

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The Business Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021, via video teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by the Board President, Shelia Hobson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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> Arrived at 6:10 pm	Ms. Smith

II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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 February 5, 2021 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

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> Mrs. Hobson	Seconded	<u> </u> Mr. Patel
	Yea <u> </u> 8		Nay <u> </u> 0

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene: 7:06 pm

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

Board Vice President Kimberly Lane presided over the meeting.

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

- None

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

- Report from Mr. O'Reilly

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Black History Month
- Tori Fisher – Piscataway High School Outstanding Senior Female Athlete
- Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Children's Corner Shares Book Love With Students and Families

Children's Corner Preschool opened a new lending library at both Pond and River locations, with more than 500 new books added to the current collection. Preschool Teacher Mrs. Margaret Marcinko, in collaboration with the Piscataway Township Library, selected books to support monthly learning themes and celebrate our multicultural community. Children can share what makes them special with *Hair Love* by Matthew Cherry, *I Am Perfectly Designed* by Karamo Brown, and *Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* by Sonia Sotomayor, and many more. Research shows "Multicultural literature serves as a powerful tool in enabling students to gain a better understanding of both their own culture and the cultures of others. Through this deeper knowledge, relationships can be strengthened, bridging the gap between students from diverse cultural backgrounds (Hseu & Hetzel, 2000). Children's Corner Staff is excited to share this resource and a love of learning and literature with its students and families.

Randolphville Families Celebrate Fitness

Randolphville families came together to participate in the Randolphville Virtual Family Fitness Night. This virtual event combined physical fitness with nutrition and lots of fun. Randy the Raccoon made an appearance to start the evening off, leading Randolphville families in a warmup. PE teacher, Mr. Stio guided families through each event, including Zumba, Pilates, and a Dance Off with Mr. Worden. Students and families discovered some Healthy Eating Recipes and took a Food Group Challenge. The evening culminated with a relaxing Yoga session led by Ms. Kamdar. Mr. Stio will be checking in with students, encouraging physical fitness and healthy eating all year long.

Randy's Warmup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fr7nmPsMwZI&t=2s>

Healthy Recipe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gedGGPs4RSU>

Piscataway Schools Celebrate Black History Month

In February, Piscataway Schools celebrates Black History Month, encouraging students to learn more about the contributions of African Americans spanning politics, science, literature, the arts, entertainment, and sports. Learning takes place across all curriculum areas. This year, while engaged in remote learning, our students used technology in varied and interesting ways to share what they discovered about the work of specific individuals and historical figures, as well as issues of race, civil rights, social justice, and more.

At PHS, students take part in videoconferencing programs through Oiada, an International Non-Profit Organization, view segments of Byron Hurt's documentaries on issues of race, health, and social justice, study the power and impact of African American organizations, examine the racial wealth gap, slavery, the effects of segregation, Apartheid, and other mini-units of cultural movements. Resources include the Pulitzer Center for The 1619 Project and The Great Migration/Jacob Lawrence Project, as well as many other primary sources, books, articles, decisions, movies, works of art, and more. Additionally, through the Media Center, students had access to the curated Collections for Black History Resources and Civil Rights.

Partnering with The Diversity Organization, students attended assemblies on the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and on fostering tolerance and unity, embracing diversity and having difficult conversations. Media Tech students film short projects based on history and historical figures, while radio students create one-minute voice-overs remembering/educating listeners about a person, group, or event. In Visual and Performing Arts, students explore the works, history, and techniques of African American artists and performers. Special Education students highlight an important person in Black history.

Individual classes at our middle schools examine a wide range of important topics in Black History, including HBCU history and contributions, the 60th Anniversary of the Freedom Riders, Civil Rights Movement, Harlem Renaissance, Motown, the Tuskegee Airmen, racism, discrimination, stereotypes, and contributions during the Revolutionary War. Students use their knowledge to create Nearpod and Padlet projects, iMovie biographies, news articles, and even digital quilt squares based on Faith Ringgold's Tar Beach. Conackamack PE students work out this month with a Celebrate Black History Month's Sports, Health and Fitness Heroes Trivia Game.

Arbor literacy students study the origins of Black History Month and focus on notable people ranging from Ruby Bridges to Amanda Gorman. At the end of the month, students will create a poster or a poem, reflecting on what they learned. King highlights African-Americans who have made a positive impact in the lives of others. Teachers incorporate as many "young" Black figures and other African Americans who are still alive and influential in present-day American society. School-wide activities focus on two young Black women: Amanda Gorman, Youth Poet Laureate who presented at January's Presidential Inauguration, and Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, a Medical Doctor and lead scientist behind the Moderna coronavirus vaccine.

At our Elementary schools, students study and discuss notable African American figures, including civil rights leaders, artists, educators, and inventors, Students examine the concepts of diversity and inclusion and focus on the impact Black Americans have had on innovation, civil rights, education, and the arts. Students continue their studies across the curriculum, learning about ground-breaking athletes in P.E., and the incredible contributions to music and art by African Americans.

Our youngest students at Children's Corner Preschool will experience a virtual assembly featuring the McDonald's Choir "Faces of Black History," a moving concert that salutes Black History makers, from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to present day heroes of the arts, sports and sciences through, song, dance and poetry. Each preschool class also learns about an influential leader in the Black community and contributes pictures to a virtual Black History Museum.

Quibbletown Student Shares Mental Health Coping Strategies Comic Book Style

Quibbletown students completed a "Genius Hour Project," picking a topic they were passionate about, researching it, creating a "product," and presenting it to the class in a "Shark Tank" style presentation. Eighth Grader Marcus Pinto chose Mental Health as his subject, and created a three-page comic book about mental health coping strategies for the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. He conducted research, and

personally wrote, drew, and designed the entire comic book himself. The finished product has been shared with the entire student body, and is accessible to them through Schoology.

Tori Fisher Named PHS Outstanding Female Athlete

PHS Senior Tori Fisher is this year's Piscataway High School's Outstanding Senior Female Athlete. She was recognized on National Girls and Women in Sports Day. This annual day of observance sponsored by the Women's Sports Foundation, acknowledges the accomplishments of female athletes, recognizes the influence of sports participation for women and girls, and honors the progress and continuing struggle for equality for women in sports. Tori is a two-year captain of the Girls' Basketball Team and was a unanimous First Team All Red Division Last Year. She averaged 15 points per game and 5 assists per game. Tori is currently considering many schools to continue her academic and athletic career at the next level. Congratulations, Tori!

PHS Artists Win Recognition

Congratulations to PHS artists Micah Enobio, Cindy Le, and Pauline Luo Ye who had their work published in the Celebrating Art Fall edition. Thanks to Ms. Dorothy Amme for providing this opportunity.

PHS's 2020 Piscatorama Yearbook Awarded Second Place in American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Yearbook Contest

PHS's 2020 Piscatorama Yearbook was awarded second place in the American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Yearbook Contest. The Yearbook was judged against hundreds of other high school yearbooks across the country. Publications are judged on page design, story layout, graphics, headlining, cover design, advertising placement, photography, and more. With yearbooks considered the number one keepsake for graduating classes, the Class of 2020 can look back on their award-winning publication with pride. Congratulations to the 2020 Piscatorama Team, Yearbook Staff: Nida Ashad, Katlyn Gulmantovicz, Amberlynn Hriczko, Jenna Joseph, Kayla Joseph, Maya Page, Jiya Parikh, Steven Rocha, Michael Supe, Demetri Thorpe, Emily Valladares, Kayla Wyatt, and Chelsea White; Editorial Advisers: Sarah Coppola and Matt Viola; and Business Advisers: Mitch Fuhr and Jennifer O'Neill.

Conackamack Holds First Virtual Game Night

Sponsored by the Student Council, Conackamack's First Virtual Game Night was a big hit! Conducted on Zoom, volunteer teachers assisted student council members in managing a variety of games in breakout rooms, including Celebrity Singer Kahoot, Marvel/Disney Princess Kahoot, Guess Who, Pictionary, and Jeopardy. Students were able to meet and play, enjoying pure social time together. Thanks go to Ms. Bentivenga and all the teachers who helped out that night, and to the Student Council members for creating and managing a wonderful night of fun.

Grandview Reunites

Members of the Grandview family reunited with their classmates and teachers from the 2019-2020 school year during Grandview's Reunion Day. Coordinated by Ms. Ferraz and Ms. Rooney, this reunion allowed children to visit their former teachers' classes during a school-wide virtual reunion. Last year's classes reconnected and enjoyed their walk down Memory Lane. This reunion was also an opportunity for students to share the positive things they have accomplished during virtual learning.

- Piscataway High School Yearbook team award
- National School Counselors Week
- Remediation programs
- Summer Camp
- March 1, 2021 School Reopening

IX. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Calvin Laughlin

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

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS

Maryellen Campbell, Special Education Teacher/Grandview	Effective: 6/30/21 Reason: Retirement
Carol Cirasa, Elementary Teacher/Eisenhower	Effective: 6/30/21 Reason: Retirement
Diane Moskal, Math Teacher/High School	Effective: 3/31/21 Reason: Retirement

B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS – STAFF PERSONNELNON UNIT

Bryan Christen, IT Service Manager/District, with a prorated annual salary of \$90,000, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork and release from current employer, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

TEACHERS

The following staff, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

Catherine Soliman	Step 7-8 MA \$67,333	Speech Correction/Language Specialist Children's Corner
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CUSTODIAN

Ryan Gillhooly, Custodian/Schor, with a prorated annual salary of Step 1 \$39,000, effective 2/16/21 for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

TECHNOLOGY

Carmen Mercado, Computer Technician I/District, with a prorated annual salary of Step 5 \$47,750, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

OTHER

The following Children's Corner Speech Therapists for an additional period as per contract, at 1/6 of their annual base salary, effective 1/25/21 to cover a vacant position:

Casey Carlson	Jillian Yospin-Klouser
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The following High School Teacher for additional teaching period as per contract, at 1/6 of her annual base salary, effective 2/2/21 to cover an approved Leave of Absence:

Amanda Reeseg

The following Schor Teachers for additional teaching period as per contract, at 1/6 of their annual salary, effective 2/16/21 to cover an approved Leave of Absence:

Marissa Brenner	Kyle Dunich	Janell Smolk
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The following Extra Duty Contracts, effective for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

ML King:

Samantha Hunter	Cooking Club	\$1,000
Jennifer Kaiser	Mindfulness Club	\$500
Irina Nikitovic	Mindfulness Club	\$500

High School:

Patricia Killian	Academic Challenge Club	\$600
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The following Extra Duty Contracts, effective 4/1/21 – 6/20/21, if it is determined that the spring athletic season will be held:

High School Athletics

Softball

Lauren Scinto	Head Coach	G-3	\$8,971
Jessica Whritenour	Assistant Coach	G-3	\$5,722
Kristie Crilley	Assistant Coach	G-3	\$5,722
Amanda Siedlecki	Assistant Coach	G-2	\$5,273

Spring Track

Peter Buccino	Head Coach – Boys	G-3	\$8,971
Jonathan Buggiey	Assistant Coach – Boys	G-2	\$5,273
James-Edwards Boyd	Assistant Coach – Boys	G-3	\$5,722
Daniel Higgins	Assistant Coach – Boys	G-2	\$5,273
Ashwin Anantharaman	Head Coach – Girls	G-3	\$8,971
Cynthia Botett	Assistant Coach – Girls	G-3	\$5,722
Ronnah Parham	Assistant Coach – Girls	G-3	\$5,722
Camisha Pierson	Assistant Coach – Girls	G-2	\$5,273

Golf

Richard Zirin	Head Coach	G-3	\$6,502
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Boys' Tennis

Dana Strafer	Head Coach	G-3	\$6,502
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Boys' Volleyball

Brian Tuskan	Assistant Coach	G-3	\$5,722
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Strength & Conditioning

James Marsh	Spring Coach	G-3	\$5,654
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Baseball

Robert Stoddard	Head Coach	G-1	\$7,726
Michael Jasper	Assistant Coach	G-1	\$4,875
Jeffrey Conway	Assistant Coach	G-1	\$4,875
Kyle Dunich	Assistant Coach	G-1	\$4,875

The following High School Extra Duty Contracts, effective 4/1/21 – 6/20/21, subject to completion of required paperwork and if it is determined that the spring athletic season will be held:

<u>Boys' Volleyball</u>			
Dritan Lazemetaj	Head Coach	G-3	\$8,971
Raymond Horne	Assistant Coach	G-3	\$5,722

The following Community Education, Before/After Child Care staff effective 3/1/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Contingent upon enrollment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Dominique Daniels	Counselor	\$15.00

The following teacher to create a Digital Kindergarten Screener at \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed 5 hours:

Lisa Parrish

SUBSTITUTES

Amanda Hastings, Supplemental Long Term Substitute/District, with a prorated annual salary of Step 1 BA \$52,700, effective 2/1/21 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Terese Smith-Caver, Substitute Nurse/District, at a daily rate of \$135.00, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

C. CHANGE OF STATUS – STAFF PERSONNEL

TEACHERS

Lindsay Buggey, Speech Correction/Language Specialist/High School. Change in Medical Leave of Absence FROM: 1/11/21-2/26/21, TO: 1/11/21-2/25/21 with pay and with benefits. Change in Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave FROM: 3/1/21-5/21/21, TO: 2/26/21-5/21/21 without pay and with benefits.

Maryellen Campbell, RP Teacher/Grandview. Intermittent Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 1/1/21-6/30/21 without pay and with benefits.

Monica Curry, Teacher/Coordinator ESL K-8/Administration Building. Child Care Leave of Absence 3/15/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Sara Doherty, Elementary Teacher/Arbor. Medical Leave of Absence 5/10/21-6/30/21 with pay and with benefits.

Katelyn Massa, Science Teacher/Schor. Change in Unpaid Leave of Absence FROM: 2/1/21-6/30/21. TO: 3/1/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Diane Moskal, Math Teacher/High School. Medical Leave of Absence 9/8/20-3/31/21 with pay and with benefits.

Lauren Nathanson, Science Teacher/Schor. Change in Unpaid Leave of Absence FROM: 1/4/21-6/30/21. TO: 2/24/21-6/30/21 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-2/19/21 without pay and with benefits.

Maureen Pena, Science Teacher/Conackamack. Unpaid Leave of Absence 2/22/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Cindy Rauch, Social Studies Teacher/High School. Unpaid Leave of Absence 2/24/21-6/30/21 without pay.

Diane Repetz, RP Teacher/Arbor. Medical Leave of Absence 3/22/21-4/22/21am with pay and with benefits. Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 4/22/21pm-6/30/21 without pay and with benefits.

Samantha Thibodeau, Technology Computer Teacher/Quibbletown. Medical Leave of Absence 4/6/21-5/14/21 with pay and with benefits. Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 5/17/21-6/30/21 without pay and with benefits.

Erin Torres, Social Studies Teacher/Schor. Change in Medical Leave of Absence FROM: 2/22/21-4/5/21, TO: 2/16/21-4/5/21 with pay and with benefits.

The following change in salary, for longevity, effective 2/1/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sybil Segars, Support Specialist/Conackamack	15 Years	\$88,477	\$89,227

SECRETARY

The following change in status, effective 2/16/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Amy Ferguson, Secretary Curriculum & Instruction/Administration Building	Probationary	Regular

TRANSPORTATION

The following change in status, effective 2/16/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Victoria Nazario-Jimenez, Bus Driver/Transportation	Probationary	Regular

OTHER

The following teachers change in additional teaching period as per contract, at 1/6 of their annual base salary, FROM: 10/5/20-1/29/21, TO: 10/5/20-6/17/21 to cover an approved Leave of Absence:

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The following Community Education, Children's Corner staff to have a change in furlough dates FROM: 9/1/20-1/31/21, TO: 9/1/20-2/22/21, with the understanding that the infant and toddler program opens and the staff may have modified assignments as developed:

Mary Ann Abreu	Sarah Maas	Erica Martinez
Emily Scoda	Katie Scoda	Caitlyn Tomari

Sadia Amin, Community Education ESL Aide/Children's Corner, with a prorated annual salary of \$22,000, to be paid for with Title III Funds, effective 3/1/21, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Livanesa Saud-Rodriguez, Community Education Preschool Assistant/Children's Corner. Unpaid Leave of Absence 2/24/21-5/19/21 without pay.

Jaklin Hanna, Community Education Preschool Instructor/Children’s Corner. Unpaid Leave of Absence 2/24/21-6/30/21 without pay and without benefits.

Christopher Nowak in place of previously approved Susan Kane Pascullo to act as chapter advisor for TSA planning and maintaining oversight of student participation in competitive and noncompetitive events, student leadership training, outreach and recruitment activities to be paid a stipend of \$800, during the 2020-2021 school year.

The following change in advisory committee for the specific CTE program as noted below, with funds from the Perkins FY21 application, at \$40.00 an hour:

<u>FROM:</u>		
Susan Kane Pascullo	Radio/TV, 090701	6.5 hours
Christopher Nowak	Radio/TV, 090701	6.5 hours
<u>TO:</u>		
Christopher Nowak	Radio/TV, 090701	13 hours

D. RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Gaye McGee to be appointed as Acting Dean/Arbor School, with a monthly stipend of \$580, effective 2/22/21 to no later than the end of the school year.

	Moved	<u>Mr. Laughlin</u>	Seconded	<u>Ms. Smith</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>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Scotto	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>
	Yea	<u>9</u>	Nay	<u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee – Mr. Patel
- Curriculum Committee – Ms. Cherry
- Policy & Legislative Committee – Ms. Smith
- Culture, Climate and Community Relations Committee – Mrs. Lane

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jeffrey Fields

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

Reorganization Meeting	January 7, 2021
Executive Session	January 7, 2021

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

Business Meeting
Executive Session

January 14, 2021
January 14, 2021

Moved Mr. Fields Seconded Ms. Cherry
Yea 9 Nay 0

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.

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

- Josephine Paredes and Debra Weeks – School reopening
- Darlene Shaw – Teacher coverage
- Natasha Haggman
- Rose Hoffman – School reopening
- Julie Fisher – School reopening
- Jennifer Mezours – School reopening
- Ryan Hoffman – School reopening
- Kristin Strunk – School reopening
- Michael Belvita – NJDOE testing
- Vir Patel – School schedule

The following public comments were made via Zoom:

- Malola Iduh (121 Park Avenue) – Student involvement in Curriculum Committee

Motion to close:

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

XIII. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Nitang Patel

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

A. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Explanation:

N.J.S.A. 18A:23-8 requires that an audit of the accounts of a school district be made only by a certified public accountant of New Jersey.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts the annual audit for the year ended June 30, 2020 (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the related Auditor's Management Report).

B. 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 January, 2021 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 2,521,054.69
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 374,495.05
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 566,112.22
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 151,315.72
Payroll: January 15, 2020	\$ 3,612,570.96
Payroll: January 30, 2020	\$ 3,607,104.68
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,675,975.04
Total	\$12,508,628.36

C. 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 December, 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 December, 2020 Dated: December 31, 2020

D. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

Explanation:

The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey provides services to its member districts including special education schools and related services, collaborative educational services, and mandated nonpublic school services in exchange for a fee/surcharge. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-63, contracts with an Educational Services Commission can be up to ten years in length. The Nonpublic Security Aid Program contract has been renewed and is a five-year term, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education enter into an agreement for Nonpublic Security Aid Program with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 at the terms set forth in the contract on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

E. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: ARCHITECT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education enters into a professional services contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) with Spiezle Architectural Group for architectural and engineering services for a pre-referendum planning phase to determine project scope, schedule, budget, DOE documentation submission requirements, and related tasks leading up to a referendum vote for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$49,000 plus reimbursable expenses.

F. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Explanation:

The District has two transportation services agreements with Layla Transportation and Trading, Inc. ("Layla") for the provision of transportation services to and from the K-12 schools and the preschools. Due to COVID-19, the schools have been closed since March 17, 2020. In accordance with P.L. 2020, c.27, the District negotiated an addendum to the 2020-2021 transportation agreements to provide compensation to Layla at a reduced rate of 60% to meet its payroll and fixed cost obligations during the COVID-19 public school closure from November 14, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the addendum to the transportation services agreements with Layla Transportation and Trading, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year (Attachment A) and authorizes the School Business Administrator to execute the addendum.

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

XIV. POLICY – Brenda Smith

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

A. ACCEPT ON FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts on first reading the following policies:

- Bylaw 0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal
- Bylaw 0155.1 Board Member Participation at In-Person Board Meetings

Moved Ms. Smith Seconded Ms. Cherry

The Board and Mr. Rubin discussed the language included in the proposed policies. Following the discussion, Mr. Johnson moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education postpone the vote on the first reading of Bylaws 0145 and 0155.1 for continued review and discussion by the Policy Committee.

Moved Mr. Johnson Seconded Ms. Cherry

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

Yea 4 Nay 5 Abstain 0

The resolution proposed by Mr. Johnson lost. The Board proceeded with the vote on resolution A as moved by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Cherry.

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

Yea 7 Nay 2 Abstain 0

XV. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

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

A. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION GRANT

Explanation:

IACE, the Italian American Committee on Education, offers an annual grant. This grant is sponsored by IACE in collaboration with the Italian government and the publishing company Arcobaleno.it. The grant covers the cost of purchase for online materials about Italian language and culture. The materials intertwine language and culture in a rich, authentic and engaging platform. The themes explored are consistent and aligned with the Italian Curriculum at Piscataway High School, as well as NJSLs-WL and ACTFL standards.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to apply for and accept the Italian American Committee on Education grant in the amount of \$7,500.

Moved Ms. Cherry Seconded Ms. Smith

	<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.

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
796239	New Brunswick Board of Education	1/12/21	\$7,507

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 “C”, be approved as presented:

A. 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
Silly Circuits	SteamWorks Studio	\$96.00 per child	6 - One Hour Sessions

B. APPOINTMENT TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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

C. 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
Lindsay Barna	Rutgers Graduate School of Education's Center for Literacy Development 2021 Spring Webinar Series / Virtual	February 18, 2021 March 18, 2021 April 29, 2021 June 3, 2021	\$120
Caren Stephenson	Rutgers Graduate School of Education's Center for Literacy Development 2021 Spring Webinar Series / Virtual	February 18, 2021 March 18, 2021 April 29, 2021 June 3, 2021	\$120
Buddy Previtera	Baseball/Softball Field Management / Virtual	February 22, 2021	\$195
Jennifer Yang	National Association of School Psychologists 2021 Convention / Virtual	February 23-26, 2021	\$199
Sarah Anderson	Bureau of Education & Research / Accelerate ELL Students' Learning in Pre-K and Kindergarten / Virtual	March 1, 2021	\$279

Anthony Fritz	Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station Irrigation 101 / Virtual	March 4, 2021	\$210
Dennis Kunkel	Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station Irrigation 101 / Virtual	March 4, 2021	\$210
Scott Cartmell	NJASRO Safe School Resource Officer / School Liaison Training / Virtual	March 15-19, 2021	\$425
Colleen Pongratz	NJASRO Safe School Resource Officer / School Liaison Training / Virtual	March 15-19, 2021	\$425
Eric Koch	NJ Pesticide Applicators License / Virtual	March 25, 2021	\$100
Matthew Culkin	Handle with Care Re-Certification / Hamilton, NJ	April 14, 2021	\$450
Olesia Parmar	2021 NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference ELL – Equity for Language Learners / Virtual	May 25-27, 2021	\$599

Moved Mrs. Lane Seconded Ms. Cherry

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

Yea 9 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- None

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Scotto initiated a conversation regarding the construction of warehouses around Randolphville School. Following the discussion, Ms. Scotto moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education ask the Piscataway Township Zoning Board to delay a decision on warehouses surrounding Randolphville School to allow the school board to assess the impact on Randolphville School.

Moved Ms. Scotto Seconded Ms. Cherry

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

Yea 7 Nay 0 Abstain 2

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Moved Mrs. Lane Seconded Mr. Johnson
 Yea 9 Nay 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,



David Oliveira
 Board Secretary

**ADDENDUM TO THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY
AND
LAYLA TRANSPORTATION AND TRADING, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway (the “Board”) and Layla Transportation and Trading, Inc. (“the Contractor”) are parties to Transportation Services Agreements for the 2020-2021 school year (“Agreements”); and

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for the transportation of students residing within the Township of Piscataway Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board entered into Agreements with the Contractor for transportation services, which provides that the Contractor shall be paid only for transportation services performed; and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, the Township of Piscataway Public School District has been closed as of March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Contractor’s transportation services have since discontinued; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that transportation services will be available when schools reopen, the Board agrees to continue payment in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed into law P.L. 2020, c. 27, which includes a provision for payments to contracted service providers during the current public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-referenced law, the Board is to make payments for “benefits, compensation, and emoluments” and is not to pay for service provider’s indirect costs such as fuel and tolls; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is obligated to use renegotiated payments to meet its payroll and fixed cost obligations;

WHEREAS, by this Addendum, the Board will have fulfilled its obligations pursuant to law P.L. 2020, c. 27; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements terminate on 6/30/2021 and the Board will no longer be subject to the obligations imposed by P.L. 2020, c. 27 in regards to the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-3 requires that demands for compensation under the Agreements must be accompanied by an affidavit verifying that compensation is limited to services rendered; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure operations/service continuity following the end of the Closure Period and to provide for transportation services when in-person instruction resumes; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of amending the terms of the Agreements to memorialize and clarify the respective responsibilities and obligations of the parties as set forth above.

NOW, WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE as follows:

1. The Agreements are hereby amended as follows:
 - A. During the period from November 14, 2020 through January 31, 2021 that the Township of Piscataway Public School District remains closed without the need for transportation services as a result of COVID-19, the Agreements shall remain in full force and effect and the Board shall continue its payment obligations, but at the reduced rate of sixty percent (60%) of the estimated total cost per route(s), as identified in the Agreements.
 - i. The parties acknowledge that the reduction in rate is solely for the period of school closure as a result of COVID-19 as the Contractor is not incurring certain operational costs, such as, but not limited to, those related to fuel and vehicle maintenance.
 - B. The Contractor hereby certifies that Contractor does not have business interruption insurance or similar insurance policy.
2. All other terms and conditions of the Agreements not addressed herein shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This Addendum is contingent upon approval by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and seals on the dated written below.

WITNESS:

DATED: _____

WITNESS:

DATED: _____

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BY: _____

DATED: _____

CONTRACTOR

BY: _____

DATED: _____