

*Branchburg Township School District*

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 16, 2018

**Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.**

Board of Education Office

Board Conference Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 7:16 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 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: Zoltan Ambrus, Ellwood Cutler, Kristen Fabriczi, Noah Horowitz, Theresa Joyce, Cathy Palmieri, Olga Phelps and Charles Tuma.

The following member was absent: Keerti Purohit.

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 Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene at 7:17 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn executive session at 8:09 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:15 p.m. with 15 members of the public present.

**IV.** The assembly saluted the flag.

**V.** Statement of Adequate Notice

## VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gensel once again recognized a few more of the district's student artists whose artwork is displayed in the Board of Education Conference Room.

Ms. Jennifer Hauser, Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Maggie Emmons, Branchburg Central Middle School STEM Coach and Ms. Erica Patente, K-2 STEM Coach gave a presentation on their experience at the Smithsonian International K-12 Science Education Institute for Leadership Development and Strategic Planning. They, along with Ms. Jocelyn Muzychko, 3-5 STEM Coach and Ms. Katie Bernet, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, spent 5 days at the institute which challenged participants to work together to construct a vision of inquiry based, hands-on STEM education that supports a scientifically literate, career-ready citizenry.

Ms. Gensel spoke about the steps that have been taken in preparation of the opening day of school.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mike Merchant spoke to the Board about his concerns about the direction Somerville High School is heading, and how the Somerville Board of Education meetings are being handled.

## VIII. GOVERNANCE

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

On call of the vote, Items VIII.A. through VIII.D. were unanimously approved by Roll Call, with Mr. Horowitz and Mrs. Phelps abstaining on Item VIII.A.

There was no Board Governance Committee report.

### A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of July 19, 2018.

### B. Approval of Submission of the Superintendent's Completed 2017-2018 Merit Goals

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approve the submission of the Superintendent's completed Merit goals with supporting documentation to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval for payment.

**C. Approval of Submission of 2018-2019 Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance**

It is recommended that the Board approve the submission of the 2018-2019 Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

**D. Approval of 2018-2019 Annual Statement of Assurance Mentoring Plan**

It is recommended that the Board approve the electronic submission of the 2018-2019 District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance.

**IX. POLICY**

Motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mr. Tuma that Items IX.A. through IX.C. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Cutler spoke about the policies listed as first reading on the agenda.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about Item IX.B. listed on the agenda.

<b>A. Policy First Reading</b>		
<b>Policy</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
P1550	Equal Employment Practices	Revised
P1613	Disclosure and Review of Applicant's Employment History	New
P2431	Athletic Competition	Revised
P5350	Student Suicide Prevention	Revised
P5533	Student Smoking	Revised
P5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities	New
P8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children	Revised
P8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs	New

**B. Approval to Adopt Policy**

It is recommended that the Board of Education suspend the rules of Bylaw 0131 requiring two readings to adopt a Policy and adopt Policy 5512, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying with one reading to have this Policy effective for September 1, 2018.

<b>C. Regulation Reading</b>		
<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
R5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying	Abolish

## X. EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri 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 with Mrs. Fabriczi and Mr. Horowitz abstaining on Item X.D.

Mrs. Palmieri went over the Education Committee's summer highlights.

### 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.

Conference/Workshop	Employee/Account Number	Date	Registration Fee	Hotel	Meals /Exp.	Tolls/Parking /Mileage	Total
New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) Legislative and Legal Update Workshop Rockaway, NJ	Theresa Linskey 11-000-251-580-01-585	9/27/18	\$90.00	N/A	N/A	\$21.67	\$111.67

B. Approval of Student Teacher					
Name	College/University	Certification	Location	Dates	Discussion
Stefanie Attia	Western Governor's University	Students with Disabilities and Elementary K-6 CEAS)	WES	10/29/2018-1/11/2019	Cooperating Teacher Elizabeth Janiec

C. Approval of Occupational Therapy Vendor for Extended School Year				
Program/Location	Account Number	Rate	Effective Dates	Discussion
Invo Healthcare Associates Jamison, PA	11-000-216-320-03-078-800	\$85.00 per hour Not to exceed 40 hours	7/9/18-8/16/18	Evaluations and attend meetings on an as needed basis

D. Approval of Acceptance of Revision of Out-of-District Student			
Sending District	Student ID #	Tuition	Effective Dates
South Plainfield School District, South Plainfield, NJ	5990398223	\$13,513.20	9/6/18-3/17/19

## XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mrs. Fabriczi, seconded by Mr. Ambrus that Items XI.A. through XI.O., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

There was no Human Resources Committee report.

A. Approval of 2018-2019 Non-Athletic Extracurricular Stipend				
Name	Account Number	Location	Position	Stipend (not to exceed)
Kelly Boyle Marie Cinque Margaret Emmons Lauren Knoke Jocelyn Muzychko Erica Patente	11-401-100-101-01-078	District	Curriculum Specialists	\$2,500.00 each
Regina Cordell	11-401-100-101-01-078-020	BCMS	String Concert Prep	\$630.00

B. Approval of State Certified Sign Language Interpreter				
Name	Account Number	Rate Per Hour	Date	Discussion
Tiffany Mosquera	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	\$65.00 (not to exceed \$1,300.00)	9/1/18-6/30/19	Sign Language Interpreter for Whiton Parent/Family events and presentations

C. Approval of Revision of Salary Guide Level				
Name	Account Number	From Step/Level	To Step/Level	Discussion
Marissa McKenna	11-120-100-101-01-012-090	1/BA	1/150	Additional transcripts provided

D. Approval of Resignations			
Name	Position	Location	Date
Kevin Gaul	Physical Education Teacher	SBS	7/25/18
Lisa Moore	Instructional Intervention Aide	BCMS	8/6/18

E. Approval of Substitutes			
Name	Position	Salary	Dates
Marissa Cumello	Substitute Teacher & Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem Subject to delivery of requested documents	9/1/18-6/30/19
Hafiza Fraziae	Substitute Teacher & Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem	9/1/18-6/30/19
Erica Kauffman	Substitute Teacher & Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem Subject to delivery of requested documents	9/1/18-6/30/19
Sharon Kechula	Substitute Teacher & Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem Subject to delivery of requested documents	9/1/18-6/30/19
Ruth Pluymers	Substitute Teacher & Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem Subject to delivery of requested documents	9/1/18-6/30/19

F. Approval of 2018-2019 Personnel							
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Step/Level	Salary	Dates	Discussion
Meghan Castellano	11-000-216-101-01-063-060	Speech Language Pathologist Subject to delivery of requested documents	SBS	1/182	\$61,115.00	7/23/18-6/30/19	Replacing Joy Greenfield
Kelly Evans	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Physical Education Teacher Subject to delivery of requested documents	BCMS	4/212	\$64,561.00	9/1/18-6/30/19	Replacing Kelly Graham
Susan Petrilli	11-000-213-104-01-123-090	School Nurse Subject to delivery of requested documents	WES	1/212	\$63,265.00	9/1/18-6/30/19	Replacing Mary Caputo
Rebecca Reedy	61-910-310-110-01-001	Lunchroom Aide Subject to delivery of requested documents	WES	NA	\$10.00 per hour	9/1/18-6/30/19	Replacing Donna Baron

<b>G. Approval of Extra Duty Pay</b>						
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Kelly Boyle	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Kelly Boyle	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Kelly Boyle	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 9 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	A Teacher's Guide to Today's Classroom Mini Book Study
Kelly Boyle	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 7.5 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	So Now I'm Teaching Foundations Part One
Kelly Boyle	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 7.5 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	So Now I'm Teaching Foundations Part Two
Kelly Boyle	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 4.5 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Getting to Know Your New and Improved ELA Curriculum (co- taught)
Marie Cinque	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Marie Cinque	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Michael Clark	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Michael Clark	Curriculum Writing	11-000-221-104-02-213	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 18 hours	District	7/1/18- 8/31/18	P.E. Curriculum Writing, Replacing Kelly Graham
Teresa Dovale	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Maggi Emmons	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Maggi Emmons	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 7.5 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Chrome and Google Classroom Refresher
Maggi Emmons	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 7.5 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Personalized MAPS with Google My Maps
Maggi Emmons	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Melissa Fitzgibbon	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Debra Gesualdo	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Deborah Glicklich	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 1 hour	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Janet Hoffman	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Beth Janiec	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 1 hour	District	8/22/18	New Teacher Orientation
Lauren Knoke	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Lauren Knoke	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 4.5 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Getting to Know Your New and Improved ELA Curriculum (co- taught)
Lauren Knoke	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Sarah Landon	Crisis Prevention Training	11-213-100-101-03-078	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/15/18	Crisis Prevention Training
Heather Lilly	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Tara Kolbe	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Kate Mileto	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation
Jocelyn Muzychko	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Jocelyn Muzychko	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Word Problems in Action K-5

Approval of Extra Duty Pay (continued)						
Name	Position	Account Number	Rate	Location	Dates	Discussion
Jocelyn Muzychko	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Erica Patente	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/21/18	New Teacher Orientation
Erica Patente	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Overview of NGSS and Our Science Curriculum
Erica Patente	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	8/17/18- 8/31/18	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Lisa Quinn	Teacher Academy Presenter	11-000-223-104-02-210	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	District	8/23/18	New Teacher Orientation

H. Approval of Substitute Bus Nurse					
Name	Account Number	SID #	Position	Rate	Date
Janet Hoffman	11-213-100-101-03-078	7737812861	Substitute Bus Nurse	\$58.86 per hour Not to exceed 6 hours	8/3/18

I. Approval of 2018-2019 District Staff Transfers			
Name	From	To	Discussion
Elizabeth Urbanski	LLD	Special Ed 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Transfers are based on student needs as outlined in the IEP document
Breanne Pratt	Special Ed 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Special Ed 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Arlene Bolandi	Special Ed 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Special Ed 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Leigh Keely	Special Ed 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Special Ed 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Zachariah Miracle	LLD and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	LLD and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Robin DiBetta	Whiton	BCMS	
Vedha Saranathan	Whiton	BCMS	
Rachelle Emmons	SBS	BCMS	
Kim Gislao	SBS	BCMS	
Eileen Rudowski	BCMS	Whiton	
Steve Simborski	Whiton	BCMS	
Arnold Majano	BCMS	Whiton	
Jessica Zaninello	BCMS	Whiton	

J. Approval of Revision of 2018 Extended School Year Child Study Team Members									
Name	Account Number	Position	Hourly Rate	Dates	Hourly Rate	Dates	From	To	Discussion
Heather Lilly	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	LDTC	\$49.32	6/25/18 - 6/30/18	\$50.04	7/1/18- 8/30/18	Not to exceed 70 hours	Not to exceed 87 hours	Summer Evaluations
JanMarie Motz	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Social Worker	\$66.17		\$66.04		Not to exceed 70 hours	Not to exceed 66.5 hours	
Michelle Nash	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Psychologist	\$45.80		\$46.04		Not to exceed 70 hours	Not to exceed 73.5 hours	
Nancy Padula	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	LDTC	\$57.75		\$57.75		Not to exceed 70 hours	Not to exceed 113.5 hours	
Jillian Sawicki	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Psychologist	\$43.30		\$43.22		Not to exceed 70 hours	Not to exceed 60 hours	
Antonia DaSilva	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Social Worker	\$48.12		\$48.79		Not to exceed 14 hours	Not to exceed 17.5 hours	
Amy McLaughlin	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Psychologist	\$49.15		\$50.14		Not to exceed 14 hours	Not to exceed 14 hours	

K. Approval of Revision of 2018 Speech and Language Pathologist for Extended School Year					
Name	Account Number	Position	Total Summer Hours	Rate	Dates
Debra Gesualdo	11-000-216-101-03-078-800	Evaluations	Not to exceed 117.5 hours	\$64.69 per hour \$64.55 per hour	6/25/18-6/30/18 7/1/18-8/30/18

<b>L. Approval of Leave of Absence</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Account #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Type of Leave</b>	<b>Anticipated Dates</b>
Michele McFadden	11-000-270-161-01-470	Transportation	Bus Driver	Medical	9/4/18-11/8/18

**M. Approval of 2018-2019 School Improvement Panels**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following School Improvement Panels to ensure, oversee and support the implementation of the District's evaluation, professional development and mentoring policies.

<b>Whiton Elementary School</b>	<b>Stony Brook Elementary School</b>	<b>Central Middle School</b>
Antonia DaSilva	Frank Altmire	Matthew Barbosa
Dawn Eelman	Toni Burke	Marie Cinque
Victoria Gerry	Dianne Litts	Margaret Emmons
Kristen Kries	Heather Ziolkowski	Suzanne Updegrove
Allison LeMieux		Matthew Ross
Dee Shoher		

**N. Approval of Teacher Evaluation Model**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Stronge and Associates Teacher/Educational Specialist Performance Evaluation System as per the ACHIEVENJ guidelines for the 2018-2019 school year.

**O. Approval of Principal Evaluation Model**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Stronge and Associates Principal/District Leader Performance Evaluation System as per the ACHIEVENJ guidelines for the 2018-2019 school year.

**XII. BUSINESS**

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

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

Mr. Ambrus went over the updated facilities list.

Mrs. Joyce updated the Board regarding the Agreements with Branchburg Township that were signed at the last Board of Education meeting. The Agreements discussed were:

- Lease Agreement
- Land Swap Agreement
- Access Agreement



**A. Bill List**

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period July 1, 2018 through July 30, 2018, totaling \$351,042.06, and for the period July 31, 2018 through August 13, 2018, totaling \$24,143.73, and ratify the Payroll for the period July 1, 2018 through July 15, 2018, and for the period July 16, 2018 through July 30, 2018 totaling \$323,636.16.

**B. Secretary's Report**

The Report of the Secretary for June 2018 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 June 2018 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 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**C. Treasurer's Report**

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2018 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 June 2018.

**E. Monthly Transfer Report**

It is recommended that the Board approve the June 2018 Monthly Transfer Report.

**F. Approval of Sale of Solar Renewal Energy Credits**

**WHEREAS**, the Branchburg Board of Education examined the proposals received for the sale of Solar Renewal Energy Credits and recommends that the contract be awarded to Flett Exchange, LLC for the sale of 23 Solar Renewal Energy Credits from 10/20/17 to 6/20/18 at a price of \$212.00 per credit, for a total of \$4,876.

**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 August 16, 2018 through September 6, 2018 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 6, 2018 and with the approval and consent of the Superintendent of Schools, and then present said bills to the Board at the September 6, 2018 meeting for ratification.

### **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bob Petrelli, Board of Education Liaison for the Branchburg Township Committee, addressed the Board regarding the Agreements between the Branchburg Board of Education and Branchburg Township which were signed at the last Board of Education meeting.

### **XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

Mrs. Fabriczi said at the July 24, 2018 Somerville Board of Education meeting, they discussed the difficulties in guiding children toward what they are going to do after high school. Mrs. Fabriczi asked if we can send a copy of the presentation given earlier in the Board meeting to Dr. Timothy Teehan, Superintendent of Somerville Public Schools.

Mrs. Fabriczi spoke about the following highlights from the July 24, 2018 Somerville Board of Education meeting:

- Somerville received an additional \$736,415.00 in state aid funding;
- The new Athletic Director, Mr. Tim Davis;
- Information on the Techium program which is running at Van Derveer Elementary School;
- Title I summer program at Van Derveer Elementary School;
- Middle School summer program;
- Public comment section of the Board meeting;
- The new top to the turf field update;
- The new roof at each of the schools; and
- The many comments from the girls soccer team.

Mr. Cutler informed the Board of the following regarding Somerset County Educational Services Commission:

- The SCESC will be attending a conference in Colorado Springs; and
- The SCESC will begin hosting state-wide and county meetings in their new gymnasium.

Mrs. Joyce said the Emergency Management Planning Committee has a lot of work going on right now with the Committee making plans and changes regarding school security.

### **XV. BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Horowitz stated his concern about the relationship between the Branchburg Township Board of Education and the Township of Branchburg and that the children come first.

Ms. Gensel thanked the summer staff members for all their work on the curriculum.

Mrs. Joyce thanked the presenters who gave their presentation earlier in the meeting.

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Mrs. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cutler, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene at 9:41 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Legal Issues.

Mrs. Palmieri left Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ambrus, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn executive session at 10:07 p.m.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Ambrus, seconded by Mr. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Linskey  
School Business Administrator/Board