

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Regular Board Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, September 21, 2011 - 7:30 P.M.  
Roosevelt Administration Building  
125 Jackson Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

- I. CALL TO ORDER - President
- II. SALUTE TO FLAG
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. BOARD PRESIDENT

In accordance with the terms of the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was posted in all school buildings, the Administration Building, Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers, and W.C.T.C. on May 5, 2011. Please be advised that there is **No Smoking on school grounds - inside or outside - at any time.**

- V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - A. Good News and Progress in our Schools
  - B. Middle States
  - C. QSAC Committee

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V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

D. Presentation of Tenure Certificates

The following staff members have been recommended to receive tenure:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Susan Alexander	Secretary	Admin. Bldg.	07/02/11
Joseph Cirigliano	Assistant Principal	High School	08/17/11
Michael Battista	Physical Ed. Teacher	High School	09/02/11
Christina Briskin	English Teacher	High School	09/02/11
Allison Dressler	Art Teacher	High School	09/02/11
Bryan Holt	Social Studies Teacher	High School	09/02/11
Shannon Lorenzo	Spanish Teacher	High School	09/02/11
Toni Ann Nicodemo	Social Studies Teacher	High School	09/02/11
Tracey Gerlitz	English Teacher	Middle School	09/02/11
Julie Zoleta	Science Teacher	Middle School	09/02/11
Rowena Wu	Guidance Counselor	Grant School	09/02/11
Shannon Colucci	Elementary Teacher	Kennedy School	09/02/11
Laura Coscia	Media Specialist	Kennedy School	09/02/11
Danielle Chiera	Elementary Teacher	Roosevelt School	09/02/11

VI. AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

A. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VII. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Education meetings, held on the dates indicated, as transcribed, be received and filed.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| A. Committee of the Whole Meeting | August 17, 2011 |
| B. Executive Session              | August 17, 2011 |
| C. Regular Public Meeting         | August 17, 2011 |
| D. Special Business Meeting       | August 30, 2011 |
| E. Executive Session              | August 30, 2011 |

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VIII. FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buildings & Grounds Committee August 9, 2011

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the August 9, 2011 Committee Meeting, as transcribed, be received and filed.

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

2. Curriculum/ Technology/ Student Activities Committee August 30, 2011  
RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee meeting, as transcribed, be received and filed.

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

3. Finance Committee August 15, 2011

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting, as transcribed, be received and filed.

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

4. Policy Committee July 11 & 26, 2011

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Policy Committee meetings, as transcribed, be received and filed.

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5. Transportation Committee September 13, 2011

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting, as transcribed, be received and filed.

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IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Adequate Yearly Progress

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the NJ DOE Report of AYP status as per the spring 2011 state assessments. Tab IX.A.

	Math	Lang Arts
• High School (39/40 indicators)	No (Af. Am.)	Yes
• Middle School (35/40 indicators)	No (SE)	No (Total, SE, Wht, Af Amer)
• Grant School–gr. 6 (39/40 indicators)	Yes	No (Hisp)
• Grant School-gr.5 (38/40 indicators)	Yes	No (Total, Wht)
• Kennedy School (40/40 indicators)	Yes	Yes
• Riley School (40/40 indicators)	Yes	Yes
• Franklin School (40/40 indicators)	Yes	Yes
• Roosevelt School (39/40 indicators)	No (Ec. Dis)	Yes

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B. Approval of Unified Plans

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the 2011/12 Unified Plans for schools identified as in need of improvement (SINI) for entry into the 2011/12 NCLB Application: Middle School, Grant School and Franklin School. Copies of plans are on file in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent.

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X. CURRICULUM/ STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A. Curriculum Guides

WHEREAS the district has approved existing curriculum guides over a number of years,  
and

WHEREAS curriculum revision is ongoing as per the NJ CCCS, local and state timelines  
and the new CCSS, now

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that  
the Board of Education approve the list of all curriculum guides in all content areas from  
grades K – 12 as a baseline document for further prioritized curriculum development.  
Tab X.A.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

B. Approval for High School Wrestling Team Trip

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools,  
that the Board of Education approve the following overnight trip:

Virginia Dual Wrestling Tournament  
Jan. 12 – 15, 2012  
Hampton University, New Port News, Va.  
Chaperones – Kevin McCann, Steve Johnston, John Foscolo, Al Czech

(At no cost to the Board of Education)

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XI. POLICY

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XII. PERSONNEL

Motion by Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the  
recommendation of the interim superintendent and adopt the following:

RESOLVED, that the South Plainfield Board of Education approve the following:

(NOTE: Approval of this resolution authorizes the superintendent to submit to the county superintendent applications for emergent hiring and the applicant's attestation and proof that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq. This includes background checks and fingerprinting for those employees listed below: (All appointments are contingent upon receipt of proper teaching certification, and all salary placements are pending receipt of college transcripts verifying degree status and letter stating years of service in other districts, \*denotes mentoring required.)

