

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**April 30, 2020
Executive Session – 6:00 PM
Public Session – 7:00 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 24, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

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 _____

X. PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET –
Tom Connors

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item "A", be approved as presented:

- A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF THE 2020–2021 TAX LEVY
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Explanation:

Having held a public hearing on the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:22-10 the Board shall fix and determine by a recorded roll call majority vote of its full membership the amount of money to be raised for the budget according to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-32.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey to approve the 2020-2021 school district budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$130,992,358	\$94,047,918
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 8,091,644	-
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 3,632,550</u>	<u>\$ 3,632,550</u>
TOTALS	\$142,716,552	\$97,680,468

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the 2020-2021 school district preliminary budget includes a budgeted withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$6,500,000 to fund the Piscataway High School and middle school auditorium upgrades, Piscataway High School Family Consumer Science room upgrades, backup power installations at multiple schools, Piscataway High School Chorus room ceiling replacement, Arbor entry ramp, Knollwood water line replacement, and paving/concrete projects at multiple schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the 2020-2021 school district preliminary budget includes a budgeted withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$200,000 to fund painting projects and localized floor replacements and refinishing.

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

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ralph Johnson

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

Business Meeting	April 9, 2020
Executive Session	April 9, 2020

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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Motion to close:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XV. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Tom Connors

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

A. 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 3 Amazon Fire 7 – 9th generation tablets for a total amount of \$157.95 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

B. APPROVAL OF SECURITY PURCHASES BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Explanation:

Local Boards of Education are required to approve non-public school security purchases made using security 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 An Noor Academy's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 10 Arrow Lock Level Handle Classroom Locks for a total amount of \$798.00 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

C. DESIGNATION AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: ARCHITECT

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education enters into a professional services contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) with Spiezle Architectural Group for architectural design services for the Early Childhood Learning Center Programming Study for an amount not to exceed \$11,000 including reimbursable expenses.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education enters into a professional services contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) with Spiezle Architectural Group for architectural services for the Vocal Music room HVAC upgrades at Piscataway High School for an amount not to exceed \$23,500 including reimbursable expenses.

D. AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2020 SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

Explanation:

New Jersey Schools Insurance Group has established a Safety Grant Program which is projected to award over \$1,000,000 to its member New Jersey public school districts in 2020. The Safety Grant Program is designed to help members make safety, security and educational related purchases toward loss prevention at the individual district level which ultimately affects the health of the overall ERIC NORTH Sub fund. The district will be applying for funds to upgrade our security cameras and add a visitor management system.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the submission of a grant application for the 2019 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's ERIC NORTH Sub fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$40,830.70 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

E. AWARD OF 2020 - 2021 SCHOOL PORTRAIT SERVICES CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with BNL School Pictures for school portrait services for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

F. APPROVAL OF BID PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

Explanation:

The following work is necessary to facilitate the Piscataway High School Bleachers, Field Lighting and Storage Facility Replacements at Piscataway High School.

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
Rochelle Contracting Co. Inc.	1	Piscataway High School Bleachers, Field Lighting and Storage Facility Replacements	Piscataway High School	Plaza Bench – Color and Material, Home Bleacher Drive Gates, Storm Water Management and additional trees.	\$ 76,346.75 (Deduct from contingency allowance)

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 _____

XVI. 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 _____

XVII. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

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

A. AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE A SUMMER PROGRAM 2020

Explanation:

The district is required to notify the County Superintendent’s office of any summer academic programs it may operate to support the academic need to students.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to operate a Summer Program during the summer of 2020.

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 _____

XVIII. PUPIL SERVICES – Nitang Patel

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

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

XIX. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Kimberly Lane

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motion, identified as item "A", 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 April 9, 2020 meeting.

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 _____	

XX. NEW BUSINESS

- Comments from the Board

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

XXII. MEETING DATES & TIMES (Subject to revision)

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

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

2020-2021 SCHEDULE

July 9, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
August 3, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
August 5, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
August 6, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
August 13, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
September 2, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
September 3, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
September 10, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
September 15, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 1, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 5, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 7, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
October 8, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
November 11, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
November 12, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
November 17, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 2, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
December 3, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 7, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 10, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
January 7, 2021	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 pm
January 13, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
January 14, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
January 19, 2021	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 1, 2021	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 3, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 4, 2021	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 11, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
March 3, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
March 4, 2021	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 11, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
March 16, 2021	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm

April 5, 2021	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 7, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 8, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
April 29, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 5, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 6, 2021	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
May 13, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 18, 2021	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 2, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 3, 2021	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 7, 2021	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 10, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 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.