

May 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 May 27th.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Lisa Hardman, correcting reason for leaving as “resignation”, rather than “retirement”.

PRESENTATIONS

- None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- None

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative – Resolutions were made and approved for the following:

- Approved a field trip to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ on June 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. for the first grade. Cost is for transportation only.
- Approved a field trip to Wheaton Village in Millville, NJ on June 13, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for the fourth grade. Cost is for transportation only.
- Approved a Clinical Practice Request from Rowan University for Michael Hoover from 9/2/14 – 12/17/14 Fall Semester and 1/20/15 –

5/8/15 Spring Semester. This is a full year placement to complete his Masters in Teaching. He will be placed with Shari Crouch.

- Approved the South Harrison Elementary School District to request a waiver through the NJ Department of Education that would allow the district the option to modify the current requirements regarding teacher observations.
- Approved Federici & Akin the authority to draft plans and specifications and to authorize the School Business Administrator the authority to advertise for public bid of the playground upgrade at South Harrison Elementary School Project #4880-050-13-2001.

PERSONNEL

- Approved the certified and non-certified employees and salaries for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Approved Kelly Fithian, School Psychologist to attend Child Study Team Meetings from July 1, 2014 through August 30, 2014. Cost would be \$250 per case; \$200 per evaluation and \$25 per meeting.
- Accepted a letter of resignation from Christine Murray, 3rd grade teacher, who has been out on extended maternity leave.
- Approved David Inzinna to attend Robotics Training at Clearview Regional High School on June 5, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$200.
- Approved Amanda Grabas as the teacher for the PSD 2014-2015 extended school year program in the amount of \$2,400 from July 8-31, 2014.
- Approved Tina McDonnell as the teacher for the ESY 2014-2015 extended school year program for one student in the amount of \$1,200 and from July 8-31, 2014.

Professional Development: (None)

Substitute(s):

- Approved the following substitute for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, Allie Ivoll.

TUITION

- None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- Ratified and approved a Use of Facilities request for South Harrison Township Parks & Recreation for a Senior Luncheon on May 3, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CONTRACTS

- Approved a cooperative transportation agreement with the GCSSSD for the 2014-2015 school year. The administrative fee for special education, vocational, public and homeless student routes is 7%, and 4% for nonpublic student routes.
- Approved contracts for participation in the following programs with the GCSSSD for 2014-2015 for Non-Public Aid-in-Lieu Program at \$2.50 per student and Choice Student Program at \$2.50 per student.
- Approved a contract with Nancy Stevick, LDTC from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of \$275 per evaluation.
- Approved a contract with Kate Guzzetti, OT from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of \$200 per evaluation, and \$70 per hour for report writing and therapeutic services.
- Approved a summer transportation jointure with Harrison Township for our preschool disabled extended school year program from July 8, 2014 through July 31, 2014 at a cost of \$2,965.
- Approved an Electric Generation Service Agreement with First Energy Solutions Corp. through (ACES) through 2015.
- Approved a Natural Gas Supply Service Contract with Hess Energy Marketing through (ACES) through December 2014.

POLICIES

- None

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The monthly Board Secretary and Cash Reconciliation Reports and Budget Transfers for March 2014 were approved.
- Bill lists for March, 2014 were approved.

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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

- The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.