

Toms River, New Jersey, July 19, 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, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Board President Mr. Kevin Kidney 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 Star Ledger on June 30, 2023 and the Asbury Park Press on July 6, 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. Jennifer Howe, Mrs. Ashley Lamb, Mrs. Melissa Morrison, Mrs. Michele Williams, Ms. Kathy Eagan, and Mr. Kevin Kidney.

Mr. Joseph Nardini was absent.
Mrs. Anna Polozzo was absent.

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

Mr. James Ricotta was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION- 6:01 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Ms. Eagan 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* – Personnel - RICE # 17201; 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 – 7:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Contessa 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. Kevin Kidney led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Citta asked for a Moment of Silence for the passing of two teachers, Mr. Eric Bennett and Mr. Larry Butts, as well as Paraprofessional Mrs. Lynn Kowalenko. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones and families, as well as our school community, where many lives were influenced by their dedication to the Toms River Schools.

Superintendent Citta stated we had two staff members and many community families affected by the recent fire that took place in the Bey Lea area, to all of those affected, your school family are here to support you. Superintendent Citta advised that Toms River Regional Schools is a resource for whatever our families need to make sure they get back on their feet. On that night, the arena was opened for a shelter for those residents. Superintendent Citta thanked our community partners and local law enforcement officers for the support that they continue to give.

Superintendent Citta is happy to report that the ESY Program and many projects are up and running for the summer and are both going well, thanked our students, our families and our teachers and their involvement in those programs and stated that we will continue to communicate over the summer as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 July 12, 2023 at 1144 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey in Conference Room A from 6:00 P.M. to 6:08 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing and participation.

Committee Chair, Ashley Lamb, 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 on July 6, 2023 and the Star Ledger on June 30, 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- Lisa Contessa, Kathy Eagan, Jennifer Howe, Kevin Kidney, Melissa Morrison, Joe Nardini and Anna Polozzo, Superintendent- Mike Citta, Assistant Superintendents- Jim Ricotta 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 \$4,766,981.94 for the 2022-23 school year and \$46,109,478.47 for the 2023-24 school year. The Budget & Finance Committee is recommending the approval of the Purchasing Agenda by the full Board.

The committee was then advised that we will have District lease, sponsorship and other rental agreements and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

Finally, the committee was advised that school lunch and breakfast meal prices are recommended to remain the same in 2023-24 as they were in 2022-23. Additionally, the district's application for South Toms River Elementary to be a CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) school was approved by the NJ Department of Agriculture. This means that all of the students in South Toms River Elementary School will be provided with free lunches and breakfasts. It was noted that this is our only elementary school that qualifies for the CEP program as the direct certification for free lunch exceeds 40%. The only other elementary schools getting close to eligibility are Citta Elementary at 35% and Walnut Street at 29%.

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 July 12, 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 on July 6, 2023 and the Star-Ledger on June 30, 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, Joe Nardini, Melissa Morrison, Lisa Contessa, Jennifer Howe, Anna Polozzo, Ashley Lamb, and Kathy Eagan, Superintendent Michael Citta, Assistant Superintendents James Ricotta and Pat Thomas; Manager of Capital Projects- Mark Wagner, Manager of Facilities- Sam Pepe and Richard Brown of Colliers Engineering. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

PROJECTS-NEW

Mr. Wagner explained that a local fence company has donated fencing and labor that will surround an inclusive playground at East Dover Elementary. Our grounds crew will install new fencing at 123 Walnut Street using referendum funding. Renovations are underway at High School East to change two handicap bathrooms into one, as required for the needs of a special education student. High Schools East and North have selected areas to have Challenge Rope

courses built. These courses will require fall zones and some work from our maintenance and grounds department. Our electricians have been running power supply to condensate pumps at Int. North and Walnut Street Elementary Schools. Grounds and maintenance teams removed a damaged light pole at High School North student parking and we are waiting for insurance funds to replace this lighting. Teams completed removal of ceiling tiles in hallways, secured drop wires, removed unused old wiring, and removed electronic devices and batteries as needed for referendum ceiling work in the hallways of High School South. Custodial crews removed the contents of classrooms for referendum work throughout the district at various locations. Crews removed the contents from the kitchen and disconnected appliances at Washington St. Elementary so the flooring could be remediated. Our grounds crew assisted with the replacement of a fire hydrant at 1144.

PROJECTS-OLD

Documents have been prepared for the bid process to replace additional windows at Washington St Elementary and West Dover Elementary. Grant funding will be utilized for this project. Two bids were received for the Hooper Avenue front sign replacement project. Both bids were rejected by our purchasing department for flaws within the documents of the bids. A re-bid will take place as soon as possible. A contractor has been selected to work with Becht B.T. for the deconstructive investigation work at Int. South exterior. This work will be on the purchasing agenda for next week.

ESIP PROJECTS

The Intermediate South and Citta Elementary energy management projects are ongoing with conduit wiring being placed at both locations. At this time Mr. Brown shared that he anticipates completion of the project by the end of this year.

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 summer close out is anticipated.

Site 172A- District Wide Security project with JCT Solutions. Minor punch list items are being completed. Closeout documents are anticipated to be received shortly.

Projects currently under construction were reviewed including:

Site 186A- Group 4 (HSS, PBE, WSE) Much progress continues to be made with electric upgrades, old windows removed, and flooring remediation at High School South. Contractor continues with the upgrades even as the power has been shut down in the original building that required a service upgrade due to demand of the new air conditioning throughout the facility. It is estimated that

the power in that portion of the building will be out for 7-10 days. The project work will continue throughout the summer with unit ventilators, HVAC upgrades, window replacement and other referendum upgrades. Washington Street Elementary flooring, bathroom renovations, and ceiling ductwork continuing. Pine Beach Elementary ceiling ductwork continues.

Site 188- Group 6 (HSE, EDE, SBE) The contractor continues the renovation process. The HSE elevator will be inspected by DCA tomorrow. Silver Bay Elementary School windows, univent replacement, and flooring continue.

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Eagan

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on July 12, 2023, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 6:15 PM.

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 6, 2023 and the Star-Ledger on June 30, 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 Melissa Morrison, President Kevin Kidney, Vice President Kathy Eagan, Ashley Lamb, Michele Williams and Joe Nardini. Assistant Superintendents- James Ricotta, and Pat Thomas, were in attendance, as well as Curriculum Directors Rachel Cicala & Adrienne Gold, Director of Testing and Funded Programs, Richard Fastnacht, and Director of Student Services, Joy Forrest. The meeting was live streamed to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Mr. Thomas opened the meeting with an introduction to the agenda, which included the instructional resource decisions for high school mathematics.

Ms. Gold presented to the board and questions ensued.

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 A, Toms River, New Jersey on July 12, 2023 at 5:45 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, Lisa Contessa, Committee Chair, Kathy Eagan, Board Vice President, Kevin Kidney, Board President and Jennifer Howe, Board Member. Also in attendance were Michael Citta, Superintendent, James Ricotta, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Thomas, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Human Resources, Megan Osborn and Board Attorney, Bill Burns.

The meeting was opened at 5:45 p.m. by Lisa Contessa, Chair, Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members, recommendations for new hires and extra curriculum at the board meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

The committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Polozzo

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at 1144 Hooper Avenue, Administration Conference Room Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

In attendance were Anna Polozzo, Ashley Lamb, Melissa Morrison, and Lisa Contessa, Superintendent, Michael Citta, Assistant Superintendents, James Ricotta Jr., Patrick Thomas, and the Director of Human Resources, Megan Osborn.

Assistant Superintendent Patrick Thomas, presented the following policies for review and deliberation in preparation for the first reading at the Board of Education meeting on July 19, 2023:

- P 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams (M)
- P 2330 Homework (deliberate on this and has been tabled until further discussion and revisions can be made, will not go on the agenda for first reading)

Members of Central Administration answered questions regarding the policies and regulations.

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.

Assistant Superintendent Patrick Thomas presents the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report for the period of July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

**TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS
SEMI-ANNUAL DISTRICT STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM (SSDS)
REPORT**

**Presented to the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education
July 19, 2023**

By law, all New Jersey public school districts use the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) to report incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, and substance abuse, as well as harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB). These reports fulfill state and federal requirements and are presented semi-annually for the periods of July 1-December 31 and January 1-June 30. The following information has been collated for the reporting period of July 1 to December 31, 2022. Comparing this year's SSDS Report to our June 15, 2022 Report, we observed 19 more reportable offenses, while noting a reduction in the number of incidents of weapons and confirmed HIBs. In the second half of this school year, there were reported:

56	Acts of violence (fight, assault, threat)
18	Damage to Property (arson, theft, trespass, false public alarm)
4	Weapons
38	Substance abuse
37	HIB confirmed*
154	TOTAL

