

**Branchburg Township School District
REGULAR ACTION MEETING**

September 17, 2020

Board Meeting to be Live Streamed on YouTube

Executive Session - 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Branchburg Township School District and Community
is to inspire our children to learn, think, grow, and excel in life.*

VISION STATEMENT

“Excellence in Education”

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS the “Open Public Meetings Act:” (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting during which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public, or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would be clearly in danger of unwarranted invasions, and

WHEREAS the matters about to be presented for discussion clearly meet the “circumstances” test of such Act:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Branchburg now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Legal Issues.

And, be it further,

RESOLVED that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed when the Board’s consideration of the subject matter has been closed, or when such matter does not adversely affect the rights of prospective, current, or past public officers, or personnel of the Board, unless such individuals have in writing requested the disclosures of such discussion at a public meeting and provided such a public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE AND WELCOME

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of Branchburg. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act: (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975), and that advance notice required therein has been provided. This is a meeting of the Board of Education of Branchburg at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- School Opening

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only

Public comments are welcome at this time on any agenda item. Towards the end of the meeting there is a second public forum on any topic. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent may address the comment. In accordance with New Jersey Statute, the Board will not discuss matters regarding specific personnel. Public questions and comments will be limited to 30 minutes. Thank you for your input.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

- **Report** – Terri Joyce

(ACTION) It is recommended that Items VIII.A. through VIII.B. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of August 20, 2020 and September 3, 2020.

B. Approval of Submission of 2020-2021 Merit Goals of the Superintendent of Schools

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the submission of merit goals of the Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval.

(ROLL CALL – ITEMS VIII.A. through VIII.B.)

IX. POLICY AND REGULATIONS

- **Report** – Noah Horowitz

X. EDUCATION

- **Report – Olga Phelps**

(ACTION) It is recommended that Items X.A. through X.C. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A. Approval of 2020-2021 Out of District Program					
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	SY Tuition	SY Dates	Total Cost
Cornerstone Day School Mountainside, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	6422361974	\$75,275.20	9/1/20-6/25/21	\$75,275.20

B. Approval of 2020-2021 One on One Aide for Out of District Program							
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	ESY		SY		Total Cost
			Aide	Dates	Aide	Dates	
The Eden School Princeton, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	3373948778	\$5,224.40	7/6/20-8/22/20	\$34,511.75	9/9/20-6/24/21	\$39,735.15

C. Approval of Acceptance of Out of District Student for 2020-2021 ESY				
Sending District	Student ID #	ESY Tuition	Dates	Total Tuition
Milltown School District Milltown, NJ	4259684500	\$311.25	7/6/20-8/13/20	\$311.25

(ROLL CALL - ITEMS X.A. through X.C.)

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Report – Kristen Fabriczi**

(ACTION) It is recommended that Items XI.A. through XI.G. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A. Approval of Home Instruction Teachers					
Name		Account Number	Hourly Rate	Dates	Discussion
Danielle Cordaro Kristen Cardona Paul Cutaneo Kathleen Gaston Emily Hansen Jodi Harwood Devra Hobbs Lorien Holderbaum Michelle Jordan Leigh Keely Erica Landesberg Nina Manger Zachariah Miracle	Susan Mariani Sonia Pereira Amanda Perez Danielle Puglisi Danielle Puzzo Emma Ryan Abbie Sutherland Megan VanHorn Randi Lee Venturini Erica Viel Deb Volpe Emily Williams Lori Zelnick	11-150-100-101-03-066	\$45	9/18/20-6/30/21	As needed

B. Approval of Revision of Maternity Leave				
Employee #	Account Number	From	To	Discussion
5497	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 9/1/20-10/13/20 Personal Days: 10/14/20-10/16/20 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 10/19/20-1/15/21 Unpaid Leave: 1/19/21-6/30/21	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 9/1/20-10/1/20 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 10/2/20-1/8/21 Unpaid Leave: 1/9/21-6/30/21	Estimated date of return will be 9/1/21

C. Approval of Retirement				
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Effective Date
Robert Cline	11-000-270-160-01-459	Transportation Supervisor	Transportation	12/31/20

D. Approval of Extended School Day Counselor				
Name	Account Number	Position	Rate	Date
Margaret Ryan	11-000-218-104-01-141-020	LCSW Counselor	\$63.68 per hour (not to exceed 100 hours total)	09/18/20-06/30/21

E. Approval of Status Change					
Name	Account Number	Position	From	To	Effective Date
Tiffany Medwick	11-000-270-161-01-470	Bus Driver	Part-Time	Full-Time	9/1/20

F. Approval of Additional Title One Tutor					
Name	Account Number	Location	Position	Rate	Dates
Joann Everson	20-231-100-101-02-648	WES	Teacher	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$2,542)	9/18/20-6/30/21

G. Approval of Resignations				
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Effective Date
Donna Eckel	11-000-251-100-01-529	School Accountant	BOE	10/16/20
Antoinette Lorenc	11-214-100-106-01-059	Instructional Aide	WES	7/31/20

(ROLL CALL – ITEMS XI.A. through XI.G.)

XII. BUSINESS

- **Report – Charlie Tuma**

(ACTION) It is recommended that Items XII.A. through XII.C. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period September 4, 2020 through September 17, 2020, totaling \$1,669,583.95.

B. Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves a settlement in the matter of S.P. o/b/o S.P. and E.P. v. Branchburg Township Board of Education, in the amount of \$3,000 for back tuition reimbursement.

C. Approval of the Digital Divide Grant

It is recommended that the Branchburg Township Board of Education approve a grant application award for the Digital Divide Grant Program through the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$13,751.

(ROLL CALL - ITEMS XII.A. through XII.C.)

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

- Somerville Liaison/Board Member.....Kristen Fabriczi
- Parent Teachers Organization.....Noah Horowitz
- Somerset County Educational Services Commission.....Jonathan Sarles
- N.J.S.B.A./S.C.S.B.A Representative.....Vince Carpentier

- Branchburg Township Liaison.....Terri Joyce
- Emergency Management Planning Committee.....Rebecca Gensel
- Branchburg Education Foundation.....Keerti Purohit
- Board Delegate.....Terri Joyce

XV. BOARD FORUM

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT