

Saddle River Board of Education Agenda
Regular Business Meeting -100% Virtual Due to Pending SnowStorm
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 7:30 PM

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Virtual Meeting Guidelines:

- 1. In an effort to ensure cyber security we ask that you have your name be identifiable when entering the meeting, (i.e. - first and last name, first initial and last name).*
- 2. Everyone will be muted upon entry and we ask that you only unmute yourself if you are participating during public comment.*
- 3. We encourage the public to participate during the part of the meeting designated for public comment. We ask that you use the reactions at the bottom and unmute yourself.*

A. Call to Order

B. Opening Statement

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

- Posting written notice prominently on the bulletin board in the vestibule of Wandell School, 97 E. Allendale Road, Saddle River, New Jersey.
- The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, The Record, The Ridgewood News and The Town Journal.
- Filing with the Clerk of Saddle River Borough.

C. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Mr. Peros	_____	_____
Ms. Elshami	_____	_____
Ms. Kaufman	_____	_____
Ms. Nissirios	_____	_____
Ms. Salazer	_____	_____

D. Flag Salute

E. Superintendent's Report

- District Goals Update
- HIB Report

F. Vice Principal's Report

G. Business Administrator's Report

H. Board President's Report

I. Committee Report(s)

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| 1. Communications/Public Relations | 6. Negotiations |
| 2. Curriculum/Instruction | 7. Policy |
| 3. Facilities | 8. Technology |
| 4. Finance | 9. Transportation |
| 5. Human Resources | 10. Safety/ Wellness |

J. Liaison Report(s)

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| 1. Mayor and Council | 5. PAWS |
| 2. NJ School Boards Association Representative | 6. Wandell School Education Foundation |
| 3. Northern Highlands Board of Education | |
| 4. Ramsey Board of Education | |

K. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two portions of the meeting reserved for comments from the public; the first at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second at the end of the meeting for other items.
- If you wish to address the board, please provide your name and address and please limit your comments to 3 minutes.
- Issues raised by the public may or may not be responded to by the board, but all comments will be considered. The board requests that all members of the public be mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Due to confidentiality and legal rights afforded by the state of New Jersey, members of the public are asked to not speak negatively or in a derogatory manner about any employee of the board or any student.

L. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items Only**M. Minutes**

Approval of Minutes

M-1: Regular Business Meeting

Be it resolved, that the Board approves the amended minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting.

Motion:

Roll Call Vote

ES:

Second:

YE:

EK:

Discussion:

EN:

JP:

N. Action Items

- **Administration**

A-20211201: Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant Application 2020-21 & 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the exploration and submission of the grant, as follows:

Whereas, the Saddle River Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas, the Saddle River Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas, Extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas, Many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas, Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas, the Saddle River Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools. (See the “Create A Green Team” action. Your district “Green Team” can be designated from a pre-existing group within the district if desired.).

Whereas, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas, the Saddle River Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Saddle River Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint Victoria Hickey & Emily Kaufman to be the district’s liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize our School(s) as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district’s schools in completing their actions.

Motion:

Second:

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote

ES:

YE:

EK:

EN:

JP:

- **Human Resources**

HR-20211201: Employee Leaves 2020-21

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following personnel leave requests:

Employee ID	Duration/ Leave Type	Paid/Unpaid Details	Return to Work
15066	Unpaid Leave	12/1/20 - 12/4/20 = 4 days of unpaid leave	12/7/20
15172	EPSLA	12/8/20 - 12/10/20 = 3 days Using 3 days of EPSLA (3 days of 10 work days allowable) Paid leave: Regular pay up to \$511/day; \$5,110 aggregate	12/11/20

HR-20211202: Employee Resignation 2020-21

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education accepts the resignations of **Margaret Cioffi**, Leave Replacement, effective on or before January 25, 2021, which satisfies the contractual separation clause time frame.

Motion:

Second:

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote

ES:

YE:

EK:

EN:

JP:

• Education

E-20211201: Extension of Academic Support

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves support for special education student A0058 in the 2020-2021 school year not to exceed \$800.00

Student	# Hours	Provider	Estimated Total
A0058	12	Margarita Diakos	\$800.00

Motion:

Second:

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote ES:

YE:

EK:

EN:

JP:

• Finance

F-20211201: Finance & Operations

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following:

- Payment of Bills December 2020
- Board Secretary Report-December 2020

F-20211202: Donation Acceptance

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the donation from the Wandell School Education Foundation for

- Virtual Assembly, Bullying/Respect, Jared Campbell = \$800
- 3 Smartboard for rooms 7E, 8E, and 6N = \$17,157

F-20211203: Donation Acceptance

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the donation from The Fernandez Family in the amount of \$3,000 to Wandell School.

Motion:

Second:

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote

ES:

YE:

EK:

EN:

JP:

O. Old Business

P. New Business

Q. Questions or Comments from the Public on Other Items

R. Board Member Comments

S. Executive Session

T. Adjournment *Motion:*

Second:

Vote:

Time: