

October 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 October 29th.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

PRESENTATIONS

- [NJASK Testing Results](#) – Presented by Regional Curriculum Team

DISCUSSION ITEMS - ACTION REQUIRED

- Approved the Board/Superintendent goals for the 2013-2014 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative – Resolutions were made and approved for the following:

- Resolution No. 23 for the submission for the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
- Annual Maintenance Reserve Deposit Worksheet.
- South Harrison Township Board of Education attests to the accuracy of the New Jersey Single Accountability

Continuum Statement of Assurance for School Year 2013-2014.

- Field trip request for Pre-School classes to Creamy Acres on October 17, 2013 at no cost to the district.
- Continue to authorize the Business Administrator to serve as the "Purchasing Agent" of the school district and to increase the bid threshold from \$26,000 to \$36,000 and to increase the quote threshold from \$3,900 to \$5,400 due to Qualified Purchasing Agent status.
- Contract from Majek Fire Protection, Inc. not to exceed \$1,800 for the 2013-2014 school year. The contract includes Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection, Annual Sprinkler Inspection, and Kitchen Hood Inspection.
- Approved offering of four (4) Kindergarten School Choice seats for the 2014-2015 school year. The number of seats can be modified.
- Amended previous approval for Board Members, Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services to attend the School Board Convention, including travel costs.
- Accepted a donation from SHAEE in the amount of \$1,500 for a school Newspaper to be funded as follows:
 - Gail Bram at \$25/hr., 2 hrs./wk, for 15 wks. (\$750).
 - Kathryn Tranz at \$25/hr., 2 hrs./wk, for 15 wks. (\$750).
- Approved the Agreement for Professional Services through the Center for Regional Education Support Services (CRESS) 2013-14 as presented: Auxiliary Social Work \$13,950 for 30 days; Speech-Language \$91,620 for 180 days; Ed. Consultant – Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing \$880 for 8 hours; and Physical Therapy \$23,616 for 288 hours.

- South Harrison Twp. BOE accepted the October HIB report as presented: One incident, which was determined not to meet the definition. Intervention Services were provided.

PERSONNEL

- Certificated Staff:

Maternity leave of absence for Jennie Dammingier was approved from 2/18/14 through 3/3/14 and a child rearing unpaid leave of absence from 3/3/14 until 6/30/14.

Approved a Practicum Placement Request for Ashley Kodluk in Lisa Hardman's room from September through December upon completion of 35 hours.

Approved Jane Conroy to attend the "Dr. Jean's Rock, Rhyme, Write & Read" workshop on October 23, 2013 in Mt. Laurel, NJ at a cost of \$209, plus travel.

Approved Amanda Grabas, Elizabeth Henjes, Linda Caltabiano and Nicole Eschenback to attend a MAP Data workshop on November 4, 2013 at Kingsway Regional High School at no cost.

Approved Kathryn Tranz to attend Formative Assessment for Common Core Math Standards on October 29, 2013 at Rowan University at a cost of \$125.

Approved Kelly Fithian to attend "The Lost Boys: Hidden Victims of Child Abuse" workshop on November 6, 2013 at GCIT, Sewell, NJ at zero cost.

Approved Bethany Bakley to attend "Post-Concussion Syndrome" workshop December 6, 2013 at a cost of \$189.99, plus travel.

- Professional Development: (None)
- Substitute(s):

Approved Carleigh Gorman as a substitute teacher for the 2013-2014 school year.

Approved Diane DePalma as a substitute teacher for the 2013-2014 school year, pending completion of paperwork.

TUITION

- None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- Approved a Use of Facilities Request for South Harrison Recreation for Senior Luncheon on 11/2/13 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Approved a Use of Facilities Request for SHAEE for a Pancake Harvest Breakfast on 11/23/13 from 5:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Approved a use of Facilities Request for Harrison Soccer Club for soccer on Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. from January 14, 2014 through March 18, 2014.
- Approved a use of Facilities Request for SHAEE to hold Family Bingo Night on October 18, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Approved a use of Facilities Request for Stokes Committee to hold a "Trunk or Treat" fundraiser on October 25, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CONTRACTS

- None

POLICIES

- Second reading of the following policies and regulation guide additions and amendments were approved:
 - a) Policy P3232 – Tutoring Services (New)
 - b) Policy P5117 – Interdistrict Public School Choice (Revised)
 - c) Regulation R5117 – Interdistrict Public School Choice (New)
 - d) Policy P5120 – Assignment of Pupils (M) (Revised)

- e) Policy P5300 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED) (M) (Revised)
- f) Regulation R5300 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED) (M) (New)
- g) Policy P5533 – Pupil Smoking (M) (Revised)
- h) Policy P7434 – Smoking in School Buildings and on School Grounds (M) (Revised)
- i) Policy P7522 – School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members (New)
- j) Policy P7523 – School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils (New)
- k) Policy P3144.12 – Certification of Tenure Charges-Inefficiency (M) (New)
- l) Policy P3144.3 – Suspension Upon Certification of Tenure Charge (New)
- m) Policy P3372 – Teaching Staff Member Tenure Acquisition (New)
- n) Policy P3373 – Tenure Upon Transfer or Promotion (New)
- o) Policy P3374 – Tenure Upon Transfer to an Underperforming School (New)
- p) Policy P4124 – Employment Contract (Revised)
- q) Policy P5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (M) (Revised)
- r) Regulation R5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Investigation Procedure (M) (Revised)

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The monthly Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports and Budget Transfers for August 2013 approved.
- Bill list was 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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Dr. James J. Lavender, Superintendent

Mrs. Janine Wechter, Business Administrator

MISCELLANEOUS

- There will be no board meeting in November. The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.