

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**September 9, 2021
Executive Session – 6:30 PM
Public Session – 7:30 PM
Piscataway High School**

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 August 20, 2021 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

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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. 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	August 12, 2021
Executive Session	August 12, 2021

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” through “F”, 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 August, 2021 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 3,784,901.91
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 353,206.69
Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,571,587.50
Food Services Fund	\$ 56,311.80
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 78,129.55
Payroll: August 15, 2021	\$ 940,802.88
Payroll: August 30, 2021	\$ 801,367.87
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,526,467.18
Total	\$11,112,775.38

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 July, 2021

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 July, 2021 Dated: July 31, 2021

C. APPROVAL OF SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Explanation:

Local Boards of Education are required to approve non-public school security and technology purchases made using non-public security and technology 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 Montessori Matters’ request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 1 10.2 inch Ipad Wifi 32GB, Space Gray in the amount of \$299 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

D. APPROVAL OF PROPRIETARY COMPUTER SERVICES CONTRACTS

Explanation:

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 authorizes the award of contract without public advertising for the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Turnitin, LLC for internet-based plagiarism detection service at a cost of \$8,995

Intrado Interactive Services Corporation for website/web hosting services at a cost of \$9,700.02

E. APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY TO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR NURSING SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Explanation:

Nursing Services are provided to nonpublic schools through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey. The district board of education is required to submit a report on the services provided to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, through contract with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, authorizes the administrative personnel of the Commission to conference, discuss and solicit input in the development of the nursing services contract document for the 2021-2022 school year which provides nursing services to the following nonpublic schools located within the Piscataway Township School District:

- An-Noor Academy
- The Goddard School
- Lake Nelson 7th Day Adventist

Montessori Matters
 Rutgers Livingston Day Care
 Timothy Christian
 Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion – Girls
 Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion – Boys

Nursing services to be provided first by assignment of a licensed nurse and the purchase of supplies and equipment necessary to implement the law and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5 include:

- Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening
- Audiometric screening
- Maintenance of student health records, including immunizations
- Scoliosis screening
- Adopt written policies and procedures extending the emergency care provided to the public school pupils to those pupils who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad.

F. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2005-2018 LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the amendment of the 2005-2018 Long Range Facilities Plan to address the five-year reporting requirements and to be consistent with proposed school facilities projects. Further, the Board authorizes Spiegle Architectural Group Inc. to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.

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

XV. CURRICULUM – Shantell Cherry

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

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THINKMAP, INC.

Explanation:

Vocabulary.com (Thinkmap) is an online vocabulary program that the high school (9-12) and middle schools (6-8) have used for a few years. The program allows teachers to assign vocabulary lists and to develop vocabulary lists based around academic vocabulary or on texts that they are reading. Students complete their work and quizzes online and the program measures their progress. There is an additional incentive in that school results are compared to other schools statewide and nationwide (PHS just finished first in NJ).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Thinkmap at a cost of \$9,000 for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR NEARPOD

Explanation:

Nearpod is an interactive digital platform that allows students to collaborate via both synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Nearpod lessons leverage digital activities and research-based formative assessments to seamlessly connect instruction and evaluation to meet the unique learning needs of ELL students. It gives teachers opportunities to identify gaps, and provide immediate feedback. Additionally, Nearpod lets teachers know where more differentiation and scaffolding would benefit students. Building this bridge and narrowing the gap allows the teacher to fortify the student's academic language and provides the student a foundation to succeed by propelling their English language proficiency upward.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Nearpod at a cost of \$3,000 for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

C. APPROVAL OF SCHOLASTIC LITERACY PARTNERSHIP

Explanation:

Scholastic Literacy Partnerships is an arm of Scholastic Inc. One of its digital programs is Scholastic WORD. This program works on our district learning management system and can be used in district and at home. Scholastic WORD is an interactive reading and vocabulary program that meets students at their level and moves them forward. Teachers are able to monitor student progress and set student goals and assignments within the program. This year the district would like to use Scholastic WORD in grades 4-5.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Scholastic Literacy Partnerships at a cost not to exceed \$ 7,191 in accordance with the terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

D. APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education deems student participation in curriculum related field trips to be educationally beneficial.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education, pursuant to regulation 6A:23A-5.8(c)(1), hereby approves the following educational field trips. C=Curricular; E=Extra Curricular

Code	Event/Location	Curriculum Standards	Class/Group	Teacher/ Advisor	School & Source of Funding	Date(s)
E	PHS Marching Band Competitions & Football Games	1.1.12.B.1.2; 1.2.12.A.1; 1.3.12.B.1-3	Grades 9-12	Ken Zampella	Piscataway High School / Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	October 2, 2021 October 9, 2021 October 16, 2021 October 23, 2021 October 31, 2021 November 6, 2021 November 13, 2021 November 20, 2021 December 4, 2021
E	NJ District of Key Club Fall Rally and Member Engagement Event / Jackson, NJ	21 st Century Life and Career Skills	Grades 9-12 / PHS Key Club	Laura Leibowitz	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Students Transportation: Budget Account	October 10, 2021
C	Central Jersey Math League Competition	Mathematics: Number & Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Modeling, Geometry, Trigonometry, Statistics and Probability	Grades 9-12 / PHS Math League	Amanda Levinson	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	October 13, 2021

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 motions, identified as items “A” and “B” 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.

1. 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 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Receiving District	Effective Date	Counseling	Tuition
365876	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	\$78 per hour	\$16,204
364129	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	N/A	\$16,204
699499	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	N/A	\$15,911
698692	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/1/21	N/A	16,204

2. 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 2021-2022 school year:

Student #	Sending District	Effective Date	Amount
596009	Jersey City Public Schools	9/2/21	\$13,960
747954	New Brunswick Board of Education	9/2/21	\$13,608
859244	Newark Public Schools	9/2/21	\$13,608
022967	North Brunswick Township Public Schools	9/2/21	\$13,608

B. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following services for a student in an out-of-district placement:

Student #	School Placements	Effective Date	Rate
789204	Center for Lifelong Learning	9/2/21	\$45,900 1:1 aide \$42,120

Moved _____ Seconded _____

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 “F” 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 August 12, 2021 meeting.

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WEEK OF RESPECT OCTOBER 4-8, 2021

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29, the first week in October is designated as a “Week of a Respect” in the State of New Jersey. School districts, in order to recognize the importance of character education, observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation or bullying. Throughout the school year, the district shall provide ongoing awareness and reinforcement of this instruction in accordance with the core curriculum content standards.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education acknowledges October 4-8, 2021 as the Week of Respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts and endorses the district’s efforts in preventing harassment, intimidation, and bullying and promoting opportunities that create a safe, welcoming environment for students, parents, and staff.

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 18-22, 2021

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1, the week beginning with the third Monday in October of each year is designated as “School Violence Awareness Week” in the State of New Jersey. School districts shall observe this week by organizing activities to prevent school violence including, but not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity, and tolerance. Law enforcement personnel must be invited to join members of the teaching staff in the discussions. Programs also must be provided for school employees that are designed to help them recognize warning signs of school violence and to instruct them on recommended conduct during an incident of school violence.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education acknowledges October 18-22, 2021 as School Violence Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts and endorses the district’s efforts in promoting the importance of school safety while providing opportunities for students, parents, school district personnel and law enforcement staff to discuss methods for keeping schools safe from violence.

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Community Education contracts, contingent upon sufficient enrollment, be approved for the 2021-2022 After School and Saturday Enrichment Program:

Course	Contractor	Amount per child per enrichment program
Roblox Create/Developer	Code Ninjas	\$90.00 per child
Game Builders Club	Code Ninjas	\$90.00 per child
Chess	GoStem Academy	\$73.50 per child
Engineering	GoStem Academy	\$73.50 per child
Bollywood Dance	Jaswinder Kaur	\$35.00 per child
Zumba	Juliet Maldonado	\$40.00 per child
Tennis	Kenneth Goldsmith	\$35.00 per child
Saturday Basketball	Krystal Whitehead	\$40.00 per child
After School Basketball	On The Court, LLC	\$100.00 per child

E. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION’S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2021

Explanation:

The three-day virtual conference will provide the necessary professional development, resources, and guidance to support districts in their efforts to handle today’s complex challenges.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves participation in the New Jersey School Boards Association’s Virtual Workshop 2021 at a cost of \$900.

F. 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
Vincenzo Stio	Handle with Care Re-Certification / Hamilton, NJ	September 17, 2021	\$450
Melissa Voigt	Women’s Leadership Conference 2021 / Somerset, NJ	September 30, 2021	\$219
Dr. Deborah Dawson	American Academy of Pediatrics Annual School Health Conference / Virtual	October 20, 2021	\$135

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 _____

XXIII. MEETING DATES & TIMES (Subject to revision)

2021-2022 SCHEDULE

September 28, 2021	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 4, 2021	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 6, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
October 7, 2021	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 14, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
November 10, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
November 11, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
November 16, 2021	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 1, 2021	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
December 2, 2021	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 6, 2021	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 9, 2021	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
January 6, 2022	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 pm
January 12, 2022	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
January 13, 2022	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
January 18, 2022	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 2, 2022	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 3, 2022	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 7, 2022	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm

February 10, 2022	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
March 2, 2022	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
March 3, 2022	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 10, 2022	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
March 15, 2022	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 4, 2022	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 6, 2022	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 14, 2022	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
April 28, 2022	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 4, 2022	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 5, 2022	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
May 12, 2022	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 17, 2022	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 1, 2022	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 2, 2022	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 6, 2022	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 9, 2022	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.