# ATLANTIC AND CAPE MAY COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS JOINT INSURANCE FUND

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## **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

A Closed Session of the Atlantic and Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBOJIF) was held on November 18, 2015 at 12:08 p.m., with Frank Onorato, Lower Township Elementary School District, Chair, presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

(Board Members and Alternate Trustees identified in bold print.)

## 2015-2016 Trustees in attendance

Frank Onorato, Lower Township Elementary School District, Chair (SPELL Alternate #1)
Kim Jensen, Mainland Regional High School, Vice Chair
John Hansen, North Wildwood School District
Jonathan Houdart, Brigantine Public Schools (left at 12:57 p.m.)
Joseph Smurlo, Egg Harbor City School District (SPELL Delegate)

## 2015-2016 Trustees absent

Linda Albright, Northfield BOE, Secretary
Suzanne Keller, Somers Point BOE (SPELL Alternate #2)

## 2015-2016 Alternate Trustees in attendance

**Christopher Veneziani, Folsom BOE** 

Mark Mallett, Lower Cape May Regional School District (arrived at 12:14 p.m.)

# 2015-2016 Alternate Trustees absent

Michelle D. Richardson, Jackson Township BOE

## 2015-2016 Fund Commissioners in attendance

Kateryna Bechtel, Egg Harbor Township School District (SPELL Delegate)
Rose Millar, Estell Manor City School District
Tom Grossi, Greater Egg Harbor RHSD
Diane Fox, Middle Township BOE
Joy Nixon, Weymouth Township School District

## 2015-2016 Fund Commissioners absent

Dan Smith, Hamilton Township School District Deborah Roncace, Pitman BOE ACCASBOJIF Closed Session November 18, 2015 Page 2

# Fund Professionals in attendance

Craig H. Wilkie, Area Vice President, AJGRMS, Inc.
Scott C. Tennant, Area Vice President – AJGRMS, Inc.
Jennifer Fox, Senior Account Manager, AJGRMS, Inc.
Annette Reap, Executive Coordinator, AJGRMS, Inc.
Louis J. Greco, Esquire, Fund Solicitor
John W. Geitz, Safety Coordinator, Risk Assessment Services
Kathleen Tyler Schohl, Claims Administrator, Qual-Lynx
James Weber, Assistant Safety Coordinator, Risk Assessment Services
Karen Beatty, Client Services Manager, QualCare Alliance Network, Inc.
Bonnie Ridolfino, Public Entity Director, Hardenbergh Insurance Group
Kelly Batz, Fund Treasurer (arrived at 12:45 p.m.)
Sharon Wilson, Recording Secretary

# Risk Management Consultants and members of the Public

D'Agostino Agency Glenn Insurance Len Eckman, Inc. Mossbrook & Hicks Agency Marsh & McLennan Agency

## **CLAIM ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Tyler Schohl reviewed the following Workers' Compensation Payment Authorization Requests for November, 2015:

033 Z13107 01 — High school student picked claimant up from behind in a joking manner causing claimant to experience neck and back pain. Total Incurred Value: \$1,500.00. This claim is being presented to abandon subrogation.

013 Z00485 01 — Claimant was being trained by Emerald Data Solutions on a new payroll system, and as she got up to walk out of the room, she tripped over the Representative's brief case and fell into a wall, injuring her left shoulder and wrist. Total Incurred Value: \$1,923.34. This case is being presented to abandon subrogation.

031 X99878 01 — Claimant was cleaning men's bathroom, when mop end hit stall support bar, which fell and struck claimant on the back of the neck. Total Incurred Value: \$3,810.00. This case is being presented to abandon subrogation.

035 X88103 01 – Claimant was walking into the school building when he slipped and fell on ice. Total Incurred Value: \$24,701.00.

024 X81984 01 – Claimant was stepping out of his car in the school parking lot, when he slipped on ice and fell. Total Incurred Value: \$26,915.00.

031 Z18626 01 – Claimant was driving the school bus when she veered into the guard rail in construction area. Accident was due to operator error. Total Incurred Value: \$39,722.00.

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036 Z16221 01 – Claimant was assisting co-workers to move bags of guideline and speed dry to line the baseball fields. The next day, while driving his work vehicle, he felt chest pain, and experienced a cardiac event. Total Incurred Value: \$55,641.00.

036 X87380 01 – While shoveling snow, the claimant hit an uneven part of the sidewalk and felt pain in his left arm/shoulder. Total Incurred Value: \$56,209.00.

036 Z05942 01 – Claimant was driving the school bus, when it was struck on the passenger side. Other driver failed to observe a red light. Total Incurred Value: \$71,789.00. This claim is being presented to abandon subrogation.

036 Z23944 01 – While drilling into metal cover of HVAC unit on the roof, claimant felt a pop in his left shoulder resulting in limited motion of his arm. Total Incurred Value: \$86,750.00.

032 W97940 01 – Claimant was exercising with her students when she slipped and fell on a laminated card, injuring her right knee. Total Incurred Value: \$232,413.00.

036 Z18270 01 – While in classroom trying to get special needs student to sit in seat, child wrapped legs around claimant causing claimant to lose her balance and fall, hitting the left side of her head on the desk. Total Incurred Value: \$264,467.00.

Ms. Tyler Schohl reviewed the following Payment Authorization Requests for November, 2015:

031 Z25740 01 – Other vehicle pulled out in front of insured, collision occurred. Total Incurred Value: \$5,000.00 (adopt Release for Property Damage).

024 Z20751 01 – Various storm damage at the high school. Total Incurred Value: \$31,000.00.

024 Z21923 01 – A water supply line to a kitchen sink in the teachers' lounge on the second floor ruptured causing water damage. Total Incurred Value: \$43,500.00.

036 Z06007 01 – Insured vehicle damaged at intersection of Harmony Road and Jackson Mills Road. Total Incurred Value: \$121,646.50. This claim is being presented to abandon subrogation.

031 X03926 01 – Motor vehicle accident with school bus. Total Incurred Value: \$85,000.00. Mr. Greco presented his report regarding this claim. The district school bus tapped the trailer hitch of a pickup truck so lightly that the plastic "Stop" arm on the bus was slightly cracked. The passenger of the pickup truck claimed that the accident acerbated his spinal herniation. Insured driver was responsible and 100% of liability is against the insured. Mediation was unsuccessful. At trial, plaintiff's physician was totally unprepared. Insured's physician was very professional and prepared. Jury found the plaintiff's condition was *not* worsened by this accident.

033 X34314 01 — Claimant injured on zip line at high school on Parent Day. Total Incurred Value: \$554,350.00. Discussion ensued regarding Boards of Education maintaining or authorizing hazardous activities.

*Motion* by Mr. Hansen, second by Mr. Smurlo, to return to Open Session at 12:48 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.