

Toms River, New Jersey, January 20, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place virtually on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Board President Joe Nardini read the following Opening Statement:

“Good Evening, Welcome to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools.”

“This meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and The Star Ledger on December 22, 2020, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

A roll call of attendance indicated the following Board Members were present: Mrs. Lisa Contessa, Ms. Kathy Eagan, Mr. Kevin Kidney, Mr. Alex Mizenko, Mrs. Ashley Palmiere, Mrs. Michele Williams, Mrs. Anna Polozzo and Mr. Joe Nardini.

Mrs. Jennifer Howe arrived 6:05 p.m.

Also in attendance were Interim Superintendent Gialanella, Assistant Superintendents Ricotta, DiMeo, Fastnacht, Business Administrator Doering, Board Secretary Saxton, Board Attorney Leone and Attorney Burns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION- 6:02 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the following Executive Session Resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Board of Education, at this time, move to a virtually closed session Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session Resolution – *To include* Personnel - RICE # 14014, # 14177, # 12346; Personnel – Superintendent Search; Contracts – Referendum; TREA Memorandum of Agreement; Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report; Fire & Security Drill Report; Suspension Report; Other. Subject to change.

All members present voting Aye.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:33 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 7:33 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Mr. Nardini led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Interim Superintendent Gialanella stated January 2021 is School Board Recognition Month, we celebrate school board members that work for free, donate their time for the betterment of education in the community. It takes a lot of time and a lot of time there is negative feedback from people in the community who thinks perhaps things should be better. It is a difficult job that the Board members do and we want to make sure we recognize and appreciate our Board members as well as all the other Board members in New Jersey.

We went fully remote in two schools this week, Cedar Grove and Silver Bay Elementary. This is the last resort to close schools, I know how difficult it is for parents to find sitters when they are working and I also know the best instruction we have is in person instruction. We try to keep our schools open, we work hard at it. If we have a breakout or infection we try to isolate to a class and close that class, if it spreads through the school and we have a staffing problem then we have to close the school. I want to avoid closing that school and avoid closing the whole district. Right now we are in the midst of a surge from the holidays, Ocean County lead the State for the last two days in the number of infections and in our community and in our district our numbers are going higher. We are hoping that settles down over the next week and the vaccines kick in and we can start talking about bringing our student back more rather than closing our schools. Again, that is the last resort we want to take, we worked very hard trying to avoid that last resort.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Student Representatives from all three high schools updated Board on the academic and athletic successes taking place at their respective schools, as well as events taking place and fund raising activities.

Sarah Pasqualetto, High School East
Kailey Daniele, High School North
Susannah Brown, High School South

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Budget & Finance Committee – Mr. Mizenko

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools had a live/virtual committee meeting on January 13, 2021 from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Committee Chair, Alex Mizenko, read the following opening statement:

“Good evening, welcome to the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools. Notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger on December 22, 2020, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In addition to the Committee Chair, in attendance were Board members-Lisa Contessa, Kathy Eagan, Jennifer Howe, Kevin Kidney, Joe Nardini, Ashley Palmiere, Anna Polozzo and Michele Williams, Interim Superintendent- Tom Gialanella, Assistant Superintendents- Jim Ricotta, Cara DiMeo and Rich Fastnacht, Business Administrator- Bill Doering and Board Secretary- Wendy Saxton. Also in attendance were Jerry Conaty and Kim Kelly from our district financial audit firm of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment via call-in was provided.

The district auditors, Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., presented the 2019-20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as well as the separate management report.

Jerry Conaty explained that we have an unmodified or clean audit opinion. He then presented and discussed key areas in the financial and management reports, including highlighting the fact that we had no audit comments. Additionally, he discussed the status of fund balances, reserves and enterprise funds, and noted that the surplus generated in 2019-20 goes a long way towards replacing the more than \$5 million in surplus and maintenance reserve funding used to fund the 2020-21 budget. Mr. Conaty commended the Business Administrator and Board Secretary for the condition of the financial records and for having solid internal controls in place. As we did the last six years, we will be applying for the ASBO International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2019-20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As we do every month, the committee reviewed the expenditures listed in the Purchasing Agenda, which was posted in the Board's Google Docs folder prior to the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. The Purchasing Agenda also included items of zero value, bids, change orders and resolutions. Purchasing Agenda questions by various individual Board members were answered by Mr. Doering and other members of the administration. The Purchasing Agenda for this month is in the amount of \$2,421,097.99 for the 2020-21 school year. The Budget & Finance Committee is recommending the approval of the Purchasing Agenda by the full Board.

The committee then reviewed the District lease, sponsorship and other rental agreements and these are also being recommended for board approval.

The committee was then apprised as to the status of the 2021-22 budget. The district is developing multiple budget scenarios based on a range of state aid allocations, given that we were slated for an estimated state aid reduction of nearly \$7 million. This will again be a challenging year in terms of developing a budget that truly provides for a thorough and efficient education.

Finally, the committee was advised as to the status of the SOS (Save our Schools) OPRA lawsuit, of which our district is a participant. The NJ DOE finally released the computer 'algorithm' requested in the OPRA that was filed in February 2020. The attorneys handling the case are reviewing and analyzing the documents provided and more information will be forthcoming.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Nardini
Building & Grounds Committee ESIP & Referendum Committee

Due to statewide COVID-19 school closings the ESIP & Building Initiative Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 13, 2021, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 7:31 PM.

Committee Chair Joe Nardini read the following opening statement: “Good evening and welcome to the ESIP & Building Initiative Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools. Notice of this meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and the Star-Ledger on December 22, 2020, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In addition to the Committee Chair, in attendance were Board members Ashley Palmiere, Kevin Kidney, Jennifer Howe, Anna Polozzo, Lisa Contessa, Alex Mizenko, Kathy Eagan, and Michele Williams; Superintendent- Thomas Gialanella; Assistant Superintendents- James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo, and Richard Fastnacht; Business Administrator- William Doering, Manager of Capital Projects- Mark Wagner, Manager of Facilities- Peter Tomko, and Derek Jordan and Tom Brys of Maser Consulting. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

PROJECTS-OLD

The High School North C Wing lavatory modification continues to progress with tile, flooring, and fixtures installed and wall partitions expected to arrive very soon. The solar phase 3 project was discussed and it was noted that this project will require Board of Education approval of resolution. The 1144 water pipe leak restoration project has been awarded to George Koustas Construction.

PROJECTS-NEW

We have been notified by the Township of Toms River that the redevelopment of the downtown area continues to move forward. The Poseidon Academy (old bus terminal) that is utilized by our Marine Science class will be demolished as part of the redevelopment project. After discussion with our Secondary Science Supervisor of Instruction and the teacher of this course, it has been determined that the Marine Science classes are part of the STEAM Academy and for various reasons, moving this course to HS East would be in the best interest of our students at this time. We thank Toms River Township for their generous lease of this building and Mr. Wagner will notify them of termination of the lease agreement.

COMMUNICATION

The district has received a request from Stonefield Engineering regarding a CAFRA individual permit & FWW LOI Walnut & James Street for 48 units being built at this location. Kaplan Companies provided notification of the extension of a minor site plan approval across from 1144 Hooper Avenue. A resident communicated that they will seek approval from the Township and builder of a 14 lot subdivision, for approval of an easement onto the back play fields of Cedar Grove Elementary. Mr. Wagner is planning on attending the Planning Board meeting next week to address any questions the board may have with respect to district matters concerning the support of this plan. All discussions will be noted that there must be at no cost to the district.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Maser Consulting will provide notification to property owners adjacent to Intermediate North explaining work that will be completed on an underground tank at this site. A review of PPE purchases that have been received and distributed to all buildings, custodial departments, transportation, and special education areas. Additional plexiglass shields have been manufactured by our maintenance department and have been distributed throughout the district. PPE supplies continue to be received and distributed as requested by buildings.

ESIP PROJECTS:

The Energy Management installation at all sites is at the punch list stage and should be completed by April. Lighting projects with MJF are in final stages with the contractor punch list items being completed.

BUILDING INITIATIVES PROJECTS:

Project recently completed were reviewed including:

Site 189- Paving-Phase 2 (HSE, HSN, HSS, BWE, CGE, IMS, PBE, STR, WAL, 1144)
Earle Construction has completed and the closeout is in progress.

Projects currently under construction were reviewed including:

Site 181-Group 2 (HS North, Intermediate South, Early Learning Center) Newport
Construction is progressing and on schedule.

Site 184A- Group 1 (BWE, JAC, STR) Bismark Construction is progressing and on schedule.

Site 185 Group 3 (Int. East, Cedar Grove & Hooper Avenue, HS East Entrance Canopy, JBAC Sound System & Security Vestibule) Bennett Construction is preparing for construction trailers to be placed at Int East within the next 2-3 weeks.

Projects currently out to bid include:

Security upgrades- Keyless entries, and cameras- Site 172A The district is looking at two contractors and determining co-op options to move forward.

Site 186-Group 4 (HS South, Pine Beach Elementary, and Washington Street Elementary) Bids received today with excellent numbers under budget. Currently entering the legal review process.

Projects currently in design include:

Site 187-Group 5 (IMN /NDE/WAL/WDE) Anticipated bid advertisement date of January 20, 2021.

Site 188-Group 6 (HSE/EDE/SBE) EDE Canopy rehabilitation- February 2021 bid anticipated.

Site 174 Intermediate South Facade Restoration- Recommendations from consultants have been received and cost estimates are being developed for each option. Maser is finalizing the cost estimate for district review and to finalize project direction.

Paving Phase 3 (East Dover, Citta Elementary, North Dover, West Dover, Intermediate North, 123 Walnut, Vehicle Maintenance) Out to bid January 29, 2021 for summer project completion.

The mid-month meeting is not requested for January.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Polozzo

Due to statewide COVID-19 school closings a Personnel Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place virtually on January 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is not publicly advertised as the committee reviews personnel information which includes names of individual staff member as well as possible new staff members.

In attendance were Anna Polozzo, Chair, committee members, Kevin Kidney and Ashley Palmiere. Also attending was Joseph Nardini, Board President.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Anna Polozzo. Thomas Gialanella, Interim Superintendent, discussed with the members personnel being recommended for employment and extra-curricular positions being recommended for employment at the board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

The committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Contessa

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at 1144 Hooper Avenue, Conference Room A, on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Board Member Lisa Contessa read the following opening statement:

“Good Evening, Welcome to a Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools. This meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and the Star-Ledger on December 22, 2020, which constituted at least 48-hour notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In addition to Lisa Contessa, in attendance were Board President Joseph Nardini; Committee members; Kathy Eagan and Ashley Palmiere, as well as Board Members Ann Polazzo, Michele Williams, Alex Mizenko, Kevin Kidney, and Jennifer Howe; Superintendent Thomas Gialanella; Business Administrator William Doering; Assistant Superintendents, James Ricotta, Jr., Cara DiMeo, and Richard Fastnacht.

Richard Fastnacht, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following policies for review and deliberation in preparation for the first reading at the Board of Education meeting on January 20, 2021:

- P&R 7440 School District Security (Mandated; Changes to District Policy & Regulation)
- P&R 7510 Use of School Facilities (Mandated; Changes to the District Policy & Regulation)

After policies were presented, board members and administration discussed how

committee meetings could run and be presented moving forward. Board members discussed possible changes such as ‘Committee Meetings of the Whole’ or moving forward with the current format.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment.

INQUIRIES FROM GUESTS AND PRESS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY *(limited to 3 minutes as per Board Policy # 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, the first public session will be limited to a total of 30 minutes)*

There were none

**PRESENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR’S MANAGEMENT REPORT
BY HOLMAN, FRENIA, ALLISON**

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 30, 2020 COMPREHENSIVE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR’S MANAGEMENT REPORT
(attached)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the Approval of the June 30, 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor’s Management Report (attached) be approved.

On roll call the following vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

INQUIRIES FROM GUESTS AND PRESS – AUDIT ITEMS ONLY *(limited to 3 minutes as per Board Policy # 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, the first public session will be limited to a total of 30 minutes)*

There were none

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN NEW JERSEY FOR JANUARY 2021 (attached)

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of Acceptance of Resolution for School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey for January 2021(attached) be approved.

On roll call the following vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 PUPIL CALENDAR (attached)

A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval of 2021-2022 Pupil Calendar (attached) be approved.

On roll call the following vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: Eagan

Abstained: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF JAMES RICOTTA JR. AS THE DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALIST EFFECTIVE 1/1/2021

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval of James Ricotta Jr. as the District School Safety Specialist Effective 1/1/2021 be approved.

On roll call the following vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR SOLAR PROJECTS PHASE III (attached)

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Nardini and carried that the Approval of Resolution for Solar Projects Phase III (attached) be approved.

On roll call the following vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING
POLICIES/REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS**

Policy & Regulation 7440 School District Security

Policy & Regulation 7510 Use of School Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of First Reading of the Policies/Regulations and Bylaws as listed be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TOMS RIVER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Toms River Education Association for the Period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo

Noes: None

Abstained: Eagan, Nardini

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS # 18-23

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the Approval of Agenda Items # 18-23 be approved.

18. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

19. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report

20. Approval of District Facility Lease, Sponsorship and other Rental Agreements (attached)

21. Approval of Minutes: (Regular and/or Executive, where applicable)

December 16, 2020

January 6, 2021

22. Approval of Bills:

<i>General</i>	<i>\$ 11,177,607.39</i>
<i>Cafeteria</i>	<i>\$ 34,870.51</i>
<i>Payroll (Gross) December 4, 2020</i>	<i>\$ 5,398,206.13</i>
<i>(Gross) December 18, 2020</i>	<i>\$ 5,340,099.50</i>

23. Board Secretary's Agenda

School Year 2020-2021

Purchases – Pages 1 through 16- \$2,421,097.99

Zero Values	Award of Bids
Student Transportation	Jointures

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY'S
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of November 2020 no budgetary line items account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of

Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8-1, that the district's accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.

Through the adoption of this resolution, we the Toms River Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22-2.11(c), certify that as of November 2020 after a review of the Secretary's monthly report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:22-2.11 (c) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's needs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Nardini and carried that the Approval and Certification of the November 2020 Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports be approved:

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-15)

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#1-15) be approved:

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-8:

1. Recommended for Employment:

{Code = (R) Replacement; (New) New Position}

A.	<u>Giovanna Coppola</u>	(R)	\$
	IS Social Worker	3/1/2021** - 6/30/2021	63,954*
			(11 Months)
			(Prorated)
B.	<u>Nicole R. Tischio</u>	(R)	\$
			54,240*

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A.	<u>Employee #16373</u> ED School Nurse	Personal	1/4/2021 – 1/29/2021
B.	<u>Employee #16298</u> BWD Sped RR	Family	1/4/2021 - 1/31/2021
C.	<u>Employee #13239</u> IE Language Arts Gr. 8	FFCRA	11/9/2020 - 12/18/2020 (revised leave end date)
D.	<u>Employee #15070</u> IN Social Studies Gr. 8	Family	3/22/2021 - 6/30/2021
E.	<u>Employee #11932</u> WS Grade 5	Family	1/5/2021 - 1/29/2021
F.	<u>Employee #12820</u> WAL Grade 2	Medical Ext.	2/1/2021 - 5/31/2021
G.	<u>Employee #14342</u> PB Grade 2	Maternity	2/3/2021 - 6/30/2021
H.	<u>Employee #14541</u> PB Kindergarten	Family	4/12/2021 - 6/30/2021
I.	<u>Employee #14902</u> SB Grade 5	Family Maternity	3/11/2021 - 6/12/2021 6/13/2021 - 6/30/2021 (revised leave dates)
J.	<u>Employee #14556</u> IE Guidance	Family Ext.	1/22/2021 - 1/29/2021
K.	<u>Employee #14547</u> HSE+ BCBA	Family	1/4/2021; 1/11/2021; 1/25/2021
L.	<u>Employee #12855</u> JAC Grade 1	Maternity	1/17/2020 - 6/30/2021

M.	<u>Employee #15404</u> IS+ Speech Language Specialist	Maternity Ext.	3/27/2021 - 6/30/2021
N.	<u>Employee #15415</u> WD Sped RR	Family Ext.	12/24/2020 - 2/18/2021
O.	<u>Employee #13443</u> JAC Sped LLD	Maternity	2/1/2021 - 6/30/2021
P.	<u>Employee #12727</u> WS Sped RR	Family	2/16/2021 - 4/12/2021
Q.	<u>Employee #13620</u> ND Art	Family	1/14/2021; 1/28/2021; 2/4/2021; 2/11/2021 (p.m. only)

6. Suspension with Pay:

A. Employee #14014 2/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

7. Retirements:

A. Patricia A. Woolley 7/1/2021
HA Grade 2

8. Transfers Effective 1/25/2021: (Attached)

SUPPORT STAFF 9-13:

9. Secretarial Services:

A. **Recommended for Employment:**
{Code = (R) Replacement

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<u>Kaleigh M. Wargo</u> IS Guidance Secretary (10 months)	(R) 2/16/2020 – 6/30/2021	\$29,318.00 (Prorated)
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B. Transfers effective in the 2020-21 SY: (Attached)

10. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

A. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #15165</u> HA Tier II Paraprofessional	Family Ext.	12/29/2020 – 2/9/2021
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<u>Employee #15208</u> HSN Tier II Paraprofessional	Medical Ext.	1/5/2021 – 1/28/2021
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<u>Employee #15211</u> HSS Tier II Paraprofessional	Personal Ext.	12/24/2020 – 2/28/2021
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<u>Employee #15952</u> WAL Tier II Paraprofessional	FFCRA Ext. Personal	12/24/2020 – 12/31/2020 1/1/2021 – 1/31/2021
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<u>Employee #16329</u> ED Tier II Paraprofessional	Personal Ext.	1/4/2021 – 1/31/2021
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<u>Employee #16425</u> ELC Tier II Paraprofessional	Personal Ext.	1/4/2021 – 1/31/2021
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B. Resignations:

<u>Lisa L. Donzanti</u> SB Tier II Paraprofessional	12/24/2020
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Jody L. Hudson 12/24/2020
STR Tier II Paraprofessional

Samantha S. Karasiewicz 12/24/2020
STRE Tier II Paraprofessional

Karen Shaughnessy 12/19/2020
IS Tier II Paraprofessional

C. Transfers effective 12/23/2020: (Attached)

11. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended for employment and approval to attend training to receive Black Seal/Low Pressure License to be reimbursed upon issuance of license at a cost of no greater than \$462.00:

<u>Michael Merritt</u>	(R)	\$
IS Night Custodian	1/25/2021 – 6/30/2021	32,739.18 (Prorated)

B. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #14230</u>	Family	1/13/2021 – 1/14/2021
IS Custodian		

C. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

		<u>Effective Dates:</u>
<u>Justin W. Lomerson</u>	HSN Night Supervisor	3/9/2021 – 6/30/2021
<u>James A. Mlotkiewicz</u>	HSS Night Custodian	1/28/2021 – 6/30/2021
<u>John S. Schweighardt</u>	HSS Night Supervisor	3/9/2021 – 6/30/2021

D. Recommended for placement on the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$15.08 per hour effective 1/21/2021:

Samuel D. Dethlefs

E. Suspension without pay:

Employee #14177 1/13/2021; 1/20/2021; 1/27/2021

12. Security Department:

A. Resignations:

Employee #12346* 3/31/2021

**In conjunction with separation agreement*

13. Transportation Department:

A. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #12652</u> Bus Mechanic	Family Ext.	12/12/2020 – 12/27/2020
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<u>Employee #13151</u> Sped Bus Driver	Family Ext.	1/9/2021 – 2/7/2021
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<u>Employee #15719</u> Sped Bus Driver	Family Ext.	1/4/2021 – 1/15/2021
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B. Recommended for placement on the bus attendant substitute list at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective 1/21/2021:

Elsa J. Dimiele
Jessica A. Grouss
Karilynn A. West

- C. Recommended for placement on the bus driver substitute list at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective 1/21/2021:

Monica M. Angster
James A. Carlucci
Valerie M. Lisanti
Jason T. Cotellessa

- D. Recommended Salary Adjustments/Corrections:

<u>Christine M. Chadwick</u> Sped Bus Attendant	12/17/2020 – 6/30/2021 (Correction in salary)	+\$110.00 (Prorated)
<u>Jodi L. Granito</u> Sped Bus Attendant	12/17/2020 – 6/30/2021 (Correction in salary)	+\$110.00 (Prorated)
<u>Kimberly A. Pappalardo</u> Sped Bus Attendant	12/17/2020 – 6/30/2021 (Correction in salary)	+\$110.00 (Prorated)

- E. Retirement:

Eileen M. Danser 3/1/2021
Assistant Transportation
Supervisor

Margaret M. Donnelly 6/30/2021
Director of Transportation

Kathleen Planer 1/1/2021
Regular Bus Driver

- F. Resignations:

Roger W. VanNess 1/27/2021
Regular Bus Driver

14. Extracurricular:

A. Fall 2020 to be held Winter 2021 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Lori C. Ciupinski</u>	IS Girls' Volleyball	\$4,511.00; Step 3
<u>Christina Ribaldo</u>	HSN Asst. Girls' Volleyball	\$3,400; Step 1
<u>Elise M. Weinberger</u>	HSE Asst. Gymnastics	Volunteer

B. Winter 2020 – 2021 Coaching Salary Correction:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
<u>Lisa A. Dowd</u>	HSN Head Boys' Bowling \$2,717.00; Step 1	HSN Head Boys' Bowling \$4,179.00; Step 3

C. Winter 2020 – 2021 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Timothy Hayduk*</u>	HSE/HSS Asst. Ice Hockey	\$3,400.00; Step 1
<u>Bradie Keelen*</u>	HSS Asst. Girls' Swim	\$3,528.00; Step 1

D. Spring 2020 – 2021 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>David W. Fanslau</u>	HSS Asst. Baseball	Volunteer
<u>Christina Ribaldo</u>	HSN Asst. Boys' Volleyball	Volunteer

E. Spring 2020 -2021 Coaching Resignations:

<u>Angela Palumbo</u>	HSN Assistant Softball	-\$5,228.00; Step 3
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F. School Musical Recommendations and Payments:

High School South:
(See Attached)

<u>Intermediate North:</u> <u>David Casadonte*</u>	Videographer	\$2,500.00
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**On Approved Sub List*

15. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AGENDA (# 1-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the following resolutions be approved:

1. Affirmative Action:

A. Recommend approval of the attached resolution declaring the month of February 2021 as Black History Month.

2. Application for Reimbursement of Professional Graduate Courses (Attached)

3. Donations:

A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.

4. Extracurricular:

A. Winter Sports Schedules (Attached)

High Schools East, North & South

Intermediate East, North & South

5. Funded Programs: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval of the attached Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant Application from the New Jersey Department of Education for fiscal year 2021.
- B. Recommend approval of the attached additional CARES Act Grant Application and award of funds for the Fiscal Year 2021. (Attached)

6. Graduate Reimbursement (Attached)

7. Homebound Instruction (Attached)

8. Student Services:

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)
- B. Tuition Pupils Received Requests (Attached)
- C. Children's Center Outreach Program Requests (Attached)

9. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Polozzo discussed our Student Representatives as the highlight of our Board meetings, discussed fundraisers and supporting local businesses.

Mrs. Contessa discussed listing organizations on the district website, support of small business owners who support our students.

Mrs. Howe discussed Toms River Educational Foundation donation to schools, Hooper Avenue students selling braided bracelets to support those in need of winter coats, thanked High School East military club, thanked teachers and understands the stress of teaching hybrid model.

Mr. Mizenko thanked the Toms River Foundation for donation and hard work.

Mrs. Williams thanked the district for the submission of grant addressing student learning loss.

INQUIRIES FROM GUESTS AND PRESS (limited to 5 minutes as per Board Policy # 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)

Public comments were heard by Ms. Eagen

Public comments were heard by Ms. Taylor

Public comments were heard by Ms. Remelgado

Public comments were heard by Mr. Phillips

Public comments were heard by Mr. Becker

Board President Joe Nardini and Board Member Kathy Eagan left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION- 8:47 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the following Executive Session Resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Board of Education, at this time, move to a virtually closed session Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session Resolution – *To include* Personnel – Superintendent Search; Other. Subject to change.

All members present voting Aye.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 10:10 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 10:10 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:11 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary