

April Board Brief



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Board Brief

The following information is intended to inform staff and community members of recent action taken by the Board. The information included in this brief is not intended to be complete and does not replace official Board minutes.

Highlights from the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education regular meeting held on April 25th.

ENROLLMENT as of March 31, 2016

RESIDENT STUDENTS 363
CHOICE STUDENTS 27
TOTAL 390

PRESENTATIONS

- Mary Ann Friedman, NJSBA Field Services Representative
- Public Hearing 2016 – 2017 Budget

Spotlight Students	
March 2016	
1 st	Autumn Kaplan
2 nd	Lana Tropea

3 rd	Danielle Hannessy
4 th	Michael Webster
5 th	Vanessa Kline
6 th	McKenna Williams

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lavender updated the Board on a variety of topics related to the District, which included the following discussion item(s)...

- Shared Service Analysis
- 2016 -2017 School Budget
- Renewals
- SBA Shared
- Super/Board Evaluation
- Board Goals

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2015-2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for March:

2015 - 2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	March %	2015-2016 Current YTD Average %	2014-2015 Overall Average %
Pre-K 3	94.9	93.0	96.5
Pre-K 4	96.0	96.7	94.8
K	95.0	96.8	95.2
Average Pre-K & K	95.5	95.5	95.5
1	96.4	97.3	96.0
2	96.2	96.7	96.5
3	92.8	96.3	95.6
4	94.1	96.4	95.7
5	95.3	97.0	95.7
6	95.1	97.1	96.6
Average 1 - 6	95.0	96.8	96.0

Overall District Average	95.0	96.6	95.9
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PERSONNEL

South Harrison Employment

- Retirement:
 - Valerie Palmer (Paraprofessional)
- Medical Leave:
 - Linda Davis, Teacher, 05/16/16 to 09/01/16)
- Field Trips(s):
 - **06/08/16** – The 1st grade class will be going to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ to learn more about the marine animals and their habitats through hands-on exhibits.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School / Date	Time	Drill Description
03/10/16	Begin: 09:38 AM End: 09:43 AM	Fire Drill
03/29/16	Begin: 11:16 AM End: 01:30 PM	Lunchtime Lockdown Drill

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following program(s):

- The Board approved the contract with the YMCA to continue to operate the YMCA before and after school program for the 2016 -2017 school year. The YMCA will pay \$2,000.00 for the use of the facility.

POLICY

The Board recommended the following for FIRST reading for revision and/or adoption.

- [Policy 1110 - Organization Chart](#)

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for March 2016
- **Cooperative Transportation GCSSSD.** The Board approved a Cooperative Transportation Agreement with the GCSSSD for the 2016-2017 school year. The administrative fee for the special education, vocational, public and homeless student routes are 7% and 4% for the non-public student routes.
- **Shared Service Agreements with Kingsway Regional School District.** The Board approved the Shared Services Agreements with the Kingsway Regional School District for the following services:
 - **Facility Maintenance Services** – July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 - \$60,000.00
 - **Information Technology Services** – July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 - \$35,000.00
 - **Curriculum Services** – July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 - \$60,000.00
 - **Child Study Team Supervisory Services** – July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 - \$16,000.00
 - **Business Administration services** – July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 - \$58,183.00
- [Adoption of the 2016 – 2017 Budget.](#) The Board authorized the submission of the 2016 – 2017 budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation from the South Harrison Little League for baseball field improvements. The improvements include upgrading the drainage along the rear of the infield.

- [Job Descriptions](#). The Board approved the job descriptions as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

Numerous other requests for approval for workshop attendance, student activities, and education items were approved by the Board of Education. These approvals will be reflected in the formal minutes of the meeting, which are available in the office of the Board of Education secretary as well as posted online after Board approval.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, May 23, 2016**, in the South Harrison Elementary School cafeteria and begins at 7:00 p.m.