# MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2022

The monthly Business Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Board President, Dr. Tom Connors.

I.	CALL TO	DRDER				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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	P P	Ms. Cherry	Absent	Mr. Johnson	P	Ms. Rashid
	<u>Р</u> Р	Dr. Connors Mrs. Corrading	D Absent	Mrs. Lane Mr. Laughlin	Absent P	Ms. Scotto Ms. Smith
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II.	NOTIFICAT	TION ANNOUNCE	MENT	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
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III.	EXECUTIV	E SESSION		,		
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Ms.	Cherry exited	<b>d</b> .				
IV.	PUBLIC SE	ESSION				
	BE IT RES	OLVED that the Bo	oard reconvenes pu	blic session.		
	Motion to re	econvene: 7:30 pm	·			
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		Moved	Dr. Connors		s. Corradino	
			Yea5	Nay0		

X. PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET – Kimberly Lane

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#### A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF THE 2022-2023 TAX LEVY

### Explanation:

Having held a public hearing on the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:22-10 the Board shall fix and determine by a recorded roll call majority vote of its full membership the amount of money to be raised for the budget according to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-32.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey to approve the 2022-2023 school district budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$132,556,747	\$ 98,637,278
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 12,277,418	-
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,641,725	\$ 3,641,724
TOTALS	\$148,475,890	\$102,279,002

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the 2022-2023 preliminary budget includes the use of unused spending authority ("banked cap") in the amount of \$1,749,113. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used for budgetary needs that will be completed by the end of the 2022-2023 budget year.

	Moved _	Mrs. Lane	Seconded	Ms. Smith	
Mrs. Corradino	<u>Vote</u> Y	Mr. Laughlin	<u>Vote</u> Absent	Ms. Smith	<u>Vote</u> Y
Mr. Johnson	Absent	Ms. Rashid	Y	Ms. Cherry	Absent
Mrs. Lane	Υ	Ms. Scotto	Absent	Dr. Connors	Υ
	Yea		0	Abstain0	

#### XI. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS - Brenda Smith

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

#### **RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS** Α.

Mary Gerges, Community Education Teacher/Children's

Corner

Effective: 4/11/22 Reason: Personal

Rodney Point-Du-Jour, Elementary Principal/ML King

Effective: 6/30/22 Reason: Personal

Linda Pols, Secretary-Guidance/High School

Effective: 6/30/22 Reason: Retirement

Betty Snyder, Secretary-Guidance/High School

Effective: 6/30/22 Reason: Retirement

### B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - STAFF PERSONNEL

### **TEACHERS**

The following staff, effective 9/1/22, subject to completion of required paperwork, for the 2022-2023 school year:

Renee Mahoney

Step 10A MA

Science Teacher

Schor

\$77,970

Sarah Murphy

Step 1 MA

Preschool Teacher

\$57,050

Children's Corner

Jennifer Nwokeji

Step 1 BA \$54,000 Preschool Teacher Children's Corner

Tiffany Summonte

Step 1 MA

Preschool Teacher

\$57,050 Children's Corner

### <u>OTHER</u>

The following personnel for the Community Education Jump Ahead Academic Program, effective 4/29/22 to 8/31/22: Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment.

<u>Name</u>

Position

Rate

Michelle Delardo Bianca Kuzma Nurse Instructor \$40.00 \$40.00

The following staff member, at their hourly per diem rate, for the 2022 Extended School Year Program effective 6/27/22 to 8/4/22:

Nurse

Location

Michelle Delardo

Schor – to be shared with the Jump Ahead Program

The following nursing staff for the summer of 2022, at \$40.00 per hour:

Name

Activity

Hours

Michelle Delardo

Summer Registrations

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The following personnel for the Community Education Summer Camp Program, effective 4/29/22 to 8/31/22: Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment.

Name

Position

Hourly Rate

Victoria Opitz

Aide

\$13.00

The following Community Education, Before & After Care staff, effective 4/29/22 to 6/30/22: Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment.

Name

Hourly Rate

Erika Vaughn

Position Instructor

\$18.00

The following office staff, for extra time during the summer of 2022:

Karyn Tormey-Erdman, Secretary

Randolphville

Up to 15 days

Rebecca McBride, Clerk

Randolphville

Up to 10 days

### C. CHANGE OF STATUS - STAFF PERSONNEL

### **TEACHERS**

Janet Heymer-Chervenyak, Elementary Teacher/Knollwood. Medical Leave of Absence 4/25/22-6/6/22 with pay and with benefits.

Alyssa Miller, Elementary Teacher/Randolphville. Change in Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave FROM: 5/9/22-5/30/22, TO: 5/9/22-6/16/22 without pay and with benefits.

### **SECRETARY**

The following change in status, effective 4/29/22, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Donna Recine, Secretary-Guidance/Schor	Probationary	Regular

### **CUSTODIAN**

Iris Osorio-Checa, Custodian/High School. Change in Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence FROM: 3/30/22-4/28/22, TO: 3/30/22-5/31/22 without pay and without benefits.

### **AIDES**

The following changes in status, effective per below, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	Effective	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Nicole Earnest, Noontime Aide/Randolphville	4/25/22	Probationary	Regular
Fahmida Haque, Noontime Aide/Randolphville	4/25/22	Probationary	Regular
Donna Zielinski, Noontime Aide/Knollwood	4/27/22	Probationary	Regular

### D. RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the representatives of the Piscataway Township Board of Education and representatives of the Piscataway Township Principals'/Supervisors' Association have negotiated a successor collective bargaining agreement, and

WHEREAS the Piscataway Township Principals'/Supervisors' Association ratified this agreement on April 13, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the successor bargaining agreement covering from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027.

	Moved _	M	s. Smith	Seconded	Mrs.	Corradino	
Mrs. Corradino	<u>Vote</u> Y		Mr. Laughlin	<u>Vote</u> Absent	٨	/Is. Smith	<u>Vote</u> Y
Mr. Johnson	Absent		Ms. Rashid	Y		Is. Cherry	Absent
Mrs. Lane	Υ		Ms. Scotto	Absent	L	r. Connors	Υ
	Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0	<del></del> .

XII.	COL	MITTEE	REPO	RTS
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• Culture, Climate and Community Relations Committee - Mrs. Lane

### XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Sarah Rashid

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

Business Meeting Executive Session April 14, 2022 April 14, 2022

Moved

Ms. Rashid Yea 5 Seconded Nay

Mrs. Lane

#### XIV. 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.

- Adriana Nieto-Franco (531 Longfellow Avenue) Autism class staffing
- Dharmi Patel (153 Dunellen Avenue) special needs staffing

Motion to close:

MovedMrs. LaneSecondedMrs. CorradinoYea5Nay0

### XV. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Kimberly Lane

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

## A. 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 An-Noor Academy's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 2 Sennheiser Evolution Wireless Digital EW-D ME3 Set (Q1-6) Wireless Microphone in the amount of \$1,454.11 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Boys School's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 3 10.2 inch iPad Wi-Fi 64GB Space Gray, 3 2-year AppleCare+ for Schools and 3 STM Dux Plus Duo for 10.2 inch ipad in the amount of \$1,133.85 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Girls School's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 6 Shure BLX BLX14R MX53-H11 Band Wireless Microphone System, 6 Shure BLX Wireless System BLX14R MX53-H11 Band Wireless Microphone System, 3 Shure UA844+SWB-RF Amplifier Splitter for Audio Receivers, 7 Motorola RMV2080 Two-way Radio, 2 Motorola Multi-Unit Charger PMLN6384A Charging Stand, 12 Motorola HKLN4599 Headset, 1 Yamaha TF5 Digital Mixers 32 channel, 2 Shure Microflex MX153 Microphone, 2 Shure Centraverse CVB-B/C Microphone, 2 Dell OptiPlex 3080-SFF-Core i5 10505 3.2 GHz 16 GB SSD 256 GB and 2 Audio Enhancement Sentinel Systems in the amount of \$19,523.32 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Boys School's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 1 Valcom V-ACS45 450hm Advanced Communication System, 1 Viking PA-60 amplifier, 2 Valcom V1030c Speakers for PA System, 4 Valcom mounting kit for speakers, 6 Valcom Talkback Speaker for PA System, 8 Valcom V-LPT Impedance Matching Module for Speaker, 3 Audio Enhancement XD Teacher Microphone Wireless Microphone, 3 Audio Enhancement XD-9001 XD Receiver with 3" CAT6 Cable, 3 Audio Enhancement XD Wireless Microphone, 3 Audio Enhancement CA-60 AMP PWR SUP&CAB, 4 Tripp Lite Waber Power Strip, 3 Valcom V-9022A-2 speaker, 2 Bogen SPT15A Horn Loudspeaker, 2 Shure SM48 Microphone, 1 AKG P5 S High-performance Dynamic Vocal Microphone with On-Off Switch, 1 Sennheiser XS Wireless XSW-D Vocal set wireless microphone system, 2 Black Box Power Extension Cord, 2 Tripp Lite Safety Power Strip, 3 Kramer C-XLQM XLQF Audio Cable, 2 Kramer C-XLQM XLQF Series Microphone Cable, 1 Shure SM 58 Microphone and 1 Atlas Tripod Mic Stand in the amount of \$10,212.48 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

### B. APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION BID SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the bid specifications for the transportation of pupils to and from school and the transportation of students for school related activities and authorizes the Business Administrator to advertise for bids for the 2022-2023 school year.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the bid specifications for the transportation of pupils to and from preschool and authorizes the Business Administrator to advertise for bids for the 2022-2023 school year.

	Moved	Mrs. Lane	Seconded	Mrs. Corradino	_
Mr. Johnson	<u>Vote</u> Absent	Ms. Rashid	<u>Vote</u> Y	Mrs. Corradino	<u>Vote</u> Y
Mrs. Lane	Υ	Ms. Scotto	Absent	Ms. Cherry	Absent
Mr. Laughlin	Absent	Ms. Smith	Υ	Dr. Connors	Υ
	Yea	Nay	0	Abstain 0	-

XVI. POL	ICY -	Brenda	Smith
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BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item "", be approved as presented:

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	Moved		Seconded	
Mrs. Lane Mr. Laughlin Ms. Rashid	<u>Vote</u>	Ms. Scotto  Ms. Smith  Mrs. Corradino	Vote Mr. Jo Ms. Cl Dr. Co	herry
XVII. CURRICULUM	Yea // – Sarah Rashid	Nay I	Abstain _	
BE IT RESOL'	VED that the follo	wing motion, identified	as item "A", be approv	ed as presented:
A. APPROVAL O	F STUDENT FIEL	D 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)
Е	Cultural Exhibit / Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick, NJ	CCSS.ELA- RHRH11-12.9	African American Experience / Grades 10-12	Garin Hilton	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Activity Account Transportation: Budget Account	May 4, 2022
E	50 Strong College Tour / TCNJ, Ewing, NJ and Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	21st Century Life Skills	50 Strong / Grades 9-12	Patricia Brewster	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Activity Account Transportation: Budget Account	May 12, 2022
E	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional Dance / Pines Manor, Edison, NJ	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Life Skills	Grade 8 / T. Schor Middle School	Brian Hornlein	T. Schor Entrance Fee: Students Transportation: N/A	May 13, 2022

E	Eataly NYC / New York, NY	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Life Skills	Italian Club / Grades 9-12	Adele Marra- Gersbeck	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Activity Account Transportation: Budget Account	May 18, 2022
E	Film Workshops and Off-Site Film Challenge Awards / Jackson, NJ	9.3.12.AR-AV.2 9.3.12.AR-AV.3	PHS TV Production / Grades 9-12	Lindsey Pietrocola	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Activity Account Transportation: Budget Account	May 20, 2022
E	Camelot Performance and Talk Back / East Brunswick, NJ	Anchor Standards: 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	PHS Drama Club / Grades 9-12	Erik Hall	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Activity Account Transportation: Budget Account	June 12, 2022

	Moved _	Ms	s. Rashid	Seconded	Ms. Sı	mith	
Mr. Laughlin Ms. Rashid Ms. Scotto	Vote Absent Y Absent		Ms. Smith Mrs. Corradino Mr. Johnson	Vote Y Y Absent	Ms.	Lane Cherry Connors	Vote Y Absent Y
	Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain _	0	
PUPII SERVICI	ES _ Nancy (	`orra	dino				

# XVIII. PUPIL SERVICES

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

### CHANGE IN STATUS OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

### Explanation:

Student has been placed in an out of district placement and based on their IEP program, another out-ofdistrict placement was found which can address the educational needs of the student. The student has been accepted in a new placement.

Amount columns detail both prior approved cost and newly requested approval cost.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves change in status of out-ofdistrict student placement:

Student #	From	Amount	Eff. Date	То	Amount
918679	Future Foundations Academy	\$56,160	5/2/22	Gateway School	\$67,479 (Prorated)

### B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

### Explanation:

The following resolutions reflect the need for contracts with outside service providers on the part of the Office of Pupil Services. These contracts are necessary in order to ensure that the district may comply with Individual Education Program (IEP) requirements in the areas of evaluation, instruction, and related services.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approve the following resolutions for contracted services:

Therapy Travelers be contracted to provide Social Worker services at a rate of \$78 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.

	Moved	Mrs.	Corradino	Seconded	<u>Mrs</u>	. Lane	
Ms. Rashid	<u>Vote</u> Y		Mrs. Corradino	<u>Vote</u> Y	Mı	r. Laughlin	<u>Vote</u> Absent
Ms. Scotto	Absent	<u></u>	Mr. Johnson	Absent		s. Cherry	Absent
Ms. Smith	Y		Mrs. Lane	Y	Dr	. Connors	Y
	Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0	

### XIX. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY - Nancy Corradino

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

#### APPROVAL OF REVISION TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Explanation:

In the 2021-2022 school calendar, the district allocated one extra day as a possible school closing for inclement weather or other emergencies. We have not used this extra day. It is recommended that the calendar be adjusted to extend the Memorial Day Weekend for students and employees by closing on Friday, May 27, 2022. This would result in an instructional calendar of 180 days for students and 183 days for teachers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021-2022 school calendar be revised to show Friday, May 27, 2022 as a closed day for the district.

# B. 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
Deidre Ortiz	NJASA/NJPSA Spring Leadership Conference / Atlantic City, NJ	May 18-20, 2022	\$850

	Moved _	Mrs.	Corradino	Seconded	Mrs. Lane	
	<u>Vote</u>			<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Ms. Scotto	Absent		Mr. Johnson	Absent	Ms. Rashid	Υ
Ms. Smith	Υ		Mrs. Lane	Υ	Ms. Cherry	Absent
Mrs. Corradino	Υ	<del></del>	Mr. Laughlin	Absent	Dr. Connors	Y
	Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain0	

## XX. OLD BUSINESS

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### XXI. NEW BUSINESS

- New Jersey School Boards Association Board Notes
- Jackie Robinson Day

### XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved	Mrs	. Lane	Seconded	Mrs. Corradino
	Yea	5	Nay	0

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Oliveira

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary**