

Regular Board of Education Meeting November 20, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Eastport-South Manor Central School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Board Meeting Room, Eastport-South Manor Jr. Sr. High School, Manorville, New York on **November 20, 2013**.

Board of Education Members present: Mrs. Marie Brown, Mr. Kenneth Cooke, Mr. Kevin Gleason, Mrs. Patricia Harran, Mrs. Karen Kesnig, Mrs. Donna Moeller, Mr. Nicholas Vero.

Also Present: Mark A. Nocero, Superintendent of Schools; Jennifer Morrison Hart, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Richard Snyder, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Linda A. Weiss, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Sharon P. Murray, District Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Donna Moeller, seconded by Kevin Gleason for the Board to enter into executive session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel issue.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

MOTION made by Nicholas Vero, seconded by Marie Brown for the Board to adjourn executive session and reconvene to public session at 7:10 p.m.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

The meeting was reconvened with the Pledge by Board President Kenneth Cooke. Mr. Cooke asked for a moment of silence for Joanne Vetter, Transportation Coordinator, who recently passed away.

The District Clerk read the following, which is Board Policy No. 2382:

The use of any tape recording device at public meetings of the Board of Education or committee appointed thereby is permissible as long as the device is unobtrusive and will not distract from the true deliberative process of the Board. The Board President or chairperson of the committee shall be informed prior to the meeting that such recordings are being made.

The Board and/or the committee reserve the right to direct that a tape recording be made to ensure a reliable, accurate, and complete account of Board meetings.

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PRESENTATION

Recognition of Maureen Grosskreuz, Teaching Assistant and Linda Grosskopf, Nurse, who performed lifesaving measures to one of our elementary students at Dayton Avenue Elementary School.

Presentation by Richard Snyder on Tax Rates vs. Taxes Paid.

MINUTES

MOTION made by Karen Kesnig, seconded by Nicholas Vero for the Board to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 regular board meeting.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

FINANCES

Treasurer's Reports

MOTION made by Donna Moeller, seconded by Kevin Gleason for the Board to approve the Treasurer's Reports for September, 2013.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joyce Kelley.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Tuesday, November 26th is the Public Forum hosted by Senator LaValle. Attendance is expected to be big so plan on getting there early as seats are first come first serve. Thank you to Joe Steimel and his staff for all of their hard work in preparation of this huge event.
- The English and Math Department Chairpersons presented 14 half hour informational slide shows at the Parent-Teacher Conferences on hints for parents to support their children as ESM implements the common core standards.
- Students on the 8th Grade Thresher Team participated in a "Thanksgiving in a Box" Service Learning Project. With all of their efforts, they were able to provide over 30 boxes to needy families.
- Congratulations to the following student athletes who have signed a National Letter of Intent: Kristin Anderson, Lacrosse at Mercyhurst College; Mathew Annunziata, Baseball at Hofstra University; Stephen Arntsen, Baseball at Manhattan College; Kory Cassara, Baseball at Adelphi University; Corey Cogan, Lacrosse at Belmont Abbey College; Megan Curley, Lacrosse at Jacksonville University; Nina Gaita, Softball at Molloy College; Patrick Kenneally, Lacrosse at St. Johns University; Michael Lieberman, Lacrosse at Belmont Abbey College; Dakota Mason, Lacrosse at University of Massachusetts; Kaitlynn Moran, Lacrosse at Kennesaw State University; Matthew Ragimierski, Lacrosse at Boston University; Michael Shine, Baseball at College of St. Rose; Rebecca Tooker, Lacrosse at James Madison University; Jacqueline Wasilko, Lacrosse at University of Virginia.
- Dan Espina is resigning from the district but would like to thank him for how far he has brought the district forward in technology. You will be missed and Hempstead is lucky to have you. Good luck and best wishes.

PERSONNEL

MOTION made by Karen Kesnig, seconded by Donna Moeller for the Board to approve a consent agenda for the following personnel matters:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

Resignations

Administrator Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Espina, Daniel	Director of Informational Services and Technology	Personal	12/03/13

Teacher Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Alcalde, Steven	English (JH/HS)	Personal	11/21/13

Teaching Assistants Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Hyams, Margaret	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	Personal	11/18/13
Urbancik, Jason	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	Personal	11/11/13

Permanent Substitute Teachers Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Clyne, Corene	Permanent Substitute Teacher (EES)	To accept Teaching Assistant position	11/21/13
Grasso, Paul	Permanent Substitute Teacher (SSS)	Personal	10/30/13

Civil Service Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Deon, Charles	Maintenance Mechanic IV (DW)	Personal	12/5/13
Watkins Jr., Gene	Teacher Aide (EES)	Personal	10/18/13

Leave of Absence

Teachers Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Albert, Stacy	Foreign Language (JH/HS)	Child Care	9/04/13-4/09/14
Crabtree, Victoria	Special Education (EES)	Child Care	8/29/13-6/27/14
Klune, Sharon	Special Education (JH/HS)	FMLA/Child Care	3/10/14-5/16/14
Massimo, Alisyn	Art (JH/HS)	Child Care	8/29/13-6/27/14

Teaching Assistants Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Agreda, Elvis	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	To accept LTS position	8/29/13-4/9/14
Garcia, Katherine	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	To accept LTS position	12/16/13-4/4/14
Kearney, Dana	Teaching Assistant (EES)	To accept LTS position	8/29/13-6/27/14

Linbrunner, Nicole	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	To accept LTS position	3/10/14-5/16/14
Solntzeff, Christine	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	To accept LTS position	11/21/13-1/29/14

Permanent Substitute Teachers

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Ferguson, Brian	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	To accept L/R Teaching Assistant position	12/16/13-4/4/14
Malloy, Kelly	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	To accept L/R Teaching Assistant position	3/10/14-5/16/14
Mester, Dana	Permanent Substitute Teacher (JH/HS)	To accept L/R Teacher Assistant position	10/3/13-4/9/14 *Return date 4/10/14

Civil Service

Name	Area	Reason	Effective
Deon, Charles	Maintenance Mechanic IV	FMLA	9/16/13-12/04/13
Hintze, Susan	Teacher Aide (DAS)	Personal	11/15/13-1/3/14

Appointments

The following appointments are conditional, subject to clearance approval by the State Education Department fingerprinting check:

Teachers

Name	Area	Credentials	Step/Schedule	Effective
Agreda, Elvis	Foreign Language (JH/HS)	Initial: Spanish Gr. 7-12	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	8/29/13-4/09/13
Garcia, Katherine	Social Studies (JH/HS)	Initial: Social Studies Gr. 7-1	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	12/16/13-4/4/14
Kearney, Dana	Special Education (EES)	Initial: SWD B-2	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160	8/29/13-6/27/14

per day; Workday
41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated

Kraatz, Danielle	School Psychologist (JH/HS)	Provisional School Psychologist	MA45/3: \$68,639 Prorated	11/15/13-1/31/14
Linbrunner, Nicole	Special Education (JH/HS)	Initial: SWD; SWD Social Studies, Gr. 7-12	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	3/10/14-5/16/14
Oakley, Seth	Art (JH/HS)	Initial: Visual Arts	MA/4: \$63,681	8/29/13-6/27/14
Solntzeff, Christine	English (JH/HS)	Permanent: ELA Gr. 7-12	Workday 1-20: \$130 per day; Workday 21-40: \$160 per day; Workday 41: BA/1-\$48,973 Prorated	11/21/13-1/29/14

Teaching Assistants

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Alcalde, Steven	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	11/21/13
Bustamante, Stephanie	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	11/21/13-1/29/14
Clyne, Corene	Teaching Assistant (EES)	\$146.89 p/day	11/21/13-11/20/16
Ferguson, Brian	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	12/16/13-4/4/14
Lynch, Chelsea	Teaching Assistant (EES)	\$146.89 p/day	8/29/13-6/27/14
Malloy, Kelly	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	3/10/14-5/16/14
Mester, Dana	Teaching Assistant (JH/HS)	\$146.89 p/day	10/3/13-4/9/14

Permanent Substitute Teachers

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Alexander, Jaclyn	Permanent Substitute Teacher (DW) Floater	\$90 p/day	11/21/13
Vomacka, Linda	Permanent Substitute Teacher (DW) Floater	\$90 p/day	11/21/13

Per Diem Substitutes

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Filetto, Diane	Substitute School Nurse (RN)	\$100 p/day	11/21/13
Leon, Amber	Substitute School Nurse (RN)	\$100 p/day	11/21/13
Parascandola, Stacie	Substitute School Nurse (RN)	\$100 p/day	11/21/13

Civil Service

Name	Area	Salary	Effective
Barone, Emily	Teacher Aide (SSS)	\$11.50 p/hr.	11/21/13

Interscholastic Appointments

Fall Coaches - 2013-2014

Name	Area	Salary
Grosskreuz, Maureen	JH Cheerleading Club – Head	\$2,550

Winter Coaches - 2013-2014

Name	Area	Salary
DiMarco, John	Varsity Track-Boys and Girls (Assistant)	\$6,213

Extra Curricular Activities

Club Advisors (EES) – 2013-2014

Name	Area	Salary
Martinez, Lisa	Battle of the Books (5 weeks)	\$190
Springston, Jean	History through the Movies (7 weeks)	\$266

Club Advisors (JH/HS) – 2013-2014

Name	Area	Salary
Becker, Elyse	Specialized Art Club (JH/HS) (Co-Advisor)	\$770.50
Daddino, Christine	Specialized Sports	\$2,335
Tedesco, Carolyn	Literary Magazine	\$2,046

Supplemental Pay

Parent Training for Special Education Student (2013-2014)

Name	Area	Salary
Jaffe, Jill	Speech Teacher	\$65.99 p/hr.

Student Teacher/Observer/Internship (Informational Only)

Name	Area	Effective
Free, Samantha	Music	9/23/13-11/15/13
Paparatto, Brittany	Foreign Language	1/22/14-5/02/14

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION made by Karen Kesnig, seconded by Marie Brown for the Board to approve a consent agenda for the following resolutions:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

Special Education Services Contract – South Country School District

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the Special Education Services Contract 4401(2)(B) for the 2013/2014 school year with South Country School District, and authorizes the Board President or designee to sign on behalf of the District.

Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocation Contracts

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocation Contract for the 2013/2014 school year with the following: Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center; Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc.; Metro Therapy, Inc.; New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc., and authorizes the Board President or designee to sign on behalf of the District.

Rejection of Fertilization, Top Seeding, Grub Control & Weed Control Bid

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board reject the bid for Fertilization, Top Seeding, Grub Control and Weed Control which was opened on October 24, 2013.

Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act

MOTION made by Nicholas Vero, seconded by Patricia Harran for the Board to adopt the following resolution:

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0.

WHEREAS, Chapter 424 of the Laws of New York, 2013, (“the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act”), allows the District to provide tax assessment relief to certain of its property owners affected by Superstorm Sandy, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the victims of Superstorm Sandy, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act,

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District adopts the thresholds for loss in improved value which have been established by the Town of Brookhaven, Town of Southampton and Town of Riverhead.

POLICY

None.

CURRICULUM MATTERS/STUDENT SERVICES

Acknowledged receipt and review of the recommendations from the Committees on Special Education.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Tax Exemptions – Suffolk County Industrial and Commercial Incentive Plan and Town of Southampton RP-470 Green Homes Tax Exemption.

MOTION made by Karen Kesnig, seconded by Donna Moeller for the Board to adopt the following resolution:

Vote: Yes – 6, No – 1 (Gleason).

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law §485-b provides that a public school district may reduce the per centum of the business investment exemption for eligible real property, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to reduce such exemption, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby reduces the exemption as follows:

Year of Exemption	Percentage of Exemption
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to effectuate this resolution by duly filing the resolution with the Suffolk County Executive, and the Supervisor and Assessor of the town(s) in which the District is located.

JSHS Library Hours – the extension of hours for the library to be open until 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

MOTION made by Karen Kesnig, seconded by Kevin Gleason to approve the extension of the junior-senior high school library hours to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with a teacher and a teacher aide.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0

Mr. Nocero introduced and welcomed Ethan Wiviestky who is the new administrator of the alternative high school.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barbara Champ, Stevenson Petit, Margot McGinniss.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Nicholas Vero, seconded by Marie Brown for the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Vote: Yes – 7, No – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon P. Murray
District Clerk