



**Board of Education
 Regular Meeting Agenda
 December 6, 2021 7:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on _____, 2021 is called to order at _____ p.m. by _____.
Please let the record reflect that this meeting is in replacement of the November 15, 2021 and the December 13, 2021 meetings.
- B. Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act
 - 1. The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, The Allamuchy Township Board of Education has caused adequate and electronic notice of this meeting 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 February 1, 2021 to the New Jersey Herald, Express Times, and Township Clerk. Notices were prominently posted on the bulletin board of the offices of each school, on the district website and on the district marquee. Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded; the recording will be made available on the District website as soon as possible, but no later than one week after the meeting has concluded.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Dr. Melissa Sabol, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Jim Minkewicz, School Business Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. MISSION AND VISION

- A. To Promote the Allamuchy Learner
- B. The vision of the Allamuchy educational program is to develop young people who are curious, well rounded, knowledgeable, caring, respectful and responsible so that they can evolve into self-sufficient and confident citizens and members of a diverse society.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on _____, 2021, be approved. (Appendix 1A)
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the executive session held on _____, 2021, be approved. (Appendix 1B)

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Vaccination Clinics in schools

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Grade	Name	Pillar of Character
Pre-K	Caden Wehmeyer	Caring
K	Mia Acevedo	Trustworthiness
1	Sonya Naranjo	Kindness
2	Gabriella Barber	Responsibility
3	Chrislynn Asare	Caring
4	Reagan Hill	Responsibility
5	Nick Freeborn	Responsibility
6	Reilly Fragale	Caring
7	Riley Bradica	Respect
8	Corrine Apor	Responsibility
Staff Member of the Month: Sydney Watkins		

IX. PRESENTATIONS

Rutherford Hall - Nick Serraino

Sustainability - Nick Serraino

Audit - John Mooney

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Operations (M. Renaud)
- B. Human Resources (L. Moyer, Chair)
- C. Education (C. Green, Chair)
- D. Governance (G. Cusmano, Chair)
- E. Town Council Liaison (M. Renaud, A.Christmann)

- F. Rutherford Hall Liaison (M. Renaud, A. Christmann)
- G. Hackettstown Board of Education Representative (L. Moyer)
- H. PTO Liaison (C. Green)

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. HIB Report: 2 investigations, 2 confirmed
- B. Suspensions: 0 in-school, 2 out of school
- C. Enrollment By Grade

Student Enrolment for Allamuchy Township School District										
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
PK	35	36	37							
K	36	37	37							
1	47	47	47							
2	29	29	28							
3	46	46	45							
4	54	54	55							
5	44	44	43							
6	54	53	53							
7	32	33	34							
8	43	43	44							
Total	420	422	423							
9th	39	40	40							
10th	38	39	39							
11th	42	42	40							
12th	41	42	42							
Total	160	163	161							
GT	580	585	584							

**highlighted numbers indicate a corrected discrepancy from last month’s report*

D. Other Items

XIII. REVISIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS

Statement by the Board President: *This is now the time where a motion can be made for revisions, additions, and/or deletions to the agenda. This includes making a motion to table an item in a group of motions, making a motion to add or delete an item from a group of motions and making a motion to bring up a brand new agenda item. If there are no revisions to the agenda, we shall proceed as written.*

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

This meeting is being broadcasted and recorded for public access but not intended for public participation. Please be advised that public comment sessions are for those who are attending the meeting in person 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 three (3) 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. Please understand that public comment portions of our agenda are not structured as question and answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. The Board may or may not respond to public comments. However, all comments are considered and will be investigated and addressed as appropriate. The Board may respond to comments tonight, or at subsequent meetings under "Old Business". 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.

XV. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

A. Operations

On Behalf of the Operations Committee, I hereby move resolutions 1-12

1. Budget Adjustments (Appendix 2)
approve budget adjustments for September 2021 from funds 10 and 20
2. Bills List (Appendix 3)
 - a) approve for payment the general account bills list check from 10/26/21 to 12/6/21 in the amount of \$545,681.54.
 - b) accepts the payroll registers for the months of September 2021 and October 2021.
3. Monthly Certification of Budget (Appendix 4)
 - 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 September 30, 2021 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 September 30, 2021 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 September 30, 2021 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$1,043,244.16
4. Student Activity Account (Appendix 5)
approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$50,313.81 at Investor's Bank as of 09/30/21
5. Stale-dated checks (Appendix 6)
approval to write off general fund checks for the period November 2017 to August 2020 from check numbers 28371 to 31425-A, in the amount of \$30,200.61.
6. Transportation Contracts for Field Trips (Appendix 7)
approve the the contract with Blairstown Elementary to provide transportation

7. MOA, NJ Motor Vehicle and ATSD (Appendix 8)
approve the agreement between NJ Motor Vehicle and the Allamuchy Township School District
8. Donation Acceptance Letter
accept the donation of canoe and accessories from Betty Schultheis
9. Bus Inventory (Appendix 9)
accept the sale of bus 8 in the amount of \$3,053
10. Bus Parking
approve the parking of the gray van at MVS and Bus #22 at ATS
11. Routing Software
to approve the purchase of 3dezrouting transportation software in the amount of \$3588.
12. Waivers
approve insurance waivers for the December payout according to the contract.

B. Human Resources

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on behalf of the of the Human Resources Committee, I hereby move the following resolutions 1a-1f

1. Personnel
approve/accept the following appointments as recommended by the superintendent:

A. Psychologist Intern	Shannon Suydam	N/A (Appendix 10a)	0
B. BCBA	Mandy Davis	Contract - up to 5 hours per week (Appendix 10b)	\$100/hour for direct \$85/hour for indirect
C. Quest Teacher Prep Program FDU	Paige Strangeway	10 days (Appendix 10c)	0
D. AMP Instructor (7/8 grade)	Sydney Watkins	Schedule A	\$50/hour
E. Centenary Intern	Amanda Wakefoose	Spring 2022 - Fall 2022 (Appendix 10d)	\$10,500
F. Home Instructors	Kate Stiner Marsha Koerner Kaitlin Phlegar Sydney Watkins	Schedule A	\$60/hour
G. RH Cleaner	Trevor Marcher	To be paid per clean (one time per week)	\$50 per cleaning

2. Furthering Education
approve the following individuals to be enrolled in courses to further education

Deb DeAngelis	Certification Courses	Learning Disabilities
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		Teacher Consultant
Christen Tierney	Masters	Educational Leadership
Sarah DeMary	Masters	Early Childhood Development
Kaitlin Phlegar	Masters	Literacy

C. Education

On Behalf of The Education Committee I hereby move resolution 1-3

1. Nurse's Plan (Appendix 11)
approve the 2021-2022 nurse's plan
2. Workshops
approve the attendance at the following workshops

Vicki Patterson	12/15/2021	50 Best Strategies for Teaching English/Language Arts	50 Best Strategies for Teaching English/Language Arts	88	279
Joanne Ferguson	12/6/2021	Social Emotional Character Development	Social Emotional Character Development	0	0
Clare Saalfield	3/11/2022	Interventions for Students with Dyslexia and Other Reading Differences, Grades K-12	Interventions for Students with Dyslexia and Other Reading Differences, Grades K-12	40 miles	\$125
Megan and Julie	12/2/2021	Race, Trauma and Suicide of Adolescence of Color	Suicide Prevention	0	\$70 x 2
KATE Stiner	12/8/2021	Engaging Students is Practices Using Performance Tasks	It is part of my PDP	35 miles	\$125
Rosa Franco	11/19-21	ACTFL World Language Convention	Part of PDP	0	\$315
Clare Saalfield	11/29/2021	Newark (Fairfield)	Part of PDP	33 miles	\$279

3. Field Trips

approve the following requests for field trips

Mariah Adams	TBD	Chorus members in Grades 6-8	Hackettstown High School 599 Warren Street Hackettstown, NJ 07840	15 Students	District Chorus festival	Cost - 0
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D. Governance

On Behalf of The Governance Committee I hereby move resolutions 1-6

1. New and Mandated Policies for First Reading (Appendix 12)
approve new and mandated policies for first reading, per Strauss Esmay Alert 225:

P. 2425	EMERGENCY VIRTUAL OR REMOTE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (M)
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2. New and Mandated Policies for Second Reading (Appendix 12)

approve new and mandated policies for second reading

P. 1648.13	SCHOOL EMPLOYEE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS (M)
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3. Strauss Esmay Policy Alert 223 (Appendix 13)

approve the following policies for first reading, per Strauss Esmay Alert 223:

P. 0131	BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS
P. 3134	ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL DUTIES
P. & R. 3142	NONRENEWAL OF NONTENURED TEACHING STAFF MEMBER
P. & R. 3221	EVALUATION OF TEACHERS (M)
P. & R.. 3222	EVALUATION OF TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS, EXCLUDING TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS (M)
P. & R. 3224	EVALUATION OF PRINCIPALS, VICE PRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS (M)
P. & R. 4146	NONRENEWAL OF NONTENURED SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER

4. Policy - 2nd Reading (Appendix 14)

P.0155	Board Committees
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5. Policy Abolishment

abolish the following policies as per Strauss Esmay per updated laws, codes and terminology

Policy/Regulation	Section	Title	Information
P. 2415.01	Program	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability	NCLB requirements no longer applicable
P. 2415.03	Program	Highly Qualified Teachers	NJ Teacher Cert. Satisfies ESSA's requirements. HQ

			was a NCLB requirement which is no longer applicable
P. 3431.1	Teaching Staff Members	Family Leave	Replaced by P.1643 (adopted April 2021)
P. 3431.3	Teaching Staff Members	New Jersey Leave Insurance	Replaced by P.1643
P. 4431.1	Support Staff Members	Family Leave	Replaced by P.1643
P. 4431.3	Support Staff Members	New Jersey Leave Insurance	Replaced by P.1643
P&R. 7430	Property	School Safety	Legal req. already exist in P. 2431, 7420, 7432, 7440, 8420

6. Resolution Regarding Masks and Vaccinations

adopt the following resolution

Resolution Regarding Masks and Vaccinations

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order No. 251 (“EO251”) which requires all school districts to “maintain a policy regarding the mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises”; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order No. 253 (“EO253”) mandating that all school staff either be vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly COVID-19 testing; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no State or Federal requirement that eligible students be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to attend schools, the possibility of a student vaccination mandate does exist; and

WHEREAS, the Allamuchy Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes the risk of Covid-19, the Board also recognizes and acknowledges that there are residents of Allamuchy Township who believe that individuals, parents and healthcare providers should have the flexibility to make their own decision about their health and the measures they take to protect themselves

WHEREAS, the Board understands, recognizes and acknowledges that EO251 and EO253 hold the force of the law and must be complied with in totality; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that should Governor Murphy issue an executive order requiring students to be vaccinated, same would hold the force of law and must be followed; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health (“NJDOH”) and the New Jersey Department of Education (“NJDOE”) worked collaboratively to develop The Road Forward – Health and Safety Guidance for the 2021-2022 School Year (“The Road Forward”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board understand, recognizes and acknowledges that it will do nothing to impede the District’s administration from implementing and adhering to all requirements of any Executive Order that is related to Public School Districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that there are residents who consider EO 251 and EO 253 as overbroad in that they infringe on the right of individual, parents, and health care providers to make their own decisions about their health and the measures they take to protect themselves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that there are residents who believe that parents and health care providers are the best and appropriate individuals to make healthcare decisions about their children, including the decision to wear a mask, get vaccinated and/or get tested for Covid-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board takes issue with the Governor’s inconsistencies between schools (students and staff) and other venues, and treat them differently than other persons and establishments throughout New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there are members of the Board, and residents, respectfully request that the Governor immediately rescind EO 251 and EO 253 and allow individuals and the parents of children to make their own decisions regarding mask wearing, vaccinations and Covid-19 testing.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS GENERAL

XVIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Negotiations
- Attorney-Client Privilege
- Legal Matters
- HIB

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.

Executive Session

B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has been in executive session for the past _____ minutes. The matters discussed will only be

disclosed to the public once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.
{**Action may be taken.**}

1. Be it resolved to uphold, deny, or modify the findings of the HIB investigations.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

[December 6, 2021 Attachments](#)