

# May 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 May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2016

**RESIDENT STUDENTS 363**

**CHOICE STUDENTS 27**

**TOTAL 390**

### PRESENTATIONS

- Introduction of Donna Carter, HR Manager
- Ms. Mesmer, Elementary School Program Spotlight

### Spotlight Students

**April 2016**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Halle Dolce
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Courtney Weatherby
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isabella Gular
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Burghardt
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tristan McLeer
6 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Fretz

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Personnel
- Summer Schedules
- Moving-Up Ceremony
- [Board of Education Goals](#)

### ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

*2015-2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for April:*

2015 - 2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	April %	2015-2016 Current YTD Average %	2014-2015 Overall Average %
Pre-K 3	94.2	93.1	96.5
Pre-K 4	97.9	96.8	94.8
K	97.5	96.9	95.2
Average Pre-K & K	96.5	95.7	95.5
1	97.5	97.3	96.0
2	97.1	96.7	96.5
3	96.8	96.4	95.6
4	96.8	96.4	95.7
5	96.8	96.9	95.7
6	96.6	97.1	96.6

Average 1 - 6	96.9	96.8	96.0
Overall District Average	97.0	96.7	95.9

**PERSONNEL*****Annual Renewal***

The Board of Education approved the annual renewals of employees. Correspondence will be sent on an individual basis.

***South Harrison Employment***

- Resignation:
  - Melissa Fardella (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher)
- Long Term Substitute(s):
  - Jennifer Campbell (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – 04/04/2016 – 06/30/2016)
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
  - Andrew Menno (Linda Davis - Music- 09/02/2016 – 10/21/2016)

**FIELD TRIPS(s)**

- **06/07/16 rain date 06/16/16** – The AM and PM Preschool will be going to Storybook Land in Egg Harbor Twp., NJ to learn how to follow directions and speak in full sentences by using fairytales and nursery rhymes.
- **05/30/2017 to 06/02/2017** – The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be going on the STOKES trip to observe the biotic and physical environment of the New Jersey Woodland Ecosystem.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School / Date	Time	Drill Description
04/28/16	Begin: 08:50 AM End: 08:52 AM	Fire Drill
04/29/16	Begin: 03:12 PM End: 03:15 PM	Shelter – in - Place

**POLICY**

The Board recommended the following for SECOND reading for revision and/or adoption.

- Policy 1110 Organizational Chart

**BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE**

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for April 2016
- **Abolish Current Full-Time Teacher of Art Position.** The Board finds and concludes it is necessary to reduce the Teacher of Art position for financial reasons and programmatic reasons.
- **Create New 0.6 FTE Teacher of Art and 1.0 FTE Teacher of World Language Positions.** The Board concludes that a part-time Teacher of Art position at 60 percent full-time and a full-time World Language Teacher position at 100 percent full-time equivalency for the South Harrison Twp. Elementary School District be created effective September 1, 2016.
- **Tax Levy Payments.** The Board approved the tax levy payment schedule for the 2016 – 2017 school year.
- **Professional Service Appointments.** The Board appointed professionals through June 30, 2016. Fee schedules are on file in the office of the Business Administrator.  
  
Attorney: Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso  
Architect of Record: Garrison Architects  
Engineer of Record: Federici and Aiken, P.A.  
Financial Advisor: Phoenix Advisors  
Bond Counsel: McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC  
Risk Management Consultant: The Barclay Group
- **Substitute Employment rates through Source4Teachers.** The Board approved the substitute employment rates for the remainder of the 2016 – 2017 school year.

- **Gloucester County Special Services School District Contracts.** The Board approved the contracts with Gloucester County Special School District for the 2016-2017 school for the following Services
  - Choice School Program - \$2.05 per Application
  - MVC On-line Abstract Request Program - \$21.00 annually
  - Nonpublic Aid-In-Lieu Program - \$2.50 per B6T
- **Capital Reserve Withdrawal.** The Board authorized the withdrawal of funds from its capital reserve account in the amount of \$140,000.00 for the purpose of funding the closed circuit cooling tower repairs.

#### 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 **Monday, June 13, 2016**, in the South Harrison Elementary School cafeteria and begins at 7:00 p.m.