

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2020, 7:00 PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
Public: Live Feed via YouTube and Phone**

The Public Hearing meeting of the Shamong Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 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, Sandy Thurston, Nelson Vasquez.

The flag salute was conducted.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Melissa Ciliberti opened the meeting to the public for agenda and nonagenda items at 7:05 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 7:06 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Christine Vespe, Superintendent, provided her monthly report. She read a statement regarding the current time of unrest, and duties of educators to provide social-emotional learning to students. She also discussed a letter sent to parents which included guidance of helpful links for parents to use in talking to children, and indicated another communication will be sent later in the week with additional information, provided by counselors, with age appropriate information. She discussed meetings attended, an update on the playground project, and the extensive work done by the administrative team during a time of unchartered waters. Dr. Vespe thanked the Admin Team, teachers, and parents for all their hard work, and expressed to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class that it may not have been the way they planned to end their year, but they'll do great. She reinforced to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class that IMMS will be waiting for them in September. She communicated there is a large Kindergarten class expected for 20-21, and advised she will keep everyone posted as updates are received for the coming months.

Laura Archer, Business Administrator, provided her monthly report. She discussed plans for refunding parents for parents of various trips, activities, unused cafeteria funds, etc. She also discussed other aspects of closed schools, lunch distribution during the end of the school year, and the CARES Grant. Ms. Archer thanked the custodial/maintenance staff, Board Office, Technology and the Admin Team, in helping her through another year, and expressed her gratefulness for Christine as a mentor.

Nicole Moore, IMS Principal, provided her monthly report.

Tim Carroll, IMMS Principal, provided his monthly report.

Laura Hoffman, Curriculum Director, provided her monthly report.

Sandy Thurston, Director of Pupil Services, provided her monthly report.

Nelson Vasquez, Technology Coordinator, provided his monthly report. He provided data on distribution of technology to students, and reviewed plans for return of the equipment.

**ROUTINE MATTERS and FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

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

- 5.01 Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Board meeting
- 5.02 Board Secretary Report for the month of April 2020
- 5.03 Treasurer Report for the month of April 2020
- 5.04 Transfer Report for the month of May 2020
- 5.05 NutriServe Financial Report for the month of March 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 Jeffrey Warner, to approve the Check Runs dated June 9, 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 Anne Ehrke, to approve the following Business and Financial items:

- 7.01 Approval to accept the FY2021 ESEA funds, for the amounts listed below, and approval to refuse Title III funds in the amount of \$1,802:
- \$64,172 Title IA
  - \$14,665 Title IIA
  - \$10,000 Title IVA  
\$88,837
- 7.02 Approval to transfer anticipated excess current revenue and/or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts, of which up to \$1,200,000 is available for such purpose of transfer.

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

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

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

11.01 Approval to employ Laura Archer, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as per the contract approved by the County Executive Superintendent and County Business Administrator.

11.02 Approval for the following individuals to serve in the district’s 2020 Virtual Summer ESY Program, as indicated, on an as needed basis, at the Summer Curriculum Rate, as per the Bargaining Agreement:

TEACHERS: Karen Davies, Stephanie Goldstein, Ryan McCorristin, Traci Mendez,  
Samantha Terry

SPEECH: Nicole Brewin

1:1 ASST: David Baumgartel (through Insight/Kelly Services)

11.03 Approval of the following Child Study Team individuals for summer IEP meetings, as needed, at their Per Diem Rate:

Nicole Brewin (Speech), Tonia Campbell (LDT/C), Heidi Fuller (School Psychologist),  
Alex Holt (Speech), Olivia Johnson (Social Worker)

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

**PROGRAMS**

Anne Ehrke moved, seconded by Frank Locantore, to approve the following Program items:

12.01 Approval of Social Studies Weekly Program, for grades K-6, which will include two hours of PD Training.

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 of joint transportation agreements with Burlington County Educational Services Unit, for the 2020-2021 school year, for the following:

- Special Education Summer School
- Special Education Winter Bus Routes
- Public, Non-Public and Vocational Schools

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 7:46 p.m. As there were no comments, Melissa Ciliberti closed the public portion of the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**FUTURE DATES**

The date for the last day of school, June 12, 2020, was provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Anne Ehrke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

*Melissa Ciliberti thanked everyone for all they've done, and the creative/professional work done in all areas, recognizing this was a constant new experience for all. She wished everyone an enjoyable summer.*

AYES – FOUR                      NAYS – NONE                      ABSENT– ONE

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Archer  
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary