22.pdf (561 KB)

R-2464 Gifted & Talented Regulation.pdf (546 KB)

### Public Forum

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- No Comment.

### Board Forum

- Mrs. Jenna DeCicco- Stated serving on the board is an enormous time commitment. Mrs. DeCicco read her letter to the board with regards to resigning, "To my fellow board members I leave the board with so much gratitude. I learned about the day to day functions of a school district. It takes a lot to make it run. Oftentimes processes can get cumbersome and frustrating, but if you have a great team of people surrounding you, anything feels possible. To the public, I would like to say please be patient. There is rhyme and reason to what we do. It is not always perfect, but the role of the school board is to do what is in the best interest of all stakeholders involved-it is a very difficult balance to strike when all things are considered. I leave this district with so much hope. I know the people seated at the dais are trustworthy, intelligent, caring, empathetic and socially responsible individuals who have the best interest of the Somers Point students at the forefront of their hearts and minds. In my four years, we didn't always have the same view points. We didn't always agree, but we always acted with respect- Respect for one another, for the position and for the district. And we ultimately made decisions in a fair and judicial way. I leave the position with many lessons learned. One of the main things I learned is that having different viewpoints and an occasional argument is not a negative thing. On the contrary, it is necessary to the process. We put in a lot more time than the public and community will ever know about or see. We do it tirelessly. We do it quietly. We do it with pride. We do it with respect. All for the good of this community. All so that the children of Somers Point will have educational foundation they need to succeed. I know I don't speak for just myself when I say that I had nothing to gain by becoming a school board member, especially during one of the most difficult times in public education's history. I merely wanted to help. Being a school board member was so much harder than I expected, but equally gratifying. I am so grateful for the knowledge and experience I have gained. Of course I am disappointed that after 4 years, I haven't cracked the code and figured out the secret to a perfect school district. However, I do believe this district is better prepared for future success. And for that, I am most proud of my fellow school board members whom I had the pleasure of serving besides, our administration who are working hard everyday to achieve their district goals, teachers and staff who put their skills and expertise to work to care for and educate the children, and our student and families who are trying their best to ebb and flow through very challenging times. I know only great things are ahead for this district. Thank you for the honor served."
- Mrs. Staci Endicott- Thanked Mrs. DeCicco for everything she has done and that if she could return back in January so they could honor her.
- Dr. Alice Myers- Thanked Mrs. DeCicco and also stated that she will be missed and she has done a fantastic job with student and community affairs.

### Board General Information - For Information Only

A. Board Calendar

B. NJSBA Upcoming Events

## **Administrative Monthly Reports - For Information Only**

- A. Enrollment Report as of 11/17/2022 is 739
- B. Jordan Road Principal report
- C. Dawes Avenue Principal and Director of Special Services
- D. Director of Curriculum Instruction

## **Possible Executive Session**

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Myers to enter into executive session at 8:36pm. Motion carried All In Favor.

Recess to Executive Session for Attorney client, we will be in executive session for approximately 20-25 minutes. Action may be taken.

Reconvene to Public Meeting at 9:17pm

## **Action May Be Taken After Executive Session**

Motion was made by Mrs. DeCicco, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve Items A and B. Motion carried with a Roll Call Vote of 9-0.

### **A. Acknowledge HIB Incidents**

To acknowledge there were --- HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from ---- to ---- in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:16-7.1.

### **B. Affirm HIB Incidents**

To affirm there were ---- HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from ---- to ----- according to N. J. A. C. 6A:-7.1.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mrs. Decicco at 9:18pm. Motion carried All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Gallagher

Business Administrator/Board Secretary