

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**August 10, 2023
Executive Session – 6:30 PM
Public Session – 7:30 PM
Administration Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

_____	Ms. Cherry	_____	Mr. King	_____	Mrs. Salgado-Cowan
_____	Dr. Connors	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____	Ms. Scotto
_____	Mrs. Corradino	_____	Ms. Rashid	_____	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 30, 2023 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

This meeting is being videotaped. 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

- NJGPA - New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment
- ACCESS - Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners

IX. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Nancy Salgado-Cowan

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>
Mrs. Corradino	_____	Ms. Rashid	_____	Ms. Smith
Mr. King	_____	Mrs. Salgado-	_____	Dr. Connors
Mrs. Lane	_____	Cowan	_____	Ms. Cherry
	_____	Ms. Scotto	_____	_____
	Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

X. 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 _____

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Kimberly Lane

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

Business Meeting July 11, 2023

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

Business Meeting July 13, 2023
Executive Session July 13, 2023

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XIII. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Tom Connors

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items “A” through “O”, 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 July, 2023 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$5,009,379.69
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 822,288.06
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 226,998.20
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 33,888.56
Payroll: July 15, 2023	\$ 814,026.26
Payroll: July 30, 2023	\$1,065,622.45
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$1,726,431.40
Total	\$9,698,634.62

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/Transfer Report June, 2023

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 June, 2023 Dated: June 30, 2023

C. APPROVAL OF SECURITY PURCHASES BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Explanation:

Local Boards of Education are required to approve non-public school security purchases made using non-public security 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 – Boys School's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 690 hours of Armed Guard services from Praetorian Agency in the amount of \$25,012.50 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 – Girls School's request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 690 hours of Armed Guard services from Praetorian Agency in the amount of \$25,012.50 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

D. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT FROM ESIP PROJECT ESCROW ACCOUNT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following disbursement from balance held in escrow for the ESIP project:

PAYMENT#	AMOUNT	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION
17	\$442,107.50	Honeywell International Inc.	Progress payment for energy performance contract

E. APPROVAL OF BID PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

Explanation:

The following work is necessary to facilitate the water cooler replacement project at multiple schools.

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

Vendor	C/O #	Project	Location	Description	Amount
William Kohl Construction	1	Water Cooler Replacement	Arbor, Conackamack, Eisenhower, Grandview, King, Knollwood, Piscataway High School, Quibbletown, Randolphville, Schor & Fellowship Farms	Demolish and patch adjacent water fountain at two locations (Schor & Quibbletown), furnish and install additional isolation value at Schor, replace main water shutoff valve at Knollwood and repair leak at Piscataway High School.	\$8,339.33 (deduct from allowance)

F. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the following individual to provide Marching Band instruction during the 2023 Band Camp and the 2023-2024 Marching Band season:

<u>Band Camp</u>		
Emily Harding	Instructor	\$600
<u>Marching Band Season</u>		
Emily Harding	Marching Tech/Sound Tech	\$1,200

G. APPROVAL OF WIRELESS SERVICE CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Verizon Wireless, Inc. for the provision of voice and data wireless services for the period of August 13, 2023 through August 12, 2024 in accordance with the rate plans and terms and conditions pursuant to GSA Multiple Award Schedule Number 47QTCA20D00B5 and the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10.

H. APPROVAL OF PRINT MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board Of Education has elected to have their printer maintenance/supplies provided under NJ State Contract Commodity Code G-2075 and NJ State Contract A40467, SIN (Special Item Number) 51-500 “Managed Print Services”; and

WHEREAS, Ricoh USA Inc. through their authorized dealer Atlantic Tomorrows’ Office of 134 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10001 has provided the district with NJ State Contract pricing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board Of Education shall enter into a month-to-month maintenance agreement with Ricoh USA INC. through their authorized dealer Atlantic Tomorrows’ Office of 134 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator is authorized to make any additions, deletions and changes to the maintenance agreement to suit the operational needs of the district as per the terms and conditions of the NJ State Contract so long as the total cost of the maintenance agreement does not exceed \$10,000 per month.

I. APPROVAL OF SOLAR ENERGY CONSULTANT

Explanation:

The district generates Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) from solar renewable energy systems installed on district facilities. Alternative Energy Consulting, LLC will assist the district in monitoring these systems and selling the SRECs.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Alternative Energy Consulting, LLC as solar renewable energy consultant for the 2023 - 2024 school year for a fee not to exceed \$8,400.

J. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education (“Board”) may utilize competitive contracting procurement procedures to procure recreation programs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(b) and the Board has determined that it will be in its best interests to utilize the competitive contracting procurement procedures permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A;18A-4.1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3, the Board hereby authorizes the use of competitive contracting procurement procedures to procure community education enrichment programs for the 2023-2024 school year.

K. AWARD OF CONTRACT – COMMUNITY EDUCATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education (“Board”) authorized the use of competitive contracting procurement procedures to procure recreation programs in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Board advertised for community education enrichment programs proposals in an official newspaper and proposals from the following respondents were unsealed and publicly announced at 10:00 a.m. on August 8, 2023; and

- Tiny Tots Tennis, LLC dba TNT Sports
- Challenge Island of Ocean County, LLC
- Little Ivy Academy, LLC
- Omni Kids, Inc. dba STEM Academy for Young Kids

WHEREAS, the Board evaluated the proposals and concluded that the proposals submitted by Tiny Tots Tennis, LLC dba TNT Sports, Challenge Island of Ocean County, LLC and Little Ivy Academy, LLC are the most advantageous to the School District, price and other factors considered, and the Assistant Business Administrator has prepared a report evaluating and recommending the award of a contract, contingent upon enrollment, to Tiny Tots Tennis, LLC dba TNT Sports, Challenge Island of Ocean County, LLC and Little Ivy Academy, LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approve and award a contract, contingent upon enrollment, for community education enrichment programs to Tiny Tots Tennis, LLC dba TNT Sports, Challenge Island of Ocean County, LLC and Little Ivy Academy, LLC subject to the terms and conditions in the request for proposals and contract on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

L. 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 contract for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

Brightly Software, Inc. for facility usage, event management and maintenance system at a cost of \$18,045.74

M. APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL SPACES

Explanation:

In order to comply with Department of Education regulations for school facilities, the Board of Education must approve a resolution for temporary instructional spaces at Children’s Corner Preschool, Our Lady of Fatima, and St. Frances Cabrini.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the Department of Education temporary instructional spaces applications for the classrooms at Children’s Corner Preschool, Our Lady of Fatima, and St. Frances Cabrini in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-8.1.

N. APPROVAL OF CLASSROOM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Explanation:

In order to comply with Department of Education regulations for school facilities, the Board of Education must approve a resolution to meet compliance requirements for the classrooms at Our Lady of Fatima and St. Frances Cabrini.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the Department of Education compliance requirements for the classrooms at Our Lady of Fatima in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h) 4ii and iii.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the Department of Education compliance requirements for the classrooms at St. Frances Cabrini in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h) 4ii and iii.

O. RECOMMENDATION TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT OBSOLETE FOR PURPOSE OF DISPOSAL

Explanation:

District administration reviewed its inventory of equipment and determined that the following items have exceeded their useful life and are no longer needed for public use.

QUANTITY	EQUIPMENT
128	Dell Optiplex 755 Desktops
6	Brother HL-2270DW Printers
2	HP 3005 Laserjet Printers
268	Dell 1907 Fp Monitors/1908WFpt

19	AC/DC Adapters Dell
8	APC Batteries
1	Gateway Desktop
53	Dell Desktops Precision T1500
1	DVD/VCR Combo Toshiba
9	Dell D630 Laptops
17	Dell 3440 Laptops
1	HP Stream
1	LCD Panel Innolux
7	I-Inc Monitors
5	Gateway Monitors
10	ExacqVision NVR Server
3	Avaya Phones
14	Wacom Tablets

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education declares the above equipment obsolete, and the equipment is deemed to have no estimated fair value and is approved for disposal.

	Moved _____	Seconded _____	
	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mr. King _____	Mrs. Salgado-Cowan _____	Mrs. Corradino _____	
Mrs. Lane _____	Ms. Scotto _____	Dr. Connors _____	
Ms. Rashid _____	Ms. Smith _____	Ms. Cherry _____	
Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

XIV. POLICY – Brenda Smith

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

A. ACCEPT ON FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education accepts on first reading the following policies:

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| Policy 2419 (New) | School Threat Assessment Teams |
| Policy 5756 (Revised) | Transgender Students |
| Policy 8467 (Revised) | Weapons |

B. ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education adopts on second reading the following policy:

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| Policy 5111 (Revised) | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) |
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	Moved _____		Seconded _____	
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mrs. Lane	_____	Ms. Scotto	_____	Mr. King
Ms. Rashid	_____	Ms. Smith	_____	Dr. Connors
Mrs. Salgado-Cowan	_____	Mrs. Corradino	_____	Ms. Cherry
	Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

XV. CURRICULUM – Courtney King

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

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: TOOLS OF THE MIND

Explanation:

Tools of the Mind is one of the State of NJ approved preschool curriculums that is used in all 3 and 4 year old classrooms at Children’s Corner Preschool and was included in the approved Preschool Education Aid Application. In the Tools of the Mind PreK training series, the core curriculum is taught through several workshops and Residency Days for teacher training. This training matched the developmental trajectory of children’s growing skills. Each teacher workshop builds on the one before it, and both year 1 and year 2 for our teaching staff trainings are required.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the contracted services for Tools of the Mind professional development not to exceed \$75,000 for Year 1 and Year 2 Training for the 2023-2024 school year to be paid with Title II Professional Development funds.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR LITERABLY

Explanation:

Literably is a digital running record platform that yields a reading level for students. Students read and answer questions by reading and speaking aloud into a device’s microphone.

Teachers may use this platform to corroborate a level from a manual running record OR they may use it (in grades 4-5 only) in lieu of the manual running record. Support specialists in grades K-8 use Literably in their one-to-one or small group work with students who are receiving support.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Literably at a cost of \$10,115.34 for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

C. APPROVAL OF WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING AS A SUPPLEMENTAL CURRICULUM RESOURCE

Explanation:

Wilson Language Training (WLT) has been devoted to improving instruction for students with dyslexia and ensuring that all students learn to read and spell through research-based multi-sensory, structured literacy programs. Within Wilson Language, there are several programs that serve different purposes.

First, Foundations is a multi-sensory structured literacy program that presents all skills in a systematic and sequential manner in four Levels: K, 1, 2, and 3.

Secondly, Just Words supports those who have not mastered the foundational skills of language structure typically learned in grades K–3 with strategies that will allow them to independently read and spell words and build the skills necessary to access and master grade-level standards. Emphasizing phonemic awareness, phonics, word study, and spelling, Just Words is the word study component of the Wilson Reading System curriculum at an accelerated pace so the instructional principles mirror each other.

Lastly, Wilson Reading System (WRS) is the flagship program of Wilson Language Training and the foundation of all other Wilson programs. The Tier 3 Structured Literacy (SL) program is based on phonological-coding research and Orton-Gillingham principles.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves Wilson Language Training as a supplemental curriculum resource not to exceed \$125,000.

D. APPROVAL OF LEARNING A-Z AS A SUPPLEMENTAL CURRICULUM RESOURCE

Explanation:

Learning A-Z is the company/publisher of the digital platform Reading A-Z. This resource provides students with access to leveled books and also provides students with skills reinforcement specific to their reading level. Books are able to be read electronically and can also be reproduced if students benefit from hard copies. Students' progress is tracked and recorded for teachers' review and access to this resource is transferable to home, as well.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves Learning A-Z as a supplemental curriculum resource not to exceed \$25,000.

E. AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE NEW JERSEY CONSORTIA FOR EXCELLENCE THROUGH EQUITY – CENTRAL REGION WORKSHOPS

Explanation:

As part of our membership in the New Jersey Consortia for Excellence through Equity – Central Region, the Piscataway Township School District is authorized to have staff members attend a series of workshops related to student achievement. Up to ten staff members may attend each workshop.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the payment of \$7,500 for up to ten staff members to attend each of the New Jersey Consortia for Excellence through Equity workshops during the 2023-2024 school year to be paid with Title II Funds.

F. APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM PROGRAM GUIDES

Explanation:

The following curriculum guides were written according to the approved five-year curriculum review/revision plan, and align to state standards. The guides were reviewed by the Curriculum Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approve the following curriculum guides for use in the classrooms, effective for the 2023-2024 school year:

Mathematics

- Math K-5
- Accelerated Math 7
- Algebra 1
- Algebra 2
- Essentials of Algebra 2
- Discrete Math
- Topics in Precalculus
- AP Precalculus
- College Algebra

Visual & Performing Arts

- Visual Art (Grades 6-8)
- General Music (Grades 6-8)
- Choral Music (Grades 6-8)
- AP Art History
- Intro To Animation
- Animation 2
- Ceramics 3: The Pottery Wheel (PHS)
- Multimedia Printing & Design (PHS)

Science

- Grade 8 Science
- AP Physics 1

Department Of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Freshman Seminar

World Language

- Spanish Grade 4
- Spanish Grade 5
- American Sign Language 4

ESL

- ESL PreK
- ESL Grade 3
- ESL Grade 4
- ESL Grade 5
- ESL Grades 6-8 (Level 1-2)
- ESL Grades 6-8 (Level 3-4)

Social Studies

- Honors United States History 1 - Law
- Honors World Cultures - Justice and Human Rights
- AP African American Studies
- Honors United States History 2 – Law and Mock Trial

Career and Technical Education

- Print Production 2
- Print Production 3

Language Arts

- Contemporary Poetry and Performance
- Grade 9 English Enhancements
- Grade 10 English Enhancements
- Grade 11 English Enhancements
- Grade 12 English Enhancements

Physical Education & Health

- K-5 Physical Education & Health
- 6-8 Physical Education & Health

G. APPROVAL TO ADOPT TEXTBOOKS

Explanation:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, the following textbooks were recommended for approval and adoption by the Board. The textbook selection process included administrators, teachers, and district supervisors. The textbooks were reviewed by the Curriculum Committee at the meeting held on August 7, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approve the adoption of the following textbooks:

COURSE TITLE: AP Art History

Gardner's Art Through The Ages 16th Edition
 Author: Fred S. Kleiner, PhD.
 Textbook Publisher: Cengage Learning
 ISBN: 1337630705

COURSE TITLE: Reading and Writing Workshop

Vocabulary Workshop
 Author: Jerome Shostack
 Textbook Publisher: Sadlier
 ISBN: 978-1-4217-8526-4

H. 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	Cheerleading Camp / Greeley, PA	21 st Century Life Skills	PHS Cheerleading / Grades 9-12	Zakiyah Riddick	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Students Transportation: Budget Account	August 21-24, 2023 Overnight
E	Field Trip / Von Thun's Farm, South Brunswick, NJ	21 st Century Life and Careers	Conackamack LLD/MC Class / Grades 6-8	Melissa Dzioba & Nicole Changaris	Conackamack Middle School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	October 5, 2023

E	Honors Choir Retreat / YMCA Camp Bernie, Port Murray, NJ	1.3C.12adv.Cr 3b 1.3C.12adv.Pr 6b	PHS Choir / Grades 9-12	Megan Suozzo	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Students Transportation: Budget Account	October 6, 2023
E	Field Trip / Alstede Farms, Chester, NJ	21 st Century Life and Careers	PHS Autism/Life Skills Classes / Grades 9-12	Laura Leibowitz & Dana Strafer	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	October 12, 2023
E	Tenor Bass Festival, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ	1.3C.12adv.Cr 3b 1.3C.12adv.Pr 6b	PHS Choir / Grades 9-12	Megan Suozzo	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	October 18, 2023
E	Field Trip / Target, South Plainfield	21 st Century Life and Careers	PHS Autism/Life Skills Classes / Grades 9-12	Laura Leibowitz & Dana Strafer	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	October 26, 2023
E	Field Trip / Team Champion Gym, Middlesex, NJ	21 st Century Life and Careers	Conackamack LLD/MC Class / Grades 6-8	Melissa Dzioba & Nicole Changaris	Conackamack Middle School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	November 3, 2023
E	Field Trip / Menlo Park Mall, Edison, NJ	21 st Century Life and Careers	PHS Autism/Life Skills Classes / Grades 9-12	Laura Leibowitz & Dana Strafer	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	December 7, 2023
E	Field Trip / Target, South Plainfield, NJ	21 st Century Life and Careers	Conackamack LLD/MC / Grades 6-8	Melissa Dzioba & Nicole Changaris	Conackamack Middle School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	December 8, 2023
E	Field Trip / Life Town, Livingston, NJ	21 st Century Life and Careers	Conackamack LLD/MC / Grades 6-8	Melissa Dzioba & Nicole Changaris	Conackamack Middle School Entrance Fee: Pupil Services Transportation: Budget Account	January 11, 2024

Moved _____ Seconded _____

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Ms. Rashid _____		Ms. Smith _____		Mrs. Lane _____	
Mrs. Salgado-Cowan _____		Mrs. Corradino _____		Dr. Connors _____	
Ms. Scotto _____		Mr. King _____		Ms. Cherry _____	
Yea _____		Nay _____		Abstain _____	

XVI. PUPIL SERVICES – Nancy Corradino

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

A. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS 2023-2024

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
990751	Academy 360 – Lower	9/6/23	\$78,531
332117	Creative Achievement Academy	7/19/23	\$73,500

B. CHANGE IN STATUS OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

Explanation:

Student has been placed in an out of district placement and based on their IEP program, another out of district placement was found which can address the educational needs. The student has been accepted in a new placement.

Amount columns detail both prior approved cost and newly requested approval cost.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves change in status of out-of-district student placement:

Student #	From	Amount	Eff. Date	To	Amount
084049	Kohler Academy	\$95,520	7/1/23	Piscataway Regional Day	\$48,780
		1:1 aide			1:1 aide
		\$44,000			\$45,360

C. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Explanation:

The following resolutions reflect the need for professional service contracts, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1, for medical services and special education related services on the part of the Office of Pupil Services. These contracts are necessary in order to ensure that the district may comply with Individual Education Program (IEP) requirements in the areas of evaluation, instruction, and related services.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Board of Education approves the following resolution for contracted services:

Out of Sight Teaching, LLC be contracted to provide visually impaired services to Piscataway students at rate of \$175 per hour, and evaluations at a rate of \$850 per assessment.

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SERVICES WITH LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS

Explanation:

The Lexia program is an online platform designed to help struggling readers in elementary grades through high school to become proficient readers and confident learners. The program simultaneously addresses gaps in fundamental literacy skills in the areas of grammar, word study and comprehension while helping students to build higher-level skills they need to comprehend, analyze, evaluate and compare complex texts. Lexia Core 5 (Grades Pre K-5) and Lexia Power Up (Grades 6 and up) combine online student-driven explicit instruction with offline teacher-delivered lessons and activities. The blended learning experience will benefit students who respond to a combination of instructional strategies.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Lexia Learning Systems in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office to the Board Secretary at a cost of \$16,601.

	Moved _____		Seconded _____	
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mrs. Salgado-Cowan	_____	Mrs. Corradino	_____	Ms. Rashid
Ms. Scotto	_____	Mr. King	_____	Dr. Connors
Ms. Smith	_____	Mrs. Lane	_____	Ms. Cherry
	Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

XVII. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Zoe Scotto

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 July 13, 2023 meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF REVISED 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Explanation:

The proposed updated 2023-2024 school calendar is being presented for Board consideration. A Teacher In-Service Day/Early Dismissal for Students Day on Friday, May 31, 2024 has been added.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the revised school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

C. ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Explanation:

As per N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1, each district Board of Education shall develop, adopt, and implement a code of student conduct which establishes standards, policies, and procedures for positive student development and student behavioral expectations on schools grounds, including on a school bus or at school-sponsored functions, and, as appropriate, for conduct away from school grounds in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6. The Board must review and adopt the Code of Student Conduct annually and it must be disseminated annually to all school staff, parents, and students.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education adopts the Code of Student Conduct to be implemented and disseminated to school staff, parents and students during the 2023-2024 school year.

D. ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 ANNUAL DISTRICT GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education adopts the 2023-2024 Annual District Goals:

1. Promote a culture of individual wellness, mental health advocacy, and build social emotional learning
 - a. Strengthen district wellness and mental health initiatives, and provide opportunities for staff and students to practice self-care
 - b. Work with various student groups to uncover roadblocks to their success
 - c. Increase acceptance of and appreciation for cultural diversity and economic and social differences
 - d. Continue to improve community outreach and engagement to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the District's wellness and mental health supports and how they are accessed
2. Continue to research and implement the safest school environment practices for our students and staff
 - a. Research, adjust, and strengthen the district's safety procedures in alignment with best practices
 - b. Continue to work with the Piscataway Police department and other outside agencies for preparedness
 - c. Communicate to stakeholders appropriate safety information
 - d. Make fiscally responsible budget decisions that help ensure the most effective safety measures for our district
3. Continue to promote a rigorous instructional program that is differentiated and provides multiple opportunities/pathways for student growth and achievement
 - a. Utilize our New Jersey standards based curriculum to provide engaging academic opportunities for students at all levels
 - b. Use district and state assessments to inform programmatic opportunities, e.g. tutorials and enrichment
 - c. Continue to implement researched-based academic strategies and interventions that are consistent with the MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) framework, which includes RTI (Response to Intervention)
 - d. Support students' readiness and success through access to accelerated, Advanced Placement, specialized academies, and college/career instructional opportunities.
4. Continue to enhance the parent/guardian home and school connection
 - a. Strengthen individual school communication with parent/guardian
 - b. Host school and district events, both informative and celebratory, for parents/guardians to attend and participate

- c. Continue to enhance the parent/guardian communication through the school district’s various platforms
- 5. Work as a stakeholder community to create the school district 2024-2029 Strategic Plan
 - a. Organize and advertise process, meetings, opportunity, and the value of participating in the strategic planning process to all stakeholders
 - b. Work with New Jersey School Boards representative to conduct positive and valuable stakeholder meetings
 - c. Utilize the stakeholder input to produce and implement the final 5-year district strategic plan

E. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION

Explanation:

The Grandview PTO has donated \$17,000 to support the students at Grandview Elementary School.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$17,000 from the Grandview PTO.

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
Julia Reyes	Rethinking Equity / Virtual	8 Virtual Courses To be completed by December 31, 2023	\$99.00
Matthew Worden	ORFF Levels Certification / William Paterson University Wayne, NJ	August 7-18, 2023	\$1,000.00
Kimberly Spruill	Handle with Care Certification / Hamilton, NJ	September 11-13, 2023	\$1,525.00
Chris Baldassano Vincenzo Stio	Handle with Care Instructor Re- Certification / Hamilton, NJ	September 15, 2023	\$525.00
Jennifer Salemi	Autism Conference / Atlantic City, NJ	October 20, 2023	\$315.92

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote

Vote

Vote

Ms. Scotto _____
Ms. Smith _____
Mrs. Corradino _____

Mr. King _____
Mrs. Lane _____
Ms. Rashid _____

Mrs. Salgado-
Cowan _____
Dr. Connors _____
Ms. Cherry _____

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)

2023-2024 SCHEDULE

September 6, 2023	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
September 14, 2023	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
September 19, 2023	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
October 2, 2023	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 4, 2023	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
October 5, 2023	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 12, 2023	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
November 1, 2023	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
November 2, 2023	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
November 21, 2023	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
December 4, 2023	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 6, 2023	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
December 7, 2023	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 14, 2023	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
January 4, 2024	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 pm
January 10, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
January 11, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
January 16, 2024	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 1, 2024	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm

February 5, 2024	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 7, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 8, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
March 6, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
March 7, 2024	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 14, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
March 19, 2024	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 8, 2024	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 10, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 11, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
April 25, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
May 1, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 2, 2024	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
May 9, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
May 21, 2024	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 3, 2024	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 12, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 13, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm

Note: The Board opens its business meetings at 6:30 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 7:30 PM. All business meetings of the Board of Education shall be considered action meetings.

All committee meetings will be held via video conference. Members of the public who are interested in participating in these meetings, may email the Board at for additional information.