

Toms River, New Jersey, December 18, 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, December 18, 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 Asbury Park Press on December 2, 2024 and in The Star Ledger on December 4, 2024, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

A roll call of attendance indicated the following Board Members were present: Mr. James Capone, Mrs. Jennifer Howe, Mr. Kevin Kidney, Mrs. Ashley Lamb, Mrs. Paola Pascarella, Mrs. Anna Polozzo, Mr. Joseph Nardini and Ms. Kathy Eagan.

Mrs. Katie Coyne arrived at 6:53 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:01 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 Resolution – To *Include* – RICE #15551, #16541, #17413; 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 Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 7:30 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

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SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Michael Citta recapped the eventful and exciting 2024 school year, it has been a blessing this year to make sure the students and programs remain and looks forward to growing those opportunities in 2025. Superintendent Michael Citta advised that none of this would be possible without a committed community, student body, Board of Education and recognized and honored our three outgoing Board members Jennifer Howe, Joseph Nardini and Anna Polozzo. Superintendent Michael Citta stated the commitment and time they have given to the Board of Education and to the District has made a tremendous impact on thousands of kids, staff and community members. Their commitment will not end as they leave the Board because they have involvement, support, leadership, education and knowledge and will continue to advocate for Toms River Regional School District.

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

Board Member Anna Polozzo left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee – Mrs. Eagan

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools met on December 11, 2024 at High School North Media Center, Toms River, New Jersey from 6:00 P.M. to 6:14 P.M. The meeting was streamed for public viewing. Committee Chair, Anna Polozzo, 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 2, 2024 and December 4, 2024, respectively, 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, Katie Coyne, Kathy Eagan, Jennifer Howe, Kevin Kidney, Ashley Lamb, Joe Nardini 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. Also in attendance were Jerry Conaty and Chris Bodecker from the district auditors- Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. 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 \$3,363,428.27 for the 2024-25 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 \$20,895 for the month of December 2024 (2024-25 cumulative total is \$235,079) and these are also recommended for approval at the regular board meeting.

Finally, the district auditors presented the draft of the 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Mr. Conaty explained that we have an unmodified or clean audit opinion. He and Mr. Bodecker then presented and discussed key areas in the financial and management reports, including highlighting the fact that we had only one audit comment regarding the substantial net cash resources in the food services fund (due to the change in state reimbursements during the pandemic). Additionally, they discussed the status of fund balances, reserves and enterprise funds. As we have done for the last ten years, we will again be applying for the ASBO International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Nardini

The ESIP & Building Initiative Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on December 11, 2024, starting 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 December 2, 2024, which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act."

In attendance were board members Joe Nardini, Paola Pascarella, Anna Polozzo, Ashley Lamb, James Capone, Katie Coyne, Kevin Kidney, Jennifer Howe, 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

The boiler replacement project at 1144 Hooper has been completed and is working as designed. Building Management controls have been connected as well. This project is now complete.

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. They have had recent discussions with Newport and their subcontractors, and will be sharing an update on this issue shortly. 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 next week 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

Mr. Wagner explained the Gmax Testing for all HS turf fields that is required. The Intermediate South bleacher handrail concern has been addressed and the custodians and Athletic Coordinator understand the importance of having the handrails placed prior to bleacher use. Tree removal and trimming has been completed as needed at Cedar Grove Elementary. The RWJ Arena gym floor has received a new logo and resealing. The gym floor of HSE has been resealed as required. A fire door at Intermediate North has been replaced.

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. We anticipate the two phases to be completed by early February. The window replacement project for West Dover and Washington Street, Site 196 grant project, has been delayed, but the contractor has replaced several windows at West Dover. We have been informed that both schools will be completed by January 1, 2025. 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. Bidding for the JBAC floor and membrane replacement, Site 203, will begin in March of 2025. The project will be starting over the summer and has an anticipated completion date of November, in time for the winter track season. Broken/cracked windows have been replaced/repared at HS North, Intermediate South, and South Toms River Elementary. 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.

COMMUNICATION

The district received notification from the Department of Air Force regarding a study of groundwater drinking wells. We have shared requested information with the Veolia Water Company.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Coyne

The Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education of Toms River Regional Schools met on December 11, 2024, within a virtual live-streamed meeting on the internet, beginning at 6:15 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 2, 2024 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

In attendance were Board President Kathy Eagan, board members Kevin Kidney, Katie Coyne, Jennifer Howe, Paola Pascarella, Anna Polozzo, Ashley Lamb, Jimmy Capone & Joseph Nardini. 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.

Mr. Thomas opened the meeting, sharing his pride for the expansion and success of the district JROTC Academy. Sergeant First Class James Long and Lieutenant Colonel Javier Cortes delivered a presentation to the board about the academy, highlighting the leadership and team building components. The program is in its 3 year and has more than doubled enrollment, projecting even more student participation for the 2025-26 school year. Praise ensued from members of the board.

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Howe

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 December 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is not publicly advertised as the committee reviews personnel information which includes names of individual staff members as well as possible new staff members.

In attendance were committee members, Kathy Eagan, Board President, Katie Coyne and James Capone. Also in attendance were Pat Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, James Ricotta, Assistant Superintendent, Cara DiMeo, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Citta, Superintendent and William Burns, Esq.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Kathy Eagan, Michael Citta, Superintendent, discussed with the members, extra curricular and staffing at the board meeting on Wednesday December 11, 2024.

The committee adjourned at 5:40p.m.

MR. CONATY PRESENTED THE JUNE 30, 2024 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT & CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 30, 2024 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT & CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Motion for the Approval of the June 30, 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report & Corrective Action Plan (Attached) be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Coyne, Howe, Kidney, Lamb, Pascarella, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Polozzo

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of the 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)
*November 20, 2024***

16. Approval of Bills:

General		\$	12,161,278.84
Cafeteria		\$	228,426.95
Payroll (Gross)	November 6, 2024	\$	6,246,857.16
(Gross)	November 22, 2024	\$	7,174,226.17

17. Board Secretary’s Agenda

School Year 2024-2025

Purchases – Pages 1 through 28 - \$ 3,363.428.27

Student Transportation

Award of Bids

**Jointures
Resolutions**

Permission to Advertise

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Coyne, Howe, Kidney, Lamb, Pascarella, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Polozzo

**APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT
FOR OCTOBER 2024**

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

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Coyne, Howe, Kidney, Lamb, Pascarella, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Polozzo

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-20)

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mr. Capone and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (# 1-20) be approved:

PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-20

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-6:

1. Recommended for Employment:

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

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A.	<u>Michele A. Adams</u> STR Sped MD	(R) 1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025	57,030.00 (prorated)
B.	<u>Nicole L. Cohen-Perez*</u> WAL Grade 1	(R) 2/1/2025 - 6/30/2025	57,030.00 (prorated)
C.	<u>Meaghan E. Phillips</u> SB School Nurse	(R) 1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025	58,030.00 (prorated) (Re-Hire)

**start date subject to release by current district*

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

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>\$</u>	
A.	<u>Christine Morsch</u> HA Media/Tech	BA	MA	+3,200
B.	<u>Sarah M. Vollenbroek</u> HA Vocal Music	BA	MA	+3,200

3. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

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A.	<u>Camille A. Corrado</u> HSN Math	12/6/2024 - 6/30/2025 (teaching one extra period per day)	+10,690.00 (Prorated)
B.	<u>Stacie M. Hoffman</u> HSN Business	12/6/2024 - 6/30/2025 (teaching one extra period per day)	+12,202.50 (Prorated)
C.	<u>Veronica J. Maier</u> HSS Sped RR	12/16/2024 - 6/30/2025 (teaching one extra period per day)	+11,090.00 (Prorated)

4. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #14516</u> IS Speech Language Specialist	Family	11/20/2024 - 11/22/2024
B.	<u>Employee #15308</u> ELC Preschool Guidance	Family	4/1/2025 - 6/30/2025
C.	<u>Employee #14623</u> BWD Health/Phys Ed	Family	1/13/2025 - 4/6/2025 (revised leave dates)
D.	<u>Employee #15842</u> CG Speech Language Specialist	Maternity	1/18/2025 - 6/30/2025
E.	<u>Employee #16710</u> WD Grade 2	Family Maternity	2/19/2025 - 5/23/2025 5/24/2025 - 6/30/2025
F.	<u>Employee #16487</u> IE Sped RR	Family	1/22/2025 - 4/17/2025 (revised leave dates)
G.	<u>Employee #12768</u> IS Sped MD	Family	1/24/2025 - 2/26/2025

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H.	<u>Employee #12874</u> JAC+ Art	Medical	11/20/2024 (p.m.) 12/2/2024; 12/4/2024; 12/9/2024; 12/11/2024
I.	<u>Employee #13796</u> HSE Math	Maternity	1/18/2025 - 6/30/2025
J.	<u>Employee #15348</u> CG Kindergarten	Maternity Ext.	12/21/2024 - 6/30/2025
K.	<u>Employee #16688</u> HSN Sped RR	Family	12/9/2024 - 12/20/2024
L.	<u>Employee #16796</u> ELC Speech Language Specialist	Family	3/24/2025 - 6/30/2025
M.	<u>Employee #15600</u> ELC Social Worker	Family	3/18/2025 - 6/30/2025
N.	<u>Employee #16795</u> ED Health/Phys Ed	Maternity Ext.	1/13/2025 - 3/17/2025
O.	<u>Employee #17020</u> STR Grade 1	Family	12/12/2024
P.	<u>Employee #14026</u> IN Sped RR	Family	1/2/2025 - 3/31/2025
Q.	Employee #16562 HSN Sped RR	Family	12/9/2024 - 12/11/2024 (p.m.)

5. Resignations:

A.	<u>Erin M. Rhoades</u> ND Sped MD	1/8/2025
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6. Retirements:

- A. Marci L Brush 2/1/2025
HSE Health/Phys Ed

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 7-9:

7. 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.

8. Title I SIA Approvals: (Attached)

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

9. Title III Funded “English for Adults” Program:

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

SUPPORT STAFF 10-17:

10. Secretarial Services:

- A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #15794</u> STRE Admin Asst. - TREA_	Family	11/26/2024; 12/2/2024 12/11/2024
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<u>Employee #17151</u> IS Admin Assistant - TREA	Family	1/2/2025 – 1/10/2025
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<u>Employee #17464</u>	Medical	12/17/2024 – 12/20/2024
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HSS Guidance Secretary Ext.

B. Retirements:

Caroline A. Turner 2/1/2025
 HSN Athletic Secretary

11. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

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

<u>Sarah M. Izbicki</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
HSE Tier II Paraprofessional	1/6/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)
<u>Zaib U. Nisa</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional	1/6/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

<u>Renee A. Paolino</u>	(R)	\$21,130.00
HSE Tier II Paraprofessional	1/6/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

<u>Angela V. Perez</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
ELC Tier II paraprofessional	1/6/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Salary:

<u>Maheen M. Mirza</u>	10/21/2024 – 6/30/2025	-\$500.00
WD Tier II Paraprofessional	(Rescind Non-Cert BA Stipend)	(Prorated)

<u>Saleha S. Zia</u>	11/25/2024 – 6/30/2025	+\$1,000.00
WAL Tier II Paraprofessional	(Non-Cert MA Stipend)	(Prorated)

C. Recommend Change of Contract Start Date:

<u>Addie Campos</u>	12/4/2024
WD Tier II Paraprofessional	

D. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #16424</u> IS Tier I Paraprofessional	Family Leave	1/25/2025 – 3/28/2025
<u>Employee #17267</u> HA Tier II Paraprofessional	Family Leave	11/18/2024 - 12/6/2024 (Revised leave end date)
<u>Employee #17379</u> ND Tier II Paraprofessional	Family Leave	12/9/2024 – 1/31/2025

E. Rescind Employment Offer (Not Accepting Position):

<u>Alexi Dooley</u> WD Tier II Paraprofessional	11/25/2024 – 6/30/2025
<u>Samira A. Khamis</u> STR Tier II Paraprofessional	11/25/2024 – 6/30/2025

12. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

A. Resignations:

<u>Stephanie M. Hopkins</u> Pine Beach	12/17/2024
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B. Terminations:

<u>Employee #17413</u>	11/21/2024
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13. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

<u>Effective Dates:</u>		
<u>Edith Y. Chavez Figueroa</u>	HA Night Custodian	12/21/2024 – 6/30/2025
<u>William M. Lamb</u>	CG Night Custodian	12/21/2024 – 6/30/2025

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Freddie H. Williams</u> CG Night Supervisor	HA Head Custodian 12/19/2024 – 5/6/2025	+\$3,413.64 (Prorated)
<u>Scott F. Wylie</u> HSS Night Custodian	ND Night Supervisor 1/16/2025 – 6/30/2025	+\$3,000.00 (Prorated)

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #16070</u> IE Head Custodian	Family	2/13/2025 – 3/16/2025
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D. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$17.22 per hour effective 12/19/2024:

Robert L. Polozzo

14. Food Services Department:

A. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Cara A. Mignone</u> IN Cafeteria Worker	WD “Acting” Lead Cafeteria Worker 11/2/2024 – 12/31/2024	+\$25,444.00 (Prorated)

B. Resignations:

<u>Carol C. Mascola</u> IS Cafeteria Worker	1/2/2025
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15. Maintenance Department:

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

<u>Gerard A. O’Malley Jr.</u>	(R)	\$48,500.00
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Effective Dates:

Douglas E. Bryant Sped Bus Attendant 1/2/2025 – 6/30/2025

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

Susan McMullan
Donald R. Smida

- F. Suspension without pay:

Employee #15551 2/3/2025 – 2/7/2025
Employee #16541 12/11/2024; 1/15/2025; 1/29/2025

18. Extracurricular:

- A. Recommend approval for the removal of the attached NJTSA Advisor for the 2024-2025 School Year (Funded)

- B. Extracurricular New Club Recommendations:

HSS Fashion Club
HSS South Rock Band

- C. Fall Half Year Extracurricular Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions (2024 – 2025):

Joanne D’Amico IE District TEAM Coordinator +\$1,881.00

- D. Spring Half Year Extracurricular Recommendations & Payments Updates and Additions 2024 – 2025 (Attached):

High Schools East, North & South
Intermediate East, North & South

- E. **REVISED** Winter 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

Joseph Coyle* IS Wrestling \$474.38; Step 1

F. Winter 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Gary R. Azzolini</u>	HSS Head Chess	\$2,561.00; Step 1
<u>Kaitlyn H. Borghesi</u>	HSN Asst. Girls' Basketball	Volunteer
<u>Gerald Caravella*</u>	IS Wrestling	\$3,534.00; Step 1
<u>Mary Gibson*</u>	IS Boys' Basketball	Volunteer
<u>Brett R. Hardie</u>	HSN Asst. Girls' Basketball	\$6,302.00; Step 3
<u>Jake Steinmetz*</u>	HSS Asst. Boys' Track	Volunteer
<u>Joseph Venere-Coyle*</u>	IS Wrestling	Volunteer

G. Winter 2024 – 2025 Coaching Resignations:

Kaitlyn H. Borghesi HSN Asst. Girls' Basketball -\$4,098.00; Step 2

H. Spring 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments (Attached):

High Schools East, North & South
Intermediate East, North & South

I. **REVISED** School Musical Recommendations & Payments (Attached):

Intermediated South

**On Approved Sub List*

19. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

20. REVISED Substitute and Hourly Rate Sheet effective 1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025:
(Attached)

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Coyne, Howe, Kidney, Lamb, Pascarella, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Polozzo

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS (# 1-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Capone and carried that the following Educational Programs Items (# 1-7) be approved:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 1-7

- 1. Application for Reimbursement of Professional Graduate Courses (Attached)**
- 2. Donations:**
 - A. Recommend the attached be accepted with thanks.
- 3. Educational Activity Requests (Attached)**
- 4. Extracurricular:**
 - A. Recommended approval for High School East to host the Shore Conference Swimming Championships at the Ocean County Y.M.C.A. The event will be on January 30, 2025. This event will include all swim teams from Ocean County and Monmouth County. There will be no cost to the Toms River Board of Education.
 - B. Recommended approval for High School East to host the Ocean County Swimming Championships at the Ocean County Y.M.C.A. The event will be on January 12, 2025 from 9:00am to 6:30pm. This event will include all swim teams from Ocean County. There will be no cost to the Toms River Board of Education.
 - C. Winter Sports Schedules 2024 – 2025: (Attached)

High School South

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

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Coyne, Howe, Kidney, Lamb, Pascarella, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Polozzo

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 Dana Tormollan.

Public comments were heard by Scott Campbell.

Public comments were heard by Jillian Messina.

Public comments were heard by Christopher Raimann.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Lamb wished everyone a safe, relaxing and happy holiday. She thanked Board Members Anna Polozzo, Joseph Nardini and Jennifer Howe for their service on the Board for giving so much to their community.

Mr. Kidney thanked all of the board members who work so hard and wished Board Members Joseph Nardini, Jennifer Howe and Anna Polozzo a farewell. Mr. Kidney thanked the Pine Beach Elementary School's PTO for the horse and carriage rides and congratulated Pine Beach Elementary Staff Member of the Year Mrs. Sincavage the School Nurse and Teacher of the Year Mrs. Covert. Mr. Kidney discussed the pajama and animal shelter drive going on until the end of the week and wished every a happy holiday.

Mr. Capone wished Board Members Anna Polozzo, Joseph Nardini and Jennifer Howe well and thanked them for the opportunity for him to be on the Board with them. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Coyne enjoyed the Beachwood tree lighting at the Borough Hall where they listened to students of Toms River Schools sing and thanked the Beachwood Elementary PTO and Mrs. DeMarco for putting on a wonderful holiday concert and event. Mrs. Coyne thanked all of the staff, wished everyone a Happy Holiday and will miss the outgoing Board of Education members.

Mr. Nardini thanked everyone including Mrs. Polozzo and Mrs. Howe for their service on the Board. Mr. Nardini discussed his time as a member of the board over the last 9 years.

Mrs. Howe thanked Board Members Anna Polozzo and Joseph Nardini for their service on the Board. She recognized a former High School North student who is a Rockette and discussed all of the amazing things she was able to do as a Board Member for Toms River Regional Schools over the last 6 years. Mrs. Howe thanked her family for coming out and supporting her and thanked Superintendent Citta, the Assistant Superintendent's and the entire District for all of their hard work and dedication to the school district.

Mrs. Eagan honored Joseph Nardini and Jennifer Howe for their hard work and dedication and wished everyone a great holiday.

Board Member Paola Pascarella left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary