

Rockaway Borough Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 7:30 PM

Thomas Jefferson School Cafeteria, 95 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Visit us on the Web: rockboro.org

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOLS' MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Rockaway Borough School District, a caring and diverse community, is to propel the success of each student by creating an environment that fosters self-confidence and encourages creativity through quality instruction and educational opportunities aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Executive Session I: 6:35-7:32 pm (Closed to the Public)

Be it Resolved, that the Board enters into Executive Session (Private) to discuss exempt matters pertaining to: 1) student matters: Safety/Security Plan for 2022-23 and 2) personnel: the BA's employment contract; the natures of which will be made public only when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to Enter Exec Session: **Moved by: Dr. Piombino** **Seconded by: Mrs. Walter** **Voice Vote: All Ayes**
Motion to Adjourn Exec Session: **Moved by: Mrs. Walter** **Seconded by: Mrs. McGovern** **Voice Vote: All Ayes**

1. Call to Order: 7:32 PM

The public meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m., by Mrs. Christa Smith, Board President, by reading the following announcement:

"In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, The Rockaway Borough Board of Education has provided adequate notice of this meeting to the public by having the time, date, and location advertised in The Citizen Newspaper on January 19, 2022; posted on our website and at town hall. Official Board actions will be taken."

2. Board Member Roll Call:

Mrs. Linda McGovern - Present

Elected 2020 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2023)

Dr. Alexis Piombino, Vice President - Present

Elected 2021 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2024)

Mrs. Christa Smith, President – Present

Elected 2019 to 7th consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2022)

Mr. Jeffrey Tobias – Not Present

Elected 2020 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2023)

Mrs. Karen Walter - Present

Elected 2021 to 2nd consecutive term (3-year seat to Dec. 31, 2024)

Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent - Present

Appointed July 2021 Chief School Administrator & Non-Voting Board Member (CSA/Supt)

Mr. William Stepka, SBA/Board Secretary - Present

Appointed 2017 District Business Administrator (BA) & Secretary of the Board

Mr. Stepka declared a Board quorum was present

Along with 3 staff member and 2 members of the public.

The United States Pledge of Allegiance was then held . . .

3. Workshop/Regular Session:

A. Administration Monthly Reports -

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Lincoln Principal's Report: | <u>Submitted by:</u>
Ms. Dachisen |
| 2. Thomas Jefferson Principal's Report: | Mr. Waxman |
| 3. Curr., Inst., and Assessment Director's Report: | Ms. Argenziano |
| 4. Building & Grounds Supervisor's Report: | Mr. Klein |
| 5. Technology Supervisor's Report: | Mr. Reyes |

B. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Grieco, Supt.

1. QSAC Results
2. Federal Grants Desk Monitoring
3. School Year 2022/2023

C. Business Administrator's & Board Secretary's Report - Mr. Stepka, BA

1. Board Correspondence: Received(R)/Sent(S) since our last meeting:
 - A. Letter received by Board Member Mrs. Linda McGovern resigning her seat. She then read her letter aloud to the Board and those in attendance.
Motion to accept her resignation effective 10/1/22: Dr. Piombino, seconded by Mrs. Walter and all ayes.
2. Financial Status Updates:
 - A. 2021-22 Budget Year: Audit to begin in September.
 - B. 2022-23 Current Budget Year: moving along within budget parameters.
3. Board of Education Election:
 - A. 1 seat is up for election (Mrs. Smith's seat) on the November ballot. Mr. Brian Riviuccio has filed his petition to run.

D. Other Items for the Good of the Order:

1. Summer Projects Completed Summary Report

E. Review of Agenda Items Recommended for Approval

1. The Board and administration reviewed the items on the agenda for approval.

Motion to adjourn workshop and begin regular meeting:

Mrs. McGovern moved, and seconded by Dr. Piombino, all ayes per voice vote.

4. Public Comment No. 1: Agenda Items ONLY

- A. There was none at this time.

5. Enrollment Report:

Grade Level & School	Students June 30, 2022	Students August 30, 2022	Diff from June 22	Sections (Classes)	Avg. Class Size
Preschool - Lincoln	29	Only totals available		2	15
Kindergarten - Lincoln	65	at this time.		3	22
Grade 1 - Lincoln	56	Will update		3	19
Grade 2 - Lincoln	66	For Sept		3	22
Grade 3 - Lincoln	57	Meeting.		3	19
<u>Total Lincoln School:</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>265</u>		<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>
Grade 4 - TJ	46	Only totals available		3	15
Grade 5 - TJ	59	at this time.		3	20
Grade 6 - TJ	54	Will update		3	18
Grade 7 - TJ	58	For Sept		3	19
Grade 8 - TJ	53	Meeting.		3	18
<u>Total Thomas Jefferson:</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>269</u>		<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>
Special Ed Out-of-District:	3	2		-	-
<u>Resident Students:</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>536</u>		<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>
Charter/Choice Schs Out:	1	2		-	-
Spec. Ed Tuition Incoming:	5	5		-	-
Total Students:	552	543		-	-

6. Meeting Minutes

A. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the following Meeting Minutes be approved and accepted:

1. July 19, 2022: Regular & Executive Sessions I & II.

7. Finance

A. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the BA, to approve the manifest of Payrolls and Bills & Claims List, which is on file in the Business Administrator's Office:

1. Bills & Claims List: July 1 to August 30: \$1,108,512.46

B. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the BA, to approve a renewal agreement with E-Rate Consulting, of Montclair, NJ, to provide comprehensive compliance consulting services in conjunction with the Federal Universal E-Rate program, for a fee of \$1,000 for Category 1 services and another \$1,000 for Category 2 services, if and when needed, for the 2022-23 school year.

C. Be it resolved, based on the recommendations of the Superintendent and Business Administrator, to accept a one-time allocation of \$798,798 from the NJ Department of Education, for the 2021-22 school year, for the state's "Maintenance of Equity State Aid" requirement provision of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).

D. Be it resolved, based on the recommendations of the Superintendent and Business Administrator, to amend the 2022-23 School District Budget to recognize and appropriate a one-time allocation of "Maintenance of Equity State Aid" funds of \$798,798 as unbudgeted general fund state aid from the 2021-22 school year into the following appropriation accounts (the general fund budget for the 22-23 school year will increase from \$11,959,868 to \$12,758,666):

11-190-100-340-098-090	Regular Ed Purchased Services	\$100,000
11-000-100-566-000-030	Special Education OOD Tuition	\$100,000
11-000-213-300-000-000	Nursing Purchased Services	\$50,798
11-000-216-320-000-000	OT/PT Purchased Services	\$80,000
11-000-217-320-000-070	CST Purchased Services	\$90,000
11-000-223-500-000-000	Staff Training	\$10,000
11-000-262-420-000-060	B&G Purchased Prof/Tech Svs	\$68,000
11-000-270-511-000-030	Regular Ed Transportation Vendor	\$100,000
11-000-291-270-000-030	Health Benefits	\$200,000
		\$798,798

E. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendations of the Superintendent and Business Administrator, to approve the following resolution pertaining to the NJ School Employees' Health Benefits Program:

Resolution Opposing the Proposed Increases to the School Employees Health Benefits Program

WHEREAS, the School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP), governed by *N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46 et seq.*, offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to participating school district employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SEHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SEHBP fund supplied by participating local employers and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SEHBP, the School Employees Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, the School Employees Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials, union representatives and a representative of the New Jersey School Boards Association, annually considers the calendar year premium levels for the Local Education Employee Group of the SEHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Education Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee has the responsibility for and authority over the various plans and components of the plans, including for medical benefits, prescription benefits, dental, vision, and any other health care benefits, offered and administered by the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires three members of the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee to be appointed by the Governor as representatives of public employers (i.e., local school districts) whose employees are enrolled in the program, but currently all such representatives are state-level appointees;

WHEREAS, the recommended rate changes for medical and prescription drug coverage for the Active 2023 Local Education Employer Group is 15.1%, which includes a 15.3% increase for active employees enrolled in NJ DIRECT 10/15 and a 14.9% increase for active employees enrolled in the NJ Educators Health Plan (NJEHP); and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer, as well as school employees, at a time where there is record inflation; and

WHEREAS, since employees enrolled the NJEHP pay a percentage of salary toward their health benefits per P.L.2020, c.44, commonly referred to as "Chapter 44", any increase in NJEHP premiums will fall almost entirely upon local boards of education, placing a severe strain on their budgets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local school districts that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rockaway Borough Board of Education in the county of Morris call upon the School Employees Health Benefits Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education in the county of Morris urge the Legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the School Employees Health Benefits Commission and the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee to include additional representatives from local school district management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rockaway Borough Board of Education in the county of Morris urge the Legislature and executive branch to examine the impact that "Chapter 44" has had on school district budgets and to adopt legislation that will reverse any of its negative consequences and provide relief to those districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Anthony Bucco, Assembly Representatives Brian Bergen and Aura K. Dunn, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

8. Referenda Building Projects & Contractors

A. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendations of the BA & Architect, to approve the following "Progress Payments" to the following contractors:

1. There were none at this time.

9. Personnel

- A. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the attached list of Staff Member **Professional Development Workshops & Travel Expenditure Requests** that have been deemed related to and within the scope of the employee's current job responsibilities and will enhance the efficient delivery of student instruction and/or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. Reimbursements listed are in accordance with guidelines established by the Dept. of Treasury, BOE Policy, and in accordance with NJAC 6A:23B-1.1., and listed at the end of this agenda.
- B. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a horizontal salary guide movement request from **Marcella Staropoli**, 4th Grade Teacher at Thomas Jefferson School, for the successful attainment of advanced graduate credits, from the BA Guide (Step 2 \$54,305) to the BA+30 Guide (Step 2 - \$56,655), effective September 1, 2022.
- C. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following leave of absence request for **Tara Keegan**, Special Education teacher at Thomas Jefferson School:
- Paid Disability Leave of Absence, utilizing 17.5 earned and banked sick days to begin on August 31, 2022, through September 27, 2022.
 - Unpaid FMLA to begin September 28, 2022, through December 17, 2022.
 - Contractual Leave of Absence due to personal disability to begin on December 18, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

- D. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following leave of absence request, related to a physician's certified personal disability (pregnancy) for **Courtney Conway**, Kindergarten teacher at Lincoln School:
- Paid Disability Leave of Absence, utilizing 35 earned and banked sick days to begin on or about November 12, 2022, and to end on or about January 11, 2023.
 - Unpaid NJ Family Leave Act for child-rearing purposes to begin January 12, 2023, and run continuously through April 1, 2023.
 - She intends to return to her position on April 2, 2023.
- E. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Patricia Fitzgerald** as a substitute van driver, at an hourly rate of \$24.12, for the 22-23 school year as needed.
- F. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Elise Kelly** as a substitute van driver, at an hourly rate of \$24.00, for the 22-23 school year as needed.
- G. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following summer painters for no more than 40 hours per week, effective June 20, 2022, at the following hourly rates: **Sarah Klein**: \$16.97, **Dana Vissers**: \$16.97, and **Ellen Secallus**: \$15.00.
- H. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Denise Jacobus** and **Linda Savercool**, school nurses at an hourly rate of \$38.91 for summer work in July and August not to exceed 20 hours.
- ~~I. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Elizabeth Blake** as a full-time Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year, at an annual salary rate of \$61,485. Mrs. Blake has already successfully completed all background checks. Withdrawn by the Superintendent, she will continue to be employed at 80% (4/5th) time.~~
- J. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Cecelia Isenberg** as the Art Club Extra Curricular advisor for the 2022-2023 school year.
- K. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to regretfully accept and approve the resignation of **Kristen Scimeca**, Special Education teacher at Thomas Jefferson School. Her last day of employment will be October 7, 2022, or sooner.
- L. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to regretfully accept and approve the resignation of **Shawn Robertson**, paraprofessional at Thomas Jefferson School, effective August 3, 2022.
- M. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to regretfully accept and approve the resignation of **Heather Garrison**, paraprofessional at Lincoln School, effective September 6, 2022.
- N. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to regretfully accept and approve the resignation of **Michelle Petruzzi**, paraprofessional at Lincoln School, effective September 15, 2022.
- O. Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to regretfully accept and approve the resignation of **Stephanie Montefusco**, cafeteria/playground aide at Lincoln School, effective August 31, 2022.

- P.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Josie Pulmano**, as a cafeteria/playground aide at Lincoln School, beginning August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$13.43, then effective January 1, 2023, the hourly rate increases to \$14.00, in accordance with the state minimum hourly rate law for 185 days at 2.5 hours per school day. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- Q.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Geraldine Pallante**, as a cafeteria/playground aide at Lincoln School, beginning August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$13.43, then effective January 1, 2023, the hourly rate increased to \$14.00, in accordance with the state minimum hourly rate law for 185 days at 2.5 hours per school day. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- R.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the approval of **Dawn Montesano**, as a floating substitute teacher, previously approved at the board of education meeting on July 19, 2022.
- S.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Dawn Montesano** as a paraprofessional at Lincoln School effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.72 for 185 days at 5.75 hours per school day. Mrs. Montesano has successfully completed all background checks and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure.
- T.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Ruben Romero** as a paraprofessional at Lincoln School effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.72 for 185 days at 5.75 hours per school day. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- U.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Angela Afonso** as a paraprofessional at Lincoln School effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.72 for 185 days at 5.75 hours per school day. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- V.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Nicole Rogers** as a paraprofessional at Thomas Jefferson School effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.72 for 185 days at 5.75 hours per school day. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.

- W.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Maryam Saadah** as a paraprofessional at Thomas Jefferson School effective on or about September 6, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$15.72 for 185 days at 5.75 hours per school day. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- X.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Nicolas Bova**, as the district Vocal Music Teacher, effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Mr. Bova will be placed on Guide/Step BA-1 at an annual salary rate of \$54,055. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- Y.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Renee Krukovsky** as a Special Education Teacher at Thomas Jefferson School, effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Mrs. Krukovsky will be placed on Guide/Step MA-10 at an annual salary rate of \$70,700. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Office of Student Protection background check required by P.L. 1986 C.116 and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosure required by P.L. 2018 C.5.
- Z.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Timothy Arnold** and **Cathy Hantson** as substitute teachers for the 2022-23 school year at a rate of \$115.00 per day.
- AA.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Robyn Bezold** as a district substitute nurse for the 2022-2023 school year at a per diem rate of \$250 or \$34.48 per hour when applicable.
- BB.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Aleta Eisbacher** as a Homebound tutor for the 2022-23 school year at an hourly rate of \$38.91 as-needed.
- CC.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Patrica Barton** as a Special Education Teacher at Thomas Jefferson School effective August 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Ms. Barton will be placed on Guide/Step BA-2 at an annual salary rate of \$54,305. Ms. Barton has already successfully completed all required background checks and Sexual Misconduct/Child Abuse Disclosures.
- DD.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Buddies for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$275.00:

Buddy	New Hire
Rebecca Vlacich	Alyssa Bellafonte
Brianna Luongo	Bryanna Dennison
Janet Dobbs	Rene Krukovsky
Beth Blake	Diana Hannah
Sherry Rich	Lauren Mitofsky

- EE.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Mentors for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$500.00:

Mentor	New Hire
Daniele Ferrone	Sean Orso
Helena Holmes	Laura Esposito
Helen "Teddy" Love	Nicolas Bova
Michael Onischuk	P/T Physical Education Teacher TBD
Kellianne Fowler	Patricia Barton

- FF.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Internship of Kelly Carbona (School Psychologist- Montclair State University), for the 2022-2023 school year (staff member TBD).
- GG.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Nicole Macera** as a school bus aide, effective September 6, 2022, to June 30, 2023, at her current hourly rate of \$18.57 (Aide Guide Step 9) for 1.25 hours per day for 180 days. (To be paid via timesheet.)
- HH.** Be it resolved, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a guide placement adjustment for **Marcy Rattay**, as a lunchroom/playground aide and crossing guard for Lincoln School, from Aide Guide Step 8 (\$18.17 per hour) to Aide Guide Step 10 (\$18.97 per hour) effective August 31, 2022, to June 30, 2023, for 5.5 hours per day for 185 days.

10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

- A.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Student Field Trip requests as listed at the end of this agenda, if any.
- B.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a renewal of the Joint Transportation Agreement for School Related Activities (field & athletic trips) RB-2023, with the Morris Hills Regional High School District, when and if needed, at an hourly rate of \$69.00 for either a 54 or 24 passenger school vehicle, with a two-hour minimum, for the 2022-23 school year.
- C.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute nurse companies, if and when needed, for the 2022-23 school year:
- A) Bayada Health Care, Morristown, NJ: \$62.00 per hour with a 4-hour minimum
 - B) Horizons Health/Home Care Therapies, Manalapan, NJ: RN: \$54.00/LPN: \$42.00 per hr. (4hr min)
 - C) Delta T Group, Woodbridge, NJ: Rates yet to be published.
 - D) Best Choice, Hackettstown, NJ: \$69.00 per hr. (5 hr min)
- D.** Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a purchased services contract with Elissa Rael, of Hopatcong, NJ, to provide physical therapy services to eligible students, up to 13 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$75.00, as needed, for the 2022-23 school year.

- E. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following updated/revised curriculums.
 - A) K-5 Media
 - B) 4-8 CID/Technology
 - C) K-8 Physical Education and Health
 - D) K-6 English Language Arts
 - E) 4-8 Science

- F. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additional Curriculum Writing hours for the following:

Laura Perniciaro - 10 Hours	New Program Alignment - Science
Amy DeFelice - 4 Hours	Cross-Curricular Writing Curriculum
Cindy O'Brien - 4 Hours	Cross-Curricular Writing Curriculum
Michael Leahey - 4 Hours	Cross-Curricular Writing Curriculum
Laura Perniciaro - 4 Hours	Cross-Curricular Writing Curriculum

- G. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a renewal contract with Jump Ahead Pediatrics, of Jersey City, NJ, to provide Speech Therapy services for eligible students in district for \$88.50 per hour, \$83.50 per hour delivered by a Clinical Fellow Service, and when needed, Speech Therapy Evaluations for \$150.00 each, for the 2022-23 school year.

11. Technology and Buildings & Grounds

- A. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the submission to the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools of an "Application for Change of Use of Educational Space" for Lincoln School's room number B6, which was the custodial office, into small group instructional space for students.

12. Policy

- A. Be it resolved to approve the **First Reading** of the following new and/or updated Board Policy (P) and/or Regulation (R), where applicable:

<u>Policy/Reg Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason for Update</u>
P 5337.1	Therapy Dogs	New

- B. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum placement scores, pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:30, as submitted. NJQSAC areas include: Instruction and Program (83%), Fiscal Management (96%), Governance (100%), Operations (93%), and Personnel (94%). Based on these scores, the district is designated as "high performing." The Commissioner will recommend to the State Board of Education that the district be certified as providing a thorough and efficient system of education for a period of three years or until the next NJQSAC review.
- C. Be it resolved, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the Collaborative Federal Desk Monitoring Report 2022 and corrective action plan (fiscal and program), as submitted through the NJDOE Homeroom CFDM Portal.

13. Consent Agenda

A. Move and Vote on all Agenda Resolutions & Recommendations in One Motion:

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Moved & Seconded By:</u>	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mrs. McGovern:	Moved	Yea	-	-	-
Dr. Piombino, VP:	Seconded	Yea	-	-	-
Mr. Tobias:	-	-	-	-	Not Present
Mrs. Walter:	-	Yea	-	-	-
Mrs. Smith, Prez:	-	Yea	-	-	-
		4	0	0	1

Mr. Stepka declares all Resolutions & Recommendations are hereby approved.

14. Old Business

A. There was nothing at this time.

15. New Business

- A. President Christa Smith thanked Mrs. McGovern for her five years of service to the Board, students, and the community at large. Other board members echoed her sentiment.
- B. Superintendent Grieco also thanked Mrs. McGovern for her service and pointed out the countless hours of volunteer service it takes to serve on the board of education.

16. Public Comment No. 2 (Agenda & Other School Business Items to be Heard)

A. Mr. Onischuk, district teacher and local education association president, thanked Mrs. McGovern, who was on the Board’s Negotiations Committee, for the last two “great” collective bargaining agreements (CBA) between the Board and teachers’ association. He then thanked the Board for passing the resolution which opposed substantial premium hikes for employers and employees in the New Jersey State Educators’ Health Benefits Plan (NJSEHPB). He also stated, as a teacher, he would like the gym floor at Lincoln to be replaced as planned during this summer but the contractor’s crew came down with COVID. We will try again to get it replaced for the summer of 2023.

17. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

A. Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Public Meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson Middle School. (Executive Session begins at 6:30 pm - closed to the public.)

18. Executive Session II - 8:09 pm to 8:37 pm

Be it Resolved, that the Board enter into Executive Session (Private) for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue regarding the BA's employment contract; the nature of which will be made public only when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

THE BOARD ANTICIPATES BEING IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES.

BOARD ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN AFTER THIS SESSION CONCLUDES.

Enter Exec Session: Moved by: Dr. Piombino Seconded by: Mrs. McGovern Voice Vote: All Ayes

Adjourn Exec Session: Moved by: Mrs. McGovern Seconded by: Dr. Piombino Voice Vote: All Ayes

19. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Moved by: Mrs. McGovern Seconded by: Dr. Piombino Voice Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. William Stepka, RSBA
Secretary of the Board of Education/
School District Business Administrator

Student Field Trip Requests:

GRADE	TEACHERS	DATE	TIME: DEPART/ RETURN	DESTINATION	# OF STUDENTS	# OF ADULTS	COST	JUSTIFICATION FOR TRIP
None	At this time.							

Professional Development/Travel Expenditure Requests:

STAFF MEMBER	WORKSHOP TITLE/DEST	DATES	FEES/MILEAGE	JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TRIP
Bryanna Dennison	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Training program/ American Legion Hall, Toms River, NJ	9/27/22	\$145	School counselor and Anti Bullying specialist.