

## MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2021

The Business Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, via video teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by the Board President, Shelia Hobson.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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Salute to Flag – Board President

Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u>        </u> P	Ms. Cherry	<u>        </u> P	Mr. Johnson	<u>        </u> P	Mr. Patel
<u>        </u> P	Mr. Fields	<u>        </u> P	Mrs. Lane	<u>        </u> P	Ms. Scotto
<u>        </u> P	Mrs. Hobson	<u>        </u> P	Mr. Laughlin	<u>        </u> P	Ms. Smith

### II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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HEREBY BE IT KNOWN that the Piscataway Township Board of Education has complied with the notification requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the announcement of this meeting date and place on December 24, 2020 in the following manner:

- ◆ Posting of the public notice on the posting board for the Board of Education in the Administration Building
- ◆ Email notification to the newspapers serving Piscataway, The Home News Tribune and The Courier News
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

Due to the declaration of a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, this meeting is being conducted via televideo conference and will be recorded. This recording is not an official record or supplement to the minutes and is intended only as a source of information that the public might utilize at a later date to familiarize themselves with the Board's activities.

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of review and discussion of the personnel agenda, litigation, HIB monthly reports, and other matters pursuant to law N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

Motion to adjourn: 6:06 pm

Moved	<u>        </u> Mr. Fields	Seconded	<u>        </u> Mr. Patel
	Yea <u>        </u> 9		Nay <u>        </u> 0

### IV. PUBLIC SESSION

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene: 7:11 pm

Moved	<u>        </u> Mrs. Lane	Seconded	<u>        </u> Ms. Cherry
	Yea <u>        </u> 9		Nay <u>        </u> 0

As required by the recently-adopted emergency regulation of the Department of Community Affairs, I am confirming that adequate and electronic notice of this meeting have been provided. The regulation also requires that I explain our procedures for public comment. The following will govern our public comment session this evening and going forward until further notice. Comments will be accepted by email, addressed to "Boardmeeting@pway.org" up to the start of the public comment session. Audio comments will be allowed as well through our electronic meeting platform. Members of the public are requested to conduct themselves in a civil manner with due regard for the legal and privacy rights of others. While it is not the Board's intention to stifle public comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community; shouting, profanity or other disruptive behavior will not be permitted. The Chair reserves the right to take appropriate action in the event these guidelines are violated, including muting an online speaker's microphone or other interventions as necessary.

#### V. STUDENT PRESENTATION

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- None

#### VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

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- Report from Mr. O'Reilly
- Report from Ms. Lawhorne

#### VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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- Piscataway High School Experience
- Study abroad

#### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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##### **Arbor Launches Scavenger Hunt**

People across the country are enjoying scavenger hunts in their cities, and now students at Arbor School will take part in this craze with the "Investi-Gator Challenge." For eight weeks, students will be challenged to use clues to deduce locations around Piscataway in their first ever town-side scavenger hunt! Each week will feature a new location, with three clues offered per week. Here is this week's final clue: *Geckos will climb and Eagles will fly. You know where to go so don't be shy! Take a photo of you and smile with pride. You are one smart detective -- it can't be denied!* Congratulations to Mr. Baldassano, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mr. Montgomery, and Mrs. Hoeg for this innovative idea.

##### **Schor Students Meet Penguins**

While Schor students really enjoy their annual visit from Jenkinson's Aquarium, this year, Schor seventh grade science classes took a virtual tour of the Jenkinson's Aquarium Penguin Program via zoom. Students learned about Penguin Anatomy, including molting patterns, mating, conservation, and more. Students enjoyed this virtual experience, but look forward to welcoming these feathered friends back to Schor next year!

##### **PHS Art Alumni Featured on Nickelodeon's Kid of the Year**

When Nickelodeon and Time wanted to highlight young artists as they unveiled the initial Time's Kid of the Year award, they turned to PHS Alums, Mia Tomasino and Sara Venturi. A Nickelodeon producer had spotted Mia's artwork at the NJ Teen Arts Festival and contacted her to create portraits of the five finalists. Mia brought in Sara to help complete the project within the two-week deadline. Nickelodeon commemorated their work, filming them as they painted in Sara's Piscataway backyard, and using the footage in the opening

segment. Congratulations to Mia and Sara, and to the PHS art teacher who helped shape their artistic vision and drive, Ms. Dorothy Amme.

### **PHS Artists Published**

PHS Artists Karen Luo Ye, Ryan Erdman, Gabriella Ortiz-Ruidiaz, and Ishita Jain have all had their artwork selected to be published in the Fall 2020 hardbound book produced by Celebrating Art. Congratulations! Thanks to PHS art teacher Lisa Lentini-Pombrio.

### **Winter Door Decorating Contest**

On the heels of a successful Pumpkin Painting Contest, the Office of Community Education is sponsoring a Winter Door Decorating Contest for students in Grades PreK-12. Winners receive a \$25 Visa Gift Card while beautifying their home!

### **Eisenhower Celebrates All Holidays**

This holiday season, students in Michele Crisitello's class at Eisenhower School shared favorite holidays they celebrate with family. Each student selected a different holiday to share. The students learned that while cultures and celebrations may be different, they all had common denominators — food, happiness and appreciation for those we love.

### **Middle School Staffs Strive to Reduce Stress**

Conackamack, Quibbletown, and Schor Middle Schools worked with Dr. Patrick Connelly and the Haven to bring a workshop to staff on effective strategies for stress management and wellness during these challenging times. Teachers had the opportunity to provide feedback before and after the workshop. The data gathered will assist in planning future opportunities for teacher professional development.

### **Grandview Connects**

Although not able to gather in person, the Grandview Family still finds a way to connect. On December 16, Grandview School continued its tradition of hosting the popular PTO "Paint with Me Night" with an added twist. This year, Mr. Lee held a virtual live event and also created a pre-recorded step-by-step video for those who could not attend. On December 21, Grandview hosted a second virtual event, "Grandview Reads: Bedtime Stories," where Grandview staff read books and families could choose which books they wished to listen to. A special thank you to the Grandview PTO, Mr. Lee and Ms. Keseday for their leadership in making these programs possible.

### **PHS Junior to Spend Semester Abroad**

Many college juniors study abroad during their junior year, but PHS Junior Jonah Leibowitz will take this step while in high school. This spring, Jonah will attend URJ Heller High a highly competitive and fully accredited American high school located on Kibbutz Tzuba, in Israel. Jonah also received a \$6000 scholarship to attend the program. Accepted students complete their full American coursework as well as Hebrew language and Israeli History coursework. American students from over 16 states, Canada and Israel are a part of this spring cohort. Jonah will return to share his new experiences and finish his senior year with the class of 2022. Congratulations, Jonah!

### **Celebrating Kindergarten Readers Workshop at Randolphville**

Students in Room 30 at Randolphville recently completed Unit 2 in Readers Workshop — Looking Closely at Familiar Texts — and wanted to celebrate. After reading these stories over and over again to make them "Old Favorite Storybooks," they used character voices to add emotions to the dialogue, and made props to bring the stories to life. Parents and students worked together to make amazing scene settings and props — bridges, toy stores, gardens and kitchens. Students became goats, trolls, hens, cats, ducks, pigs, bears, bunnies, grocers, sales ladies, and family members of the "Little Boy" and "Little Girl" as they enacted

favorite Read Alouds. Students, families and staff thoroughly enjoyed this showcase of literacy, fun and creativity.

### **Student Artwork to Be Featured in District Social Media Posts**

The Piscataway School District will feature student artwork in some of its social media posts. Selected from contest entries, students from K-12 created posters in categories spanning *No School*, *Early Dismissal*, *Good News*, and *Important Reminders*. The winning posters will make their social media debuts in February.

### **Virtual Music Makes Merry This Holiday Season**

Every year on the day before winter break, Knollwood students and staff gather to celebrate the season by holding an annual Winter Sing Along. With students learning remotely this past December, Knollwood teachers organized a virtual event for all to enjoy. On the morning of December 23, students logged in to grade level Zoom groups to sing along with pre-recorded favorites, selected by students during their music classes. Music teacher Olivia Dowden and some helpful third graders, led the virtual Sing Along that included video clips, lyrics, and jolly introductions for each song.

At Randolphville School, students enjoyed a virtual Winter Sing Along by singing and dancing in their pajamas! Mr. Worden led K-3 students through winter-themed songs while they stayed cozy and warm at home.

### **M.L. King Virtual Holiday Concert**

M.L. King School's very own band of teachers, the Benchmarks, were not going to let remote learning stop their annual holiday concert! The day before winter break, Santa led the band in a virtual holiday bash. They were joined by a special guest performer, Run DrG, otherwise known as Dr. Gray, for a memorable rendition of RUN D.M.C.'s classic hit, "Christmas in Hollis." A new episode of "Meanwhile Back at King" served as an introduction to the performance. These were performances students and staff alike will truly remember!

[Meanwhile Back at King... Holiday Edition](#)  
[King School Staff Holiday Music Video](#)

### **Piscataway Choral Collective Returns**

The Piscataway Choral Collective, a community choir for adults in the Piscataway community, returns on January 19, 2021 via zoom. The Collective meets twice each month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. New members are welcome and can email [pwaychoralcollective@gmail.com](mailto:pwaychoralcollective@gmail.com) to receive the schedule and zoom link.

### **Quibbletown's Winter Spirit Week**

From December 14 - 18, Quibbletown students and staff participated in Winter Spirit Week. Each day of the week, students celebrated a specific aspect of the season in Zoom and Schoology. Among the many activities: students made snowflakes, built snowmen, and even did a little cooking to celebrate the winter holidays. Not to mention, there were many great outfits found in the zoom classrooms

### **Eisenhower Serves Up Snowman Soup**

Eisenhower Kindergarten teachers celebrated the winter holiday season with gifts of "Snowman Soup" for their students. Packaged and ready for students to enjoy as a special treat for their classes' virtual holiday parties, the teachers distributed their chocolatey mixture in a socially distance manner.

- Martin Luther King Day
- Superintendent's Chat
- Delay of hybrid instruction to March 1, 2021
- Board Recognition Month

**IX. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Calvin Laughlin**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" through "F", be approved as presented:

**A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS**

Jennifer Ambroziak, Speech Therapist/Children’s Corner	Effective: 1/16/21 Reason: Personal
Vera Kesic, Bus Driver/Transportation	Effective: 12/18/20 Reason: Personal
Alvina Lofthers, Floating Nurse/District	Effective: 12/11/20 Reason: Rescinded offer of employment
Michael Mabini, Computer Technician I/High School	Effective: 12/10/20 Reason: Rescinded offer of employment
Peter Nagy, Custodian/High School	Effective: 1/1/21 Reason: Personal, without notice
Sheree Werner, Community Education Physical Education Teacher/Children’s Corner	Effective: 1/15/21 Reason: Personal

**B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS – STAFF PERSONNEL**

MAINTENANCE

Christopher Piro, Maintenance/Ethel Road, with an annual salary of Step 9 Specialist, \$54,785, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the customary 90 days probationary period, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

OTHER

The following Extra Duty Contracts, effective for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>ML King:</u>		
Nazia Ali	Cursive Writing Club	\$1,000
Gregory Applegate	Financial Literacy Club	\$1,000
Nicole Bal	Reading Club	\$1,000
Jennifer Kaiser	Yoga Club	\$1,000
Irina Nikitovic	Art Club	\$1,000
Adrienne Torres	Financial Literacy Club	\$1,000
<u>Quibbletown:</u>		
George Batalas	Health & Wellness Club	\$500
Hannah Crick	Health & Wellness Club	\$500
Catherine Sotolongo	Health & Wellness Club	\$500
Jennifer Yang	Health & Wellness Club	\$500
<u>High School:</u>		
Ronnah Parham *	Winter Track Assistant Coach	\$6,064

\*Subject to completion of required paperwork

The following staff members for instruction in the AP Academy at \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed 11 hours each, from March 2021 through May 2021:

Dorothy Amme	Jason Bellew	Nadyne Busichio	Holly Cregar-Porch
Elizabeth Eibling	Melissa Eytchison	Christopher Hamas	Amarfi Herrera
Anthony Hunt	Patricia Killian	Michelle Klastava	Lisa Lentini-Pombrio
Amanda Levinson	Natalie Lollin	Gregory Michaels	Janet Mrotek
Bhawana Rathee	Brinder Soin	Damian Storey	Lisa Sudfield
Christopher Sumner	Joseph Toma	Lesley Ann Wilson	Frank Wrublevski

The following staff members to do program expansion activities for specific CTE programs, as noted below, with funds from the Perkins FY21 application at \$40.00 an hour:

Angela Jordan	Sales Marketing	20 Hours
Ghania Layachi	Engineering	20 Hours
Barry McCombs	Sales Marketing	20 Hours
Paul Mazur	Engineering	20 Hours

The following staff members to participate in the advisory committee for specific CTE programs, as noted below, with funds from the Perkins FY21 application at \$40.00 an hour:

Charles Giacomarra	Engineering	4 Hours
Angela Jordan	Sales Marketing	4 Hours
Ghania Layachi	Engineering	4 Hours
Barry McCombs	Sales Marketing	4 Hours
Gregory Michaels	Sales Marketing	4 Hours

The following additional teacher to be added to Engineering Academy Tutoring, before and after school, paid through Perkins Grants, at \$40.00 per hour not to exceed 256 hours for the group:

Ghania Layachi

The following Conackamack Teachers change in additional teaching period as per contract, at 1/6 of their annual base salary, FROM: 10/5/20-12/23/20, TO: 10/5/20-1/29/21 to cover an approved Leave of Absence:

Intesar Fanik	Lauren Leon	Jannifer Ramirez	Adele Tenore
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The following teachers to be approved to grade PHS Academy Entrance Assessments at \$40.00 per hour.

Paul Mazur	Up to 1 Hour
Colleen Morris	Up to 2 Hours
Elana Yousef	Up to 1 Hour

The following Schor Teachers for an additional teaching period as per contract, at 1/6 of their annual base salary, effective 1/19/21 to cover an open position:

Jessica Corrales	Maria Elster
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**SUBSTITUTE**

Larissa Redziniak, Long Term Substitute School Psychologist/District, with an annual salary of Step 1 Doc, \$60,710, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

**C. CHANGE OF STATUS – STAFF PERSONNEL**

TEACHERS

Rebecca Anderson, Elementary Teacher/Knollwood. Unpaid Leave of Absence, 1/4/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Kelly Burns, Health & Physical Education Teacher/Quibbletown. Change in Medical Leave of Absence FROM: 1/4/21-1/22/21 with pay and with benefits. TO: No Medical Leave of Absence.

Alyssa Cipriano, Support Specialist/ML King. Child Care Leave of Absence 2/10/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Sandra Guevara, Art Teacher/High School. Medical Leave of Absence 1/11/21-2/19/21 with pay and with benefits.

Kathleen Malinconico, Elementary Teacher/Arbor. Change in Medical Leave of Absence FROM: 9/1/20-12/1/20. TO: 9/1/20-4/9/21 with pay and with benefits.

Katelyn Massa, Science Teacher/Schor. Change in Unpaid Leave of Absence FROM: 1/4/21-6/30/21. TO: 2/1/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Lauren Nathanson, Science Teacher/Schor. Change in Unpaid Leave of Absence FROM: 1/4/21-6/30/21. TO: 1/27/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Maureen Pena, Science Teacher/Conackamack. Change in Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave FROM: 12/14/20pm-12/23/20. TO: 12/14/20pm-1/29/21 without pay and with benefits.

Erin Torres, Social Studies Teacher/Schor. Medical Leave of Absence 2/22/21-4/5/21 with pay and with benefits.

The following changes in salary, for longevity, effective 1/1/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Courtney Angiuli, Teacher/Coordinator-RTI/Admin Bldg.	15 Years	\$88,477	\$89,227
Teresa DeGrazio, Elementary Teacher/Grandview	20 Years	\$92,277	\$92,777
Kelly Errickson, Elementary Teacher/Grandview	15 Years	\$88,477	\$89,227
Anthony Hunt, English Teacher/High School	20 Years	\$89,227	\$89,727
Mary Mikita, Elementary Teacher/Eisenhower	25 Years	\$89,727	\$90,977
Carolyn Romanoski, Support Specialist/Grandview	15 Years	\$91,527	\$92,277

SECRETARIES

The following change in assignments, effective 1/19/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Stephanie Burk	Part Time, 10 Month Office Clerk Randolphville	Full Time, 10 Month Health Services Clerk ML King Level 1, 10 Month, Step 1 \$32,799
Karyn Tormey-Erdman	Part Time, 10 Month Office Clerk Knollwood	Full Time, 10 Month Elementary Secretary Randolphville Level 3, 10 Month, Step 2 \$40,494

TECHNOLOGY

The following change in status effective for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Adam Ducoff, Computer Technician I/High School	Probationary	Regular

MAINTENANCE

The following changes in status effective for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Matthew Solomon, Custodian/High School	Probationary	Regular
Tramayne Spooner, Floating Custodian/District	Probationary	Regular
Elliott Torres, Custodian/High School	Probationary	Regular

OTHER

The following change in total stipend for the previously approved LIFT Mentoring Coaches, FROM: \$5,000, divided into 2 semi-annual payments of \$2,500 each. TO: \$5,500, divided into 2 semi-annual payments of \$2,750 each, during the 2020-2021 school year.

Dawne Dionisio                      Alexandria Artist

The following change in High School Extra Duty Contract, effective for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Vanessa Fowler	Yearbook-Business Co-Advisor \$1,650	Yearbook-Business Advisor \$3,300

**D. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Job Description:

Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

**E. APPOINTMENT**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Christopher Baldassano be appointed as High School Principal starting February 1, 2021, at a prorated annual salary of \$153,540.

**F. APPOINTMENT**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Heather O'Donnell be appointed as Interim Principal of Arbor Intermediate School starting February 1<sup>st</sup> and receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000.00 for this position. This will be in effect through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year or the appointment of a new Principal, whichever comes first.



	Moved	<u>Mr. Laughlin</u>	Seconded	<u>Ms. Cherry</u>	
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Laughlin	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Smith	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Fields	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Patel	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lane	<u>Y</u>
	Yes; Abstain				
	Resolutions				
Mr. Johnson	<u>E &amp; F</u>	Ms. Scotto	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>
	Yea	<u>9</u>	Nay	<u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>

Mr. Johnson abstained on resolution E; therefore, the vote tally for that one agenda item is as follows:

Yea	<u>8</u>	Nay	<u>0</u>	Abstain	<u>1</u>
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Mr. Johnson abstained on resolution F; therefore, the vote tally for that one agenda item is as follows:

Yea	<u>8</u>	Nay	<u>0</u>	Abstain	<u>1</u>
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**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee – Mr. Patel

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jeffrey Fields**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

Business Meeting	December 10, 2020
Executive Session	December 10, 2020

Moved	<u>Mr. Fields</u>	Seconded	<u>Mr. Johnson</u>
Yea	<u>9</u>	Nay	<u>0</u>

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every Board meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes' duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. The Board may require that individuals register to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Participants may submit written material in support of their position.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board's intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If

speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

- Mr. Oliveira read a public comment regarding the reopening of school that was submitted by 36 members of the public (see Attachment A). Supplemental comments to the statement were also read from Nubia Finklin, Ryan Hoffman, and Natalie Hopkins

The following public comments were read into the record by Mr. Oliveira:

- Devon Beirne – school reopening
- Kristin Strunk – school reopening
- Rose Hoffman – school reopening
- Sehar Mohammad – school reopening
- Tamana Jaswal – school reopening
- Sandra Ruoff – hybrid learning plan
- Julie Alarcon – school reopening
- Steve Ifko – school reopening
- Iwona Radecki – school reopening
- Sean Bibby – hybrid schedule
- Juliet Pastra – congratulations to Ms. Scotto

Motion to close:

Moved Mr. Johnson                      Seconded Mr. Patel  
           Yea 9                                      Nay 0

**XIII. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Nitang Patel**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" and "B", be approved as presented:

**A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**

*Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2*

BE IT RESOLVED that the following disbursements for the month of December, 2020 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 3,408,157.64
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 216,720.17
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 2,135.00
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 226,943.58
Payroll: November 15, 2020	\$ 3,609,448.02
Payroll: November 30, 2020	\$ 3,545,965.78
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,562,025.74
Total	\$12,571,395.93

B. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY'S/TRANSFERS/CASH RECONCILIATION REPORTS

1. Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9

BE IT RESOLVED that the following reports be approved and filed for audit:

Secretary's/Transfers Report November, 2020

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above report be accepted as submitted and that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9

BE IT RESOLVED that the following report be approved and filed for audit:

Cash Summary Report November, 2020 Dated: November 30, 2020

	Moved	<u>Mr. Patel</u>		Seconded	<u>Ms. Cherry</u>
	<u>Vote</u>			<u>Vote</u>	
Mr. Fields	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Patel	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Scotto	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lane	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Laughlin	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Smith	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>
	Yea	9	Nay	0	Abstain
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XIV. POLICY – Brenda Smith

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item "", be approved as presented:

	Moved	_____		Seconded	_____
	<u>Vote</u>			<u>Vote</u>	
Mr. Johnson	_____	Ms. Scotto	_____	Mr. Fields	_____
Mr. Laughlin	_____	Ms. Smith	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____
Mr. Patel	_____	Ms. Cherry	_____	Mrs. Hobson	_____
	Yea	_____	Nay	_____	Abstain
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XV. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item "A", be approved as presented:

A. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT ADDITIONAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221,402

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education received notification of additional funding for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This is meant to provide a measure of federal support in the wake of the public health crisis.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to apply for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$221,402 including expenditures to be incurred for participating private schools in the Piscataway Community.

Moved Ms. Cherry                      Seconded Mrs. Lane

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Mr. Laughlin	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Smith	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Patel	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lane	<u>Y</u>
Ms. Scotto	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Fields	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>

Yea 9      Nay 0      Abstain 0

**XVI. PUPIL SERVICES – Zoe Scotto**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item "A" be approved as presented:

**A. APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACTS**

*Explanation:*

*In accordance with N.J.S.A. 6A:17 and N.J.A.C. 18A:38, the school district of residence for homeless children and foster children shall be responsible for the education of the child and shall pay the cost of tuition when the child attends school in another district.*

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following tuition contracts between the sending district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the receiving district for the 2020-2021 school year:

Student #	Sending District	Effective Date	Amount
520934	Bound Brook School District	9/8/20	\$33,032
596009	Jersey City Public Schools	9/8/20	\$13,986
949807	DCF – Office of Education	9/8/20	\$13,986

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following tuition contracts between the receiving district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the sending district for the 2020-2021 school year:

Student #	Receiving District	Effective Date	Amount
922676	Brick Township Board of Education	9/8/20	\$15,089

Moved Ms. Scotto                      Seconded Ms. Cherry

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Mr. Patel	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Laughlin	<u>Y</u>
Ms. Scotto	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Fields	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lane	<u>Y</u>
Ms. Smith	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>

Yea 9      Nay 0      Abstain 0

**XVII. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Kimberly Lane**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” through “G”, be approved as presented:

**A. APPROVAL OF HIB REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education affirms the Superintendent’s recommendation with respect to Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying matters discussed in executive session at the December 10, 2020 meeting.

**B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Community Education contracts, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2020-2021 Virtual After School/Saturday Enrichment Program:

Course	Contractor	Amount	Number of Sessions
Roblox Create	Code Ninjas	\$80.00 per child	6– One Hour Sessions
Junior Coder	Code Ninjas	\$80.00 per child	6 One Hour Sessions
Chess	GoStem Academy	\$54.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Engineering	GoStem Academy	\$54.00 per child	6 – One Hour Sessions
Zumba	Juliet Maldonado	\$30.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Crazy Chem	Mad Science of WNJ	\$105.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Lights, Sights, And Sounds	Mad Science of WNJ	\$105.00 per child	6 – One Hour Sessions
Cartooning	SteamWorks Studio	\$78.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Silly Circuits	SteamWorks Studio	\$81.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions

**C. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts and embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education helps determine the educational goals for more than 7,000 children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade and successfully sets goals to move the District forward in its efforts to provide a high-quality academic program, a thoughtful and challenging special education program, and a rich and rewarding extra-curricular program; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education is recognized on state and national levels for achievement in academics, athletics, and arts; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education supports social and emotional wellness for all students, provides a safe, inclusive environment for all students, and works with every student and member of our school community to inspire each other and strive for success in our global society; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education leads the District in celebrating our cultural diversity and ensures that every child who resides in Piscataway, regardless of race or immigration status, is welcomed; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education supports expanded technology and access to technology for all students particularly with the advent of remote instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for Piscataway students as they work with administrators, teachers, and parents to inspire high expectations and high quality education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dr. Frank Ranelli, Superintendent of Schools, do hereby recognize the services of the members of the Piscataway Board of Education, and extend appreciation to Shelia Hobson, Nitang Patel, Shantell Cherry, Jeffrey Fields, Sr., Ralph E. Johnson, Kimberly Lane, Calvin Laughlin, Zoe Scotto, and Brenda Smith, as we join communities statewide in observing January 2021 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH.

#### D. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION

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*Explanation:*

*Micro-Mark is donating two brand new 3-D printers to Arbor Intermediate School and Quibbletown Middle School.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of two 3-D printers to the Piscataway Township Schools. The value of this donation is approximately \$3,798.

#### E. APPOINTMENT TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

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WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects Brenda Smith to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brenda Smith be named to serve on the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

#### F. APPOINTMENT TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects Kimberly Lane as District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kimberly Lane be named to serve as the District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

G. APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AND/OR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD AT CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education deems participation in the following conferences by certain members and/or employees of the Board to be educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the costs aforesaid are and, as they further accrue, will be set forth in detailed documentation on file with the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, pursuant to P.L. 2007, c. 53, hereby approves the following travel events. Unless otherwise stated, all costs of registration, travel, meals and lodging are included, to the extent permitted by law.

Name	Conference	Date(s)	Cost Not to Exceed
Michael Yoson	Montclair University Theatre Day for Teachers / Virtual	January 8, 2021 February 6, 2021 March 10, 2021 April 24, 2021	\$100
Lindsay Barna	Teacher's College - The Reading & Writing Project / Virtual	January 25-27, 2021	\$800
David Oliveira	NJASBO - Purchasing Update and Best Practices & NJSTART State Contract Purchasing / Webinar	March 16, 2021	\$50

Moved Mrs. Lane Seconded Ms. Cherry

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Ms. Scotto	Yes; abstain Resolution A	Mr. Fields	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Patel	<u>Y</u>
Ms. Smith	Yes; abstain Resolution E	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lane	Yes; abstain Resolution F
Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Laughlin	Yes; abstain Resolution A	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>
Yea	<u>9</u>	Nay	<u>0</u>	Abstain	<u>0</u>

Ms. Scotto and Mr. Laughlin abstained on resolution A; therefore, the vote tally for that one agenda item is as follows:

Yea 7 Nay 0 Abstain 2

Ms. Smith abstained on resolution E; therefore, the vote tally for that one agenda item is as follows:

Yea 8 Nay 0 Abstain 1

Mrs. Lane abstained on resolution F; therefore, the vote tally for that one agenda item is as follows:

Yea 8 Nay 0 Abstain 1

**XVIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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- None

**XIX. NEW BUSINESS**

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- Welcome to Ms. Scotto

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved Mr. Laughlin      Seconded Mr. Patel  
Yea 9                      Nay 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Respectfully submitted,



David Oliveira  
Board Secretary



**PUBLIC COMMENT – 1/14/21 BOARD MEETING  
STATEMENT CONCERNING SCHOOL RE-OPENING**

Olivia Sekulich	David Cruz	Michelle Prester
Anupama Shah	Reese Garcia	Darshni Patel
Harsimran Kaur	Joseph Clyburn	Janvi Patel
Daniel Dai	Chandni Patel	Frank Clyburn
Trupti Patel	Deborah Clyburn	Natalie Raiman
Rachel Wahler	Kezia Van Lare	Ved Sriraman
Jacqueline Howard	Al Cavallo	Harsh Patel
Noelle Majorczak	Amithi Pathak	Aaron Szabo
Kelly O'Connor	Anisha Patel	Nisha Gandhi

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Devon Beirne	Joseph Regan	Tajuana Allen
Lisa Jarusiewicz	Jillian Hanna	Jennifer Lorenc
Kylie Bezpa	Brionna Pettus	Laura Superchi