

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The monthly Business Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Piscataway High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Board President, Mrs. Hobson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board President

Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u> </u> P	Ms. Cherry	<u> </u> Absent	Mr. Johnson	<u> </u> Absent	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

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 August 20, 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

This meeting is being videotaped. 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: 6:32 pm

Moved	<u> </u> Mrs. Lane	Seconded	<u> </u> Ms. Smith
Yea	<u> </u> 7	Nay	<u> </u> 0

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene: 7:30 pm

Moved	<u> </u> Mrs. Hobson	Seconded	<u> </u> Ms. Smith
Yea	<u> </u> 7	Nay	<u> </u> 0

V. STUDENT PRESENTATION

- None

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

- Report from Ms. Lawhorne
- Report from Mr. Patel

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- School response to Tropical Storm Ida

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS OPENS NEW CHILDREN'S CORNER CAMPUS

On September 8, the first day of the 2021-2022 school year, Piscataway Township Schools welcomed 263 three- and four- year-old students to its new Children's Corner Preschool campus, located at 275 Old New Brunswick Road, and an additional 115 students at it Children's Corner River campus. Children's Corner has offered high quality preschool to Piscataway families for more than twenty years, and now, due to preschool expansion aid from the State of New Jersey, this full day program is free of charge. In addition to the bright and inviting classrooms, the new building contains a multipurpose room, music room, and a new playground. Later this month, the Office of Community Education will relocate to this building.

PISCATAWAY WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

On August 23 and 24, Piscataway welcomed 39 new teachers for two days of orientation and professional development. Absorbing information from general presentations along with small breakout groups, our new teachers left the residency armed with technology tips, a thorough understanding of our special education services, our focus on social emotional learning, and having made personal connections with new and veteran staff members. Special thanks to our Curriculum and Instruction Team, led by Dr. Baskerville, and our Human Resources Team, led by Cathie Sousa, for putting this important event together.

SCHOOLS OPEN WITH NEW HEAD CUSTODIANS

Some of the most important staff members in any school are its custodians. This year, Piscataway was pleased to appoint several of our valued custodial staff to supervisory positions in our schools. Congratulations to Kenny Dzurilla, who is at Arbor School, Brian Gordon, at Piscataway High School, Veronica Bates, at King School, and William Sverada, who moves to Quibbletown.

FALL SPORTS ARE BACK!

Following a year off the fields due to COVID precautions, Piscataway Fall Sports are back! After Tropical Storm Ida necessitated the cancellation of the season's first game, the Chiefs take on South Brunswick on home turf on Friday, September 10 at 6:00pm for the new game one of their season. Both the team and the Superchiefs Marching Band are ready to take the field! They join student athletes in tennis, cross country, soccer, and field hockey, in representing their school through sports.

THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND GUIDE IS BACK WITH EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Tropical Storm Ida may have held up mail delivery of the 2021-2022 School Calendar and Guide, but parents will be happy to see the return of planned events throughout the year! The calendar can be found on the district website and should be delivered to homes this week.

PBL ASSAY SCIENCE-PHS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON HELD VIRTUALLY

The sixteenth annual PBL-PHS Biomedical Research Scholarship was awarded to PHS student Ashley Igbokwe. Past awardees were invited to attend the virtual luncheon event, which took place in early August. With college and career taking past award winners to many areas of the country, this Zoom event enabled many of them to attend. It was a wonderful event celebrating young scientists who got their start in Piscataway. Congratulations to Ashley and all PHS PBL Assay Science award winners!

PHS AP SCIENCE STUDENTS AVERAGED 3.5 ON THEIR SPRING 2021 EXAMS

This spring, Piscataway High School Science Students took 139 AP exams in the sciences and did very well. Scores included 84% of students in AP Biology and AP Chemistry passing their exams and becoming eligible to receive college credits for their efforts. Students taking the AP Physics C: Mechanics exam averaged a score of 4, with 94% of those students passing their exams. This is a great effort in difficult subject areas. We are proud of our students who work at a college level and receive credit both through the AP program, as well as our partnerships with Rutgers, other state colleges and universities, and County Colleges.

Piscataway Earns Certificate of Excellence from the Association of Small Business Officials

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) awarded Piscataway Schools with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE). ASBO International's COE recognizes districts that have met the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The school district earned the Certificate of Excellence for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending 2020. This is the fourth consecutive year the district has been honored with this award. Congratulations to Business Administrator David Oliveira and his Business Office Team.

- Tropical Storm Ida response summary and thanks
- School opening
- Piscataway High School Varsity Football opening game
- Board Attorney David Rubin read aloud an August 30, 2021 resolution of the School Ethics Commission in the matter of Nazir v. Patel, OAL Dkt. No. EEC-12359-19, SEC Dkt. No. C43-19.
- September 11, 2001 remembrance

IX. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Calvin Laughlin

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

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS

Erica Badru, Language Arts/Literacy Teacher/Conackamack	Effective: 10/31/21 Reason: Personal
Binny Patel, School Psychologist/Behaviorist/Arbor/Knollwood	Effective: 11/7/21 Reason: Personal
Cathline Tanis, Department Chairperson-English/High School	Effective: 10/15/21 Reason: Personal
Dina Violante, Security Aide/High School	Effective: 9/13/21 Reason: Personal

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

Yashmine Cooper, Assistant Elementary Principal/Knollwood, with an annual salary of Step 5, \$106,851, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

TEACHERS

The following staff, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Angela Batista	Step 1 BA \$53,500	Spanish Teacher Randolphville/Knollwood
Holly D'Agostino	Step 2 MA \$57,050	Elementary Teacher Eisenhower
Sean Demarest	Step 2 BA \$54,000	Social Studies Teacher Conackamack
Nyasia Drye	Step 1 BA \$53,500	English Teacher High School
Lauren Enes	Step 3 BA \$54,871	Preschool Teacher Children's Corner
Bruce Herniter	Step 10 Doc \$79,676	Physics Teacher High School
Natalie Hopkins	Step 8-9 BA \$68,013	Preschool Teacher Children's Corner
Carrie Johnson	Step 8-9 6 th Year \$73,523	Language Arts/Literacy Teacher Schor
Anshu Khera	Step 1 6 th Year \$59,010	Math Teacher High School
Sayyada Rahim	Step 5 MA \$64,017	Science Teacher Schor
Amanda Siedlecki	Step 1 BA \$53,500	Health & Physical Education Teacher Randolphville
Dylan Scalora	Step 11 MA \$80,245	English Teacher High School
Steven Virgone	Step 10A MA \$77,570	Social Studies Teacher High School
James Whitlock	Step 2 BA \$54,000	Social Studies Teacher Schor
Jessica Wojtaszek	Step 3 BA \$54,871	Preschool Teacher Children's Corner

AIDES

SueAnn Gaster, Noontime Aide/Arbor, with an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year

Sharon Lawson, Noontime Aide/Randolphville, with an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Donna Mitchell, Noontime Aide/Eisenhower, with an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

CLERK

Amy Petrik, Part Time, 10 Month Office Clerk/Knollwood, with an annual salary of Level 1, 10 Month, Step 3, FTE .50, \$17,399.50, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

CUSTODIANS

Mayra Gonzalez, Floating Custodian/District, with an annual salary of Step 4, \$42,200, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Matthew Guerrier, Custodian/ML King, with an annual salary of Step 1, \$39,200, effective 9/1/21 for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dardi Jones, Custodian/Administration Building, with an annual salary of Step1, \$39,200, effective 9/1/21, for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Earvin Rogers, Custodian/High School, with an annual salary of Step 1, \$39,200, effective 9/1/21, for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

TRANSPORTATION

Jhonny Franco, Bus Driver/Transportation, with an hourly rate of \$23.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Blanca Mercado, Bus Driver/Transportation, with an hourly rate of \$23.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ana Olivera, Bus Driver/Transportation, with an hourly rate of \$23.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Phyllis Simmonds, Bus Driver/Transportation, with an hourly rate of \$23.00, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

TECHNOLOGY

Anthony Hudzinski, Computer Technician I/High School, with an annual salary of Step 5, \$48,750, effective TBD, subject to completion of required paperwork and for the customary 90 day probationary period, for the 2021-2022 school year.

OTHER

Jaclyn Russo, Community Education Infant Teacher/Children’s Corner, with an annual salary of \$35,100, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Michele Diaz, Community Education Infant Aide/Children’s Corner, with an annual salary of \$22,500, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Raquel Rodriguez, Community Education Toddler Aide/Children’s Corner, with an annual salary of \$22,500, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

The following Extra Duty Contracts, as indicated for the 2021-2022 school year:

Technology Coordinators

Jemimah Vergara	Children’s Corner	\$5,206
Lelia Brennan	Knollwood	\$5,206
Alyssa Park	Eisenhower	\$5,206
Christian Lee	Grandview 50% FTE	\$2,603
Sandi Desai	Grandview 50% FTE	\$2,603
Da’Shawn Reynolds	Randolphville	\$5,206
Robert Frey	Arbor	\$5,206
Edwin Salcedo	M L King	\$5,206
Christian Mercado	Schor	\$5,206
Christopher Ross	Conackamack	\$5,206
Krishna Dharia	Quibbletown – Grade 6 33% FTE	\$1,735.33
Carleigh Zielinski	Quibbletown – Grade 7 33% FTE	\$1,735.33
Graham Collins	Quibbletown – Grade 8 33% FTE	\$1,735.33
Volodar Lojko	HS Anthony-Webmaster	\$5,206
Gwen Sylvan	HS Patton - G Wing	\$5,206

Kristine Leyra, Supervisor of the Enrollment Center and Truancy Officer/Administration Building, for additional evening hours of summer work for the 2021-2022 school year at her per diem rate not to exceed an additional 16 work hours, as scheduled by the Director of Administrative Services.

Terri Briggs, Secretary of the Enrollment Center and Truancy Office/Administration Building, is approved for 16 additional evening hours of summer work for the 2021-2022 school year as scheduled by the Director of Administrative Services.

The following School Safety Officers, to be approved on an as needed basis, for the 2021 summer, effective 7/1/21 at the listed hourly rate:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Reinaldo Moll	\$33.00
Erik Rollack	\$31.00
Stacey Washington	\$33.00

The following School Safety Officers, effective 9/1/21, for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Ronald Buttros	High School	\$32.50
Michael Davidson	High School	\$33.00

Sanford Davis	Randolphville	\$33.00
Joseph Fay	High School	\$31.00
Dexter Lister	Administration Building	\$31.00
Robert Lockett	High School	\$32.00
Anthony Mastromonaco	Arbor	\$33.00
Reinaldo Moll	Quibbletown	\$33.00
Mark Odom	Grandview	\$33.00
Tracey Rogers Fernandes	High School	\$31.00
Eric Rollack	Eisenhower	\$31.00
Tyrone Singletary	Children's Corner by the River	\$33.00
John Skikus	Conackamack	\$33.00
Robert Solomon	Martin Luther King	\$30.00
Gary Szemcsak	High School	\$33.00
Carolyn Teah	Children's Corner	\$33.00
Stacey Washington	Knollwood	\$33.00

The following high school math teachers, to cover an additional teaching period, at 1/6 of their annual base salary, effective until 9/24/21:

Julia Cabrero	Joselyn Geyer	Christopher Mango
Jennifer O'Neill	Amanda Reeseg	Brianna Ruzanski

The following personnel for the Community Education Saturday Enrichment Program, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22: Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Phillip Okner	Supervisor	\$45.00

The following personnel for the Community Education Before and Aftercare Program, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22: Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment. *Subject to completion of required paperwork.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Carly Bressler	Aide	\$14.00
Robert Bressler *	Aide	\$13.00
Xavier Brooks	Substitute Instructor	\$18.00
Brian Clemintone	Instructor	\$15.00
Gina Cosentino	Substitute Instructor	\$15.00
Jennifer De Francesco	Instructor	\$17.00
Adriana Emden *	Aide	\$13.00
Katelyn Gulmantovicz *	Aide	\$13.00
Jasmine Hutchinson *	Aide	\$13.00
Robyn Jones	Instructor	\$17.00
Gabriel Martinez	Instructor	\$16.00
Emma Passman *	Aide	\$13.00
Danielle Rudnick	Instructor	\$18.50
Anna Shick *	Aide	\$13.00
Dominic Scuccimarri	Aide	\$13.00
Kalpana Shah *	Substitute Instructor	\$16.00
Kalpana Shah *	Substitute Aide	\$14.00
Marsha Varma	Aide	\$13.00
Kathleen Walsh	Instructor	\$19.00

The following personnel for the Community Education Saturday Jump Ahead Academic Program, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22: Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Carissa Eagle	Instructor	\$40.00
Intesar Fanik	Instructor	\$40.00
Brittany Rooney	Instructor	\$40.00

The following staff, to be added to be added to the previously approved staff, for Kindergarten Orientation at Knollwood School, on 8/30/21:

Diane Caratozolo Deirdre King

Amanda Hastings, Supplemental Long Term Substitute/District, to cover an additional teaching period, at 1/6 of her annual base salary, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

SUBSTITUTES

Miriam Gantz, Long Term Substitute Teacher of the Blind & Visually Impaired/District, with an annual salary of Step 8-9 MA \$71,063, effective TBD, pending release from current employer, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Liliana Lopez, Substitute Part Time Cleaner/District, with an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Aziyah Miller, Substitute Part Time Cleaner/District, with an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective TBD subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year.

The following Community Education Substitute Teachers, as needed for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Donna Amato	\$105.00
Rosalie Cardinale	\$105.00
Marguerite Mitchell-Ivey	\$105.00
Jeremia Vergara	\$105.00

The following Community Education Substitute Aides, as needed for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Donna Amato	\$90.00
Rosalie Cardinale	\$90.00
Cornelia King	\$90.00
Karen Mosier	\$90.00
Marguerite Mitchell-Ivey	\$90.00
Zachary Nepton	\$90.00
Cristina Rodriguez	\$90.00
Gail Scoda	\$90.00
Neha Shah	\$90.00
Jeremia Vergara	\$90.00

VOLUNTEERS

The following supervised volunteer, for the 2021-2022 school year:

John Thompson High School Football

The following supervised volunteers, subject to completion of paperwork, for the 2021-2022 school year:

High School Football

David Gerena Kyle Higgins

High School Marching Band

Anne Amory	Joe Amory	Chris Corradino
Nancy Corradino	Lisset Cuello	Frank J. Dahl
Nicole Dickinson	Hams Elshaikh	Manar Elsokary
Antheo Green	Denise L. Green	David Grzenda
Jennifer Grzenda	Karen Morgan	Zenobia Odiase
Prashant Patel	Tina Reina	Ramona Van Liew
Jessica Walker	James Whitney III	

C. CHANGE OF STATUS – STAFF PERSONNEL

TEACHERS

Kendra Bryant-Morrow, Elementary Teacher/Knollwood. Medical Leave of Absence 9/1/21-10/1/21 with pay and with benefits.

Caitlin Fiumara, Elementary Teacher/ML King. Medical Leave of Absence 11/8/21-1/17/22 with pay and with benefits. Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 1/18/22-4/12/22 without pay and with benefits.

Jessica Jankech, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired Teacher/District. Medical Leave of Absence 10/5/21-11/8/21 with pay and with benefits. Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 11/9/21-2/11/22 without pay and with benefits. Child Care Leave of Absence 2/14/22-6/30/22 without pay and without benefits.

Lauren Leon, Science Teacher/Quibbletown. Medical Leave of Absence 10/18/21-12/8/21 with pay and with benefits. Federal Family Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 12/9/21-2/25/22 without pay and with benefits.

Olesia Parmar, ESL Teacher/Randolphville. Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 9/1/21-12/2/21 without pay and with benefits.

Marie Elena Zaccaria, Language Arts/Literacy Teacher/Quibbletown. Change in Medical Leave of Absence FROM: 9/1/21-10/11/21, TO: 9/1/21-10/21/21 with pay and with benefits. Change in Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave. FROM: 10/12/21-1/18/22, TO: 10/22/21-1/28/22 without pay and with benefits.

The following change in assignment, effective TBD, pending the hiring of his replacement, for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Barry McCombs	Business Teacher High School	Teacher/Dean of Students High School

The following changes in salary, effective 9/1/21, for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Olenka Acosta, Spanish Teacher/Conackamack	Step 5 BA \$60,967	Step 5 MA \$64,017

Ruth Yeselson, English Teacher/High School

Step 13 MA
\$92,727

Step 13 6th Year
\$95,187

AIDE

The following change in assignment, effective 9/1/21, for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Althea Ferguson	MC Aide 1.00 FTE Administration Building	BD Aide .20 FTE MC Aide .80 FTE Administration Building

D. RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that all Pre-School through High School Certified staff will act as tutors at their contracted hourly rate of \$40.00, to be paid by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund for the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed 12,000 hours for the group.

E. RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that, Loriann Galeotafiore, Assistant Business Administrator/Administration Building, be assigned to monitor accounting procedures and financial reporting for the Community Education Department and, for these extra duties, will receive a \$9,000.00 stipend prorated to coincide with scheduled pay periods.

Moved Mr. Laughlin Seconded Ms. Cherry

	<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>Absent</u>	Mrs. Lane	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Absent</u>	Ms. Scotto	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>

Yea 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fiscal Planning and Operations Committee – Mrs. Lane
- Policy/Legislative Committee – Ms. Smith

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jeffrey Fields

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

Business Meeting	August 12, 2021
Executive Session	August 12, 2021

Moved Mr. Fields Seconded Mrs. Lane
Yea 7 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.

Motion to close:

Moved Mr. Laughlin Seconded Ms. Smith
 Yea 7 Nay 0

XIII. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Kimberly Lane

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" through "F", 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 August, 2021 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 3,784,901.91
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 353,206.69
Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,571,587.50
Food Services Fund	\$ 56,311.80
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 78,129.55
Payroll: August 15, 2021	\$ 940,802.88
Payroll: August 30, 2021	\$ 801,367.87
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,526,467.18
Total	\$11,112,775.38

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 July, 2021

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 July, 2021 Dated: July 31, 2021

C. APPROVAL OF SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Explanation:

Local Boards of Education are required to approve non-public school security and technology purchases made using non-public security and technology funds that flow through the local public school district. The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey assists the Piscataway Township Board of Education in purchasing items requested by non-public schools within our jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Montessori Matters' request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 1 10.2 inch Ipad Wifi 32GB, Space Gray in the amount of \$299 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

D. APPROVAL OF PROPRIETARY COMPUTER SERVICES CONTRACTS

Explanation:

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 authorizes the award of contract without public advertising for the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Turnitin, LLC for internet-based plagiarism detection service at a cost of \$8,995

Intrado Interactive Services Corporation for website/web hosting services at a cost of \$9,700.02

E. APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY TO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR NURSING SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Explanation:

Nursing Services are provided to nonpublic schools through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey. The district board of education is required to submit a report on the services provided to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, through contract with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, authorizes the administrative personnel of the Commission to conference, discuss and solicit input in the development of the nursing services contract document for the 2021-2022 school year which provides nursing services to the following nonpublic schools located within the Piscataway Township School District:

- An-Noor Academy
- The Goddard School
- Lake Nelson 7th Day Adventist
- Montessori Matters
- Rutgers Livingston Day Care
- Timothy Christian
- Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion – Girls
- Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion – Boys

Nursing services to be provided first by assignment of a licensed nurse and the purchase of supplies and equipment necessary to implement the law and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5 include:

- Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening
- Audiometric screening
- Maintenance of student health records, including immunizations
- Scoliosis screening
- Adopt written policies and procedures extending the emergency care provided to the public school pupils to those pupils who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad.

F. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2005-2018 LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the amendment of the 2005-2018 Long Range Facilities Plan to address the five-year reporting requirements and to be consistent with proposed school facilities projects. Further, the Board authorizes Spiezle Architectural Group Inc. to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.

	Moved	<u> Mrs. Lane </u>	Seconded	<u> Ms. Smith </u>	
	<u> Vote </u>		<u> Vote </u>		<u> Vote </u>
Mr. Fields	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Patel	<u> Absent </u>	Ms. Cherry	<u> Y </u>
Mr. Johnson	<u> Absent </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	<u> 7 </u>	Nay	<u> 0 </u>	Abstain
				<u> 0 </u>	

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 _____	

XV. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

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

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THINKMAP, INC.

Explanation:

Vocabulary.com (Thinkmap) is an online vocabulary program that the high school (9-12) and middle schools (6-8) have used for a few years. The program allows teachers to assign vocabulary lists and to develop vocabulary lists based around academic vocabulary or on texts that they are reading. Students complete their work and quizzes online and the program measures their progress. There is an additional incentive in that school results are compared to other schools statewide and nationwide (PHS just finished first in NJ).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Thinkmap at a cost of \$9,000 for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR NEARPOD

Explanation:

Nearpod is an interactive digital platform that allows students to collaborate via both synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Nearpod lessons leverage digital activities and research-based formative assessments to seamlessly connect instruction and evaluation to meet the unique learning needs of ELL students. It gives teachers opportunities to identify gaps, and provide immediate feedback. Additionally, Nearpod lets teachers know where more differentiation and scaffolding would benefit students. Building this bridge and narrowing the gap allows the teacher to fortify the student's academic language and provides the student a foundation to succeed by propelling their English language proficiency upward.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Nearpod at a cost of \$3,000 for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

C. APPROVAL OF SCHOLASTIC LITERACY PARTNERSHIP

Explanation:

Scholastic Literacy Partnerships is an arm of Scholastic Inc. One of its digital programs is Scholastic WORD. This program works on our district learning management system and can be used in district and at home. Scholastic WORD is an interactive reading and vocabulary program that meets students at their level and moves them forward. Teachers are able to monitor student progress and set student goals and assignments within the program. This year the district would like to use Scholastic WORD in grades 4-5.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Scholastic Literacy Partnerships at a cost not to exceed \$ 7,191 in accordance with the terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

D. APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-5.8(c)(1), hereby approves the following educational field trips. C=Curricular; E=Extra Curricular

Code	Event/Location	Curriculum Standards	Class/Group	Teacher/ Advisor	School & Source of Funding	Date(s)
E	PHS Marching Band Competitions & Football Games	1.1.12.B.1.2; 1.2.12.A.1; 1.3.12.B.1-3	Grades 9-12	Ken Zampella	Piscataway High School / Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	October 2, 2021 October 9, 2021 October 16, 2021 October 23, 2021 October 31, 2021 November 6, 2021 November 13, 2021 November 20, 2021 December 4, 2021
E	NJ District of Key Club Fall Rally and Member Engagement Event / Jackson, NJ	21 st Century Life and Career Skills	Grades 9-12 / PHS Key Club	Laura Leibowitz	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Students Transportation: Budget Account	October 10, 2021

C	Central Jersey Math League Competition	Mathematics: Number & Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Modeling, Geometry, Trigonometry, Statistics and Probability	Grades 9-12 / PHS Math League	Amanda Levinson	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	October 13, 2021
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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>Absent</u>
Mr. Patel	<u>Absent</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 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XVI. PUPIL SERVICES – Zoe Scotto

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” and “B” 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 receiving district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the sending district for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Receiving District	Effective Date	Counseling	Tuition
365876	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	\$78 per hour	\$16,204
364129	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	N/A	\$16,204
699499	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	N/A	\$15,911
698692	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	N/A	16,204

2. 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 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Sending District	Effective Date	Amount
596009	Jersey City Public Schools	9/2/21	\$13,960
747954	New Brunswick Board of Education	9/2/21	\$13,608
859244	Newark Public Schools	9/2/21	\$13,608
022967	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/2/21	\$13,608

B. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following services for a student in an out-of-district placement:

Student #	School Placements	Effective Date	Rate
789204	Center for Lifelong Learning	9/2/21	\$45,900 1:1 aide \$42,120

Moved Ms. Scotto Seconded Ms. Cherry

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Mr. Patel	<u>Absent</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>Absent</u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u>Y</u>

Yea 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XVII. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Kimberly Lane

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” through “F” 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 August 12, 2021 meeting.

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WEEK OF RESPECT OCTOBER 4-8, 2021

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29, the first week in October is designated as a “Week of a Respect” in the State of New Jersey. School districts, in order to recognize the importance of character education, observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation or bullying. Throughout the school year, the district shall provide ongoing awareness and reinforcement of this instruction in accordance with the core curriculum content standards.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education acknowledges October 4-8, 2021 as the Week of Respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts and endorses the district's efforts in preventing harassment, intimidation, and bullying and promoting opportunities that create a safe, welcoming environment for students, parents, and staff.

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 18-22, 2021

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1, the week beginning with the third Monday in October of each year is designated as "School Violence Awareness Week" in the State of New Jersey. School districts shall observe this week by organizing activities to prevent school violence including, but not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity, and tolerance. Law enforcement personnel must be invited to join members of the teaching staff in the discussions. Programs also must be provided for school employees that are designed to help them recognize warning signs of school violence and to instruct them on recommended conduct during an incident of school violence.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education acknowledges October 18-22, 2021 as School Violence Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts and endorses the district's efforts in promoting the importance of school safety while providing opportunities for students, parents, school district personnel and law enforcement staff to discuss methods for keeping schools safe from violence.

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Community Education contracts, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2021-2022 After School and Saturday Enrichment Program:

Course	Contractor	Amount per child per enrichment program
Roblox Create/Developer	Code Ninjas	\$90.00 per child
Game Builders Club	Code Ninjas	\$90.00 per child
Chess	GoStem Academy	\$73.50 per child
Engineering	GoStem Academy	\$73.50 per child
Bollywood Dance	Jaswinder Kaur	\$35.00 per child
Zumba	Juliet Maldonado	\$40.00 per child
Tennis	Kenneth Goldsmith	\$35.00 per child
Saturday Basketball	Krystal Whitehead	\$40.00 per child
After School Basketball	On The Court, LLC	\$100.00 per child

E. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021

Explanation:

The three-day virtual conference will provide the necessary professional development, resources, and guidance to support districts in their efforts to handle today's complex challenges.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves participation in the New Jersey School Boards Association’s Virtual Workshop 2021 at a cost of \$900.

F. 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
Vincenzo Stio	Handle with Care Re-Certification / Hamilton, NJ	September 17, 2021	\$450
Melissa Voigt	Women’s Leadership Conference 2021 / Somerset, NJ	September 30, 2021	\$219
Dr. Deborah Dawson	American Academy of Pediatrics Annual School Health Conference / Virtual	October 20, 2021	\$135

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> Absent </u>
Ms. Smith	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Johnson	<u> Absent </u>	Mrs. Lane	<u> Y </u>
Ms. Cherry	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Laughlin	<u> Y </u>	Mrs. Hobson	<u> Y </u>

Yea 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- None

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Moved	<u>Mr. Laughlin</u>	Seconded	<u>Ms. Smith</u>
	Yea <u>7</u>		Nay <u>0</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,



David Oliveira
Board Secretary