

Allamuchy Board of Education

Regular Meeting Agenda

January 4, 2021 (previously scheduled for December 21, 2020)

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on January 4, 2021 (previously scheduled for December 21, 2020) is called to order at ____ p.m. *via teleconference* by _____. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided and, to the extent known at the time of advance publication, the agenda items to be considered. Written advance notification of the time, date and location was sent on December 18, 2020 to the New Jersey Herald and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

Stephen Bienko
Abigail Christmann
Giovanni Cusmano
Harriett Gaddy
Craig Green
Lisa Moyer
Venita Prudenti
Mary Renaud
Lisa Strutin, President

ALSO PRESENT: Melissa Sabol, Acting Superintendent
James Schlessinger, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 23, 2020, be approved. (Appendix 1A)
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the executive session held on November 23, 2020, be approved. (Appendix 1B)
- C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the special board meeting held on December 10, 2020, be approved. (Appendix 1C)
- D. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the executive session held on December 10, 2020, be approved. (Appendix 1D)

CARRIED:

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IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- None

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRADE	NAME	AWARD
K	Jonathan Hauges	Respect
1	Leroy Valentin	Responsibility
2	Madeleine Wawrzyniak	Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness
3	Jordyn Castles	Responsibility
4	Blake Nascimento	Responsibility
5	Emmet Vargo	Caring
6	Liam Furman	Responsibility
7	Richard Griffin	Respect and Responsibility
8	Cooper Ferguson	Responsibility
Staff Member of the Month: Ann Longyhore and Jodi Eberhart and all the the lunch staff		

ATS Teacher of the Year - Marsha Koerner
ATS Educator of the Year - Sarah Lamonaco
MVS Teacher of the Year - Paige Schmiedeke
MVS Educator of the Year - Corinne Jacobson

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- None

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ____

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Operations (M. Renaud)

- ____

B. Human Resources (V. Prudenti, Chair)

- ____

C. Education (C. Green, Chair)

- ____

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D. Governance (G. Cusmano, Chair)

- _____

E. Town Council Liaison (M. Renaud)

- _____

F. Rutherford Hall Liaison (L. Strutin and M. Renaud)

- _____

G. Hackettstown Board of Education Representative (H. Gaddy)

- _____

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. HIB - Monthly Update (if applicable, resolution to follow executive session)

Current Month: December

0 Investigation(s); 0 HIB

0 Out-of-School Suspension(s); 0 In-School Suspension(s)

Previous Month: November

0 Investigation(s); 0 HIB

0 Out-of-School Suspension(s); 0 In-School Suspension(s)

B. Enrollment by Grade

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
K	44	43	43	42						
1	29	28	28	29						
2	46	46	45	45						
3	57	57	56	56						
4	48	48	49	49						
5	53	52	50	50						
6	34	34	33	31						
7	44	43	42	43						
8	53	53	52	52						
PSD	5	5	5	5						
Total	413	409	403	402						
9	37	39	38	38						
10	44	43	44	44						
11	41	43	41	41						
12	32	32	32	32						
Total	154	157	155	155						

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C. Other Items:

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X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public comment shall be governed by the Board of Education Bylaw 0167. There are two public comment opportunities. The first public comment is reserved for Action Items only, those items on the agenda the Board is voting on this evening. The second public comment is set aside for public comment on any school or school district issue that the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district. The first public comment is limited to five (5) minutes per person. The second public comment length is determined by the board as per policy.

Before making a public comment, participants are to state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

Please let the record reflect that the Board of Education does not endorse your comments nor will the Board of Education be held liable for comments you make about a staff member or other person which the staff member or other person may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

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XI. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

A. Operations

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, to approve the following resolution(s):

1. Budget Adjustments (Appendix 2)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following budget adjustment(s) for November, 2020:

Expense Budget Transfers	Fund 10	\$ 645.46
Expense Budget Transfers	Fund 20	\$ 13,371.59
Appropriation of Maintenance Reserve	Fund 10	\$ 20,000.00

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2. Bills List (Appendix 3)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the general account bills list check #31823 through #31915 for a total amount of \$642,161.90 be approved for payment.

3. Student Activity (Appendix 4)

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account balance in the amount of \$52,431.83 as of 11/30/2020.

4. Monthly Certification of Budget (Appendix 5)

- a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allamuchy Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c) 3 that as of 11/30/2020 no line item account has encumbrances and Expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a).
- b. BE IT RESOLVED, that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 4, the Allamuchy Township School District Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of 11/30/2020 and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED, that the motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending November 30, 2020 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$1,053,351.70.

5. Preschool Price-Adjustment Procedures (Appendix 6)

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the update of the Preschool Handbook as it relates to tuition adjustments due to the Pandemic.

6. School Security Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the submission of the School Security Grant application; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District affirms the availability of local funds in case the total estimated costs of the proposed work exceed the school district's grant allowance.

7. Financing Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the financing contract with BciCapital, Inc., with a principal amount of \$325,000, an interest rate of 1.28% per annum, and once-annual repayment dates of August 1, 2021 through 2025, for the purpose of funding security equipment, HVAC upgrades, and two new trucks as approved for procurement at the November 23, 2020 regular meeting.

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8. Supervisor of Student Support Services (Appendix 7)

BE IT RESOLVED, to create the stipend position of Supervisor of Student Support Services at an annual amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED:

B. Human Resources

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following resolution(s):

1. Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve/accept the following appointments / resignations / retirements as recommended by the Superintendent:

Item	Name	Action	Position	Salary	Eff. Date
a	1. S.Greco 2. K.Stiner/C.Saalfield	Appoint stipend	Homework Club	\$2,230 each position, prorated; not to exceed \$1,338	1/1/2021
b	1. A.Aussems 2. P.Schmiedeke 3. S.Greco 4. V. Patterson	Appoint stipend	Jumpstart/AMP	\$50/hour; not to exceed \$1,750 each position	1/1/2021
c	1. 3/4 A.Chudley 2. 5/6 TBD 3. 7/8 V.Patterson	Appoint stipend	Battle of the Books	\$50/hour; not to exceed \$550 each position	1/1/2021
d	Mariah Adams	Appoint stipend	Band	\$2,230, prorated; not to exceed \$1,338	1/1/2021
e	Mariah Adams	Appoint stipend	Chorus	\$2,230, prorated; not to exceed \$1,338	1/1/2021
f	Laura Allen	Approve hire	Substitute teacher		1/1/2021
g	James Battell	Approve hire	Substitute teacher		1/1/2021
h	Louis Caruso	Appoint stipend	District Technology Coordinator	\$2,200 (Jan-Jun'21)	1/1/2021

CARRIED:

C. Education

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following resolution(s):

1. Attendance at Professional Conferences

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following requests for attendance professional conferences with mileage reimbursed at the current rate:

Staff Member	Date	Workshop Name	Costs		
			Fee	Mileage	Total
Megan Schmidt	2/8-9/2021	Mental Health First Aid	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 35
Julie Profito	2/8-9/2021	Mental Health First Aid	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 35

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Jodie DeCostanza	2/8-9/2021	Mental Health First Aid	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 35
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2. Resident Participation in Co-Curricular Activities

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve student 0606, an Allamuchy resident not currently enrolled in the District, to participate in Band for the duration of the 2020-21 school year, as per Policy 2430 on the agenda for first reading.

CARRIED:

D. Governance

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following resolution(s):

1. Policy Updates: Policies 1230, 2430, 2431 (Appendix 8)

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the First reading of the following policies at the recommendation of the Governance Committee:

1230	Superintendent's Duties
2430	Co-curricular Activities
2431	Athletic Competition

CARRIED:

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- _____

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- _____

XIV. BOARD DISCUSSION

- _____

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session at ____ pm:

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning legal, personnel, and negation issues

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and WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in public meeting;
and WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions pursuant to P.L.1975
Chapter 231, it is; therefore, RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private
session by this board and administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available
to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exists.

CARRIED:

Executive Session

Exit Executive Session at ____ pm:

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has been in executive session for the past ____
minutes. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once
the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

CARRIED:

Action Item(s) from Executive Session Discussion:

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,

1. HIB Finding

BE IT RESOLVED, to [uphold/modify/reject] the HIB finding as recommended by the
Superintendent.

CARRIED:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.

CARRIED: