

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2014

The monthly Business Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Board President, Mr. Irwin.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u> </u> P	Mr. Connors	ARRIVED	Ms. King	<u> </u> P	Mr. Nazir
		@ 6:45 PM			
<u> </u> P	Mr. Irwin	<u> </u> P	Ms. Lopez	<u> </u> P	Mr. Okamoto
<u> </u> P	Mr. Johnson	<u> </u> P	Mr. Mosier	<u> </u> P	Mr. Stern

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 08, 2014 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 newspaper serving Piscataway, *The Home News Tribune*
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

This meeting is being digitally 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:6:07 pm

Moved	<u> </u> Mr. Nazir	Seconded	<u> </u> Mr. Stern
Yea	<u> </u> 7	Nay	<u> </u> 0

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene:8:00 pm

Moved	<u> </u> Mr. Connors	Seconded	<u> </u> Mr. Okamoto
Yea	<u> </u> 8	Nay	<u> </u> 0

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

- AP Art
- Senior Class: Project Pway Fashion Show
- Student Government
- Key Club
- NHS
- Play: Into the Woods
- Signing Day
- Girls Basketball

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- iPad and related Technology topics.

SHAWN DOVE TO LEAD Q&A AT PHS ON AFRICAN AMERICAN IMAGE

Shawn Dove, Manager of the Open Society's Campaign for Black Male Achievement, will speak with PHS students on Friday, February 28th about recent high-profile legal cases involving African American males, including Trayvon Martin and Jordan Davis. His presentation will include a discussion on efforts to improve African American achievement in communities and educational systems. The forum is offered as part of a unit on the 21st Century African American Image. A question and answer session, moderated by students, will follow.

AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER... OR DID THEY?

Take a stroll through a land of fairy tales as the Piscataway High School Performing Arts Department presents the musical "Into the Woods" on Thursday – Saturday, February 27th – March 1st in the PHS Performing Arts Center. The production intertwines the stories of *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Rapunzel*, *Cinderella*, and other Brothers Grimm characters as they learn the consequences of what happens when wishes come true. Performances are Thursday – Saturday at 7 pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets, available online at phs.booktix.com or at the door, are \$12 general admission, and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

QUIBBLETOWN STUDENT WINS GENYouth ADVENTURE CAPITAL GRANT

As an athlete, Anisha Patel, grade 7 at Quibbletown understands the importance of a healthy lifestyle. So much so, that a grant in the amount of \$3,000 was awarded to the school by the GENYouth Foundation/Adventure Capital for Anisha's proposal to support the installation of the "Quibbletown Family Fitness Trail." The trail will have five exercise stations, and is designed to motivate students and community members to stay active. Anisha applied for the grant through the "NFL Fuel Up to Play 60" program, which encourages students to get 60 minutes of exercise daily.

PHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS "PINK GAME" FOR BREAST CANCER

The PHS Girls Basketball team donned pink for their February 8th "Pink Game" in support of breast cancer research. Team parents organized a basket auction, raffle and special "pink" concessions, with more than \$800 in proceeds benefitting the *Sisters Network of Central New Jersey*, an African American breast cancer survivorship organization. Breast cancer survivors were acknowledged and received roses during halftime.

CONACKAMACK VIOLIST TO PERFORM IN REGIONAL ENSEMBLE

Ethan Chan, grade 8 violist from the Conackamack Orchestra, was chosen to perform with the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Regional String Orchestra. Ethan competed against several hundred students from throughout Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, and Union Counties during the audition process. The CJMEA Orchestra concert will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, March 9, at Ridge High School.

KICK UP YOUR DANCIN' SHOES AT "FOOTLOOSE"

The Schor Drama Club's production of "Footloose" will have you dancing in the aisles on Thursday and Friday, February 20th and 21st. Leading roles are played by 8th grade students Ajan Patel, Patricia Suan, Colin Devico, Sarah Fratesi, and Imani Nia Burton. The full-length musical, about the power of music and the voice of youth in a town where music and dance are prohibited, includes 55 students in grades 6 – 8 in the cast and crew. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

QUIBBLETOWN MUSICIANS ARE ON A MISSION!

Quibbletown's *Mission: O Passo-ble* music ensemble will perform at the NJ Music Educators 2014 State Conference in East Brunswick tomorrow, Friday, February 21st. The group, comprised of students in grades 6 - 8, will demonstrate the "O Passo" art form, using their bodies to create various musical tones and sounds. In addition to performing a 30-minute concert, the group will assist Quibbletown music teacher Tom Mullaney during a workshop for conference participants.

PHS ARTISTS RECOGNIZED FOR CREATIVITY

Seven artistic students at Piscataway High School received recognition for their entries in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a juried competition sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Criteria for selection includes works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal vision. Gold Key award winners' artwork is currently being displayed at the Montclair Art Museum through March 9. Congratulations to:

Priyanka Malhotra	Gold Key	Natalia Pena	Gold Key
Darren Tolud	Gold Key	Aliyah Bradley	Silver Key
Tatiana Florival	Silver Key	Chioma Egekeze	Honorable Mention
Brianne Tomaro	Honorable Mention		

PHS KEY CLUB MEMBER ELECTED TO STATE OFFICE

Farwah Shakeel, sophomore member of the PHS Key Club, was elected to the position of Lieutenant Governor for Division 11 of the NJ District of Key Clubs, comprised of representatives from New Brunswick, North Brunswick, South Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Old Bridge, and Piscataway High Schools. As Lieutenant Governor, Farwah's duties include serving as liaison between the district and its clubs, training officers, serving on various district committees, and publishing a newsletter.

PISCATAWAY STAFF MEMBERS SELECTED FOR NJDOE PANEL

Glennysa Jurado-Moran, Chair of the PHS World Languages/ESL Department, and James Overton, physical education teacher at Quibbletown, have been appointed to serve on the NJ Department of Education's 2014 Standards Revision Project Committee as a result of their content area expertise and demonstrated excellence in World Languages and physical education, respectively. As committee members, Glennysa and James will review and recommend updates to NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure student preparedness for college and career readiness.

ATHLETES IN THE NEWS

PHS girls' swim team members Elizabeth Borges, Antonia Simunik, Olivia Lukshides, and Amarhea Mack were named as All Red Division and Greater Middlesex Conference swimmers after placing 1st in the 400 Medley Relay at the GMC County Championships earlier this month. Boys' swim team members Andrew Ramos, Joseph Simunek, Evan Kott, and Brandon Evers were recognized as well after placing 1st in the 200 Medley Relay and 2nd in the 400 Free Relay. The PHS Girls' Basketball Team clinched the GMC Red Division title with a win over Perth Amboy this week.

GET A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY WITH PWAY 5K EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!

There's still time to get your team together and register to run or walk in the Pway 5K, scheduled for Sunday, April 27 at Piscataway High School. Save \$10 off the adult registration fee with Early Bird Registration, available through Friday, March 7. Students pay \$6, a savings of \$4 off the student rate. The race benefits the Piscataway High School Class of 2014 Project Graduation, as well as school programming supported by the Piscataway Education Foundation. For information and registration, visit the website at www.pway5k.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THE PHS STUDENT CULINARY COMPETITION IS COMING!

Mark your calendar for the 2014 PHS Student Culinary Competition on Thursday, March 27th from 5-7 pm, as teams of student chefs from PHS cook up an international extravaganza under

the guidance of professional chefs from Sodexo Food Services. Proceeds benefit the Piscataway Education Foundation. Watch for details in early March.

VIII. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Alexandra Lopez

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

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS

Sherri Griffith, Social Worker/Middle School Specialist/Conackamack	Effective: 6/30/14 Reason: Retirement
Angela Reitemeyer, Elementary Teacher/Arbor	Effective: 6/30/14 Reason: Retirement

B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - STAFF PERSONNEL

NON UNIT

Benjamin West, Computer Associate/High School, effective 2/21/13 at a prorated annual salary of \$32,640 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Account #11-000-252-110-00-28

OTHER

Lindsay Bean, Speech Correction/Language Specialist/High School to provide additional speech services beyond her contracted day for four days per week for 45 minutes a day at a rate of 4/5 of the additional period stipend of the teacher contract, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Account # 11-000-216-104-00-36.

The following Extra Duty Contract, as indicated for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>High School Athletics</u>	<u>Account# 11-402-100-111-36-02</u>		
<u>Volleyball</u>			
Kenneth Walker	Boys Assistant Coach	G-1	\$4,875

C. CHANGE OF STATUS - STAFF PERSONNEL

TEACHERS

Michelle Klastava, English Teacher/High School covered under Federal Family Leave Act 1/21/14 – 1/26/14 with pay and with benefits and 1/27/14 – 1/31/14 without pay and with benefits. Account #11-140-100-101-11-02

Julia Cabrero, Mathematics Teacher/High School covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act 4/7/14 – 6/8/14 with pay and with benefits and 6/9/14 – 6/19/14 without pay and with benefits. Account #11-140-100-101-12-02

Lisa Parrish, Elementary Teacher change in Federal Family Medical Leave Act FROM: 1/13/14 – 3/20/14 with pay and with benefits, 3/21/14 – 5/12/14 without pay and with benefits, 5/13/14 – 11/30/14 without pay and without benefits. TO: 1/13/14 – 3/27/14 with pay and with benefits,

3/28/14 – 5/15/14 without pay and with benefits, 5/16/14 – 11/30/14 without pay and without benefits. Account #11-120-100-101-01-07

Rebekah Sterlacci, Vocal Music Teacher/Schor, extension of Federal Family Medical Leave Act 3/3/14 – 3/9/14 with pay and with benefits. Account #11-130-100-101-16-05

CUSTODIAN

Carl Olivi, Grounds Foreman/Ethel Road/Maintenance effective 2/17/14 with a prorated annual salary of \$68,000 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
Account #11-000-263-110-00-45

TRANSPORTATION

The following change of status, effective 3/1/14 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Drimet Gimenez, Bus Driver/Ethel Road/Transportation	Probationary	Regular

D. APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Jason Lester be appointed as High School Principal, start date TBD, upon release from current position, through June 30, 2014 at a prorated annual salary of \$140,000.

E. ADDENDUM

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board accepts the resignation of Adrian McConney, effective sixty days from February 12, 2014, reserving all legal rights.

A-C

<u>S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>
	Mr. Connors	<u>Y</u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Mosier	<u>Y</u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>
	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	<u>M</u>	Ms. Lopez	<u>Y</u>
	Ms. King	Present not voting	<u> </u>	Mr. Okamoto	<u>Absent</u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Irwin	<u>Y</u>
		<u>Yea</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>Nay</u>	<u>0</u>		<u> </u>

D

		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>
	Mr. Connors	<u>Y</u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Mosier	<u>Y</u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Stern	<u> </u>
	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	<u>S</u>	Mr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	<u>M</u>	Ms. Lopez	<u> </u>
	Ms. King	Present not voting	<u> </u>	Mr. Okamoto	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Irwin	<u>Y</u>
		<u>Yea</u>	<u> </u>		<u>Nay</u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

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:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

C. APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to approve participation in Coordinated Transportation with Plainfield Board of Education as the “HOST” district and Piscataway Township Board of Education as the “JOINER” district for the 2013-2014 school year (09/01/13 – 6/30/14) for the following routes:

From home to school (Somerset Academy)	\$22,500
from school to home for two students.	(per diem cost \$125 per day)

D. APPROVAL OF BID PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

1. *Explanation:*

The following change order is a credit to the district for material and labor costs associated with removal and replacement of 26 downspouts not replaced per the district’s request. In addition, a deduction for the material and labor provided for the deck cut and curb flashing in preparation for new exhaust fan to be installed by the district.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following change order for district Bid Projects:

Vendor	CO #	Description	Amount
Arch- Concept Construction, Inc	GC-3R	Roofing Replacement Phase 3 at ML King School.	(\$3,517.54)
		Roofing Replacement Phase 3 at Knollwood Elementary School	\$800.00
		Total	(\$2,717.54)

2. *Explanation:*

The following change order is a credit to the district for duc work supports not installed as specified at Knollwood Elementary School.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following change order for district Bid Projects:

Vendor	CO #	Description	Amount
Arch- Concept Construction, Inc	GC-4	Roofing Replacement Phase 3 at Knollwood Elementary School	(\$1,064)
		Total	(\$1,064)

3. *Explanation:*

The following change order is a credit for unused portion of defective wood roof deck allowance.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following change order for district Bid Projects:

Vendor	CO #	Description	Amount
Arch-Concept Construction, Inc	GC-5	Roofing Replacement Phase 3 at Eisenhower Elementary School	
		Grandview Elementary School	
		Knollwood Elementary School	
		Martin Luther King Elementary School	(\$12,000)
		Total	(\$12,000)

M/S	Vote	M/S	Vote	M/S	Vote
Mr. Johnson	Y	S	Mr. Nazir	M	Mr. Connors
Ms. King	Y		Mr. Okamoto		Ms. Lopez
Mr. Mosier	Y		Mr. Stern		Mr. Irwin
	Yea	8		Nay	0

XII. CURRICULUM – THOMAS MOSIER ON BEHALF OF MARK OKAMOTO ABSENCE

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

A. 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	Date(s)
C	NJ High School Dance Festival at Union City High School – Union City, NJ	Visual & Performing Arts – 1.3.12.A.2; 1.3.12.A.3; 1.3.12.A.4	22 Dance Class Students (3 classes – Grades 10-12)	Jessica Pantaliano	High School	March 8, 2014 (8:00-6:00)
C	High School Choral Festival at TCNJ – Ewing, NJ	Visual & Performing Arts – 1.1; 1.3; 1.4	80 Choir Members (Grades 9-11)	Megan Suozzo	High School	April 2, 2014 (7:30-2:30)

E	Video contest entry “Don’t Drive Dangerously” workshop and award presentations at Middlesex County Fire Academy – Sayreville, NJ	21 st Century Life & Careers – 9.1.B.3	15 students from Broadcast Classes (9-12 Graders)	George Fairfield & Veronica Ber	High School	May 1, 2014 (7:00-2:00) (Transportation provided by Middlesex County)
E	Community Services Project - “Senior Prom” at the Senior Center – Piscataway, NJ	Social/Personal Development Standards – A, B, C	Student Ambassadors (14 students – Grades 9-12)	Lorraine Savitt	High School	May 30, 2014 (Transportation provided by Senior Center)
C	Franklin Institute – Philadelphia, PA	Science – 5.1; 5.2; 5.3; 5.4; 5.5; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; 5.9	All 3 rd Graders (136 students – 6 classes)	Colleen Ridder & All Grade 3 Staff	Eisenhower	June 10, 2014 (9:10-4:00)
C	Adventure Aquarium – Camden, NJ	Science – 5.5.A	All 2 nd Graders (118 students – 7 classes)	Caroline Goniea & All Grade 2 Staff	Eisenhower	June 12, 2014 (9:00-4:00)

B. STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ OVERNIGHT MARCH 27-28, 2014

Explanation:

Future Business Leaders of America is an organization for students interested in careers in business. Each year, the State organization sponsors a 2-day overnight leadership conference which consists of workshops and competitive events. The Piscataway Chapter has attended and participated in this state conference for more than 20 years. This year, the FBLA State Leadership Conference will be held at the East Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick, NJ, on March 27 & 28, 2014. Students will fundraise the cost of this trip except for transportation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes 37 student members of the Piscataway High School FBLA Chapter, along with advisors Gregory Michaels and Susan Leacy, to attend and participate in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference to be held at the East Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick, NJ on March 27 and 28, 2014. The only cost to the Board will be approximately \$350 to cover the cost of buses to transport the students to and from the conference.

C. APPROVAL OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION AT THE NEW JERSEY DISTRICT OF KEY CLUBS DISTRICT CONVENTION IN LONG BRANCH, NJ OVERNIGHT MARCH 28-30, 2014

Explanation:

The Piscataway High School Key Club, a service project & leadership organization, has attended the district convention since 1989. Students will participate in the delegate/election process, acquire leadership skills, participate in competitions and receive training in areas of community service project development, fundraising, motivation, organizational skills and the college experience. This year’s Key Club Convention will be held from March 28 thru 30, 2014 at the Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ. The event is financed through individual student participation in fundraising opportunities. This trip will be at no cost to the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the participation of 15 Key Club student members and their advisors, Laura Leibowitz and Mitchell Fuhr, at the New Jersey District of Key Clubs District Convention to be held from March 28 thru 30, 2014 at the Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ. This trip will be at no cost to the Board.

D. APPROVAL FOR FUNDED OVERNIGHT WEEKEND FIELD TRIP FOR NJ ALL STATE SYMPHONIC BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE (NJMEA)

Explanation:

Piscataway High School students, Emmanuel Solano-Ramirez (Grade 12, Percussion) and Marco Jaimes (Grade 12, Bass Trombone) were accepted to participate in the All State Symphonic Band and All State Wind Ensemble (respectively). These two students will represent Piscataway High School during the All State rehearsal overnight weekend in New Brunswick (Rutgers University; Brunswick Hilton) occurring February 20-22, 2014. These rehearsals are mandatory and prepare for the culminating performance at Newark Symphony Hall on February 22, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. The registration fee and weekend accommodations total \$300 per student. Parents of each student participant and the NJMEA are responsible for transportation to and from all rehearsals and concerts associated with the New Jersey All-State Program. Furthermore, all chaperones for New Jersey All State Band Program are provided by the New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes two Piscataway High School band students to participation in the New Jersey All State Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble overnight weekend February 20-22, 2014 at a cost to the Board of \$600.

E. APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM PROGRAM GUIDE

Explanation:

The following curriculum guide was written according to the approved five-year curriculum review/revision plan, designed using the Understanding By Design framework, and aligned to state standards. The guide was reviewed by the Curriculum Committee at its meeting held on January 6, 2014 and is available in the Board Room or on-line for your review.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following curriculum guide for use in the classroom effective for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Comprehensive School Counseling Program K-12

F. APPROVAL OF COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR AT PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Explanation:

Annually, Piscataway High School assesses its course offering needs for the upcoming school year. In collaboration with the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, additions, deletions, and/or modifications are submitted for review. The following course offerings were reviewed by the High School Curriculum Review Committee and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee and are now being proposed for Board approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following course modifications for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Course Modifications</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
AP Language and Comp	Grade 11	Grade 11 & 12
AP Literature	Grade 12	Grade 11 & 12
Sociology	5 credits	2.5 credits

G. APPROVAL OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAM PLAN FOR 2014-2015

Explanation:

The Preschool Program Plan has been developed for 2014-2015 and will be submitted to the New Jersey State Department of Education and the County Office of Education for approval. The plan is developed based on anticipated state preschool funding.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to submit the Preschool Program Plan to the Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year.

H. APPROVAL TO ADOPT TEXTBOOK

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, the following textbook is recommended for approval and adoption by the Board. The textbook selection process included administrators, teachers, and assistant directors. The textbook was reviewed by the Curriculum Committee at its meeting held on February 10, 2014 and is available in the Board Room for your review.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the adoption of the following textbook:

1. COURSE TITLE: Sociology

SOCIOLOGY - \$110

Authors: Schaefer

McGraw-Hill Global Education, LLC – Copyright 2013

ISBN: 978-0-07-802672-0

Includes all online access and support materials

I. AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE TEXTBOOKS

Explanation:

The New Jersey Department of Education has requested that obsolete textbooks be posted on the Department of Education website and Piscataway Township Schools will comply with that request upon board approval. The district has world language textbooks that the students of Piscataway are no longer using.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to declare the following textbooks obsolete for purposes of disposal.

<u>Title</u>	<u>ISBN No.</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
Muy Bien! Level C	09713381-9-1	4-5	2002/Double R	238
Muy Bien! Workbooks	09713381-9-1	4-5	2002/Double R	76
Muy Bien! Teacher's Guide	09713381-9-1	4-5	2002/Double R	1
Dime! Uno	0-669-43328-4	4-5	1997/D. C. Heath	16

J. AFJROTC PROGRAM TO BE RESTRUCTURED FROM TWELVE MONTH PROGRAM TO ELEVEN MONTH PROGRAM

Explanation:

Due to federal budget cuts and with guidance from the Air Force, school AJFROTC programs are recommended to be cut from 12 months to 11 or 10 months. Piscataway Township Schools will experience a 16.7% cut in funding for the 2014-2015 school year. The administration recommends restructuring the program to 11 months which maintains the student Summer Leadership Camp, administrative summer logistic work and community ceremonial events. The AFJROTC Freshman Academy will be eliminated but be considered for infusion in proposed Piscataway High School Freshman Orientation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for the AFJROTC program to change from a twelve month to an eleven month program at Piscataway High School.

<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Y	_____	_____	_____	Y
M	_____	_____	Y	_____	_____
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S	_____	_____	Y	_____	_____
_____	Y	_____	_____	_____	Y
_____	Yea	8	_____	Nay	0

XIII. PUPIL SERVICES – Ira Stern

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

A. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following students for placement:

<u>Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate</u>
School Placements: Child Therapeutic Day School - UBHC	1/29/14	Emotionally Disturbed	\$5,355/mth
Home Instruction: New Hope Foundation	1/15/14	Emotionally Disturbed	\$450/wk

<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Y	M	_____	_____	Y
S	_____	_____	Y	_____	_____
_____	Y	_____	_____	_____	Y
_____	_____	_____	Y	_____	_____
_____	Yea	8	_____	Nay	0

XIV. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Margaret King

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

A. 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost Not to Exceed</u>
Phyllis Olex	NJ Music Educators Association (NJMEA) Music Conference	February 21, 2014	\$160
Amanda Gorzynski	NJ Music Educators Association (NJMEA) Music Conference	February 21 & 22, 2014	\$160
Harold Abraham	New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) Conference <i>(Conference Presenter)</i>	February 24 & 25, 2014	\$70
Lisa Moore	New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) Conference <i>(Elementary Representative)</i>	February 25, 2014	\$170
Drew Calvo	Imprinted Sportswear Show	March 14, 2014	\$99
Graciela Bueno	2014 Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey (FLENJ) Conference	March 14, 2014	\$155
Athena Vasiliadis	2014 Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey (FLENJ) Conference	March 14 & 15, 2014	\$180
Judy Collins Kim Georgeian Lilia McDermott	Tri-State Camp Conference <i>(Includes group registration, meals, travel & lodging)</i>	March 19 & 20, 2014	\$1170
Deborah Dawson Margaret Fryer	NJ State School Nurses Association Annual Conference	March 22, 2014	\$281 each
Paul Schoeb	Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey 54 th Annual Workshop	March 26–29, 2014	\$350
Julia Schick	Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey 54 th Annual Workshop	March 27 & 28, 2014	\$175

Walter Adenau Carol Cirasa Caitlin Cooper Michele Cseh Leslie Daise Dawn Dombroski Mary Hunter Thomas Medvecky Claire Pish Lindsay Pish Marie St. Louis	46 th Annual Reading & Writing Conference	March 28, 2014	\$150 each
Diane Janson	Council for Exceptional Children Convention & Expo	April 9, 2014	\$375
Catherine Sousa	Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conference	June 22-25, 2014	\$2485
Carol Cirasa Rajvi Kamdar Claire Pish Jessica Ritchie-Ruta Perry Stio Mary Donna Williams Lisa Young	Rutgers Center for Literacy Development Workshop "Comprehension at the Core with CCSS" (<i>After School Series</i>)	May 28, 2014	\$50 each
Amy Benjamin	NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/NJBE) Spring Conference	May 28, 2014	\$139
Natalie Cabinda Peggy Cleveland	NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/NJBE) Spring Conference	May 28 & 29, 2014	\$219 each

B. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

1. Explanation:

PSE&G sponsors an on-going program called "PSEG Power of Giving Campaign." Employees and retirees can sign up to donate to a school of their choice. The school then receives a donation from the campaign.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$140 from the PSEG Power of Giving Campaign. This donation will be deposited into the Piscataway High School Student Activities Account to help students in need of financial assistance during the college application process. This is an on-going program and may result in further donations throughout the school year.

2. Explanation:

Ms. Fareeha Cheema, a township resident, would like to donate 120 50 lb. bags of play sand to Children's Corner Preschool. The value of this donation is approximately \$1,200.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of 120 50 lb. bags of play sand to Children's Corner Preschool for use in their classroom sand tables. The value of this donation is approximately \$1,200.

C. RE-ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Explanation:

It is proposed that the district hire three assistant principals for the six elementary schools to give the principals, staff, students and parents additional time and support. Each assistant principal would be assigned to two schools. They would work daily from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM making them available during the critical lunch/recess period and during the aftercare program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to hire three Elementary School Assistant Principals to be shared among the six elementary schools.

<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<u> </u>	Mr. Nazir	<u> Y </u>	<u> S </u>	Mr. Connors	<u> Y </u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Mosier
<u> </u>	Mr. Okamoto	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Johnson	<u> Y </u>	<u> </u>	Ms. Lopez
<u> </u>	Mr. Stern	<u> Y </u>	<u> M </u>	Ms. King	<u> Y </u>	<u> </u>	Mr. Irwin
		Yea	<u> 8 </u>		Nay	<u> 0 </u>	

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

- Comments from the Board

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved	<u> Mr. Stern </u>	Seconded	<u> Ms. Lopez </u>
Yea	<u> 8 </u>	Nay	<u> 0 </u>

- - - Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio
Interim Board Secretary

