

Branchburg Township School District
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2023

Executive Session – 6:00 p.m.

Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mrs. Shah, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to public session at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board Vice 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: Puja Desai, David Dugan, Theresa Joyce, Kristen Fabriczi, Robert Mairer, Bindu Shah and Charles Tuma.

The following members were absent: Vincent Carpentier and Carmela Noto.

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Chase and Business Administrator/Board Secretary Sally Dolan.

II. The Secretary called the roll.

III. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mrs. Shah, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene to Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts and Legal Issues.

On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 7:31 p.m.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Chase introduced the Principals and Vice Principals of each school, who presented awards to the recipients of the “2022/2023 Governor’s Educator of the Year”, and the “2022/2023 Governor’s Educational Services Professional of the Year”.

The recipients of the “2022/2023 Governor’s Educator of the Year” award are as follows:

- Lauren Bockus – Whiton Elementary School
- Carrie Santoro – Stony Brook School
- Nicole Kepner – Branchburg Central Middle School

The recipients of the “2022/2023 Governor’s Educational Services Professional of the Year” award are as follows:

- Heather Rogalski – Whiton Elementary School
- Robin DiBetta – Stony Brook School
- Danielle Puglisi – Branchburg Central Middle School

Mrs. Dee Shober, Principal of Whiton Elementary School, spoke kindly about Lauren Bockus, and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the students and the district.

Mr. Chris Derflinger, Vice Principal of Whiton Elementary School, spoke kindly about Heather Rogalski, and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the students and the district.

Mrs. Kristen Kries, Principal of Stony Brook School, spoke kindly about Carrie Santoro and Robin DiBetta, and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the students and the district.

Mr. Matthew Barbosa, Principal of Branchburg Central Middle School, spoke kindly about Nicole Kepner, and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the students and the district.

Mrs. Beth Stanton, Vice Principal of Branchburg Central Middle School, spoke kindly about Danielle Puglisi, and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the students and the district.

The Board congratulated the recipients on behalf of the Branchburg Township Board of Education.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma 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 unanimously approved by Roll Call, with Mrs. Desai abstaining on Item A (April 17, 2023 Minutes only), Mr. Dugan abstaining on Items B and C; Mrs. Fabriczi abstaining on Items A and C; Mr. Maider abstaining on Item A, Mrs. Shah abstaining on Item B, and Mr. Tuma abstaining on Item B.

Mrs. Joyce reminded the Board members of the 2023 New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop in October, and highly recommends, if they are able, to attend.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of March 16, 2023, and Minutes of the Executive Session of April 17, 2023.

B. Approval of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report			
Building	Incident #	Date	Discussion
SBS	SSDS 045931	2/7/23	BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent that this incident did not meet the criteria of H.I.B. as defined in N.J. 18A:37-14.
SBS	SSDS 050853	3/2/23	BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent that this incident did not meet the criteria of H.I.B. as defined in N.J. 18A:37-14.
BCMS	SSDS 049638	2/14/23	BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent that this incident did not meet the criteria of H.I.B. as defined in N.J. 18A:37-14.
BCMS	SSDS 049303	2/23/23	BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent that this incident did not meet the criteria of H.I.B. as defined in N.J. 18A:37-14.
BCMS	SSDS 053069	3/2/23	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. Approval of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Parental Appeal of March 16, 2023			
Building	Incident #	Date	Discussion
SBS	SSDS# 016192	12/19/22	BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education has conducted a hearing on an appeal of a finding of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying for parents of Student ID# 4502133510, and hereby confirms the Board's decision of March 16, 2023, and denies the parent appeal.

IX. POLICY

Motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma that Items IX.A. and IX.B. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items VIII.A. and VIII.B. were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mr. Dugan discussed Items A and B on the agenda. He said all policies are statutorily mandated outlined by the District's policy vendor, to comply with changes that were made to the New Jersey Administrative Code.

He said these policies are available to view on the District's website.

A. Policy and Regulations Second Reading		
Policy/Regulation	Title	Discussion
P 0152	Board Officers	Revised

B. Policy and Regulations First Reading		
Policy/Regulation	Title	Discussion
P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M)	Revised
R 8420.2	Bomb Threats (M)	Revised
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (M)	New
R 8420.10	Active Shooter (M)	New

X. EDUCATION

Motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma 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.

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
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Matthew Barbosa 11-000-240-580-02-000-020	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Lauren Bockus 11-000-223-580-08-144-090	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Chris Derflinger 11-000-240-580-02-000-020	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Robin DiBetta 11-000-223-580-05-144-060	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Nicole Kepner 11-000-223-580-04-144-020	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Kristen Kries 11-000-240-580-02-000-020	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Erica Landesberg 11-000-221-580-02-189-999	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00

Conferences/Workshops (continued)	Employee/ Account Number	Date(s)	Registration Fee	Hotel	Meals/Exp.	Tolls/Parking /Mileage	Total
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Danielle Puglisi 11-000-223-580-04-144-020	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Heather Rogalski 11-000-223-580-08-144-090	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Ceremony Branchburg, NJ	Carrie Santoro 11-000-223-580-05-144-060	5/4/23	\$40.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
2023 Literacy Conference Hackettstown, NJ	Katie O'Shea 20-270-200-500-02-649	4/21/23	\$99.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$99.00
2023 Literacy Conference Hackettstown, NJ	Ruth Pluymers 20-270-200-500-02-649	4/21/23	\$99.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$99.00
NJ Assoc. of Learning Consultants, Spring Conference Bridgewater, NJ	Tara Bisson 11-000-219-580-03-001-999	4/28/23	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$165.00
NJ Assoc. of Learning Consultants, Spring Conference Bridgewater, NJ	Heather Lilly 11-000-219-580-03-001-999	4/28/23	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$165.00
NJ Assoc. of Learning Consultants, Spring Conference Bridgewater, NJ	Anthony Maiorano 11-000-219-580-03-001-999	4/28/23	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$165.00
NJ GMIS 2023 Educational Technology Conference Somerset, NJ	John Beisler 11-000-252-580-09-145	4/20/23	\$50.00	N/A	N/A	\$6.49	\$56.49
NJ GMIS 2023 Educational Technology Conference Somerset, NJ	Christopher Jacobsen 11-000-252-580-09-145	4/20/23	\$50.00	N/A	N/A	\$10.90	\$60.90
NJ GMIS 2023 Educational Technology Conference Somerset, NJ	Eric Schaefer 11-000-252-580-09-145	4/20/23	\$50.00	N/A	N/A	\$11.61	\$61.61
Reimagining MTSS: Responsive Instruction in Literacy Virtual	Kelly Boyle 20-488-200-500-02-00	4/26/23	\$299.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$299.00
Reimagining MTSS: Responsive Instruction in Math Virtual	Catherine Rello 20-488-200-500-02-00	4/27/23	\$299.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$299.00
New Jersey's Warming Climate New Brunswick, NJ	Kristen Cardona Climate Grant	4/27/23	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$150.00
New Jersey's Warming Climate New Brunswick, NJ	Allison Elik Climate Grant	4/27/23	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	\$15.98	\$165.98

Conferences/Workshops (continued)	Employee/ Account Number	Date(s)	Registration Fee	Hotel	Meals/Exp.	Tolls/Parking /Mileage	Total
New Jersey's Warming Climate New Brunswick, NJ	Danielle Puglisi Climate Grant	4/27/23	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	\$15.98	\$165.98
New Jersey's Warming Climate New Brunswick, NJ	Breanne Szatkowski Climate Grant	4/27/23	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$150.00
Anti-Bullying Specialist Certificate Program Virtual	Jennifer Anderson 11-000-221-580-02-189-999	4/21/23	\$500.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$500.00
NJASBO Conference Atlantic City, NJ	Sally Dolan 11-000-251-580-01-585	6/6/23 - 6/9/23	\$275.00	\$255.00	\$206.00	\$132.44	\$868.44
Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Virtual	Erica Landesberg 20-270-200-500-02-649	5/5/23	\$125.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125.00
Phonological Awareness Virtual	Amanda Roper 20-270-200-500-02-649 20-488-200-500-02-00	6/1/23- 6/2/23	\$66.36 \$533.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$66.36 \$533.64
Planting Seeds for Stress Relief Somerville, NJ	Margaret Ryan N/A	4/18/23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. Approval of Student Teachers					
Name	College/University	Certification	Location	Dates	Discussion
Alec Aloia	Moravian University	Speech Language Specialist	District	1/15/24- 4/26/24	Cooperating Teacher: Meghan Castellano
Macy Conklin	Centenary University	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6 & Students with Disabilities	WES	9/1/23- 6/30/24	Cooperating Teachers: Chelsea Smith (Practicum-Fall) Dawn Eelman (Student Teaching- Spring) Amanda Perez (Student Teaching- Spring)
Gabriella Fiallos	Raritan Valley Community College	Occupational Therapist	District	9/27/23- 12/7/23	Cooperating Teacher: Diane Scholp, 45 clinical hours total
Tanya Priego	Centenary University	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6 & Students with Disabilities	WES/SBS	9/1/23- 6/30/24	Cooperating Teachers: Marissa Larramendia (Practicum- Fall) Irene Korol (Student Teaching- Spring) Stephanie Formus (Student Teaching-Spring)

C. Approval of Field Trips			
Trip	Coordinator	Grade	Purpose
Branchburg Central Middle School Branchburg, NJ	Alice Willard	1-3 GATE	All GATE students in grades 1-8 participate in GATE Date which is an opportunity for students to work cooperatively to solve problems that apply their creativity, task commitment and higher level thinking.

C. Approval of Field Trips (continued)			
Trip	Coordinator	Grade	Purpose
Harbor Hills Picnic Grove Mendham, NJ	Matthew Barbosa	8	8th grade picnic.
Sweet Melissa Lebanon, NJ	Carolyn McGirl	6-8	Enrichment Day Activity.
Somerville High School Somerville, NJ	Janice Monetti Jenn Nelson	8	Mixer with Somerville Middle School 8th graders to orient students with their future classmates.
Stony Brook School Branchburg, NJ	3rd Grade Teachers	3	Orientation and visit to future school.
Branchburg Central Middle School Branchburg, NJ	5th Grade Teachers	5	Orientation and visit to future school.
Gateway National Sandy Hook, NJ	Lucyna Plaza	6-8	35th Spring Summit - Clean Ocean

D. Approval of Vendor				
Vendor	Account Number	Cost	Dates	Discussion
Somerset County Educational Services Commission Bridgewater, NJ	11-000-219-320-03-181-340	\$400 each (not to exceed \$4,000)	3/27/23-6/30/23	5 Educational Evaluations 5 Social History Evaluations
Chris Cross Kids, LLC Stewardsville, NJ	11-000-21-320-03-181-340	\$9,120 (not to exceed)	4/24/23- 6/30/23	OT Service for IEP Students

E. Approval of Service Project				
School	Group	Event Coordinator	Dates	Purpose
BCMS	Art Club	Meghan Russo	4/21/23- 5/19/23	Project Paw and Draw. The Art club will be drawing/painting animals available for adoption from St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center to raise awareness of pets available. They will also be collecting items for the animals to donate to the center.

F. Approval of Acceptance of Grant Funds					
Grantor	Grant Name	Requester	Location	Check #	Amount
Branchburg Education Foundation	2023 Memorial Day Commemoration	Nina Manger	SBS	1316	\$242.26

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma that Items XI.A. through XI.I., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

There was no Human Resources Committee report.

A. Approval of Personnel							
Name	Account Number	Position	Step	Location	Salary/Rate	Dates	Discussion
Kristen Burgess	11-000-240-105-01-336-020	Secretary	3	BCMS	\$69,888.00	7/1/23-6/30/24	Replacing Debra Jacobsen
Jill Liedtka (subject to delivery of documents)	11-000-251-100-01-529	Assistant School Business Administrator	N/A	BOE	\$72,250.00	5/19/23 (or sooner) - 6/30/23	Replacing Patricia Rodgers
Mary Spitz	11-204-100-106-01-059-090	Instructional Aide	8	WES	\$22,749.09 (Full-Time)	4/4/23-6/30/23	Replacing Kyrstin Schuster

B. Approval of Retirements				
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Effective Date
Joyce Flood	11-000-217-106-01-000-090	Instructional Aide	WES	6/30/23
Dianne Litts	11-213-100-101-01-057-060	Special Education Teacher	SBS	6/30/23
Debra Molinaro	11-000-240-105-01-339-060	Secretary	SBS	6/30/23
Rhonda Sherbin	11-230-100-101-01-072-020	Instructional Support Teacher	BCMS	6/30/23
Cindee Straube	11-110-100-101-01-001-090	Kindergarten Teacher	WES	6/30/23

C. Approval of Resignation				
Name	Account Number	Position	Location	Effective Date
Lauren DePrima	11-000-216-101-01-063-020	Speech Language Pathologist	BCMS	6/30/23

D. Approval of Extra Duty Pay				
Name	Account	Rate	Dates	Discussion
Kim Gislao	11-000-217-106-01-000-090	\$18.03 per hour (not to exceed 4 hours)	3/7/23, 3/28/23, 4/25/23, 5/9/23	Training with BCBA and Autism Teacher to best support student needs
Diana Gurumendy	11-000-217-106-01-000-090 11-214-100-106-01-059	\$19.74 per hour (not to exceed 4 hours)	3/7/23, 3/28/23, 4/25/23, 5/9/23	Training with BCBA and Autism Teacher to best support student needs
Karen Perlman	11-215-100-106-01-059-090	\$17.82 per hour (not to exceed 4 hours)	3/7/23, 3/28/23, 4/25/23, 5/9/23	Training with BCBA and Autism Teacher to best support student needs
Isabella Stuart	11-214-100-106-01-059-090	\$17.27 per hour (not to exceed 4 hours)	3/7/23, 3/28/23, 4/25/23, 5/9/23	Training with BCBA and Autism Teacher to best support student needs

E. Approval of Revision of Leave			
Employee #	Account Number	From	To
5597	11-120-100-101-01-012-060	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 2/24/23-4/24/23 Personal Days: 4/25/23-4/26/23 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 4/27/23-10/10/23 Date of Return: 10/11/23	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 2/24/23-4/20/23 Personal Days: 4/21/23, 4/24/23, 4/25/23 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 4/26/23-10/6/23 Date of Return: 10/9/23
5872	11-120-100-101-01-012-060	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 3/24/23-5/8/23 Personal Days: 5/9/23-5/10/23 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 5/11/23-6/16/23	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence: 3/22/23-5/8/23 Personal Day: 5/9/23 NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA: 5/10/23-6/16/23 Date of Return: 9/1/23

F. Approval of Leave				
Employee #	Account Number	Type of Leave	Dates	Discussion
4588	11-213-100-106-01-057-060	Paid Sick Leave	4/28/23-6/9/23	Estimated date of return is 6/12/23
5932	11-000-270-160-01-462	Paid Sick Leave Personal Days FMLA	4/17/23-4/19/23 4/20/23-4/24/23 4/25/23-4/28/23	Estimated date of return is 5/1/23

G. Approval of Substitute			
Name	Position	Rate	Dates
Amanda Grace (subject to delivery of documents)	Substitute Teacher/Substitute Instructional Aide	\$125/\$115 per day	2/3/23-6/30/23

H. Approval of Revision of Retroactive Pay					
Name	Account Number	Position	From	To	Discussion
Kenneth Forsyth	11-130-100-101-01-021-020	Social Studies Teacher	\$22,975	\$20,210	Revision of retroactive pay due to 22-23 being paid during regular retro payment on 3/30/23

I. Approval of the Abolishment of one Health Office Assistant Position

It is recommended that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9, and due to reasons involving the end of ESSER funding, that the Board approve the abolishment of the position of one Health Office Assistant position, effective July 1, 2023.

XII. BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma that Items XII.A. through XII.H. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

There was no Business Committee report.

Dr. Chase thanked the Rotary Club for their donation and support to the district.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period March 17, 2023 through March 29, 2023, totaling \$60,786.98, and for the period March 30, 2023 through March 31, 2023, totaling \$2,013,602.54, and for the period March 31, 2023, totaling \$444,998.00, and for the period April 1, 2023 through April 11, 2023, totaling \$292,909.08, and for the period April 12, 2023 through April 20, 2023, totaling \$441,471.21, and ratify the Payroll for the period March 16, 2023 through March 30, 2023, totaling \$381,399.53, and for the period March 16, 2023 through March 31, 2023, totaling \$1,005,041.92.

B. Approval of 2022-2023 Personnel Appointment

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Position	4/3/23 – 6/30/23
Custodian of Records	Sally Dolan
Public Agency Compliance Officer	
Purchasing Agent	

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 2023-2024 school year with funding to be paid through account #11-000-213-330-01-129, and sufficient funds are available in the 2023-2024 budget.

D. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. to Purchase School Supplies

It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc., to purchase school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$5,360 for licensing and maintenance, to be paid for through Account #11-000-230-890-01-294, and sufficient funds are available in the 2023-2024 budget.

E. Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves a settlement in the matter of P.B. v. Somerville Borough Board of Education, in the amount not to exceed \$5,717.32 for tutoring costs for the period of March 20, 2023 through June 16, 2023.

F. Approval of Acceptance of School Climate Change Pilot Grant

It is recommended that the Branchburg Township Board of Education approve the acceptance of the School Climate Change Pilot grant in the amount of \$6,660, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education.

G. Approval of Donation from the Rotary Club of Branchburg

It is recommended that the Board approve acceptance of a donation of school spirit wear and snacks for Branchburg students from the Rotary Club of Branchburg, with thanks for their generosity.

H. Approval of Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

It is recommended that the Board approve a Resolution with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for participation in coordinated transportation for the 2023-2024 school year.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan Bauer of Branchburg, spoke to the Board about her concerns regarding a book her 8th grade daughter was to read as an assignment.

Shawn McInerney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midland, asked about the status of their lease agreement.

Lisa Giranda of The Jointure, asked about the status of their lease agreement.

Randi Lee Childers, President of the Branchburg Township Education Association, acknowledged the retirees and staff resignation listed on the agenda. She said they will all be missed, and wished them well.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Fabriczi spoke about the following Somerville highlights:

- The 2023/2024 tuition rate for Somerville High School students is \$19,402 per pupil;
- Somerville will be starting a Policy Committee; and
- Dr. Richard Brockel will be the Acting Superintendent until June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Shah said the Harlem Wizard's basketball game went very well.

Mrs. Joyce said there is a County meeting on May 18, 2023, and recommends the Board to attend.

Mrs. Desai said the Read-A-Thon fundraiser is now finished, and that the fundraiser will support grants for Somerville and Branchburg teachers.

Mrs. Desai also reminded everyone of the May 6, 2023 Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser at Raritan Valley Community College.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second Executive Session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Shah, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sally Dolan
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
4/20/2023