*HIB alleged: 68

As per research, these types of behaviors have a strong correlation with a significant decrease in a child's academic achievement, an increase in concerning behaviors outside school, and their subsequent future growth and success. Reducing incidents and addressing the issues behind them will continue to be a priority for our 2400 teachers, support staff, administrators, guidance counselors, SACs, and school resource and safety officers within our schools, as well as families, mental health professionals, local law enforcement, and other members of our community. Toms River Regional Schools has fostered several partnerships supporting this work. For several years, the district has partnered with the Health & Wellness Coalition through the Communities That Care work within the county to address the impact of addiction; Safety officers have been adopted in every building; a partnership with the YMCA was forged, through which students and families have access to counselors at every school; and the use of Suite360, a digital platform with various interventions and mental health support resources. These curricular resources were implemented for secondary students.

Additionally, American Rescue funds have allowed us to begin to bring in social workers to support school-based mental health initiatives. Several of our schools have already been staffed. During the 2022-2023 school year, we added various drug and alcohol education curriculum resources to our intermediate programs aimed at providing an updated education for students regarding the dangers of nicotine and vaping.

Each month the Board reviews SSDS data and district staff analyze the relationships among student performance, demographics, and school climate survey data in comparison to student safety, conduct, and social emotional indicators. Wellness, character building, and HIB-reduction have always been part of our health curriculum, but have more recently become a standard curricular component for all content areas. Schools have put intervention programs in place like Responsive Classrooms and Positive Behavioral Support systems. These efforts are highlighted district wide through

dozens of activities during the Week of Respect, Red Ribbon Week, School Violence Awareness Week, and Child Assault Prevention Week. And we are effectively engaging students to be a part of the solution, through elementary leadership training and secondary student organizations like TEAM, Impact, Interact, LEADERS, Character Club, Captain's Crew, Tribe Vibe, DART and peer mentors.

APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM (SSDS) REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022-DECEMBER 31, 2022

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the Approval of the District Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report for the Period of July 1, 2022-December 31, 2022 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 INSURANCE POLICIES AND PROGRAM PROVIDERS (PER ATTACHMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY ALLIANT/BOYNTON INSURANCE SERVICES)

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried that the Approval of 2023-2024 Insurance Policies and Program Providers (per attachment as recommended by Alliant/Boynton Insurance Services) be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES/REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of the First Reading of the Following Policies/Regulations and Bylaws as listed in the Agenda be approved.

{Code = (M) Mandated; (R) Recommended}

- P 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams (M)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS # 12 THROUGH #17 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried that the Approval of Agenda Items #12 through #17 as listed in the Agenda be approved.

12. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

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

14. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report

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

June 14, 2023

16. Approval of Bills:

General	\$	9,648,035.95
Cafeteria	\$	296,497.63
Payroll (Gross) June 2, 2023	\$	6,040,487.94
(Gross) June 16, 2023	\$	6,178,335.47
(Gross) June 30, 2023	\$	1,252,080.82

17. Board Secretary’s Agenda + Addendum

School Year 2022-2023

Purchases – Pages 1 through 36 - \$ 4,766,981.94

School Year 2023-2024

- | | |
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| Zero Values | Award of Bids |
| Student Transportation Resolutions | Permission to Advertise |
| Request for Professional Qualifications | |

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney

Noes: None

Recused: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR MAY 2023

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of May 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 May 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 May 2023 Secretary’s Monthly Financial Reports be approved:

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney
Noes: None
Recused: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-21) + Addendum (# 22-26)

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#1-21) + Addendum (#22-26) be approved:

PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-21

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-9:

1. Recommended for Employment:

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

			\$
A.	<u>Rosemarie Anello</u>	(R)	81,120.00
	WAL Sped Aut	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	
B.	<u>Javier Cortez</u>	(New)	107,000.00
	HSN JROTC Instructor	12/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	(Prorated)

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C.	<u>Kelly Ann Cox-Montalban</u> WD Social Worker	(New) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	65,367.50 (11 Month) (Prorated)
D.	<u>Kristen Dilloian</u> HSE Athletic Trainer	(R) 8/15/2023 - 6/15/2024	59,425.00
E.	<u>Melanie Gallego</u> IN School Nurse	(R) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	63,925.00
F.	<u>Amanda C. Guida</u> CG Speech Language Specialist	(R) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	60,425.00
G.	<u>Melissa M. Keelan-Klaslo</u> IN Basic Skills Lang. Arts	(R) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	57,225.00
H.	<u>Joseph Kelly</u> HSE Health/Phys Ed	(R) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	61,125.00
I.	<u>Laura Lambroschino</u> STR Speech Language Specialist	(R) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	60,925.00
J.	<u>Anika G. Foust-Meyer</u> WAL Speech Language Specialist	(R) 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	59,425.00
K.	<u>Ivory J. Neals-Laboy</u> IS Social Worker	(R) 8/1/2023* - 6/30/2024	67,017.50 (11 Month)
L.	<u>Danielle Rose</u> IS BCBA	(New) 8/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	73,837.50 (11 Month)

**start date pending release from current district*

2. Recommended Change of Employment:

A.	<u>Michael G. DeRiggi</u> ND Grade 5	<u>Change to:</u> HA Supervisor of Instruction 7/20/2023 - 6/30/2024	<u>\$</u> 92,300.00 (Prorated)
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3. Recommended for Continuing Employment for the School Year 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 (Attached)

4. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

A.	<u>Tara L. Buckley</u>	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	\$ +2,582.50
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	HSE Science	(Steam Academy Facilitator Stipend)	
B.	<u>Jonathan Grill</u> HSN Instrumental Music	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Arts Academy Facilitator)	+2,582.50
C.	<u>Richard F. Stratton</u> HSS Guidance	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Business Academy Facilitator)	+2,582.50
D.	<u>Megan E. Klymasz</u> ELC Preschool	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Preschool Facilitator Stipend)	+2,582.50
E.	<u>Sabrina J. Peros</u> ELC Speech Language Specialist	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Speech Related Services Facilitator Stipend)	+2,582.50
F.	<u>Jenna Beverly</u> PB+ Art	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Elementary Fine Arts Facilitator-Art)	+2,582.50
G.	<u>Heather L. Coe</u> WAL Vocal Music	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Elementary Fine Arts Facilitator-Music)	+\$2,582.50
H.	<u>Brianne A. Bates</u> IE Language Arts. Gr. 7	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Intermediate Media Center Facilitator)	+2,582.50
I.	<u>Danielle M. Stolz</u> HSN Guidance	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (JROTC Facilitator Stipend)	+2,582.50
J.	<u>Kathryn A. Koenigstein</u> HSE Art	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Secondary Fine Arts Facilitator-Art)	+5,165.00
K.	<u>Joshua Melson</u> IE Vocal Music	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (Secondary Fine Arts Facilitator-Music)	+5,165.00
L.	<u>Ann C. Gural</u> HSN Spanish	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (World Language Facilitator Stipend)	+5,165.00
M.	<u>Sarah J. McNerny</u> IN ESL Instructional Coach	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 (ESL Coordinator Stipend)	+10,330.00

5. Recommended Degree Changes/Salary Adjustments effective 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024:

From: *To:* \$

A.	<u>Lawrence P. Froland</u> JAC Grade 1	BA	MA	+3,200
B.	<u>Amanda K. Lodato</u> IE Sped RR	MA	MA+30	+1,000
C.	<u>Chelsea A. McCabe</u> IE Math Gr. 8	MA	MA+30	+1,000
D.	<u>Kyle G. Sandberg</u> HSE Health/Phys Ed	BA	BA+30	+1,700

6. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #14614</u> HSE Sped RR	Family Ext.	9/1/2023 - 11/8/2023
B.	<u>Employee #14748</u> HSS Math	Family Maternity	10/2/2023 - 1/3/2024 1/4/2024 - 2/2/2024
C.	<u>Employee #14706</u> HSN Science	Family	10/18/2023 - 1/19/2024
D.	<u>Employee #16900</u> ED Guidance	Family	9/1/2023 - 11/22/2023
E.	<u>Employee #15069</u> HSS Math	Family	10/17/2023 - 1/18/2024
F.	<u>Employee #13683</u> CG Media/Technology	Family	9/1/2023 - 9/22/2023

7. Resignations:

A.	<u>Jennifer R. DeSanto</u> STR Speech Language Specialist	9/1/2023
B.	<u>Danielle N. Farr</u> CG Speech Language Specialist	9/1/2023
C.	<u>Lily M. Occhipinti</u> IS LDTC	6/30/2023
D.	<u>Heather M. Theriault</u> ELC Speech Language Specialist	6/30/2023

8. Deceased:

- A. Eric C. Bennett 6/19/2023
HSE Technology Ed
- B. Larry J. Butts, Jr. 7/4/2023
JAC Instrumental Music

9. Transfers Effective for the 2023-2024 SY: (Attached)

SUPPORT STAFF 10-17:

10. Secretarial Services:

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

<u>Lucille Menzies</u>	(R)	\$26,323.00
STRE ESL Secretary/ Cafeteria Aide Liaison	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	

11. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

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

<u>Joniann Bencivenga</u>	(R)	\$19,581.00
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	

<u>Robin L. Smith</u>	(R)	\$19,581.00
HA Tier II Paraprofessional	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	(Re-Hire)

<u>Scott M. Smith</u>	(R)	\$22,560.00
HSE Tier I Paraprofessional	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	

<u>Brigitte Tarabocchia</u>	(R)	\$19,581.00
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	(Re-Hire)

- B. Recommended change of employment:

	<u>Change to:</u>	
<u>Daniel J. Cruz</u>	IE Tier I Paraprofessional	+\$2,979.00
IE Tier II Paraprofessional	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	

<u>Michele Fuchs</u>	ED Tier I Paraprofessional	+\$2,979.00
ED Tier II Paraprofessional	9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	

- C. Deceased:

<u>Lynn M. Kowalenko</u>	6/30/2023
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- D. CG Tier II Paraprofessional Retirements:

Judy M. DeFluri 10/1/2023
HSE Tier I Paraprofessional

Mary F. Puma 10/21/2023
HSE Tier I Paraprofessional

12. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

- A. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective 9/1/2023:

Sallyann A. Amato
Rocio Fatula
Lynn S. Gerhardt
Tina N. Pfaff
Sandra Youngling

- B. Retirements:

Fotini Vogiatzidakis 9/1/2023
Walnut Street

13. Custodial Department:

- A. Recommended approval for Kevin Gibbons, STRE Head Custodian, 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>
Financial Management and Purchasing	\$483.00

- B. Recommended change of employment:

	<u>Change to:</u>	
<u>Richard M. Laycock III</u> PB Night Custodian	PB Night Supervisor 7/20/2023 – 10/27/2023	+\$3,000.00 (Prorated)
<u>Matthew T. Malland</u> Security Guard	STRE Roving Day Custodian 7/20/2023 – 6/30/2024	-\$1,000.00 (Prorated)

- C. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$16.64 per hour effective 7/20/2023:

Juan D. Davila

D. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

<u>Frank Genty</u> CG Head Custodian	7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 (CDL Stipend)	+\$800.00
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E. Retirement:

<u>Scottie D. Cunningham</u> HA Night Custodian <i>*Pending State Approval</i>	8/23/2023*
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F. Terminations:

<u>Employee #17201</u>	6/12/2023
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14. Food Services Department:

A. Recommended change of employment:

<u>Lisa Wicinski</u> STRE Cafeteria Worker	<i>Change to:</i> CG Lead Cafeteria Worker 9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	+\$21,717.25
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B. Recommended hourly changes effective 9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024:

<u>Amanda J. McCarthy</u>	HSE Cafeteria Worker	<i>Revised Hours</i> 4	\$12,347.40
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C. Resignations:

<u>Zoila Robles</u> IN Cafeteria Worker	7/10/2023
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15. Grounds Department:

A. Resignation:

<u>Brian Baldino</u> Groundskeeper	7/8/2023
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16. Security Department:

A. Recommended salary adjust for Ralph J. Solomone Jr. as Coordinator of Security Services from \$35.00 per hour to \$40.00 per hour effective 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 (maximum 10 hours per week).

17. Transportation Department:

- A. Recommended for placement on the Bus Driver substitute list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 7/20/2023:

Kurt S. Hansen
Joe L. Hicks II
Ronald J. Matics

- B. Recommended for placement on the Bus Attendant substitute list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 7/20/2023:

Jean M. Arthur
Mellissa Moretti
Robert A. Richardson

18. Extracurricular:

- A. Fall 2023 – 2024 Coaching Recommendations & Payments: (Attached)

Intermediate East and North

- B. Fall 2023 – 2024 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Kelsey Dimesa</u>	HSE Asst. Cheerleading	Volunteer
<u>Krishna Kanuga*</u>	HSE Asst. Girls' Tennis	Volunteer
<u>James P. Rankin</u>	HSS Asst. Football	Volunteer
<u>Matthew D. Rutter</u>	HSE Head Girls' Tennis	\$5,508.00; Step 3
<u>Jeff Scheck*</u>	HSN Asst. Boys' Soccer	\$5,401.00; Step 3
<u>Ann Yrad*</u>	HSE Asst. Girls' Tennis	\$2,403.00; Step 1

- C. Fall 2023 – 2024 Coaching Resignations:

<u>Thomas J. Baxter</u>	HSE Head Girls' Tennis	-\$5,508.00; Step 3
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**On Approved Sub List*

19. Summer Employment Recommendations:

- A. Summer Athletic Trainers at a rate of \$47.75 per hour effective 8/1/2023 – 8/14/2023 not to exceed 40 hours each:

Kristen Dilloian

- B. Summer 2023 ARP ESSER III and ARP Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant Funded Programs effective July 24, 2023 - August 17, 2023 (Attached)

- C. Special Education Extended School Year Programs Additions/Revisions effective 7/6/2023 - 8/9/2023 (Attached)

20. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

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

PERSONNEL ITEMS 22-26

CERTIFICATED STAFF 22-24:

22. Recommended for Employment:

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

A.	<u>Felica C. DeFilippo</u>	(R)	\$ 65,325.00
	ED Sped Aut	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	

23. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

A.	<u>Kevin J. Huff</u>	8/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	\$ +2,582.50
	IS School Psychologist	(CST Facilitator Stipend)	
B.	<u>Michael G. DeRiggi</u>	7/20/2023 - 6/30/2024	+ 300.00
	HA Supervisor of Instruction	(Service Increment)	(Prorated)
C.	<u>Dana M. Weber</u>	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	+ 800.00
	Supervisor of Special Ed	(MA+30 Stipend)	

24. Recommended Degree Changes/Salary Adjustments effective 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024:

		<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	\$
A.	<u>April M. Florie</u>	BA	MA	+3,200
	HSE Sped RR			

SUPPORT STAFF 25-26:

25. Secretarial Services:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #15007</u>	Medical	7/15/2023 – 8/31/2023
SB CST Secretary	Ext.	

B. Resignations:

<u>Cristina M. Musa</u>	8/5/2023
ND Secretary (10 mos.)	

26. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

A. Resignations:

Kristen A. Doss
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional

7/11/2023

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AGENDA (#1-#9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Lamb and carried that the following Educational Program Agenda (#1-9) be approved:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS #1-#9

1. **Application for Reimbursement of Professional Graduate Courses** (Attached)
2. **Donations:**
 - A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.
3. **Extracurricular:**
 - A. Fall Sports Schedules 2023 – 2024: (Attached)

Intermediate East, North & South
4. **Funded Programs:**
 - A. Recommend approval for the submission of the ESEA Consolidated Grant application for Fiscal Year 2024, and accept award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY24 ESEA Application. (Attached)
 - B. Recommend approval of the submission of the New Jersey Department of Education Carl D. Perkins Grant Application for the 2023-2024 School Year. (Attached)
 - C. Recommend approval of the NJ-ASCD Central Region Family Engagement with English Language Learners Spring 2023 Mini-Grant Acceptance of Funds for Pine Beach Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attached)
 - D. Recommend approval of the Ocean County Health Department Alcohol/EDU Contracts for the 2023-2024 SY (Attached)
5. **Graduate Reimbursement** (Attached)

6. Student Services:

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)
- B. Tuition Pupils Received Requests (Attached)
- C. Tuition Pupils Sent Requests (Attached)
- D. Recommend approval of the YMCA CBI Program for the 18-21 Special Education MD/ID classes during the 2023-2024 school year (Attached)
- E. Recommend approval of the Career Exploration Program at Klees and Applebees for the 18-21 Special Education students during the 2023-2024 school year (Attached)
- F. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Requests (Attached)

7. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)

8. Nursing Services Plan: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval of the attached School District Nursing Services Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year.

9. Student HIB Appeals – ID #62680 & ID #62602

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Contessa, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Williams, Eagan, Kidney

Noes: Contessa #9

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Nardini, Polozzo

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Howe stated the Toms River Education Foundation will be hosting an event downtown on August 11, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to collect money for school

supplies for students who are less fortunate. Mrs. Howe stated that all of the graduations were amazing, fun and wished the graduates well.

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

There were none.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary