

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 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. Horowitz, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 6:31 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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, Keerti Purohit, Jonathan Sarles and Charles Tuma.

The following members were absent: None

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Gensel, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Theresa Linskey and Board Attorney David Rubin (Executive Session Only)

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 6:32 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:05 p.m.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gensel did a presentation on the 2019-2020 (January through June) Student Safety Data System Report.

Ms. Gensel did a presentation on The Road Back, which addressed what the district has done to prepare for the return of the students and staff in September.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Purohit that Item VIII.A. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Item VIII.A. was approved by Roll Call.

Mrs. Joyce addressed correspondence she received from teachers in the district asking why the Board meeting was not being held in person.

Mrs. Joyce and Ms. Curcio attended the Restart Committee meeting earlier in the day, and shared a picture to show how the meeting was being conducted in the school.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of July 16, 2020.

IX. POLICY

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Purohit that Item IX.A. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Item IX.A. was approved by Roll Call.

Mr. Horowitz discussed in detail the policies listed on the agenda for First Reading.

A. Policy and Regulations First Reading		
Policy/Regulation	Title	Discussion
Policy1648	Pandemic Reopening and Recovery (M)	New
Policy 1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families (M)	New

X. EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Horowitz, 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. Fabriczi abstaining on Item X.D.

There was no Education Committee report.

A. Approval of Student Teachers					
Name	College/University	Certification	Location	Dates	Discussion
Katelyn Neu (subject to delivery of documents)	Rutgers University	School Nurse Certification	SBS	9/1/20-12/30/20	Clinical Preceptor Janet Hoffman
Ling Zhang (subject to delivery of documents)	Kean University	School Nurse Certification	SBS	9/1/20-11/30/20	Clinical Preceptor Janet Hoffman

B. 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	
The Educational Services Commission of NJ/ Future Foundation Academy Piscataway, NJ	11-000-100-562-03-105-000	8196428032 9751134352	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$57,420.00 \$57,420.00	\$40,680.00 \$2,146.00	9/4/20- 6/19/21	\$157,666.00
The Midland School North Branch, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	3700266864	N/A	\$1,705.00	7/6/20- 8/14/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,705.00
The Eden School Princeton, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000- 20-250-100-500-03-644	3373948778	\$13,536.88	N/A	7/6/20- 8/22/20	\$89,440.10	\$15,840.00	9/9/20- 6/24/21	\$118,816.98

C. Approval of Acceptance of Out of District Students for 2020-2021 School Year				
Sending District	Student ID #	SY Tuition	SY Dates	Total Tuition
Hillsborough School District Hillsborough, NJ	8148312032	\$22,149.00	9/8/20-6/30/21	\$22,149.00
Milltown School District Milltown, NJ	4259684500	\$59,852.05	9/8/20-6/30-21	\$59,852.05

D. Approval of Revision of Student Teacher						
Name	College/University	Certification	Location	Dates	From	To
Devan Barbuto (subject to delivery of documents)	The College of New Jersey	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-5	SBS	9/8/20-12/11/20	Cooperating Teacher Irene Korol	Cooperating Teacher Carrie Figel

E. Approval of 2020-2021 Out of District Program ESY/SY						
Program/ Location	Account Number	Student ID #	ESY and SY Tuition	ESY and SY Extra Services	ESY and SY Dates	Total Cost
The Lewis School Princeton, NJ	11-000-100-566-03-109-000	3790598139	\$44,600	\$9,169	7/6/20-5/28/21	\$53,769

F. 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
Seize this Moment to Learn and Teach the Skills of Powerful Digital Reading Online	Lauren Knoke 20-270-200-500-02-649	8/17/20	\$100	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100
Tap the Power of Book Clubs on Graphic Novels Online	Lauren Knoke 20-270-200-500-02-649	8/18/20	\$100	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100
Adapting Fairy Tales Online	Lauren Knoke 20-270-200-500-02-649	8/19/20	\$100	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

There was no Human Resources report.

A. Approval of Substitutes			
Name	Position	Rate	Dates
Lorien Holderbaum	Substitute Teacher & Substitute Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	9/1/20-6/30/21
John Marsigliano	Substitute Teacher & Substitute Instructional Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem (subject to delivery of documents)	9/1/20-6/30/21

B. Approval of Resignations				
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Effective Date
Laurie Acosta	11-213-100-106-01-057-020	Instructional Aide	BCMS	7/13/20
Rachael Johnston	11-213-100-101-01-057-060	Special Education Teacher	SBS	10/8/20 or sooner
Megan Melchione	11-215-100-106-01-059-090	Instructional Aide	WES	7/23/20
Elizabeth Urbanski	11-213-100-101-01-057-020	Special Education Teacher	BCMS	10/15/20 or sooner

C. Approval of Case Managers for Summer Work					
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Rate	Effective Date
Heather Lilly Michelle Nash	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Case Manager	District	\$53.29 \$48.37 (not to exceed 30 hours each)	7/29/20-8/30/20

D. Approval of ESY Additional Hours for CST Staff

Name	Account Number	Position	Location	From	To
Heather Lilly	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	LDTTC	District	\$53.29 per hour (not to exceed 90 hours) 7/1/20-8/31/20	\$53.29 per hour (not to exceed 110 hours) 8/21/20-8/31/20
Michelle Nash	11-000-219-104-03-087-340	Psychologist	District	\$48.37 per hour (not to exceed 90 hours) 7/1/20-8/31/20	\$48.37 per hour (not to exceed 110 hours) 8/21/20-8/31/20

E. Approval of Personnel

Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Step/Level	Salary/Rate	Dates	Discussion
Alison Beebe	11-230-100-101-01-072-090	Leave Replacement Instructional Support Teacher	WES	2/150	\$60,835 (prorated)	9/1/20- 11/17/20	Leave replacement for Employee #5648
Jill Datesman	11-000-270-160-01-462 11-000-270-161-01-470	Bus Driver (subject to delivery of documents)	Transportation	1/NA	\$29.95 (4.75 hours per day)	9/1/20- 6/30/21	Replacing Martha Brown
Kristen Kinsella	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Maternity Leave Guidance Counselor (subject to delivery of documents)	WES	1/150	\$60,835 (prorated)	9/1/20- 2/26/21	MLR for Employee #5744
Emily Loughman	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Maternity Leave Math Teacher (subject to delivery of documents)	BCMS	1/150	\$60,835	9/1/20- 6/30/21	MLR for Employee #5497
Maura McLaughlin	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Social Studies Teacher (subject to delivery of documents)	BCMS	6/150	\$64,310	9/1/20- 6/30/21	Replacing Michael Simko
Ruth Pluymers	11-230-100-101-01-072-090	Leave Replacement Instructional Support Teacher	WES	1/BA	\$56,685 (prorated)	10/5/20- 6/30/21	MLR for Employee #5343
Deborah Squier	11-000-270-160-01-462 11-000-270-161-01-470	Bus Driver	Transportation	2/NA	\$30.14 (4.75 hours per day)	9/1/20- 6/30/21	Replacing Sheila Taylor
Denise Shaughnessy	11-000-213-104-01-123-090	School Nurse (subject to delivery of documents)	WES	7/150	\$64,310	9/1/20- 6/30/21	Replacing Susan Petrilli
Ling Zhang	11-000-213-104-01-123-020	School Nurse (subject to delivery of documents)	BCMS	1/212	\$65,135	9/1/20- 6/30/21	Replacing Debra Warren

F. Approval of Summer Curriculum Writing

Name	Account Number	Position	Hours	Rate	Dates
Richard DeSantis	11-000-221-104-02-213-999	Summer Social Studies Curriculum Writing Grades 6-8	Up to 6 hours as needed	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$246 total)	8/21/20-8/31/20

G. Approval of Revision of Maternity Leave

Employee #	Account Number	Type of Leave	Dates	From	To
5343	11-230-100-101-01-072-090	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA Unpaid Leave	10/5/20-12/4/20 12/7/20-3/5/21 3/8/21-6/30/21	Estimated date of return will be 7/1/21	Estimated date of return will be 9/1/21

H. Approval of Non-Athletic Stipends

Name	Account Number	Location	Position	Stipend (not to exceed)
Christopher Boehm	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	WES	Specials Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Kristen Cardona	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	BCMS	Innovators Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Michael Clark	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	SBS	Specials Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Dawn Eelman	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	WES	2 nd Grade Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Carrie Figel	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	SBS	5 th Grade Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Melissa Fitzgibbon	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	WES	1 st Grade Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Tara Forsyth	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	WES	3 rd Grade Team Leader	\$2,149.00
John Gottshalk	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	SBS	4 th Grade Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Jodi Harwood	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	WES	Pre-K Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Shannon Heaney	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	BCMS	6 th Grade Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Kristyn Perello	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	BCMS	Pathfinders Team Leader	\$2,149.00

H. Approval of Non-Athletic Stipends				
Name	Account Number	Location	Position	Stipend (not to exceed)
Lisa Quinn	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	WES	Kindergarten Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Justin Rogoff	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	BCMS	Olympians Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Deborah Volpe	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	BCMS	The Force Team Leader	\$2,149.00
Kelly Boyle Marie Cinque Lauren Knoke Erica Landesberg Danielle Puglisi	11-000-221-104-01-210-999	District	Curriculum Specialists	\$3,018.02 each

I. Approval of Athletic Stipend			
Name	Account Number	Position	Stipend
Kristen Cardona	11-402-106-101-01-093-060	Athletic Director	\$41 per hour (not to exceed \$8,274)

J. Approval of Revision of Summer Hours							
From	To	Account Number	Position	Location	Rate	Dates	Discussion
Kathleen Gaston Devra Hobbs Jennilyn Nelson Danielle Puglisi Margaret Ryan Elizabeth Urbanski	Kathleen Gaston Devra Hobbs Zachariah Miracle Jennilyn Nelson Danielle Puglisi Margaret Ryan Elizabeth Urbanski	11-000-218-104-01-142-020	Advisory Revisions	BCMS	\$45 per hour (not to exceed 45 hours total)	7/1/20-8/31/20	Revision of Advisory program for middle school. Added Zachariah Miracle.

K. Approval of Summer/Fall Teacher Academy Presenters				
Name	Account Number	Position	Rate	Discussion
Kristen Allen	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Technology for Teaching: Phonics, Morphology, and Structured Literacy
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 15 hours	Book Study: The Distance Learning Playbook K-12
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Re-imagining K-2 Literacy Instruction
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	What's New with the ELA and SS curriculum K-2
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	A Way to Ignite a Passion for Reading, Build Community, and Teach Tech Tools
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Getting Started Teaching Foundations in a Hybrid Classroom
Marie Cinque	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Michelle Dooley	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 1.5 hours	Conferring in the Elementary Math Classroom
Michelle Dooley	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Learn to Grow: A Diversity Book Club Fostering Acceptance, Respect and Understanding
Kathleen Gaston	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Share the Pear! Using Pear Deck to enhance student learning!
John Gottshalk	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Creating Pre-Recorded Lessons with Nearpod
Beth Janiec	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Google Forms for Beginners
Beth Janiec	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Live Jamming with Jamboard
Beth Janiec	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Beginner Tips for Creating Interactive Google Docs and Slides
Lauren Knoke	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Lauren Knoke	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Getting Started Teaching Foundations in a Hybrid Classroom
Lauren Knoke	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 15 hours	Book Study: The Distance Learning Playbook Grades 3-5
Erica Landesberg	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Erica Landesberg	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Google Classroom Organization and Basics
Erica Landesberg	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Using Seesaw for Remote Learning & In the Classroom
Kate Mileto	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Learn to Grow: A Diversity Book Club Fostering Acceptance, Respect and Understanding

K. Approval of Summer/Fall Teacher Academy Presenters (continued)				
Name	Account Number	Position	Rate	Discussion
Lucy Plaza	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	Connecting with Students through Surveys, Self-and Group-Reflections, Individual and Group Feedback
Breanne Pratt	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Meeting Learner's Needs (Virtually)
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Be a Mentor in Branchburg!
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Make Your Gmail Work for You
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Flip Your Classroom with Edpuzzle
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Flipgrid 101: Bring Student Voice Into Your Classroom
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Creative Uses of Flipgrid in Classroom Instruction
Catie Rello	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Choral Counting Grades K-3
Catie Rello	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 1.5 hours	Conferring in the Elementary Math Classroom
Catie Rello	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	Counting Collections
Suzanne Updegrove	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	WeVideo1: Basics of WeVideo
Suzanne Updegrove	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	WeVideo2: 10 Ways to Use WeVideo

L. Approval of Extra Duty Pay				
Name	Account Number	Position	Rate	Discussion
Kelly Boyle	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Marie Cinque	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Kenneth Forsyth	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Alexandra Gallo	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Deborah Glicklich	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Janet Hoffman	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Lauren Knoke	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Erica Landesberg	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Kristyn Perello	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Danielle Puglisi	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation
Catie Rello	11-000-223-104-02-210-999	Teacher	\$41 per hour not to exceed 2 hours	New Hire Orientation

M. Approval of 2020-2021 Transfers			
Name	From	To	Dates
Monita Haduch	BCMS Instructional Aide 11-204-100-106-01-059-020	SBS Instructional Aide 11-213-100-106-01-057-060	9/1/20-6/30/21
Emily Williams	BCMS Special Education Teacher 11-204-100-101-01-154-020	SBS Special Education Teacher 11-213-100-101-01-157-060	9/1/20-6/30/21

N. Approval of Status Change					
Name	Account Number	Position	From	To	Effective Date
Antonio Cornacchia	11-000-270-160-01-462	Bus Driver	Part-Time	Full-Time	9/1/20

XII. BUSINESS

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

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

Mr. Tuma said the Business Committee met on August 19, 2020 and discussed the following:

- Building and Grounds;
- Budget revision;

- Kevin Settembrino, Settembrino Architects, gave a presentation on the Stony Brook School window replacement options;
- Review of the transportation parking lot;
- Kevin Settembrino gave a presentation on the Stony Brook School HVAC replacement;
- Reviewed current, future and outstanding capital projects;
- Reduction in state aid;
- The Midland Adult School's request for additional space;
- Demographic study;
- Residency violations; and
- Old York School well.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020, totaling \$1,039,494.42, and for the period August 1, 2020 through August 20, 2020, totaling \$716,678.50, and ratify the Payroll for the period July 1, 2020 through July 15, 2020, totaling \$189,940.44, and for the period of July 16, 2020 through July 30, 2020, totaling \$191,846.73.

B. Secretary's Report

The Report of the Secretary for June 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 June 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

C. Treasurer's Report

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

E. Monthly Transfer Report

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

F. 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 20, 2020 through September 3, 2020 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 3, 2020 and with the approval and consent of the Superintendent of Schools, and then present said bills to the Board at the September 3, 2020 meeting for ratification.

G. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Equipment

It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution authorizing the disposal of Equipment through GovDeals.

WHEREAS, the School District is the owner of the equipment which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of selling said equipment in “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Branchburg Township in the County of Somerset, as follows:

- (1) The sale of Equipment shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Board of Education.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) The equipment to be sold is as follows:

1 Brute Force Total Gym	1 Nordic Track
2 Kettler Pole Exercise Bikes	1 Foosball Table
2 Kettler Ellipticals	1 Gopher Ultrafit Pull Up Bar
2 Nautilus Exercise Bikes	1 Kohler and Campbell Piano
1 Kelvinator 18 cubic foot Refrigerator	

- (5) The equipment identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said equipment.
- (6) The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

H. Approval of Shared Services Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Somerville Board of Education authorizing Somerville to provide the services of an Attendance Officer for their respective school districts for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 at a cost of \$70 per hour with terms and conditions set forth therein.

I. Approval for Transfer from Unassigned General Fund Surplus

WHEREAS, the Branchburg Board of Education, desires to transfer \$137,070 from Unassigned General Fund Surplus which will offset the reduction to 2020-2021 state aid.

J. Approval of the 2020-2021 Memorandum of Understanding with The Jointure

It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with The Jointure to provide before and after care services at Branchburg Central Middle School, Whiton Elementary School and Stony Brook School effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

K. Approval of Donation from Branchburg Parent Teacher Organization

It is recommended that the Board approve the donation of items for the remodel of the Stony Brook School faculty room, to be donated by the Branchburg PTO.

L. Approval of Whiton Elementary School Lighting Project

It is recommended that the Board approve Tri-State LED, which is a member of ESCNJ 18/19-39 Co-op, to provide the LED light fixtures for the Whiton Elementary School per Project #20834, at a total cost of \$60,041.84, to be paid by purchase order, through account #12-000-400-450-08-612 and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

M. Approval of Whiton Elementary School New Gym Floor

It is recommended that the Board approve Commercial Interiors Direct Inc. which is part of the ESCNJ 19/20-05 Bid #186 to install Tarkett Omnisports gym flooring per proposal #24860 at Whiton Elementary School a total cost of \$94,417.16, to be paid by purchase order, through account # 12-000-400-450-08-612 and sufficient funds are available in the 2020-2021 budget.

N. Approval of Transportation Jointure with Bridgewater/Raritan Board of Education

It is recommended that the Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Branchburg Township Board of Education and the Bridgewater/Raritan Board of Education for the following 2020-2021 routes.

Host	Service	Cost to Somerset Hills
Branchburg Township Board of Education	Transportation To-and-From Celebrate the Children Denville, New Jersey September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	\$288.00 per day (184 Days) Totaling: \$52,992.00

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Randi Lee Childers, 68 Tussel Lane, Scotch Plains, District Teacher of the Deaf and Branchburg Township Education Association President, said she is grateful to have been part of the district’s planning for the reopen of school. The Board played a video of Mrs. Childers where she read a BTEA Member Letter of Concern.

Lisa Leibowitz, 17 Llanfair Lane, Ewing, expressed her appreciation to the Board for the excellent, pertinent questions asked regarding the return to school plan.

Victoria Lyons, 118 Crestwood Avenue, thanked the Board for their thorough planning and preparations to keep the students and staff safe. She asked how many students would be riding the buses, would like information on parent drop off/pickups, temperature checks, as well as how can class parents be involved as volunteers in assisting the schools.

Alison Maider, 11 Shale Hill Road, expressed her concern about working parents, and not being able to supervise the class lessons throughout the day. She asked how parents can support their children so that they are learning and being productive while parents are working.

Nicole Kepner, 2311 Monica Place, Scotch Plains, expressed her concerns about the beginning of the school year being in person. She also expressed her concern about the Board's decision to hold tonight's Board meeting virtual and not in person.

Staci Hammer, 2327 S. Branch Road, asked if the Board will publish the percent by school of families opting for all the remote option versus the hybrid schedule.

Bindu Shah, 506 Barton Lane, expressed his concerns regarding the HVAC air filtration system, plexiglass installations, symptoms testing and contact tracing. He also asked if the district is considering 100% virtual like the Flemington and Hillsborough School Districts.

Cristina Pernini, Whiton Elementary School Teacher, asked why the Board of Education meetings are still being held virtually. She also asked about the district's cleaning resources and supplies.

Carmine D'Urso, 5 Oak Tavern Circle, asked if there has been a decision on how remote learning will be handled with Kindergarten, how will a teacher in any grade level be handling questions a child may have, and how is the district handling multi-sensory education for students who require this when they are on a computer.

Deborah Glick, 8th Grade Science Teacher, shared her concerns about having only one nurse in each school building and the isolation areas in the schools.

Jennifer Solbert, 1 D'Angelo Drive, asked if the district can explain what the remote learning will look like. She asked if it will be live-streaming, self-directed learning, and if children will be required to log on at certain times or if their work can be done at their own pace.

Gretchen Keller, 5 Pine Ridge Drive, asked if the nurse at Branchburg Central Middle School is a registered nurse, since she will also be doing student teaching at Stony Brook School.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Fabriczi said there was a Special Board meeting for the Somerville Board of Education where they discussed the following:

- The school reopening plan; and
- There was a vote on the budget adjustment.

Mrs. Fabriczi spoke about the following highlights from the August 18, 2020 Somerville Board of Education meeting:

- Public comments discussion regarding the Somerville High School girls gymnastic team;
- Public comments regarding virtual Board of Education meetings;
- There was a professional development presentation on curriculum;

- Student Safety Data Systems Report presentation;
- September school opening was approved by the State; and
- State aid reduction.

Mr. Horowitz discussed the following:

- He welcomed the new PTO webmaster;
- He thanked the PTO for their donation of remodeling the faculty room at Stony Brook School; and
- He read a list of items the PTO provided the teachers.

Mrs. Joyce said, at the Branchburg Township Committee meeting, there was public comment regarding the return to schools in person.

Ms. Gensel said at the Emergency Management Planning meetings, the following were discussed:

- Procedures that need to be in place to open schools; and
- The district is working closely with the Liaison from the Branchburg Township Police Department and the Branchburg Township Health Department.

XV. BOARD FORUM

Mrs. Purohit acknowledged the hard work that went into the school reopening plan. She thanked the parents, teachers and community for their participation in getting the schools ready to open.

Mr. Horowitz echoed Mrs. Purohit comments regarding the hard work that went into the school reopening plan. He thanked the teachers, administration and community for their input and interest in making a successful and safe school opening.

Mr. Carpentier thanked everyone for their hard work in making a safe school opening.

Mr. Tuma read facts from the Branchburg Board of Health report dated August 14, 2020.

Mrs. Fabriczi thanked Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Curcio for the incredible amount of hours they both put in to help put the school opening plan together.

Mrs. Curcio said she was empathetic to the struggles teachers are facing right now in making a decision as to what to do. She thanked Mrs. Fabriczi for her kind words, and said she is appreciative of everyone who participated in making the school opening work for the students and the community.

Mr. Sarles spoke about the following:

- He said we should accept what we don't know and focus on what we do know;
- The district has made every kind of precaution necessary to be beneficial for this year and upcoming school years with the improvements of the HVAC units;
- He gave a shout out to the Branchburg Sports Complex for putting together a program that is going to help a lot of families who need coverage during the work day; and
- He thanked the teachers and staff for their great work for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Gensel said she had a great appreciation for what the staff has been doing, and that we are all doing the best we can do.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the following:

- The Somerville School District’s choice to go all virtual does not rest with the Board of Education. The Department of Education asks the districts to make a plan that meets certain criteria, and submit it for approval to see if the district is able to hold some type of in person classes;
- She went over some emails from parents and staff members;
- She said the State decides the guidelines for safe school openings;
- She thanked the Board for their support;
- The next Board meeting will be held on September 3, 2020; and
- There will be further discussion regarding future virtual/in person Board meetings.

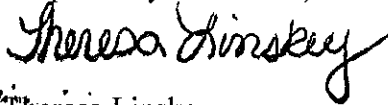
XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second Executive Session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Horowitz, seconded by Mr. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Linskey
School Business Administrator/Board