Branchburg Township School District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2019

Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Board of Education Office

Board Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Board President, Theresa Joyce, who stated that the meeting was convened in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the Sunshine Law; notices were sent to the *Courier News*, filed with the Township Clerk and posted in the Branchburg Township Schools.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Cathy Curcio, Noah Horowitz, Theresa Joyce, Olga Phelps, Keerti Purohit and Charles Tuma.

The following members were absent: Zoltan Ambrus, Laura DePrado, and Kristen Fabriczi.

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Gensel and Business Administrator/Board Secretary Theresa Linskey

II. The Secretary called the roll.

III. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:08 p.m. with 7 members of the public present.

- **IV.** The assembly saluted the flag.
- V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gensel and Mrs. Joyce did a presentation on the district's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Purohit that Items VIII.A. through VIII.C. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items VIII.A. through VIII.C. were approved by Roll Call, with Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Purohit abstaining on Item VIII.A.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the following items:

- The November 7, 2019 Branchburg Township Board of Education meeting has been cancelled;
- Mrs. Joyce read a letter from Board Member, Laura DePrado, announcing her resignation from the Board; and
- Mrs. Joyce spoke about the new Board Member search process, and stated that information relating to the search can be found on the district's website.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of October 3, 2019.

B. Approval of Submission of 2019-2020 NJ QSAC School Nursing Services Plan

In accordance with requirements of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC), it is recommended that the Board approve the 2019-2020 School Nursing Services Plan.

C. Approval of Amendment of Fiscal Year 2020 ESEA Grant Funds

The Branchburg Township Board of Education hereby resolves to approve the submission of the proposed program plan and budget for the FY 2020 ESEA application as follows and to accept funds when it has been reviewed and approved.

| Allocation Source | Carry-Over Amount | Final 2020 Allocation |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Title I-A | \$7,826 | \$74,630 |
| Title II-A | -0- | \$32,675 |
| Title III Immigrant | \$26 | \$2,093 |
| Title IV Part A | \$4,497 | \$14,497 |

IX. POLICY

Mr. Horowitz said the Policy Committee met on October 10, 2019, where they reviewed the policies listed on Strauss Esmay Alert #218. He informed the Board that these policies will be presented for first reading at the next Board meeting.

X. EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mr. Horowitz that Items X.A. through X.H. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items X.A. through X.H. were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

There was no Education Committee report.

A. <u>Conferences/Travel</u>

- WHEREAS, the employees listed below are requesting Board of Education authorization to attend the conferences/workshops listed below; and
- WHEREAS, the attendance at the stated function was previously approved by the Chief School Administrator as work related within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee and within the funds budgeted for this purpose; and
- **WHEREAS**, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;
- **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board authorizes attendance at the stated conferences/workshops and reimbursement for the related expenses in accordance with Board policy on conference and workshop attendance.

| Conferences/Workshops | Employee/ Account Number | Date(s) | Registration Fee | Hotel | Meals /Exp. | Tolls/Parking /Mileage | Total |
|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Mindful Mediation Workshop Bridgewater, NJ | Meredith Molinaro N/A | 11/22/19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mindful Mediation Workshop Bridgewater, NJ | Lauren Nicolai N/A | 11/22/19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| ALEKS User Conference Montclair, NJ | Jocelyn Muzychko 11-000-223-580-05-144-060 | 10/28/19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$28.77 | \$28.77 |
| ALEKS User Conference Montclair, NJ | Danielle Puglisi 11-000-223-580-04-144-020 | 10/28/19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$31.78 | \$31.78 |
| Superintendent's Summit Sarasota, FL | Rebecca Gensel N/A | 3/23/20- 3/25/20 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Updating Your Long Range Facilities Plan Robbinsville, NJ | Samad Mobley 11-000-261-580-10-428 | 11/12/19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$3.92 | \$3.92 |
| The Power of Legal Information Trenton, NJ | Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144-999 | 10/30/19 4/22/20 | \$300.00 | N/A | N/A | \$10.78 | \$310.78 |

| Conferences/Workshops | Employee/ Account Number | Date(s) | Registration Fee | Hotel | Meals /Exp. | Tolls/Parking /Mileage | Total |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Special Education Directors Toolkit Monroe, NJ | Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144-999 | 11/1/19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$7.21 | \$7.21 |
| Comprehensive Exploration of SEL for School District Leadership Trenton, NJ | Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144-999 | 1/10/20 4/20/20 | \$300.00 | N/A | N/A | \$10.78 | \$310.78 |
| The Leadership Challenge Implementing Units of Study in Reading Somerset, NJ | Danielle Shober 11-000-240-580-02-000-020 | 11/15/19 | \$185.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$185.00 |
| Stronge Teacher Evaluation Training Piscataway, NJ | Beth Stanton 11-000-240-580-02-000-020 | 10/18/19 1/22/20 | \$775.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$775.00 |

| School | Group | Event Coordinator | Locations | Dates | Discussion |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--|
| Branchburg Central Middle School | Student Council Odyssey of the Mind Peer Leadership | Wendy Michels | BCMS | 10/18/19- 6/18/20 | The three clubs would like to sell snacks after school to students participating in sports and activities. Money raised would be split amongst them to fund various club activities throughout the year. |

| C. Approval of Field Trip | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Trip | Teachers | Grade | Purpose | | | |
| White Oak Park | Arianna Bellafiore Erica Viel | K-3 | Work on building a sense of awareness and safety skills. | | | |

| Approval of Tuition Payments to the Somerset County Vocational School for Full Time Students | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|--|
| Location | Number of Students | SY Tuition | SY Dates | Total | |
| Somerset County Vocational & Technical School Academy of Health and Medical Sciences Bridgewater, NJ | 2 High School Students | \$1,325 per student | 9/5/19- 6/22/20 | \$2,65 | |
| Somerset County Vocational & Technical School Bridgewater, NJ | 4 High School Students | \$1,325 per student | 9/5/19- 6/22/20 | \$5,30 | |
| Somerset County Vocational & Technical School Alternative School (TOPS) Program Bridgewater, NJ | 1 High School Student | \$25,500 | 9/5/19- 6/22/20 | \$25,50 | |

| E. Approval of Tuition Payments to the Somerset County Vocational School for Half Time Students | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Location | Number of Students | SY Tuition | SY Dates | Total | | | |
| Somerset County Vocational & Technical School Bridgewater, NJ | 37 High School Students | \$662.50 per student | 9/5/19- 6/22/20 | \$24,512.50 | | | |

| F. Approval | F. Approval of Outside Evaluation | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|--|
| SID# | Evaluator | Account Number | Cost | Discussion | | |
| 3739685797 | Dale M. Jacobs, M.D. | 11-000-219-320-03-181-340 | \$650- Maximum Cost | l Evaluation | | |

| Program/ Location | Account Number | Student ID# | SY Extra Services From | SY Extra Services To | Discussion |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Morris Union Jointure New Providence, NJ | 11-000-100-562-03-105-000 | 6457474387 | \$18,165.00 | \$23,929.50 | Speech therapist services changing FROM 2 - 30 minute sessions per week TO 3- 30 minute sessions per week |

| H. Approval of Speech and Language AAC Training | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| SID# | Evaluator | Account Number | Cost (not to exceed) | Discussion | | |
| 3165361129 | Lighthouse Speech and | 11-000-219-320-03-181-340 | \$200 | Parent/Staff training on use of | | |
| | Language | | | Augmentative/Alternative | | |
| | | | | Communication | | |

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mrs. Curcio that Items XI.A. through XI.L., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items XI.A. through XI.L., were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

There was no Human Resources Committee report.

| A. Approval of Job | Title Change | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Name | From | То |
| Emma Priester | Transportation Office Aide | Assistant Dispatcher |

| B. Approval of Resig | nation | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|---------|
| Name | Account Number | Location | Position | Date |
| Juanita Hromoho | 11-000-270-160-01-462 | Transportation | Bus Driver | 11/1/19 |

| | al of Medical Leave | | Charles of the Charle | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Name | Account # | Location | Type of Leave | Dates | Discussion |
| Noel Maroon | 11-120-100-101-01-012-060 | SBS | Paid Sick Leave | 10/25/19-11/15/19 | Estimated date of return will be 11/18/19 |
| Susan Petrilli | 11-000-213-104-01-123-090 | WES | Paid Sick Leave FMLA | 11/19/19-12/11/19 12/12/19-2/11/20 | Estimated date of return will be 2/12/20 |
| Irene Pirog | 11-000-217-106-01-000-020 | District | Paid Sick Leave | 12/17/19-1/10/20 | Estimated date of return will be 1/13/20 |

| D. Approval of | Fall-Winter Teacher Acade | my Presente | rs | man programme and the second of the second o | |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------|--|--|
| Name | Account # | Action | Position | Rate | Discussion |
| Lauren Bockus | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Using Google Forms for Data Collection |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | |
| Kelly Boyle | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Tips and Tricks for Teaching Fundations |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 6 hours | |
| Kelly Boyle | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | New Strategies to Support Developing Writers |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 6 hours | K-5 |
| Kelly Boyle | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Strategies to Support NF Reading Goals K-5 |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 6 hours | |
| Kelly Boyle | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | A Teacher's Guide to Writing Conferences |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 12 hours | Book Study |
| Devra Hobbs | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Manga High Math Program for SPED |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | |
| Beth Janiec | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Kagan's Cooperative Learning |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | - |
| Lauren Knoke | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Intro to Researcher's Workshop and Blended |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | Learning in the Social Studies Classroom |
| Lauren Knoke | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Planning for Researcher's Workshop and |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | Blended Learning in the Social Studies |
| | | | | | Classroom |
| Lauren Knoke | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Breathing New Life into Book Clubs |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | |
| Erica Landesberg | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Enhance Math with Technology Using SeeSaw |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | |
| Erica Landesberg | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Number Talks: A Fun Way Every Classroom |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 9 hours | Could Hold Mathematical Conversations to |
| | | | | | Build Mathematical Reasoning |
| Joseph | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Incorporating Tech in Meaningful Ways |
| Larramendia | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | |

| D. Approval of l | D. Approval of Fall-Winter Teacher Academy Presenters (continued) | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|------------|----------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Account # | Action | Position | Rate | Discussion | | | |
| Allison LeMieux | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Navigating Fundations Resources | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | | | | |
| Zach Miracle | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Project Read Literacy Strategies | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 1.5 hours | | | | |
| Jocelyn Muzychko | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Science Instruction | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | | | | |
| Jocelyn Muzychko | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Using MAP and LinkIt Data to Drive Instruction | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | | | | |
| Danielle Puzzo | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Responsive Classroom: Classroom Management | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | While Building Classroom Community | | | |
| Catherine Rello | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Math Fact Fluency: Tools for Assessing and | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | Instructing Students to Become Flexible and | | | |
| | | | | | Efficient Thinkers | | | |
| Catherine Rello | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Learning and Teaching Early Math: The | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 12 hours | Learning Trajectories Approach Book Study | | | |
| Amanda Roper | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | New Centers to Support Fundations/ Phonics | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 3 hours | Instruction | | | |
| Amanda Roper | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Supporting Beginning Readers | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 4.5 hours | - | | | |
| Emily Williams | 11-000-223-104-02-210-999 | In-Service | Teacher | \$41 per hour | Project Read Literacy Strategies | | | |
| | | Presenter | | not to exceed 1.5 hours | | | | |

| E. Approval of Non-Athletic Stipends | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Position | Stipend | | | | | |
| Samantha Hoag | Art Club - SBS | \$662 | | | | | |
| Samantha Hoag | Art Show - SBS | \$662 | | | | | |

| Name | Account # | Location | Rate | Dates |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---|------------------|
| Kelly Boyle | 20-231-200-101-02-649 | WES | \$41 per hour (not to exceed 100 hours) | 10/18/19-6/30/20 |
| Lauren Knoke & Jocelyn Muzychko | 20-231-200-101-02-649 | SBS | \$41 per hour (not to exceed 100 hours total, 50 hours each) | 10/18/19-6/30/20 |
| Marie Cinque & Danielle Puglisi | 20-231-200-101-02-649 | BCMS | \$41 per hour (not to exceed 100 hours total, 50 hours each) | 10/18/19-6/30/20 |

| G. Approval of Revision of Extracurricular School Activity Aide | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| SID# | Account Number | From | To | Discussion | | |
| 3248981936 | 11-000-217-106-01-000 | Katherine Aldabagh | Laurie Acosta \$15.54 per hour | Not to exceed a total of 38 | | |
| | | \$15.75 per hour | Katherine Aldabagh \$15.75 per hour | hours, 2 hours per week | | |
| | | i | Robin Dibetta \$18.46 per hour | • | | |

| Name | Position | Rate | Dates |
|---------------|--|---|------------------|
| Kelly Acque | Substitute Teacher & Substitute Instructional Aide | \$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents) | 10/18/19-6/30/20 |
| Julie Samuels | Substitute Teacher & Substitute Instructional Aide | \$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents) | 10/18/19-6/30/20 |
| Michele White | Substitute Teacher & Substitute Instructional Aide | \$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents) | 10/18/19-6/30/20 |

| I. Approval of | Maternity Leave | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Name | Account # | Location | Type of Leave | Dates | Discussion |
| Regina Santangelo | 11-130-100-101-01-021-020 | BCMS | Paid Maternity/Disability | 2/27/20-4/2/20 | Estimated date |
| | | | Leave of Absence | 4/3/20, 4/14/20, 4/15/20 | of return will be |
| | | | Personal Days | 4/16/20-5/21/20 | 5/26/20 |
| | | | FMLA/NJFLA | | |

| J. Approval of Stipend | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Name | Account | Position | Stipend |
| Samad Mobley | 11-000-261-110-01-393 | Maintenance Stipend | \$875 |

| K. Approval of Revision of Dates for Interim Administrator | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Name | Account # | Position | Location | Rate | From | To | Discussion |
| Jennifer Dinardi | 11-000-221-102-01-207-999 | Interim Administrator | District | Not to exceed \$14,500 | 12/1/19- 5/31/20 | 10/18/19- 5/31/20 | MLR for Jennifer Anderson |
| | | Adiminstrator | | \$14,500 | 3/31/20 | 3/31/20 | BCMS VP Transition |

| L. Approval of Revision of Retirement | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------|----------------|---------|----------|--|--|
| Name | Account # | Position | Location | From | То | | |
| Jayne Vanderhoof | 11-000-270-161-01-470 11-000-270-160-01-462 | Bus Driver | Transportation | 11/1/19 | 10/25/19 | | |

XII. BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mrs. Purohit that Items XII.A. through XII.H. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items XII.A. through XII.H. were approved by Roll Call.

Mr. Tuma said the Business Committee met on October 15, 2019 and discussed the following items:

- Bus driver shortage;
- Reviewed current capital projects;
- Transportation garage punchlist;
- LED lighting minor issues;
- Reviewed the Branchburg Central Middle School Music Room proposal;
- Reviewed options for a new HVAC system at Stony Brook School;
- Reviewed the roofing analysis report regarding roof upgrades to all buildings;
- 2020/2021 Capital projects budget;
- Discussed the preliminary budget calendar for next year;
- Reviewed policies;
- Discussed Midland Adult Service's request for more space at Old York School;
- The Stony Brook School sign, which was donated by the PTO, will be going to the Planning Board on November 12, 2019;
- Lease renewals at Old York School; and
- Supply well at Old York School.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period October 4, 2019 through October 17, 2019, totaling \$1,385,344.98.

B. Secretary's Report

The Report of the Secretary for September 2019 has been submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3) I, Theresa Linskey, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certify that no line item account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations this fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Secretary's Report for September 2019 be accepted and filed, and the Board of Education hereby certifies that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

C. Treasurer's Report

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2019 be accepted and filed.

D. Line Item Transfers

It is recommended that the Board accept the list of Line Item Transfers for the month of September 2019.

E. Monthly Transfer Report

It is recommended that the Board approve the September 2019 Monthly Transfer Report.

F. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Equipment

It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution authorizing the disposal of Red Storage Racks and HVAC Rooftop Exhaust Fan through GovDeals.

WHEREAS, the School District is the owner of certain equipment which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of selling said equipment in "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Branchburg Township in the County of Somerset, as follows:

- (1) The sale of the equipment shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Board of Education.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

- (4) The equipment to be sold is as follows:
 - 6 Red Storage Racks
 - HVAC Rooftop Exhaust Fan
- (5) The equipment identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said equipment.
- (6) The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

G. Approval to Pay Bills

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, the Board of Education approves Theresa Linskey, School Business Administrator to issue payment of bills for October 18, 2019 through November 21, 2019 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 21, 2019 and with the approval and consent of the Superintendent of Schools, and then present said bills to the Board at the November 21, 2019 meeting for ratification.

H. Approval of Architect Services for the Music Room Renovations Project at Branchburg Central Middle School

It is recommended that the Board approve a proposal submitted by Settembrino Architects, for the Music Room Renovations project at Branchburg Central Middle School in the amount of \$7,500 for steps one through three, plus reimbursable expenses, and in the amount of \$26,500 for steps four through seven, if needed, to be paid by purchase order through Account #12-000-400-450-05-612, and sufficient funds are available in the 2019-2020 budget.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Joyce attended the Somerville Board of Education meeting where the following items were discussed:

- There was a presentation given on Somerville's NJSLA data;
- Textbooks for the high school are being reviewed, and a decision will be made as to which textbooks need to be included in the upcoming budget; and
- Block scheduling concerns.

Mr. Horowitz said the first PTO meeting of the school year was held on October 15, 2019 where the focus of the meeting was how the PTO is involved with the schools.

Mr. Tuma spoke about the New Jersey Schools Association workshop he attended on October 10, 2019 where the topic was on "Vaping".

Mr. Tuma said the next New Jersey Schools Association workshop will be held on November 14, 2019. He said this will be a joint meeting with Somerset and Mercer Counties, and the topic of the meeting will be about Princeton moving to later start times.

Mrs. Joyce said the New Jersey Schools Association 2019 Conference will be held the week of October 21, 2019.

Mrs. Joyce said she watched the Branchburg Township meeting where the following items were discussed:

- A census presentation was given;
- There was a first reading to make another change to the zoned property across from Old York School; and
- There will be a public hearing regarding the zone change on October 28, 2019.

Ms. Gensel said the next Emergency Management meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Purohit said the Branchburg Education Foundation is preparing for the November 17, 2019 "Make Room for Turkey" 5K run.

XV. BOARD FORUM

Noah Horowitz asked when the five year strategic plan will be written and ready to be signed. Mrs. Joyce said it will be ready by the end of the school year.

Mr. Tuma spoke about the topics discussed at the "Coffee with the Mayor" event, which was held on October 12, 2019.

Mrs. Joyce passed around a copy of the Somerville High School Marching Band's Festival program, which was held on October 12, 2019.

Mrs. Joyce went over the following upcoming events:

- October 24, 2019 there will be a parent information session on "Vaping", which will be held at Branchburg Central Middle School at 7:00 p.m.;
- October 25, 2019 there will be costume party for middle school students, sponsored by the Student Council, which will be held at Branchburg Central Middle School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.;

- October 31, 2019 there will be parades and parties at Stony Brook School and Whiton Elementary School;
- November 5 and November 6, 2019 are single session days for parent conferences;
- November 7 and November 8, 2019 schools are closed;
- November 11, 2019 schools are closed; evening parent conferences;
- November 12 to November 15, 2019 is the book fair at Stony Brook School and Whiton Elementary School;
- November 17, 2019 is the "Make Room for Turkey" 5K run; and
- November 18 to November 22, 2019 is the book fair at Branchburg Central Middle School, and also the Thanksgiving Thoughtfulness event.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second executive session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Purohit, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Linskey

School Business Administrator/Board