**XII.A Resignations, Retirements, Terminations**

RESOLVED, that the South Plainfield Board of Education approve the following:

Code	Name	Action	Position	Loc.	Date Eff.	Discussion
1	Petronko, Patricia	Resignation	Preschool Aide	Future Stars	9/1/2011	Letter dated 9/06/11; last day 6/10/11
2	Polizzano, Diane	Resignation	Duty Aide	Roosevelt School	9/1/2011	Letter dated 9/01/11; last day 6/22/11
3	Robertson, Rose	Resignation	Bus Driver	District	8/23/2011	Letter dated 8/23/11; last day 6/30/11

**XII.B Leaves of Absence**

Code	Name	Reason	Position	Loc.	Paid FMLA Start Date	Sick Days	Unpaid FMLA Start Date	Unpaid NJFLA Start Date	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Return Date	Discussion
1	Employee #1188	Maternity Leave	Elementary Teacher	Franklin School	9/1/11	13	9/22/11	N/A	N/A	11/28/11	Reflects adjusted dates from prior BOE approval

**XII.C Appointments, Transfers**

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Facenda, Ebony	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$90.00 per diem	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
2	Ferranti, Mary	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$90.00 per diem	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
3	Gregory, Michele	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$90.00 per diem	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
4	Leonard, Dwight	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$85.00 per diem	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
5	Morgan, Kathleen	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$90.00 per diem	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
6	Scotto, Melissa	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$85.00 per diem	District	9/1/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
7	Thomas, Kelli	Approve	Substitute Teacher		\$90.00 per diem	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-xxx-100-101-00
8	Teller, Donna	Approve	Substitute Instructional Aide		\$9.25 per hour	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-000-217-106-00

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
9	DeMico, Stefanie	Approve	Substitute Secretary		\$10.50 per hour	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-000-240-105-00
10	LaSpata, Virginia	Approve	Bus Aide	Step 7- 4.5 hrs. per day	\$16,827	District	9/1/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-000-270-107-16
11	Olah, Jennifer	Approve	Bus Aide	Step 1- 6 hrs. per day	\$19,142	District	9/1/2011	6/30/2012	Acct. #11-000-270-107-16
12	Martinez, Orlando	Approve	Bus Driver	Step 1- 5.5 hrs. per day	\$20,977 (prorated)	District	9/22/2011	6/30/2012	Replace Robertson, Rose Acct. #11-000-270-160-16 & 11-000-270-161-16
13	Porcile, Anthony	Approve	(Former) Bus Driver	Retired	\$350.00	District	9/1/2010	6/30/2011	Retroactive Payment Acct. #11-000-270-160-16 & 11-000-270-161-16

## **XII.D Adjustments, Stipends, Degree Changes**

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg/Step	Salary/ Stipend	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Vigneri, Bonnie	Approve	English SAT Prep Instructor		\$55.00 per hour	High School	9/14/2011	5/31/2012	After School Acct. #13-422-100-101-19
2	Green, Cameron	Approve	Mathematics SAT Prep Instructor		\$55.00 per hour	High School	9/14/2011	5/31/2012	After School Acct. #13-422-100-101-19
3	Greco, John	Approve	Mathematics SAT Prep Instructor		\$55.00 per hour	High School	9/14/2011	5/31/2012	After School Acct. #13-422-100-101-19

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### XIII. FINANCE

#### 1. Rescind Resolution Regarding the Residency Hearing of Student D.C.

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2011, the South Plainfield Board of Education removed student D.C. from the District because required proof of residency in South Plainfield was not provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.4 and N.J.A.C. A:22-43(a); and



Preschool: \$29,675  
(\$28,385 Public & \$1,290 Nonpublic)

MOTION:

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5. Approval for Consultant Contracts

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve two contracts with Elliot Merenbloom, Educational Consultant, for consultant services at the Middle School, Grant School, Riley School and Franklin School (Title I schools) in the areas of common planning time, teacher collaboration, creating a master schedule, team teaching, curriculum design and implementation, etc.

- a. 2010-11 Title I Funds – Continuation of work being done at Grant School which began in the spring of 2011. This will include three visits/training sessions each for a minimum of eight hours, and be capped at \$9,366.55 (Acct. No. 20-233-200-300-17)
- b. 2011-12 Title I Funds – Consultation with Grant, Franklin, Riley and the Middle School to include four visits for a minimum of eight hours each, and be capped at \$12,000 (Acct. 100-300 from Title I budget.)

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6. Approval for Extension for Consulting Services – Business Office

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the appointment extension of James Cardaneo, SBA Emeritus, as a consultant to the Business Office at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed seventy-five (75) hours. Mr. Cardaneo's scope of service will include a review of NCLB and IDEA Grants.

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7. Approval for Special Education Student Services and Tuition Adjustment

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following special education Level I Service for the 2011/12 school year:

- a. Level I educational services to be provided to one special education student by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired at a cost of \$1,700.00 for the 2011-2012 school year. Cost to be deducted from state aid. State ID No.: 6071317826.

- b. Occupational therapy services for one special education student attending the extended year program at Piscataway Regional Day School (MD) from July 5, 2011 through August 12, 2011 will be at the rate of \$273.00. Occupational therapy services for the 2011/2012 school year will be at a rate of \$1,683.50. State ID No.: 5314930916
- c. Adjusted tuition for one special education student attending The Strang School through Ranch Hope, Inc. for the 2011/2012 school year will be \$38,701.80. Tuition cost of \$39,561.84 was approved at the July 13, 2011 Board meeting. (State placed)  
State ID No.: 8861176319

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8. Approval of Bill Lists

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve payment of bills and claims that have been certified by the Board Secretary and filed in the Business Office. The following is a list of payments being approved:

Checks	Payroll Number	Amount
Payroll	225	\$ 226,805.69
Payroll	226	\$ 240,640.00

Checks	Check Numbers	Amount
<u>Hand Checks</u>		
Preschool	601205 - 601207	\$ 1,500.00
Latchkey	611424 - 611426	\$ 2,820.00
Trips	631751	\$ 20,236.00
Adult Education	641884	\$ 1,408.93
Trust and Agency	2719 - 2735	\$ 12,370.95
FICA	880453 - 880454	\$ 10,964.15
Cafeteria	620227	\$ 595.83
Machine Checks	063858 - 064038	\$ 1,215,839.29

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9. Approval of Professional Development Expenditures

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following expenditures (registration, mileage, and conference fees), substitutes, and trips, which are compliant with State payment guidelines, employee job responsibilities and critical to the needs of the school district:

	Name of Workshop	Date(s)	Amount	Person Attending
a.	The College Board MSRO	10/10/11	\$180.00	Leonardo Perero

AP Spanish Workshop  
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

(High School)

- b. NJIDA Dyslexia Assoc. Fall 10/14/11 \$195.00 Barbara Jewkes  
Conference (Title I Acct. #20-234-100-500-17) (Middle School Lang. Arts)  
Reading/Language Arts Curriculum Implementation  
Somerset, NJ
- c. NJIDA Dyslexia Assoc. Fall 10/14/11 \$165.00 Christine Warian  
Conference (Title I Acct. #20-234-100-500-17) (Franklin School BSI Lang. Arts)  
Reading/Language Arts Curriculum Implementation  
Somerset, NJ
- d. NJASL (School Librarians) Annual Dec. 2-3, 2011 \$160.00 Pat Massey  
Fall Conference (Acct. 11-000-222-500-01)  
Long Branch, NJ
- e. Back to Basics for Next Decade 10/26/11 \$175.00 Mary Bannon  
Medical Trends and Issues (Acct. #11-190-100-500-05) (Kennedy School)  
Somerset, NJ

MOTION:

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- 10. Approval for Temporary 2011/2012 Fall Transportation Jointure with Dunellen  
(So. Plainfield Host)

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following temporary 2011/2012 fall transportation jointure with Dunellen Board of Education:

<u>School</u>	<u>Rte. #</u>	<u>Joiner</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Cost Per Diem</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pisc. Reg. Day	PRD-AM	Dunellen	29	\$70.00	\$2,030

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- 11. NCLB 2011/2012 Budget

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the 2011/2012 NCLB Budget (Title IA, Title IIA, Title III and Title III Immigrant) shown in Tab XIII.11

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- 12. FOR THE RECORD ONLY

Board Member Conference/Travel

The following Board Members have registered for conferences, seminars, etc., which are compliant with State payment guidelines; with Board Bylaw 0147; with employee/ Board Member job responsibilities; and are critical to the needs of the school district. Event cost and travel reimbursement do not exceed \$150.00, which would require Board approval.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date and Location</u>	<u>Cost/Mileage</u>
William Seesselberg	NJSBA Training Governance III Mandatory Bd. Training	10/24/11 NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	Cost: \$00.00 Mileage: \$00.00 (Workshop 2011)
Joseph Sorrentino	NJSBA Training Governance I Mandatory Bd. Training	10/24/11 NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	Cost: \$00.00 Mileage: \$00.00 (Workshop 2011)
Gary S. Stevenson	NJSBA Training Governance II Mandatory Bd. Training	01/30/12 Piscataway HS Piscataway, NJ	Cost: \$00.00 Mileage: \$ 3.10

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Board meet in closed session at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to personnel, negotiations, student matters and/or attorney-client privilege. It is expected that the matters discussed in closed session shall be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT