

SOMERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

301 Grace Street  
Somerdale, NJ 08083

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

**January 6, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**BOE Mission Statement**

The mission of the Somerdale School District, in active partnership with the community and staff, is to provide a safe and supportive environment which offers all students the opportunity to develop academically, socially, physically and emotionally, and to create students who are inquisitive and value learning not, only now, but also in the future.

We aspire to provide a broad range of educational opportunities in a nurturing environment designed to challenge all students to strive for personal excellence, achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and become responsible citizens in this rapidly changing world.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 6:30**

**II. SUNSHINE LAW/ROLL CALL**

Sunshine Law:

The Somerdale Board of Education Meeting is called to order. The Board of Education is in compliance with the sunshine regulations. This meeting was appropriately advertised in The Courier Post, as well as posting notices in Borough Hall, at Somerdale Park School, and on the District website in accordance with all NJ laws. Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded.

James Anderson - Present	Taylor Klenk - Present
Kim Barkoff - Present	Marc Ritz - Present
Monique Howard - Present	Tara Voigt - Present

Also Present:

Mark Pease, Superintendent/Principal  
David Rouse, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Chris Long, Solicitor

**III. ELECTIONS RESULTS FROM: November 2, 2021**

Candidates:      For a Three Year Term:      Number of Votes

Kevin Smith	719
Mary Jo Schoettle	5

**IV. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO KEVIN SMITH AND MARY JO SCHOETTLE.**

**V. ROLL CALL**

James Anderson - Present	Taylor Klenk - Present	Mary Jo Schoettle -Present
Kim Barkoff - Present	Kevin Smith - Present	Tara Voigt - Present
Monique Howard - Present	Marc Ritz - Present	

**VI. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

- a. On a motion by Mr. Ritz, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Ms. Barkoff is nominated for President of the Board of Education.
- b. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ritz, a request was made to close nominations for President.
- c. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ritz, approval is made of Ms. Barkoff for the Office of Board President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 8 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**The Board meeting is officially turned over to the Board President.**

- d. On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Voigt, Mr. Smith is nominated for Vice-President of the Board of Education.
- e. On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ritz, a request was made to close nominations for Vice-President.
- f. On a motion by Ms. Voigt seconded by Mr. Ritz, approval is made of Mr. Smith for the Office of Vice-President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 8 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

G – L, Will be tabled until a future Board meeting.

- g. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as representative to Camden County Education Services Commission.
- h. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Alternate Representative to the Camden County Educational Services Commission.
- i. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association.
- j. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Alternate Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association.
- k. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Legislative Chairperson of New Jersey School Boards Association.
- l. Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as representative to Camden County School Boards Association.

**VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent’s Report

**COVID 19 Update**

- I meet each Thursday with the Department of Education, Department of Health and all the Superintendents of Camden County to receive updates on COVID 19 and its impact on education, Camden County, and Somerdale.
- **As of the week ending January 1, 2022** Camden County was in the Red (Very High) range.
- All 21 counties in NJ are now in the Red (Very High) range.
- We will continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC, NJ DOH, and NJ DOE’s The Road Forward Plan in maintaining a safe learning environment for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the continued fluid nature of COVID 19 we will do our best to get the most recent updates to our families.

## Curriculum and Instruction

- Somerdale Park School will be pivoting to remote instruction beginning Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. All students were provided with devices and materials for the number of days while on remote. Plans have been made to provide free lunches to all students interested. Lunches will be available on the following dates:
- Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00
- Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 5:00

B. Business Administrator's: Will be given during the Regular BOE Meeting on January 20, 2022.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on any action items). None at this time.

### NOTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience whom wish to comment **on any action items on this Agenda.**

Please respect the following procedures:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Identify the resolution/item number on which you wish to comment.
4. Wait to be recognized before you make your comment
5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution/items.
6. Limit your comments to (3) minutes per person.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on any item) None at this time.

Audience Recognition and Public Comment

The public is reminded that all public complaints against a district employee must be made through a specific grievance process. A description of this process may be found in BOE policy (File Code 9130). This policy is available upon request in the office of the Board Secretary. Any individual naming an employee in a complaint before the Board of Education, without the employee's permission, could be cited for violating that employee's civil and contractual rights.

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3. Wait to be recognized before you make your comment
4. Limit your comments to (3) minutes per person.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Smith the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Rouse