

**Toms River, New Jersey, January 15, 2025**

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 15, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Board President Mrs. Ashley Lamb 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 in The Star Ledger on December 18, 2024, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

### **ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

A roll call of attendance indicated the following Board Members were present: Mrs. Maria Matarazzo, Mr. Joseph Jubert, Mrs. Katie Coyne, Mrs. Lisa Contessa, Ms. Kathy Eagan, Mr. Kevin Kidney, Mrs. Paola Pascarella, Mr. James Capone and Mrs. Ashley Lamb.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mrs. Coyne 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* – RICE #17204; Personnel; Legal Litigation Update; Contracts; 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 Mr. Capone, 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 Mrs. Ashley Lamb led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Michael Citta wished everyone a Happy New Year. Superintendent Michael Citta acknowledged that the month of January is Board of Education appreciation month and thanked the Board for all of their time, effort, provided them with a small token of appreciation, and thanked our community for sponsoring those gifts of recognition.

### **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.

Ryan Macom, High School East  
Gabriela Kostova, High School North  
Sophia Citta, 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. Eagan**

**Toms River, New Jersey, January 15, 2025**

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met on January 8, 2025 at High School North Auditorium, Toms River, New Jersey from 6:30 P.M. to 6:32 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing. Board President, 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 December 18, 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- Jimmy Capone, Lisa Contessa, Katie Coyne, Kathy Eagan, Joseph Jubert, Kevin Kidney, Marisa Matarazzo and Paola Pascarella, Superintendent- Michael 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 \$1,742,634.87 for the 2024-25 school year. The Budget & Finance Committee is recommending the approval of the Purchasing Agenda by the full Board.

Finally, the committee was presented with District lease, sponsorship and other rental agreements totaling \$600 for the month of January 2025 (2024-25 cumulative total is \$235,679) and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

**Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Capone**

The ESIP & Building Initiative Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 8, 2025, starting directly after the curriculum committee meeting.

Mr. Capone 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 December 18, 2024, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were board members Maria Matarazzo, Lisa Contessa, Joseph Jubert, Kevin Kidney, Paola Pascarella, James Capone, Kevin Kidney, Ashley Lamb, and Kathy Eagan, Superintendent Mike Citta, Business Administrator William Doering, Assistant Superintendents James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo, and Pat Thomas; Manager of Facilities-Sam Pepe, Manager of Capital Projects Mark Wagner. The meeting was open to the public. An opportunity for public comment was provided.

**ESIP PROJECTS**

Mr. Wagner discussed that he is currently in the process of evaluating new ESIP projects and will report back to the board with updates for our Building Management System. Under consideration are limited projects for H S South, Intermediate North and Intermediate South.

**BUILDING INITIATIVES PROJECTS**

Projects recently completed were reviewed including:

Site 181-Group 2 (HS North, Intermediate South, Early Learning Center) Colliers continues to work on a resolution with Newport Construction on the Nesbit units, which are installed at HS North and continue to present daily issues. As Mr. Ricotta explained last month, the HVAC Nesbit units continue to present heat issues in some classrooms and our staff is working diligently to rectify problems that continue with sensors, power

outages, and winter conditions. Our Board Attorney is aware of this situation and monitoring the problem.

Site 172A- District Wide Security project with JCT Solutions. Most punch list items have been completed and JCT is providing final close out documents including warranty information, updated as-built documents, operation and maintenance manuals, and camera model product data records.

Projects currently under construction were reviewed including:

Site 186A- Group 4 (HSS, PBE, WSE)

Site 188- Group 6 (HSE, EDE, SBE)

Newport Construction Company ( NCC) is down to a small list of remaining open items including some glass replacement at WSE secure vestibule & a failed compressor at HSS D23 (these items are covered under warranty). Colliers will be providing the final closeout documents in the very near future for both projects. The district anticipates an approximate credit of \$100k as these projects close out.

## **PROJECTS-NEW**

Flooring within the HS North main office was stripped and resealed as needed. The Toms River Township MUA assisted at Silver Bay Elementary with clearing storm drains using their jet-vac truck. The Intermediate South band instrument room was stripped and resealed as needed. A rooftop unit at Intermediate North failed during a power outage causing a major flood in the media center. Serve-Pro, our approved vendor, worked to remediate the water damage within this space.

## **PROJECTS-OLD**

Mr. Wagner provided an update on site 174 Intermediate South construction project that is moving forward with Remington Vernick, Becht B.T, Pravco, with district representatives onsite daily to check on progress and as built conditions. Roof work on phase 1 and 2 is completed, the cafeteria roof is completed, the gym and cafe lower roof is 90% completed, the canopy roofs are 90% completed, and the metal work on the canopy areas will be installed very soon. A change order for additional roof repairs is

forthcoming. The window replacement project for West Dover and Washington Street, Site 196 grant project, has been completed at West Dover, a punch list is being prepared. Unfortunately the contractor has been delayed with the arrival of the windows for Washington St. Elementary from the manufacturer. The additional round of testing of the monitoring wells at our maintenance facility located at 123 Walnut Street has been completed and the results are still being analyzed at this time. The Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) has stepped down from his position due to health reasons and the district is reviewing for new LSRP. Mr. Pepe met with a representative from the Ocean County Health Department to inspect boilers and generators at Cedar Grove, East Dover, Hooper Avenue, HS South, Intermediate East, Walnut Street, and West Dover. We have been notified that the Intermediate East inspection is finalized and approved.

## **COMMUNICATION**

The district received notification from the Berkeley Township Planning board explaining the amended preliminary site plan for phase 1 of the Berkeley Town Center that will be moving forward.

### **Curriculum Committee – Mr. Kidney**

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on January 9, 2025, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Committee Member, Katie Coyne, 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 December 18, 2024 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were Board President Ashley Lamb, board members Kevin Kidney, Katie Coyne, Paola Pascarella, Anna Polozzo, Jimmy Capone, Joe Jubert, Lisa Contessa and Maria Matarazzo. Assistant Superintendents- James Ricotta, Cara DiMeo, & Pat Thomas, Business Administrator William Doering and Board Secretary Wendy Saxton

were in attendance, as well. The meeting was live streamed to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided.

Ms. DiMeo gave a brief update regarding the state of curriculum and instruction in our schools, with a reference to midyear benchmark administration and student growth monitoring occurring in all schools.

**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.

**BOARD ATTORNEY MR. BURNS PRESENTED THE BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS**

Board Member Paola Pascarella left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS**

*A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Motion for the Approval of the Board Member Code of Ethics be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: Pascarella*

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN NEW JERSEY FOR JANUARY 2025 (ATTACHED)**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Capone and carried that the Approval of Acceptance of Resolution for School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey for January 2025 (Attached) be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: Pascarella*

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 PUPIL CALENDAR**

*A motion was made by Mr. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of the 2025-2026 Pupil Calendar be approved.*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: Pascarella*

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS #14 THROUGH #19 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Ms. Eagan and carried that the Approval of the Agenda Items #14 through #19 as listed in the Agenda be approved.*

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

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

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

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

*December 18, 2024*

*January 8, 2025*

**18. Approval of Bills:**

<b>General</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>12,638,916.35</b>
<b>Cafeteria</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>201,206.21</b>
<b>Payroll (Gross)</b>	<b>December 6, 2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,288,771.70</b>
<b>(Gross)</b>	<b>December 20, 2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,214,772.12</b>

**19. Board Secretary’s Agenda**

**School Year 2024-2025**

*Purchases – Pages 1 through 18 - \$ 1,742.634.87*

**Student Transportation Resolutions                      Jointures**

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: Mararazzo #17 (December 18, 2024), Jubert #17 (December 18, 2024),  
Contessa #17 (December 18, 2024)*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: Pascarella*

**APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:22.1.11(c), I, Wendy Saxton, Board Secretary, certify that as of November 2024 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 2024 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 Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval and Certification of the November 2024 Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports be approved:*

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: Pascarella*

## **PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-13) + ADDENDUM (#14-24)**

*A motion was made by Mr. Jubert, seconded by Mrs. Coyne and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (# 1-13) + Addendum (#14-24) be approved:*

### **PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-13**

#### **CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-5:**

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

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

A.	<u>Isabella Grippaldi</u>	(R)	\$
	JAC Grade 1	1/16/2025 - 6/30/2025	57,030.00 (prorated)

**2. Recommended Change of Employment:  
{Code = (R) Replacement; (TR) Temporary Replacement; (New) New  
Position}**

	<u>Change to:</u>	<u>\$</u>
A. <u>Sarah N. Rettenberg</u> ED Nurse Assistant	ED School Nurse 1/16/2025 - 6/30/2025	+\$5,000.00 (Prorated)

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

A. <u>Employee #15848</u> IS Math Gr. 6	Family	2/21/2025 - 6/30/2025 (revised leave start date)
B. <u>Employee #13304</u> IS Sped LLD	Medical	1/2/2025 - 1/31/2025
C. <u>Employee #15630</u> ED Grade 5	Family	4/28/2025 - 6/30/2025
D. <u>Employee #12874</u> JAC+ Art	Medical	12/17/2024 12/20/2024 - 1/10/2025
E. <u>Employee #12653</u> CG Vocal Music	Medical Ext.	1/6/2025 - 1/31/2025
F. <u>Employee #17020</u> STR Grade 1	Family	12/19/2024
G. <u>Employee #16528</u> ED Sped Aut	Family	1/20/2025 - 1/31/2025
H. <u>Employee #14980</u> HA Grade 2	Family	4/8/2025 - 6/30/2025
I. <u>Employee #13482</u> HA Health/Phys Ed	Family	2/18/2025 - 4/11/2025
J. <u>Employee #15651</u>	Family	1/21/2025 - 1/31/2025

ED Vocal Music

K. Employee #16687 Family 4/7/2025 - 6/30/2025  
WS Grade 3

**4. Resignations:**

A. Nicole E. Cocco 1/18/2025  
ND ESL

B. Javier Cortez 2/1/2025  
HSN JROTC Instructor

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 5:

**5. Title I Approvals:** (Attached)

A. Recommend approval for the attached list of employees to receive payment under Title I Funds for the school year commencing 9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025.

SUPPORT STAFF 6-12:

**6. Secretarial Services:**

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

Clarissa Morrabal (R) \$40,155.00  
Central Registration - Secretary 3/1/2025– 6/30/2025 (Prorated)

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #17151 Family 1/11/2025 – 1/31/2025  
IS Admin Assistant – TREA Ext.

Employee #17464 Medical 12/21/2024 – 1/3/2025  
HSS Guidance Secretary Ext.

**7. Special Education Paraprofessionals:**

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

<u>Catherine M. Holterman</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
STRE Tier II Paraprofessional	1/21/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<u>Change to:</u>	
<u>Joseph M. Kugel</u>	WD Tier I Paraprofessional	\$23,424.00
WD Tier II Paraprofessional	1/1/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #13780</u>	Family Leave	1/6/2025 – 1/20/2025
JAC Tier II Paraprofessional		

<u>Employee #17145</u>	Family Leave	1/15/2025 - 1/30/2025
HA Tier II Paraprofessional		

D. Resignations:

<u>Kathryn G. LaMantia</u>	1/10/2025
PB Tier II Paraprofessional	

<u>Anthony L. Mentosana</u>	12/20/2024
WD Tier I Paraprofessional	

Retirement:

E. <u>Judy K. Adlin</u>	7/1/2025
JAC Tier II Paraprofessional	

**8. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:**

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #10111</u> East Dover	Personal	1/27/2025 – 2/6/2025
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<u>Employee #17144</u> Beachwood	Medical	1/2/2025 – 2/28/2025
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B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.49 per hour effective 1/16/2025:

Phyllis Albruzzese-Smith

C. Resignations:

<u>Jennifer L. Gavin</u> East Dover	1/18/2025
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**9. Custodial Department:**

A. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

*Effective Dates:*

<u>Anthony J. Grochulski</u>	WS Roving Day Custodian	2/24/2025 – 6/30/2025
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B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$17.22 per hour effective 1/16/2025:

Jacob D. Doberentz

C. Resignations:

<u>John S. Lippincott Jr.</u> WAL Night Custodian	1/4/2025
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**10. Food Services Department:**

A. Recommended for Employment:

{ Code = (R) Replacement }

<u>Linda A. Cimasko</u>	(R)	\$9,512.10
CG Cafeteria Worker	1/16/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

<u>Kathleen A. Thompson</u>	(R)	\$9,512.10
IE Cafeteria Worker	1/16/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

*Change to:*

<u>Cara A. Mignone</u>	WD Lead Cafeteria Worker	+\$25,444.00
IN Cafeteria Worker	1/1/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

C. Resignations:

<u>Kimberly A. Nastvogel</u>	12/21/2024
CG Cafeteria Worker	

**11. Maintenance Department:**

A. Recommended Salary Adjustment:

<u>Tyler J. Ricciardi</u>	12/6/2024 – 6/30/2025	+\$1,200.00
Tradesman - HVAC	(Tradesman License Stipend)	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #16679</u>	Family	1/13/2025 – 2/3/2025
Tradesman - Mason		

**12. Transportation Department:**

A. Recommended salary adjustments/hourly changes effective 1/16/2025 – 6/30/2025:

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	<u>Title</u>	<u>Revised Hours</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Haley L. Pappalardo</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	8	31,305.60

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee# 17172</u>	Family	11/30/2024 – 12/17/2024
Regular Bus Driver	Ext.	(Revised leave end date)

C. Recommended for employment to complete the probationary period:

		<u>Effective Dates:</u>
<u>William Avitto</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	10/19/2024 – 4/18/2025

D. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Driver's list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 1/16/2025:

Michelle Moran

E. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Attendant's list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 1/16/2025:

Amber L. Schaber

F. Suspension without pay:

Employee #17204 1/7/2025 – 1/9/2025

**13. Extracurricular:**

A. **REVISED** Spring 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments (Attached):

Intermediate North

B. Spring 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

Kevin Kuhn\* HSN Head Girls' Lacrosse \$5,407.00; Step 1

*\*On Approved Sub List*

**PERSONNEL ITEMS 14-24**

**CERTIFICATED STAFF 14-17:**

**14. Recommended Central Administration staff for additional employment responsibilities from 3/1/2025 - 6/30/2025 at a rate of \$160.00 per day to cover vacancy:**

Cara DiMeo, Director of Special Education Services, Grades P-5  
Patrick M. Thomas, Director of Special Education Services, Grades 6-12

**15. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:**

A. Nicole L. Cohen-Perez 2/18/2025  
WAL Grade 1

**16. Recommended Degree Changes/Salary Adjustments effective 9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025:**

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>\$</u>
A. <u>Allison H. Betts</u> ELC Sped PSH Aut	BA	MA	+3,200

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

A. Employee #13304 Medical 2/1/2025 - 2/28/2025  
IS Sped LLD Ext.

B. Employee #15633 Family 1/10/2025 - 1/17/2025  
SB Preschool

C. Employee #12874 Medical 1/14/2025  
 JAC+ Art

SUPPORT STAFF 18-23:

**18. Secretarial Services:**

A. **RESCIND** Recommendation for Employment:  
 {Code = (R) Replacement}

<u>Clarissa Morrabal</u>	(R)	\$40,155.00
Central Registration - Secretary	3/1/2025– 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

**19. Special Education Paraprofessionals:**

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

<u>Anastasia L. Canton</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
WD Tier II Paraprofessional	1/21/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

<u>Karen Razak</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
STRE Tier II Paraprofessional	1/21/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Salary:

<u>Angela V. Perez</u>	1/6/2025 – 6/30/2025	\$500.00
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional	(Non-Cert BA Stipend)	(Prorated)

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee# 12929</u>	Family	1/17/2025 – 2/28/2025
HSE Tier I Paraprofessional		

**20. Food Services Department:**

- A. Recommended salary adjustments/hourly changes effective 1/21/2025 – 6/30/2025:

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Revised Hours</i>	<i>\$</i>
<u>Angela Christensen</u>	IN Cafeteria Worker	5	15,853.50

**21. Maintenance Department:**

- A. Recommended Change of Title:

<u>Robert J. Lisa</u>	Tradesman – HVAC	9/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Tradesman – Carpenter		

**22. Print Shop Department:**

- A. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:

<u>Scott W. Thompson</u>	1/16/2025
Administrative Secretary	

**23. Transportation Department:**

- A. **Rescind** Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Attendant’s list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 12/19/2024:

Susan McMullan

- B. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Attendant’s list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 1/16/2025:

Debra A. Setteducato

- C. Resignations:

<u>Alicia M. Giraldo</u>	1/29/2025
Sped Bus Attendant	

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

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: Pascarella*

Board Member Paola Pascarella returned to the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS (# 1-7)**

*A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the following Educational Programs Items (# 1-7) be approved:*

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 1-7**

**1. Affirmative Action:**

A. Recommend approval of the attached resolution declaring the month of February 2025 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. 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 Career Exploration Program at Bright Harbor Healthcare for the 18-21 Special Education students during the 2024-2025 school year (Attached)

**7. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)**

*On roll call following the vote:*

*Ayes: Matarazzo, Jubert, Coyne, Contessa, Eagan, Kidney, Pascarella, Capone, Lamb*

*Noes: None*

*Recused: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Absent: None*

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kidney appreciated the calendar and encouraged the Board of Elections to change polling places so the District's elementary students do not have to participate in a virtual learning day.

Ms. Eagan thanked High School South for providing the board with a token of appreciation. Ms. Eagan complimented our student representatives and all of the students from Toms River Schools on being outstanding citizens.

Mrs. Contessa was impressed with all of our amazing student athletes, their accomplishments, and thanked the Assistant Superintendents for taking on additional responsibilities.

Mrs. Lamb wished everyone a Happy New Year, thanked the staff for always stepping up and appreciated the Assistant Superintendents for taking on additional roles within the

District. Mrs. Lamb addressed the board meeting times have changed starting in February and discussed the public session will begin at 6:30 p.m. and both Executive Session and Committee meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**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 Daniel Ackermann.

Public comments were heard by Andrew Ackermann.

Public comments were heard by Gavin Hanlon.

Public comments were heard by Jacob Kelemen.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Contessa, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 P.M.*

*All members present voting Aye.*

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*Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary*