

**ABSECON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Cafetorium**

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in the Media Center of the Marsh School, with the president, Dr. Grites presiding.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. SUNSHINE LAW

Dr. Grites announced that the meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, in that a notice was posted with the City Clerk, and on the Bulletin Board in the City Hall, and the newspapers were notified.

Dr. Grites announced that a mechanical device will be used to record these proceedings.

D. ROLL CALL

Board Members	Present	Absent	Administration	Present
Mr. Cottrell		X	Tina Maruca	X
Mr. Rynkiewicz	X		Dr. Daniel Dooley	X
Ms. Wallace		X		
Ms. Law	X			
Mr. Corkhill	X			
Mr. Neal	X			
Dr. Grites	X			

THE ABSECON BOARD OF EDUCATION USES A "CONSENT AGENDA" PROCEDURE.

E. MINUTES -

- a. Mr. Corkhill moved to approve the following minutes as read:

Board Meeting **November 20, 2018**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

- b. Mr. Corkhill moved to approve the following minutes as read:

Executive Session Board Meeting **November 20, 2018.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

- c. Mr. Neal moved to approve the following minutes as read:

Board Meeting **December 11, 2018**

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The motion was seconded by Ms. Law, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Corkhill, Abstain, Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

- d. Mr. Neal moved to approve the following minutes as read:

Executive Session Board Meeting December 11, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Law, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Corkhill, Abstain, Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

- F. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter received from Robert Bumpus, Acting Executive County Superintendent of Schools, December 2, 2018, commending the District for exceeding the efficiency standards in six of seven areas.

- G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Meeting was opened/closed to the public at 7:20 pm. No public comments.

H. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- ★ Superintendent
 - Student Performances
- ★ Attales Principal
- ★ Marsh Principal
- ★ Special Services/Curriculum
- ★ Facilities Committee
 - Door/Hardware Replacement Project punch list review
 - New cooling tower
- ★ Technology
- ★ Negotiations
 - MOA signed by the committee
- ★ Enrollment Report
- ★ Delegate to NJSBA - None

I. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE:

1. HIB Reports -

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the committee moves to confirm the October HIB reports.
- b. HIB Reports: November 2018
HAM: 1 Reported 0 Confirmed
ECA: 0 Reported 0 Confirmed

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J. PERSONNEL -

2. New Hire -

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Shannon Gallagher as a School Psychologist, effective January 2, 2019 at the prorated annual salary of Step 1 MA + 15, \$58,357 of the salary guide, to be pro-rated from effective date for 2018-2019 school year. (11-000-219-104-02/03-1000)
 - b. *Employment is provisional pending the employment history verification and background check.*

 - c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the hiring of Laura Mills, long term substitute aide, effective January 2, 2019 through January 31, 2019. She will be compensated at a per diem daily rate of \$99.74 based upon Step 1 of the salary guide, \$18,152.(20-220-100-103-03-1000)
Employment is provisional pending the employment history verification and background check.

 - d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Ginamarie Dempsey as a Substitute Teacher, Title I Instructor, and Homebound Instructor for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. She will be compensated at \$85 per day as a Substitute and \$40 per hour as a Title I and Homebound Instructor. (Title I: 20-231-100-101-03-2000)
Employment is provisional pending the employment history verification and background check.

 - e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Julia Belmonte as a Substitute Teacher and a PALS Staff member for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. She will be compensated at \$85 per day as a Substitute and \$17 per hour as a PALS Staff member. (Pals: 60-NON-910-100-00-1000) *Employment is provisional pending the employment history verification and background check.*

 - f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Emily Keyser as a PALS Staff member for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. She will be compensated at \$15 per hour. (Pals: 60-NON-910-100-00-1000)
Employment is provisional pending the employment history verification and background check.
3. Title I Instructor - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve Haley Sykes as a Title I Instructor, not to exceed 3 hours per week, for the 2018-2019 school year. She will be compensated at \$40 per hour. (20-231-100-101-03-2000)

K. CURRICULUM

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4. Curriculum Revisions - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to ratify the following staff to complete minor Curriculum revisions to take place over no more than 5 hours at the contractual rate of \$40 per hour, not to exceed \$200, **per each set of 3 individual units**. (11-000-221-110-02-0000)

Doug Shoulder Gina Sharpley Jennifer Keeney

5. Curriculum - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve and adopt the following Curriculum for grades Kindergarten through Eighth grade:

Language Arts Grades K-8	Social Studies Curriculum K-8
Mathematics Curriculum K-8 (Advanced Mathematics 6-7 and Algebra)	Music Curriculum K-8
Technology Curriculum K-4	Visual Art Curriculum K-8
Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum K-8	World Language (Spanish) Curriculum K-8
Science Curriculum K-8	

6. Out of District Workshops - Motion to approve the following Out of District Workshops:

DATE	NAME	LOCATION	EVENT	REGISTRATION
January 9, 2019	Lora Blanco Mary Alvarado	Stockton University, Atlantic City	Atlanticare Healthy Schools, Healthy Children Garden Workshop	Fee: No Cost
January 8-9, 2019 May 7-8, 2019	Christina Caligiuri Becca Ralph	Camden County Educational Services Commission	4-Day Preschool Pyramid Model Training	Fee: No Cost
January 17, 2018	Joe Giardina Lindsay Reed Mary Alvarado Jessica Torcicollo Kathy Guenther Shannon Gallagher	SRI & ETTC, Galloway NJ	Building Resilience In Our Students	Fee: No Cost

7. Trips - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve the following trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

