

Jersey Shore Area School District
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Minutes of February 10, 2020

A. Opening

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Craig Allen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Mr. Craig Allen, Mr. David Becker, Ms. Patrice Doebler, Mrs. Angela Grant, Mr. Wayne Kinley, Mrs. Nancy Petrosky, Mrs. Michelle Stemler and Mrs. Mary Thomas.

Others Present: Christopher Kenyon, Esq., Solicitor, Mr. Benjamin Enders, Board Secretary, Dr. Kenneth Dady, Jr., Assistant Superintendent and Robert Parker, Student Representative.

Members Absent: Mr. Harry Brungard and Dr. Jill Wenrich, Superintendent.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Isabella Gottschall and Brady Allison, students representing Jersey Shore Area Elementary.

B. Presentations

1. **Communications:**

- a. Board members have an opportunity before the next few board meetings to visit the district buildings, they visited Avis Elementary and Jersey Shore Area Elementary prior to the February 10, 2020 meeting.

2. **President's Report:**

- a. Mr. Allen is serving on the state PSBA's cyber task force and has been invited to serve on the Governors committee.

3. **Student Representative Report:** None

4. **Intermediate Unit Report:** None

5. **Superintendent's Report:**

- a. Book donations - Lou Anne Gasperine and Lisa Cenimo
- b. Hess STEM Kit donation - Jennifer Berry-Propst and Katie Wert
- c. Elementary Schools Budget Presentation - Adrienne Johnston and Jon Jean
- d. Overview of 2019-2020 bus contracts with Susquehanna Transit Company and Marden's, Inc. to provide student transportation services - Ken Dady
- e. Student Transition discussion - Ken Dady

K. Executive Session: An executive session was held for personnel issues starting at 8:43 p.m. after which business was conducted.

Meeting resumed at 9:07 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Mary Thomas and seconded by Dave Becker to add the following addendum items to the agenda under D.1 Personnel items:

- l. appointment of Sharon Koch to a Network Computer Technician position at an annual salary of \$45,000.00 (prorated for the 2019-2020 school year), effective February 11, 2020.
- m. appointment of Eric Huling as Head Boys Varsity Tennis coach, at a stipend of \$3040.00, (level 1 of the coaches' salary matrix), effective upon receipt of TB test results.

C. Courtesy of the Floor on Agenda Items:

Bob Pryor-Mifflin Twp. – commented on Charter Resolution and excess funds
Burt Francis-JS Boro – commented on bus trip to Baltimore

D. Personnel

1. Personnel Items:

Motion: A motion was made by Mary Thomas and seconded by Wayne Kinley to approve Personnel items a. – m. as listed on the Agenda and Addendum:

- a. accepting a letter of resignation from Keith Neece, Girls Middle School Soccer Coach, effective January 30, 2020.
- b. FMLA from May 6, 2020 (approximately) thru June 2, 2020 (approximately) for employee 2019-20-22.
- c. accepting a letter of resignation from Rebecca Ball-Schaller as School Wide Positive Behavior Leader for the Middle School, effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- d. accepting a letter of resignation from Ruth Levan as School Wide Positive Behavior Leader for the Middle School, effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- e. accepting a letter of resignation from Erin Eckley, paraprofessional at Jersey Shore Area Elementary, effective February 22, 2020.

- f. accepting a letter of resignation from Richard Moyer, Event Staff, effective February 20, 2020.
- g. appointment of Mitchell Cornelius as Head Middle School Boys Soccer coach, at a stipend of \$1980.00,(level 1 of the coaches' salary matrix), effective February 11, 2020.
- h. appointment of Jacob Maneval as Head Middle School Girls Soccer coach, at a stipend of \$1980.00,(level 1 of the coaches' salary matrix), effective February 11, 2020.
- i. appointment of Karen Fausnaught, Middle School ELA teacher, to a position of Mentor for Bridget Carmeci, Middle School ELA teacher, effective February 11, 2020 at an annual stipend of \$500.
- j. accepting letters of retirement from the following, effective the last day of the 2019-2020 school year:
 - Gina Wert - Fifth Grade Teacher with 32 years of service
 - Doreen Eisenhauer - Certified School Nurse (Dept. Head) with 21 years of service
- k. appointment of Jennifer Mellinger to a five hour paraprofessional position at Jersey Shore Area Elementary, \$9.06 per hour, effective February 11, 2020.

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The vote was a unanimous yes. Motion carried.

E. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Curriculum and Instruction Item:

Motion: A motion was made by Nancy Petrosky and seconded by Patrice Doebler to approve the following Curriculum and Instruction item as listed on the Agenda:

- a. 2020-2021 High School Course Guide

The vote was a unanimous yes. Motion carried.

F. Building and Grounds: None

G. Finance: None

H. Miscellaneous:

1. Miscellaneous Items:

Motion: A motion was made by Mary Thomas and seconded by Nancy Petrosky to approve the following Miscellaneous items as listed on the Agenda:

- a. the following out of state field trip:

April 13, 2020 - National Aquarium, Baltimore, MD - 100 students (Grades 9-12)
Chaperones - Julie Wagner, Jessica George, Alex Mahaffey, Jonathan Palumbo, 6 Vol. TBD

- b. the following out of state field trip:

February 28, 2020 - Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY - 40 students (Grades 9-12)
Chaperones - Brooke Menzen, Sarah Keim, Melissa Williamson, Charlotte Bierly

- c. the proposed 2020-2021 School Year Calendar at second reading. (Attachment)

- d. the High School coffee cafe, Dawg Pound Coffee, to seek out and accept ongoing donations from businesses, individuals and students that will help establish and maintain Dawg Pound Coffee.

- e. opening a checking account with Muncy Bank & Trust for the previously approved High School coffee cafe, Dawg Pound Coffee.

- f. to adopt and approve a stipulation in lieu of a disciplinary hearing for Student 2019-2020-3 dated January 30, 2020.

- g. to adopt and approve a stipulation in lieu of a disciplinary hearing for Student 2019-2020-4 dated January 30, 2020.

h. to adopt and approve a stipulation in lieu of a disciplinary hearing for Student 2019-2020-5 dated January 31, 2020.

i. exemption request for 1:10 chaperone-student field trip ratio for February 26, 2020, entire 8th grade walking trip to the Senior High School, all 8th grade teachers to accompany their classes.

j. the Charter School Funding Resolution. (Attachment)

The vote was a unanimous yes. Motion carried.

I. Old Business: None

J. Courtesy of the Floor on Items not on the Agenda:

Bob Pryor-Mifflin Twp. – commented on elementary students in one building

Shelley Helm-Piatt Twp. – commented on history in the district

Burt Francis-JS Boro – commented on athletic heritage section and seating of the board president

John Shireman-JS Boro – commented on state of the district

K. Executive Session: An executive session was held for personnel and legal issues starting at 9:37 p.m. after which no business was conducted.

Meeting resumed at 12:04 a.m.

L. Adjournment

The February 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin J. Enders
Board Secretary



Jersey Shore Area School District

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2020-2021

Approved: February 10, 2020

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

August 12-13: Teacher induction
 August 21: In-service flex
 August 24-25: In-service
 August 27: First student day

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

September 7: Schools closed

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

October 9: In-service
 October 12: Act 80 Day
 October 30: End of Marking Period 1
 2-hour early dismissal

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

November 6: Report Card distribution
 November 23-24: Act 80 Day
 11/23: 12:30 pm-8:00 pm Parent Conferences
 11/24: 7:45 am-3:15 pm Parent Conferences
 November 25-30: Schools closed

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

December 22: 2-hour early dismissal (staff and students)
 December 23-31: Schools closed

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January 1: Schools closed
 January 4-15: Keystone Testing, Wave 2
 January 18: Act 80 Day
 January 19: End of Marking Period 2
 January 22: 2-hour early dismissal
 January 29: Report Card distribution

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

Feb 12-15: Schools closed

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

March 8: Act 80 Day
 March 25: End of Marking Period 3
 March 26: 2-hour early dismissal

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

April 1-6: Schools closed
 April 9: Report Card distribution
 April 19-23: PSSA Testing, Grades 3-8
 English/Language Arts
 April 26-30: PSSA Testing, Grades 3-8
 Mathematics & Science

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

May 17-28: Keystone Testing
 Algebra I, Biology, Literature
 May 28: In-service
 May 31: Schools closed

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

June 4: Last student day
 2-hour early dismissal
 June 7-8: In-service
 June 12: Graduation

- teacher induction
- first student day
- in-service day/no school for students
- schools closed
- Act 80 day/no school for students
- 2-hour early dismissal
- end of marking period
- report cards distributed

Weather Make-up Days:

February 12: 1st make-up
 April 1: 2nd make-up
 April 6: 3rd make-up

All other weather make-up days will be added to the end of the calendar.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM

**BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the average Pennsylvania school district spends millions of dollars in taxpayer money annually in mandatory payments to brick-and-mortar and cyber charter schools; and these payments are calculated in a manner which requires districts to send more money to charter schools than is needed to operate their programs and places a significant financial burden on districts' resources and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the current charter school funding formula was established in 1997 under the state's Charter School Law and has not been changed in the 23 years since it was first created; and the formula for regular education programs is unfair because it is based on a school district's expenditures and not what it actually costs to educate a child in the charter school; and

WHEREAS, the calculation for charter special education tuition is unfair because it is also based on the special education expenditures of the school district rather than the charter school; and although the General Assembly revised the special education funding formula in 2014 to more accurately target special education resources for students identified with high, medium and low needs, this formula was applied only to school districts and not to charter schools; and

WHEREAS, because the tuition rate calculations are based on the school district's expenses, they create wide discrepancies in the amount of tuition paid by different districts for the same charter school education and result in drastic overpayments to charter schools; and these discrepancies in tuition rates for regular education students can vary by almost \$13,000 per student and by \$39,000 for special education students; and

WHEREAS, the latest data from the PA Department of Education (PDE) shows that in 2017-18, total charter school tuition payments (cyber and brick-and-mortar) were more than \$1.8 billion, with \$519 million of that total paid by districts for tuition to cyber charter schools; and

WHEREAS, further analysis of PDE data shows that in 2014-15, school districts paid charter schools more than \$100 million for special education services in excess of what charter schools reported spending on special education; and

WHEREAS, the costs of charter schools for school districts continue to grow significantly each year; and on a statewide basis are the most identified source of pressure on school district budgets; and

WHEREAS, the need for significant charter school funding reform is urgent; and school districts are struggling to keep up with growing charter costs and are forced to raise taxes and cut staffing, programs and services for their own students in order to pay millions of dollars to charter schools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jersey Shore Area School Board calls upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the existing flawed charter school funding systems for regular and special education to ensure that school districts and taxpayers are no longer overpaying these schools or reimbursing for costs the charter schools do not incur. We, along with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, are advocating for substantial change.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Signed,

School Board President

Board Secretary