

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 13, 2022

**Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

On a motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 7:12 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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, Kristen Fabriczi, Theresa Joyce, Robert Maider, Carmela Noto, Keerti Purohit and Jonathan Sarles.

The following members were absent: Cathy Curcio and Olga Phelps.

Also present were: Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Elizabeth Nastus and Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary Thomas M. Venanzi.

**II.** The Secretary called the roll.

**III. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 7:33 p.m. with 9 members of the public present.

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

**V.** Statement of Adequate Notice

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Matthew Barbosa, Principal of Branchburg Central Middle School, introduced Megha Shankri, a Branchburg Central Middle School student, who won the Great Middle School Voice Off contest. Mrs. Updegrave, Gifted and Talented Enrichment Teacher, spoke about the program Megha won.

There was a recorded performance by the Branchburg Central Middle School Chamber Orchestra.

Dr. Nastus gave a presentation on the 2021/2022 Student and Safety Data System report.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jessica Gallico spoke to the Board about the following:

- Thanked the Board for all their hard work, and recognized the Board for School Board Recognition Month;
- She spoke about the LinkIT workshop listed on the agenda for the February 18, 2022 District Ed Camp; and
- She asked the Board to be more transparent to the parents and community about what kind of workshops, or what kind of curriculum the district is providing for our educators and students.

**VIII. GOVERNANCE**

Motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit 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 Mr. Carpentier abstaining on Items VIII.A, VIII.B. and VIII.D., Mrs. Noto abstaining on Items VIII.B. and VIII.D., and Mr. Sarles abstaining on Items VIII.B. and VIII.D.

Mrs. Joyce said the committees have been put together, and they are working on getting the first committee dates set.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of January 3, 2022.

<b>B. Approval of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report</b>			
<b>Building</b>	<b>Incident #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
BCMS	SSDS# 012324	11/24/21	BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent that this incident did meet the criteria of H.I.B. as defined in N.J.18A:37-14.

**C. School Board Recognition Month**

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2022 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Branchburg Township Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Branchburg Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Branchburg Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2022 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Branchburg Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children’s education.

**D. Parent Appeals**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Branchburg Township Board of Education has conducted a hearing on an appeal of a finding of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying in SSDS #000473 for parents of TP (ID #4813271162) and EF (ID #7585988215), and hereby affirms the Board’s decision of December 2, 2021, and denies both parents appeal.

**IX. POLICY**

There was no Policy Committee report.

**X. EDUCATION**

Motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit 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. Noto abstaining on Items X.B., X.C. and X.E.

There was no Education committee report.

<b>A. Approval of 2021-2022 Out of District Program</b>					
Program/Location	Account Number	Student ID #	Tuition	Dates	Total Cost
Rutgers Day School/University Behavioral Health Care Piscataway, NJ	11-000-100-562-03-105-000	1137705037	\$51,450	12/13/21- 6/30/22	\$51,450

<b>B. Approval of Outside Presenters for 2/18/22 District Ed Camp</b>			
Name	Account #	Cost	Workshop
David Mwangi and Kelly Brower	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$1,050	Google Suite
Learning A-Z (Lazel)		\$300	Headsprout
Learn Thru Movement		\$300	Math & Movement PK-1
Charles Candy		\$700	Health/Physical Education
Frank Morano	N/A	N/A	Supporting Your LGBTQIA+ Students
Rhonda Newton			Introduction to STEM Cases (Explore Learning Gizmos)
NJ Bar Foundation			Talking About Race
Dr. Janet Oussaty			T'ai Chi Chih
Nick Bruno			Edpuzzle 101
Adrienne Strafaci			LinkIT
Robert Friedman			Radiating Positivity, Time Management

<b>C. Approval of Vendors</b>				
Vendor	Account Number	Cost	Dates	Discussion
Academy of Social Emotional Learning Bridgewater, NJ	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$4,250	1/18/22- 6/30/22	9 Meetings - \$300 each 2 Parent Programs - \$400 each 1 half day In Person Professional Development - \$750
The Uncommon Thread Sterling, NJ	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	\$72,600	2/1/22- 8/31/22	Maternity Leave Replacement for BCBA

<b>D. Approval of Student Teacher</b>					
Name	College/University	Certification	Location	Dates	Discussion
Cathleen Murphy	TCNJ	Elementary School Teacher in Grades P-3	WES	1/24/22-5/6/22	Cooperating Teacher: Lauren Bockus 450 hours required

### **E. 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
Symposium on Evidence Based Practices in Afterschool & Summer Learning Programs Virtual	Jennifer Anderson 20-270-200-500-02-649	1/26/22	\$75	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$75
Catching Up Your Students with Disabilities Who have Fallen Behind Virtual	Robert Katz 20-270-200-500-02-649	3/24/22	\$279	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$279
Learning Together SEL Workshops Virtual	Amy McLaughlin 20-270-200-500-02-649	1/25/22 2/1/22 2/8/22 2/15/22	\$250	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$250

<b>F. Approval of Contracted Educational Service</b>					
Vendor	Account Number	Student ID#	Rate	Effective Date	Discussion
Learn Well Summit, NJ	11-150-100-320-03-069-020	7130617798	\$64.51 per hour	1/21/22	Homebound contracted instruction, 5 hours per week.

## XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit that Items XI.A. through XI.G., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items XI.A. through XI.G., were unanimously approved by Roll Call, with Mrs. Noto abstaining on Item XI.D.

There was no Human Resources Committee report.

<b>A. Approval of Non-Athletic Stipend</b>					
Name	Account Number	Position	Stipend	Dates	Discussion
Eli Schaffer	11-401-100-101-01-078-020	Chamber Orchestra	\$2,825 (prorated)	1/14/22-5/31/22	Replacing Regina Santangelo

<b>B. Approval of Substitutes</b>			
Name	Position	Rate	Dates
Michael Simko	Substitute Teacher/Substitute Instructional Aide (subject to delivery of documents)	\$110/\$90 per day	1/14/22-6/30/22
Chelsea Wojciechowski	Substitute Teacher/Substitute Instructional Aide (subject to delivery of documents)	\$110/\$90 per day	1/14/22-6/30/22

<b>C. Approval of Maternity Leave</b>				
Employee #	Account Number	Type of Leave	Dates	Discussion
5744	11-000-218-104-01-141-090	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence Personal Days NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA Unpaid Leave	4/19/22-6/7/22 6/8/22-6/10/22 6/13/22-11/23/22 11/28/22-6/30/23	Estimated date of return is 9/1/23

<b>D. Approval of EdCamp 2/18/22 In-House Presenters</b>			
Name	Account #	Rate	Discussion
Kristen Allen	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Structured Literacy & Typical Literacy Practices: Understanding Differences to Create Instructional Opportunities
Kelly Boyle	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	New Children's Books to Excite Your Readers
Kelly Boyle	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Shifting the Balance 101
Kristen Cardona	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Podcasting in the Classroom
Marie Cinque	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	What's New in Young Adult Literature 2022
Marie Cinque	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	5 Instructional Strategies
Marie Cinque	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Standards-Based Grading: Ideas for Middle School
Lauren DePrima	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Increasing Independence and Motivation in Students with Learning Differences
Lauren DePrima	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	The Middle Schooler's Brain: Memory, Retention, & Learning
Allison Elik	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Better Worksheets with Wizer.me
Alexandra Gallo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 40 minutes)	Social Skill Teaching in the Time of COVID
Amy Garner	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Morphology: What does it Mean?
Kathleen Gaston	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Let Me Choose!

D. Approval of EdCamp 2/18/22 In-House Presenters			
Name	Account #	Rate	Discussion
Kathleen Gaston	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	MyProgressPal!
Douglas Haan	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	How Many Plates Can Our Students Spin? An Overview of Executive Functioning Capacities & the Use of the Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach to Help Create the Spin
Douglas Haan	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Welcome to Holland: Gaining Perspective From Parents Raising Students Who Are "Unique Learners" in Our School Communities
Shannon Heaney	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Better Worksheets with Wizer.me
Elizabeth Janiec	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	SEL Activities for K to 5
Leigh Keely	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Best Practices in Small Group Math Instruction (Grades 4-8)
Kristen Kinsella	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 40 minutes)	Social Skill Teaching in the Time of COVID
Lauren Knoke	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Soft Start
Erica Landesberg	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Daily Math Thinking Routines
Erica Landesberg	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Math Rich Problem Solving Tasks
Heather Lilly	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Morphology: What Does it Mean?
Marissa McKenna	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	New Children's Books to Excite Your Readers
Amy McLaughlin	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	The SEL 3 Signature Practices
Vincenzina Mlenak	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Using Background Knowledge and Media to build Comprehension
Wendy Michels	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Master the Media Center Makerspace
Meredith Molinaro	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 40 minutes)	Social Skill Teaching in the Time of COVID
Randi Morin	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Ways to Incorporate Tech
Danielle Puglisi	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Standards-Based Grading: Ideas for Middle School
Danielle Puglisi	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Best Practices in Small Group Math Instruction (Grades 4-8)
Danielle Puzzo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Vocabulary in Math Instruction
Danielle Puzzo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Moving Beyond Memorization to Build Fact Fluency
Catherine Relfo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Math Moves: How to Support Student Thinking Through Effective Conferences
Alyssa Riva	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Creating Measurable Objectives with ZipGrade
Brienne Rodriguez	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Vocabulary in Math Instruction
Amanda Roper	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Integrating Social and Emotional Learning With Reading and Writing (Grades K-3)
Isabella Russo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Co-Teaching
Meghan Russo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Time to CREATE: Mindful Art Making For the Educator
Meghan Russo	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Add SEL to Your Classroom: How to Incorporate Art-Based Social Emotional Learning Into ANY Classroom
Maggie Ryan	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours)	Self-Regulation Interventions for Children & Adolescents
Emily Williams	20-270-200-500-02-649	\$41 per hour (not to exceed 1 hour)	Co-Teaching

E. Approval of Revision of Maternity Leave			
Employee #	Account Number	From	To
5745	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 1/3/22-1/26/22 Personal Days: 1/27/22, 1/28/22, 1/31/22 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 2/1/22-5/4/22 Unpaid Leave of Absence: 5/5/22-5/31/22 Date of Estimated Return: 6/1/22	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 1/3/22-2/1/22 Personal Days: 2/2/22, 2/3/22, 2/4/22 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 2/5/22-5/10/22 Unpaid Leave of Absence: 5/11/22-5/26/22 Date of Estimated Return: 5/31/22

F. Approval of Personnel							
Name	Account Number	Position	Step	Level	Salary	Dates	Discussion
Mackenzie Storms	11-213-100-101-01-057-020	Special Education Teacher	1	150	\$61,599 (prorated)	2/11/22-6/30/22	Replacing Devra Hobbs
Isabella Stuart (Subject to delivery of documents)	11-213-100-106-01-057-090	Instructional Aide	1	NA	\$13,939.06 (prorated)	1/18/22-6/30/22	Replacing Tara Prunty

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G. Approval of Retirement				
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Effective Date
Judy Buffa	11-120-100-101-01-012-090	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher	WES	6/30/22

## XII. BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Maider, seconded by Mrs. Purohit that Items XII.A. through XII.I. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items XII.A. through XII.I. were approved by Roll Call, with Mrs. Noto abstaining on Item XII.F.

There was no Business Committee Report.

### A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period January 4, 2022 through January 13, 2022, totaling \$1,573,801.09, and for the period January 15, 2022 through February 1, 2022, totaling \$863,618.75, and ratify the Payroll for the period January 1, 2022 through January 14, 2022, totaling \$997,421.29.

### B. Secretary's Report

The Report of the Secretary for December 2021 has been submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3) I, Thomas M. Venanzi, Interim 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 December 2021 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

### C. Treasurer's Report

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2021 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 December 2021.

### E. Monthly Transfer Report

It is recommended that the Board approve the December 2021 Monthly Transfer Report.

**F. Approval of Change Orders**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following change orders:

Contract: HVAC Replacement at Stony Brook  
 Contractor: H & S Construction & Mechanical  
 Change Order Number: 001  
 Change Order Amount: \$60,660.73 (part of allowance, no change  
 in contract amount)

## Description:

- PCO#7: Shift differential and time (\$60,660.73)

Amount of Allowance on Contract:	\$150,000.00
Amount of previous change orders deducted:	\$ 0
Amount of this change order:	\$ 60,660.73
Remaining Allowance on Contract:	\$ 89,339.27

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Contract: HVAC Replacement at Stony Brook  
 Contractor: H & S Construction & Mechanical  
 Change Order Number: 002  
 Change Order Amount: \$2,379.30 (part of allowance, no change  
 in contract amount)

## Description:

- PCO#8: Infills at Room A10 and A10 corridor (\$2,379.30)

Amount of Allowance on Contract:	\$150,000.00
Amount of previous change orders deducted:	\$ 60,660.73
Amount of this change order:	\$ 2,379.30
Remaining Allowance on Contract:	\$ 86,959.97

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Contract: HVAC Replacement at Stony Brook  
 Contractor: H & S Construction & Mechanical  
 Change Order Number: 003  
 Change Order Amount: \$13,072.61 (part of allowance, no change  
 in contract amount)

## Description:

- PCO#9: Stone at Electrical Pad (\$887.90)
- PCO#11: Replacement of Boiler Room Door (\$3,960.60)
- PCO#12: Boiler Room Pipe Supports (\$8,224.11)

Amount of Allowance on Contract:	\$150,000.00
Amount of previous change orders deducted:	\$ 63,040.03
Amount of this change order:	\$ 13,072.61
Remaining Allowance on Contract:	\$ 73,887.36

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Contract: HVAC Replacement at Stony Brook  
 Contractor: H & S Construction & Mechanical  
 Change Order Number: 004  
 Change Order Amount: \$37,108.16 (part of allowance, no change  
 in contract amount)



Description:

- PCO#13: CST Room Soffit (\$2,553.85)
- PCO#14: Pressure Test Required by Utility Co. (\$5,236.25)
- PCO#15: Cost increase for Glycol (\$3,120.00)
- PCO#16: Electrical changes due to interferences (\$4,872.56)
- PCO#17: BMS Controller Upgrade (\$21,325.50)

Amount of Allowance on Contract:	\$150,000.00
Amount of previous change orders deducted:	\$ 76,112.64
Amount of this change order:	\$ 37,108.16
Remaining Allowance on Contract:	\$ 36,779.20

**G. Approval of Nonpublic Security Purchases**

**WHEREAS**, the Branchburg Township Board of Education received nonpublic security aid for Kangaroo Kids in the amount of \$2,975.00 from the State of New Jersey in FY 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey directed the Branchburg Township Board of Education having nonpublic schools within its boundaries, the responsibility for providing security services, equipment, or technology to help ensure a safe and secure environment for students attending nonpublic schools within the limits of the funds provided by this program in the FY 2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Kangaroo Kids representatives, along with the SCESC consultant, reviewed the proposed security expenditures with the Business Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey requires that the local Board of Education authorize the specific nonpublic expenditures for each of these grant awards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Branchburg Township Board of Education authorize the following nonpublic expenditures:

**Kangaroo Kids**

**All Basic Concepts, LLC:**

Item: Door Security System and Installation	
Quantity: 1 @ \$720.00	\$ 720.00
Total:	<u>\$ 720.00</u>

**Alpha Fire & Security Systems:**

Item: 32 Channel HDTVI DVR	
Quantity: 1	
Item: 4TB Hard Drive	
Quantity: 1	
Item: 2 Channel Power Supply	
Quantity: 1	
Item: BNC Connection Extensions	
Quantity: 1	
Item: Surge Protection/Battery Backup Standby UPS	
Quantity: 1	
Item: Remote Viewing Set Up	
Quantity: 1	

Total: \$2,100.00  
Funded: \$2,975.00; Expending: \$2,820.00

**H. Approval of Nonpublic Technology Purchase**

**WHEREAS**, the Branchburg Township Board of Education received nonpublic technology aid for Kangaroo Kids in the amount of \$714.00 from the State of New Jersey in FY 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey directed the Branchburg Township Board of Education having nonpublic schools within its boundaries, the responsibility for providing security services, equipment, or technology to help ensure a safe and secure environment for students attending nonpublic schools within the limits of the funds provided by this program in the FY 2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Kangaroo Kids representatives, along with the SCESC consultant, reviewed the proposed technology expenditures with the Business Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey requires that the local Board of Education authorize the specific nonpublic expenditures for each of these grant awards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Branchburg Township Board of Education authorize the following nonpublic expenditures:

**Kangaroo Kids**

**Winsor Learning:**

Item: Sondag System E – Kindergarten Digital	
Quantity: 1 @ \$595.00	\$595.00
SCESC Admin. Fee (Up to 5%)	\$ 32.73
Shipping, Handling & Processing:	<u>\$ 59.50</u>
Total:	<u>\$687.23</u>
Funded: <u>\$714.00</u> ; Expending: <u>\$687.23</u>	

**I. Approval to Pay Bills**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, the Board of Education approves Thomas Venanzi, Interim School Business Administrator, to issue payment of bills for January 14, 2022 through February 17, 2022 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 17, 2022, and with the approval and consent of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, then present said bills to the Board at the February 17, 2022 meeting for ratification.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shawn McInerney, President and CEO of The Midland Adult School, spoke to the Board about the concerns and issues they are having with the Old York School building they lease from the district.

Mike Becker spoke to the Board about the following:

- He appreciates the decision to bring the students back to a regular school day;
- He asked the Board to consider releasing the mask mandate for the students; and

- Stressed how important it is to consider keeping the gyms open when schools are closed for students to have their sports practices.

Sarah Wasserman spoke to the Board about the following:

- She highlighted some of the amazing work the teachers are doing;
- She spoke about Social Emotional Learning; and
- She spoke about the dress code meeting she attended at Branchburg Central Middle School.

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

Mrs. Fabriczi said she was sworn in at the Somerville Board of Education meeting; and that their committees have been set.

Mr. Carpentier reminded everyone to complete their mandated training if they are required to do so.

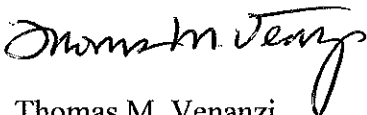
#### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no second Executive Session.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Marder, seconded by Mr. Sarles, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas M. Venanzi  
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary