

<p style="text-align: center;">INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2021</p>

The Insurance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met September 13, 2021 via Google Meet. This quarterly meeting is not publicly advertised as the committee reviews insurance information, including workers compensation and liability claims, which may include items in litigation or names and case information for individuals, including staff members.

In attendance were Committee Chair- Michele Williams and Board members Kevin Kidney and Ashley Palmiere as well as Business Administrator- William Doering and Interim Superintendent- Dr. Stephen Genco. Also in attendance was Stuart Migdon with the district health insurance broker, Business and Governmental Insurance Agency (BGIA) and John Forrester and Ron Gillaspie from the district property and casualty insurance broker, Alliant/Boynton.

For the health insurance program, Mr. Migdon reviewed a quarterly report which covered claims paid through July 2021. BGIA discussed the medical and Rx plan costs and current trend. It was noted that one particular prescription drug accounts for a large part of the increase in the overall cost. Mr. Migdon highlighted that our medical network discounts remain strong and are currently at 54.7%, and he noted that our PHC visits were down and our emergency room visits were also down during the pandemic. Finally, he advised that a meeting is set up for next week with the majority union representative (TREA) and the A&S Council to discuss a dental proposal from Metlife, and the committee will be updated as to the status at the next quarterly meeting.

Regarding the property, casualty and workers compensation insurance program, Mr. Forrester and Mr. Gillaspie from Alliant/Boynton presented a quarterly report that detailed our insurance loss experience for the last 5 years. The losses were generally minimal for 2020-21 due to the pandemic and having less workers compensation and liability claims. They also reviewed the final policy renewals for 2021-22, and highlighted the significant increase in cyber liability. This insurance is increasing in cost significantly for not only schools, but all entities that utilize technology given the risk of attacks from ransomware, etc. It was discussed that the district, insurance broker and policy provider shall continue to evaluate the cyber risk to the district, as well as consider additional measures to mitigate this risk. One area to be further reviewed is MFA (multi-factor authentication), which may be required in the future for cyber liability policies to even be written. The district will also review this further with the insurance broker and policy provider.

Michele Williams, Chair

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION (FOR STABILIZATION AID APPLICATION)
September 15, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Toms River Regional School District (“the district”), despite seeing temporary relief from ESSER grant funds and favorable budget variances for the prior two budget years due to the pandemic, is experiencing, and will continue to experience, financial distress as a structural deficit is building due to the reduction in state school aid with the implementation of Chapter Law 67 (known as S-2), whereby our state school aid has been reduced by \$18.6 million (cumulative loss of \$36.6 million) since 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, in the last 6 years, in addition to reductions in supply, co-curricular and healthcare budget areas, 216 staff positions have been eliminated in the district (172 of which were teaching positions) and of these, 30 teaching positions were able to be reinstated in 2021-22 by using ESSER II funds, but such funding is temporary and will run out, thereby creating a fiscal cliff; and

WHEREAS, given the current class sizes and staffing levels in the 2021-22 school year, and given that in the most recent Taxpayers’ Guide to Education Spending (2021), the district is the 2nd lowest total spending per pupil district, and 3rd lowest budgetary cost per pupil district in the state for its category (of the 92 districts over 3,500 students)- which demonstrates that the district is already fiscally lean- the district does not believe any further significant budget cuts can be made without having a very negative impact on students in terms of class sizes and program offerings; and

WHEREAS, the district requires additional aid in 2021-22 as we anticipate a state aid reduction of approximately \$7,641,573 at minimum for the 2022-23 school year (based on the state aid calculation spreadsheet provided by the NJ Association of School Business Officials), and such aid reductions cannot be fully made up for through the required 2% tax levy increase nor by any significant reductions in expenses as noted above, nor should the aid reduction be made up for by using additional ESSER funds as such funds are temporary and will lead to an even more severe funding cliff; and

WHEREAS, the timing of Stabilization Aid awards (the 2021-22 school year is already under way and budget shortfalls were temporarily addressed by utilizing ESSER II grant funds), is such that Stabilization Aid funds would fall to fund balance in 2021-22 and could be appropriated as surplus in the 2022-23 budget year to fund and retain 111 staff positions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of an application for Stabilization Aid in the amount of \$7,641,573 due to financial distress we are and will be experiencing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education and will accompany the September 2021 cover letter submitted by the Superintendent

CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned members of the Toms River Regional School Board of Education do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted at the Board of Education regular action meeting held on the 15th day of September 2021.

Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary

Toms River, New Jersey, September 8, 2021

An Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at the Administrative Building, 1144 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 5:35 P.M.

Board Vice President Anna Polozzo read the following Opening Statement:

“Good Evening, Welcome to an Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools.”

“This meeting was announced to the public sent to a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and The Star Ledger on September 3, 2021 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. Jennifer Howe, Mr. Kevin Kidney, Mr. Alex Mizenko, Mrs. Michele Williams and Mrs. Anna Polozzo

Mrs Lisa Contessa was absent.

Ms. Ashley Palmiere was absent.

Conflicted Board Members Ms. Eagan arrived 6:16 p.m.

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Also in attendance were Interim Superintendent Genco, Business Administrator Doering, Board Secretary Saxton, Board Attorney Burns.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Mrs. Polozzo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION- 5:36 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, 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 closed session to be held in Conference room A at the Administrative Offices, 1144 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey, and virtually for the purpose of:

Executive Session Resolution – *To include* - Discussing Personnel, Other. Subject to change.

as outlined under the Open public Meetings Act.

All members present voting Aye.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION –6:19 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 6:19 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary

Toms River Regional Schools
DISTRICT LEASE, SPONSORSHIP AND OTHER RENTAL AGREEMENTS
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

September 15, 2021

	DATE	RENTAL AMOUNT
<u>RWJBARNABAS HEALTH ARENA</u>		
Deep South NJ Classic / Cheerleading	12/11/2021 - 12/12/2021	\$ 19,500.00
Freehold Elite Gymnastics	4/21/2022 - 4/24/2022	\$ 9,000.00
Freehold Elite Gymnastics	5/5/2022 - 5/8/2022	\$ 9,000.00
Gloval League Kingdom Events /Cheerleading	3/5/2022 - 3/6/2022	\$ 14,500.00
<u>SPONSORSHIP</u>		
Automotive Avenues	10/1/2021 - 9/30/2022	\$ 1,500.00
Carpet Castle Inc.	9/1/2021 - 8/31/2022	\$ 1,200.00
FS Leisure Park Tenant Trust d/b/a Leisure Park	10/1/2021 - 9/30/2022	\$ 2,500.00
Team Ari NJ Corp (Weichert Realtor)	11/1/2021 - 10/31/2022	\$ 7,000.00

**TOMS RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
PURCHASING AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR – ADDENDUM #1

C.2 REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PQ: THERAPISTS & CONSULTANTS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES QUALIFICATIONS	THERAPISTS & CONSULTANTS
VENDOR	FEE REQUESTED
HAYLEY HAGGERTY OT LLC	OT SERVICES @ \$62.68/HOUR

QUALIFICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022.
SERVICES WILL BE UTILIZED ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS ONLY.
PURCHASE REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL AS NEEDED.

F. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS. RECEIPT DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

- A. SIGN-100 FURNISH & INSTALL NEW EXTERIOR SIGNAGE AT THE JOHN BENNETT ATHLETIC COMPLEX