

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR
BUSINESS MEETING**

**April 25, 2024
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	_____	Ms. Rashid	_____	Ms. Smith
_____	Mrs. Corradino	_____	Ms. Rivers	_____	Ms. Stafford

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

- Annual Wellness Summary Report and Policy Assessment – Dr. Laura Heimlich

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every Board meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and municipality. Comments are limited to three minutes' duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. The Board may require that individuals register to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Participants may submit written material in support of their position.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board's intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Motion to close:

Moved	_____	Seconded	_____
Yea	_____	Nay	_____

X. PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET – Tom Connors

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

A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024–2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF THE 2024–2025 TAX LEVY

Explanation:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey to approve the 2024-2025 school district budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$143,549,744	\$104,093,507
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 13,240,009	-
Total Debt Service Fund	-	-
TOTALS	\$156,789,753	\$104,093,507

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

XI. 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. Rivers _____	Ms. Stafford _____	
Mr. King _____	Mrs. Salgado-Cowan _____	Dr. Connors _____	
Ms. Rashid _____	Ms. Smith _____	Ms. Cherry _____	
Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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Motion to close:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XIV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Loretta Rivers

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

Business Meeting April 11, 2024
Executive Session April 11, 2024

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XV. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Tom Connors

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

A. RECOMMENDATION TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT OBSOLETE FOR PURPOSE OF DISPOSAL

Explanation:

Piscataway High School 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.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	SBA auxiliary gym bleachers

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.

B. 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/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.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Boys’ request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 4 HP Pro Mini 400 G9 Desktop Computers – Intel Core i5 12th Gen i5–12500T Hexa in the amount of \$2,880.76 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’ request to the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of 1 Bundle Order including 10.2 inch iPad Wi-Fi 64 GB-Space Gray, STM DUX Plus Duo case, with 3 year AppleCare+ for schools in the amount of \$397.95 in accordance with public purchasing laws and regulations regarding educational adequacy.

C. REJECT BIDS – DUST COLLECTION UPGRADES AT PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education has designated Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. as the Design Consultants for the Dust Collection Upgrades at Piscataway High School; and

WHEREAS the Piscataway Township Board of Education advertised for bids in an official newspaper and the following bids were unsealed and publicly announced at 12:00 p.m. on April 17, 2024:

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALTERNATE BID	TOTAL
William Kohl Construction Corp.	\$978,800	\$14,000	\$992,800

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. have reviewed the bids and determined the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the Dust Collection Upgrades at Piscataway High School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education rejects all bids for the Dust Collection Upgrades at Piscataway High School.

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

XVI. 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>	
Ms. Rashid	_____	Ms. Smith	_____	Mr. King
Ms. Rivers	_____	Ms. Stafford	_____	Dr. Connors
Mrs. Salgado-Cowan	_____	Mrs. Corradino	_____	Ms. Cherry
	Yea	_____	Nay	_____
			Abstain	_____

XVII. CURRICULUM – Courtney King

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

A. APPROVAL OF COURSE OFFERING FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR AT PISCATAWAY MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Explanation:

Annually, Piscataway Middle Schools assess its course offering needs for the upcoming school year. In collaboration with the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, additions, deletions, and/or modifications are submitted for review. The following course offering was reviewed by the Board of Education Curriculum Committee and is now being proposed for Board approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following course addition for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Grade level</u>
Middle School Accelerated Art	VPA	Sem	FY	8

B. 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	Field Trip / The Drumthwacket Foundation, Princeton, NJ	6.2.A.3 6.2.A.4 6.2.B.4 6.2.C.3	Arbor School / Grade 4 Classes: Aleda Gerum, Walter Adenau, Christine Lepski, Sonja Moss	Aleda Gerum	Arbor Intermediate School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	May 1, 2024
E	Field Trip / The Drumthwacket Foundation, Princeton, NJ	6.2.A.3 6.2.A.4 6.2.B.4 6.2.C.3	Arbor School / Grade 4 Classes: Maria Aguillo, Sara Doherty, Carmela La Marsh, Melanie Tsai	Aleda Gerum	Arbor Intermediate School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	May 8, 2024
E	College Tour / The College of NJ, Ewing, NJ	9.2	PHS 50 Strong / Grades 9-11	Patricia Brewster	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Title I	May 9, 2024
E	Team Building / Amazing Escape Room, Green Brook, NJ	9.4.12.CI.1 9.4.12.CT.1.2	PHS Rising / Grades 9-12	Scott Hood	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Title I Transportation: Title I	May 9, 2024
E	Field Trip / The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY	1.5.12adv.Re 8	PHS AP Art History / Grades 11-12	Samantha Knierim	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: N/A Transportation: Budget Account	May 15, 2024
E	NJACDA High School Choral Festival / Montclair University, Montclair, NJ	Anchor Standards 3, 4, and 6	PHS Choir, Bella Voce and Choral	Megan Suozzo	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Budget Account Transportation: Budget Account	May 23, 2024
E	Field Trip / Trailside Nature and Science Center, Mountainside, NJ	6.1.5 CC.1, CC.4 CC.8	MLK / Grade 5 Rooms: 4, 10 & 13	Andrew Kehoe	MLKing Intermediate School Entrance Fee: PTO Transportation: Budget Account	June 6, 2024
E	Field Trip / Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ	2.1 2.2	PHS / Class of 2024	Shar-Mekka Pernel	Piscataway High School Entrance Fee: Student Activity Account Transportation: Student Activity Account	June 6, 2024
E	Field Trip / Trailside Nature and Science Center, Mountainside, NJ	6.1.5 CC.1, CC.4 CC.8	MLK / Grade 5 Rooms: 12, 14 & 17	Andrew Kehoe	MLKing Intermediate School Entrance Fee: PTO Transportation: Budget Account	June 11, 2024

XX. OLD BUSINESS

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
Yea _____ Nay _____

XXIII. MEETING DATES & TIMES (Subject to revision)

2023-2024 SCHEDULE

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	6:30 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

2024-2025 SCHEDULE

July 11, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
August 1, 2024	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
August 5, 2024	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
August 8, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
September 4, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
September 12, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
September 24, 2024	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
October 1, 2024	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 2, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
October 7, 2024	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
October 10, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
November 13, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
November 14, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
November 19, 2024	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
December 2, 2024	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 4, 2024	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
December 5, 2024	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
December 12, 2024	Business Meeting	6:30 pm

January 2, 2025	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 pm
January 8, 2025	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
January 9, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
January 21, 2025	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 3, 2025	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 5, 2025	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 6, 2025	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 13, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
March 5, 2025	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
March 6, 2025	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 13, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
March 18, 2025	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 2, 2025	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 7, 2025	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 10, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
April 24, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
May 1, 2025	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
May 7, 2025	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 8, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
May 20, 2025	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 2, 2025	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 11, 2025	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 12, 2025	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.