# EGG HARBOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING December 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Egg Harbor City Board of Education was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at the Charles L. Spragg School located at 601 Buffalo Avenue. President, Stephen Bouchard opening the meeting, and Board Members, Kiomy Fuentes, James Guercioni, Stephen Murphy, MaryAnn Rogers, Dana Seaver present. Also present was: Superintendent of Schools, Adrienne Shulby; Business Administrator, Joseph Smurlo; Community School Principal, John Griffith; Early Childhood/LDTC, Tara Macchione; Board Solicitor, Ron Sahli and Board Secretary, Maryanne Shupin.

Mr. Bouchard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following statement: This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District, in the County of Atlantic, that adequate notice has been given of this meeting as required by the provision of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; that notice thereof has been forwarded for publication in the District official newspapers, posted in the city Schools, and forwarded to the city Clerk within the time required by said Act.

The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

There are two opportunities to address the Board. The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, residents may address the Board on any school related issue. Once identified, a speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes. Yielding time is not permitted. The public comments portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes total.

Mr. Bouchard called for the flag salute.

<u>ROLL CALL</u> Reflected in the opening paragraph

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC None

## COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD

Several Board Members thanked Mr. Smurlo and Mr. Murphy for their years of dedicated service in Egg Harbor City Public School District.

## MONTHLY REPORTS

Mrs. Shulby recognized Mr. Murphy's six years of service on Egg Harbor City Board of Education. She sincerely appreciated his common sense approach and noted he will be missed.

The next recognition was a plaque presented to retiring BA, Joseph Smurlo. Mr. Smurlo made a world of difference to administration for the last 12 years as Egg Harbor City Public School Business Administrator.

Mrs. Shulby announced Mrs. Lacey Lake as Spragg's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Lake's love of music is carved into the heart and soul of her students as demonstrated by numerous letters of recommendation from students, parents and colleagues.

Mr. Smurlo will be training Jason Bedell the week of December 21<sup>st</sup>. The audit is complete. Ford Scott is waiting on input from the State and plans on a February presentation.

Mr. Griffith reports EHCCS is jugging along and doing okay. He thanked Mr. Smurlo for his expertise in building the Community School.

Teacher of the Year at EHCCS is Mrs. Tina Scibilia. Mrs. Scibilia is an In-Class Resource Special Education Teacher. She is a leader among SPED Teachers and is a great mentor to her younger colleagues.

Mrs. Macchione described all of the activities surrounding Preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> day of school.

Mrs. Macchione confirmed her daughter (third grade) is always talking about music and Mrs. Lake. She is thrilled her daughter is learning to love music with Mrs. Lake.

## **BOARD MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Guercioni, the Board approved the following sets of minutes:

- November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting
- ▶ November 18, 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Session

(Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

# FINANCIAL ITEMS

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Guercioni, the Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report for October 2020. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Guercioni, the Board approved the board certification pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3. The Egg Harbor City Board of Education certifies that as of 10/31/20 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Revenue and Appropriation sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-

yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Guercioni, the Board approved the November, 2020 bill list as follows:

1.	General Account	\$160,845.66
2.	Capital Account	\$0.00
3.	Food Service Account	\$32,860.66
4.	Payroll Account	\$601,058.84
5.	Debt Service Account	\$0.00

(Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Guercioni, the Board approved the budget transfer (Resolution #21-09) for the 2020-21 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:

December 9, 2020 Fund 10 - \$3,343.00 Fund 20 - \$245.64

(Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

#### NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved to issue gift cards to employees in accordance Employee Wellness Plan administered by the Employee Medical Copayment Plan (Difference Card) during the 20-21 school year. To answer Mr. Bouchard's question: 11 cards were purchased. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

#### PERSONNEL (as recommended by the Superintendent)

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved to rescind Jordyn Dulski's letter of resignation submitted September 25, 2020. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved submission of a Substitute Teacher Application for Stockton's student teacher Marisa Rosamilia assigned to Mrs. Bianca Boysen. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved a Family Medical Leave of Absence for CLS Teacher, Danielle Broomhead, anticipated effective date February 25, 2021 – in accordance with the Family

Medical Leave Act (FMLA). (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved Andrew Ross to move laterally on the salary guide per Article XIII.D.2 of the agreement between the EHCEA and EHC BOE, beginning September 1, 2021 from Step 11 BA+15 to Step 12 MA. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved Gianna Miranda to move laterally on the salary guide per Article XIII.D.2 of the agreement between the EHCEA and EHC BOE, beginning September 1, 2021 from Step 5 BA+15 to Step 6 BA+30. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

#### STUDENT ITEMS

None

## PROGRAMS ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported by the Superintendent and resolved by the building principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved the submission of NJQSAC District Performance Review for the school year 2020-2021. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers-yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved Resolution #21-10 Critical Consideration to NJDOE Annual Mandates. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers–yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved acceptance of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes; Ms. Rogers–yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried. This was approved in September by the Board; however, an amendment in November, allowing payment, required an updated approval by the Board.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved Professional Development activities that have been recommended by building

Principals, approved by the Supervisor of Special Projects and the Superintendent as directly related to the fulfillment of individual professional improvement plans and/or required by the New Jersey Department of Education, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local student Individual Education Plans, or entitlement/discretionary grants. Adequate funds have been appropriated. Professional Development Workshops for the 2020-2021 school year. (Roll call: Ms. Fuentes-yes; Mr. Guercioni-yes; Mr. Murphy-yes, Ms. Rogers–yes; Mrs. Seaver-yes; Mr. Bouchard-yes). Motion carried.

## POLICIES/REGULATION ITMES

None

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. DePiero thanked the Board for their hard work in keeping the schools up and running during the pandemic.

Mrs. DePiero acknowledge Mr. Smurlo's retirement with a few personal stories and gratitude. She thanked Mr. Smurlo for being a mentor to Mr. Jason Bedell; she's confident he'll be a huge asset to our school community.

Mr. Bouchard welcomed Mrs. Eileen DiGiacomo to the Board of Education.

## CALENDAR DATES

District dates of interest for the upcoming month:

- December 21-23 Remote Learning
- December 23 Winter Recess Begins
- ▶ December 24-31 Winter Recess (Buildings Closed)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the Board approved to go into Executive at 7:20 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon a motion by Mr. Guercioni, seconded by Mrs. Seaver, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Shupin Board Secretary

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