

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, 7:00 PM
INDIAN MILLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

The Regular meeting of the Shamong Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 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, Tim Carroll, Laura Hoffman,
Nicole Moore, Sandra Thurston,
Sophia Fedeli (Seneca BOE Rep), Zach Klym (Seneca BOE Rep)

The flag salute was conducted.

Dr. Christine Vespe introduced new staff for 2019-2020 to the Board of Education, including Angela Beaton, Kirstyn Heller, Marlana Moore, Caitlin Truax, and Amanda Vogelei.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Melissa Ciliberti opened the meeting to the public for agenda and non-agenda items at 7:06 p.m. As there were no comments, Melissa Ciliberti closed the public portion of the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

SENECA STUDENT BOARD REPS' REPORT

Sofia Fedeli and Zach Klym, Seneca Student Board Reps, provided a report on Seneca activities, including Student Council, a Blood Drive, a recent Car Wash fundraiser to benefit a teacher's daughter in her medical expenses, and the upcoming Bag Bingo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Christine Vespe, Superintendent, provided her monthly report. She discussed meetings held during the last month, including Women's Leadership Conference. Along with Laura Archer, she attended a meeting with the Shamong Township Mayor, Clerk and Council member, regarding school funding, potential activities/events, and partnering on a grant to obtain funds for a new playground at IMS. They also attended the Governor's Convocation in Hammonton, where he identified the DOE's focus this year as equity/equality for children, teachers and leadership. Dr. Vespe discussed how nice the opening of school was, and that Shamong Sun did a nice article. IMS Principal, Nicole Moore, held a 'Popsicles with the Principal', and IMMS Principal, Tim Carroll, held a 'Happy New Year' assembly. She advised she is communicating and working with H&SA officers for positive changes, and advised that STEA paid for all its members to join H&SA, and the success of a Taste of the Town event held last Friday evening. Dr. Vespe will be continuing meeting with her Parent Advisory Group, as are the principals.

Laura Archer, Business Administrator, provided her monthly report. She also discussed the positive Women's Leadership meeting, as well as the excellent opening of school, including pictures of various rooms/areas shared with staff, as well as an update upcoming budgets and previously communicated cuts that are anticipated, and that enrollment as of the start of the 2019-2020 school year is up at 736 students (demographic study done years ago only anticipated enrollment to be at 680). Ms. Archer discussed the sale of SREC's on behalf of the district, which resulted in a sale amount of \$168,000, and that they will continue to be sold annually or perhaps twice per year. She discussed transportation efficiencies, as well as a few challenges, and the 'Parent Transportation Help Ticket System' that has been developed and is posted on the website for entries of concerns or compliments. Ms. Archer indicated Todd Hall, Director of Security and Facilities, will be at the October Board meeting with an update on Facilities.

Laura Hoffman, Curriculum Director, provided a presentation on NJSLA scores, with results from 2018-2019. She advised it looks different than previous years because results are NJSLA vs. PARCC, and 2018-2019 was the first year for NJSLA. She provided a summary/comparison of district scores vs. state scores. Dr. Vespe confirmed that individual student score reports were mailed out today.

INFORMATION - DELEGATE REPORT

Frank Locantore advised that the County School Board meeting was held the same evening as the district's Back to School Night, so he couldn't attend. He did receive copies of items discussed at that meeting, and provided an update to the Board of various areas being discussed, as well as proposed bills moving forward.

ROUTINE MATTERS and FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

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

- 5.01 Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Board meeting
- 5.02 Board Secretary Report for the month of July 2019
- 5.03 Treasurer Report for the month of July 2019
- 5.04 Transfer Report for the month of August 2019

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Frank Locantore moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to approve the Check Runs dated September 17, 2019.

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

BUSINESS and FINANCIAL

Anne Ehrke moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to approve the following Business and Financial items:

- 7.01 Approval of travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with 6A:23A-7.4.
- 7.02 Approval of an additional amount from the tuition contract for Student #214148, with Y.A.L.E. School Southeast Inc., for 1:1 Aide, in the amount of \$44,100 for the 2019-2020 school year. ESY 2019 and the 2019-2020 school year tuition were approved in August 2019. The estimated total cost for educational services is \$123,687.90 (ESY 2019 \$11,369.70; 2019-2020 school year tuition \$68,218.20; 1:1 Aide \$44,100.00).
- 7.03 Approval of a tuition contract for Student #213839, with Y.A.L.E. School Inc., for tuition during the 2019-2020 school year, in the amount of \$56,061.
- 7.04 Approval participation in Cooperative Transportation Services, through Gloucester County Special Services School District, for transportation as needed during the 2019-2020 school year.
- 7.05 Approval to transfer anticipated excess current revenue and/or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts, retroactive to the month of June, of which up to \$1,200,000 is available for such purpose of transfer.
- 7.06 Approval for the Shamong Township School District to enter into an agreement with the Township of Shamong, for the purpose of the Township's contribution of \$50,000 towards the purchase and installation of playground equipment through the use of Municipal Park Development Grant funds, as outlined in the agreement provided by the Township. The equipment will be located at IMS, 112 Indian Mills Rd., Shamong, NJ.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to approve the following leaves of absence:

- Employee #4011, Personal LOA, Unpaid, effective October 21-29, 2019
- Employee #4058, Medical LOA, Paid, effective August 7 – October 29, 2019
- Employee #4221, Personal LOA, Unpaid, effective September 27, 2019

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

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Frank Locantore moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to approve Andrea Flamisch and Erin Thomas to serve as volunteers during the 2019-2020 school year.

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

PROGRAMS

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

12.01 Approval of the following field trip:

Fernbrook Farms Environmental Education Center, Chesterfield, NJ, Grade 7, October 29, 2019, to provide a hands-on, real life experience and connections to topics learned in class related to the "Let it Grow" Aerogarden project. The program and funds, including for the field trip, are through a grant from Shamong Foundation for Educational Excellence.

12.02 Approval of the School Self-Assessments for IMS and IMMS, as required by the NJ DOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades, under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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

USE OF FACILITIES

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to approve the following Use of Facilities items:

- 8th Grade Parent Committee: October 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., IMMS Classroom
- Boy Scout Troop 47: September 2019 - June 2020, Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. IMMS Cafeteria and Fields
- Cub Scout Troop 47: September 18, October 23, November 20, December 18, January 22, February 19, March 18, April 27, and May 2, during the 2019-2020 school year, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., IMMS, Cafeteria

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – Jeffrey Siedlecki
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FUTURE DATES

Future dates/events during September and October were provided. It was discussed and confirmed that the December Board meeting will be on December 16, 2019, as previously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

AYES – FOUR

NAYS – NONE

ABSENT– ONE

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Archer
Business Administrator/Board Secretary