

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**January 14, 2021
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	_____	Mr. Johnson	_____	Mr. Patel
_____	Mr. Fields	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____	Ms. Scotto
_____	Mrs. Hobson	_____	Mr. Laughlin	_____	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 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 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

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. Laughlin	_____	Ms. Smith
Mr. Fields	_____	Mr. Patel	_____	Mrs. Lane
Mr. Johnson	_____	Ms. Scotto	_____	Mrs. Hobson
	Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jeffrey Fields

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

Business Meeting
Executive Session

December 10, 2020
December 10, 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 – Nitang Patel

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" and "B", 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 December, 2020 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 3,408,157.64
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 216,720.17
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 2,135.00
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 226,943.58
Payroll: November 15, 2020	\$ 3,609,448.02
Payroll: November 30, 2020	\$ 3,545,965.78
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,562,025.74
Total	\$12,571,395.93

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 November, 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 November, 2020 Dated: November 30, 2020

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

XV. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

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

A. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT ADDITIONAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221,402

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education received notification of additional funding for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This is meant to provide a measure of federal support in the wake of the public health crisis.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to apply for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$221,402 including expenditures to be incurred for participating private schools in the Piscataway Community.

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

XVI. PUPIL SERVICES – Zoe Scotto

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

A. APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACTS

Explanation:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 6A:17 and N.J.A.C. 18A:38, the school district of residence for homeless children and foster children shall be responsible for the education of the child and shall pay the cost of tuition when the child attends school in another district.

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following tuition contracts between the sending district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the receiving district for the 2020-2021 school year:

Student #	Sending District	Effective Date	Amount
520934	Bound Brook School District	9/8/20	\$33,032
596009	Jersey City Public Schools	9/8/20	\$13,986
949807	DCF – Office of Education	9/8/20	\$13,986

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following tuition contracts between the receiving district and the Piscataway Township Board of Education as the sending district for the 2020-2021 school year:

Student #	Receiving District	Effective Date	Amount
922676	Brick Township Board of Education	9/8/20	\$15,089

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Vote Vote Vote
 Mr. Patel _____ Ms. Cherry _____ Mr. Laughlin _____
 Ms. Scotto _____ Mr. Fields _____ Mrs. Lane _____
 Ms. Smith _____ Mr. Johnson _____ Mrs. Hobson _____
 Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XVII. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Kimberly Lane

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” through “G”, 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 December 10, 2020 meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Community Education contracts, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2020-2021 Virtual After School/Saturday Enrichment Program:

Course	Contractor	Amount	Number of Sessions
Roblox Create	Code Ninjas	\$80.00 per child	6– One Hour Sessions
Junior Coder	Code Ninjas	\$80.00 per child	6 One Hour Sessions
Chess	GoStem Academy	\$54.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Engineering	GoStem Academy	\$54.00 per child	6 – One Hour Sessions
Zumba	Juliet Maldonado	\$30.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Crazy Chem	Mad Science of WNJ	\$105.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Lights, Sights, And Sounds	Mad Science of WNJ	\$105.00 per child	6 – One Hour Sessions
Cartooning	SteamWorks Studio	\$78.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions
Silly Circuits	SteamWorks Studio	\$81.00 per child	6- One Hour Sessions

C. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Whereas, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

Whereas, The Piscataway Township Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts and embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

Whereas, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

Whereas, The Piscataway Township Board of Education helps determine the educational goals for more than 7,000 children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade and successfully sets goals to move the District forward in its efforts to provide a high-quality academic program, a thoughtful and challenging special education program, and a rich and rewarding extra-curricular program; and

Whereas, The Piscataway Township Board of Education is recognized on state and national levels for achievement in academics, athletics, and arts; and

Whereas, The Piscataway Township Board of Education supports social and emotional wellness for all students, provides a safe, inclusive environment for all students, and works with every student and member of our school community to inspire each other and strive for success in our global society; and

Whereas, The Piscataway Township Board of Education leads the District in celebrating our cultural diversity and ensures that every child who resides in Piscataway, regardless of race or immigration status, is welcomed; and

Whereas, The Piscataway Township Board of Education supports expanded technology and access to technology for all students particularly with the advent of remote instruction; and

Whereas, The Piscataway school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for Piscataway students as they work with administrators, teachers, and parents to inspire high expectations and high quality education;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Dr. Frank Ranelli, Superintendent of Schools, do hereby recognize the services of the members of the Piscataway Board of Education, and extend appreciation to Shelia Hobson, Nitang Patel, Shantell Cherry, Jeffrey Fields, Sr., Ralph E. Johnson, Kimberly Lane, Calvin Laughlin, Zoe Scotto, and Brenda Smith, as we join communities statewide in observing January 2021 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH.

D. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION

Explanation:

Micro-Mark is donating two brand new 3-D printers to Arbor Intermediate School and Quibbletown Middle School.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of two 3-D printers to the Piscataway Township Schools. The value of this donation is approximately \$3,798.

E. APPOINTMENT TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects Brenda Smith to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brenda Smith be named to serve on the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

F. APPOINTMENT TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects Kimberly Lane as District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kimberly Lane be named to serve as the District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

G. 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
Michael Yoson	Montclair University Theatre Day for Teachers / Virtual	January 8, 2021 February 6, 2021 March 10, 2021 April 24, 2021	\$100
Lindsay Barna	Teacher’s College - The Reading & Writing Project / Virtual	January 25-27, 2021	\$800
David Oliveira	NJASBO - Purchasing Update and Best Practices & NJSTART State Contract Purchasing / Webinar	March 16, 2021	\$50

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote _____ Vote _____ Vote _____

Ms. Scotto _____ Mr. Fields _____ Mr. Patel _____
 Ms. Smith _____ Mr. Johnson _____ Mrs. Lane _____
 Ms. Cherry _____ Mr. Laughlin _____ 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 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.