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GRADE	DATE	LOCATION	COST
Mrs. Irwin's Class	December 19, 2018	Walking Trip to Shoprite, Absecon	No Fee
Mr. Seals Music Ensemble	January 10, 2019	Ventnor Middle School	Cost of Bus
5th Grade	May 2019	Number the Stars Play Shirat Hayam, Ventnor	Cost of Bus(Paid by PTO) \$5 entrance fee per student
Band/Choir	May 2019	Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson NJ	Cost of Bus(Paid by PTO) \$40 entrance fee per student
Safety Patrol	June 2019	Winding River Campground, Mays Landing	Paid by Safety Independent Student Fund
8th Grade	June 11, 2018	Beachcomber Campground, Cape May	Paid by 8th Grade Independent Student Fund

L. POLICY

8. Board of Education Policies - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion to approve and adopt the second reading of the following Board of Education policies:

Policy Number	Reading	Policy
4111.2/4211.2	2nd Reading	Domestic Violence
5415.7	2nd Reading	Gender Identity and Expression
6163.4	2nd Reading	Therapy Animals

Ms. Law moved to approve items 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

M. FINANCE

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9. Tuition Student Received from Hamilton Township - Motion to ratify the tuition contract to receive student 11107978 from Hamilton Township in program grades 1- 5, at an annual tuition of \$12,586, for the 2018/2019 school year. This student is covered by the McKinney-Vento Program.

10. Tuition Student Received from Atlantic City Public Schools - Motion to ratify the tuition contract to receive student 11107755 from Atlantic City Public Schools in program grades 1- 5 at an annual tuition of \$12,586, for the 2018/2019 school year. This student is covered by the McKinney-Vento Program.

11. Tuition Student Received from Port Republic School District - Motion to approve the tuition contract to receive student 6899886801 from Port Republic School District into program preschool disabled, effective January 2, 2019 - June 30, 2019. The prorated tuition for 110 days is \$10,859 (\$17,767/180x110) plus related services of \$1,650 for a total tuition due of \$12,509.

12. School Board Member Election Results - November 6, 2018 - Motion to accept the certified school board member election results, November 6, 2018, as follows:

Christopher Cottrell	1,874
Megan Marczyk	180
Stephanie Emory Preston	58

Christopher Cottrell and Megan Marczyk won the seats on the school board.

13. Substitute Nursing Services - Motion to ratify the contract with Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission to provide substitute nursing services, as requested, for the period September 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 to include 1:1 bus transportation nurse services and/or nursing 1:1 nursing services/substitute nursing services/field trip nursing services throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

14. Memorandum of Agreement - Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Absecon Board of Education and the Absecon Education Association, dated December 12, 2018, to cover the contract period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021.

Item 14. was pulled to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Rynkiewicz moved to approve items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

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N. OTHER BUSINESS

15. TREASURER'S & SECRETARY'S REPORT - Mr. Rynkiewicz moved to acknowledge the receipt of the Treasurer's and Secretary's Report for November *which is in agreement*.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

16. BOARD SECRETARY MONTHLY CERTIFICATION - Mr. Rynkiewicz moved, that after review and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Absecon Board of Education certifies that as November 30, 2018, after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports (Revenue and Appropriation Sections), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no Major account or fund has been expended in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1-8.2, and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

17. TRANSFERS - Mr. Rynkiewicz moved to ratify November transfers.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

18. MONTHLY PURCHASE ORDERS/BILLS - Mr. Rynkiewicz moved to approve the following:

Bills to be Approved for Payment	\$ 721,497.63
Lease purchase disbursement to be Ratified	\$ 225,485.47
Payroll (November) to be Ratified	\$ 805,177.77

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

O. OLD BUSINESS - None

P. NEW BUSINESS - None

Q. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meeting was opened to the public at 8:02 pm.

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- **Jennifer Auer**, 220 Mill Road, asked about an update on the feasibility study for high school options. Dr. Dooley spoke about the site visit from the educational expert of the firm engaged to the feasibility study. Mr. Carter, the educational expert, may come to speak to the community. The report should be ready in the spring of 2019.
- **Brook Decker**, 103 E. Weilers Lane, asked about conducting an anonymous survey regarding high school options. Dr. Grites responded that we are paying a firm to conduct the feasibility study. When their report is complete the Board will review and discuss next steps which should include public input.

Meeting was closed to the public at 8:17 pm.

R. NEXT MEETING DATE - January 8, 2019

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mr. Neal moved to adopt the following resolution at 8:18 pm: BE IT RESOLVED by the Absecon Board of Education that, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) it shall enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, negotiations, potential litigation and other matters of attorney client privilege. The information discussed can be disclosed to the public only upon formal written request to the board secretary at the next work, special or regular meeting to determine if the time and circumstances would be appropriate to disclose the information discussed. At the conclusion of this session the Board of Education will reconvene the regular portion of the meeting and action may, or may not, be taken.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Corkhill, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, and Ms. Wallace, Absent.

On a motion by Mr. Corkhill, seconded by Mr. Neal, and unanimously carried by a voice vote, the Executive Session was declared closed at 8:40 pm.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR ACTION:

Resignation - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Corkhill moved to accept the resignation of Emily Keyser, crossing guard, as of January 2, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Law, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Cottrell, Ms. Wallace, Absent.

Resignation - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Corkhill moved to accept the resignation of Deepa McCabe, Library Media Specialist, as of February 14, 2019.

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- T. ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Corkhill, seconded by Ms. Law, and unanimously carried by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Maruca
Board Secretary