

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2020, 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

The Public Hearing meeting of the Shamong Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Board President, Melissa Ciliberti.

ROLL CALL

Present: Melissa Ciliberti, Anne Ehrke, Frank Locantore, Jeffrey Warner.

Absent: Jeffrey Siedlecki

Others Present: Dr. Christine Vespe, Laura Archer, Laura Hoffman, Sandy Thurston, Nelson Vasquez. Tim Carroll and Nicole Moore attended remotely.

The flag salute was conducted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Melissa Ciliberti opened the meeting to the public for agenda and nonagenda items at 7:10 p.m.

Nelson Vasquez provided instructions and number to call for questions/comments. As there were no comments, Melissa Ciliberti closed the public portion of the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Christine Vespe, Superintendent, presented an update and background information, via PowerPoint Presentation slides, on the district's Recovery & Restart Plan.

Laura Archer, Business Administrator, provided her monthly report. She discussed information regarding transportation, free lunches to all students, and a revised custodial schedule. Ms. Archer also discussed amounts for Digital Divide and CARES grants, and indicated the audit will be in October this year.

Laura Hoffman, Curriculum Director, presented information and a Powerpoint Presentation for the ESSA Community Meeting, as well as NJSLA Science results from 2019. Ms. Hoffman also reviewed curriculum updates for items listed on the agenda for approval.

ROUTINE MATTERS and FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to approve the following:

- 5.01 Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Board meeting
- 5.02 Board Secretary Reports for the months of May 2020 and June 2020
- 5.03 Treasurer Reports for the months of May 2020 and June 2020
- 5.04 Transfer Reports for the months of May 2020, June 2020 and July 2020
- 5.05 NutriServe Financial Reports for the months of April 2020, May 2020 and June 2020

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
Anne Ehrke
Frank Locantore
Jeffrey Warner

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Anne Ehrke moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to approve the Check Runs dated August 18, 2020, for check runs of June 2020, July 2020 and August 18, 2020.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
Anne Ehrke
Frank Locantore
Jeffrey Warner

BUSINESS and FINANCIAL

Frank Locantore moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to approve the following Business and Financial items:

7.01 Approval for submission of the district’s CARES Grant application for 2020-2021, and award and acceptance of funds, in the amount of \$42,498.

7.02 Approval for submission of the district’s Digital Divide Grant application for 2020-2021, and award and acceptance of funds, in the amount of \$4,375.

7.03 Approval of annutal student tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed below:

- \$30,000 Special Education, Pre-School Disabled
- \$35,000 Special Education, MD Program
- \$17,558 Regular Education PreK-Kindergarten
- \$17,750 Regular Education Grades 1-5
- \$17,535 Regular Education Grades 6-8

7.04 Approval of the following school lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year, revised in accordance with NJ Department of Agriculture’s Child Nutrition Program guidelines:

- \$3.05 IMS Lunch Price
- \$3.05 IMMS Lunch Price
- .55 Milk
- \$4.00 - Adult Lunch Price
4.75

7.05 Approval of a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement, between Southampton Board of Education (Sending District) and Shamong Township Board of Education (Receiving District), for Student #214309, in the amounts listed below, for the 2020-2021 school year.

- \$35,000 Special Education Program
- \$ 400 Additional O.T. Group Sessions, 3x per month, 30 minutes
- \$ 258 Additional Speech Group Sessions, 3x per month, 30 minutes
- \$ 86 Additional Social Skills Group Sessions, 3x per month, 30 minutes

7.06 Approval of a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement, between Woodland Board of Education (Sending District) and Shamong Township Board of Education (Receiving District), for Student #214323, for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$30,000, for Special Education Program, with educational services provided in accordance with the student’s IEP.

- 7.07 Approval of a tuition contract with Y.A.L.E. School Southeast, Marlton Campus, for the 2020-2021 school year, for Student #214148. The estimated cost for ESY and the 20-21 school year is \$81,648 (July 2020 – June 2021), and an estimated cost for a 1:1 is \$46,200 (July 2020 – June 2021), for a total estimated cost of \$127,848.
- 7.08 Approval of a tuition contract with Y.A.L.E. School North II, Inc., for the 2020-2021 school year, for Student #213509. The estimated cost is a Per Diem Rate of \$286.86. The estimated cost for ESY is \$8,605.80 (July-August 2020), and the 20-21 school year (September 2020 – June 2021) is \$51,634.80, for a total estimated cost of \$60,240.60 (July 2020 – June 2021).
- 7.09 Approval of a tuition contract with Y.A.L.E. School North II, Inc., for the 2020-2021 school year, for Student #213643. The estimated cost is a Per Diem Rate of \$286.86. The estimated cost for ESY is \$8,605.80 (July-August 2020), and the 20-21 school year (September 2020 – June 2021) is \$51,634.80, for a total estimated cost of \$60,240.60 (July 2020 – June 2021).
- 7.10 Approval of a tuition contract with The Bankcroft School, Mt. Laurel Campus, for the 2020-2021 school year, for Student #213078. The estimated cost for the 20-21 school year is \$70,552.80 (September 2020 – June 2021), and an estimated cost for a 1:1 is \$32,760.00 (September 2020 – June 2021), for a total estimated cost of \$103,312.80 (September 2020 – June 2021).
- 7.11 Approval to accept a donation of face shields and KN95 masks from Shamong OEM.
- 7.12 Approval to participate in a joint purchasing agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Anne Ehrke
 Frank Locantore
 Jeffrey Warner

SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to approve the following Separation of Employment items:

- 9.01 Approval of the resignation of Elizabeth Howard, Elementary Teacher, IMS, effective June 30, 2020.
- 9.02 Approval of the retirement of Suzanne Bryan, Computer Teacher, IMS, effective December 31, 2020.
- 9.03 Approval of the termination of Rodman Lucas as Sewer Plant Operator in the Shamong Township School District, effective August 13, 2020.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Anne Ehrke
 Frank Locantore
 Jeffrey Warner

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Anne Ehrke moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to approve the following Leave of Absence items:

10.01 Approval of the following Leaves of Absence:

- Employee #4217, Personal LOA, Unpaid, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- Employee #4176, Medical LOA, Paid, effective September 1 through November 9, 2020, or sooner if doctor permits

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
Anne Ehrke
Frank Locantore
Jeffrey Warner

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Frank Locantore moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to approve the following Personnel Appointment items:

11.01 Approval to employ the following individuals as listed:

- Jessica Corrigan, Special Education Teacher, IMS, Step 5 BA+30 on the Teacher Salary Guide of the STEA Bargaining Agreement, effective September 1, 2020
- Marlana Moore, Elementary Teacher, IMS, Step 4 MA on the Teacher Salary Guide of the STEA Bargaining Agreement, effective September 1, 2020

11.02 Approval of the following individuals for summer IEP meetings, as needed, at the Summer Curriculum Rate listed in the STEA CBA:

Mary Barnes, Diane Carr, Heidi Curtis, Brian Davis, Stephanie Goldstein, Richelle Macrae, Lauren McLaughlin, Traci Mendez, Jennifer Trauger, Jennifer Wilson

11.03 Approval for Lisa Ryan and Susan Styers to provide Scheduling Assistance at IMMS, during Summer 2020, at the negotiated rate for Summer Program/Curriculum. Hours are based on availability of funds.

11.04 Approval for Lisa Abramovitz (IMS) and Diana Haas (IMMS) to serve as Curriculum Facilitators for the 2020-2021 school year, at the 'Curriculum During Year' or 'Curriculum During Summer' rate, based on hours worked, as per the Bargaining Agreement.

11.05 Approval for Diana Haas and Amanda Vogeley to present a Virtual PD Session (Optional) during Summer 2020, at the negotiated rate for In-Service Presenter, as listed in the STEA CBA.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
Anne Ehrke
Frank Locantore
Jeffrey Warner

PROGRAMS

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to approve the following Program items:

12.01 Approval of revised curriculum in the following areas:

- ELA, Grades K-8
- Math, Grades K-8
- Health & Phys Ed, Grades K-8
- World Language, Grades K-8
- Technology / Media Center, Grades K-8
- Visual & Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre), Grades K-8
- 21st Century Life & Careers: Career Awareness, Explorativo, and Preparation
- IMAGE, Grades 5-8

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Anne Ehrke
 Frank Locantore
 Jeffrey Warner

POLICY

Anne Ehrke moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to approve Policy #1648, which represents the district’s Restart and Recovery Plan for Fall 2020.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Anne Ehrke
 Frank Locantore
 Jeffrey Warner

TRANSPORTATION

Frank Locantore moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to approve the following Transportation items:

- 15.01 Approval to authorize the Business Administrator to go out for bid for a specialized transportation route for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 15.02 Approval to award the contract for a specialized transportation route to Garden State Transportation, Inc., for Preschool students during the 2020-2021 school year, at a total cost of \$55,440, in accordance with the Bid Tabulation Sheet.
- 15.03 Approval of the district’s transportation routes for the 2020-2021 school year, as indicated:
- IMS and IMMS Routes IM01 through MO18: 16 routes @ \$25,803.78
 - IMS Route IM11: 1 route @ \$16,720.20
 - IMMS Route 25: 1 route @ \$24,885.00
 - Activity Buses: \$158.71 first 3 hours, \$34.35/hour thereafter, estimated contract renewal \$12,000
 - Field Trip Buses: \$158.71 first 3 hours, \$34.35/hour thereafter, estimated contract renewal \$6,000

15.04 Approval to participate in Cooperative Transportation Services, through Gloucester County Special Services School District, for transportation as needed during the 2020-2021 school year.

15.05 Approval of the following Student Transportation Contract for the 2020-2021 school year: Route 202020221002YSE, in the amount of \$19,600

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
Anne Ehrke
Frank Locantore
Jeffrey Warner

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Melissa Ciliberti opened the meeting to the public for agenda and non-agenda items at 7:52 p.m. One comment was posted by a teacher in the district, which was read into record. Melissa Ciliberti closed the public portion of the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

AYES – FOUR NAYS – NONE ABSENT– ONE

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Archer
Business Administrator/Board Secretary