

Toms River, New Jersey, January 17, 2024

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, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Board 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 Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press on January 3, 2024, 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: Mr. James Capone, Mrs. Jennifer Howe, Mrs. Melissa Morrison, Mrs. Anna Polozzo, Mr. Joseph Nardini and Ms. Kathy Eagan.

Mrs. Paola Pascarella arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Mrs. Ashley Lamb arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Kevin Kidney was absent.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:02 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mr. Nardini 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 Executive Session Meeting Room, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session – To *Include* – Personnel RICE # 16098; 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 – 7:40 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 7:40 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Citta welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that January is Board Recognition Month and that the district will be adopting a resolution tonight as per the State of New Jersey. He recognized and thanked our elected officials who volunteer their time for the benefit of our children and community and presented a token of appreciation to the Board. Superintendent Citta updated the community on some of our initiatives going on and discussed the focus on our stats from our attendance initiative and attendance matters. The numbers are astronomical and fantastic in what we are achieving and collectively. Superintendent Citta looks forward to the month of February, as the district dives into benchmark data and to be proud of our student's growth in Toms River. Superintendent Citta advised that today the district has 1,783 fewer students considered chronically absent through December than we did one year ago, which is approximately a 41.4% decrease in chronically absenteeism. Superintendent Citta specified that the district has 16,200 fewer student absences through December than we did one year ago, which is a 20% improvement. The attendance rate and our primary K to 2 has improved by 2.76% and is now over 94% on a daily average. All of these milestones translates into success into the classroom and Superintendent Citta thanked our students and families for this achievement. He discussed that it brings a sense of purpose to what we do for our kids and how we focus and rally around these things to make sure the students are getting the support that they need. Keep up the great work!

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.

Charles Blajda, High School East
Brialis Phan, High School North
Jordyn Lynch, High School South

STUDENT/STAFF AWARDS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee – Mrs. Polozzo

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met on January 10, 2024 at High School North Media Center, Toms River, New Jersey from 6:00 P.M. to 6:08 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing. Committee Co-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 and the Star Ledger on January 3, 2024, 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- James Capone, Kathy Eagan, Jennifer Howe, Kevin Kidney, Melissa Morrison, Joe Nardini and Paola Pascarella, 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 in-person public comment 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 \$1,886,317.50 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 presented with District lease, sponsorship and other rental agreements totaling \$72,000 for the month of January 2024 (2023-24 cumulative total is \$446,275) and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

The committee was then advised that we are still awaiting a response to our application for \$8,536,146 in 2023-24 Stabilization Aid funds, which was submitted September 29, 2023.

Finally, the committee was advised that the 2024-25 budget process is very much under way. As we develop the 2024-25 budget in accordance with previously presented goals, and given our already-low spending per pupil, our approach will be similar to the prior year. We are again developing an expenditure-side budget with a focus on being as efficient as possible. In terms of the revenue side of the budget, the district continues to make every effort to address the anticipated shortfall which we have been projecting for quite some time as presented publicly, and directly to the NJ Department of Education.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Nardini

The ESIP & Building Initiative Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 10 2024, within a live meeting 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 January 3, 2024, 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, Ashley Lamb, James Capone, Paola Pascarella, Jen Howe, and Kathy Eagan, Superintendent Michael Citta, Business Administrator William Doering, Assistant Superintendents James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo, and Pat Thomas; Manager of Capital Projects- Mark Wagner, Manager of Facilities- Sam Pepe and Max Ritner, Richard Brown, and Derek Jordan Colliers Engineering. The meeting was open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

ESIP PROJECTS

The Intermediate South and Citta Elementary energy management projects are ongoing and on schedule. Mr. Jordan stated the projects should be completed by March.

BUILDING INITIATIVES PROJECTS

Projects recently completed were reviewed including:

Site 181-Group 2 (HS North, Intermediate South, Early Learning Center) Newport is nearing completion of this project, and the punch list and close-out are in progress.

Site 172A- District Wide Security project with JCT Solutions. Minor punch list items are being completed. Closeout documents have been received, and are being reviewed and closeout is anticipated by March as final inspections are in progress.

Projects currently under construction were reviewed including:

Site 186A- Group 4 (HSS, PBE, WSE) Much progress continues to be made as our contractor, Newport, continues with the punch list throughout the facilities. Final HVAC items are in the process of being completed as close-out documents are being received at this time.

Site 188- Group 6 (HSE, EDE, SBE) Much progress continues to be made as our contractor, Newport, continues with the upgrades throughout the facilities. Final HVAC items are in the process of being completed and close-out documents are being received at this time.

PROJECTS-NEW

Mr. Pepe explained that he has been working closely with the Ocean County Utilities Authority to take advantage of an opportunity to have them provide OceanGrow Fertilizer at our secondary school fields at zero cost to the taxpayers. OCUA will provide

all fertilizer and the spreader equipment needed to apply this product to our fields. Over the winter break, the facilities department assisted Ackerson Drapery, an approved co-op vendor, with the removal/reinstallation of seats so the vendor could install acoustical panels in the HSN auditorium. New lighting has been installed in areas of the HSS field house as needed for the safety of our student-athletes.

PROJECTS-OLD

Mr. Wagner explained the phasing and plans for the Intermediate South project that Becht B.T. is planning to begin this summer. A ROD grant has been received to repair the coping at East Dover Elementary School and we are asking the Board for permission to advertise for this project. Documents are being prepared for the John Bennett Athletic Center fabric replacement and floor resurfacing project. The fabric replacement and resurfacing of the track and surrounding areas with other work have a rough estimate of 2.9M for a full renovation. This project will begin once the school year ends with completion expected in fall, 2024. Work to be completed by co-op vendors. The walkway and curb at the entrance of Beachwood Elementary has been repaired. The light pole and fixture that was damaged at the HSN student parking lot have been replaced. Tree removal/trimming was completed at HSS, PBE, WDE, and the walking path at Whitetail Court. The PA speaker issue at HSS has been resolved.

COMMUNICATION

A use variance of property notice for land adjacent to Joseph A. Citta Elementary School has been received from an attorney. This variance is for a multi-story office building that is in the planning phase of being approved.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Morrison

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 10, 2024, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 6:10 PM.

Committee Chair, Melissa Morrison, 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 January 3, 2024 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In addition to the Committee Chair, Melissa Morrison, in attendance were Board President Kathy Eagan, Vice President Joe Nardini, Board members Kevin Kidney, Paola Pascarella, James Capone, Jen Howe & Ashley Lamb. Assistant Superintendents- James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo and Pat Thomas, were in attendance, as well as Curriculum Directors Rachel Cicala & Adrienne Gold, Director of Guidance, John Green and Director of Testing and Funded Programs, Richard Fastnacht. The meeting was live streamed to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Ms. DiMeo opened the meeting with an overview of the single item on the agenda, the High Impact Tutoring grant award and the associated planning for the district implementation by the curriculum team. Rachel Cicala, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented a slide deck to the board, providing a detailed overview of the program. Mr. Citta mentioned his gratitude that we are able to offer a program run in our schools by our teachers rather than outsourcing to outside vendors for tutoring services.

Mr. Citta also shared his excitement about the notice we received today about the approval of our Title I Schoolwide applications for the remaining district Title I schools, including Toms River Intermediate South, North Dover, Washington Street, East Dover, West Dover, Pine Beach & Toms River Intermediate North.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Morrison

A Personnel Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at the High School North, Guidance Office, 1245 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, New Jersey on January 10, 2024 at 4:30 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, Kathy Eagan, Board President, James Capone and Melissa Morrison. Also in attendance were Michael Citta, Superintendent, Cara DiMeo, Assistant Superintendent, Pat Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, James Ricotta, Assistant Superintendent, William Burns, Esq. and Megan Osborn.

The meeting was opened at 4:30 p.m. by Melissa Morrison, Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members, recommendations for new hires, extra-curricular and job descriptions at the board meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

The committee adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Lamb

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at HSN Guidance Office on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 4pm.

In attendance were Ashley Lamb, Jennifer Howe, Kathy Eagan, Melissa Morrison, Superintendent, Michael Citta, Assistant Superintendents, James Ricotta Jr., Patrick Thomas, and Cara DiMeo, William Burns, Esq. and Director of Human Resources, Dr. 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 January 17, 2024:

- P 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students

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

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*)

Public Comments were heard by Krista Whittaker.

ITEM #11 WAS TABLED FROM THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN NEW JERSEY FOR JANUARY 2024 (ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of the Acceptance of the Resolution for School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey for January 2024 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE UNIFORM STATE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: Lamb

Absent: Kidney

ITEM #14 WAS TABLED FROM THE AGENDA

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

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

- P 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised) per Statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS #16 THROUGH #21 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of the Agenda Items #16 through #21 as listed in the Agenda be approved.

16. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

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

18. Approval of the Fire & Security Drill Report

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

December 20, 2023

January 3, 2024

January 10, 2024

20. Approval of Bills:

General	\$4,910,627.56
Cafeteria	\$ 182,531.31
Payroll (Gross) December 1, 2023	\$6,109,884.45
(Gross) December 15, 2023	\$6,112,131.74
(Gross) December 22, 2023	\$6,049,410.90

21. Board Secretary's Agenda + Addendum

School Year 2023-2024

Purchases – Pages 1 through 20 - \$ 1,886.317.50

**Zero Values
Permission to Advertise**

Award of Bids

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: Polozzo #19 (Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2024)

Absent: Kidney

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

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of November 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 November 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. Howe, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the Approval and Certification of the November 2023 Secretary’s Monthly Financial Reports be approved:

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-16) + Addendum (# 17-22)

A motion was made by Mrs. Polozzo, seconded by Mrs. Lamb and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#1-16) + Addendum (#17-22) be approved:

PERSONNEL ITEMS #1-16

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-5:

1. Recommended for Employment:

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

A.	<u>David A. Fournier</u>	(TR)	<u>\$</u> 56,225.00
	HSE Science	2/20/2024 - 6/30/2024	(Prorated) (Re-Hire)

2. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

A.	<u>Christian M. Kane</u>	9/1/2023 – 11/30/2023	<u>\$</u> +10,472.00*
	K-12 Wellness Coach	(Community Coordinator for Programming @ RWJ Barnabus Field of Dreams Fall/Winter Stipend) *Grant Funded	

3. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #16562</u>	Family	12/15/2023
	HSN Sped RR		1/2/2024 - 1/19/2024
B.	<u>Employee #17000</u>	Family	1/2/2024 - 2/29/2024
	IN Sped RR		(rescind leave request)

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C.	<u>Employee #15634</u> STR Grade 3	Maternity	1/29/2024 - 6/30/2024
D.	<u>Employee #16996</u> WD Basic Skills	Maternity	1/19/2024 - 3/3/2024
E.	<u>Employee #14907</u> CG Grade 3	Family Ext.	2/17/2024 - 3/28/2024
F.	<u>Employee #15850</u> ED Kindergarten	Family	5/2/2024 - 6/30/2024
G.	<u>Employee #15722</u> ED Grade 1	Family	4/24/2024 - 6/30/2024
H.	<u>Employee #15579</u> HSN Health/Physical Ed	Family	2/6/2024 - 5/9/2024

4. Resignations:

A.	<u>Kendall M. Culver</u> HSE Athletic Trainer	1/3/2024 (revised date)
B.	<u>Felica DeFilippo</u> ED Sped Aut	3/8/2024
C.	<u>Hannah C. Paxia</u> WS Grade 2	3/4/2024

5. Retirements:

A.	<u>Nicholas A. Liguori</u> CG Grade 4	7/1/2024
B.	<u>Lisa Orsini-Marotto</u> HSE Math	7/1/2024

- C. Kathleen Seiler 2/1/2024
WS Grade 3 (Pending State Approval)

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 6:

6. High Impact Tutoring Grant: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under the High Impact Tutoring Grant Funds commencing January 2024 through May 2024.

SUPPORT STAFF 7-12:

7. Secretarial Services:

- A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #10833</u> ND Admin Asst. - TREA	Family	2/27/2024 – 5/3/2024
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<u>Employee #15007</u> SB CST Secretary	Medical Ext.	1/5/2024 – 1/31/2024
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- B. Retirements:

<u>Patricia Schinski-Hill</u> HSE Admin Asst. - TREA	7/1/2024
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8. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

- A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #15177</u> HSN Tier II Paraprofessional	Family	1/2/2024 – 1/12/2024
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<u>Employee #15290</u> SB Tier I Paraprofessional	Family	2/16/2024 – 4/19/2024
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| <u>Employee #16096</u>
SB Tier II Paraprofessional | Personal | 1/2/2024 – 3/31/2024
(1/2 pm everyday) |
| <u>Employee #16813</u>
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional | Medical | 1/8/2024 – 4/8/2024 |
| <u>Employee #16843</u>
ELC Tier I Paraprofessional | Personal | 1/16/2024 – 5/2/2024
(Every Monday and Thursday) |
- B. Retirements:
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| <u>Dianne M. Grosso</u>
SB Tier II Paraprofessional | 1/1/2024 |
| <u>Michele A. Macchia</u>
HSN Tier I Paraprofessional | 2/1/2024 |
- C. Terminations:
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| <u>Employee #16098</u> | 1/10/2024 |
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9. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

- A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:
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| <u>Employee #10111</u>
East Dover | Personal | 2/8/2024 – 2/16/2024 |
| <u>Employee #13564</u>
Silver Bay | Medical | 11/14/2023 – 1/1/2024
(Revised leave end date) |
- B. Resignations:
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| <u>Victoria S. Cerritelli</u>
West Dover | 1/4/2024 |
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10. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended change of employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Daniel P. Coughlan</u> HSN Night Custodian	HSE Night Supervisor 1/18/2024 – 6/30/2024	+\$3,000.00 (Prorated)
<u>Richard M. Laycock III</u> PB Night Supervisor	PB Roving Day Custodian 1/18/2024 – 6/30/2024	-\$4,000.00 (Prorated)

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #14897</u> IS Custodian	Family	1/18/2024 – 2/16/2024
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11. Food Services Department:

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

<u>Carol C. Mascola</u> IS Cafeteria Worker	(R) 1/29/2024 – 6/30/2024	\$10,803.98 (Prorated)
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B. Recommended Salary adjustments/hourly changes effective 1/2/2024 – 6/30/2024:

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Revised Hours</i>	<i>\$</i>
<u>Joanne A. Engo</u>	HSE Cafeteria Worker	3.5	10,803.98

C. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Janice L. Felton</u> BWD Cafeteria Worker	BWD “Acting” Lead Cafeteria Worker 12/22/2023 – 1/12/2024	+\$21,321.40 (Prorated)

12. Transportation Department:

A. Recommended for employment to complete the probationary period:

		<u>Effective Dates:</u>
<u>Kyle J. Carlisle</u>	Sped Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 3/2/2024
<u>Lilia Espana Pacheco</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 3/2/2024
<u>Nicole A. Gibson</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/22/2023 – 3/23/2024
<u>Amanda L. Maisano</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/22/2023 – 3/22/2024
<u>Carlos J. Santiago</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/1/2023 – 3/1/2024
<u>Teddy Soto</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 3/1/2024
<u>Christa M. Tisch</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 3/2/2024
<u>Jacqueline A. Van Arsdale</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 3/2/2024

B. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

		<u>Effective Dates:</u>
<u>Catherine Bagordo</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	12/2/2023 – 6/30/2024
<u>Laura Boemio</u>	Sped Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 6/30/2024
<u>Alyson Crannell</u>	Sped Bus Driver	12/22/2023 – 6/30/2024
<u>Richard D. Ferlisi</u>	Regular Bus Driver	12/22/2023 – 6/30/2024
<u>Paul Tuzzio</u>	Sped Bus Driver	12/2/2023 – 6/30/2024

C. Transfers Effective 1/2/2024:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
<u>Deborah J. Manee</u>	Regular Bus Driver 11-000-270-160-054-0100	Sped Bus Driver 11-000-270-161-054-0100

D. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #14149</u> Sped Bus Driver	Family	1/2/2024 – 2/2/2024
<u>Employee #16754</u> Regular Bus Driver	Medical Ext.	1/15/2024 – 2/19/2024

- E. Recommended for placement on the Bus Driver substitute list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 1/18/2024:

Gaetano Lanzisera
Dylan Thornton

- F. Recommended for placement on the Bus Attendant substitute list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 1/18/2024:

Nancy Murrin

- G. Retirements:

Julie A. Runion 2/1/2024
Sped Bus Driver

13. Extracurricular:

- A. Half Year Spring 2023 – 2024 Extracurricular Recommendations & Payments: (Attached)

High School East and South
Intermediate East, North and South

- B. School Musical Recommendations & Payments Updates (2023 – 2024):

<u>Robert Dalton*</u>	HSE Orchestra	+\$480.00
<u>Jean Gould*</u>	HSE Orchestra	+\$480.00

- C. **REVISED** Winter 2023 – 2024 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Conor Panzarella*</u>	HSE Asst. Boys’ Wrestling	+\$3,585.00; Step 1
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- D. Winter 2023 – 2024 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Gina D. Phillips</u>	HSN Girls’ Bowling	\$3,022.00; Step 2
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E. Spring 2023 – 2024 Coaching Recommendations & Payments (Attached):

Intermediate East, North and South

**On Approved Sub List*

14. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

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

16. REVISED Substitute and Hourly Rate Sheet effective 2/1/2024 - 6/30/2024:
(Attached)

PERSONNEL ITEMS #17-22

CERTIFICATED STAFF 17:

17. Recommended Change of Employment:

A.	<u>Ashley Stazzone</u> IE Nurse Assistant	<u>Change to:</u> School Nurse 1/18/2024 - 6/30/2024 (School Nurse Cert issued and degree change to MA)	<u>\$</u> +8,200.00* (Prorated)
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SUPPORT STAFF 18-22:

18. Secretarial Services:

A. Transfers Effective 1/22/2024:

	<u>Jill V. Johnston</u>	<u>From:</u> ED Admin Asst. - TREA 11-000-240-105-008-1200	<u>To:</u> Central Reg. Admin Asst. - TREA 11-000-240-105-065-0000
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19. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #15290</u> SB Tier I Paraprofessional	Family	2/16/2024 – 4/19/2024 (Rescind Leave Dates)
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20. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$16.64 per hour effective 1/18/2024:

Edward L. Swider

21. Food Services Department:

A. Recommended Change of Employment:

<u>Janice L. Felton</u> BWD Cafeteria Worker	<u>Change to:</u> BWD “Acting” Lead Cafeteria Worker 1/13/2024 – 2/7/2024	+\$21,321.40 (Prorated)
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B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.13 per hour effective 1/18/2024:

Judi L. Foster

22. Transportation Department:

A. Rescind Retirement:

<u>Julie A. Runion</u> Sped Bus Driver	2/1/2024
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On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: Nardini #1A

Abstained: Morrison #2A

Absent: Kidney

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS #1-8

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, seconded by Mrs. Polozzo and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (#1-8) be approved:

1. Affirmative Action:

- A. Recommend approval of the attached resolution declaring the month of February 2024 as Black History Month.

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

3. Donations:

- A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.

4. Educational Activity Requests (Attached)

5. Extracurricular:

- A. Winter Sports Schedules (Attached)

High School East, North and South

6. Graduate Reimbursement (Attached)

7. Student Services:

- A. Out-of-District Day Placement Requests (Attached)

8. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Lamb, Morrison, Pascarella, Polozzo, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Kidney

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Polozzo discussed the parent notifications with the transition to Parent Square.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Lamb expressed her condolences to the family for the passing of Sondra Fortunato.

Mrs. Howe welcomed the new board members. Mrs. Howe urged parents to look at the school calendar because there is always something fun going on in our school district. Mrs. Howe thanked our staff for their dedication to the bubble to ensure the safety and condition. Mrs. Howe thanked our crossing guards and all of the staff members who work outside during the cold winter months. Mrs. Howe discussed supporting all our students throughout all our schools.

Ms. Eagan welcomed the new board members and she looks forward to a great year with both of them.

Mrs. Morrison thanked the crossing guards she sees every morning at Hooper Avenue and Beachwood Elementary.

Mrs. Pascarella appreciated all of the people who voted for her as a board member, is willing to help to make the school better for the students and teachers, and encouraged parents to show up to the board meetings.

Mrs. Polozzo thanked Mr. Citta and the administrative team that made the call to delay the opening for the safety of the students and staff. She expressed her appreciation to

everyone who made the grounds safe. Mrs. Polozzo stated Toms River Schools is a wonderful place to raise a child because of the wonderful staff in the District. She also welcomed our new Board members.

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 Kevin Magee.
Public comments were heard by Krista Whittaker.
Public comments were heard by Sherie Ensur.
Public comments were heard by Sandra Nolan.
Public comments were heard by Glen Tuzzolino.
Public comments were heard by Alexa Padula.
Public comments were heard by Lauren Whittaker.
Public comments were heard by Sandra Nolan.
Public comments were heard by Maria Ramos.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mr. Nardini and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary