

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING OF JULY 20, 2017

The monthly Business Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Board President, Mr. Irwin.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board President
Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u> </u> P	Ms. Cherry	<u> </u> P	Mr. Irwin	<u> </u> P	Dr. Nazir
<u> </u> P	Dr. Connors	<u> </u> Absent	Mr. Johnson	<u> </u> P	Dr. Peng
<u> </u> P	Mrs. Deepan	<u> </u> P	Mrs. Lopez	<u> </u> P	Mr. Stern

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 June 3, 2017 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 newspaper serving Piscataway, *The Home News Tribune*
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

This meeting is being videotaped and digitally recorded. These recordings are not official records or supplements to the minutes and are 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: 7:07 pm

Moved	<u> </u> Mr. Irwin	Seconded	<u> </u> Dr. Peng
Yea	<u> </u> 8	Nay	<u> </u> 0

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene:

Moved	<u> </u> Mr. Irwin	Seconded	<u> </u> Dr. Nazir
Yea	<u> </u> 8	Nay	<u> </u> 0

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

- No report

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Additional State Aid
- Goal setting meeting
- Paving projects

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Construction projects
- Summer Camp and Jump Ahead

VIII. PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS – Alexandra Lopez

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

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS AND/OR RETIREMENTS

Robert Dallas, Custodial Foreman/Knollwood	Effective: 7/17/17 Reason: Termination with cause
Benjamin Gualano, Industrial Arts Teacher/High School	Effective: 8/31/17 Reason: Personal
Tina Jenious-Flood, Supplementary Instruction/Grandview/Knollwood	Effective: 8/30/17 Reason: Personal
Bremelyn Larrieu, Spanish Teacher/Eisenhower/Knollwood	Effective: 6/30/17 Reason: Rescind offer of employment
Ariana Lombardi, Special Education Teacher/Eisenhower	Effective: 9/18/17 Reason: Personal
Jade Pinheiro, Physics Teacher/High School	Effective: 7/20/17 Reason: Declined offer of employment
Jason Richardson, School Social Worker/Quibbletown	Effective: 8/29/17 Reason: Personal
Amy Switkes, Special Education Teacher/Eisenhower	Effective: 6/30/17 Reason: Personal

B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - STAFF PERSONNEL

NON UNIT

The following Non Unit Staff, effective 7/1/17 through 8/31/17,

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bickerton	Brittany	Broadcast Technician	High School	\$8,323.17

ADMINISTRATOR

Dawn Brzozowski, Special Education Supervisor K-7/Administration Building, with an annual salary of Step 1 \$107,500, effective TBD pending completion of required paperwork, for the 2017-2018 school year.

TEACHERS

The following staff, effective 9/1/17, pending completion of required paperwork, for the 2017-2018 school year: Salaries will remain fixed at the current level, and are subject to adjustment, if and as appropriate upon conclusion of a successor collective negotiations agreement.

Patricia Barnes	Step 1-2 BA \$25,592.50	.50 FTE	Part Time Special Education Teacher Grandview
Sonia Candella	Step 3-4 6 th Year \$57,494		Spanish Teacher Eisenhower
Melissa Dzioba	Step 5 MA \$57,171		Special Education Teacher Knollwood
Samantha Lazewski	Step 1-2 MA \$54,235		Media Tech Teacher Quibbletown
Jennifer Marrazo	Step 1-2 MA \$54,235		Elementary Teacher ML King
Lizette Posada	Step 1-2 BA \$51,185		Special Education Teacher Eisenhower
Judith Sundelof	Step 1-2 MA \$54,235		Elementary Teacher Knollwood
Schuyler Van Allen	Step 1-2 BA \$51,185		Elementary Teacher Knollwood
Nicole Zic	Step 1-2 BA \$51,185		Spanish Teacher High School

The following staff, effective 9/1/17, for the 2017-2018 school year: Salaries will remain fixed at the current level, and are subject to adjustment, if and as appropriate upon conclusion of a successor collective negotiations agreement. *Indicates new location.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Salary</u>
*Corrales	Jessica	Schor	Spanish Teacher	1.00	74,466.00
Molinaro	Nichole	Eisenhower	Elementary Teacher	1.00	55,091.00

Ostroski	Christine	Quibbletown	Spanish Teacher	1.00	67,083.00
Picone	Tara	Eisenhower	Elementary Teacher	1.00	83,977.00

OTHER

The following High School Counselor Summer Hours - salary at their hourly per diem rate. Total amount of hours not to exceed 550.

Shirley Aviles	Shar-Mekka Pernel
Kelly Chilakos	Pamela Travis
Mark Kiang	Brian Wischusen
Patricia Nazaire	Daniel Zarchin
Benita Ogburn-McLean	

Edwin Salcedo, Technology Computer Teacher/ML King, as Advisor for the after school Technology Club to be paid a stipend of \$1,000 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Geraldine Soleimani to replace Courtney Angiuli for the previously approved Teacher Academy on 08/29/17, at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 5.5 hours each.

The following teacher for High School Algebra 2 curriculum design during the summer of 2017, at \$30.00 per hour, for an additional 5 hours. To be paid upon completion and submitted to supervisor:

Tonya McGovern

The following ELA teacher grades 4-5 for Teacher Academy on 08/28/17, at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 5.5 hours:

Mary Horvath

Susan Pascullo, TV Broadcasting/High School, for video services at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours, effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Stephanie Dunlap, Clerk-Receptionist/Personnel, to provide clerical services for the NCLB Title I Grant at the High School at \$25.00 per hour not to exceed 70 hours for the 2017-2018 school year, pending application submission and approval.

The following Teacher for the 2017 AP Summer Institute, at \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed the hours listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Elizabeth Eibling	AP Physics	14

The following teacher to be added to the previously approved 2017 Summer Literacy Program, at \$30.00 per hour not to exceed 25 hours for the total program, beginning 7/27/17.

Jenny Leonardis

The following District Achievement Coaches to work the New Teacher Residency Program on 8/22/17, at \$30.00 per hour not to exceed 5 hours each.

Julia Cabrero	Gaye McGee	Donna Srouji
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The following Extra Duty Contracts, as indicated for the 2017-2018 school year: Salaries will remain fixed at the current level, and are subject to adjustment, if and as appropriate upon conclusion of a successor collective negotiations agreement.

High School Athletics

Girls' Soccer

Jennifer Vroman	Head Coach	G-3	\$8,971
Justin Strasser	Assistant Coach	G-3	\$5,722

The following Community Education Preschool Staff, effective 9/1/17, pending completion of required paperwork, for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Eileen Calo	Aide	\$17,863
Nitza Ebie	Aide	\$17,863
Danielle Hutchinson	Teacher	\$26,000
Kimberly Piggee	Aide	\$17,863
Brittney Rooney	Teacher	\$26,000
Erin Scott	Teacher	\$26,000

The following personnel for the Community Education Jump Ahead Academic Program effective 7/21/17 to 8/30/17, Monday through Thursday, 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Hourly rates are depending on experience. Offer of employment is contingent upon enrollment.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Rachel Poulos	Instructor	\$20.00

The following Community Education, Summer Camp staff effective 7/21/17 through 8/31/17 for the 2016-2017 summer camp season. Contingent upon enrollment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Catherine Manno	Counselor	\$12.00
Donavin Ross	Aide	\$8.88
Brooke Ruoff	Counselor	\$15.00
Miguel Velez	Aide	\$8.88

AIDE

Kirsten Wendland, Noontime Aide/Knollwood, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective 9/1/17, for the 2017-2018 school year.

SUBSTITUTES

The following Community Education, substitute Summer Camp staff effective 7/21/17 through 8/31/17 for the 2016-2017 summer camp season. Contingent upon enrollment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Faithe Beadle	Counselor	\$11.00
Vrishin Davda	Aide	\$8.44
Cyana Davis	Aide	\$8.44

Catherine Manno	Enrichment Counselor	\$12.00
Craig Matthews	Counselor	\$15.00
Zachary Nepton	Counselor	\$11.00
Thomas Roberts	Aide	\$8.44
Roseann Roberts	Counselor	\$12.00
Amanda Siedlecki	Enrichment Counselor	\$12.00
Amanda Siedlecki	Before Care Counselor	\$12.00

The following teacher, as a substitute, at her hourly per diem rate, for the 2017 Extended School Year Program: Salary will remain fixed at the current level, and is subject to adjustment, if an as appropriate upon conclusion of a successor collective negotiations agreement.

Kathleen Smoke

Kevin Cannata, Substitute Part Time Cleaner/District, at an hourly rate of \$11.50, effective TBD pending completion of required paperwork, as needed, for the 2017-2018 school year.

C. CHANGE OF STATUS – STAFF PERSONNEL

NON UNIT

The following change in assignment, effective 9/1/17, for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jeffrey Conway	Health & Physical Education Teacher Schor	Preschool Supervisor Children's Corner \$85,000

ADMINISTRATORS

The following change in assignment, effective 7/25/17, for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Rebekah Sterlacci	Vocal Music Teacher Schor	Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts High School Step 1 \$107,500

The following change in assignment, effective 9/1/17, for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lisa Moore	Health & Physical Education Teacher Randolphville	Assistant Elementary School Principal Grandview Step 4 \$97,500

TEACHERS

Natalie Bauza, Elementary Teacher/Eisenhower, Medical Leave of Absence 9/5/17-9/18/17am, with pay and with benefits, Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 9/18/17pm-1/8/18 without pay and with benefits.

Cindy Rauch, Social Studies Teacher/High School, Medical Leave of Absence 9/5/17 – 10/23/17 with pay and waived benefits, Federal Family Medical Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave 10/24/17 – 1/31/18 without pay and waived benefits, Child Care Leave of Absence 2/1/18 – 6/21/18 without pay and without benefits.

The following change in assignments, effective 9/1/17, for 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Linda Adenau, Art Teacher	Randolphville 1.00 FTE	Eisenhower 1.00 FTE
Lydie Bemba, Art Teacher	Knollwood .75 FTE Randolphville .25 FTE	Knollwood 1.00 FTE
Emily Bodensieck	RP Teacher Grandview	AT Teacher Grandview
Mahalia Caise	MC Teacher Conackamack	RP Teacher Knollwood
Jessica Colleton	Reading Support Specialist Schor	Reading Support Specialist ML King
Elaine D'Esterhazy Hagg	Math Support Specialist Quibbletown	Math Support Specialist Arbor
Christian Lee, Art Teacher	Grandview .90 FTE Randolphville .10 FTE	Grandview 1.00 FTE
Von-Netdra May	Elementary Teacher Randolphville	Elementary Teacher Knollwood
Allison Velez	Elementary Teacher/ML King .50 FTE LAL Teacher/Conackamack .50 FTE	Elementary Teacher ML King 1.00 FTE

AIDE

The following change in assignment, effective 9/1/17, for 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Claire Thomas	RP Aide Conackamack	LLD Aide Arbor

OTHER

The following change in assignment for Community Education Preschool Staff, effective 9/1/17, for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Veronica Menendez-Acevedo	Aide \$16,368	Teacher \$23,500

Moved <u> Mrs. Lopez </u>		Seconded <u> Ms. Cherry </u>	
	<u> Vote </u>		<u> Vote </u>
Dr. Connors	<u> Y </u>	Dr. Nazir	<u> Y </u>
Mrs. Deepan	<u> Y </u>	Dr. Peng	<u> Y </u>
Mr. Johnson	<u> Absent </u>	Mr. Stern	<u> Y </u>
Yea <u> 8 </u>		Nay <u> 0 </u>	
		Abstain <u> 0 </u>	

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Atif Nazir

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

Business Meeting	June 22, 2017
Executive Session	June 22, 2017

Moved <u> Dr. Nazir </u>		Seconded <u> Dr. Peng </u>	
Yea <u> 8 </u>		Nay <u> 0 </u>	

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 <u> Dr. Peng </u>		Seconded <u> Mr. Stern </u>	
Yea <u> 8 </u>		Nay <u> 0 </u>	

XI. FISCAL PLANNING & OPERATIONS – Tom Connors

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

A. APPROVAL TO USE ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR TAX RELIEF

Explanation:

On July 4, 2017, the state of New Jersey adopted a budget that resulted in state aid adjustments for school districts. The Piscataway Township Schools received an increase in state aid of \$995,236. District boards of education were given the option to provide tax relief by reducing the 2017-2018 general fund tax levy or increasing the 2017-2018 general fund appropriations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the use of \$995,236 in additional state aid for tax relief and authorizes the Business Administrator to make adjustments to the 2017-2018 school district budget to reflect the increase in state aid and decrease in the general fund tax levy as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$114,673,738	\$89,400,687
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 3,310,307	-
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 3,592,375</u>	<u>\$ 3,592,375</u>
TOTALS	\$121,576,420	\$92,993,062

B. 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 June, 2017 be approved as indicated:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$ 2,871,098.01
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 372,622.78
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 4,412.01
Adult & Community Education Fund	\$ 353,614.24
Payroll: June 15, 2017	\$ 3,559,039.73
Payroll: June 20, 2017	\$ 2,680,669.93
Payroll: June 27, 2017	\$ 49,771.44
Payroll: June 30, 2017	\$ 977,709.85
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 40,765.00
Self-Insurance Fund	\$ 1,484,178.54
Total	\$12,393,881.53

C. APPROVAL OF SECRETARY'S/TRANSFERS/CASH RECONCILIATION REPORTS

1. Explanation: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-59

BE IT RESOLVED that the following reports be approved and filed for audit:

Secretary's/Transfers Report May, 2017

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:23-2.11 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:6-59*

BE IT RESOLVED that the following report be approved and filed for audit:

Cash Reconciliation and Roll Forward Report May, 2017 Dated: May 31, 2017

D. RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education and the Manville Board of Education have agreed on the terms and conditions of a shared services agreement for the provision of a before and aftercare program and a pre-school program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the intergovernmental shared services agreements between the Piscataway Township Board of Education and the Manville Board of Education which would provide a before and aftercare program and a pre-school program in the Manville School District (operated by the Piscataway Adult & Community Education Department) for the 2017-2018 school year subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreements, and the Board President and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the agreements on behalf of the Board.

E. DESIGNATION OF BANK DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the depositories for School Funds be designated as follows:

- TD Bank
- Investors Bank
- Citibank, N.A.
- Provident Bank

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signatories of district checks be designated as follows:

- Board President
- Superintendent of Schools
- Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Assistant Superintendent
- Director of Administrative Services
- Assistant Business Administrator

F. DESIGNATION AND AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education enters into a professional services contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) with Sor Testing Laboratories, Inc. for professional services including geotechnical testing services and on-site quality control for the pavement, sidewalk and curb repair at multiple District buildings for a fee not to exceed \$35,000 in accordance with the fee schedule on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

	Moved	<u>Dr. Connors</u>	Seconded	<u>Dr. Nazir</u>
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>	
Mrs. Deepan	<u>Y</u>	Dr. Peng	<u>Y</u>	Dr. Connors
Mr. Johnson	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lopez
Dr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Irwin
	Yea <u>8</u>	Nay <u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>	

XII. POLICY – Ira Stern

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

- 8505 Local Wellness Policy/ Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods
- 8550 Unpaid Meal Charges/ Outstanding Food Service Charges

	Moved	<u>Mr. Stern</u>	Seconded	<u>Ms. Cherry</u>
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>	
Mr. Johnson	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Deepan
Dr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lopez
Dr. Peng	<u>Y</u>	Dr. Connors	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Irwin
	Yea <u>8</u>	Nay <u>0</u>	Abstain <u>0</u>	

XIII. CURRICULUM – Isaac Peng

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

A. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: ORTON GILLINGHAM TEACHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THROUGH FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,186

Explanation:

Eleven selected special education and support specialist teachers will participate in graduate level courses taught in district, after school hours, to receive training in multi-sensory reading methods which leads to certification in Orton Gillingham methodology, a proven technique to teach struggling readers. Services include two semesters of 3 credit graduate level courses taught by a certified instructor through Fairleigh Dickinson University. At-risk readers at the 3-8 level will receive 1:1 tutoring in Orton Gillingham methods by the participating teachers as part of the practicum experience during the duration of these two graduate classes. Funds for this expenditure are included in the 2017-2018 budget.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves the contracted services from Fairleigh Dickinson University Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate program in the amount of \$54,186.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR GOMATH TEXTBOOKS AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCES

Explanation:

GoMath has been the primary math resource in grades 1 through 5 for the past 6 years and in Accelerated Math 7 for the past 3 years. Since the initial adoption, the use of this common core aligned resource has helped increase instructional effectiveness and student achievement. The resource is being recommended for a 3-year purchase to extend our use of the program. Funds for this expenditure are included in the 2017-2018 budget.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the Mathematics GoMath Textbooks and associated resources for three years in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office to the Board Secretary. The 3 year cost will be \$193,592.58.

C. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FY2018 CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,287

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Board of Education has received notification from the State Department of Education of non-competitive allocations for funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. This funding will provide financial support to career and technical education programs during academic school year 2017-2018 for our high school students.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept the FY2018 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant funding for the 2017-2018 academic school year in the amount of \$37,287.

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES WITH COLLEGE BOARD/COLLEGE READINESS SYSTEM/PSAT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,130

Explanation:

The Piscataway Township Schools participates in the College Board's Early Participation Program, an initiative to support the involvement of all students in the college-going process at an early age while there is time to inform instruction and learning, and increase students' readiness for college expectations.

Students in grades 9-11 will participate in the PSAT assessment program which exposes students to college planning and preparation tools to get and keep them actively involved in the process.

The fee is calculated at a discounted rate of \$7.50 per student in grade 9, with an enrollment of 566 students and \$13.00 per student in grades 10-11 with an enrollment of 1,145 students, not to exceed the discounted rate of \$19,130.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves contracted services for the College Board Early Preparation Program initiative for students in grades 9-11 for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$19,130.

E. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT ALGEBRA 1

Explanation:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Algebra 1 has been the primary Algebra resource for the past 3 years. This year, Algebra 1 is being restructured with an emphasis on department-made resources so that the course material and pedagogical approach is better aligned to the district ideals. As a result, the full resources purchased for the last three years are no longer required, but the Houghton Mifflin online resources are being recommended as an added set of tools for staff members to use to ensure a smooth transition to the new structure.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for three years, at the contracted price of \$3,686.40.

F. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MOSA MACK SCIENCE

Explanation:

Mosa Mack Science is an online resource build for the Next Generation Science Standards. Each unit is inquiry-based and is developed through a three-part structure that progresses upwards towards student synthesis and depth of knowledge. Each unit also includes an engineering challenge that addresses the engineering standards of the NGSS curriculum. Mosa Mack Science will be used within the middle schools, servicing students at grades 6-8.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education approves a contract with Mosa Mack Science in accordance with terms and agreement on file in the office of the Board Secretary. The annual cost is \$8,000.

G. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL EXCHANGE VISIT FROM PISCATAWAY TO SPAIN (WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT), FEBRUARY 13-24, 2018

Explanation:

It is being requested that permission be granted to plan, organize and carry out the proposed exchange visit to Sagrada Familia School, Barcelona, Spain from Piscataway High School to take place February 13, 2018 (afterschool) to February 24, 2018. Since the students in the Spanish classes of Piscataway High School will benefit from the experience of corresponding and being hosted by their pen pals in Spain, the teacher at the high school will make all arrangements for this education experience and chaperone the school field trips at no cost to the Board of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Board of Education approves a trip for students from Piscataway High School and their chaperones to Barcelona, Spain during the 2017-2018 school year at no cost to the Board.

H. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL EXCHANGE VISIT FROM SPAIN TO PISCATAWAY (WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT), MARCH 13-24, 2018

Explanation:

It is being requested that permission be granted to plan, organize and carry out the proposed exchange visit from Sagrada Familia School in Barcelona Spain, to Piscataway High School to take place March 13-24, 2018. Since the students in all of the Spanish classes of Piscataway High School will benefit from the experience of corresponding and hosting their pen pals here in Piscataway, Ms. Amarfi Herrera (coordinator) and additional WL departmental members & PHS staff will make all arrangements for this

educational experience and chaperone the school field trips within the United States at no cost to the Board of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Board of Education approves the exchange visit of the students from Sagrada Familia School in Barcelona, Spain and their chaperones for the 2017-2018 school year at no cost to the Board.

I. APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL VISIT FROM PISCATAWAY TO CHINA (WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT), MARCH 27-APRIL 7, 2018

Explanation:

It is being requested that permission be granted to plan, organize and carry out the proposed exchange visit to Shang Nan High School, Shanghai, China from Piscataway High School to take place March 27, 2018 to April 7, 2018. Since the students in the Chinese classes of Piscataway High School will benefit from the experience of corresponding and hosting their pen pals in China, the World Language teacher at the high school will make all arrangements for this educational experience and chaperone the school field trips at no cost to the Board of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Board of Education approves the exchange visit of the Piscataway High School students and their chaperones to Shang Nan High School, China during the 2017-2018 school year at no cost to the Board.

J. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL EXCHANGE VISIT FROM PISCATAWAY TO QUEBEC CITY, CANADA FEBRUARY 16-19, 2018

Explanation:

It is being requested that permission be granted to plan, organize and carry out the visit to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada from Piscataway High School to take place February 16-19, 2018. Mrs. Sylvia Guensch and Mrs. Maria Whiteman will make arrangements for this trip through Prometour, Inc., a travel company based in Montreal, Canada, that has organized trips in the past.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Board of Education approves a trip for students from Piscataway High School and their chaperones to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, which will take place from February 16, 2018 to February 19, 2018 at no cost to the Board. Arrangements will be made through Prometour, Inc., based in Montreal, Canada. Because students will be traveling over President's Day weekend, only one day of school will be missed.

K. 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	Shop Rite / Piscataway, NJ	9.1	PHS Autistic Class / Grades 9-12	Leibowitz & Strafer	PHS Autistic Class / Budget Account	September 12, 2017, October 26, 2017, November 14, 2017, December 6, 2017, January 16, 2018, February 1, 2018, March 5, 2018, April 10, 2018, May 23, 2018, June 11, 2018
E	YMCA Camp Bernie / Port Murray, NJ	1.1 1.3 1.4	Grade 12	Megan Suozzo	PHS Choir / Students & Fundraising	September 15-17, 2017
E	Jenkinson's Aquarium / Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	9.1	PHS Autistic Class / Grades 9-12	Leibowitz & Strafer	PHS Autistic Class / Budget Account	September 28, 2017
E	John and Joan's Road Stand / Piscataway, NJ	ELA-Literacy.W.3.3.A-D ELA-Literacy.W.2.3 Science.5.3.2.D.1 ELS-Literacy.W.K.1	Grades K-3	Anne Dedousis	Eisenhower Elementary / No Cost	October 2, 2017 through October 31, 2017
E	RWJ Safety Ambassador Training/Safety Summit / New Brunswick, NJ	9.1	Grades 11 & 12 / National Honor Society	April Hurt	PHS No Cost / Transportation paid by RWJ Safety Ambassador Program	October 11, 2017
E	Turtleback Zoo / West Orange, NJ	9.1	PHS Autistic Class / Grades 9-12	Leibowitz & Strafer	PHS Autistic Class / Budget Account	October 11, 2017
E	Hacklebarney State Park / Long Valley, NJ	HS-LS2-3 HLS2-4 HLS2-6 HLS2-7	Grades 11 & 12	Michael Flynn	PHS Biology Classes / Students & Student Activity Account	October 21, 2017

E	MTA/Transit Museum / Brooklyn, NY	9.1	PHS Autistic Class / Grades 9-12	Leibowitz & Strafer	PHS Autistic Class / Budget Account	November 2, 2017
E	Menlo Park Mall / Edison, NJ	9.1	PHS Autistic Class / Grades 9-12	Leibowitz & Strafer	PHS Autistic Class / Budget Account	December 12, 2017
E	Stelton Lanes / Piscataway, NJ	9.1	PHS Autistic Class / Grades 9-12	Leibowitz & Strafer	PHS Autistic Class / Budget Account	January 11, 2018
E	8 th Grade Promotion Dance Embassy Suites Hotel / Piscataway, NJ	NJCCCS 9	Grade 8	Mary Juffey	Quibbletown / Students & Fundraisers	June 8, 2018
E	Eagle's Landing Day Camp / North Brunswick, NJ	9.1 9.1.8.A.1 9.1.8.A.2 9.1.8.e.1 9.1.8.c.3 9.1.8.d	Grade 8	Mary Juffey	Quibbletown / Students, PTG & Fundraisers	June 11, 2018

Moved Dr. Peng Seconded Dr. Nazir

Dr. Nazir	<u>Vote</u> <u>Y</u>	Ms. Cherry	<u>Vote</u> <u>Y</u>	Mr. Johnson	<u>Vote</u> <u>Absent</u>
Dr. Peng	<u>Y</u>	Dr. Connors	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Lopez	<u>Y</u>
Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Deepan	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Irwin	<u>Y</u>

Yea 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XIV. PUPIL SERVICES – Adelita Deepan

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education hereby approves the following student for placement:

Student #	School Placement	Effective Date	Rate
746016	East Mountain School	9/1/17	\$66,434.40

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

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 placements:

Student #	From	Amount	Eff. Date	To	Amount
524696	Bright Beginnings	\$41,120	9/1/17	Piscataway Regional Day	\$41,760

C. APPROVAL OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING PANEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the July 18, 2017 Hearing Panel Report and Recommendation in a disciplinary matter involving a student known to the Board be adopted as the decision of the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proper notice of this decision be transmitted to the student’s family by the Board’s General Counsel as provided by law.

Moved Mrs. Deepan Seconded Mr. Stern

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Dr. Peng	<u> Y </u>	Dr. Connors	<u> Y </u>	Dr. Nazir	<u> Y </u>
Mr. Stern	<u> Y </u>	Mrs. Deepan	<u> Y </u>	Mrs. Lopez	<u> Y </u>
Ms. Cherry	<u> Y </u>	Mr. Johnson	<u> Absent </u>	Mr. Irwin	<u> Y </u>

 Yea 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XV. ADMINISTRATIVE & AUXILIARY – Shantell Cherry

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

A. 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
L'Mani Viney	Executive Alliance Boys and Men of Color Conference / Austin, Texas	April 26-28, 2017	\$869.70
Joi Fisher	Social Media & Cyberbullying / Monroe, NJ	August 10, 2017	\$150.00
Debra Eichner	Tools of the Mind – Pre-K Tools Core Curriculum Training / Mercerville, NJ	August 24 & 25, 2017 October 11, 2017 January 10, 2018 March 20, 2018	\$2,150.00
Uma Patel	NJ School Counselor Association Fall Conference / Edison, NJ	September 29, 2017	\$125.00
Gwen Sylvan	Art Educators of New Jersey Conference / Long Branch, NJ	October 2 & 3, 2017	\$335.00
Dorothy Amme	Art Educators of New Jersey Conference / Long Branch, NJ	October 2 & 3, 2017	\$335.00 (Presenter)
Lisa Lentini-Pombrio	Art Educators of New Jersey Conference / Long Branch, NJ	October 2 & 3, 2017	\$335.00 (Presenter)
Janet Mrotek	New Jersey Science Convention / Princeton, NJ	October 24, 2017	\$275.00
Anne M. Ippolito	New Jersey Science Convention / Princeton, NJ	October 24, 2017	\$275.00

B. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION

1. Explanation:

The WalMart Community Grants Team is donating \$2,500 to the Conackamack Middle School Fitness Trail.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$2,500 to the Piscataway Township Schools.

2. Explanation:

Grandview Elementary School PTO is donating \$18,000 towards the purchase of whiteboard technology at Grandview Elementary School.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$18,000 to the Piscataway Township Schools.

C. ADOPTION OF THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL DISTRICT GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education adopt the 2017-2018 Annual District Goals.

1. Strengthen, empower and inspire administrative leadership through:
 - a. professional development in supervision, data analysis, performance evaluation, curriculum, and community outreach
 - b. sharing and development of administrative best practices
 - c. supporting and encouraging innovation
2. Enhance academic programs and support services that will inspire students to achieve their personal best, including programs such as ELA and Math Potential for students in 6th and 7th grades.
3. Expand technology action plan to :
 - a. offer professional development across all content areas and grade levels
 - b. create and implement performance measures developed by a joint teacher/administrative task force to ensure effective district-wide usage of technology in instruction
 - c. educate students in the responsible use of technology
4. In order to accommodate housing growth, by October 2017, provide the Board of Education with a recommendation that addresses future facility needs and upgrades, and implement plans adopted by the Board of Education.
5. Explore opportunities in citizenship education and environmental awareness through programs such as National Schools of Character and Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Moved Ms. Cherry Seconded Mr. Stern

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Mr. Stern	<u>Y</u>	Mrs. Deepan	<u>Y</u>	Dr. Peng	<u>Y</u>
Ms. Cherry	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Johnson	<u>Absent</u>	Mrs. Lopez	<u>Y</u>
Dr. Connors	<u>Y</u>	Dr. Nazir	<u>Y</u>	Mr. Irwin	<u>Y</u>

Yea 8 Nay 0 Abstain 0

XVI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy and Legislative Committee – Mr. Stern

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved	<u>Dr. Peng</u>	Seconded	<u>Mr. Stern</u>
	Yea <u>8</u>		Nay <u>0</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



David Oliveira
Board Secretary

