

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 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. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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, Noah Horowitz, Theresa Joyce, Olga Phelps, Keerti Purohit, Jonathan Sarles and Charles Tuma.

The following member was absent: 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. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:18 p.m.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gensel did a presentation on The Road Back, which focused on the restart and recovery for education.

Ms. Gensel emphasized that what she has shared in her presentation is the tentative plan, and that no plan can be finalized for any school district in New Jersey until it is submitted and approved by the Department of Education.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Merchant, 131 Otto Road, asked for clarification on Items XII.E. and XII.G. listed on the agenda.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma 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 approved by Roll Call, with Mrs. Purohit abstaining on Item VIII.A.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about when the Board meetings will begin to be held in person.

Mrs. Joyce discussed the 2020-2021 Board Goals being adopted as Item VIII.C. on the agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of June 23, 2020.

B. Approval of Job Description

It is recommended that the Board approve the following updated job description.

- Assistant Dispatcher

C. Adoption of 2020-2021 Board Goals

It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2020-2021 Board Goals.

D. Approval of Submission of 2020-2021 Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance

It is recommended that the Board approve the submission of the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

IX. POLICY

There was no Policy Committee report.

Mrs. Joyce said the requirements of the restart plan for the Department of Education includes policies to support what the district will be doing before the start of school.

X. EDUCATION

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

On call of the vote, Items X.A. through X.I., 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
Implementing LGBTQ Lessons and Instructions Online	Jennifer Anderson 11-000-221-580-02-189-999	7/30/20	\$100	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100

B. Approval of Student Teachers					
Name	College/University	Certification	Location	Dates	Discussion
Eyislentd Jimenez (subject to delivery of documents)	The College of New Jersey	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-5	WES	9/1/20-12/11/20	Cooperating Teacher Linda Abey

C. Approval of Vendors				
Vendor	Account Numbers	Cost	Dates	Discussion
Leah McMorro	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	\$550 per evaluation \$100 per hour for parent meeting \$75 per hour CST staff meeting	7/6/20- 6/30/21	Educational Evaluations, parent meetings and CST staff meetings on an as needed basis. Not to exceed \$54,500
Homecare Therapies/ Horizon Healthcare	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	\$63 per hour School Nurse \$55 per hour Bus Nurse	9/1/20- 6/30/21	Nursing Services at all schools and bus transportation Not to exceed \$30,000

D. Approval of 2019-2020 Out of District Placement					
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	SY Tuition	SY Dates	Total Cost
Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care Piscataway, NJ	11-000-100-562-03-105-000	6422361974	\$29,155	2/25/20-6/30/20	\$29,155

E. Approval of Acceptance of Out of District Student 2020-2021 Teacher of the Deaf Services				
Sending District	Student ID #	Fee	Dates	Discussion
Dunellen School District Dunellen, NJ	4523289009	\$4,893.44	9/1/20-6/30/21	42 weeks of services for student attending Somerville High School

F. Approval of 2020-2021 Out of District Programs									
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	ESY			SY			Total Cost
			Tuition	Extra Services	Dates	Tuition	Extra Services	Dates	
Chapel Hill Academy Lincoln Park, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	1882785021	\$10,560.00	N/A	7/6/20-8/14/20	\$63,360.00	N/A	9/3/20-6/22/21	\$73,920.00
NJ Institute for Disabilities/ Lakeview School Edison, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	2596035985	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$91,760.40	N/A	9/8/20-6/18/21	\$91,760.40
Collier High School Wickatunk, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	7130617798	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$62,460.00	N/A	9/9/20-6/26/21	\$62,460.00
New Road School of Somerset Somerset, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	1338742458	\$9,277.20	N/A	7/1/20-8/12/20	\$55,663.20	N/A	9/3/20-6/11/21	\$64,940.40
Celebrate the Children Denville, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000 20-250-100-500-03-644	4212290701	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$73,260.00	\$27,000.00	9/8/20-6/25/21	\$100,260.00
The Educational Services Commission of NJ/Future Foundation Academy Piscataway, NJ	11-000-100-562-03-105-000	9751134352	\$3,799.00	N/A	6/29/20-8/7/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,799.00
The Educational Services Commission of NJ/Bright Beginnings Learning Center Piscataway, NJ	11-000-100-562-03-105-000	7651242493 8196428032	\$3,799.00 \$3,799.00	\$348.00 N/A	6/29/20-8/7/20	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$7,946.00

G. Approval of Contracted Teacher of the Deaf Services for 2020-2021					
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 \$14,000)	9/3/20-6/18/21	Teacher of the Deaf services 2 hours per week

H. Approval of The State of New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Service

It is recommended the Board approve The State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Service contract in the amount of \$2,100 per student, not to exceed \$6,300, which will be in effect from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to be paid through the general fund and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

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I. Approval of Contracted Speech and Language Therapy for 2020-2021 ESY					
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	Rate	Effective Dates	Discussion
Lighthouse Speech and Language Flemington, NJ	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	3165361129	\$125 per hour (Not to exceed \$2,625)	7/20/20-9/4/20	Speech therapy, 3 days per week for 7 weeks

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mr. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma that Items XI.A. through XI.M., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

There was no Human Resources Committee report.

Mr. Horowitz spoke about Mr. Simko's resignation and wished him well.

Ms. Gensel spoke about Mrs. Warren's retirement and wished her well.

A. Approval of Substitutes			
Name	Position	Rate	Dates
Lynda Breckinridge	Substitute Teacher & Substitute Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	9/1/20-6/30/21
Jennifer Delaney		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	
Alexa Harwood		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem	
Jennifer Luceri		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	
Alyssa Murray		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	
Lorraine Savitt		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	
Farreen Seirafi		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	
Nadia Zakhary		\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	

B. Approval of Revision of Spring Teacher Academy Presenter					
Name	Account #	Position	From	To	Discussion
Ludmila Battista	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 1 hour	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	Fluency

C. Approval of Revision of ESY Hours							
Name	Account #	Position	Hours	Location	From	To	Dates
Bernadette McGovern	11-000-213-104-03-078-800	ESY Bus Nurse	As needed basis	District	\$30 per hour (not to exceed 36 hours)	\$30 per hour (not to exceed 36 hours per week)	7/1/20- 8/30/20

D. Approval of Videographer for Board of Education Meetings			
Name	Account Number	Salary	Dates
John Beisler	11-000-230-104-01-000	\$24.39 per hour	7/1/20-6/30/21

E. Approval of Maternity Leave				
Employee #	Account #	Type of Leave	Dates	Discussion
5343	11-230-100-101-01-072-090	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA Unpaid Leave	10/12/20-12/4/20 12/7/20-3/5/21 3/8/21-6/30/21	Estimated date of return will be 7/1/21

F. Approval of Resignation				
Name	Account #	Position	Location	Effective Date
Michael Simko	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Social Studies Teacher	BCMS	6/30/20

G. Approval of Extended School Year Bus Drivers		
Name	Rate	Dates
Antonio Cornacchia	\$31.09	7/1/20-8/31/20 (As needed)
Angelica DeNino	\$31.09	
Joyce Engesser	\$32.08	
Lucyna Nauerz	\$32.08	
Susan Reid	\$32.08	
Olga Sanchez-Gruszka	\$30.71	

H. Approval of Extended School Year Bus Aides		
Name	Rate	Dates
Catherine Leeds	\$13.24	7/1/20-8/31/20 (As needed)
Faith Moeller	\$13.24	
Nancy Vermeulen	\$13.24	

I. Approval of Revision of Maternity Leave				
Employee #	Account #	From	To	Discussion
5744	11-000-218-104-01-141-090	FMLA/NJFLA: 9/1/20-11/16/20	FMLA/NJFLA: 9/1/20-11/16/20 Unpaid Leave: 11/17/20-2/26/21	Estimated date of return will be 3/1/21

J. Approval of Retirement			
Name	Account #	Position	Effective Date
Debra Warren	11-000-213-104-01-123-020	School Nurse	8/31/20

K. Approval of Additional ESY Hours						
Name	Account Number	Position	Hours	Location	Rate of Pay	Dates
Margaret Ryan	11-213-100-101-03-078-600	ESY Staff for IEP Meetings	As needed	District	\$45.00 per hour	7/6/20-8/13/20
Margaret Ryan	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	ESY Counselor-LCSW	As needed	District	\$63.68 per hour (not to exceed 30 hours)	7/6/20-8/31/20
Janet Hoffman Debra Warren	11-000-213-104-03-078-800	ESY Shared School Nurses	As needed	District	\$63.68 per hour \$63.28 per hour (not to exceed 96 hours total)	7/6/20-8/31/20

L. Approval of Summer Stipend Position							
Name	Account Number	Position	Hours	Location	Rate of Pay	Dates	
Zach Miracle	20-231-100-101-02-648	Course Completion Teacher	2.5 hours a day for 10 days	District	\$45 per hour	7/13/20-8/31/20	

M. Approval of Personnel							
Name	Account #	Position	Location	Step/Level	Salary	Dates	Discussion
Jaclyn Furnari	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Science Teacher	BCMS	1/150	\$60,835	9/1/20-6/30/21	Replacing Sarah O'Halloren

XII. BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma 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 July 14, 2020 and discussed the following:

- Items on the agenda;
- Current and future projects;
- Boiler and rooftop HVAC project at Branchburg Central Middle School has been completed with the exception of minor tweaks;
- Cove molding replacement at Branchburg Central Middle School has been completed in-house;
- Board of Education parking lot paving project;
- Mason repairs at Branchburg Central Middle School;

- Music room conversion;
- Principal's conference room at Branchburg Central Middle School split A/C system;
- Partition wall replacement in the auxiliary gym at Branchburg Central Middle School;
- HVAC upgrade and masonry repairs at Stony Brook School;
- Window replacement project at Stony Brook School;
- Cove molding replacement at Whiton Elementary School has been completed in-house;
- Painting the gym and cafeteria at Whiton Elementary School;
- Whiton Elementary School LED lighting upgrades for the interior;
- Security cameras at the Transportation Department will be connected;
- New parking lot at Old York School;
- 2020/2021 budget agenda items;
- Reduction in state aid;
- Architect's presentation for the window replacement project at Stony Brook School;
- Midland Adult School is looking for additional space;
- Revision to the Architect's fee for the window replacement at Stony Brook School;
- The Before and Aftercare School program regarding what will be allowed and what will not be allowed before and after school;
- Use of the outdoor fields in the fall;
- Old York School well.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period June 24, 2020 through June 28, 2020, totaling \$678,273.57, and for the period June 29, 2020, totaling \$74,924.63.

B. 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 July 16, 2020 through August 20, 2020 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 20, 2020 and with the approval and consent of the Superintendent of Schools, and then present said bills to the Board at the August 20, 2020 meeting for ratification.

C. Approval of Use of District Owned Motor Vehicles

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is authorized by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.12. to assign District-owned motor vehicles to certain supervisory employees whose job duties require that they be on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that Samad Mobley, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, and Robert Cline, Supervisor of Transportation, by their job duties qualify for the assignment of a District-owned motor vehicle pursuant to the regulation aforesaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following District-owned motor vehicles are hereby assigned as indicated:

- Samad Mobley - 2005 Ford F-250, 2009 Ford F-250, 2016 Ford F-250, 2017 Ford F-250 or 2019 Ford F-350
- Robert Cline – 2019 Ford Transit Van

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this assignment shall remain in effect for as long as deemed necessary and approved by the Superintendent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by accepting this assignment, the staff members identified herein shall assume all obligations set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.12, including but not limited to:

- (a) maintenance of vehicle use logs in order to accurately record all usage of each vehicle, including the driver, mileage, and starting and destination points;
- (b) limitation of use primarily for business purposes; however, incidental and reasonable personal use is permitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education may terminate this assignment at any time, without need of demonstrating good cause.

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

It is recommended that the Board approve a revised proposal submitted by Settembrino Architects, for the Window Replacement Project at Stony Brook School in the amount of \$76,750, 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.

E. Approval of Architect Services for the Parking Lot Expansion Project at Old York School

It is recommended that the Board approve a proposal submitted by Settembrino Architects, for the Parking Lot Expansion Project at Old York School in the amount of \$38,500, plus reimbursable expenses, to be paid by purchase order through Account #12-000-400-450-07-612, and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

F. Approval of Purchase of 2020 Ford F350 Truck

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-350 SRW (F3B) XL 4WD Reg Cab 8' Box truck from Beyer Ford in Morristown, NJ which is part of the Educational Services Commission of NJ, ESC Co-Op #65MCESCCPS at a total cost of \$53,138.89, to be paid by purchase order, through account # 12-000-261-730-10-609 and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

G. Approval of Paving of the Board of Education Parking Lot

It is recommended that the Board approve Murray Contracting LLC, which is part of the ESCNJ 18/19-66 State Approved Coop #65 MCESCCPS to pave the Board of Education Office Parking Lot at a total cost of \$113,856.07, to be paid by purchase order, through account # 12-000-400-450-04-612 and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

H. Approval of Painting of the Whiton Elementary School Gym and Cafeteria

It is recommended that the Board approve Onpointe Service Group to paint the Whiton Gymnasium and Cafeteria - Interior painting of walls and ceilings at a total cost of \$31,000, to be paid by purchase order, through account # 11-000-261-420-08-411 and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

I. 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 (SREC) and recommends that the contract be awarded to Howard Fleischer, Managing Partner NJSREC.com for the sale of 57 Solar Renewal Energy Credits at a price of:

- NJ 2019 Energy Year SREC (June 2019-November 2019)
29 credits @ \$223.25 per credit.
- NJ 2019-2020 Energy Year SREC (December 2019-June 2020)
28 credits @ \$223.25 per credit.

For a total of \$12,725.25.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education President is authorized to execute the Contracts with the Secretary on behalf of the Board.

J. Approval of Amendment to the Agreement with Delta Dental of New Jersey

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Delta Dental of New Jersey, pursuant to its terms, for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

K. Approval of Donation from LIXIL Group

It is recommended that the Board approve 120 face shields for district wide use, to be donated by LIXIL Group.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Lynch reached out to the Board regarding the Harlan School Road property and the importance the land could be as an immense resource to the community and the children of Branchburg schools.

Jennifer Rutledge, 2019 South Branch Road, asked when families will be receiving information on what the children will need for the start of school, such as school supplies, class lists and before and aftercare programs. She also asked for clarification on how students going to daycare are able log in for the distance learning.

Melissa Franco asked for clarification of the two cohort group schedules.

Shannon Oliver, 501 Horizon Way, asked the Board what type of face coverings teachers, students and staff will be using while in the school.

Carmine D'Urso, 5 Oak Tavern Circle, expressed his concerns regarding the upcoming school year's curriculum, and number of days the students will be attending school, in particular, why only half days and not full days on the abbreviated schedule? He also asked the Board about the paving of the Board of Education parking lot.

Mike Fania, 862 Parsonage Hill Road, expressed to the Board some of his concerns regarding the return to school plan. He also asked if there will be a school/township committee formed to study property tax refunds for residents giving the additional economic burden of virtual learning for parents and half day sessions.

Susan Smullen, 164A Preakness Circle, asked why the classes are being split alphabetically and not by grade. She also highly recommends mandatory zoom or google meet sessions during standard class time, and the district should keep core classes a priority for in person days.

Jaspreet Kaur and Sandeep Singh asked if parents will be given the option to decide if their child will participate in school or at home. They also inquired about how social distancing in the classroom and on the bus will be implemented.

Deborah Glicklich, Science Teacher at Branchburg Central Middle School, expressed her concerns regarding the restart of school. She asked about the HVAC systems at all the schools, and if the schools are being cleaned by the mandated CDC regulations.

Jessica Gallico, 20 Watchung Trail, asked if the schools had air conditioning, who makes the decision for reopening Somerville High School, and will parents/residents have input regarding the reopening of Somerville High School. She also asked about the legalities of live streaming during the cohort.

Hannah Dailey, 217 Grandview Drive, expressed her concerns about live streaming education.

RandiLee Childers, Branchburg Township Education Association President, thanked Debra Warren for her years of dedicated service to the Branchburg Township Board of Education. She also thanked Rebecca Gensel for the having her completely involved in the reopening plan.

Alison Maider, 11 Shale Hill Road, expressed her concerns regarding the early dismissal schedule and classroom balance. She also asked about confidentiality issues with in-class live streaming.

Bindu Shah, 506 Barton Lane, had questions regarding single session days, and also asked questions with respect to Rebecca Gensel's email that was sent to parents.

Beth Meyers, 528 Horizon Way, wanted to know if a conversation can take place between the Branchburg and Somerville Police Departments regarding having more than one passenger in the car during this health crisis.

Cheryl Stedtler, 14 Forest Lane, asked how will the utilization of substitutes be handled regarding substitute teacher training. She also asked what the classroom procedure would be should a teacher, student or family member test positive for the virus.

Dawn Eelman, 2nd grade teacher at Whiton Elementary School, thanked the Board of Education for working with the teachers and staff and to provide the best possible environment for everyone.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Carpentier spoke about the following New Jersey School Boards Association items:

- There is a County meeting scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; and
- There are sample policies listed on the NJSBA website for review.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the following Branchburg Township committee meeting topics:

- The number of COVID-19 cases in the township; and
- The closing of the parks along the river.

Ms. Gensel said the Emergency Management Planning Committee met where they discussed working with the Branchburg Township Health Officer and School Liaison from the Branchburg Township Police Department to help with the return to school planning. She said they are working with the district to put together the guidelines the district will need to follow should someone within the school community test positive for the virus.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the Delegate Assembly meeting she attended on June 27, 2020.

XV. BOARD FORUM

Mr. Sarles said he has five children and is concerned about what they will be doing for the return to school, but he is confident in the thoroughness of the administration to do what is best for the students.

Mrs. Purohit said there is no easy solution during this time. No one size fits all, but she does have the confidence that the administration will continue to work through the situation with the teachers and staff and to follow the regulations in the best interest of the children.

Mrs. Phelps said she is going to try and join the Somerville High School restart committee along with Mrs. Fabriczi.

Mrs. Phelps wished Mr. Simko well, and said he will be missed.

Mr. Tuma spoke about the following:

- He said the administration is doing the best they can with limited guidance from the State. He asked parents to have faith and confidence that the district is doing everything to make sure the students are safe and educated to the best of their abilities under the guidelines they need to follow;
- Mr. Tuma wished Mr. Simko well; and
- He thanked Samad Mobley and the facilities team for all the work they are doing to make sure the schools are ready for restart.

Mr. Carpentier thanked everyone on the Restart Committees.

Mrs. Curcio said the Restart Committees and the Health and Wellness Committees want to assure parents that the district is doing everything they possibly can to keep the children educated, healthy and socially together.

Mr. Horowitz said all the public comments received shows how the community has come together in ways never before and shows how everyone wants what is best for the students.

Ms. Gensel is appreciative of the community effort as the district problem solves tough situations.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the following:

- She wished Mr. Simko well and stated he will be missed;
- She asked the community to bear with the district;
- She said parents should feel free to reach out to principals and supervisors with any concerns; and
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second Executive Session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Sarles, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Linskey
School Business Administrator/Board