

February Board Brief



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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 Elementary School District Board of Education regular meeting held on February 24th.

ENROLLMENT as of January 30, 2015

RESIDENT STUDENTS	356
CHOICE STUDENTS	25
TOTAL	381

OATH OF OFFICE

- Mr. Ron Reilly was sworn in as South Harrison Twp. Elementary School District's newest Board of Education Member. Mr. Reilly's term expires December 31, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

- Classroom Close-Up – Mrs. Donofrio showed a DVD showcasing the positive aspects of our school.

- 5th Grade Girl Scout Bronze Award Project.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (None)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lavender updated the Board on a variety of topics related to the District, which included the following discussion item(s)...

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Clothing Collection
- Strategic Plan - [Winter Update](#)
- NJSAC Validation Process

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2014-2015 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for November through January:

2014 - 2015 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance				
Grade Level	Nov %	Dec %	Jan %	2014-2015 Current YTD Average %
Pre-K 3	95.00	99.00	98.0	97.4
Pre-K 4	68.00	97.00	96.0	77.8
K	87.00	93.00	97.0	91.8
Avg. PreK & K	83.33	96.33	97.0	89.0
1	95.00	96.00	96.0	95.6
2	93.00	97.00	97.0	95.2
3	96.00	95.00	96.0	96.4
4	96.00	96.00	96.0	96.2
5	93.00	96.00	96.0	94.6
6	94.00	96.00	95.0	94.4
Avg. 1 - 6	94.50	96.00	96.0	95.4

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Administration: (None)
- Certificated Staff: (None)
- Non-Certificated Staff: (None)

- Leave of Absence:
 - Tina McDonnell, Paraprofessional (2/4/15 – 4/4/15)
- Long-Term Substitute(s): (None)
- Substitute(s):
 - Jennifer Campbell (as needed)
 - Shawna Blickle (as needed)
- Homebound Instructor: (None)
- Retirement(s):
 - Linda DiStefano, Assistant to the SBA Board Secretary (effective 6/18/15)
- Resignation(s): (None)
- Curriculum Lead Person: (None)
- Practicum Student(s):
 - Michael Hoover (Rowan University)
- Volunteer(s): (None)

FIELD TRIPS

- **SH Municipal Building** – 52 2nd Grade students, along with 4 chaperones, will be visiting the SH Municipal Building during either the last week of February or the first week in March.
- **Lighthouse Regional Tournament** – 36 G&T students will be attending Odyssey of the Mind's Lighthouse Regional Tournament at Woodstown High School on March 14th.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

- **1/20/15 – Fire Drill.** Begin time: 10:15 a.m., end time: 10:25 a.m.
- **1/30/15 – Lockdown Drill.** Begin time: 2:49 p.m., end time: 2:55 p.m.

PROGRAMS/OTHER

The Board approved the following programs:

- The Board approved a resolution determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$11,950.00 principal amount

of refunding school bonds of the Board of Education of the Township of South Harrison in the County of Gloucester, NJ and providing for the sale and delivery of such bonds.

- The Board approved a resolution to request a SEMI waiver for the 2015-2016 school year.

POLICY

- The following policies were presented to the Board for first reading/introduction:
 - (None)
- The following policies were presented to the Board for a second reading/adoption:
 - (None)

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for December 2014.
- **Use of Facilities.** The following facility requests were approved by the Board:
 - South Harrison Soccer Club will be using the facility for practice on Monday evenings from 2/2/15 – 3/30/15.

MISCELLANEOUS

Numerous other requests for approval for workshop attendance, student activities, and education items were approved by the Board of Education. These approvals will be reflected in the formal minutes of the meeting, which are available in the office of the Board of Education secretary as well as posted online after Board approval.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17, 2015**, in the South Harrison Elementary School library and begins at 7:30 p.m.