

Toms River, New Jersey, February 19, 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, February 19, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Board Vice President Mr. James Capone 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 January 28, 2025, 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, Mr. James Capone, and Mrs. Ashley Lamb.

Mrs. Paola Pascarella arrived at 5:39 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:35 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Kidney, seconded by Mrs. Contessa 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 #14865, #15470, #15551; Personnel; Legal Litigation Update; Contracts; Negotiations; 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 – 6:34 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 6:34 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 discussed the District’s Kindness Initiative and how impactful our Toms River Schools students have been promoting awareness and kindness. Superintendent Michael Citta recognized Dominick Farro who exemplifies what kindness in a community is all about. Mr. Farro provided the entire school district with free fleece sweatshirts and has partnered with a nonprofit organization who supports the District to help fight against the fair funding for our students, which has so far raised approximately \$2,700.00. Superintendent Michael Citta reiterated where the District stands with the state and the \$12.4 million dollar deficit. He recapped that the District ended last school year without a budget which got extended into the summertime, while the District waited for the governor to make a decision as to whether or not the District was going to get extra state aid to close our then \$26.4 million dollar gap for this fiscal year 2024-2025. Legislation was passed giving the opportunity for taxpayers to raise taxes 9.9% knowing that the District was still \$12.4 million dollars short, in which our board and community was not in support of. Superintendent Michael Citta explained that the Board voted unanimously to turn down the 9.9% tax increase and unilaterally the Department of Education through the county office instituted the budget with the 9.9% tax increase, also mandating Toms River Regional Schools to come up with the \$12.4 million dollar shortfall. At that moment, the Board and community decided to seek counsel and file suit against the Department of Education for the discrimination in the fair funding for Toms River students. Superintendent Michael Citta discussed that the District could either liquidate assets or come up with a cash flow default in May, where the District would still end up 12.4 million dollars short, and open us up to a state monitor and state takeover to make decisions on the future of the education of the

children in Toms River. Superintendent Michael Citta stated the District has appraised six properties in our District, one of the buildings is the 1144 business office which is valued and appraised approximately \$16.0 million dollars. Superintendent Michael Citta discussed that the Jackson School District was forced to sell an elementary school which went out to public bid, which means the school will be sold to the highest bidder, having no bearing on special interest groups, developers, or what could potentially happen to the building or community. Superintendent Michael Citta discussed that the other option is to partner with a government agency where you do not have to go out to public bid, for example the District recently sold property to Toms River Township for \$4.3 million dollars that remain a taxpayer asset next to Silver Bay Elementary School, which helped close the budget. Superintendent Michael Citta understands that these are one time band-aide fixes and not solutions, and every decision that we make is a simple formula: Is it good for kids, does it support our staff and our educational mission, and how does it affect the taxpayers? Superintendent Michael Citta announced that the District is currently in negotiations with the County of Ocean, a Governmental Agency for the purchase of the 1144 building. Superintendent Michael Citta broke down the decision-making process: Is it good for children? He discussed that the District has an Early Learning Center and a population of about 350 children on the first floor of the corporate center and have been doing a magnificent job in educating our preschool over the course of the last 15 or more years. Is it better for these children to be in a corporate center or is it better if the District had space in a school for these children to be in? The District is in a position because the demographics and the way that our shift has changed in this town, to utilize North Dover Elementary School to house the entire ELC Program. At one point, North Dover Elementary School had over 700 students and with the addition of the full 17 classrooms and the entire ELC Program, they will be once again full and at capacity, while identity of the community schools that we value so much in Toms River remain intact. The North Dover Pirates remain the North Dover Pirates with a K-5 education. Our preschool disabled and preschool learning will be housed there and administered on a separate tier from the elementary school so the elementary aged students are not disrupted. Does it benefit the teachers? This move and this sale provides the stability that we need in this 24-25 school year for all staff in Toms River Regional Schools which guarantees the fulfillment of all student programs while remaining intact, as well as having the opportunities for our children for the remainder of this year, helping the District to fight the battle in the future. The ELC teachers will now be in a secure school setting surrounded by peers, having additional resources and more room for collaboration. With the sale of the 1144 building to a county government organization, the taxpayer asset remains a taxpayer asset, and if the county needs to further their

footprint, a 92,000 square foot building which is 1144 to construct would cost approximately \$550.00 to \$600.00 dollar a square foot, which would be a community taxpayer purchase of well over \$50 or \$60 million dollars when finished. The sale of the building at an appraised value is a significant savings to the taxpayers of this county. Superintendent Michael Citta is encouraged by the steps that the District continues to take because of the strength of 15,000 strong students in the Toms River Regional School District, the support and commitment of the staff, faculty, parents, community, and 150,000 constituents. The steps that the District has taken with filing the lawsuit against the state, together with some of the negotiations, hand in hand work that the District continues to do through testimony and good work with surrounding senators and legislators. Superintendent Michael Citta discussed that this was the first year that the Department of Education held public hearings on school funding, while taking public input on changes that need to be made. Superintendent Michael Citta discussed that for the first time we have had different legislators propose various bills to change a flawed funding formula which is a direct correlation to the movement of this great community and the pressure that the District put on them to do what is right for the kids, because of that, the District has been invited to the table to be a part of the solution. Superintendent Michael Citta looks forward to working collaboratively with our stakeholders and legislators to solve the funding formula issue, so the Toms River Schools students can continue to have the right opportunities. Superintendent Michael Citta was proud that the District has taken the necessary steps to secure this future in the now and continuing to secure the future of our students in the long term.

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.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF RICH FASTNACHT AS HOMELESS LIAISON EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Motion for the Approval of the Appointment of Rich Fastnacht as Homeless Liaison Effective March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS – REVISED LIST OF APPROVED ENGINEERS (ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Approval of Award of Professional Service Contracts – Revised List of Approved Engineers (Attached) be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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. Coyne 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&R 5533 (M) (Revised) Student Smoking N.J.S.A. 2A:170-51.4 N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2 N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1 N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 through 26:3D-63 N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 N.J.A.C. 8:6-7.2; 8:6-9.1 through 8:6-9.5 A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2023 Revisions
- P&R 7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds(M) (Revised) N.J.S.A. 18A:41-9A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2023 Revisions
- P&R 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) (Revised) N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.1.; 6A:16-6.2; 6A:16-6.4

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS #13 THROUGH #18 AS LISTED IN THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Contessa and carried that the Approval of the Agenda Items #13 through #18 as listed in the Agenda be approved.

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

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

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PERSONNEL AGENDA (# 1-20) + ADDENDUM (#21-27)

A motion was made by Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the following Personnel Agenda (# 1-20) + Addendum (#21-27) be approved:

PERSONNEL ITEMS 1-20

CERTIFICATED STAFF 1-5:

1. Recommended for Employment:

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

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A.	<u>Michele Bouney*</u> ND ESL	(R) 4/28/2025 - 6/30/2025	69,120.00 (Prorated)
B.	<u>Eian J. Gilroy</u> WD Sped MD	(R) 2/20/2025 - 6/30/2025	57,030.00 (Prorated)
C.	<u>Erin K. Guilfoyle**</u> IS Science Gr. 7	(R) 2/20/2025 - 6/30/2025	57,030.00 (Prorated)
D.	<u>Kristyn Mikulka</u> IN ESL	(R) 3/1/2025 - 6/30/2005	69,120.00 (Prorated)
E.	<u>Kathrine M. Wilson</u> HSE Math	(TR) 2/20/2025 - 6/30/2025	57,030.00 (prorated) (Re-Hire)

**start date subject to release by current district*

***start date subject to issuance of teaching certificate*

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

		<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>\$</u>
A.	<u>Matthew J. Cicalese</u>	BA+30	MA	+1,500

HSE English

3. Recommended Salary Adjustments:

		\$
A.	<u>Jennifer A. Goodwin</u> IS Language Arts Gr. 8	+12,427.50 (Prorated)
	1/17/2025 - 6/30/2025 (teaching one extra period per day)	
B.	<u>Christian M. Kane</u> K-12 Wellness Coach	+10,232.00*
	12/1/2024 – 2/28/2025 (Community Coordinator for Programming @ RWJ Barnabas Field of Dreams Spring Stipend) *Grant Funded	

4. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

A.	<u>Employee #15308</u> ELC Preschool Guidance	Family	3/24/2025 - 6/30/2025 (revised leave start date)
B.	<u>Employee #17020</u> STR Grade 1	Family	1/23/2025
C.	<u>Employee #15651</u> ED Vocal Music	Family Ext.	2/1/2025 - 2/4/2025
D.	<u>Employee #12874</u> JAC+ Art	Medical	1/22/2025; 1/27/2025; 1/31/2025; 2/3/2025; 2/6/2025
E.	<u>Employee #13478</u> ELC Preschool	Family	2/27/2025
F.	<u>Employee #15634</u> STR Grade 3	Maternity	4/9/2025 - 6/30/2025
G.	<u>Employee #14543</u> HSN Art	Family	1/2/2025 - 2/28/2025

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H.	<u>Employee #11079</u> IE Social Studies Gr. 6	Family	3/12/2025 - 6/8/2025
I.	<u>Employee #12653</u> CG Vocal Music	Medical Ext.	2/1/2025 - 2/13/2025
J.	<u>Employee #16954</u> HSS Science	Family	4/28/2025 - 6/30/2025
K.	<u>Employee #11325</u> WAL Instrumental Music	Family	2/3/2025 - 3/3/2025
L.	<u>Employee #16528</u> ED Sped Aut	Family Ext.	2/1/2025 - 2/28/2025
M.	<u>Employee #12768</u> IS Sped MD	Family Ext.	2/27/2025 - 3/12/2025
N.	<u>Employee #11399</u> JAC Basic Skills	Family	2/5/2025 (p.m.); 2/7/2025
O.	<u>Employee #17158</u> IE School Nurse	Family	5/2/2025 - 6/30/2025

5. Retirements:

A.	<u>Kelly A. Backle</u> HA Grade 4	7/1/2025
B.	<u>Karyn D. Cassidy</u> ED Grade 1	7/1/2025
C.	<u>Kevin S. Cassidy</u> ED Health/Phys Ed	7/1/2025
D.	<u>Anne Marie Cavaliere</u> IE Science Gr. 8	7/1/2025

- E. Denise M. Dell'Acqua 7/1/2025
IE Language Arts Gr. 8
- F. Kristine M. DeNardo 7/1/2025
WAL ESL

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 6-8:

6. 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.

7. Title I SIA 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. 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 February 2025 through May 2025.

SUPPORT STAFF 9-17:

9. Secretarial Services:

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

<u>Jordyn M. Korpon</u>	(R)	\$32,733.00
HSN Athletic Secretary	2/24/2025– 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

10. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

- A. Recommended for Employment:

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{Code = (R) Replacement}

<u>Kathryn A. Bahlouli</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
PB Tier II Paraprofessional	2/24/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)
<u>Cara E. Cribbin</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
BWD Tier II Paraprofessional	2/24/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)
<u>Maurien Morris</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
HA Tier II Paraprofessional	2/24/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)
<u>Julianna R. Patricia</u>	(R)	\$20,130.00
WAL Tier II Paraprofessional	2/24/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

	<i>Change to:</i>	
<u>Kelly M. Irizarry</u>	SB Tier I Paraprofessional	\$23,424.00
SB Tier II Paraprofessional	2/24/25 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)
<u>Adele C. Toranto</u>	HSE Tier I Paraprofessional	\$23,424.00
HSE Tier II Paraprofessional	2/24/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #14880</u>	Medical	2/12/2025 – 3/26/2025
ELC Tier II Paraprofessional		
<u>Employee #17145</u>	Family	1/15/2025 – 1/27/2025
ND Tier I Paraprofessional		(Revised leave end date)
<u>Employee #17379</u>	Family	12/9/2024 – 2/28/2025
ND Tier II Paraprofessional	Ext.	
<u>Employee #17543</u>	Medical	1/23/2025 – 2/24/2025
IS Tier II Paraprofessional		

D. Resignations:

Alexis M. Abahazy 2/4/2025
ED Tier II Paraprofessional

Alexandra M. Dragonetti 2/13/2025
WAS Tier II Paraprofessional

Eileen M. Platt 2/14/2025
BWD Tier II Paraprofessional

Lucie Witter 2/14/2025
HSN Tier II Paraprofessional

E. Retirements:

Sheila J. Bowden 7/1/2025
PB Tier I Paraprofessional

11. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #16319 Medical 2/3/2025 – 2/11/2025
Walnut Street

Employee #16333 Personal 3/24/2025 – 4/1/2025
North Dover

Employee #16380 Personal 2/25/2025 – 2/28/2025
East Dover

Employee #17376 Personal 2/7/2025 – 5/9/2025
Pine Beach

B. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.49 per hour:

Effective Dates:

<u>Marilyn L. Scilla</u>	2/18/2025
<u>Ashlee D. Perhach</u>	2/20/2025

C. Resignations:

<u>Marilyn L. Scilla</u>	2/18/2025
West Dover	

12. Custodial Department:

- A. Recommended for employment and approval to attend training to receive Black Seal/Low Pressure License to be reimbursed upon issuance of license at a cost of no greater than \$465.00.

<u>Irene Campos Garcia</u>	(R)	\$34,500.00
IS Day Custodian	3/20/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

<u>Cielo E. Ingunza</u>	(R)	\$35,500.00
BWD Night Custodian	2/20/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

B. Recommended Change of Employment:

Change to:

<u>Margaret R. Walsh</u>	HSS Night Custodian	+\$1,000.00
IS Day Custodian	2/20/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated)

<u>Emmanuel Garcia</u>	IN Night Supervisor	+\$3,000.00
BWD Night Custodian	2/20/2025 – 5/22/2025	(Prorated)

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #16070</u>	Family	2/13/2025 – 3/16/2025
IE Head Custodian		(Reverse Leave)

- D. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$17.22 per hour effective 1/24/2025:

Kathleen A. Thompson

E. Suspension without Pay:

Employee #14865 1/23/2025 – 1/27/2025

Employee #15470 1/15/2025 – 1/17/2025

F. Resignations:

Vincent S. Giammona 1/31/2025
Night Roving Custodian

G. Retirements:

Peter A. Avallone 4/1/2025
WAL Night Supervisor

13. Food Services Department:

A. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.49 per hour effective 2/20/2025:

Rose Daddino
Anna M. Filardi
Gulhan Kodalak

B. Resignations:

Michele Syvertsen 1/31/2025
PB Cafeteria Worker

Kathleen A. Thompson 1/24/2025
IE Cafeteria Worker

C. Retirements:

Betina Godfrey 3/1/2025
ND Cafeteria Worker

Donna L. Mancini 9/1/2024
BWD Cafeteria Worker

14. Maintenance Department:

A. Recommended Salary Adjustment:

Gerard A. O'Malley 1/23/2025 – 6/18/2025 +\$1,200.00
Tradesman - HVAC (Tradesman/Degree Stipend) (Prorated)

B. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #16679 Family 2/4/2025 – 2/9/2025
Tradesman – Mason Ext.

15. Security Department:

A. Resignations:

Jason T. Cotellessa 1/30/2025
Security Guard

16. Technology Department:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

Employee #16892 Family 1/24/2025 – 1/27/2025;
Tradesman – Computer 1/31/2025;
Serv Tech 2/6/2025 – 2/7/2025

B. Retirement:

Yakov A. Attiya 7/1/2025
 Director of Information
 Technology

17. Transportation Department:

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

<u>Gaetano Lanzisera</u>	(R)	\$35,054.00
Sped Bus Driver	2/20/2025 – 6/30/2025	(Prorated) (Re-Hire)

B. Recommended salary adjustments/hourly changes effective 2/10/2025 – 6/30/2025:

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Revised Hours</i>	<i>\$</i>
<u>Doreen S. Allardice</u>	Regular Bus Driver	8	43,143.00
<u>Carol A. Peck</u>	Sped Bus Driver	8	45,343.00
<u>Jill L. Phillips</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	8	31,305.60

C. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee# 12988</u>	Family	2/12/2025 – 2/17/2025
Sped Bus Attendant		

<u>Employee# 15958</u>	Medical	2/5/2025 – 6/30/2025
Sped Bus Attendant		

D. Transfers Effective 2/3/2025:

<u>Johnny E. Iwanowski</u>	<i>From:</i> Regular Bus Driver 11-000-270-160-054-0100	<i>To:</i> Sped Bus Driver 11-000-270-161-054-0100
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E. Recommended for employment to complete the probationary period:

<u>Saul D. Balasiano</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	<u>Effective Dates:</u> 3/22/2025 – 6/22/2025
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F. Recommended for employment beyond the probationary period:

<u>Robert A. Richardson</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	<u>Effective Dates:</u> 3/21/2025 – 6/30/2025
<u>Brianna J. Sheran</u>	Sped Bus Attendant	3/21/2025 – 6/30/2025

G. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Driver's list at a rate of \$27.00 per hour effective 2/20/2025:

Kingsley T. Ellie

H. Recommended for placement on the substitute Bus Attendant's list at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective 2/20/2025:

<u>Kingsley T. Ellie</u>	<u>Kris E. Holiday</u>
<u>Eluid Garcia-Torres</u>	<u>Robert W. Sinclair Jr.</u>
<u>Robin D. Harrington</u>	

I. Suspension with pay:

<u>Employee #15551</u>	1/16/2025 – 1/31/2025
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J. Terminations:

<u>Employee #15551</u>	2/1/2025
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18. Extracurricular:

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

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

<u>Michael Ritacco</u>	IN Bowling Club	+\$707.04
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C. Winter 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Mark Gray*</u>	HSE Asst. Wrestling	\$4,098.00; Step 1
<u>Gregory McCrystal*</u>	HSN Asst. Wrestling	\$4,098.00; Step 1

D. Spring 2024 – 2025 Coaching Recommendations & Payments:

<u>Courtney A. Coppinger</u>	IS Softball	\$4,814.00; Step 3
<u>Alyssa Ellerson</u>	HSE Asst. Softball	\$5,579.00; Step 3
<u>Ginger C. DeBoard</u>	HSN Asst. Girls' Lacrosse	\$5,579.00; Step 3
<u>Lauren Ellis*</u>	HSS Head Girls' Lacrosse	\$5,407.00; Step 1
<u>Samantha Fernandez*</u>	HSS Asst. Girls' Lacrosse	\$5,579.00; Step 3
<u>Tyler Gebler*</u>	HSS Asst. Baseball	Volunteer
<u>Steven D. Giannios</u>	HSE Asst. Boys' Tennis	\$2,482.00; Step 1
<u>Todd Kazanowsky*</u>	HSS Asst. Baseball	Volunteer
<u>Edward Kenny*</u>	HSE Asst. Baseball	Volunteer
<u>Dennis Kopin*</u>	HSN Asst. Baseball	Volunteer
<u>Michele K. Lloyd</u>	IS Girls' Track	\$4,814.00; Step 3
<u>Megan E. Miller</u>	HSN Asst. Girls' Lacrosse	\$5,579.00; Step 3
<u>Keith W. Stryker</u>	HSN Asst. Boys' Tennis	\$3,817.00; Step 3
<u>John T. Whalen</u>	HSN Asst. Softball	\$3,628.00; Step 1
<u>Kacey A. Woram</u>	HSS Asst. Girls' Lacrosse	\$5,579.00; Step 3

E. Spring 2024 – 2025 Coaching Resignations:

<u>Rachel L. Barry</u>	HSE Asst. Boys' Tennis	-\$2,595.00; Step 2
<u>Courtney A. Coppinger</u>	HSE Asst. Softball	-\$5,579.00; Step 3

**On Approved Sub List*

19. Off Payroll Report (Attached)

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

PERSONNEL ITEMS 21-27

CERTIFICATED STAFF 21-23:

21. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:

- A. Kristyn Mikulka 3/24/2025
IN ESL

22. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

- A. Employee #13304 Medical 3/1/2025 - 5/1/2025
IS Sped LLD Ext.
- B. Employee #14980 Family 5/2/2025 - 6/30/2025
HA Grade 2 (revised leave start date)
- C. Employee #16688 Family 2/18/2025 - 2/21/2025
HSN Sped RR
- D. Employee #15853 Maternity 3/29/2025 - 5/30/2025
HSN Sped RR

23. Retirements:

- A. James Ricotta, Jr. 9/1/2025
Assistant Superintendent

STAFF FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS 24:

24. Title I SIA 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 25-27:

25. Special Education Paraprofessionals:

A. Recommended Leave of Absence Requests:

<u>Employee #17379</u>	Family	3/1/2025 – 3/14/2025
ND Tier II Paraprofessional	Ext.	

B. Resignations:

<u>Heather J. Keller</u>	3/1/2025
ED Tier I Paraprofessional	

26. Cafeteria/Playground Aides:

A. Recommended for placement on the substitute list at a rate of \$15.49 per hour Effective 2/12/2025:

Mary A. Levy

B. Resignations:

<u>Mary A. Levy</u>	2/12/2025
Walnut Street	

27. Custodial Department:

A. Recommended Change of Contract Start Date:

<u>Irene Campos Garcia</u>	2/20/2025
IS Day Custodian	

On roll call following the vote:

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

Noes: None

Recused: None

Abstained: Contessa #21

Absent: None

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS (# 1-8) + ADDENDUM (# 9-11)

A motion was made by Mrs. Coyne, seconded by Mr. Jubert and carried that the following Educational Programs Items (# 1-8) + Addendum (# 9-11) be approved:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 1-8

1. Affirmative Action:

A. Recommend approval of the attached resolution declaring the month of March 2025 as Women's 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. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Requests (Attached)

7. Recommended Professional Leave Requests (Attached)

8. Summer Program Recommendations:

- A. Recommend approval of the anticipated Regular Education 2025 Summer Programs Budget* (Attached)
- B. Recommend approval of the anticipated Special Education 2025 Extended School Year Programs Budget* (Attached)

**pending 2025-2026 budget approval*

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ITEMS 9-11

9. Funded Programs: (Attached)

- A. Recommend approval for the submission of the New Jersey Department of Education ESports Industry Career Exploration Grant effective May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

10. Recommended Professional Leave Requests – REVISED (Attached)

11. Student HIB Appeal – ID #74322 - UPHELD

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 discussed the District's application for E-Sports grant.

Mrs. Coyne thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mrs. Coyne also thanked the Beachwood elementary staff, discussed all of the school musicals, the South Toms River School fundraiser with PTO's, and the kids heart challenge where all funds will go towards the purchase of physical education equipment.

Mrs. Lamb thanked the community for their positive support and feedback on changing the time of the Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Lamb thanked our staff members and administrators who are working so hard. Mrs. Lamb discussed the sale of the 1144 building which will help with the budget and thanked our school resource officers, Chief Sundack, and the Toms River Police Officers who work tirelessly every day to keep this entire community safe.

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 Krista Whittaker.

Public comments were heard by Scott Campbell.

Public comments were heard by Jennifer Howe.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Capone, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary