

**SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**P. O. Box 181**  
**Monmouth Junction, New Jersey**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 4, 2016**

The South Brunswick Township Board of Education met on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the Auditorium at Crossroads North School. The meeting was chaired by Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Anthony N. Tonzini, Jr.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mrs. Azra Baig, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven Patel, Mr. Patrick Del Piano, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CALLED TO ORDER AND SALUTE FLAG** - Mr. Tonzini called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and asked the audience to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**STATEMENT OF ADVANCE NOTICE** - Mr. Tonzini read a statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON** - There was motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Patel to appoint Mr. Tonzini as the temporary chairperson:

Yes: Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mrs. Azra Baig, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven Patel, Mr. Patrick Del Piano, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - There was a motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the agenda for January 4, 2016:

Yes: Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mrs. Azra Baig, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Deven Patel, Mr. Patrick Del Piano, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

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**ANNOUNCE ELECTION RESULTS** - Mr. Tonzini announced the election results from the November 3, 2015 General Election:

<b><u>Candidate</u></b>	<b><u>Votes Cast</u></b>
Barry Nathanson	2,556
Pete St. Vincent	2,394
Stephen Parker	2,245
Anilkumar Patel	1,803
Sonia Bhutra	1,204

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS** - Mr. Tonzini administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Parker, Mr. Nathanson and Mr. St. Vincent.

**NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT** - Mr. Tonzini asked for nominations for President. There was a nomination by Mr. Boyle, to nominate Dr. Parker as president. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS** - There was a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mr. Nathanson to close the nominations:

Yes: Mrs. Azara S. Baig, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

Dr. Parker consented to having his name offered as President and assumed his seat as President and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**MOTION TO APPOINT PRESIDENT** - There was a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mr. Nathanson to appoint Dr. Parker as president:

Yes: Mrs. Azara S. Baig, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

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**NOMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT** – There was a motion by Mr. Nathanson to nominate Mr. Boyle as Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS** – There was a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mr. Patel to close the nominations:

Yes: Mrs. Azara S. Baig, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

Mr. Boyle consented to having his name offered as Vice President and assumed his seat as Vice President.

**MOTION TO APPOINT VICE PRESIDENT** – There was a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mr. Patel to close the nominations:

Yes: Mrs. Azara S. Baig, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Deven M. Patel, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: None

**REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – Sophia Balsamo

Ms. Balsamo presented the following report:

Performing Arts

- The fall play will be premiering next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at 7:30 pm! The show, “One Wife Too Many” is a rip-roaring comedy starring SBHS’s finest, including yours truly. We invite everyone to attend what is guaranteed to be night full of laughter.

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### Activities

- JSA held their first Muffin Monday and the junior class will be holding another Krispy Kreme fundraiser.
- The Giving Tree raised \$1,105 in gift cards and Deck the Halls raised \$633, all of which was distributed to 17 needy families in South Brunswick through Adopt-a-Family. The Student Council would like to thank everyone for their support!
- The Hugs for Brady Blacklight Dance will be held on January 22nd from 6pm-10pm. Sign up with your team, pay an entrance fee of \$10, and dance the night away for charity. Our goal this year is to raise \$3000 for Hugs for Brady. Come on out and dance!

### Guidance

- The PSAT Night from December will be rescheduled as soon the Collegeboard releases test scores. When the Board does release the scores, student should receive an email enabling them to see their scores online.

### Athletics

- Ice Hockey participated in their Holiday Tournament and won their first game 8-2.
- Girls Basketball beat West Windsor Plainsboro and will play at home on Thursday at 6pm.
- Boys Basketball also beat West Windsor Plainsboro and will play tomorrow at home at 6pm against North Brunswick.
- Wrestling will be at home on Wednesday.

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT** - Dr. Jerry Jellig

Dr. Jellig introduced Mrs. Bobbi Binder, Vice President of the Education Foundation of South Brunswick, Inc. Mrs. Binder invited the community to attend the Murder Mystery Dessert Fundraiser at the Doubletree Hotel in Princeton on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. For further information you can visit their website @ edfoundations.org.

Dr. Jellig continued his report by announcing:

- Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> will be an early release day for Professional Development.
- January 18<sup>th</sup> schools will be closed for Martin Luther King.

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- The South Brunswick Parent Academy will host 2 offerings this month at Crossroads North Middle School from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, childcare will be provided and parents can register online: Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, *Freedom to Fail: Fostering Positive Risk Taking, Creativity & Growth* and Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, *Self-Regulated Learners: Developing Lifelong Learning Skills for Success*.
- January is School Board Recognition month in New Jersey; the Board will be recognized at the next meeting scheduled on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### PARCC Update

Ms. Joanne Kerekes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, gave a brief update on PARCC. She announced results were in and letters were sent in mail prior to winter break to parents and included in the letter were resources and links. An online PARCC help desk will be available from January 11<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> to assist parents with any questions. On January 13<sup>th</sup> early release day, staff will be assigned to their home-based school to review their data for PARCC.

Dr. Jellig commended Ms. Kerekes and the Leadership Team on the dissemination of the PARCC information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. Boyle commented on the Legislative Committee meeting he attended.

APPROVE ACTION ITEMS – There was a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mrs. Baig to approve the Action Items of January 4, 2016:

### 1 BUSINESS/BOARD

Administration recommends that the following items be approved:

1.1 Approval of Expenditures - That the warrant list dated January 4, 2016 as certified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be approved. It is further certified that there are no overexpenditures in the major accounts: Current Expense, Capital Outlay and Debt Service and that the monthly Financial Status Report indicates that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year (N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13).

<b>Warrants dated:</b>	<b>January 4, 2016</b>	<b>A. \$2,993,411.14</b>
		<b>B. \$245.12</b>
	<b>Total approved for payment</b>	<b><u>\$2,993,657.26</u></b>

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**1.2 Accept Donations** – That the Board of Education accept the following donations:

- A. from the Curtis W. McGraw Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Carleton W. Rose, Jr., Garden Fund at Crossroads South Middle School. This donation has no impact on the 2015 – 2016 school budget.
- B. a donation of three Apple iPad mini 2 16gb WiFi with Appicare for Cambridge Elementary School. The donor requested to remain anonymous. The value of this donation is \$894.00 and has no impact on the 2015 – 2016 school budget.

**1.3 Approve Settlement Agreement** – That the Board of Education approve the attached Settlement Agreement and General Release between G.S. and J.K. o/b/o P.S and the South Brunswick Public School District.

**1.4 Approve Home Instruction Providers** – That the Board of Education approve the following list of Home Instruction Providers for the 2015 – 2016 school year:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Newark Renaissance House	\$1,600.00
Wise Learning	\$450.00
The School at Lighthouse	\$3,000

**1.5 Approve Additional Contracted Services** –

- A. That the Board of Education approve additional contracted services for Brett DiNovi and Associates, LLC. These services provide consultative and direct behavioral supports in school for students exhibiting aggressive behaviors in their current program placements. It is projected that these additional contracted services will not exceed the cost of \$25,000.
- B. That the Board of Education approve additional contracted services for Tiny Tots Therapy, Inc. to provide school-based occupational therapy services during the 2015 – 2016 school year. These contracted services are necessary to support services in the preschool program. It is projected that these additional contracted services will not exceed the cost of \$25,325.

**1.6 Approve Out-Of-District Placements** - That the Board of Education approve the special education students whose initials appear on the attached sheets to be sent to the schools indicated for the 2015 – 2016 school year with tuition and transportation costs paid by the South Brunswick School District.

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**1.7 Approve Non-Public Technology Requests** – That the Board of Education approve the following Non-Public Technology requests for supplies and materials from the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) for the 2015 – 2016 school year:

- Noor-Il-Iman \$217.35

**1.8 Approve Acceptance of Funds** – That the Board of Education approve the following acceptance of funds from the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2015 – 2016 school year:

- Chapters 192/193 for Supplementary Instruction \$1,040.00

**1.9 Approve Audit Report FY 2014 – 2015** –

**Resolved**, That the South Brunswick Board of Education approve the Annual Audit Report as prepared by Suplee, Clooney & Company of Westfield, New Jersey for the 2014 – 2015 school year. That the summary of the Audit Report be made available for public distribution at this meeting of January 4, 2016, and be made part of the official minutes, and that the full text of this Audit Report be made available for inspection by any resident of this school district on any business day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the office of the South Brunswick Board of Education located at 231 Blackhorse Lane. There are no recommendations.

**1.10 Approve Student Field Trip Destinations** – That the Board of Education approve the student field trip destinations as per the attached for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

**1.11 Approve Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report** – That the Board of Education approve the determinations and recommendations submitted by the Superintendent, through the date of this meeting, regarding the disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.

**1.12 Approve Resolution for Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement** –

**WHEREAS**, the South Brunswick Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

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**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded from the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as per noted on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the travel and related expense reimbursements as listed on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.

**2 PERSONNEL** - Administration recommends that the following personnel items be approved:

**2.1 Accept Resignation** – That the Board of Education accept the following resignation on the date indicated:

For the purpose of retirement

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Date of Resignation Letter</b>
Sandra Pearce	Teacher	Constable	06/30/16	12/18/15



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**2.2 Approve Leaves of Absence** – That the Board of Education approve the following leaves of absence:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Period of Leave</b>	<b>Type of Leave</b>
Tracey Dovas	Teacher	Crossroads South	04/26/16 thru 06/30/16	Unpaid Family Leave (FMLA)
Tracey Dovas	Teacher	Crossroads South	09/01/16 thru 06/30/17	Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave
Kristin Kornett	Teacher	Crossroads North	06/21/16 thru 11/11/16	Unpaid Family Leave (FMLA)

**2.3 Approve Appointments** – That the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

**A. Certificated**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Saida Clarke	Title I Support Teacher	Crossroads South	\$60,500.00 (BA, Step 9)	Title I Position	01/04/16
Tasha Page	School Social Worker	.5 Brooks Crossing / .5 Monmouth Junction	\$56,620.00 (MA, Step 1)	Vacant Budgeted Position	01/06/16

**B. Extra-Curricular**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Joseph Dougherty	Volunteer Athletic Aide – Wrestling	\$0.00	2015-2016
Kacy Kelly	Assistant Coach - Girls' Basketball	\$6,567.00	2015-2016

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**2.4 Approve Community Education Resignation** - That the Board of Education approve the following Community Education resignation:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Date of Resignation Letter</b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>
Jeya Stanley	After School Program	Brunswick Acres	12/14/15	12/13/15	11/16/15

**2.5 Approve Community Education Vouchered Substitute Staff** – That the Board of Education approve the following Community Education Vouchered Substitute Staff:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Rate / Step</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Christen Biondolillo	Before & After School Program	District	\$11.45 (Step 1)	12/21/15
Payal Vaghani	Before & After School Program	District	\$11.45 (Step 1)	12/23/15
Bess Fleischman	Before & After School Program	District	\$11.45 (Step 1)	12/15/15
Daniel Kestyus	Before & After School Program	District	\$11.45 (Step 1)	12/21/15
Jared Green	Before & After School Program	District	\$11.45 (Step 1)	12/21/15
Nia Nanton	Before & After School Program	District	\$11.45 (Step 1)	12/15/15

**2.6 Approve Community Education Correction in Assignment** – That the Board of Education approve the following Community Education correction in assignment:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment - From</b>	<b>Assignment - To</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Voucher Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Samantha Bartels	Substitute Paraprofessional	High School Intern	District	\$8.38	12/15/15
Delxie Rivera	Substitute Paraprofessional	High School Intern	District	\$8.38	12/15/15

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Deniciya Baveghems	Substitute Paraprofessional	High School Intern	District	\$8.38	12/15/15
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Yes: Dr. Stephen F. Parker, Mr. Daniel Boyle, Mrs. Azra Baig, Mr. Harry J. Delgado, Mr. Barry Nathanson, Mr. Patrick Del Piano, Mr. Arthur Robinson and Mr. Peter St. Vincent

No: None

Abstentions: Mr. St. Vincent, A. 1.1-B.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**BOARD COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS** -

Mr. Nathanson congratulated Dr. Parker and Mr. Vincent on their re-election to the Board and thanked the voters for re-electing him. Mr. Nathanson announced that this is his 15<sup>th</sup> year as a board member and he is looking forward to the next three years. He thanked Mr. Richard Chromey, Ms. Joanne Kerekes and Mr. Anthony Tonzini for making his job easy. He also commended Dr. Jellig, the Leadership team, teachers and his fellow board members and commented on the 9,000 students in the district, the taxpayers and parents of the community.

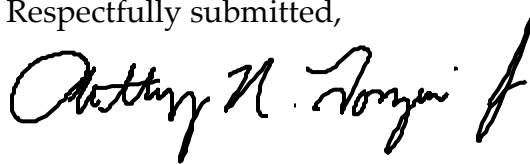
Mr. Nathanson also wished Mr. Delgado a Happy Birthday!

Mr. Boyle commented on the students that opted out of the PARCC test that are now not qualified to graduate and the impact of the district.

Dr. Parker thanked the community for the privilege of serving on the board.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** - There was a motion by Mrs. Baig, seconded by Mr. St. Vincent to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony N. Tonzini, Jr., CPA  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary