

April Board Brief



South Harrison Township School District

Board Brief

The following information is intended to inform staff and community members of recent action taken by the Board. The information included in this brief is not intended to be complete and does not replace official Board minutes.

Highlights from the South Harrison Township School District Board of Education meeting held on April 29th.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the Gloucester County Office of Education – Semi Waiver is approved (14-15 budget).

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Year – Christine Fretz
- 2014-2015 Budget – Dr. Lavender and Mrs. Wechter
- Standard Based Report Cards & Trimesters – Curriculum Team

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative – Resolutions were made and approved for the following:

- Approved the 2014-2015 school calendar.
- Approved sixth grade field trip to Kingsway Regional HS on May 16, 2014 from 8:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cost is transportation only.

- Approved third grade field trip to the Franklin Institute on April 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost is transportation only.
- Approved Resolution No. 33 requesting co-sponsors for the fair school funding plan for the State of New Jersey.
- Approved Resolution No. 24 supporting A2930/S-1987, eliminating the superintendent salary cap.
- Accepted a \$10,000 donation from the South Harrison Alliance for Educational Excellence to fund the local share of the Playgrounds Upgrades at South Harrison Township Elementary School.
- Accepted a \$35,000 donation from South Harrison Home & School Association to fund the local share of the Playgrounds Upgrades at South Harrison Township Elementary School.
- Approved Kindergarten class trip to the Edelman Planetarium in Glassboro, NJ at Rowan University on May 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Cost is transportation only.
- Approved Pre-School class trip to Storybook Land in Egg Harbor Twp., NJ on June 5, 2014 (rain date June 9) from 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost is transportation only.
- Approved a Clinical Practice Request from Rowan University for Jennifer Lyn Campbell from 9/2/14 – 12/17/14. She will be placed with Carolyn Olsen.
- Approved second grade class trip to The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, PA on May 23, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cost is transportation only.
- Approved an additional five (5) days for the contracted social worker (through GCSSSD) to be worked between 4/30/14 and 6/30/14 at \$465/day.
- Accepted the bid and award of contract to Guadelli Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder for the HVAC Improvements at South Harrison Township Elementary School – Project #4880-050-14-1002 in the amount of \$240,800 (base bid \$215,400 and Alt. #1 \$25,400), contingent upon approval by the solicitor and grant execution and monies being available.

- Awarded a contract to Sterling High School (SJTP under our shared services agreement) for the Roof Replacement at South Harrison Township Elementary School – Project #4880-150-14-1006 in the amount of \$67,705, contingent upon grant execution and monies being available.

PERSONNEL

- Certificated Staff:
 - Accepted with regret the resignation of Lisa Hardman, effective on June 30, 2014.
 - Approved to extend Denise LaPalomoto's leave without pay until June 30, 2014.
 - Approved Carolyn Olsen as the homebound instructor for a 5th grade student to be paid \$25/hour per CBA.
 - Approved Gail Bram to attend the Winners Conference on April 30, 2014 in Voorhees, NJ at a cost of \$199, plus travel.
 - Approved Janine Wechter to attend the NJASBO conference from June 4th – June 6th in Atlantic City at a cost of \$150 for registration.
 - Resolved that the South Harrison Township Board of Education shall submit the contract for Janine Wechter, School Business Administrator, to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-3-1(a).

Professional Development: (None)

- Substitute(s):
 - Approved to extend Holly Lovell to continue as long-term substitute for Kindergarten for Denise LaPalomoto through the remainder of the school year.

TUITION

- Approved David Inzinna to take on-line courses from May 12, 2014 through August 24, 2014 at Wilmington University at a cost of \$3,931.
 - E-Folio
 - Instructional Design
 - Psychology of Learning
 - Culture & Learning Environment

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- Ratified and affirmed a Use of Facilities request for Home & School on April 23, 2014 for the Art Show & Ice Cream Social from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Approved Use of Facilities request from South Harrison Township Parks & Recreation for a Senior Spring Luncheon to be held in the South Harrison Township Elementary School Cafeteria on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONTRACTS

- None

POLICIES

- None

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The monthly Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports and Budget Transfers for February 2014 were approved.
- Bill lists for February, 2014 were approved.
- Accepted funds to support the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (HIB Grant) for the 13-14 school year in the amount of \$1,085.
- Approved the use of capital outlay funds budgeted for "Capital Outlay-Basement Issue" to be used for the local share of the Roof Replacement at South Harrison Township Elementary School – Project #4880-050-14-1006 in the amount of \$34,800.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The South Harrison Township School District is operated by a nine member, elected school board. The Board meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the school library at 7:30 p.m. All Board meetings are open to the public. The Board is committed to public involvement in school matters and is responsive to school and community needs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Debbie Cunningham, President
Michael Brennan, Vice President
Michael Finnan, Finance Chair

Toni Buckley
Carole English
Janice Huggins
Jim McShea
Joseph Talbot
Ken White

Dr. James J. Lavender, Superintendent
Mrs. Janine Wechter, Business Administrator

MISCELLANEOUS

- The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be the Reorganization Meeting held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.