

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2020

Remote Meeting - Live Streamed on District Website

Executive Session - 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 6:53 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 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: Vincent Carpentier, Cathy Curcio, Kristen Fabriczi, Noah Horowitz, Theresa Joyce, Olga Phelps, Jonathan Sarles and Charles Tuma.

The following member was absent: Mrs. Purohit

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Gensel, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Theresa Linskey (left at 7:20 p.m. and returned at 7:39 p.m.) and New Jersey School Boards Association Representative Gwen Thornton (arrived at 6:53 p.m. and left at 7:20 p.m.)

II. The Secretary called the roll.

III. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:09 p.m.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Gensel gave a presentation on the 2020-2021 School and District Goals.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Gallico, 20 Watchung Trail, commented about the following:

- She congratulated the graduating class of 2020;
- She thanked the Administration, Board Members, Teachers, Staff, Custodial Staff, PTO, Elected Officials and Parents for their hard work on making the end of the year activities special during these unforeseen times; and
- She asked for clarification of Item XI.K. listed on the agenda.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles 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.

Mrs. Joyce addressed recent comments that have been on social media, as well as correspondence she received from Mr. Mike Merchant, regarding the use of the Harlan School Road property.

Mrs. Joyce and the Board discussed Board Goals.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of June 4, 2020.

B. Approval of Submission of the Superintendent’s Completed 2019-2020 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.

Merit Goal	Status	Merit Percentage Approved
Quantitative Goal 1 - Professional Capacity/Community of School District Personnel: The Superintendent will continue the District Leadership Council (DLC), setting collaborative goals for the improvement and enhancement of the District.	Achieved	3.33%
Quantitative Goal 3 – Operations and Management: The Superintendent will conduct an audit of all District regulations to align them to current NJ statutes, NJ regulations, and District practices. Where applicable, updates to District Policy will be brought to the Board for review and approval.	Achieved	3.33%
Qualitative Goal 2 - Meaningful Engagement of Families and Community: The Superintendent will increase the public visibility of the District through attendance and/or presentations at community based meetings/events, attendance at Somerville High School events, and the submission of articles for publication.	Achieved	2.5%

C. Approval of Contract for School Physicians

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with the Hunterdon Family Medicine at Bridgewater in the amount of \$5,500 for the 2020-2021 school year with funding to be paid through account #11-000-213-330-01-129, and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

IX. POLICY

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles 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.

There was no Policy Committee report.

Mrs. Joyce clarified the wording on Policy 2422.

A. Policy and Regulations Second Reading		
Policy/Regulation	Title	Discussion
Policy 2422	Health and Physical Education (M)	Revised

X. EDUCATION

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

On call of the vote, Items X.A. through X.F., were unanimously approved by Roll Call, with Mrs. Fabriczi abstaining on Item X.B.

Mrs. Phelps spoke about the following highlights of the Education Committee meeting:

- Changes to the Branchburg Central Middle School foreign language program;
- Data they received for Special Education and the significant progress that has been made for the special education students in the area of language arts;
- They discussed the updated information they received on the progress of the Child Study Team evaluations;
- Federal grants are available at Branchburg Central Middle School, which will be used for the tutoring of students in the summertime for those who need extra support; and
- CARES Act.

A. Approval of Nursing Services for Out of District Student for 2020-2021 School Year					
Service Name	Account Number	Student ID #	Rate Per Hour	Dates	Discussion
Bayada Home Health Care Somerset, NJ	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	2596035985	\$44.50 LPN \$54.50 RN	9/8/20-6/18/21	Not to exceed 9 hours daily.

B. Approval of 2020-2021 Out of District Programs								
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	ESY		SY			Total Cost
			Tuition	Dates	Tuition	Extra Services	Dates	
Princeton Child Development Institute Princeton, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	1375645515	\$16,980.00	7/6/20-8/14/20	\$101,880.00	N/A	9/3/20-6/17/21	\$118,860.00
Somerset Hills Learning Institute Bedminster, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	3092350853	\$16,605.90	7/6/20-8/14/20	\$99,635.40	N/A	9/1/20-6/15/21	\$116,241.30
Cornerstone Day School Mountainside, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	1394971305	N/A	N/A	\$88,088.00	N/A	7/6/20-6/25/21	\$88,088.00
CEA School Flemington, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	3296745688 7240201326	\$11,023.80 \$11,023.80	7/6/20-8/14/20	\$66,142.80 \$66,142.80	N/A N/A	9/1/20-6/17/21	\$154,333.20
The Midland School North Branch, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	1466744934 3700266864	\$11,355.00 \$11,355.00	7/6/20-8/14/20	\$68,130.00 \$68,130.00	N/A \$27,900.00 (extended day)	9/2/20-6/15/21	\$186,870.00
The Eden School Princeton, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	8267623955	\$16,921.10	7/6/20-8/22/20	\$89,440.10	\$11,700.00	9/9/20-6/24/21	\$118,061.20

C. Approval of Contract for Board Certified Behavior Analyst Maternity Leave Replacement							
Vendor	Account Number	Cost (per hour)	ESY		SY		Discussion
			Dates	Total (not to exceed)	Dates	Total (not to exceed)	
The Uncommon Thread	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	\$100	7/6/20-8/13/20	\$1,200	9/8/20-11/30/20	\$36,000	ESY – Not to exceed 12 hours SY – Not to exceed 360 hours

D. Approval of Contracted Teacher of the Deaf Services for 2020-2021 ESY					
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	Rate	Effective Dates	Discussion
Summit Speech School New Providence, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	1882785021	\$165 per hour (Not to exceed \$1,980)	7/6/20-8/14/20	Teacher of the Deaf services 2 hours per week

E. Approval of Contracted Educational Services							
Vendor	Account Number	Student ID#	Rate	# of Sessions	Total (not to exceed)	Effective Dates	Discussion
Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care Piscataway, NJ	11-150-100-320-03-069-090	2991095513	\$65 per hour	14 (2 hours per day)	\$1,820	6/6/20-6/25/20	Bedside Instruction

F. Approval of Revision of Contract for Physical Therapist									
Vendor	Account Number	Dates	From			To			Discussion
			Evaluations	Sessions	Total	Evaluations	Sessions	Total	
Kari Woodell	11-000-216-320-03-456-800	9/1/19-6/30/20	18	650	\$32,850	18	672	\$33,840	Evaluations at \$200 Sessions at \$45

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles 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 2020-2021 Substitute Teachers/Substitute Instructional Aides			
Name	Name	Name	Rate
Elaine Ahedo	Jason Albanese	Jordan Apsley	Substitute Teacher - \$95.00 per day Substitute Instructional Aide - \$83.33 per day
Barbara Aspin	Nathan Rishop	Jose Botelho	
Melanie Brown	Susan Butensky	Mary Calo	
Padmini Chalikonda	Lester Chin	Tanner Clark	
Yetunde Demuren	Hafiza Farzaie	Amy Frank	
Margaret Gabanyi	Teresa Gallo-Tomcho	Padmalochani Ganesh	
Denise Gaskin-Singleton	Razel Gatti	Vincent Giampino	
David Goldman	Sunita Jain	Lisa Katz	
Theresa Kelly	Elizabeth Meyer	Bhakti Modi	
Vincent Morella	Durga Neti	Victoria Nguyen	
Mary Alice O'Neill	Karen Palko	James Palumbo	
Stephanie Phibbs	Ruth Pluymers	Florence Quackenbush	
Noell Ruperto	Julie Samuels	Mary Schwartzstein	
James Sheeley	Kelcey Sheeley	Gia Sodbinow	
Nayda Spagnolo	Cheryl Stedtler	Jeanine Stellflug	
Robert Strano	Robert Sumliner	Victoria Triozzi	
Andrew Tully	Alexander Updegrove	Kathleen Woodbury	
LuAnn Wright			

B. Approval of 2020-2021 Substitute Bus Aides	
Name	Rate
Alexa Harwood	\$13.24
Leslie Jones	\$13.24
Megan Melchione	\$13.24
Emma Priestler	No Additional Pay
Heather Rogalski	\$13.24

C. Approval of Reappointment of 2020-2021 Substitute Bus Drivers		
Name	Name	Rate
Stephen Coy	Siegbert Suchomel	\$18.87 per hour
James Ferraro	Deborah Squier	
Adolfo Kohara		

D. Approval of 2020-2021 Contracted Personnel as Substitute Bus Drivers	
Name	Name
Robert Cline*	Adam Markiewicz*
Marci Cole*	Orlando Macario*

* No additional pay

E. Approval of 2020-2021 Substitute Nurses	
Name	Rate
Trudy Rossetti-McKenna	\$225 per day
Irene Pirog	
Dorothy Saling	

F. Approval of Retirement		
Employee #	Account #	Effective Date
4391	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	6/30/20

G. Approval of Additional ESY Hours						
Name	Account Number	Position	Hours	Location	Rate of Pay*	Dates
Margaret Ryan	11-213-100-101-03-078-600	SOAR Program	As needed	District	\$45.00 per hour (not to exceed 20 hours)	7/6/20-8/13/20
Margaret Ryan	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	CST Staff for Meetings & Evaluations	As needed	District	\$63.68 per hour (not to exceed 90 hours)	7/1/20-8/31/20

H. Approval of Resignation				
Name	Account #	Position	Location	Effective Date
Sarah O'Halloren	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Science Teacher	BCMS	6/30/20

I. Approval of Personnel							
Name	Account #	Location	Position	Step	Salary	Dates	Discussion
Elli Kuras	11-000-240-105-01-339-060	SBS	School Clerk (subject to delivery of documentation)	1	\$52,162.50	8/1/20-6/30/21	Replacing Lorraine Mastalski

J. Approval of 2020-2021 Part Time Technology Aides

Name	Account Number	Location	Hourly Rate	Dates	Discussion
Richard DeSantis	11-000-262-110-09-390	District	\$13.50 per hour	7/1/20-8/31/20	As needed basis
Paul Mehnert	11-000-262-110-09-390	District	\$15.00 per hour	7/1/20-8/31/20	As needed basis
Elijah Perلمان	11-000-262-110-09-390	District	\$12.00 per hour	7/1/20-6/30/21	As needed basis

K. Approval of Summer Curriculum Writing

Name	Account #	Position	Hours	Rate	Dates
Kelly Boyle Lauren Knoke	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer ELA Curriculum Writing Grades: K-5	Up to 36 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$2,952 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Kristen Cardona Marie Cinque Wendy DeJulio Tiffany Stulack Polak	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer ELA Curriculum Writing Grades: 6-8	Up to 6 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$984 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Kelly Boyle Marie Cinque Lauren Knoke	11-000-221-104-02-213	Literacy Coach Summer Work	Up to 30 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$3,690 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Kelly Boyle Lauren Knoke	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Social Studies Curriculum Writing Grades K-5	Up to 36 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$2,952 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Marie Cinque Kenneth Forsyth Janice Monetti	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Social Studies Curriculum Writing Grades 6-8	Up to 6 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$738 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Michael Clark Dawn Eelman Kelly Evans Beth Janiec Carolyn McGirl Colleen Repoli	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Health Curriculum Writing Grades K-8	Up to 24 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$5,904 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Kelly Evans	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Physical Education Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$492 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Wendy Michels	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Media Center Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$492 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Brienne Rodriguez Lori Villanova	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer ESL Curriculum Writing	Up to 18 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,476 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Kelly Boyle Amy Garner Lauren Knoke	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Foundations Curriculum Writing	Up to 18 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$2,214 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Erica Landesberg	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Mathematics Curriculum Writing Grades K-5	Up to 48 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,968 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Joanne Lindner Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Pre-Algebra Grade 6 Curriculum Writing	Up to 18 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,476 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Leigh Keely Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Math 6/Foundations of Pre-Algebra 6 Curriculum Writing	Up to 18 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,476 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Katie Kline Kristyn Perello Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Math 7/Pre- Algebra 7 Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,476 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Kathleen Gaston Michelle Jordan Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Algebra Connections Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,476 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20
Erica Landesberg	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Science Curriculum Writing Grades K-5	Up to 12 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$492 total)	7/1/20- 8/31/20

K. Approval of Summer Curriculum Writing (continued)					
Name	Account #	Position	Hours	Rate	Dates
Allison Elik Deb Glicklich Shannon Heaney Lucy Plaza Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Science Curriculum Writing Grades 6-8	Up to 6 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,230 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Erica Landesberg Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Stem Coach Summer Work	Up to 30 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$2,460 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Tonilynn Burke Suzanne Updegrove Alice Willard	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Gate Identification/Placement/ Curriculum Writing	Up to 12 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,476 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Leigh Keely Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Financial Literacy Curriculum Writing	Up to 6 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$492 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Joseph Larramendia Matthew Zimmerman	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Technology Curriculum Writing Grades K-5	Up to 12 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$984 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Technology Curriculum Writing Grades 6-8	Up to 6 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$246 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Michele Jordan	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Instructional Support Curriculum Writing	Up to 9 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$369 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Jodi Harwood	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Preschool Curriculum Writing	Up to 4 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$164 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Stephanie Formus Zach Miracle Breanne Pratt Elizabeth Urbanski	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer 4-8 ICR Modification Curriculum Writing	Up to 15 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$2,460 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Arianna Bellaffiore Zach Miracle Emily Williams	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer LLD Life Skills Curriculum Writing	Up to 8 hours each, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$984 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20
Amy Garner	11-000-221-104-02-213	Summer Special Education Coach	Up to 30 hours, as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$1,230 total)	7/1/20-8/31/20

L. Approval of Summer Hours						
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Rate	Dates	Discussion
Janet Hoffman Debra Warren	11-000-213-104-01-123-020	Summer Physicals	BCMS	\$45.00 per hour (not to exceed 19 hours total, 9.5 hours each)	7/1/20-8/31/20	Nurse needed to review summer physical forms.
Suzanne Updegrove	11-000-240-103-01-333-020	Scheduling	BCMS	\$45.00 per hour (not to exceed 40 hours)	7/1/20-8/31/20	Working with vice principal to complete middle school schedule
Rose Pellegrino	11-000-240-105-01-336-020	Summer Office Aide	BCMS	\$19.06 per hour (not to exceed 40 hours)	7/1/20-8/31/20	Get school ready for opening.
Kathleen Gaston Devra Hobbs Jennilyn Nelson Danielle Puglisi Margaret Ryan Elizabeth Urbanski	11-000-218-104-01-142-020	Advisory Revisions	BCMS	\$45.00 per hour (not to exceed 45 hours total)	7/1/20-8/31/20	Revision of advisory program for middle school.

XII. BUSINESS

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

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

Mr. Tuma said the Business Committee met on June 16, 2020 and discussed the following:

- Items listed on the agenda;
- Buildings and Grounds outstanding capital projects, as well as current projects;
- HVAC project at Whiton Elementary School is complete, and the district is waiting for the close-out documents from the architect and vendor;

- Branchburg Central Middle School's boiler and rooftop HVAC replacement project;
- Summer paving;
- HVAC upgrade at Stony Brook School is scheduled for next year;
- Window replacement project at Stony Brook School;
- Whiton Elementary School's gym floor replacement;
- Cove molding replacement at Whiton Elementary School and Branchburg Central Middle School was done in-house;
- The possibility of a new parking lot to be installed by the parking garage;
- 2020/2021 budget;
- State aid reduction;
- Old York School appraisal;
- The Midland Adult School is requesting additional space;
- Harland School Road options;
- Facility usage by outside groups in the fall;
- Non-resident students and charging tuition; and
- The old water well.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period June 4, 2020 through June 23, 2020, totaling \$371,311.82, and ratify the Payroll for the period June 1, 2020 through June 5, 2020, totaling \$908,853.96, and for the period of June 6, 2020 through June 19, 2020, totaling \$1,061,184.38.

B. Secretary's Report

The Report of the Secretary for May 2020 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 May 2020 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 2019-2020 fiscal year.

C. Treasurer's Report

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2020 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 May 2020.

E. Monthly Transfer Report

It is recommended that the Board approve the May 2020 Monthly Transfer Report.

F. Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold - Qualified Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, Theresa Linskey, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7, and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$40,000 to \$44,000, effective July 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Branchburg Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$44,000 for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Theresa Linskey, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

G. Approval of Architect Services for the HVAC Upgrades Project at Stony Brook School

It is recommended that the Board approve a proposal submitted by Settembrino Architects, for the HVAC Upgrades Project at Stony Brook School in the amount of \$208,000, plus reimbursable expenses, to be paid by purchase order through Account #12-000-400-450-05-612, and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

H. Approval of Architect Services for the Window Replacement Project at Stony Brook School

It is recommended that the Board approve a proposal submitted by Settembrino Architects, for the Window Replacement Project at Stony Brook School in the amount of \$79,500, plus reimbursable expenses, to be paid by purchase order through Account #12-000-400-450-05-612, and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

I. Approval for Capital Reserve Withdrawal

WHEREAS, the Branchburg Board of Education, desires to withdraw from the 2019-2020 Capital Reserve \$76,332.51 for the LED Lighting Project at Branchburg Central Middle School.

J. Approval of Adoption Agreement #001 Governmental 403(b) Non-Erisa Volume Submitter Plan

It is recommended that the Branchburg Township Board of Education execute the 403(b) plan adoption agreement.

K. Approval to Pay Bills

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, the Branchburg Township Board of Education approves Theresa Linskey, School Business Administrator to issue payment of bills for June 23, 2020 through July 16, 2020 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 16, 2020 and with the approval and consent of the Superintendent of Schools, and then present said bills to the Board at the July 16, 2020 meeting for ratification.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ana Warren, 257 Miller Avenue, asked if the district is going to survey parents for input regarding their district learning experience.

Jessica Gallico, 20 Watchung Trail, thanked Ms. Gensel for the detailed clarification on her question with regard to curriculum writing, and how personnel are selected for these positions. She thanked the teachers who have volunteered for the curriculum writing positions.

Straddha Wadhwa, 30 Oak Tavern Circle, asked if there is an opportunity for some type of Cultural Awareness program for the students. She feels this would be great for all students to be involved in. She spoke about the Around the World Night program she was once involved in and thought it would be great for all grades to participate in a similar program.

Dawn Eelman, 2nd grade teacher at Whiton Elementary School, thanked the Administration and PTO who supported the teachers during the distance learning.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Fabriczi spoke about the following Somerville highlights:

- June 10 – 12, 2020 was the Somerville High School distribution, collection and photo-op day for the senior students;
- There will be a live graduation on July 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. just for students. There will be a limited number of Staff, Administration and Board members to keep the attendance numbers within the limits allowed;
- There was a parade at White Oak Park and Main Street in Somerville for the graduating students;
- The 42nd Honor Awards Ceremony was broadcasted;
- The senior awards and athletic awards were held virtually; and
- Three Somerville High School students were recognized by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for their essays on “What Municipal Government Does Best” in a state-wide competition.

Mrs. Curcio said the Somerville High School graduating students had the option of having their whole graduation class graduate together, or have two graduation ceremonies splitting the class in half so parents can attend. The students chose to graduate together.

Mrs. Curcio said students from the Somerville High School music department came to visit her home, and a teacher also visited her home with a gift bag from the PTO with treats being given to graduating students.

Mr. Horowitz thanked the PTO for everything they have done this year to make the district a better place to be for our students.

Mr. Horowitz said the PTO also gave t-shirt and cookie gifts to the 8th grade graduating students.

Mr. Carpentier spoke about two upcoming webinars posted on the New Jersey School Boards Association website.

Mrs. Joyce said Ms. Gwen Thornton, a New Jersey School Boards Association representative, did a review of the Board's self-evaluations during Executive Session, and recommends the Board look at the Board trainings archived on the website.

Ms. Gensel said Mr. Barbosa is in the process of organizing a meeting directly relating to the reopening of school.

Mrs. Joyce said she will be attending a virtual Board Delegate Assembly on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

XV. BOARD FORUM

Mr. Horowitz thanked Ms. Gensel and Ms. Linskey for keeping the district together for the remainder of the school year, and he is looking forward to see how the district will reopen and make it the best place for our students.

Mrs. Fabriczi spoke about the following:

- She wished everyone a safe and healthy summer;
- Board self-evaluations; and
- Stated she was proud of the relationship between the Board and the Administration.

Mrs. Curcio spoke about the following:

- She thanked the community for what they did for the graduating students; and
- Stated it is a pleasure to work with the Board.

Mr. Carpentier wished the students a fun summer.

Mr. Tuma spoke about the virtual graduation, congratulated all students and wished them an enjoyable summer.

Mrs. Phelps spoke about the following:

- She stated it is a pleasure working with the Board; and
- She asked Mrs. Fabriczi for her thoughts about student academic transition into Somerville High School.

Mr. Sarles said he heard about different experiences parents and students had regarding the virtual learning process, and would like to give a shout out to our district for a job well done.

Ms. Gensel appreciated the kind words from Mr. Sarles, and said she was grateful to the teachers for all they did during this time.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the following:

- She thanked the Support Staff, Administration and Parents for all they did during this time;
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020;
- She went over details of the November 2020 election; and
- She thanked the Board members for all they do.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second Executive Session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Linskey
School Business Administrator/Board