

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2015, 7:00 PM
INDIAN MILLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

The Regular Meeting of the Shamong Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board President, Melissa Ciliberti.

ROLL CALL

Melissa Ciliberti, Susan Daniels, Jeffrey Siedlecki, Michael Tuman and Jeffrey Warner.

Others Present:

Christine Vespe, Marie Goodwin, Lisa Abramovitz, Tim Carroll, Nicole Espenberg, Nicole Moore
Eric Pierre & Hanna Russo, IMMS Student Representatives to BOE
Justin Tuman, Seneca High School Student Representative to BOE

The flag salute was conducted.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

An IMMS teacher provided a summary of the Holy Cross 9th Annual Math Competition, in which some IMMS students participated. Certificates were distributed to those students who participated in the completion to recognize their achievement.

STUDENT BOE REPRESENTATIVES:

Seneca: Justin Tuman provided an update on Seneca activities, including Homecoming, winter sports, State Charity Dinner, First Responders' Dinner, NJASC Convention, and on upcoming events such as the Harlem Wizards Game and the Sophomore Cotillion.

IMMS: Eric Pierre and Hanna Russo were sworn in by Christine Vespe as Student BOE Representatives. They then provided information on IMMS activities including NJHS Drive for Ronald McDonald House, the indoor soccer competition, a canned foods drive, and the upcoming 5th Grade Fun Fest.

AUDIT PRESENTATION:

Mike Holt and Matt Holman, from Holman & Frenia, presented the Audit Report, as of 6/30/14, for the district. They indicated the results were the cleanest audit opinion possible, and highlighted areas of financial statements. Mr. Holt and Mr. Holman thanked Marie Goodwin and her staff for their cooperation and hard work in the audit process.

CORRESPONDENCE: A 'Thank You' note was received from STEA.

RECOGNITION: Christine Vespe read a resolution recognizing January as School Board Recognition Month, and acknowledged the contribution of Shamong's Board members to the Shamong school community.

VISITORS

The New Jersey Public Meeting Law was read by Melissa Ciliberti, after which Melissa Ciliberti opened the meeting to the public for agenda and non-agenda items at 7:30 p.m. Several parents presented questions and concerns regarding the upcoming PARCC testing, as well as questions regarding the process for choosing that their child(ren) not participate in the testing and Opt Out. Questions were also asked by several parents about the purpose of the test and

how the data would be used in the future. Christine Vespe, Superintendent provided information available, and indicated she would be conducting Information Sessions in February in order to provide more information and answer more questions. Melissa Ciliberti closed the public portion of the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT’S and ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS

Christine Vespe, Superintendent, provided information on QSAC Monitoring, as well as the H&SA Report.

Marie Goodwin, Business Administrator, provided an update on the ROD Grant process, as well as the upcoming QSAC Visit on January 21st, a recent Fire Inspection of the buildings, and other Board business.

Tim Carroll, IMMS Principal, provided his monthly report.
Nicole Moore, IMS Principal, provided her monthly report.
Lisa Abramovitz, Curriculum Coordinator, provided her monthly report.
Nicole Espenberg, Director of Pupil Services, provided her monthly report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Committee Reports: *None.*

ROUTINE MATTERS and FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Michael Tuman moved, seconded by Jeffrey Siedlecki, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 Board meeting.

AYES – FOUR NAYS – NONE ABSTAIN – Susan Daniels

Michael Tuman moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Board meeting.

AYES – FIVE NAYS – NONE ABSTAIN – NONE

Michael Tuman moved, seconded by Jeffrey Siedlecki, to approve the following financial reports:

- Board Secretary’s Report for the month of November 2014
- Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2014
- Budget Transfers for the month of November 2014
- Cafeteria Reports for the months of November 2014 and December 2014

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – None
 Susan Daniels
 Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Michael Tuman
 Jeffrey Warner

CERTIFICATION by the Board Secretary that as of November 30, 2014, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3.

Business Administrator / Board Secretary

1/20/15
Date

CERTIFICATION by the District Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials; it is resolved that to the best of the knowledge of the members of the Board of Education, that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)4, and that it appears that sufficient funds are available, subject to funding by the State and Federal Governments, to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Board Vice-President

1/20/15
Date

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Michael Tuman moved, seconded by Jeffrey Siedlecki, to approve the Bill List for January 20, 2015.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – None
Susan Daniels
Jeffrey Siedlecki
Michael Tuman
Jeffrey Warner

BUSINESS and FINANCIAL

Jeffrey Siedlecki moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to approve the following Business and Financial items.

- 7.01 APPROVE travel and related expense reimbursements as listed.
- 7.02 APPROVE a contract between Shamong School District and Ardor Health Solutions (Patrice McKenna, Speech Therapist) to provide professional services, as needed, during the 2014-2015 school year, in the following areas at the hourly rates indicated:

Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist	\$68 - \$75
Speech Language Pathologist, Specialist in School Psychologist	
Physical therapist Assistant, Certified Occupational Therapist Asst., CFY & Speech Lang. Pathologist Asst.	\$58 - \$65

7.03 APPROVE the following speech services / compensation by appropriate certified staff, during the 2014-2015 school year, as needed, at the rates indicated:

Speech Evaluations & Reports	\$300.00 per case
Speech Services	\$40.75 per hour

7.04 APPROVE elimination of the part-time Secretary/Bookkeeper position, 15 hours per week, in the Business Office, effective February 1, 2015..

7.05 APPROVE a contract between Shamong School District and Y.A.L.E. School, Inc., to provide educational services, for the 2014-2015 school year, for Student #212409, at the annual rate of \$45,554.40.

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – None
Susan Daniels
Jeffrey Siedlecki
Michael Tuman
Jeffrey Warner

STUDENTS : None

SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT :

Jeffrey Siedlecki moved, seconded by Susan Daniels, to approve the following Separation of Employment items:

9.01 APPROVE the retirements of Linda Cleveland (IMMS Social Studies) and Kathleen McElhone (IMS Grade 2), effective June 30, 2015.

9.02 APPROVE the resignations of Laura Bodrog (CST Social Worker) effective February 13, 2015, and Leslie Firicano (IMMS Speech) effective January 16, 2015.:

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – None
Susan Daniels
Jeffrey Siedlecki
Michael Tuman
Jeffrey Warner

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Jeffrey Warner moved, seconded by Susan Daniels, to approve the following Leave of Absence items:

10.01 APPROVE the following leaves of absence for Sherri Cohen, Special Education, IMS, as indicated:

- Medical, Paid, effective December 2, 2014 through January 16, 2015
- Family Leave, Unpaid, effective January 20 through March 6, 2015

10.02 APPROVE the following leaves of absence for Leslie Firicano, Speech, IMMS, as indicated:

- Medical, Paid, effective December 1-10, 2014
- Family Medical Leave, Unpaid, effective December 11, 2014 through January 16, 2015

10.03 APPROVE the following leaves of absence for Lisa Scott, Science, IMMS, as indicated:

- Medical, Paid, effective April 13 through May 8, 2015
- Family Medical Leave, Unpaid, effective May 11 through June 30, 2015

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSENT – None
 Susan Daniels
 Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Michael Tuman
 Jeffrey Warner

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT: None

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Michael Tuman moved, seconded by Jeffrey Siedlecki, to approve the Personnel Appointment items listed below:

12.01 APPROVE the employment of Bridget George, .5 Teacher Assistant, IMS, Step 1+BA Teacher Assistant Guide, prorated, effective January 5, 2015.

12.02 APPROVE the Extracurricular Advisors and Stipends listed below, during the 2014-2015 school year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Photography Club: Tracy Hall-Binkowski and Laura Hoffman, Category 3 shared
 Yearbook: Christine Crawford, Category 2

Roll Call Vote AYES: Melissa Ciliberti NAYS – None ABSTAIN – Susan Daniels
 Jeffrey Siedlecki
 Michael Tuman
 Jeffrey Warner

PROGRAMS: None

POLICY: None

TRANSPORTATION: None

USE OF FACILITIES: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Melissa Ciliberti opened the meeting to the public for agenda and non-agenda items at 8:42 p.m. As there were no comments, Melissa Ciliberti closed the public portion of the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined by the BOE that no Executive Session was necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Daniels moved, seconded by Jeffrey Warner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

AYES – FIVE

NAYS – NONE

ABSENT – None

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Goodwin
Business Administrator /
Board Secretary