

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

## CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

A Closed Session of the Atlantic and Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) was held on November 17, 2021 at 12:06 p.m., with Christopher Veneziani, Fund Chair, presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **2021-22 Trustees present**

Christopher R. Veneziani, Folsom BOE (SPELL Trustee), **Chair**  
John Hansen, Lower Township Elementary SD, **Vice Chair** (arrived 12:19 pm)  
Michelle D. Richardson, Jackson Township BOE  
Mark Mallett, Lower Cape May Regional School District  
Linda Albright, Northfield BOE

#### **2021-22 Trustees absent**

Jonathan Houdart, Brigantine Public School District, **Secretary**  
Kim Robinson, Mainland Regional High School

#### **2021-22 Alternate Trustees present**

Rose Millar, North Wildwood SD  
Chandra Anaya, Egg Harbor Township School District (SPELL Alternate)  
Diane Fox, Middle Township BOE (SPELL Alternate)

#### **2021-22 Fund Commissioners present**

Jason Bedell, Egg Harbor City School District  
Joy Nixon, Galloway Township Public Schools  
Thomas P. Grossi, Greater Egg Harbor RHSD (SPELL Trustee/Chair)  
Anne Marie Fala, Hamilton Township School District  
Kevin Byrnes, Linwood BOE  
Jennifer Germana, Margate City BOE  
Karen Gfroehrer, Mullica Twp BOE/Washington Twp SD-Greenbank  
Kelly Brazelton, Pitman BOE  
Julie Gallagher, Somers Point BOE  
Laurie Ryan, Upper Township BOE  
Judd Moore, Interim, Weymouth Twp School District (arrived 12:15 pm)

#### **2021-22 Fund Commissioners absent**

Linda Fiori, Avalon BOE/Stone Harbor BOE  
William Thompson, Interim, Estell Manor City School District  
Barbara S. Prettyman, Hammonton BOE  
Teri Weeks, Longport BOE  
James Lushok, Wildwood Crest BOE

**District Personnel present**

Karen Booth, Hammonton BOE

Carisa Rose, Pitman BOE

Dr. Michele Roemer, Interim, Somers Point BOE

The following Workers' Compensation Payment Authorization Requests for November, 2021 were provided to the Trustees and Fund Commissioners:

2018128504 – Claimant tripped over the curb in the school parking lot after returning from lunch. Total Incurred Value: \$1,140,886.85

001198674 – Claimant was working on the athletic fields using a “pro-machine” to break frozen turf, when he hit a hole in the clay. Total Incurred Value: \$798,688.48

2019147541 – While lifting boxes and equipment, claimant strained left shoulder and left side of his neck. Total Incurred Value: \$352,931.94

2021232438 – Claimant slipped on a wet floor in the bathroom twisting his right knee. Total Incurred Value: \$194,042.07

2021228322 – While walking to bus and starting her shift, the claimant slipped and fell repeatedly on ice, injuring her back, right shoulder, head, bilateral knees and sustaining laceration to lip. Total Incurred Value: \$159,544.48

2020179337 – Stress and strain of employment duties either caused, aggravated, accelerated and/or exacerbated lumbar and cervical spine conditions. Total Incurred Value: \$156,856.00

2017094555 – After demonstrating drills with the basketball team, his right knee became sore, stiff and swollen. Total Incurred Value: \$104,330.38

2020194258 – While walking in classroom, the claimant tripped on a small carpet and heard a pop in her left heel. Total Incurred Value: \$92,778.82

2020181480 – While using the water hose to clean trash cans, claimant tripped over the hose and sprained her right ankle and twisted her right knee. Total Incurred Value: \$88,948.01

001217776 – Claimant sat down on a new chair, when the chair rolled backwards, causing her to fall onto her buttocks and injure her back. Total Incurred Value: \$73,704.84

2020193898 – Rising up from her chair at her computer, the claimant tripped on a wire causing her to fall and injure right knee, right hip, right foot, right wrist and hand. Total Incurred Value: \$57,495.49

2019151703 – While lifting a paint machine into the back of a truck, the claimant strained his lumbar spine. Total Incurred Value: \$48,853.00

2020179289 – Claimant was carrying boxes to her car, when she tripped and fell in the insured's parking lot, landing on her right side. Total Incurred Value: \$26,663.86

The following General Liability Payment Authorization Requests for November, 2021 were provided to the Trustees and Fund Commissioners:

2018132399 – Educator’s Legal Liability dispute alleging discrimination and hostile work environment. Total Incurred Value: \$195,000.00

2020183627 – Claim alleging discrimination, hostile work environment and retaliation. Proposed Authority: \$110,000.00

2021222329 – Claim alleging gender discrimination. Proposed Authority: \$60,000.00

2022243695 – Property damage claim for water incident from new roof and existing drain leaking into classroom. Total Incurred Value: \$22,500.00

2022243667 – Property damage from lightning strike to school damaging the school’s router, POE projector and WAN link. Total Incurred Value: \$22,000.00

Mr. Wilkie provided an updated on the Solicitor RFP interview and selection process. Mr. Grossi and Mr. Veneziani, who were on the search committee, advised that Pat Madden was being recommended by the committee to replace Mr. Greco when he retires. A motion for approval of this recommendation will be made in open session.

Mr. Wilkie also advised the membership that Cape May Point had submitted an application for membership that was reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee. An offer of membership has been extended to the district.

Motion by Mr. Grossi, second by Ms. Richardson to come out of Closed Session at 12:46 pm.