

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**December 10, 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 December 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 newspapers serving Piscataway, The Home News Tribune and The Courier News
- ◆ 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 televideo 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 _____

As required by the recently-adopted emergency regulation of the Department of Community Affairs, I am confirming that adequate and electronic notice of this meeting have been provided. The regulation also requires that I explain our procedures for public comment. The following will govern our public comment session this evening and going forward until further notice. Comments will be accepted by email, addressed to "Boardmeeting@pway.org" up to the start of the public comment session. Audio comments will be allowed as well through our electronic meeting platform. Members of the public are requested to conduct themselves in a civil manner with due regard for the legal and privacy rights of others. While it is not the Board's intention to stifle public comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community; shouting, profanity or other disruptive behavior will not be permitted. The Chair reserves the right to take appropriate action in the event these guidelines are violated, including muting an online speaker's microphone or other interventions as necessary.

V. STUDENT PRESENTATION

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Board Member Recognition

BE IT RESOLVED by the Piscataway Township Board of Education that heartfelt thanks be extended on behalf of the people of the Township to Dr. Tom Connors for dedicated service as a member of the Board of Education from 2008 to 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a tribute commemorating this occasion be presented to Dr. Tom Connors.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Semi-annual SSDS and HIB report
- Update on Construction Projects

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>	<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	November 12, 2020
Executive Session	November 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 November, 2020 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 5,013,611.87
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 499,909.41
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 301,338.69
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 75,106.47
Payroll: October 15, 2020	\$ 3,568,996.67
Payroll: October 30, 2020	\$ 3,569,302.06
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,452,191.66
Total	\$14,480,456.83

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 October, 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 October, 2020 Dated: October 31, 2020

C. DESIGNATION AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - OUTSIDE COUNSEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the law firm of Genova Burns be engaged as special counsel to represent the Board of Education in the matter of Physicians Dialysis Somerville, LLC v. Piscataway Board of Education and ABC Corps. 1-100, Docket No. SOM-L-1387-20 at a blended hourly rate of \$185, pursuant to a written agreement in a form acceptable to General Counsel.

D. AWARD OF A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIONS

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Board”) wishes to contract with a qualified vendor for a power purchase agreement (the "Solar PPA") for a term of fifteen (15) years for the installation and maintenance of photovoltaic panels for the purpose of generating electricity at the following schools and/or school facilities: Piscataway High School, Quibbletown Middle School, T. Schor Middle School, Ethel Road Maintenance/Transportation Complex (Garage Building), Martin Luther King Intermediate School, Eisenhower Elementary School, Arbor Intermediate School, Knollwood Elementary School, Grandview Elementary School, and Fellowship Farms School/Administration Building (Garage Building) (the "Solar Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board issued a request for proposals (“RFP”) for the Solar PPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board received and opened five (5) responses to the RFP on November 17, 2020, and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Committee ("Evaluation Committee") evaluated said responses and issued a report to the Board on December 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee's report, which is on file with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and is incorporated by reference into this Resolution, was made available to the public in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5(d) not less than 48 hours prior to the date of this Resolution or at the same time that it was made available to the Board, whichever occurred first; and

WHEREAS, in its report, the Evaluation Committee determined that the proposal of Eznergy NJ LLC ("Eznergy") is the most advantageous to the Board and recommended that the Solar PPA be awarded to Eznergy at its proposed price of \$0.000 (zero cents) per kilowatt hour (kWh) as Base Bid and subject to adjustment as set forth in its proposal, which price is estimated to generate approximately \$4,446,170 (Base Bid) in total energy savings to the Board for the life of the PPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to accept the aforesaid recommendation of its Evaluation Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway as follows:

1. The Solar PPA is hereby awarded to Eznergy at its proposed price of \$0.00 (zero cents) per kilowatt hour (kWh) as Base Bid and subject to adjustment as set forth in its proposal in accordance with the terms stated in the RFP and its addenda, as applicable.
2. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the Solar PPA substantially in the form included in the RFP subject to review and recommendation of the Board's attorneys, and additionally authorizes its staff and counsel to take such actions and prepare and execute such other and further documents as shall be necessary to implement this Resolution.
3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-4.5(g), the Board Secretary shall publish a notice in an official newspaper of the Board summarizing the award of the Solar PPA including its amount and duration and the name of the selected vendor, and advising that a copy of this resolution and of the Solar PPA (following execution), are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Board Secretary.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

E. 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.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Girls School request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for one armed security guard for 662 hours at \$32 per hour for a total of \$21,184 for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Boys School request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for one armed security guard for 411 hours at \$32 per hour for a total of \$13,152 for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

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 motions, identified as items “A” and “B”, be approved as presented:

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR HEINEMANN, FOUNTAS & PINELL

Explanation:

Leveled Literacy Intervention is a Heinemann product we are making unilateral across the K-5 Support Specialist classrooms. Heinemann is used in the General Education classrooms with Teachers College. The LLI product allows for Support Specialists to work congruently with one another as well as the general education teachers in supporting their students.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Heinemann, Fountas and Pinell in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office to the Board Secretary in the amount of \$5,395.50.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF NEW JERSEY QUALITY SINGLE ACCOUNTABILITY CONTINUUM (NJQSAC)

Explanation:

Upon completion of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review and Statement of Assurance (N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2(f)), the Board is required to hold a public meeting so that the responses and Statement of Assurance can be presented for approval by resolution. The Performance Review includes the following categories:

- Instruction and Program*
- Fiscal Management*
- Operations*

Personnel
Governance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education attests to the fact that they have reviewed and are accepting the District Performance Review and Statement of Assurance and hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit the 2020-2021 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) to the County Office of Education.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
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 motion, identified as item "" 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 _____

XVII. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Kimberly Lane

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" through "C", 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 November 12, 2020 meeting.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL SSDS REPORT FOR PERIOD 2 OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:17-46 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3(f) – Violence and Vandalism Public Hearings, the Superintendent of Schools is mandated and required by law to schedule and conduct a public hearing on all acts of violence and vandalism, harassment, intimidation and bullying which occurred in the previous period of the previous school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts the Period 2 (2019-2020) SSDS Report for the purpose of fulfilling the requirement of the law.

C. APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AND/OR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD AT CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education deems participation in the following conferences by certain members and/or employees of the Board to be educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the costs aforesaid are and, as they further accrue, will be set forth in detailed documentation on file with the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, pursuant to P.L. 2007, c. 53, hereby approves the following travel events. Unless otherwise stated, all costs of registration, travel, meals and lodging are included, to the extent permitted by law.

Name	Conference	Date(s)	Cost Not to Exceed
Ann Hunt	Excel Beginner through NJASBO / Virtual	December 10, 2020	\$25
Laura Nagy	Excel Beginner through NJASBO / Virtual	December 10, 2020	\$25
Dr. Deborah Dawson	Smart but Scattered - Executive Dysfunction at Home and at School / Virtual	December 14, 2020	\$219
Eliana Fink	School Nurse Emergency Care Course / Virtual	December 18, 2020	\$75
Laura Nagy	Excel Series Webinar through NJASBO / Virtual	January 14, 2021, February 11, 2021, March 11, 2021, April 15, 2021, May 13, 2021, June 17, 2021	\$150
David Oliveira	Excel Series Webinar through NJASBO / Virtual	January 14, 2021, February 11, 2021, March 11, 2021, April 15, 2021, May 13, 2021, June 17, 2021	\$150
Deborah Dawson	School Mental Health: Treating Students K-12 / Virtual	January 29-30, 2021	\$350

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

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

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 Yea _____ Nay _____

XXI. MEETING DATES & TIMES (Subject to revision)

2020-2021 SCHEDULE

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.