

SOMERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

301 Grace Street
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Re-organization Meeting of the Board of Education

**January 5, 2023
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

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.

Kim Barkoff Mary Jo Schoettle
Taylor Klenk Kevin Smith
Marc Ritz

Also Present:
Mark Pease, Superintendent
William H. Thompson, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Chris Long, Solicitor

III. ELECTIONS RESULTS FROM: November 8, 2022

Candidates: For a Three Year Term: Number of Votes

James Anderson	965
Barbara Boyle	963
Tara Voigt	957
Jessie Klenk	3

IV. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO:

James Anderson, Barbara Boyle, Tara Voigt

V. ROLL CALL

James Anderson- Present Taylor Klenk- Present Kevin Smith- Present
Kim Barkoff - Present Marc Ritz- Absent Tara Voigt- Present
Barbara Boyle- Present Mary Jo Schoettle- Present

VI. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

- a. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Barkoff is nominated for President of the Board of Education.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, _____ is nominated for President of the Board of Education.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, _____ is nominated for President of the Board of Education.

- b. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Voight, a request was made to close nominations for President.

- c. On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, approval is made of _____ for the Office of Board President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

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

- d. On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms Klenk, Mr. Smith is nominated for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, _____ is nominated for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, _____ is nominated for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

- e. On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Voight, a request was made to close nominations for Vice-President.

- f. On a motion by _____ seconded by _____, approval is made of _____ for the Office of Vice-President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 7 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

- 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. NEW BUSINESS

INSTRUCTIONAL, Taylor Klenk, Chairperson, James Anderson, Alternate Chairperson, Kevin Smith, Administrative Liaisons: Mark Pease, Robert Ford

A. Personnel – Assists in the interviewing process of district administrators and reviews hiring recommendations of the Superintendent. Also, reviews and approves staff policies and job descriptions

Report by Personnel Committee Chair

On a motion made by Ms. Klenk and seconded by Mrs. Voight the following was approved:

Recommend that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following items 1 - 4:

1. To accept the retirement of Mark Pease, Superintendent, as of June 30, 2023.
2. To post-approve Kimberly Noonan to work during her prep periods as the Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTTC) with a start date of January 3, 2023. Salary based on contracted SEA rate of pay.
3. To post-approve Alyssa Orbaczewski, Speech Therapist, to work during her prep periods during the 2022-2023 school year. Salary based on contracted SEA rate of pay.
4. To approve Angela Lindner as full-time Social Worker for the 2022-2023 school year at a pro-rated salary of \$57,432.00 MA Step 2.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES_7___ NO__0__ ABSTAIN___0__ ABSENT__1_____

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS on any action items.

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)

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.

Please respect the following procedures:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Wait to be recognized before you make your comment
4. Limit your comments to (3) minutes per person.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

On a motion made by and seconded by the board entered into Executive Session at pm:

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq.) requires all meetings of the

Somerdale Park School District, Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in Executive Session,” i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and **WHEREAS**, the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and **WHEREAS**, the nine exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the decision as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b):

- _____Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public
- _____Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;
- _____Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual’s personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publically;
- _____Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body
- _____Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;
- _____Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;
- _____Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;
- _____Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;
- _____ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public;
- _____Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is undetermined; however, the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will make every attempt to estimate the time of the session prior to convening the session after which the public meeting shall reconvene at pm and the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will proceed with business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education attorney advises that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the school district or any other entity with respect to said discussion.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Somerdale Park Public School District, Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the board secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion made by and seconded by the board returned to public session at pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Voight the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm