

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Sea Isle City Board of Education was called to order by President Egnasko on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sea Isle City School, 4501 Park Road, Sea Isle City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Egnasko announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Atlantic City Press, CMC Herald, and the Ocean City Sentinel.

President Egnasko led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Mary Caruso, Maureen Deely, Barbara Drew, Valere Egnasko, Daniel Organ, Ellen Ramsey, Lynn Shirk, and Daniel Tumolo. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Mark A. Ritter, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mark Toscano, Esquire. Absent was John Birkmeyer. There were members of the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There was no public comment on agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Taylor gave an overview of the Agenda.

Violence and Vandalism Annual Report

Dr. Taylor presented the annual violence and vandalism report. She noted that there were no incidents reported in the 2009-10 school year which is a decrease from the one incident noted the prior year. Members of the public were offered the opportunity to make comments on the report. No one did so.

1. Facilities

Motion by Mr. Tumolo, seconded by Mrs. Deely and carried unanimously by the Sea Isle City Board of Education (one member absent). The Board of Education approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.

- A. The Board approves the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1) and authorizes the School Business Administrator to file the plan and worksheet with the County Office per N.J.A.C. 6A:26A. (Attachment #1.A)

- Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Tumolo, Chairperson – the committee report was communicated and the topic was primarily the acquisition of more computers.

2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

Motion by Mr. Tumolo, seconded by Mr. Organ and carried unanimously by the Sea Isle City Board of Education (one member absent). The Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.

A. The Board approves the class field trips as requested. (Attachment #2.A)

B. Information Items (Attachment #2.B)

The Superintendent updated the Board on the special activities for the month of October including Fire Prevention Week, School Violence Awareness Week, and Red Ribbon Week.
NJASK Scores

The Superintendent presented the results of the 2009-2010 NJASK testing.

- Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Drew, Chairperson – the committee report was communicated and included: community bus stop, the capacity of the middle school bus, computer acquisition via private financing, new registration, school choice.

3. Finance

Motion by Mr. Tumolo, seconded by Mrs. Drew and carried unanimously by the Sea Isle City Board of Education (one member absent). The Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.

A. The Board approves the payment of bills for October 2010 in the amount of \$264,806.44. (Attachment #3.A)

B. The Board approves the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Treasurer of School Funds' Report for August 2010 and September 2010. (Attachment #3.B)

C. The Board approves the 2010-2011 Joint Transportation Agreement with Cape May County Transportation Cooperative for route CMYALEM1 for \$11,700.00 and route CMYALEM for \$7,208.00.

D. The Board approves and adopts the Settlement Agreement and Release in reference to Docket No. 04-5345. (Attachment #3.D)

- Finance Committee Report – Mr. Dan Tumolo, Chairperson – Mr. Tumolo noted that the committee did not meet but will schedule a meeting once Mr. Grossi begins his employment as permanent School Business Administrator.

Mrs. Egnasko expressed her increasing concern about the district's ability to meet financial caps. She agreed that a finance meeting once Mr. Grossi begins is necessary. She and Dr. Taylor will schedule a joint meeting of Sea Isle City and Ocean City with the Cape May County Executive County Superintendent. Dr. Caruso suggested that the Board look into charging residents for the preschool program.

4. PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Tumolo, seconded by Mrs. Drew and carried unanimously by the Sea Isle City Board of Education (one member absent). The Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.

- A. The Board approves the hiring of criminal history approved Michael Matthews as substitute teacher and MaryAnn Fee as substitute school nurse for the 2010 - 2011 school year.
 - B. The Board approves the substitute principal pay rates of \$250.00 per day for the 2010-11 school year.
 - C. The Board approves the renewal of the Cape Assist Employee Assistance Program for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$378.00.
 - D. The Board approves the increase in hours of part time night custodian, Donald Jenkins, for a maximum of six hours per week at \$18.64/hour.
- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Dan Organ, Chairperson – reported that the committee did not meet and that there is nothing to report regarding negotiations.

5. POLICY

Motion by Mr. Tumolo, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey and carried unanimously by the Sea Isle City Board of Education (one member absent). The Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.

- A. Board policies – First Reading (Attachment #5.A)
The Board approves the adoption of the following Board policies on first reading:
 - 2110 Philosophy of Education/District Mission Statement
 - 2412 Home Instruction Due to Health Condition
 - 5307 Nursing Services Plan
 - 5308 Public Health Records
 - 5335 Treatment of Asthma
 - 5338 Diabetes Management
 - 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
 - 6362 Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards
 - 8651 Community Use of Transportation
 - B. Board Bylaws – Revision (Attachment #5.B)
The Board approves the revision of the following Board bylaws:
 - 0164 Conduct of Board Meetings
- Policy Committee Report – Mr. Birkmeyer, Chairperson – With Mr. Birkmeyer's absence, there was no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Deely, seconded by Mr. Tumolo and carried 6-0 (one member absent, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Egnasko abstained) the Board of Education approved the minutes of the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Shirk, seconded by Mr. Organ to send a letter to parents of Sea Isle City resident students asking them to verify that they legitimately reside in Sea Isle City. Said letter will have an appropriate cover letter and contain a self addressed stamped envelope and will be signed by the assistant business administrator. The motion was carried unanimously with one member absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Fee reported that he is aware of two new High School students that came from out of the country. He also suggested that the Board help to advertise the availability of recreation programs sponsored by the city.

Mr. McHale commented that he is not surprised by the enrollment increase of students attending Ocean City schools. He also asked how the transition was going with the fourth graders. Dr. Taylor responded that it was going well. Finally he asked how liaison was accomplished between the school board and city officials in Ocean City. Dr. Taylor responded that there are both formal and informal opportunities for the groups to meet but that there is rarely a meeting between the full membership of both bodies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Deely and seconded by Mrs. Drew to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Ritter
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary