

Branchburg Township School District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2017

Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Board of Education Office

Board Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Board President, Zoltan Ambrus, 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: Zoltan Ambrus, Ellwood Cutler, Jack Dempsey, Kristen Fabriczi, Theresa Joyce, Cathy Palmieri, Olga Phelps and Keerti Purohit.

The following member was absent: Carmela Noto.

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Gensel, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Theresa Linskey and no members of the public.

II. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene at 7:07 p.m. to discuss personnel, H.I.B., and legal issues.

On a motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Phelps, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn executive session at 7:57 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:05 p.m. with 3 members of the public.

III. The Secretary called the roll.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following Administrators did a presentation on their updates to the 2016-2017 school goals and program goals:

Mrs. Dee Shober and Mrs. Kristen Kries – Whiton Elementary School

Ms. Jennifer Hauser (on behalf of Mr. Frank Altmire) – Stony Brook Elementary School

Mr. Matthew Barbosa and Mr. Matthew Ross – Branchburg Central Middle School

Mrs. Tina Neely – Student Services

Ms. Jennifer Hauser – Curriculum

Mrs. Caroline Flamos – Language Arts/Humanities

Ms. Rebecca Gensel – Projected enrollment vs. actual enrollment.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri 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 unanimously approved by Roll Call with Mrs. Fabriczi, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Joyce abstaining on Item VIII.A.

Mr. Ambrus reminded the Board members to complete their financial disclosure forms.

Mrs. Palmieri said the Community Relations Committee met on February 2, 2017 and discussed the following:

- 2017/2018 School Calendar; and
- Updates on the strategic plan revision process.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of January 19, 2017.

B. Approval of Contract for Auditor

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract (Reference VIII.B.) with the firm of Nisivoccia LLP for the 2017-2018 school year to perform an audit of the 2016-2017 financial operations of the District at a fee of \$38,900.00 to be paid from Account #11-000-230-332-01-282, and sufficient funds are available in the 2017-2018 budget.

C. Approval of Submission of Application for Special Education Medicaid Initiative Waiver

It is recommended that the Board approve the submission of an application for a waiver to not participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative to the County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

IX. POLICY

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Fabriczi that Item IX.A. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Item IX.A. was unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mrs. Joyce said the Policy Committee met and discussed the first reading policies to prepare them for second reading approval, which are listed on the agenda.

A. Policy Second Reading		
Policy #	Title	Discussion
1510	Americans with Disabilities Act	Revised
2415.30	Title 1 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care	New
2418	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Students	New
5116	Education of Homeless Children	Revised
8330	Student Records	Revised

X. EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Fabriczi that Items X.A. through X.D. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

There was no Education Committee report.

A. Conferences/Travel

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
Foundations Level 1 Workshop Conshohocken, PA	Kelly Boyle 20-270-200-500-02-649	5/2/17	\$295.00	N/A	N/A	\$31.43	\$326.43
Foundations Level 1 Workshop Conshohocken, PA	Amanda Roper 20-270-200-500-02-649	5/2/17	\$295.00	N/A	N/A	\$31.43	\$326.43
New Jersey Speech- Language-Hearing Association Annual Conference Long Branch, NJ	Karen Dionisio 11-000-219-580-03-001	4/27/17 through 4/28/17	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	\$31.00	\$181.00
Social Thinking Conference Mt. Laurel, NJ	Joann Everson 11-000-223-580-08-144	5/8/17 through 5/9/17	\$347.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$347.20
SHAPE America National Convention & Expo Hynes Convention Center Boston, MA	Kelly Graham 11-000-223-580-04-144	3/16/17 through 3/17/17	\$435.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$435.00
Directors Academy Workshop Forsgate Country Club Monroe, NJ	Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144	3/10/17	\$149.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$149.00
Engaging and Motivating Activities to Address the New Standards Monroe Township, NJ	Rhonda Sherbin 11-000-223-580-08-144	2/8/17	\$179.00	N/A	N/A	\$19.16	\$198.16
Mindful Awareness Practices for Teaching to Middle and High School Lodi, NJ	Elizabeth Urbanski 11-000-223-580-04-144	5/30/17	\$129.00	N/A	N/A	\$3.74	\$132.74

B. Fundraisers					
School/Group	Activity	Event Coordinators	Location	Purpose	Dates
BCMS/Student Council	Purchasing Privileges	Donna Cardamone	Branchburg Central Middle School	Raise Funds for Meghan Rose Bradley Foundation	3/6/17 through 3/10/17
BCMS/Student Council	Basketball Game	Maggi Emmons	Branchburg Central Middle School	Raise Funds for Meghan Rose Bradley Foundation	3/15/17

C. Out-of-District Placements				
Program/Location	Student ID #	Tuition	Effective Dates	
Summit Speech 705 Central Ave, New Providence, NJ	1882785021	\$24,940.00	School Year: 2/1/17 - 6/19/17	
East Mountain School 252 Route 601, Belle Mead, NJ	3570121259	\$35,829.54	School Year 1/11/17 – 6/15/17	

D. Service Project				
Title	Event Coordinator	Participants	Recipient	Dates
100 th Day Food Collection	Kimberly Cole	2 nd Grade Whiton Elementary School	Somerset County Food Bank	2/6/17 through 2/13/17

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler that Items XI.A. through XI.P., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Palmieri said the Human Resources Committee met on February 2, 2017 to discuss confidential items which cannot be disclosed at this time.

Mr. Ambrus thanked Cindy Buckley, Personnel Secretary, for her years of service to the district.

A. Approval of Title IA After School Tutor				
Name	Account #	School	Position	Stipend
Michele Jordan	20-231-100-101-02-648	Branchburg Central Middle School	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,100.00

B. Personnel					
Name	Location	Salary	Effective Date	End Date	Discussion
Donna Eckel	Transportation	\$3,000.00 Stipend	2/3/17	6/30/17	Dispatcher 7am to 9am daily

C. Approval of Position					
Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date	End Date	Discussion
Part Time Instructional Aide	BCMS	\$ 14.65 per hour	2/3/17	6/22/17	5.75 hours per day, 5 days per week

D. Approval of Resignation			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Discussion
Cindy Buckley	Personnel Secretary	2/22/17	Resignation

E. Transportation							
Name	Action	Position	Salary	Step	Location	Effective Date	End Date
Myra Bare	Appointment	Bus Driver	\$27.14 Per Hour	2	Transportation	2/1/17 Application subject to delivery of requested document	6/30/2017
Olga Sanchez-Gruszka	Appointment	Bus Driver	\$27.14 Per Hour	2	Transportation	2/13/17 Application subject to delivery of requested document	6/30/2017

F. Approval of First Contract				
Last Name	First Name	Hire Date	Step/Level	Salary
Bellafore	Arianna	9/1/2016	1/BA	\$56,295.00
Birckhead	Johnathan	9/1/2016	6/150	\$59,435.00
Ciancimino	Cynthia	9/1/2016	1/182 (FTE.50)	\$30,297.50
Gallo	Alexandra	9/1/2016	1/182	\$62,907.00*
Mileto	Katherine	9/1/2016	1/150	\$58,445.00
Miracle	Zachariah	9/1/2016	9/212	\$65,235.00
Padula	Nancy	9/1/2016	21/212	\$79,217.00*
Russo	Meghan	9/1/2016	1/BA	\$56,295.00
Thomas	Damian	9/1/2016	2/150	\$58,935.00
Williams	Emily	1/3/2017	1/150	\$58,445.00

*INCLUDES \$2,312.00 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CHILD STUDY TEAM

G. Approval of Leave Replacement (No Tenure Accrual)			
Last Name	First Name	Step/Level	Salary
Figel	Carrie	1/150	\$58,445.00
Gislao	Kim	1	\$14.65/per hour
Kirby	Jillian	1/182	\$61,085.00
Martin	Cody	1/150	\$58,445.00
Riga	Caitlyn	1/BA	\$56,295.00
Solano	Esthela	1/182	\$60,595.00

H. Approval of Tenured Teachers			
Last Name	First Name	Step/Level	Salary
Abey	Linda	27/150	\$89,205.00
Adam	Debra	16/150	\$66,905.00
Apsley	Janice	27/150	\$89,205.00
Arencibia	Lisa	15/150	\$65,415.00
Atrio	Elvira	10/182	\$64,585.00
Baier	Joan	17/182	\$69,055.00
Barnett	Coleen	16/150	\$66,905.00
Bary	Rokiah	27/150	\$89,205.00
Bernet	Katherine	6/150	\$59,435.00
Bitner	Christy	13/BA	\$61,775.00
Boehm	Christopher	14/BA	\$63,265.00
Boliandi	Arlyne	27/150	\$89,205.00
Boyle	Kelly	16/150	\$66,905.00
Buffa	Judy	21/182	\$74,755.00
Burke	Toni Lynn	23/BA	\$75,205.00

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Caputo	Mary	21/212	\$76,905.00
Cardamone	Donna	27/212	\$95,817.00*
Cardona	Kristen	8/150	\$59,935.00
Carl	Pauline	27/212	\$93,505.00
Cechini	Geralyn	17/BA	\$64,755.00
Cinque	Marie	18/182	\$70,755.00
Cipparuolo	Danielle	7/150	\$59,935.00
Clark	Michael	10/212	\$66,735.00
Cocivera-Omelio	Melissa	14/BA	\$63,265.00
Cole	Kimberly	25/182	\$84,805.00
Cook	Alane	8/150	\$59,935.00
DaSilva	Antonia	13/182	\$68,387.00*
DeBlasi	Kristen	3/BA	\$56,785.00
Debraski	Sarah	1/150	\$58,445.00
DeJulio	Wendy	5/150	\$59,435.00
Delorenzo	Lisa	11/BA	\$60,285.00
Denicuolo	Kristine	11/BA	\$60,285.00
DeSantas	Richard	18/182	\$70,755.00
Dionsio	Karen	27/182	\$93,667.00*
Dooley	Michelle	10/BA	\$60,285.00
Dovale	Teresa	12/150	\$63,925.00
Dufermont	Danielle	6/150	\$59,435.00
Eelman	Dawn	25/212	\$86,955.00
Elvis	Karin	14/BA	\$63,265.00
Emmons	Margaret	27/BA	\$87,055.00
Everson	Joann	12/150	\$63,925.00
Felix	Jennifer	16/150	\$66,905.00
Finkenaur	Amy	23/212	\$81,655.00
Fitzgibbon	Melissa	9/150	\$60,935.00
Flood	Lauren	2/150	\$58,935.00
Formus	Stephanie	5/182	\$61,585.00
Fornaro	Rocco	18/150	\$68,605.00
Forsyth	Tara	13/150	\$63,925.00
Forsyth	Kenneth	17/BA	\$64,755.00
Fox	Katie	5/BA	\$57,285.00
Francescone	Melissa	14/BA	\$63,265.00
Frazee	Kelly	2/150	\$58,935.00
Fredericks	Gayle	21/BA	\$70,455.00
Funk	Lisa	26/150	\$85,455.00
Garner	Amy	16/212	\$71,205.00
Gaston	Kathleen	9/BA	\$58,785.00
Gaul	Kevin	2/150 (FTE .67)	\$39,486.45
Gerry	Victoria	11/212	\$66,735.00
Gesualdo	Debra	26/182	\$89,917.00*
Glicklich	Deborah	16/182	\$69,055.00
Gorski	Katherine	27/182	\$93,667.00*
Gottshalk	John	15/182	\$67,565.00
Graham	Kelly	3/212	\$63,235.00
Grant-Bontomase	Kathryn	22/150	\$74,905.00
Greenfield	Joy	10/212	\$69,047.00*
Hall	Lauren	22/182	\$77,055.00
Harmon	Tracy	19/212	\$72,905.00
Harwood	Jodi	13/BA	\$61,775.00
Heaney	Shannon	16/BA	\$64,755.00
Hobbs	Devra	9/150	\$60,935.00
Hoffman	Janet	22/212	\$79,205.00
Inkrote	Gail	18/150	\$68,605.00
Janiec	Elizabeth	13/182	\$66,075.00
Johnston	Rachael	4/150	\$58,935.00
Jones	Benjamin	14/182	\$67,565.00
Jordan	Michelle	8/BA	\$57,785.00
Kaminsky	Linda	17/BA	\$64,755.00
Katz	Robert	16/182	\$69,055.00
Kepner	Nicole	6/182	\$64,755.00
Kinney	Elizabeth	16/BA	\$64,755.00
Knoke	Lauren	11/150	\$62,435.00
Kolbe	Tara	10/212	\$66,735.00
Korol	Irene	11/182	\$64,585.00
Koscielski	Sandra	27/182	\$93,667.00*
Kupcha	Randy	27/BA	\$87,055.00

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Landon	Sarah	5/182	\$61,585.00
Landry	James	17/150	\$66,905.00
Langston	Amy	17/182	\$69,055.00
Leibowitz	Lisa	12/150	\$63,925.00
Lilly	Heather	16/150	\$69,217.00*
Linder	Joanne	14/212	\$69,715.00
Lindsay	Danielle	12/BA	\$61,775.00
Little	Arlene	23/182	\$79,505.00
Litts	Dianne	24/182	\$82,105.00
Maloney	Patricia	6/BA	\$57,285.00
Manfreda	Antonina	15/212	\$69,715.00
Manger	Nina	12/182	\$66,075.00
Mariani	Susan	27/BA	\$87,055.00
Maroon	Noel	21/182	\$74,755.00
Mastroserio	Heather	14	\$75,918.00
McGill	Carolyn	23/212	\$81,655.00
McLaughlin	Amy	15/182	\$69,877.00*
McNamara	Olivia	3/BA	\$56,785.00
Meehan	Donna	19/182	\$70,755.00
Mehnert	Paul	16/BA	\$64,755.00
Merton	Dulcinea	23/150	\$77,355.00
Michels	Wendy	12/150	\$63,925.00
Monetti	Janice	13/212	\$68,225.00
Moor	George	13/182	\$66,075.00
Morin	Randi	14/150	\$65,415.00
Motz	Robert	27/182	\$91,355.00
Motz	JanMarie	27/212	\$95,817.00*
Mulrooney	Elaine	23/182	\$79,505.00
Muzychko	Jocelyn	5/150	\$59,435.00
Nash	Michelle	6/212	\$66,047.00*
O'Neill	Allison	3/BA	\$56,785.00
Palermo	Jennifer	14/BA	\$63,265.00
Patente	Erica	13/150	\$63,925.00
Pereira	Sonia	13/BA	\$61,775.00
Perello	Kristyn	9/182	\$63,085.00
Pernini	Cristina	15/150	\$65,415.00
Petronio	Laura	23/150	\$77,355.00
Plaza	Lucyna	8/212	\$64,235.00
Pratt	Breanne	4/BA	\$56,785.00
Quinn	Lisa	10/BA	\$60,285.00
Rello	Catherine	8/BA	\$57,785.00
Repoli	Colleen	5/150	\$59,435.00
Richardson	Frank	27/212	\$93,505.00
Rimmler	Erin	11/BA	\$60,285.00
Rogoff	Justin	3/150	\$58,935.00
Roman	Amy	21/182	\$74,755.00
Roper	Amanda	7/182	\$62,085.00
Rusciano	Michael	17/150	\$66,905.00
Ryan	Nancy	27/150	\$91,517.00*
Ryan	Margaret	22/212	\$81,517.00*
Santangelo	Brittani	3/BA	\$56,785.00
Scholp	Diane	17/BA	\$53,653.60*
Schwarz	Andrea	11/182	\$64,585.00
Shandor	Marianne	21/150	\$72,605.00
Sherbin	Rhonda	22/212	\$79,205.00
Shollenberger	Christopher	19/182	\$70,755.00
Simko	Michael	11/BA	\$60,285.00
Smith	Chelsea	4/150	\$58,935.00
Spork	Timothy	27/150	\$89,205.00
Straube	Cindee	27/212	\$93,505.00
Stulack	Tiffany	15/150	\$65,415.00
Sutherland	Abbie	15/212	\$69,715.00
Sydowski	Joanne	18/212	\$72,905.00
Szajdecki	Eileen	23/150	\$77,355.00
Trubin	Debra	18/182	\$70,755.00
Tylin	Aleksandr	21/150	\$72,605.00
Updegrove	Suzanne	10/150	\$62,435.00
Uporsky	Andrew	6/BA	\$57,285.00
Urbanski	Elizabeth	11/150	\$62,435.00
Vadimsky	Nancy	13/BA	\$61,775.00

Vanhorn	Megan	12/BA	\$61,775.00
Venturini	Randi Lee	9/182	\$63,085.00
Viel	Erica	4/BA	\$56,785.00
Villanova	Lori	15/212	\$69,715.00
Volpe	Deborah	24/182	\$82,105.00
Vorwick	Angel	16/150	\$66,905.00
Warren	Debra	27/150	\$89,205.00
Weighart	Adriana	9/182	\$65,397.00*
Weintraub	Barbara	20/150	\$70,605.00
Willard	Alice	27/182	\$91,355.00
Wright	Robert	17/BA	\$64,755.00
Zelnick	Lori	16/182	\$69,055.00

*INCLUDES \$2,312.00 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CHILD STUDY TEAM

I. Approval of Non-Tenured			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
Gallo	Nicole	2 (FTE.50)	\$30,518.68
Romano	Jocelyn	1 (FTE .50)	\$30,218.97
Geise	Linda	3	\$58,129.50

J. Approval of 12-Month Secretaries			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
Boehm	Roseann	6	\$59,845.50
Jacobs	Kris	6	\$59,845.50
Jacobsen	Debra	6	\$59,845.50
Molinaro	Debra	6	\$59,845.50

K. Approval of Tenured 12-Month Clerks			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
Jackson	Jodi	1	\$46,566.00
Mastalski	Lorraine	6	\$49,413.00
Miceli	Marie	6	\$49,413.00

L. Approval of Library/Media Assistants			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
DePaolo	Paula	OG	\$34,969.50
Dolan	Linda	OG	\$34,969.50

M. Approval of 12-Month Full-Time Custodians			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
DiEgidio	Louis	6	\$38,468.60*
Hermanstein	Martarl	12	\$40,403.00*
Vargas Huiza	Jorge	1	\$35,868.60*

*INCLUDES \$675.00 FOR BLACK SEAL LICENSE

N. Approval of Instructional Aides			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
Atwell	Lindsay	11	\$21,128.38
DiBetta	Robin	11	\$21,128.38
Emmons	Rachelle	4	\$18,076.24
Flood	Joyce	5	\$18,348.33
Haduch	Monita	4	\$18,076.24
Hillsinger	Elizabeth	5	\$18,348.33**
Jaeckle	Patricia	11	\$21,128.38
Jones	Leslie	9	\$19,862.57
Leitstein	Jillian	1	\$17,330.95
Lorenc	Antoinette	8 (FTE 84.62)	\$16,197.67
Minette	Karen	7	\$19,247.41
Moore	Lisa	1	\$17,330.95
Piano	Amy	6	\$18,632.25
Rina	Michele	11	\$21,128.38
Rodgers	Patricia	6	\$18,632.25
Rogalski	Heather	6	\$18,632.25
Rudowski	Eileen	11	\$21,128.38

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Santangelo	Christine	2	\$17,567.55
Saranathan	Vedha	6	\$18,632.25
Simborski	Stephen	11	\$21,128.38
Stansfield	Nancy	7	\$19,141.66**

**NO STEP ADVANCEMENT DUE TO UNPAID LEAVE

O. Approval of Bus Drivers			
Last Name	First Name	Step	Salary
Barna	Diane	13	\$28.93
Bretherick	Benjamin	3	\$27.34
Brown	Martha Jane	OG	\$29.13
Colie	Lydia	11	\$28.73
Cornacchia	Antonio	3	\$27.34
Denino	Angelica	3	\$27.34
Engeresser	Joyce	13	\$28.93
Fawcett	Christine	2	\$27.14
Ferraro	James	11	\$28.73
Gumpert	Cathy	7	\$28.13***
Harris	David	7	\$28.13
Lorenc	Antoinette	3	\$27.34
Loris	Deborah	2	\$27.14
McFadden	Michelle	OG	\$29.13
Menafo	Mark	5	\$27.72
Muraskin	Janet	11	\$28.73
Nauerz	Lucyna	OG	\$29.13
Petritsch	Edna	5	\$27.72
Reid	Susan	OG	\$29.13
Schnitzer	Debra	7	\$28.13
Taylor	Sheila	OG	\$29.13
Tomaro	Anthony	7	\$28.13
Vanderhoof	Jayne	OG	\$29.13

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P. Tenured Confidential Secretaries		
Last Name	First Name	Salary
DiCosimo	Cathy	\$58,129.50
Raimundo	Susan	\$52,521.04

XII. BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler that Items XII.A. through XII.D. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Cutler discussed Items B, C and D listed on the agenda.

Mr. Ambrus discussed the status of Branchburg Township's participation in the New Jersey Sustainability process.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period January 20, 2017 through February 2, 2017, totaling \$189,918.80, and ratify the Payroll for the period January 20, 2017 through February 2, 2017, totaling \$794,431.18.

B. Approval of Nonpublic Technology Purchases

It is recommended that the Board approve the following nonpublic technology purchases:

Kangaroo Kids

Scholastic: Pre-K Storia Online Ebooks	
Quantity: 1 @ \$150.00	\$150.00

Scholastic: K Online Storia Ebooks	
Quantity: 1 @ \$150.00	\$150.00

Shipping & Handling:	\$ 0.00
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SCESC Admin. Fee (Up to 5%)	\$ 15.00
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Funded: \$390.00; Expending: \$315.00

C. Approval of Purchase of Two 54 Passenger School Buses

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of two new 2018 International 54 passenger school buses through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, school bus Bid Award Contract #16/17-35, from Truck King International at a cost of \$94,759.16 per bus for a total cost of \$189,518.32 to be paid by purchase order through the General Fund from Account #12-000-270-733-07-389, and sufficient funds are available in the 2016-2017 budget.

D. Approval of Purchase of One 24 Passenger School Bus Van

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of one new 24 passenger 2018 Chevrolet Mid Bus school bus van through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, school bus Bid Award Contract #16/17-35, from Wolfington Body Company at a cost of \$63,077.70 to be paid by purchase order through the General Fund from Account #12-000-270-733-07-389, and sufficient funds are available in the 2016-2017 budget.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Sharon Kechula asked the Board if there has been any discussion regarding hydration stations being placed in some of the schools.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Ambrus said the Somerville Board of Education has started the Superintendent search process.

Mrs. Joyce said a meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2017 for the public to give their input on the Somerville Superintendent search. She said information for the time and place can be found on their website.

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Mrs. Palmieri discussed the following:

- The Whooo's Reading fundraiser at Whiton Elementary School started on Monday, January 30, 2017;
- PTO profit from the Harlem Wizard's fundraiser game was about \$9,000.00.
- Stony Brook Elementary School's Family Fun night is scheduled for February 16, 2017;
- There was a \$5,000.00 funding approved from the PTO to Branchburg Central Middle School for phase II of the sound system in the auxiliary gym;
- A fund request for \$850.00 was approved for Stony Brook Elementary School's "Power of One" assembly;
- There is a new fundraiser in the works which will be announced at a later date; and
- The PTO wanted to thank the many volunteers and contributions towards the fundraisers and events.

Mr. Cutler discussed the following:

- Somerset County Educational Services Commission met on February 1, 2017 to approve a budget of \$22,380,539.00, which is a 1.7% increase from last year;
- Somerset County Educational Services Commission Superintendent, Mr. Harold Dunsavage, described an initiative regarding ten Educational Services Commissions in New Jersey working together to share services; and
- Discussions about their new gymnasium.

Mrs. Purohit said the Branchburg Education Foundation Pocketbook Bingo is scheduled for February 28, 2017 and more information will be available shortly.

XV. BOARD FORUM

Mrs. Joyce discussed the following:

- Meeting conflicts with Somerville High School events;
- Confirming that all Board members are receiving their emails;
- Committee meeting times; and
- Remote access testing.

Mr. Ambrus stated that the physical education choice, shown in the Branchburg Central Middle School presentation, is a fantastic idea to implement.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second Executive Session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Purohit, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Theresa Linskey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary