

Saddle River Board of Education Minutes
Regular Business Meeting -Wandell School Cafeteria
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM

A. Call to Order *The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Mr. John Peros, Board President.*

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	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Elshami	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Kaufman	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Nissirios	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Salazer	<u>X</u>	

D. Flag Salute

E. Superintendent's Report

- District Goal Update
- Start Strong Assessment Results, Fall 2021
- HIB Report

Dr. Cinotti mentioned being partners with families in social distancing and masking measures reducing exposure to COVID-19. Dr. Cinotti provided an update on district goals and curriculum. Dr. Cinotti presented a powerpoint of the Fall 2021 Start Strong Assessment results. There is no HIB Report at this time.

F. Vice Principal's Report

Mrs. Hickey addressed curriculum initiatives and the Fall 2021 Start Strong Assessment results. Mrs. Hickey thanked the PAWS volunteers for the Trunk-or-Treat event in October. Additionally, Mrs. Hickey thanked the Saddle River Garden Club for returning to Wandell School and working with students in grade 3.

G. Business Administrator/ Board Secretary's Report

Ms. Lawler mentioned the efforts taken with Dr. Cinotti to secure the emergency afternoon bus route. Ms. Lawler stated Dr. Occhino submitted the DRTRS report for the 2021-22 school year. Ms. Lawler mentioned the agenda items under finance and thanked the Foundation for generously funding the new sound/ theater system at Wandell School.

H. Board President's Report

Mr. Peros discussed recent NJSBA broadcasts, the review process of student residency, and thanked Dr. Cinotti & Ms. Lawler for their efforts with transportation.

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 |

Committee chairs updated the public on the areas noted above.

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 | |

Liaisons updated the public on the areas noted above.

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 Opened at 8:28 PM, no comments on action items from the Public at this time. Closed 8:28 PM.

Questions or Comments from the Public on Other Items Opened at 8:29 PM. Closed 8:43 PM.

1. *Mrs. Yale, 16 Dogwood Dr., discussed COVID-19 communications, guidelines, and vaccinations.*
2. *Councilman Hekemian, 9 Foxhedge Rd., complimented the Board on the structure of the meeting. Councilman Hekemian also discussed outdoor social distancing measures and communication of COVID-19 cases.*

Dr. Cinotti responded to the inquiries and reminded the district follows state guidelines.

M. Minutes

- **Approval of Minutes**

M-1: Regular Business Meeting:

Be it resolved, that the Board approves the minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting.

M-2: Approval of Amended Minutes

Be it resolved, that the Board approves the amended minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting as follows:

HR-21220901: Employee Leaves 2021-22

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	Sick Leave	9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 9/8, 9/9, 9/10, 9/13, 9/14, 9/15, 9/17, 9/20, 9/21 Utilizing 12 sick days	TBD
	Personal Days	9/22, 9/23, 9/24, Utilizing 3 personal days	

Motion: EK Second: EN Discussion: N/A
Roll Call Vote EK: Y YE: Y EN: Y ES: Y JP: Y M-2, Abstention: M-1

All Motions Passed: 5-0

N. Action Items

• **Administration**

A-21221101: QSAC 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the review of the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District Performance Review (DPR), where submission is not required this year since Saddle River School District received a waiver and will undergo QSAC in the 2023-24, for the look back in the 2022-23 school year.

A-21221102: Wandell School to Host Stronge Re-certification Training

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the use of Wandell School to host a regional Stronge Re-certification Training with Stronge and Associates as the provider, to be held on June 29, 2022.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>YE</i>	<i>Second:</i>	<i>EK</i>	<i>Discussion:</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>EK: Y</i>	<i>YE: Y</i>	<i>EN: Y</i>	<i>ES: Y</i>	<i>JP: Y</i>

All Motions Passed: 5-0

• **Human Resources**

HR-21221101: Substitute Appointments 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following personnel substitute positions, pending criminal history/background checks:

- Angela Manrique Substitute Teacher

HR-21221102: Employee Termination

Be it resolved, that the Saddle River Board of Education approves the termination of the employment contract for Employee #15146 effective November 20, 2021.

HR-21221103: Mentor Approval

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves Employee #15156 to mentor Employee #15177 for the Provisional Teacher Program for 30 weeks beginning November 15, 2021 as required by the NJDOE

HR-21221104: Mentor Approval

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves Employee #51 to mentor Employee #15173 for the Provisional Teacher Program for 30 weeks beginning November 15, 2021 as required by the NJDOE

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>YE</i>	<i>Second:</i>	<i>EK</i>	<i>Discussion:</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>EK: Y</i>	<i>YE: Y</i>	<i>EN: Y</i>	<i>ES: Y</i>	<i>JP: Y</i>

All Motions Passed: 5-0

• **Education**

E-21221101: Non-Resident Tuition Student 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the following non-resident tuition students at the prorated amount of \$14,000 of the approved rate of \$17,500/student for the 2021-22 school year, to be paid in two installments on November 1 and January 1.

- Student #10709 - Grade 1

E-21221102: Physical Therapy Services 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the Physical Therapy Services for student A0077, as per the proposed Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to be conducted by Bergen County Special Services/ Educational Enterprise Division, rate not to exceed \$4,125.

Motion: JP Second: ES Discussion: Ms. Elshami discussed the current process of residency verification.

Roll Call Vote EK: Y YE: Y E-21221102, Abstention: E-21221101 EN: Y ES: Y JP: Y

All Motions Passed: 4-0

Finance**F-21221101: Finance & Operations**

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

- Payment of Bills November 2021
- Board Secretary Report September 2021
- Treasurer Report September 2021

F-21221102: Budget Calendar 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the budget calendar.

F-21221103: Municipal Capital/ Atlantic Tomorrows Office Lease Agreement

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the lease with option to purchase agreement with Municipal Capital/ Atlantic Tomorrows Office for six new SAVIN copiers at \$1,020 per month for 60 months, effective February 2022.

F-21221104: Fixed Asset Evaluation 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the fixed asset appraisal to be performed by Industrial Appraisal Company for an estimated cost of \$1,390.

F-21221105: Power-Washing

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the power washing of the Wandell School building and gazebo not to exceed \$4,936, funded through the regular budget.

F-21221106: Counseling & Consultation Proposal 2021-22 & 2022-23

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the proposal for counseling services to be provided by Turn the Page, LLC Counseling and Consultation of Saddle River, NJ, at an estimated cost of \$662/ week, not to exceed \$45,000 total, to be funded by ARP ESSER in the area of NJTSS (New Jersey Tiered System of Supports) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant.

F-21221107: Open Systems Proposal for New Sound/Theater Systems

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the proposal for a new sound/theater system from Open Systems, a state contractor, for two phases of installation, where Phase 1 will not to exceed \$35,259, funded by Capital Reserve or ESSER and Phase 2 will not exceed \$29,730, funded by a donation from the Wandell School Education Foundation.

F-21221108: Donations Acceptance for 2021-22

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

- The Wandell Education Foundation in the amount of \$29,730 for a new sound/theater system

F-21221109: Salaries Funded by Federal Grants 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the employee salaries to be funded as follows, as required by NJDOE for state monitoring purposes:

Employee	Grant	Percent Amount	Dollar Amount
15179	ESSA, Title I	29.56%	\$19,036
42	ESSER II	14.57%	\$13,393

F-21221110: Submission ESSER I, II, ARP ESSER 2021-24

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) as follows:

Grant	Public Amount	Nonpublic Amount	Spend By
CARES Emergency Relief Grant: ESSER I	\$28,972	\$19,630	Sept. 30, 2022
CRRSA: ESSER II	\$182,608	\$ 0	Sept. 30, 2023
ARP ESSER	\$428,079	\$ 0	Sept. 30, 2024

F-21221111: IDEA/ESEA Carryover Amendment Submission 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves the submission of a carryover amendment with funds from the 2020-21 school year for the IDEA-Basic, ESEA-Title II, ESEA Title IV Grant Applications for the 2021-22 school year as follows:

Grant	Public Amount	Nonpublic Amount	Total Amendment
IDEA-Basic	N/A	\$29,211	\$29,211
ESEA-Title II	\$66	\$150	\$216
ESEA-Title IV	\$2,092	\$4,834	\$6,926

F-21221112: Jeff Allyn – Residency 2021-22

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Saddle River Board of Education approves Jeff Allyn as residency investigator for the Saddle River Board of Education at the rate of \$31/hour from November 10, 2021 to June 30, 2022 on an as needed basis.

*Motion: YE Second: EK Discussion: Mr. Peros thanked the Foundation for their donation.
 Roll Call Vote EK: Y YE: Y EN: Y ES: Y JP: Y
 All Motions Passed: 5-0*

O. Old Business N/A

P. New Business N/A

Q. Questions or Comments from the Public on Other Items *This section was moved to the Public Comment on the Agenda Items, and two members of the public spoke, as noted in Letter L above, as there were a limited number of audience members. Mrs. Peros asked members of the public if they had any other comments, as to give another opportunity for public comment if they came in later in the meeting. Opened at 9:00 PM, no comments from the Public at this time. Closed 9:01 PM.*

R. Board Member Comments N/A

S. Executive Session *Motion: YE Second: EK Vote: 5-0 Time: 9:01 PM*

T. Adjournment *Motion: JP Second: EN Vote: 5-0 Time: 9:33 PM*