

**Toms River, New Jersey, July 21, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at Toms River High School South, 55 Hyers Street, Toms River, on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:03 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 July 2, 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. Lisa Contessa, Ms. Kathy Eagan, Mrs. Jennifer Howe, Mr. Alex Mizenko, Mrs. Michele Williams, Mrs. Anna Polozzo and Mr. Joe Nardini.

Ms. Ashley Palmiere arrived 6:05 p.m.  
Mr. Kevin Kidney arrived virtually 6:05 p.m.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION- 6:03 P.M.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo 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 at High School South faculty room Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session Resolution – *To include Personnel To include Personnel - RICE # 16610, # 14014; Legal/Litigation; Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report; Security Drill Report; Suspension Report; Personnel – Superintendent Search; Other. Subject to change.*

*All members present voting Aye.*

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 7:30 P.M.*

*All members present voting Aye.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Mr. Nardini led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for employee Dewey Unger who was a custodian for Intermediate South.

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Interim Superintendent Gialanella discussed masking requirements moving forward. Toms River will allow masks to be optional as long as the State allows us to make that decision. Interim Superintendent Gialanella discussed the bus time change due to a lack of drivers which is a universal problem with a labor shortage.

Board President Joe Nardini discussed the ESIP projects, referendum projects and provided an update on our schools.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Budget & Finance Committee – Mr. Mizenko**

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met on July 14, 2021 at 1144 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey in Conference Room A from 7:30 P.M. to 7:57 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 July 2, 2021, 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. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment via call-in was provided.

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 \$2,940,978.73 for the 2020-21 school year and \$25,312,179.09 for the 2021-22 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 provided with proposed school lunch and breakfast prices for 2021-22. Given that we are participating in the SSO (Seamless Summer Option), the meal prices are largely irrelevant as all students will be entitled to free meals. It was noted that the district meal prices are still 6% to 13% below the maximum prices allowed by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Finally, it was also noted that parents must still fill out free and reduced lunch applications as such applications directly impact the amount of State School Aid we are entitled to!

The committee was informed that as we have done in prior years, the final property/casualty insurance renewals will be on the July agenda.

Next, the committee was advised that a resolution will be on the July 2021 board agenda to establish an Internal Service Fund (ISF) for our primarily self-insured medical and prescription insurance. This would be effective with the 2020-21 audit and then going forward. The mechanics of such a fund was explained, whereby the ISF will be funded each year with budgeted dollars and then actual medical and prescription claims

will be paid through the ISF. Any ISF fund balance can be used to offset future claims, which is important given the potential volatility with a self-insured program.

Finally, Mr. Doering advised the committee that for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the district has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International for the 2019-20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**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 July 14, 2021, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 7:57 PM.

President 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 July 2, 2021, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were Board members Joe Nardini, Ashley Palmiere, Kevin Kidney, Jennifer Howe, Anna Polozzo, Lisa Contessa, Alex Mizenko, Michele Williams and Kathy Eagan, ; 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- Sam Pepe and Derek Jordan and Tom Byrs of Colliers Engineering. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

**PROJECTS-OLD**

Solar phase 3 project has been received. Facilities department staff are in the process of document review while our purchasing department and legal team reviews before submission to OSC. The cafe at 1144 is currently under renovation to allow office space

for our special education service providers. Equipment has been removed and the tile flooring is being installed where necessary to match existing flooring . Our Maintenance and Custodial Department will participate in a summer training session on July 28th. Demonstrations of safety procedures, handling of new equipment, and annual training will be presented to all staff. Yesterday during our Pandemic Response Committee meeting, representatives from New Calgon and Johnstone Supply demonstrated and explained the i-wave C air purification system and answered questions. This product will be installed by our staff to provide air purification to our large areas such as cafeterias, auditoriums, media centers, offices, gyms, locker rooms, and other large spaces. The District proudly announces that we have been awarded funding through the Alysia's Law Security Grant. This funding will provide generators for High School East, High School North, and modifications to Intermediate East.

**COMMUNICATION:**

Groundwater Environmental Services sent a notification letter regarding testing near Pine Beach Elementary. Currently the testing has provided clean results. NJDEP provided notice to the district for an application permitting SUEZ Water of Toms River to draw additional water from some existing wells as one will be closed. RVE notification of Freshwater Wetlands & CAFRA for Brookside Drive has been received as improvements to road and stormwater runoff will be changed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

A review of PPE purchases that have been received and distributed to all buildings, custodial departments, transportation, and special education areas was read by Mr. Pepe. Shields have been removed from the student desks and additional Vollara Air Purification Systems have been ordered to complete classroom purification in all buildings. PPE supplies continue to be received and distributed as requested by buildings as we track the usage and supply.

**ESIP PROJECTS:**

The Energy Management installation punch list has been reviewed and Colliers representatives report a few items have been resubmitted for completion with final close out of the project expected soon. Lighting projects with MJF punch list items have been completed and Colliers representatives report that the close out of this project is in progress.

**BUILDING INITIATIVES PROJECTS:**

Project recently completed were reviewed including:

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Site 189- Paving-Phase 2 ( HSE, HSN, HSS, BWE, CGE, IMS, PBE, STR, WAL, 1144) Earle Construction is technically not completed as punch list items remain. Mr. Jordan anticipates final completion of this project soon.

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 with completion of the project anticipated for late August.

Site 185 Group 3 ( Int. East, Cedar Grove & Hooper Avenue, HS East Entrance Canopy, JBAC Sound System & Security Vestibule ) Bennett Construction has started fieldwork, products are being delivered, and the project has experienced some design issues as demolition continues. They are working to get the project back on schedule.

Site 172A- District Wide Security project has been awarded to JCT. Pre-construction meeting was held this morning.

Site 187-Group 5 (IMN /NDE/WAL/WDE) Awarded to Bennett Construction with building permits in progress. Currently in the shop drawing stage.

Site 188- Group 6 (HSE, EDE, SBE) Newport Construction has been awarded this contract. Project currently in the shop drawing stage.

Projects/Site 191- Paving Phase 3- (EDE, JAC, NDE, WDE, IMN, 123 Walnut, VM) Lucas Brothers Paving is in the process of milling and paving at Vehicle Maintenance.

Site 186- Group 4 (HSS, PBE, WSE) Project has been awarded and is in the shop drawing stage.

Projects currently in design include:

Site 174 Intermediate South Facade Restoration- Recommendations from consultants have been received in draft form, and cost estimates are being developed for each presented option. Colliers is finalizing the cost estimate for district review and to finalize project direction now that groups 4, and 6 project costs have been analyzed.

The mid-month meeting is not required for July.

**Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Howe**

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on July 14, 2021, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 6:30PM.

Committee Chair, Jennifer Howe, read the following opening statement: “Good evening and welcome to the Curriculum 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 on July \_\_, 2021 and the Star-Ledger on July \_\_, 2021 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 Kevin Kidney, Ashley Palmiere, Lisa Contessa, Anna Polozzo, Joe Nardini, Alex Mizenko, Kathy Eagan, and Michele Williams; Interim Superintendent- Thomas Gialanella; Assistant Superintendents- James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo, and Richard Fastnacht; Business Administrator- William Doering, Directors-Joy Forrest, Adrienne Gold, Rachel Cicala and John Green. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Mr. Fastnacht opened the meeting with an introduction to the FAQ Curriculum Page regarding the Standards Updates Overview related to the 2020 Comprehensive Health & PE standards, as well as the newly passed A4454, regarding diversity and inclusion. Members of the board had the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions, including simplifying the language of the information presented to support understanding for all.

Ms. DiMeo provided an overview of the project SPEAR courses proposed for addition to the course catalog for High School South. Discussion ensued regarding future expansion of this project to the other high schools.

Ms. DiMeo presented the 2021-22 draft District Goals and provided some of the background information behind their development.

Ms. Heather Pentifallo, Supervisor of Mathematics for grades 6-12, delivered a presentation regarding the 2021-22SY intermediate mathematics adoption of Ready

Classroom Mathematics. Questions and comments concerning the embedded instructional resources and the program itself followed and Ms. Pentifallo provided thorough responses.

### **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 July 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. This meeting is not publicly advertised as the committee reviews personnel information which includes names of individual staff members as well as possible new staff members.

In attendance were Anna Polozzo, Chair, committee members Kevin Kidney and Ashley Palmiere.

The meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m. by Anna Polozzo. Thomas Gialanella, Interim Superintendent, discussed with the members personnel being recommended for employment, recommendations for extra-curricular positions being recommended for employment, and job descriptions at the board meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. The committee adjourned at 4:00 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, Administration Conference Room & Virtually, on Monday, July 12, 2021.

In addition to Lisa Contessa, in attendance were Committee members; Joseph Nardini, Kathy Eagan and Ashley Palmieri, Assistant Superintendents, James Ricotta, Jr., Cara DiMeo, and Richard Fastnacht and Director of Human Resources, Megan Osborn. Director of Human Resources, Megan Osborn, presented the following policies for review and deliberation in preparation for the first reading at the Board of Education meeting on July 21, 2021:

- P & R 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
- P 3421.13 Postnatal Accommodations
- P 4421.13 Postnatal Accommodations
- P 7450 Property Inventory
- P 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations

Members of Central Administration answered questions regarding the policies and regulation

**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.

**APPROVAL OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. STEPHEN GENCO FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 (attached)**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of Interim Superintendent, Dr. Stephen Genco for the period August 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (attached) be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: Eagan, Nardini*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FOR MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION INSURANCES**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval to Establish and Internal Service Fund for Medical and Prescription Insurances be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF 2021-22 INSURANCE POLICIES AND PROGRAM PROVIDERS PER ATTACHMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY ALLIANT/BOYNTON INSURANCE SERVICES**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the Approval of 2021-22 Insurance Policies and Program Providers per Attachment as Recommended by Alliant/Boynton Insurance Services be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF CATAPULT NON-PUBLIC NURSING SERVICES CONTRACT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**

*A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of Catapult Non-Public Nursing Services Contract Effective September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

*Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini*  
*Noes: None*  
*Recused: None*  
*Abstained: None*  
*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF CATAPULT LEARNING NON-PUBLIC SERVICES CHAPTER 192/193 CONTRACT AND EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the Approval of Catapult Learning Non-Public services Chapter 192/193 Contract and Evaluation and Determination of Eligibility Services Effective September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

*Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini*  
*Noes: None*  
*Recused: None*  
*Abstained: None*  
*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF CATAPULT CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR NON-PUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (IDEA) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**

*A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried that the Approval of Catapult Contract Agreement for Non-Public Special Educational Services (IDEA) Effective September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

*Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Mizenko, Palmiere, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini*  
*Noes: None*  
*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF CATAPULT CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR AFTER SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL READING AND/OR MATH INSTRUCTION (IDEA) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of Catapult Contract Agreement for Special Educational Services for After School Supplemental Reading and/or Math Instruction (IDEA) Effective September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

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

*A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of First Reading of the Following Policies/Regulations and Bylaws be approved.*

P & R 7101	Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
P 3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations
P 4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations
P 7450	Property Inventory
P 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES/REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of First Reading of the Following Policies/Regulations and Bylaws be approved.*

P2431	Athletic Competition
R2431.1	Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity
P2451	Adult High School
P6440	Cooperative Purchasing

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE YMCA OF GREATER MONMOUTH COUNTY COUNSELING & SOCIAL SERVICES AND TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS (attached)**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo seconded by Mr. Mizenko and carried that the Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County Counseling & Social Services and Toms River Regional Schools (attached) be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS # 19-24**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Nardini and carried that the Approval of Agenda Items # 19-24 be approved.*

**19. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report**

**20. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report**

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

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

*June 16, 2021*

*June 30, 2021*

*July 14, 2021*

**23. Approval of Bills:**

*General* \$ 26,124,629.79

*Cafeteria* \$ 957,522.73

*Payroll (Gross) June 4, 2021* \$ 5,532,124.50

*(Gross) June 18, 2021* \$ 1,175,964.60

*(Gross) June 22, 2021* \$ 4,469,336.93

**24. Board Secretary's Agenda + Addendum**

**School Year 2020-2021**

*Purchases – Pages 1 through 28- \$2,940,978.73*

**Change Order Approval**

**School Year 2021-2022**

*Purchases – Pages 1 through 70- \$25,312,179.09*

**Zero Values**

**Student Transportation**

**Permission to Advertise**

**Award of Bids**

**Contract Renewals**

*On roll call following the vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

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

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of May 2021 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 May 2021 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. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval and Certification of the May 2021 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*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

## **PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-25) + ADDENDUM (#26 – 30)**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#1-30) be approved:*

### **PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-25**

#### **CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-11:**

#### **1. Recommended for Employment:**

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

A.	<u>Jennifer N. DePalo</u>	(R)	\$
	STR Grade 1	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	55,005

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B.	<u>Kayla F. Harney</u> ELC PSH Aut	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	58,105
C.	<u>Susan E. Hubert</u> IE Sped RR	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	65,970
D.	<u>Colleen R. Langan</u> JAC Grade 3	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	57,105
E.	<u>Jena J. LeRiche</u> IE Sped RR	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	60,105
F.	<u>JeanMarie Lomer</u> ELC PSH Aut	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	55,005
G.	<u>Rosana Moreira de Galeano</u> HSN Nurse Assistant	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	50,005
H.	<u>Sophia Panaretos</u> CG Grade 5	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	60,105
I.	<u>Hannah Paxia</u> WS Sped RR	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	55,505

**1. Recommended for Employment: (Continued)**  
**{Code = (R) Replacement; (New) New Position}**

J.	<u>Gregory Perlman*</u> HSE Tech Ed/Industrial Arts	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	\$ 55,005
K.	<u>Mario M. Steriti</u> HSE Science	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	56,005
L.	<u>Lisa R. Vernon</u> WAL School Nurse	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	55,505

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M.	<u>Dawn Williams</u> ELC PSH Aut	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	58,105
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*\*Pending Issuance of Teaching Certificate*

2. **Recommended for Continuing Employment for the School Year 9/1/2021-6/30/2022** (Attached)

3. **Recommended Salary Correction/Adjustments:**

A.	<u>Heather R. Price</u> IE+ Social Worker	8/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 (MA to MA+30 Degree for new hire)	+1,100.00 (11 months)
B.	<u>Jennifer E. Nelson</u> ELC Sped PSH Aut	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Autism Facilitator Stipend)	+2,582.50
C.	<u>Joanna M. Novaky</u> ELC Preschool	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Autism Facilitator Stipend)	+2,582.50
D.	<u>Amanda K. Gregorek</u> HSE Science	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (STEAM Academy Facilitator)	+2,582.50
E.	<u>Jonathan Grill</u> HSN Instrumental Music	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Arts Academy Facilitator)	+2,582.50
F.	<u>Kristen Waldron</u> HSS Guidance	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Business Academy Facilitator)	+2,582.50
G.	<u>Kathryn A. Koenigstein</u> HSE Art	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Secondary Fine Arts Facilitator-Art)	+5,165.00
H.	<u>Christopher A. Loeffler</u> HSN Vocal Music	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Secondary Fine Arts Facilitator-Music)	+5,165.00

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I.	<u>Jenna Beverly</u> PB+ Art	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Elementary Fine Arts Facilitator-Art)	+2,582.50
J.	<u>Heather L. Coe</u> WAL Vocal Music	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Elementary Fine Arts Facilitator-Music)	+2,582.50
K.	<u>Sara J. McNerny</u> IN ESL	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (ESL Coordinator Stipend)	+\$10,330.00

**4. Recommended Degree Changes/Salary Adjustments effective 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022:**

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>\$</u>
A.	<u>Dinean M. Batchelder</u> IS Science Gr. 7	BA+30	MA +1,600
B.	<u>Ashley Burgess</u> HSN Science	BA	BA+30 +1,600
C.	<u>Alyssa Ellerson</u> HSE Science	BA	MA +3,100
D.	<u>Heather L. Gelnaw</u> BWD Grade 4	BA	MA +3,100
E.	<u>Shannon K. Hussey</u> CG Speech Language Specialist	MA	MA+30 +1,000

**4. Recommended Degree Changes/Salary Adjustments effective 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022: (Continued)**

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>\$</u>
F.	<u>Gregory P. Johnson</u> HSS Art	BA	MA +3,100

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G.	<u>Anna E. Kasper</u> ELC Sped Supervisor	MA	MA+30	+ 800*
H.	<u>Sara J. McNerny</u> IN ESL	BA	MA	+3,100
I.	<u>Danielle Melillo</u> HSN+ Math	BA	BA+30	+1,600
J.	<u>Chrysanthe E. Patestos</u> IN School Nurse	MA+30	DR	+1,000
K.	<u>Tracy A. Taylor</u> ND Grade 4	BA	MA	+3,100

*\*effective 7/1/2021 (12 month employee)*

**5. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:**

A.	<u>Employee #15456</u> HSS Science	Family	9/1/2021 - 10/22/2021
B.	<u>Employee #12394</u> WAL Sped RR	Family	6/15/2021
C.	<u>Employee #15432</u> WAL Grade 5	Family	11/18/2021 - 2/19/2022
D.	<u>Employee #16397</u> BWD Kindergarten	Family	9/22/2021 - 12/23/2021
E.	<u>Employee #14908</u> IS Sped Aut	Family Maternity	10/4/2021 - 1/14/2022 1/15/2022 - 1/31/2022
F.	<u>Employee #14762</u> IE Math Gr. 8	Family Ext.	9/1/2021 - 12/3/2021

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G.	<u>Employee #14376</u> HSE English	Family Maternity	10/6/2021 - 1/16/2022 1/17/2022 - 2/28/2022
H.	<u>Employee #16514</u> HSE Science	Maternity	10/4/2021 - 6/30/2022
I.	<u>Employee #15331</u> HSN Math	Family	11/8/2021 – 12/23/2021
J.	<u>Employee #14338</u> HSS Instrumental Music	Family Ext.	9/1/2021 - 11/24/2021
K.	<u>Employee #14622</u> HA Sped RR	Family	10/1/2021 - 12/23/2021
L.	<u>Employee #14025</u> JAC Sped RR	Family	10/19/2021 - 1/10/2022
M.	<u>Employee #16038</u> ELC BCBA	Family	9/20/2021 - 12/17/2021
N.	<u>Employee #14645</u> STR Grade 4	Family	9/28/2021 - 12/20/2021
O.	<u>Employee #14537</u> WAL Basic Skills	Medical Ext.	9/1/2021 - 11/30/2021
P.	<u>Employee #14055</u> PB Kindergarten	Maternity Ext.	9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Q.	<u>Employee #15382</u> WAL Grade 4	Family	9/8/2021 - 12/9/2021
R.	<u>Employee #15850</u> HA Intervention & Gifted Education	Family	12/3/2021 - 3/6/2022

**6. Retirements:**

- A. Jenny L. Azzarello 7/1/2021  
ND Sped RR
- B. Brenna A. Dvorak 8/1/2020  
CG Grade 4
- C. Danielle R. Pappalardo 7/1/2021  
WAL Grade 2
- D. Mary Ann Savacool 7/1/2021  
IS Social Studies Gr. 8

**7. Resignations:**

- A. Jessica L. Austin 9/1/2021  
STR Grade 2
- B. Renata Cottone 7/1/2021  
WS Sped RR
- C. Lisa R. Gallegos 6/30/2021  
WAL Sped MD
- D. Megan E. Gillich 7/1/2021  
SB Kindergarten
- E. Tara M. Goldwyn 7/14/2021  
IN Guidance
- F. Amy LaBarca 6/24/2021  
CG Grade 5
- G. Alicia M. Michalitsianos 7/13/2021  
IS Sped RR

- H. Taylor J. Pinheiro 7/15/2021  
ED Sped LLD
- I. Nicole R. Rigassio 7/1/2021  
HSS Guidance
- J. Denice M. Schnaak 7/1/2021  
HSN School Nurse
- K. Shaina M. Seibuchler 7/15/2021  
HSE Sped Aut
- L. Danielle Sloan 7/14/2021  
IN Sped LLD/RR

**8. Suspension with Pay:**

- A. Employee #14014 6/23/2021 - 6/30/2021

**9. Rescind Employment Offer (Not Accepting Position):**

- A. Nicole R. Romer (R) \$55,450  
HSN School Nurse 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

**10. Transfers Effective for the 2021-2022 SY: (Attached)**

**11. Certified Job Description: (Attached)**

- A. Recommend approval of the attached certified job description:

Intermediate Media Center Facilitator

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 12-13:

**12. Title I Program: (Attached)**



- A. Recommended for placement on the Cafeteria/Playground Aides substitute list at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective 7/22/2021 – 6/30/2022:

Jacquelin E. Buday  
Martin M. Crowe Jr.

**17. 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>Kevin P. Kelly</u>	(R)	\$33,700.36
CG Night Custodian	8/9/2021 – 2/9/2022	(Prorated)

- B. Recommended Salary Adjustments/Corrections:

<u>Michael J. Celmer</u>	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	\$40,177.38
SB Night Custodian	(Correction in Salary)	(Prorated)

- C. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #14230</u>	Family	6/23/2021 – 6/24/2021
IS Custodian		6/29/2021 – 6/30/2021
		7/7/2021 – 7/8/2021

<u>Employee #14266</u>	Medical	6/28/2021 – 7/4/2021
HSS Custodian	Ext.	

- D. Resignations:

<u>Richard G. Clarke</u>	7/1/2021
WAS Night Supervisor	

- E. Terminations:

Employee #16610

7/6/2021

**18. Food Services Department:**

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

<u>Jeffrey Hanaway</u>	(R)	\$88,000.00
Food Services Director	8/9/2021 – 6/30/2022	(Prorated)

- B. Recommended for continuing substitute employment for the school year effective 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 (Attached)

- C. Recommended for placement on the Food Services substitute list at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective 9/1/2021 – 6/30/2022:

Melissa A. Keenan  
Jodie M. Williams

**19. Security Department:**

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

<u>Michael W. Heller</u>	(R)	\$33,000.36
Security Guard	9/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	

<u>Nicole S. Stolz</u>	(R)	\$33,000.36
Security Guard	9/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	

**20. Transportation Department:**

- A. Recommended hourly changes for Bus Attendants from 6 to 6.5 hours effective 9/1/2021 – 6/30/2022:

Erika L. Algor  
Christine M. Chadwick  
Michaela R. Courvoisier  
Kimberly A. Dillon  
Elsa J. Dimiele  
Jodi L. Granito  
Kathleen M. Guevara  
Lynn P. Helyer  
Renee Hoepfner  
Frank LaPlaca  
Erin C. Lee  
Nancy L. Lorenzo

Lorraine Martz  
Jacqueline M. McCarthy  
Laurajo Morris  
Gina M. Olesen  
Kimberly A. Pappalardo  
Anna N. Ragone  
Richard J. Reinhart  
Mary Scarlata  
Shaunna M. Smith  
Antoinette M. Wagner  
Karilynn A. West  
Denise M. Wutzer

B. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #14848</u> Regular Bus Driver	Family	6/15/2021 – 6/30/2021
<u>Employee #15343</u> Bus Mechanic	Family	8/2/2021 – 8/22/2021

C. Recommended for placement on the Bus Driver substitute list at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective 7/22/2021:

<u>Jason T. Cotellessa</u>	<u>Margaret A. Leone</u>
<u>Jessica L. Cowell</u>	<u>Gina Marinaccio</u>
<u>Denise Degeronimo</u>	<u>Shannon K. Pavao</u>
<u>Peter G. Delahunt</u>	<u>Eric L. Petersen</u>
<u>Richard D. Ferlisi</u>	<u>Laura Richardson</u>

D. Recommended for placement on the Bus Attendant substitute list at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective 7/22/2021:

<u>Jason T. Cotellessa</u>	<u>Jessica A. Grouss</u>
<u>Jessica L. Cowell</u>	<u>Margaret A. Leone</u>
<u>Denise Degeronimo</u>	<u>Gina Marinaccio</u>

Peter G. Delahunt  
Tristan J. Ely  
Richard D. Ferlisi  
Jessica A. Giardina

Shannon K. Pavao  
Eric L. Petersen  
Laura Richardson

**21. Extracurricular:**

A. Spring 2020 – 2021 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Steven L. Koenigstein</u>	HSN Head Boys’ Volleyball	\$7,796.00; Step 3
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B. Fall 2021 – 2022 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Michael Batullo*</u>	HSE Asst. Girls’ Soccer	Volunteer
<u>Michael Conover</u>	HSS Asst. Boys’ Soccer	\$3,512.00; Step 1
<u>Samantha Fernandez*</u>	HSS Asst. Girls’ Soccer	\$3,512.00; Step 1
<u>Anthony Fontana</u>	HSS Asst. Football	Volunteer
<u>Naomi Holliday</u>	HSE Head Gymnastics	\$5,234.00; Step 1

C. Fall 2021- 2022 Coaching Recommendations & Payments: (Attached)

Intermediates East, North, South

D. Extracurricular Recommendations and Payments 2021 – 2022: (Attached)

*\*On Approved Sub List*

**22. Summer Employment Recommendations:**

A. Summer Middle School Learning Program effective 7/26/2021 to 8/19/2021:  
(Attached)

B. Summer Learning Acceleration Program Additions effective 7/26/2021 to  
8/19/2021: (Attached)

- C. Summer Peer Leadership Camp effective 7/19/2021 to 7/22/2021:  
(Attached)
- D. Special Education Extended School Year Programs Additions effective  
7/6/2021 - 8/16/2021 (Attached)
- E Summer Anchor Program effective 8/1/2021 – 8/31/2021 (Attached)

**23. Off Payroll Report** (Attached)

**24. Substitute Nurses/Athletic Trainer/Secretaries/Administrators** (Attached)

- A. Recommended for continuing employment for the school year effective  
7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

**25. REVISED Substitute and Hourly Rate Sheet effective 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022:**  
(Attached)

**PERSONNEL ITEMS # 26-30**

**CERTIFICATED STAFF 26-28:**

**26. Recommended for Employment:**

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

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A.	<u>Dana N. Rector</u> IS Sped RR	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	55,005
B.	<u>Meredith M. Rizzo</u> IN Sped RR	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	59,105
C.	<u>Madeline N. Ryan</u> ED Sped LLD	(R) 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	58,605

D. Stephanie M. Quarto (R) 59,605  
WAL ESL 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

**27. Recommended Salary Correction/Adjustments:**

A. Kristen Waldron 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 -\$2,582.50  
HSS Guidance (removal of Business Academy  
Facilitator)

B. Richard F. Stratton 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 +\$2,582.50  
HSS Guidance Coordinator (Business Academy Facilitator)

**28. Resignation:**

A. Kelly Padden-Kuchie 9/1/2021  
ED School Psychologist

SUPPORT STAFF 29-30:

**29. Special Education Paraprofessionals:**

A. Recommended for Employment:

Corey V. Germano (R) \$  
IS Tier I Paraprofessional 9/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 20,976

**30. Custodial Department:**

A. Deceased:

Dewey S. Unger 7/15/2021

IS Custodian

B. Resignation:

Justin W. Lomerson  
HSN Night Supervisor

7/17/2021

*On roll call following the vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM # 31 - WALK IN**

*A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#31) be approved:*

**CERTIFICATED STAFF 31:**

**31. Recommend Approval to Certify Tenure Charges Related to Employee # 14014**

*On roll call following the vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: Eagan*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AGENDA (# 1-7) + (ADDENDUM #8)**

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

1. **Application for Reimbursement of Professional Graduate Courses** (Attached)
2. **Donations:**
  - A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.
3. **Funded Programs:**
  - A. Recommend approval of the Ocean County Health Department AlcoholEDU Contracts for the 2021-2022 SY (Attached)
4. **Graduate Reimbursement** (Attached)
5. **Student Services:**
  - A. Tuition Pupils Sent Placement Expenditures for the 2021-2022 School Year (Attached)
  - B. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)
  - C. Tuition Pupils Received Requests (Attached)
  - D. Tuition Pupils Sent Requests (Attached)
6. **Recommended Professional Leave Requests** (Attached)
7. **Summer Programs:**
  - A. Recommend approval of the Summer Learning Acceleration Program Nursing Services Expenditures (Attached)

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS # 8**

**8. Funded Programs:**

- A. Recommend approval of the United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties Project SPEAR-IT Pre-Vocational Program Grant Acceptance (Attached)
- B. Recommend approval for the submission and acceptance of award of funds for the ESEA Consolidated Grant Application for the Fiscal Year (Attached)

*On roll call following the vote:*

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

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Eagan was impressed with the presentation from the SPEAR IT program from High School South.

Mrs. Howe discussed our students being involved in school sports all year round, requested a motion to rescind the formal action taken by the Board at the prior meeting for the ethics investigation and suggested the Board Attorney provide additional training to the Board members on the School Ethics Act, and mentioned the tribute page to Mr. Correll.

Mr. Mizenko discussed bus tier changes.

Ms. Palmiere discussed masks being optional in our schools.

Ms. Williams discussed abstention vote and recusal vote meaning, and the Board Attorney Mr. Burns clarified the meaning.

Mrs. Polozzo thanked all our teachers that provided summer enrichment.

Mr. Nardini discussed the ethics investigation and how this could have cleared the air.

**MOTION TO RESCIND THE FORMAL MOTION FOR AN ETHICS INVESTIGATION**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Eagan and carried that the Motion to Rescind the Formal Motion for an Ethics Investigation be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

*Ayes: Contessa, Eagan, Howe, Kidney, Palmiere*

*Noes: Mizenko, Williams, Polozzo, Nardini*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**MOTION TO PROVIDE RETRAINING TO THE BOARD ON THE SCHOOL ETHICS ACT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Motion to Provide Retraining to the Board on the School Ethics Act be approved.*

*On roll call the following vote:*

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

*Noes: Williams*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

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

Public comments were heard by Mr. Onofrietti.  
Public comments were heard by Mr. Crosby.  
Public comments were heard by Mr. Becker.  
Public comments were heard by Mr. Micliz.  
Public comments were heard by Mr. Wilson.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. DeFalco.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Bowes.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Solowpashy.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Racchia.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Remelgaldo.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Glover.  
Public comments were heard by Mr. Steffer.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Patersen.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Puglisi.  
Public comments were heard by Ms. Frantantoni.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Mr. Mizenko, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 P.M.*

*All members present voting Aye.*

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*Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary*