

Toms River, New Jersey, March 15, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at High School North, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, on Wednesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Board Vice President Ms. Kathy Eagan 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 March 1, 2023, 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, Mrs. Ashley Lamb, Mrs. Melissa Morrison, Mr. Joseph Nardini, Mrs. Anna Polozzo, Mrs. Michele Williams, and Ms. Kathy Eagan.

Mrs. Jennifer Howe arrived at 6:10 p.m.
Mr. Kevin Kidney was not present.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Citta, Assistant Superintendents DiMeo, Ricotta, Thomas, Business Administrator Doering, Board Secretary Saxton, and Board Attorney Burns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION- 6:01 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, 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 in High School North in the Executive Session meeting room 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session – To *Include* - RICE # 14728, RICE # 12595, RICE # 14708, RICE # 14909, RICE # 12742, RICE # 16265; Legal/Litigation Update; Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report; Fire & Security Drill Report; Suspension Report; Other. Subject to change.

as outlined under the Open public Meetings Act.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:32 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 7:32 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice President Ms. Kathy Eagan led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Citta stated tonight we recognize our Teachers and Professional Educators of the Year. Superintendent Citta congratulated all for the role that they play in our community and students' lives.

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.

Kira Jacobus, High School East
Dhruv Parikh, High School North
Rylee Hussey, High School South

STUDENT AWARDS/STAFF AWARDS

The list of student, staff and volunteer award recipients is attached to the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee – Mrs. Lamb

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met on March 8, 2023 at 1144 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey in Conference Room A from 6:00 P.M. to 6:20 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing and participation. Acting Committee Chair, Kathy Eagan, 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 March 1, 2023, 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- Jennifer Howe, Kevin Kidney, Melissa Morrison, Joe Nardini, Anna Polozzo and Michele Williams, Superintendent- Mike Citta, Assistant Superintendents- Jim Ricotta, Cara DiMeo and Pat Thomas, Business Administrator- Bill Doering, Board Secretary- Wendy Saxton and Board Attorney- William Burns. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment via call-in was provided after the last committee meeting of the evening.

As we do every month, the committee reviewed the expenditures listed in the Purchasing Agenda, which was emailed to the Board, and 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 \$9,125,820.52 for the 2022-23 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 updated as to the 2023-24 budget process. First, it was noted that our Citizens' Budget Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for March 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the High School North Media Center. Next Mr. Doering discussed the excessive proposed state aid reduction of \$14.4 million, and explained why that amount was so dramatically different than original estimates and why such an increase could not be anticipated. Mr. Citta discussed the efforts immediately and currently being undertaken in terms of our communications with state officials and legislators about the draconian impact of such an excessive reduction in state aid. The district simply could not provide a thorough and efficient (T&E) education with such a state aid cut, as we were greatly concerned about being able to provide T&E with the original state aid cut estimate of \$2.8 million. A budget is currently being developed, and the district approach will be to present a budget that properly meets T&E for our students. Mr. Citta also reminded the committee that we are among the lowest spending districts in the state for our category (districts with more than 3500 kids) and will likely be the lowest next year, and that the structural problem with our budget is a revenue problem, not a spending problem.

Finally, the committee was advised by Board Attorney Burns with regards to the status of the state aid formula OPRA lawsuit, and in summary, there is no change from the prior month.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Nardini

Due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions the ESIP & Building Initiative Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on March 8, 2023, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet that started directly after the curriculum committee meeting.

Mr. 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 March 1, 2023 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act."

In attendance were Board members Kevin Kidney, Anna Polozzo, Melissa Morrison, Joe Nardini, Jennifer Howe, Kathy Eagan, and Michele Williams. Assistant

Superintendents James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo and Pat Thomas; Business Administrator-William Doering, Manager of Capital Projects- Mark Wagner, Manager of Facilities-Sam Pepe and Richard Brown and Derek Jordan of Colliers Engineering. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

PROJECTS-NEW

Mr. Wagner discussed the need for an electrical upgrade at Intermediate North that was not included within the referendum projects. Mr. Pepe shared the revised Chemical Hygiene Plan and the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan that will need board approval at the upcoming meeting. These plans have previously been shared with all board members for their review. Many repairs have been accomplished by our facilities department including a new basketball backboard at West Dover Elementary, kitchen washer and dryer installation at HSE, replacement of a kitchen hood fan at HSN, our in-house carpenters made a temporary repair to the gym floor at HSN to mitigate a trip hazard, and clearing out of the former law office suite at 1144 to prepare for the new tenant.

PROJECTS-OLD

The JBAC complex sign has been installed and we are currently waiting for the county to provide the permit so JCP&L can energize the sign. Plans for High School North room E-05 have been developed and reviewed by building administration and shared with the township for approval. The room will be changed into two educational spaces to prepare for the pre-vocational (grant funded) program that will begin in September 2023. Becht BT Engineering has received two quotes from vendors who are interested in the exterior wall rehabilitation beginning investigatory work. These quotes are currently with our purchasing department for review.

ESIP PROJECTS

The rebid of Intermediate South and Citta Elementary energy management projects are ongoing. At this time Mr. Jordan shared that 5 or 6 contractors have requested bid packets.

BUILDING INITIATIVES PROJECTS

Project recently completed were reviewed including:

Site 181-Group 2 (HS North, Intermediate South, Early Learning Center) Newport is nearing completion of this project as punch lists and close out has started.. A spring close out is anticipated.

Site 172A- District Wide Security project with JCT. Our bi-weekly meeting was held today and minor punch list items are being completed. Closeout documents are in the process of being prepared.

Projects currently under construction were reviewed including:

Site 186A- Group 4 (HSS, PBE, WSE) Contractor continues with elevator installation at HSS as work continues on the second shift at all locations. The project work will continue into the summer with unit ventilators, HVAC upgrades, window replacement and other referendum upgrades. Also, a new electrical service will be undertaken over the summer that requires the shut down of HS South anticipated at this time to be for 7-10 days. Washington Street Elementary windows and univents have been installed. Pine Beach Elementary windows and univents continue to be installed.

Site 188- Group 6 (HSE, EDE, SBE) The contractor continues the renovation process. HSE kitchen is open for use and windows have been installed. The elevator control room door needs to be replaced before the final inspection can be completed. Silver Bay Elementary School windows, univent replacement, and flooring continue on the second shift and will continue into the summer months of 2023.

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Eagan

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on March 8, 2023, 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 and the Star-Ledger on March 1,

2023 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In addition to the Committee Chair, Jennifer Howe, in attendance were Board members Joe Nardini, Melissa Morrison, Kevin Kidney, Michele Williams, Kathy Eagan and Anna Polozzo. Assistant Superintendents- James Ricotta, Pat Thomas, Cara DiMeo; and Business Administrator- William Doering were in attendance, as well as Curriculum Directors Rachel Cicala & Adrienne Gold, Director of Guidance, John Green, Director of Testing and Funded Programs, Richard Fastnacht and Director of Special Education, Joy Forrest. The meeting was live streamed to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Ms. DiMeo opened the meeting with a snapshot of the one item on the agenda, an overview of some great things happening around the district and turned it over to the curriculum team. A 3-minute video montage was shared with the board.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Contessa

A Personnel Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at the Administrative Offices, 1144 Hooper Avenue, Conference Room, Toms River, New Jersey on March 8, 2023 at 5:30 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 committee members, Jennifer Howe, Kevin Kidney, Board President. Also in attendance were Michael Citta, Superintendent, James Ricotta, Assistant Superintendent, Cara DiMeo, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Thomas Assistant Superintendent.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Jennifer Howe. Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members personnel being recommended for employment, recommendations for extra-curricular positions being recommended for employment and rice notices at the board meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

The committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Polozzo

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on March 8, 2023, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 7:00pm

Committee Chair, Anna Polozzo, read the following opening statement: “Good evening and welcome to the Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools. Notice of the meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and the Star-Ledger on March 1, 2023 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act”.

In addition to the Committee Chair, Anna Polozzo, in attendance were Board Members Joe Nardini, Melissa Morrison, Michele Williams, Jennifer Howe, Board President, Kevin Kidney and Board Vice President, Kathy Eagan. Superintendent, Michael Citta, Assistant Superintendents, James Ricotta, Pat Thomas, Cara Dimeo; Business Administrator William Doering and Board Attorney Bill Burns. The meeting was live streamed to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Dr. Phil Nicastro from Strauss Esmay Associates presented to the Board the New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. Dr. Nicastro answered questions regarding the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act and the role the Board plays in supporting harassment, bullying, and Intimidation investigations (Policy #5512).

COMMENTS 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.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Budget Update

Superintendent Citta stated tonight is the night our Board votes to present our tentative budget to the County Commissioner for review.

Superintendent Citta stated that with the introduction of this year's state aid numbers, it has created a fiscal apocalypse and we would not be able to offer a thorough and efficient education for our students. Our position has been and continues to be that Toms River does not have a spending problem. Toms River has a revenue problem that has been created through various measures over the course of time and state aid allocations and cuts by the Bill S2.

Our budget is as lean as it can possibly be and it shows a revenue shortfall.

We continue to remain optimistic, determined and very encouraged through our collaborative diplomatic measures that we have taken to this point.

Superintendent Citta thanked our Board of Education for their dedication and commitment to our student programs. Thanked our municipalities, our county and commissioners for passing similar resolutions. Our gratitude to all of our senators and legislatures, different members in our state government that are listening, are empathetic and are working to resolve these issues.

Thank you.

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS, BOARD OF EDUCATION, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROPOSED 2023-2024 SCHOOL FUNDING CUT FOR THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval of the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools, Board of Education, Ocean County, New Jersey, Opposing the State of New Jersey Proposed 2023-2024 School Funding Cut for the Toms River Regional Schools be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2023-24 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of the Submission of the 2023-24 Tentative Budget to the County Office be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS WORLD AUTISM MONTH

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of Resolution of the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education Proclaiming the Month of April as World Autism Month be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR A MINOR LONG RANGE FACILITY PLAN AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of Resolution for a Minor Long Range Facility Plan Amendment be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT JUUL LABS, INC. LITIGATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval of the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education, Ocean County, New Jersey, Accepting Settlement JUUL Labs, Inc. Litigation be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL TO APPOINT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR AND AUTHORIZE THE AAO TO CONDUCT YEARLY EQUITY TRAINING FOR ALL STAFF

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval to appoint Affirmative Action Officers for the 2023-24 School Year and Authorize the AAO to Conduct Yearly Equity Training for all Staff be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TEAM TO CONDUCT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 2023-2024 THROUGH 2025-2026

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Members of the Affirmative Action Team to Conduct the Needs Assessment and Develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan for the Proposed Comprehensive Equity Plan for Academic Years 2023-2024 Through 2025-2026 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF TOMS RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION SELF-CERTIFICATION SPILL PREVENTION, CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURES (SPCC) PLAN

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of Toms River Board of Education Self-Certification Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF TOMS RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION CHEMICAL HYGIENE PLAN OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IN LABORATORIES

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of Toms River Board of Education Chemical Hygiene Plan Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemical in Laboratories be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS # 21-#26 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval of Agenda Items # 21-26 be approved.

21. **Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report**
22. **Approval of District Facility Lease, Sponsorship and other Rental Agreements (attached)**
23. **Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report**
24. **Approval of Minutes: (Regular and/or Executive, where applicable)**

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25. **Approval of Bills:**

General	\$ 10,198,655.96
Cafeteria	\$ 196,435.27
Payroll (Gross) February 10, 2023	\$ 6,098,993.51
(Gross) February 24, 2023	\$ 6,648,473.36

26. **Board Secretary's Agenda**

School Year 2022-2023

Purchases – Pages 1 through 41 - \$ 9,125,820.52

Zero Values	Award of Bids
Student Transportation	

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: Williams on #25 Bill from Madden & Madden PO No. 23-06547 Check No. 605909 in the sum of \$425.00

Recused: None

Abstained: Contessa on #25 Bill from Madden & Madden PO No. 23-06547 Check No. 605909 in the sum of \$425.00; Morrison on #25 Bill from Madden & Madden PO No. 23-06547 Check No. 605909 in the sum of \$425.00

Absent: Kidney

**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 January 2023 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 January 2023 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. Contessa, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried that the Approval and Certification of the January 2023 Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports be approved:

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-29)

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#1-29) be approved:

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-6:

1. Recommended for Employment:

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

			\$
A.	<u>Toni DeRuiter</u>	(New)	58,635.00
	JAC Kindergarten & Grade 1	3/20/2023 - 6/30/2023	(Prorated)
B.	<u>Jessica K. Barrett</u>	(R)	66,235.00
	ED School Nurse	5/15/2023* - 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

**start date pending release from current district*

2. Recommended for Continuing Employment:

A.	<u>Gina M. Koenig</u>	(TR)	
	JAC Preschool	3/17/2023 – 6/30/2023	

3. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #16228</u>	Family	2/6/2023 - 5/5/2023
	HSE Sped RR		(revised leave dates)
B.	<u>Employee #12595</u>	Family	2/27/2023 - 3/24/2023
	IE Math Gr. 6		
C.	<u>Employee #13188</u>	Family	2/21/2023 - 5/19/2023
	PB Grade 5		(revised leave start date)

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D.	<u>Employee #16900</u> ED Guidance	Medical	5/22/2023 - 6/30/2023
E.	<u>Employee #13975</u> IN School Nurse	Medical Ext.	3/1/2023 - 3/30/2023
F.	<u>Employee #16512</u> HSN English	Family	2/28/2023 (a.m.) 2/7/2023 - 2/8/2023
G.	<u>Employee #14516</u> IS Speech Language Specialist	Family	6/12/2023 - 6/30/2023
H.	<u>Employee #13098</u> IE Science Gr. 6	Family Ext.	2/18/2023 - 4/22/2023
J.	<u>Employee #14758</u> ED Sped Aut	Family	3/14/2023 - 3/17/2023
K.	<u>Employee #15753</u> SB Grade 2	Family	3/23/2023 - 4/28/2023
L.	<u>Employee #13796</u> HSE Math	Maternity Ext.	5/1/2023 - 6/30/2023
M.	<u>Employee #14205</u> ND Sped RR	Family	5/10/2023 - 6/30/2023

4. Resignations:

A.	<u>Ilana Filiault</u> ELC Sped PSH Aut	3/18/2023
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5. Retirements:

A.	<u>Linda A. Barcellona</u> IE Computer Literacy Gr. 7	7/1/2023
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B. Jamie M. Richards 3/1/2023
IS Sped RR

C. Catherine A. Shea 7/1/2023
Nurse Coordinator

6. Suspension with Pay:

A. Employee #14708 2/16/2023 - 3/15/2023

B. Employee #12742 2/25/2023 – 3/1/2023

C. Employee #12595 2/15/2023 – 2/24/2023

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 7-14:

7. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) Funded Program Approvals:

A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the school year commencing 9/1/2022 - 6/30/2023.

8. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Funded Program Approvals:

A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Accelerated Learning Coaching and Education Support Funds for the school year commencing 9/1/2022 - 6/30/2023.

9. Title I SIA Programs:

A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under Title I SIA funds for the school year commencing 9/1/2022 - 6/30/2023.

10. Title IV Programs:

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under Title IV for coaching Girls on the Run from March 2023 through June 2023.

11. ESL Basic Skills Teachers:

- A. Recommend approval of the attached ESL Basic Skills Instructors for the school year commencing September 2022 through June 2023 at a rate of \$150.00 four days per week.

12. Ocean County Jail Teachers:

- A. Recommend approval of the attached employees to aid inmates at the Ocean County Jail for the GED from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Toms River Regional Schools will be reimbursed.

13. Senior Credit Recovery Program:

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the Senior Credit Recovery Program from 4/4/2023 - 6/30/2023.

14. Hispanic Heritage Club Approval:

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the Hispanic Heritage Club commencing September 2022 through June 2023.

SUPPORT STAFF 15-25:

15. Attendance Officers:

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

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<u>Ashley Solan</u>	(R)	\$39,402.00
High School East	4/1/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)
		(Grant Funded)

B. Recommended change of employment:

<u>Jeannette M. Amoruso</u>	HSS Attendance Officer	+\$15,284.00
IE Tier I Paraprofessional	4/1/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)
		(Grant Funded)

16. Day Care Paraprofessionals:

A. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective 3/16/2023:

Dipti U. Gandhi
Denise Worthy

17. Kindergarten Aides:

A. Resignations:

<u>Nikki M. Passarelli</u>	3/2/2023
South Toms River	

18. Secretarial Services:

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

<u>Christa E. Sierotowicz</u>	(R)	\$25,813.00
WD Secretary (10 Mos.)	3/20/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

19. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

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

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<u>Tatianna E. Competello</u>	(R)	\$18,849.00
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional	3/20/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)
 <u>Shannon M. Kulesa</u>	 (R)	 \$18,849.00
JAC Tier II Paraprofessional	3/20/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)
 <u>Shante R. Palmer</u>	 (R)	 \$19,349.00
STRE Tier II Paraprofessional	3/20/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

B. Recommended change of employment:

<u>Michelle T. Rey</u>	JAC Tier I Paraprofessional	+\$2,786.00
JAC Tier II Paraprofessional	3/16/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

C. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #14116</u>	Family	3/3/2023 - 3/31/2023
HSN Tier I Paraprofessional	Ext.	
 <u>Employee #15208</u>	 Medical	 3/16/2023 - 6/2/2023
HSN Tier II Paraprofessional	Ext.	
 <u>Employee #15244</u>	 Family	 2/16/2023 - 3/16/2023
HSE Tier II Paraprofessional	Ext.	
 <u>Employee #15263</u>	 Personal	 3/13/2023 - 6/30/2023
IS Tier I Paraprofessional		
 <u>Employee #15712</u>	 Family	 2/20/2023 - 2/24/2023
WD Tier I Paraprofessional		(Revised Leave end date)
 <u>Employee #16800</u>	 Medical	 2/23/2023 - 3/20/2023
CG Tier II Paraprofessional		
 <u>Employee #17008</u>	 Personal	 2/21/2023 - 3/17/2023
WAL Tier II Paraprofessional		

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C. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #13979</u>	Family	3/9/2023 - 3/10/2023
IS Tier I Paraprofessional		3/23/2023 - 3/24/2023
		4/17/2023 - 4/19/2023

D. Retirements:

<u>Karen L. Rodgers</u>	7/1/2023
ELC Tier I Paraprofessional	

E. Resignations:

<u>Arianna Della Ragione</u>	2/18/2023
SB Tier II Paraprofessional	

<u>Lilly L. Pavao</u>	2/18/2023
PB Tier II Paraprofessional	

20. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

A. Recommended for Employment:

{ Code = (R) Replacement }

<u>Valerie Mineo</u>	(R)	\$5,759.53
Hooper Ave	3/20/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

<u>Arlene B. Montalbano</u>	(R)	\$5,759.53
South Toms River	3/20/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

B. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #10933</u>	Personal	3/10/2023 – 3/27/2023
Hooper Ave		

<u>Employee #16819</u>	Personal	3/1/2023 – 6/30/2023
West Dover	Ext.	

Employee #16772 Medical 2/22/2023 – 3/6/2023
Cedar Grove

Employee #17153 Personal Ext. 3/3/2023 – 3/21/2023
Washington Street (revised leave)

- C. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$14.13 per hour:

Effective Dates:

Ruby A. Adams 3/16/2023

Andrea Ragsdale 2/25/2023

Jennifer N DeNardis 3/16/2023

- D. Resignations:

Andrea Ragsdale 2/25/2023

Joseph A. Citta

21. 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.

Thomas J. Brown (R) \$34,500.00
HSN Night Custodian 3/16/2023 – 6/30/2023 (Prorated)

Thomas J. Doneman (R) \$34,500.00
ND Night Custodian 3/16/2023 – 6/30/2023 (Prorated)

- B. Recommended change of employment:

Hilario Cruz WS Night Supervisor +\$3,000.00
HSE Custodian 3/15/2023 – 6/30/2023 (Prorated)

Craig T. Stanaway HSN Night Supervisor +\$3,000.00
HSN Night Custodian 3/15/2023 – 6/30/2023 (Prorated)

C. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

Effective Dates:

Joseph P. Apa IN Night Supervisor 12/7/2022 – 6/30/2023

D. Recommended leave of absence requests:

Employee #16419 Personal 3/2/2023 – 3/15/2023
IS Night Custodian

E. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$16.07 per hour effective 3/20/2023:

Michael A. O'Rourke

22. Food Services Department:

A. Recommended salary adjustments/hourly changes effective 3/16/2023 – 6/30/2023:

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Revised Hours</i>	<i>\$</i>
<u>Christie A. Cohen</u>	PB Cafeteria Worker	4	11,661.00

B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$14.13 per hour effective 3/16/2023:

Tracey L. Godier

C. Resignations:

Marlana M. Cipolla 3/4/2023
ED Cafeteria Worker

23. Maintenance Department:

A. Recommended approval for Keith Newman, Tradesman - HVAC, for course reimbursement upon successful completion of the following courses. As a

condition of board approval, employee must remain as a contracted employee for at least 1 year from the date of course completion or employee will be required to return reimbursement.

	<u>Amount</u>
Management Supervision And Human Resources	\$853.00
Mastering VFD from Basic To Advance	\$10.65
Learn BMS & Level Up Your Career – Building Mgmt. System	\$15.98

24. Security Department:

A. Recommended Salary Adjustment:

<u>Matthew T. Malland</u>	4/1/2023 – 6/30/2023	+\$1,000.00
HSN Security Guard	(Shift Differential Stipend)	(Prorated)

B. Recommended for placement on the School Safety Officer substitute list at a rate of \$150.00 per day effective 3/16/2023:

Louis A. Santora

C. Recommended for placement on the Security Guard substitute list at a rate of \$16.07 per hour effective 3/16/2023:

Vincent R. Piccoli

D. Suspension with Pay:

<u>Employee #14909</u>	3/3/2023 – 4/3/2023
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25. Transportation Department:

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

<u>Peter A. Dudley Jr.</u>	(R)	\$33,963.00
Regular Bus Driver	3/16/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

<u>Alicia M. Giraldo</u>	(R)	\$25,201.80
Sped Bus Attendant	3/16/2023 – 6/30/2023	(Prorated)

B. Transfers Effective 3/1/2023:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
<u>Matthew W. Gurczynski</u>	Sped Bus Driver 11-00-270-161-54-100	Regular Bus Driver 11-000-270-160-054-0100

C. Recommended salary adjustments/hourly changes effective 9/1/2022 – 6/30/2023:

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Revised Hours</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Sandra Walker</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	6.5	26,161.20

D. Recommended leave of absence requests:

<u>Employee #10932</u>	Family	5/22/2023 – 6/30/2023
Regular Bus Driver		(Rescind Family Leave)

<u>Employee #15104</u>	Family	3/8/2023 (pm); 3/30/2023
Regular Bus Driver		

<u>Employee #15132</u>	Family	3/22/2023 – 4/28/2023
Sped Bus Attendant		

<u>Employee #16754</u>	Family	3/10/2023
Regular Bus Driver		

- E. Recommended for placement on the Bus Driver substitute list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 3/16/2023:

<u>Johanna Brennan</u>	<u>Ruben Price Jr.</u>
<u>Gustavo R. De La Cruz</u>	<u>Maria J. Weaver</u>

- F. Suspension without pay:

<u>Employee #14728</u>	3/21/2023 – 3/23/2023
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- G. Retirement:

<u>Diane G. Ciniglio</u>	7/1/2023
Sped Bus Attendant	

- H. Termination:

<u>Employee #16265</u>	3/9/2023
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26. Extracurricular:

- A. Half Year Spring Extracurricular Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2022 – 2023):

<u>Heather L. Klimack</u>	HSE National Honor Society	+\$445.25
<u>Laura Morgan</u>	HSE National Honor Society	-\$445.25

- B. Spring 2022 – 2023 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Lisa A. Dowd</u>	HSN Asst. Softball	Volunteer
<u>Julia N. Friscia</u>	HSN Head Softball	\$8,053.00; Step 3
<u>Jessica LaPietra*</u>	HSE Asst. Girls' Lacrosse	\$3,512.00; Step 1
<u>Angela Palumbo</u>	HSN Asst. Softball	Volunteer
<u>Kyle Unger*</u>	HSE Asst. Boys' Volleyball	Volunteer

- C. **REVISED** Spring 2022 – 2023 Coaching Recommendations and Payments:

Robert W. Botti IS Boys' Track \$3,029.00; Step 1

- D. School Play Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2022 – 2023):

<u>Chelsea Giacco*</u>	HSS Interpreter	+\$450.00
<u>Michelle Malara*</u>	HSS Interpreter	+\$450.00
<u>Kathleen McGee-Daly*</u>	HSS Violinist	+\$480.00
<u>Mimi R. Pak</u>	HSS Violinist	-\$480.00

27. Summer Employment Recommendation:

- A. Extended School Year Program Supervisor effective 3/27/2023 - 8/9/2022 for a stipend of \$5,000.00:

Kevin J. Huff

- B. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) Funded Summer Steam Camp 2023 (Attached)

28. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

29. Substitute Nurses/Athletic Trainer/Secretaries/Administrators (Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: Polozzo on #15 A and B

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AGENDA (#1-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried that the following Educational Program Agenda (#1-10) be approved:

- 1. Application for Reimbursement of Professional Graduate Courses (Attached)**
- 2. Donations:**
 - A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.
- 3. Educational Activity Requests (Attached)**
- 4. Extracurricular:**
 - A. Spring Sports Schedules (Attached)

High Schools East, North and South
Intermediate East, North and South
- 5. Funded Programs:**
 - A. Recommend approval of the attached Submission of the Climate Awareness Education Grant funded by the New Jersey Department of Education effective April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.
 - B. Recommended approval of the attached Submission and Acceptance of The ESEA Consolidated Grant Title I SIA Grant for the 2023 Fiscal Year.
 - C. Recommend approval of the attached application for the Department of Health and Human Services Federal Grant to Prevent Youth Victimization effective September 2023 through June 2028.
- 6. Graduate Reimbursement (Attached)**

7. Student Services:

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)
- B. Tuition Pupils Received Requests (Attached)
- C. Tuition Pupils Sent Requests (Attached)
- D. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Requests (Attached)

8. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)

9. Summer Program Recommendations:

- A. Recommend approval of the Special Education 2023 Extended School Year Programs REVISED DATES (Attached)

10. Recommend approval of the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2024. (Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Nardini, Polozzo, Williams, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Polozzo states that this month the Policy Committee had a wonderful presentation from Strauss Esmay and potentially discussed a Parent Ad Hoc Committee.

Mrs. Morrison states that Read Across America was great. This weekend is the play Moana at Intermediate North and it is so amazing to see the students doing such wonderful things.

Mrs. Howe enjoyed all of the musicals seen so far and the Intermediate East and High School East plays are forth coming. She also discussed Read Across America, High School South/East Hockey team being phenomenal and that Spring sports are starting.

Ms. Eagan congratulated our President Kevin Kidney for being sworn in as a volunteer fireman in our town.

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

Public comments were heard by Maria Mitchell.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary