

January 18, 2024 (Thursday, January 18, 2024)

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President Mrs. Endicott called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

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.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Karen Tomasello, John Conover, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Judson Moore, Dr. Alice Myers, Nicholas Wagner, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Vice-President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President

Members Absent: All Members Present

Others Present: Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco, Board Solicitor, Mrs. Mary Conroy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Possible Executive Session

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mr. Moore to go into executive session at 6:01pm. All in Favor

Recess to Executive Session for Personnel, Attorney Client communication, we will be in executive session for approximately 60 minutes. Action may be taken.

Reconvene to Public Meeting at 7:12pm

Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Endicott

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Dr. Myers, 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: 11/20/2023

Executive Meeting: 11/20/2023

Special Meeting: 12/21/2023

Reorganization Meeting: 1/4/2024

School and Community

Correspondence

- No Report

Student and Community Affairs Committee Report

- No Report

Foundation for Education Liaison Report

- No Report

City Council Liaison Report

- No Report

Presentations

Superintendent's Presentation

Governor's Teachers of the Year

Mrs. Krystal Tardiff - Jordan Road
Mrs. Deanna Haas - Dawes Avenue

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Mrs. Jackie Wooton - Jordan Road
Ms. Laura Trapani - Dawes Avenue

Students of the Month - Dawes Avenue

November:

Kindergarten: **Skye Bognar**

First: **Axel Diaz**

Second: **Chris Jacobson**

Third: **Trinity Rice**

December

Kindergarten: **Ivanna Gonzalez**

First: **Julissa Hernandez**

Second: **Lydianna Karasimeonov-Diaz**

Third: **Jaxon Iannace**

Students of the Month - Jordan Road

Month	4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade	
November	Ivana Ramos-Reyna	Valentina Hoban	Carla Perez	Tyonah-Haven Henry	Isabel Ruiz	
December	Austin Charles	Jaleela Abdulkarim	Auden Bailey	Andres Correa	Eduardo Sanchez	
Trimester	Health & Wellness	Musician	Spanish	Writing & Research	STEAM	Artist
	Abby Sullivan & Eduardo Sanchez	Joel Bustamante	Julia Wilson	Miranda Martinez-Bautista	Michael Giannone	Auden Bailey

School Board Recognition Month

[State-Board-Resolution-School-Board-Appreciation-2024.pdf \(36 KB\)](#)

Audit Presentation by Ford, Scott and Associates

Ms. Laura Rohman, CPA of Ford, Scott and Associates L.L.C., will present the 22/23 Audit

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 7:58pm and closed the meeting to the public at 8:00pm.

- No Comments

Finance/Operations

Finance Committee Report

- No report

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Dolton to approve items A-T. Motion was carried with a roll call vote of 8-0.

B. Grant Funded Salaries 2022-2023

Name	Department	Location	Grant	Act#	% Funded
Coan, Donna	MTSS	Dawes	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Cross, Carley	Guidance	Dawes	ARP ESSER Grant	20-487-200-100	100
Deluca, Suzanne	MTSS	Dawes	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100

Ford, Emily	MTSS	District	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Horan-Smith,Amy	MTSS	Dawes	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Johansen, Shannon	MTSS	Dawes	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Pallitto, Phillip	MTSS	District	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Rosenberg, Theresa	MTSS	Jordan	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Syed, Zubayeth	MTSS	Jordan	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Winslow, Amanda	MTSS	District	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100
Wootton, Jacqueline	MTSS	Jordan	ARP ESSER Inst	20-487-100-100	100

C. Grant Funded Salaries 2023-2024

Name	Department	Location	Grant	Act#	% Funded
Aceves, Benito	Custodian	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Bortner, Shannon	Spec. Ed	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Caucci, Michelle	Perm Sub/Title 1	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Daleandro, Starr	Spec. Ed.	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Dean, Austin	Perm Sub/Title 1	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Decker, Carly	Spec. Ed	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
DiDomenico, Amanda	Spec. Ed	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Dolbezian, Garo	Custodian	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Frambes, Arlene	Title 1	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Freemann, Andrea	Spec. Ed.	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Garrett, Nancy	Spec. Ed	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Gemmi, Kiera	Perm Sub/Title 1	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Harper, Martel	Spec. Ed	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Hendricks, Dashawn	Spec. Ed	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Karayiannis, MIchelle	Spec. Ed.	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Kepner, Suzanne	Title 1	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Leon, Anthony	Custodian	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Loefflad, Dana	Spec. Ed	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Moloney, Dan	Perm Sub/Title 1	Jordan	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Orlove, Madaya	Spec. Ed.	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Perez, Serena	Perm Sub/Title 1	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100

Reynolds, Deborah	Title 1	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100
Santiago, Rosa	Spec. Ed.	Dawes	ARP ESSER	20-487-200-100	100

D. Transfer of Funds

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

[Transfer report OCT 23.pdf \(1,161 KB\)](#)

E. PEA Transfer

Approve the transfer of \$500.00 from 20-218-200-800 to 20-218-200-516 for a Zoo to You Preschool In House Assembly.

F. Secretary Report/Cash Report

Approve the Report of the Secretary for the month ending -----, as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that they certify that as of -----, 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 -----

[Sept Sec Report.pdf \(168 KB\)](#)[Sept Cash Report.pdf \(340 KB\)](#)[BSR OCT 23.pdf \(11,514 KB\)](#)[OCT 23 Cash Report.pdf \(368 KB\)](#)

G. Treasurer's Report

Approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending ----- as presented, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) and that they certify that as of -----, 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 Sept 2023.pdf \(184 KB\)](#)[OCT 23 Treas Report.pdf \(184 KB\)](#)

H. ESEA Consolidated Grant Application

Approve the submission of the ESEA grant application for FY 24' and accept these funds upon approval of the application, as recommended by Christopher Kobik the Superintendent.

I. Contracts

Approve the following out of district contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name of Contract		
Greater Egg Transportation Route SP-SES St. Paul Transportation	\$142.00/1 day	
ACSSSD 1:1 Aide Agreement 11/13/2023- 6/28/2024	\$54,000.00	Student ID# 15728628
Greater Egg Transportation Route SP-AA Sheppard Bus Service 11/14/2023-6/30/2024	\$6,724.00	

J. Bills for Payment

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

December 2023 Bills List - \$1,844,099.50.

January 18, 2023 Bills List - \$1,912,506.42

[DECEMBER 2023 BILLS LIST.pdf \(544 KB\)](#)[JANUARY 18, 2024 BILLS LIST.pdf \(520 KB\)](#)

K. Use of Facilities

Approve the following use of facilities, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of Schools

Organization	Dates	Location	Cost
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Mainland Youth Basketball	Sundays 1/21/24 - 3/10/24	Jordan Road Gym 9:40am - 12:20pm	Community Support - Free
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L. Fund Raising Activity

Approve the following fundraising Activities as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Activity/Club	School	Fundraiser	Purpose
Band & Choir	Jordan	World's Finest Chocolate Sale	Offset cost of the Performance Trip to Dorney Park
"Poppin Paws" Mrs. Trusty & Mrs. Notos' Class	Jordan	Snack Sales	Fund ongoing life skills and business activities including walking field trip experiences.

M. E-Rate

Approve On-Tech Consulting, Inc. to represent the District in connection with completion of our application for the E-Rate (Universal Service Fund) for Funding Year 2024-2025. In all phases of the application and reimbursement process for all services: telecommunications services, internet access, internal connections and basic maintenance of internal connections.

N. Ameriflex

Approve the contract for Ameriflex for Cobra, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools

O. OMNIA Partners

Approve to join OMNIA Partners CO-OP at no cost to the district, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools

P. Donations

Approve to accept the following donations, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools:

Donation of Racks and a sound system from the Yoder Family.

A bench made of IPE and treated lumber.. The dimensions are 61 inches long 32 inches wide 36 inches tall from Samantha Braun's family.

Q. AtlantiCare Healthy Schools Grant

Accept AtlantiCare Healthy Schools, Healthy Children Resiliency Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 at the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Kobik

R. Business Office Support

S. Grant Reconciliation/AP extra hours

T. Accept the 22/23 Audit and Corrective Plan

Accept the June 30, 2023, Annual School District Audit and Corrective Action Plan as presented and discussed by Mrs. Laura Rohman with Ford Scott and Associates, LL.; and further approve the submission of the same to the Atlantic County Office of New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education.

Curriculum

Instruction Committee Report

- No Report

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve items A-G. Motion was carried with a roll call vote of 8-0.

B. Out of District Professional Development

Approve the following Out of District Professional Development for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Program	Date(s)	Location	Fee
Tiffany Unsworth, HPE Teacher	NJAHPERD	2/26 - 2/27/24	Princeton	\$350.00 pending funding
Devon Kallen, HPE Teacher	NJAHPERD	2/26 - 2/27/24	Princeton	\$350.00 pending funding
Keith Nelson, Facilities Dr.	Bldgs & Grnds Convention	3/18/24 - 3/20/2024	Atlantic City	-0-
Christian Osbeck	School Safety Specialist School	2/21, 2/28, 3/6 & 3/13/24	Monmouth County Fire Academy	\$350.00
Amanda Winslow	Toolkit for Schools addressing the Marijuana Legalization	2/24/24	ETTC, Stockton	-0-
Joseph Schmidt	Toolkit for Schools Addressing the Marijuana Legalization	2/24/24	ETTC, Stockton	-0-
Josh Tostevin	NJMEA	2/23/24	AC Convention Center	\$150.00

C. School Activities

Activity	Cost	Date	Location
Attendance Incentive Assembly	\$949.00	2/27/2024	Dawes Gym

D. Club Activities

Approve club participation in the following events as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

CLUB	EVENT	DATE
Noodlemania	Competition (Northfield Elementary School)	Saturday, 2/3/24
Think Team	Think Day Competition (Mainland Regional Highschool)	Saturday, 2/24/24

E. Field Trips

Approve the Following Field Trips as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Teacher	School/Grade	Students	Adults	Destination	Cost	Reason	Date
Notos/ Tru sty	Jordan/Spec Ed	13	10	Shore True Value, Somers Point	-0-	Learning to be Independent	1/22/2024 (1/23/2024 RD)
Salerno, Bennett, McGhee, Carroll, Gruccio, Mensch, Venturi, Strandwitz, Lindsay	Dawes/Preschool	107	25	In District (Cape May County Zoo)	\$409.00 Act: 20-218-200-516	Alignment to Preschool Instructional Standards	2/7/2024
Rowe/Albrecht	Jordan / Gr 4	14	2	Northfield Comm. School	\$175.00	Noodlemania Competition	2/3/2024

F. Stokes Chaperones

Approve the following staff members as Stokes trip chaperones, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of Schools.

- Devon Kallen
- Tiffany Unsworth
- Margo Moses (required as nurse)
- Jackie Armstrong
- Nicole White
- Madaya Orlove
- Erin Albrecht
- Jen Rowe
- Rebekah Cowley
- Jon Bruccoleri
- Larry Randour
- Joe Schmidt

Mark Elliot
Nick Thompson

G. Volleyball Schedule

Approve the following volleyball schedule, as recommended by as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of Schools.

[Volleyball 2024.pdf \(44 KB\)](#)

Personnel

Negotiations Committee Report

- No report

Motion was made by Dr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve items B-I.

Final Resolution: Items B-I (8-0)

Items B-I YES: Karen Tomasello, John Conover, Dr. Kathleen Dolton, Judson Moore, Dr. Alice Myers, Nicholas Wagner, Mrs. Heather Samuelson, Vice-President, Mrs. Staci Endicott, President

B. Resignations

Approve the resignations of the following staff recommended by Christopher Kobik, Acting Superintendent of School

Name	Position	School	Effective Date -Last Day in District
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Karayiannis, Michelle	full time Paraprofessional	Dawes	January 19, 2024
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C. Transfers

Approve the following Transfers of the following personnel, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Acting Superintendent of Schools

Transfers:

Amy Hoffman to Dawes Avenue Secretary : Voluntary

Pat Nicodemus to Jordan Road, Main office Secretary: Voluntary

D. Change in Assignment

Approve change of assignment for Emily Ford from District Special Ed Coach to K-1 Special Education Inclusion Teacher/Instructional Coach, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools

E. Change in Degree Status

Approve the following staff member's change in degree status and salary, as recommended by as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of Schools.

Name	Degree / Step	Salary
Mark Elliot	BA+15 / Step 6	\$57,888 (retroactive to 12/11/23)

F. 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 #5926 to begin maternity leave approximately April 1, 2024, utilizing accumulated sick days. Immediately following, employee will be taking NJFLA with estimated return date of end of September, 2024 approximately.

Employee #5911 to begin maternity leave approximately March 28 2024, utilizing accumulated sick days. Immediately following, employee will be taking FMLA with estimated return date of September, 2024 approximately.

Employee #5934 to begin maternity leave on February 2, 2024, utilizing 10 accumulated sick days. Immediately following, the employee will be taking 12 weeks of FMLA from 2/20/24 - 5/14/2024, followed by NJFLA 5/15/24 - 6/30/24, and remaining NJFLA 9/1/24 - 10/8/2023

Employee #5935 to begin sick leave from 1/8/2024 - 2/9/2024, utilizing 2 sick days, 3 personals and 16 docked/unpaid days

Action: G. Stipends/Clubs/Activities

Approve the following change to club advisors as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Club	Future Act Club
Advisor	Margie Smock (September- December) Amanda Pedano (January-June)

H. Winter Sports Officials Fees

Approve the following Winter sports officials fees, as recommended by Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of Schools.

Basketball 2 Officials	\$70 each
Basketball 1 Official	\$100
Volleyball Official	\$70

I. Board Member Resignation

Approve the resignation of Charles Haberkorn as a board member, effective December 30, 2023.

HIB

Motion was made by Mrs. Samuelson, seconded by Dr. Dolton to approve items A-B. Motion was carried with a roll call vote of 8-0

A. Acknowledge HIB Incidents

To acknowledge there were 2 HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from 11/17/23 to 1/17/24 in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:16-7.1.

B. Affirm HIB Incidents

To affirm there were 1 HIB incidents reported for the Somers Point School District from 10/30/23 to 11/16/23 according to N. J. A. C. 6A:-7.1.

Policy

A. Policy Committee Report

- No report

B. First Reading

C. Second Reading

Public Forum

Open Meeting to the Public/Guidelines for Public Forum

Recommended Action: President Staci Endicott opened the meeting to the public at 8:08pm and read the following notice: Public participation will be in accordance with District Policy #0167. Public participation will include, but not be limited to the following rules: a participant of the public will present his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate. Each participant will be limited to three (3) minutes per statement and the overall duration of the public comments shall not exceed 30 minutes.

- No Comments

Public Session was closed at 8:10pm

Board Forum

A. Board Forum

- Dr. Myers-Thanked the teachers for coming in and expressing nice comments about the students for Student of the Month.

Motion was made by Dr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Samuelson to approve Item B. Motion carried All in Favor.

B. School Board Recognition Resolution

Somers Point School District Board of Education Resolution to recognize the service of Board Members throughout as recommended by Interim Superintendent, Christopher Kobik

[School Board Recognition Resolution.pdf \(45 KB\)](#)

Board General Information - For Information Only

A. Board Calendar

B. NJSBA Upcoming Events

Administrative Monthly Reports - For Information Only

A. Enrollment Report as of 1/18/2023 is 745

B. Jordan Road Principal Report

C. Dawes Avenue Principal Report

D. Director of Curriculum Report

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Myers at 8:15pm. All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Conroy
Business Administrator/Board Secretary