

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**April 9, 2020
Executive Session – 5:30 PM
Public Session – 6:30 PM
Administration Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

_____	Ms. Cherry	_____	Mrs. Hobson	_____	Mr. Laughlin
_____	Dr. Connors	_____	Mr. Johnson	_____	Mr. Patel
_____	Mr. Fields	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____	Ms. Smith

II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

HEREBY BE IT KNOWN that the Piscataway Township Board of Education has complied with the notification requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the announcement of this meeting date and place on April 7, 2020 in the following manner:

- ◆ Posting of the public notice on the posting board for the Board of Education in the Administration Building
- ◆ Email notification to the newspaper serving Piscataway, The Home News Tribune
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

Due to the declaration of a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, this meeting is being conducted via video conference and will be recorded. This recording is not an official record or supplement to the minutes and is intended only as a source of information that the public might utilize at a later date to familiarize themselves with the Board's activities.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of review and discussion of the personnel agenda, litigation, HIB monthly reports, and other matters pursuant to law N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

Motion to adjourn:

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene:

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

V. STUDENT PRESENTATION

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Calvin Laughlin

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "" through "", be approved as presented:

	Moved _____		Seconded _____	
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>	
Ms. Cherry	_____	Mr. Johnson	_____	Ms. Smith
Dr. Connors	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____	Mr. Patel
Mr. Fields	_____	Mr. Laughlin	_____	Mrs. Hobson
	Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ralph Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

Business Meeting	March 12, 2020
Executive Session	March 12, 2020

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every Board meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes' duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have

been heard. The Board may require that individuals register to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Participants may submit written material in support of their position.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Motion to close:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XIII. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Tom Connors

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” through “E”, be approved as presented:

A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the following disbursements for the month of March, 2020 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 2,448,064.19
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 146,635.72
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 308,457.76
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 132,494.51
Payroll: March 15, 2020	\$ 3,713,038.85
Payroll: March 30, 2020	\$ 3,816,210.62
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,507,675.30
Total	\$12,072,576.95

B. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY’S/TRANSFERS/CASH RECONCILIATION REPORTS

1. Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9

BE IT RESOLVED that the following reports be approved and filed for audit:

Secretary’s/Transfers Report February, 2020

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above report be accepted as submitted and that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. *Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9*

BE IT RESOLVED that the following report be approved and filed for audit:

Cash Summary Report February, 2020; Dated February 28, 2020

C. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Explanation:

Local Boards of Education are required to approve non-public school technology purchases made using technology non-public funds that flow through the local public school district. The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey assists the Piscataway Township Board of Education in purchasing items requested by non-public schools within our jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves The Goddard School's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 5 Lightning to Digital AV Adapters for a total amount of \$245.00 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

D. APPROVAL OF SUBSCRIPTION BUS RATE FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education offers subscription bussing, on a first-come first-served basis for open available seats on established bus routes, to district students who reside at a distance from their school less than the State mandated mileage for free bus service. The Transportation Department monitors the open available seats on each individual bus route on a regular basis to offer subscription bussing to those who apply throughout the year, while maintaining seats for anticipated increased enrollment. The current rate is \$425.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the subscription bussing rate of \$425 for the 2020-2021 school year.

E. APPROVAL OF BID PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS

Explanation:

The following work is necessary to facilitate the New Entrance Doors at Five Schools project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following change order for District Bid Projects:

Vendor	C/O #	Project	Location	Description	Amount
Ascend Construction Management, Inc.	1	New Entrance Doors at Five Schools	Arbor Intermediate School, Eisenhower Elementary School, Knollwood Elementary School, Piscataway High School & Randolphville Elementary School	Additional Security Work/Equipment, Credit to District for using 90 degree CMU, and closeout of unused allowance	(\$14,220.59)

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

Dr. Connors _____	Mrs. Lane _____	Ms. Cherry _____
Mr. Fields _____	Mr. Laughlin _____	Mr. Patel _____
Mr. Johnson _____	Ms. Smith _____	Mrs. Hobson _____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XIV. POLICY – Brenda Smith

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item “”, be approved as presented:

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

Mr. Fields _____	Mr. Laughlin _____	Dr. Connors _____
Mr. Johnson _____	Ms. Smith _____	Mr. Patel _____
Mrs. Lane _____	Ms. Cherry _____	Mrs. Hobson _____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XV. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item “”, be approved as presented:

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

Mr. Johnson _____	Ms. Smith _____	Mr. Fields _____
Mrs. Lane _____	Ms. Cherry _____	Mr. Patel _____
Mr. Laughlin _____	Dr. Connors _____	Mrs. Hobson _____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XVI. PUPIL SERVICES – Nitang Patel

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “” be approved as presented:

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

Mrs. Lane _____	Ms. Cherry _____	Mr. Johnson _____
Mr. Laughlin _____	Dr. Connors _____	Mr. Patel _____
Ms. Smith _____	Mr. Fields _____	Mrs. Hobson _____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XVII. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Kimberly Lane

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” and “B”, be approved as presented:

A. APPROVAL OF HIB REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education affirms the Superintendent’s recommendation with respect to Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying matters discussed in executive session at the March 12, 2020 meeting.

B. RESOLUTION OPPOSING DELAY IN TRANSMISSION OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 17th Legislative District’s representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Mr. Laughlin	_____	Dr. Connors	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____
Ms. Smith	_____	Mr. Fields	_____	Mr. Patel	_____
Ms. Cherry	_____	Mr. Johnson	_____	Mrs. Hobson	_____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Comments from the Board

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XX. MEETING DATES & TIMES (Subject to revision)

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

April 30, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 6, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 7, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
May 14, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
June 1, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 4, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 10, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 11, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
June 16, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm

Note: The Board opens its business meetings at 7:00 PM and regularly convenes an executive session to discuss items that are specified in its motion to convene an executive session. The Board normally reconvenes in public session at 8:00 PM. All business meetings of the Board of Education shall be considered action meetings.