# FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING January 18, 2024 MINUTES

The In-Person Regular Meeting of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by the Board President at 6:30 p.m.

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending a notice of the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting on January 11, 2024 to the Hunterdon County Democrat and The Courier-News. Copies of the notice also have been placed in the Board Office and in each of the district schools, posted on the District website and filed with Flemington Borough Clerk and the Raritan Township Clerk.

Ms. Dawson took Roll Call		
Members Present William Bentley Ryan Birkenstock Tiffany Jarrett Laurie Markowski Michelle Hurley	Members Absent Jaclyn Arce Lilian Colpas Gina Criscitiello	Attorney Present
On the motion of Ms. Jarrett, seconded by Mr. Birkenstock, at 6:33 p.m. viva voce.	the Board adopted the following re	solution to meet in Executive Session
Sunshine Resolution		
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to	o meet in executive session under certain circ	eumstances;
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a reso	olution at a public meeting to go into private	session;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Flemington-Raritan School certain items involving:	ol District Board of Education that it is nec	essary to meet in executive session to discuss
<ul> <li>Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited</li> </ul>	d to, staff and/or student discipline matters, a	nd specifically: <u>HIB</u>
Matters in which the release of information would impair the right	t to receive government funds, and specifical	ly:
Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarrant	nted invasion of individual privacy, and speci	fically:
Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically:		
Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment	nent of public funds, and specifically:	
Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protect	ting the safety and property of the public, and	d specifically:
<ul> <li>Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matt</li> </ul>	ters of attorney-client privilege, and specifica	lly: Contract Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will/will not return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

employment, evaluation of performance, promotion, or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically:

The Board returned to public session at 7:16 p.m.

Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically:

Dr. Bentley read the District Mission Statement.

As a Community of One, WE:

Foster social, emotional, and academic growth within a connected learning community

Respect, honor and embrace diverse family and community values by building collaborative partnerships

Strengthen opportunities that nurture creative and critical thinkers

Develop and inspire personal excellence.

**Every Student - Every Day - Every Opportunity** 

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGann reported for enrollment a total of 3,215 students, an increase of 36 students as compared to this time last year and offered a reminder for an early dismissal coming up on January 23 for staff development and noted that the winter concert at RFIS was rescheduled to this evening because the District was closed due to snow and wished the performers well.

Dr. McGann shared an update on the newly expanded preschool program, which began January 17th. She reported the District is excited to provide preschoolers with a nurturing, high quality preschool experience and that all locations are ready for students. She further advised that her preschool update from the last Board meeting along with a preschool video, frequently asked questions and a preschool virtual backpack can be found on the newly launched preschool section of the District website. Dr. McGann shared that transportation remains a challenge but the District is working hard to resolve the issues with Hunterdon Central Regional High School, who co-owns the buses through a joint transportation arrangement between the two Districts. Dr. McGann stated that the two districts remain at impasse concerning the number of preschool students to be transported on each bus. With the support and agreement of the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent and the NJ Department of Education, in accordance with all safety standards, FRSD has been advocating to increase capacity from 5 to 10 preschoolers per bus, however Hunterdon Central disagrees so she will continue to work on a solution. Finally, Dr. McGann encouraged everyone to participate in a survey to select the new Preschool mascot, the survey can be found on the District website and the options are the Preschool Pups, Pandas, Polar Bears, Penguins or Puffins.

Dr. McGann recognized Mr. Daniel Bland, Assistant Superintendent on his retirement after 17 ½ years at Flemington-Raritan, she thanked him for his commitment to excellence, innovation and collaboration which has had a profound impact on the District along with his expertise in curriculum development and data driven decision making skills. Dr. McGann and the Board shared well wishes for the future.

Approval of Minutes – Executive Session – January 4, 2024 Regular Meeting - January 4, 2024

Ms. Hurley asked for any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Hurley announced that the meeting minutes were approved as written.

#### Report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for November and December 2023.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the months of November and December 2023, further certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's known financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year 2023-2024.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23A-16.10(a) as of December 31, 2023. As of these dates, sufficient funds are available to meet the district's known financial obligations for the remainder of the school year 2023-2024.

Motion by Mr. Birkenstock, seconded by Dr. Bentley to accept the Report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for November and December 2023.

Aye: Dr. Bentley Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Birkenstock Ms. Hurley

Ms. Jarrett

#### CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

The public is invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions according to the Board's policy and by-laws. Please be aware that this portion is your opportunity to comment on items of concern regarding the agenda only. The second public comment is for comment on any issue. Each speaker will have 3 minutes and the total session will be 30 minutes. The public is requested to sign the register and to state their name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable. While all comments will be considered, Board Members will not respond to speakers at this time.

Ms. Hurley set the session to 30 minutes with 3 minutes for each person.

No comment.

## THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

#### **PERSONNEL**

Gina Criscitiello, Chairperson, Next Meeting - January 29, 2024

Ms. Jarrett shared an update on the personnel committee which last met on January 10th. Dr. McGann shared with the committee her recommendation for all new hires and transfers as well as a few amendments which needed to be made to personnel contracts which the committee approved. Dr. McGann also shared two more resignations: a personnel coordinator as well as a bilingual school counselor. These wonderful job opportunities will be added to our other open positions which still include transportations aids, teacher assistants and the new position for our PreK program community parent involvement specialist (CPIS) /administrative assistant. The new job description was approved by the committee and you can find it by visiting our District website. The committee was updated on the search for the assistant superintendent position. Dr.McGann shared her action plan with the committee and she is right on course with that plan. First round of interviews took place on Friday, January 12th. Six candidates were interviewed by our ad hoc committee which is made up of several administrators, including Dr. McGann and our BA, as well as two FRSD parents. After the January 12th interviews Dr. McGann shared with the board members that there will be a second round of interviews at a date to be determined. The board is in complete support of the ad hoc committee taking their time to assure the best applicant is brought forward for recommendation. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 29th.

#### Personnel Item(s) 1-23 were approved under one motion made by Ms. Jarrett, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

Dr. McGann and the Board welcomed Mr. Russell Borawski to the District as the new facilities manager.

Aye: Dr. Bentley Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Birkenstock Ms. Hurley

Ms. Jarrett

#### Certified Staff - Appointments, Resignations & Leaves of Absence

1. Approval was given to accept the resignation of the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Purpose	Effective Date
1.	Severino	Susan	RH	School Counselor-Bilingual	Resignation	June 30, 2024
2.	Shames	Susan	FAD	Kindergarten	Retirement	June 30, 2024

2. Approval was given for district staff member(s) to take a leave of absence or amend their leave during the 2023-2024 school year.

3. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Degree/Step	<b>Effective Dates</b>	Certification /College
1.	Botros	Abbie	JPC	Family and Consumer	\$60,540 (prorated)/1	February 5, 2024 - June 30, 2024	Teacher of Culinary Arts (CE) Teacher of Baking (CE) /
				Science		- June 30, 2024	Institute of Culinary Education
2.	DeSapio	Gianna	RH	Grade 2	\$61,665 (prorated) / BA+15/1	February 8, 2024 - June 30, 2024	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CEAS) / Felician
						·	University, Rider University

4. Approval was given to employ the following leave replacement(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check, and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last	First	Loc.	Position/	Salary/Degree/	Effective Date	Certification/College
	Name	Name		Replacing	Step		
1.	Cobb	Cathy	BS	In Class Support Grade 4/S. Schwimmer	\$61,665 (prorated) / BA+15 /1	January 19, 2024 - June 30, 2024	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6, Teacher of Students with Disabilities (CE) / Rider University, Jersey City University
2.	Thoden	Kimberly	RH	.5 Support Skills - LA / Open	\$61,665 (prorated) / BA+15/1	January 19, 2024 - May 8, 2024	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 / Rider University, Rutgers University

5. Approval was given to transfer the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	From: Loc./Position	To: Loc./Position	Effective Dates
1.	Ambs	Jennifer	RH/Grade 2	RH/.5 FTE .5 Support Skills - LA	February 8, 2024 - June 30, 2024
2.	Piro	Catherine	JPC/Autism	JPC/Resource Center / In-Class Support Grade 8 Math/Science	February 26, 2024 - June 30, 2024

6. Approval was given to amend the December 11, 2023 motion:

to employ the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Degree/ Step	Effective Dates	Certification /College
1.	Bateman	Nicole	СН	Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist (.5 FTE) Preschool Instructional Coach (.5 FTE)	\$74,280 (prorated) / BA+15/10	December 22, 2023 - June 30, 2024	Preschool Through Grade 3 / Kean University, The College of New Jersey, Seton Hall University
3.	Terhune	Autumn	RH	Resource Center In-Class Support	\$61,240 (prorated) / BA/3	December 22, 2023 - June 30, 2024	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CE)/Teacher of Students with Disabilities (CE) / Rutgers University, Thomas Edison State University, Raritan Valley Community College

to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Degree/ Step	Effective Dates	Certification /College
1.	Bateman	Nicole	СН	Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist (.5 FTE) Preschool Instructional Coach (.5 FTE)	\$74,280 (prorated) / BA+15/10	<b>February 12, 2024</b> - June 30, 2024	Preschool Through Grade 3 / Kean University, The College of New Jersey, Seton Hall University
3.	Terhune	Autumn	RH	Resource Center In-Class Support	\$61,240 (prorated) / BA/3	<b>January 16, 2024</b> - June 30, 2024	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CE)/Teacher of Students with Disabilities (CE) / Rutgers University, Thomas Edison State University, Raritan Valley Community College

7. Approval was given to amend the December 11, 2023 motion:

to employ the following leave replacement(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check, and health exam, as follows:

Γ	Item	Last	First	Loc.	Position/	Salary/Degree/	Effective Date	Certification/College
		Name	Name		Replacing	Step		
	1.	DeSapio	Gianna	RH	Grade 2 / J. Ambs	\$61,665 (prorated) / BA+15/1	January 25, 2024 - May 13, 2024	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CEAS-Pending) / Rider University, Felician University

## to read:

Item	Last	First	Loc.	Position/	Salary/Degree/	Effective Date	Certification/College
	Name	Name		Replacing	Step		
1.	DeSapio	Gianna	RH	Grade 2 / J. Ambs	\$61,665 (prorated)	January 25, 2024 -	Elementary School Teacher in
					/ BA+15/1	February 7, 2024	
							University, Felician University

8. Approval was given to amend the August 28, 2023 motion:

to transfer the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Ī	Item	Last Name	First Name	From:	То:	Effective Dates
				Loc./Position	Loc./Position	
	4.	Piro	Catherine	RH / In-Class Support Grade 3	JPC / Autism	September 1, 2023 - February 14, 2024

#### to read:

Iter	n Last Name	First Name	From:	To:	Effective Dates
			Loc./Position	Loc./Position	
4.	Piro	Catherine	RH / In-Class Support Grade 3	JPC / Autism	September 1, 2023 - <b>February 23, 2024</b>

9. Approval was given to amend the December 11, 2023 motion:

to transfer the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	From:	To:	Effective Dates
			Loc./Position	Loc./Position	
1.	Bergstrom-Rosellini	Carly	RH / Resource In-Class	RH / Preschool Special	December 22, 2023 -
			Support Grade 3	Education Teacher	June 30, 2024

to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	From:	To:	Effective Dates
			Loc./Position	Loc./Position	
1.	Bergstrom-Rosellini	Carly	RH / Resource In-Class	RH / Preschool Special	January 16, 2024 -
			Support Grade 3	Education Teacher	June 30, 2024

10. Approval was given to update the salaries of the following staff member(s) for advancement on the 2023-2024 Teachers Salary Guide, effective January 16, 2024, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc./ Position	From: Salary/Degree/Step	To: Salary/Degree/Step
1.	Leonard-Schumann	Haley	RH / Preschool Teacher	\$60,540 (prorated) / BA/1	\$61,665 (prorated) /BA+15 /1

- 11. Approval was given to rescind the December 11, 2023 offer of employment to Kristin Pesce, Leave Replacement Teacher at Barley Sheaf.
- 12. Approval was given to adopt a job description for the position of Community Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS) for Preschool and Administrative Assistant.

# Non-Certified Staff - Appointments, Resignations & Leaves of Absence

13. Approval was given to accept the resignation of the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Purpose	Effective Date
1.	Devlin	Coleen	CO	Human Resources Coordinator	Resignation	March 3, 2024

14. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Effective Dates
1.	Borawski	Russell	CO	Facilities Manager	\$78,000 (prorated)	February 19, 2024 - June 30, 2024
2.	MacDonald	Teresa	SS	Transportation Aide	\$18.63/hr.	January 19, 2024 - June 30, 2024
3.	Tompkins	Kathleen	BS	Cafeteria Aide	\$18.89/hr./1	January 19, 2024 - June 30, 2024
4.	VanDine	Wendy	SS	Secretary-12 months	\$61,774 (prorated) /1	February 26, 2024 - June 30, 2024

15. Approval was given to confirm the transfer of the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

	Staff Memb	er	<b>Current Position</b>		Transfer Position		
Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Loc. Position Effective Date		Effective Date
1.	Maini	Meghna	СН	Teacher Assistant	RH	Teacher Assistant	January 16, 2024

16. Approval was given to confirm employment of the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

L	Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Effective Dates	Certification/New/ Replacement
ſ	1.	Abarca	Katherine	RH	Teacher	\$24,843*	January 12, 2024 -	Preschool through Grade 3 (CE
L					Assistant	(prorated)/ 1	June 30, 2024	pending) / Rutgers University / New

<sup>\*</sup>Salary will be adjusted to include an additional \$500 (based on FTE) for holding a teaching or substitute certification.

17. Approval was given to employ the following leave replacement(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position/Replacing	Salary/Step	Effective Date
1.	Barbagallo	Janet	FAD	Cafeteria Aide / L. Adams	\$18.89/hr./1	January 19, 2024 - March 11, 2024

18. Approval was given to transfer the following staff member(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

	Staff Member		Current Position		Transfer Position						
Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Loc.	Position	Salary / Step	<b>Effective Date</b>	Stipend		
1.	Blaser	Marie	SS	School Secretary	FAD	Administrative	\$70,591	February 28, 2024	N/A		
				- 12 Months		School Secretary	(prorated) / 3	- June 30, 2024			
2.	Bernardoni	Pamela	BS	Cafeteria Aide	BS	Cafeteria Aide	\$10,578.60 / 3	January 19, 2024 -	\$1,000		
						Supervisor		June 30, 2024	(prorated)		

19. Approval was given to amend the January 4, 2024 motion:

to confirm employment of the following Teacher Assistants for the 2023-2024 school year, pending, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Salary/Step	Effective Dates	Certification/ New/ Replacement
1.	McCarthy	Rachel	RH	\$24,843* (prorated)/ 1	January 8, 2024 - June 30, 2024	Preschool through Grade 3 (CE pending) Art (CE pending) / New

<sup>\*</sup>Salary will be adjusted to include an additional \$500 (based on FTE) for holding a teaching or substitute certification. to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Salary/Step	Effective Dates	Certification/ New/ Replacement
1.	McCarthy	Rachel	RH	\$24,843* (prorated)/ 1	January 8, 2024 - June 30, 2024	Preschool through Grade 3 (CE) Art (CE) / New

<sup>\*</sup>Salary will be adjusted to include an additional \$500 (based on FTE) for holding a teaching or substitute certification.

## All Staff - Additional Compensation

20. Approval was given to amend the November 13, 2023 motion:

to confirm the employment of the following staff member(s) for extra compensation during the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max # of Hours	Rate
104.	Vita	Matthew	JPC	Class Coverage - 11/1/23 - 12/4/23	24 Shared hours	Hourly rate
105.	Gilmurray	Mindi	JPC	Class Coverage - 11/13/23 - 12/4/23		Hourly rate

#### to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max # of Hours	Rate
104.	Vita	Matthew	JPC	Class Coverage - 11/1/23 - 12/4/23	33 Shared hours	Hourly rate
105.	Gilmurray	Mindi	JPC	Class Coverage - 11/1/23 - 12/4/23		Hourly rate

21. Approval was given to confirm the employment of the following staff member(s) for extra compensation during the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max # of Hours	Rate
1.	Handren	Marisa	JPC	Class Coverage - 11/08/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
2.	Handren	Marisa	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/12/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
3.	Creighton	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
4.	Decker	Joshua	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
5.	Hatke	Osmond	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
6.	Kircher	Jennifer	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
7.	Kodidek	Sherry	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
8.	Membrano	Ada	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr

	Millor	Ionnifor	IDC	Class Cavarage 12/21/22	40 Minutes	\$26.00/hr
9.	Miller	Jennifer	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
10.	Pacholick	Mindy	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
11.	Soltis	Amy	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
12.	Sorrentino	Giorgianna	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
13.	Vargas	Johnny	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/21/23	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
14.	Healey	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 12/22/23	30 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
15.	Corson	Seth	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
16.	Creighton	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
17.	Gardner	Elizabeth	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
18.	Gilmurray	Mindi	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
19.	McAnlis	Melissa	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
20.	Miller	Robert	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
21.	Pacholick	Mindy	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
22.	Pagano	Flor	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
23.	Pirog	Michelle	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
24.	Sladky	Samantha	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
25.	Vita	Matthew	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/2/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
26.	Connelly	Kathleen	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/3/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
27.	Creighton	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/3/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
28.	Decker	Joshua	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/3/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
29.	Genito	Michelle	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/3/24  Class Coverage - 1/3/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
30.	Handren	Marisa	JPC		40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
				Class Coverage - 1/3/24		
31.	Pirog	Michelle	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/3/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
32.	Ruppel	Ann	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/3/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
33.	Creighton	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/4/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
34.	Decker	Joshua	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/4/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
35.	Miller	Robert	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/4/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
36.	Creighton	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/5/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
37.	Geist	Marissa	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/5/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
38.	Handren	Marisa	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/5/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
39.	Pagano	Flor	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/5/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
40.	Connelly	Kathleen	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
41.	Healey	Kimberly	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
42.	Kircher	Jennifer	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
43.	Miller	Jennifer	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
44.	Nagy	Rosemary	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
45.	Piro	Catherine	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
46.	Pirog	Michelle	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
47.	Soltis	Amy	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
48.	Sorrentino	Giorgianni	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/8/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
49.	Agabiti	Joseph	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
50.	Biedermann	Gretchen	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
51.	Boelhouwer	Peter	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
52.	Bubeer	Julie	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
53.	Corson	Seth	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
54.	Ellenberg	Kelley	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
55.	Genito	Michelle	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24  Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
56.	Gilmurray	Mindi	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24 Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
57.	Handren	Marisa	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24 Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
		1	JPC			\$36.00/hr
58.	Healey	Kimberly		Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	
59.	Hlavsa-Suk	Dawn	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
60.	Karney	Kurt	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
61.	Krukowski	Megan	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr

62.	Marsigliano	Amy	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
63.	Miller	Robert	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
64.	Pacholick	Mindy	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
65.	Pagano	Flor	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
66.	Piro	Catherine	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
67.	Pirog	Michelle	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
68.	Roll	Jeanne	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
69.	Ruppel	Ann	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
70.	Soltis	Amy	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
71.	Sorrentino	Giorgianni	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
72.	Squicciarini	Therese	JPC	Class Coverage - 1/9/24	40 Minutes	\$36.00/hr
73.	Kraus	Erin	СН	To assist student with extracurricular	2 hrs.	\$36.00/hr
				activity, per IEP		
74.	Tompkins	Kathleen	BS	CPR Training	3 hrs.	Hourly

<sup>\*</sup>Club advisor salaries are funded by student activity fees.

#### **Substitutes**

22. Approval was given to confirm the employment of the following applicant(s) as substitute(s) pending fingerprints, background check and health exam, during the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name
1.	Barbagallo	Janet
2.	Ivanauskas	Sharon
3.	Tullman	Arthur

#### **Field Placement**

23. Approval was given to appoint the following mentor(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

		Mentee	Mentor				
Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Stipend
1.	DeSapio	Gianna	RH	Carr	Rebecca	RH	\$550*

<sup>\*</sup>Individuals may receive prorated rates based on actual time in service.

#### INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM

Lilian Colpas, Chairperson, Next Meeting – January 29, 2024

Dr. Bentley shared an update on the Instruction and Programming Committee which last met on January 9th and discussed the following items for recommendation to the full Board: (i) to enter into contracts with vendors to provide in-person and virtual tutoring; (ii) enrichment programs for Title 1 students at Frances A. Desmares and Robert Hunter with plans to extend to Barley Sheaf and Copper Hill later in the year; (iii) various routine items that range from donations, consultant contracts, travel, field trips, professional development, and additional compensation to staff as specified on the Board agenda for January 18. The majority of the Committee supported entering into a new contract with a literacy consultant for Frances A. Desmares using Title 1 funds. The Committee reviewed a presentation regarding enrollment data and new residential developments. As of today, we do not have a date set for the next committee meeting.

## Instruction and Program Item(s) 1-7 was approved under one motion made by Dr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Birkenstock

Board members shared thanks for the many donations which include an author presentation from the Robert Hunter PTO, StarLab and dry erase boards from the Barley Sheaf PTO, a 3-D printer from a parent, an arbor and entranceway fence to the pollinator garden at RFIS from Safe Harbor and Grand View Grange, J&J Landscaping and Rutgers Nursery for native bushes, concrete from Home Depot for an outdoor education area at RFIS, tower garden and supplies from Sustainable Jersey for Barley Sheaf, an anonymous donation of

mice and keyboards for staff use district wide and special thanks were shared for Mrs. Coster for her grant work. Ms. Hurley noted that committee meeting dates would be finalized and shared with the Board soon.

Aye: Dr. Bentley Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Birkenstock Ms. Hurley

Ms. Jarrett

1. Approval was given to employ the following consultant(s) during the 2023-2024 school year.

Item	Consultant	Location	Purpose	Number of Days	Cost not to exceed
1.	TW Math Consulting - Terri S. Whitacre	District	Bridges in Mathematics Professional Development	3	\$5,550
2.	Varsity Tutors	District (Grades 3-5)	High Impact Tutoring Program	Hourly	\$50,000
3.	Huntington Learning Center of Flemington	RFIS	High Impact Tutoring Program	Hourly	\$50,000
4.	Staff Development Workshops, Barb Golub	FAD	Title I literacy coach consultant to support teachers in their professional development goals	32	\$57,670

2. Approval was given to employ the following consultant(s) during the 2024-2025 school year.

Item	Consultant	Location	Purpose	Number of Days	Cost not to exceed
1.	Language & Literacy Associates for	District	Sheltered Instruction Training	3 days	\$9,000
	Multilingual and Multicultural Education				

3. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2023-2024 school year. If alternates are necessary, their employment will be confirmed as replacements at no additional cost.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Brace	Shannon	RFIS	Universal Design for Learning Book Club	5 hrs.	\$45/hr.
2.	Mantineo	Bethaney	RFIS	Universal Design for Learning Book Club	5 hrs.	\$45/hr.
3.	Ciasulli	Nadine	JPC	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
4.	DeLorenzo	Kristin	FAD	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
5.	Gorka	Alaina	FAD	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
6.	Guarino	Kelly	RFIS	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
7.	Kassick	Joseph	СН	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
8.	Lake	Katie	FAD	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
9.	McAnlis	Melissa	JPC	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
10.	Schmidt	Cherylann	JPC	Prepare for Professional Learning Days	3 hrs.	\$45/hr.
11.	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
12.	Barragan	Kathleen	FAD	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
13.	Beetle	Allyson	BS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
14.	Buell	Christine	RFIS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
15.	Chardoussin	Katie	СН	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
16.	Cinquemani	Tiffany	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
17.	Connelly	Kathleen	JPC	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.

18.	Delorenzo	Kristin	FAD	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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22.	Gilmurray	Mindi	JPC	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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23.	Graham	Kelsey	BS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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25.	Kassick	Joseph	СН	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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26.	Kircher	Jennifer	JPC	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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27.	Krukowski	Megan	JPC	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
28.	Kuster	Kelly	BS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
29.	LiBrizzi	Susan	RFIS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
30.	Lorring	Russell	RFIS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
31.	Marsigliano	Amy	JPC	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
32.	Migliore	Megan	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
33.	Nelson	Danialle	RFIS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
34.	Pinto	Sharon	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
35.	Pirog	Michelle	JPC	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
36.	Reilly	Rebecca	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
37.	Rowe	Kari	FAD	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
						exceed \$55/hr.
38.	Schwiederek	Emily	СН	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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39.	Shaw	Stephanie	BS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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44.	Tremel	Jill	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to
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45.	Vaccarino	Katie	BS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
46.	Whalen	Kathleen	RH	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.
47.	Yakobchuk	Lucy	BS	High Intensity Tutoring Program Facilitator	20 hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$55/hr.

4. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2023-2024 school year. If alternate(s) are necessary, their employment will be confirmed as replacements at no additional cost. These positions will be partially funded through the 2023 ESSA grant.

Item	Last	First	Loc.	Purpose	Account #	Max.#	Rate
	Name	Name				of Hours	
1.	Severino	Susan	RH	Title I Bilingual Families After	20-232-100-100-001-03-01	8 hrs.	Hourly not to
				School Book Club Facilitator			exceed \$55/hr.
2.	Severino	Susan	RH	Title I Bilingual Families After	20-232-200-101-000-03-01	2 hrs.	\$45/hr.
				School Book Club Planning			

5. Approval was given of the following field trip(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.

Item	Destination	Loc.	Grade/ Group	Anticipated	Cost not to	Funding
				Date	exceed	Source
1.	Cenicienta: A Bilingual Cinderella Story at Raritan	FAD	3	3/1/2024	\$520 (includes	FAD PTO
	Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ				transportation)	

6. Approval was given to accept the following curriculum, professional development, and/or technology-related donation(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.

Item	Donation	Donor	Value	Location
1.	StarLab, portable planetarium presentation	PTO	\$450	BS
2.	Presentation by Audrey Vernick: interactive author session, student luncheon, and book signing event	PTO	\$1,800	RH
3.	24 vertical dry erase boards and 4 copies of the book "Building Thinking Classrooms" by Peter Liljedahl for Kindergarten classrooms	PTO	\$735	BS
4.	Zufall Dental Van Visits	Zufall Health - Dr. Antonella Maietta	\$0	RH
5.	AOSEED X-Maker 3D Printer for Kids and Beginners	Manju Bhagavathy - FAD parent	\$399.99	FAD
6.	Pollinator garden and outdoor education items including a deer fence	PSEG Sustainable Jersey Program	\$10,000	RFIS
7.	Grant awarded to Lisa Coster to provide accessibility and signage to outdoor education areas	NJEA HIPP	\$10,000	RFIS
8.	Arbor and entranceway fence to the pollinator garden	Safe Harbor of Flemington	\$2,500	RFIS
9.	Arbor and entranceway fence to the pollinator garden	Grand View Grange of Flemington	\$500	RFIS
10.	A dozen native bushes as well as rototilling soil	J&J Landscaping and Garden Center	\$600	RFIS
11.	A dozen native pollinator perennials and bushes	Rutgers Nursery	\$450	RFIS
12.	Concrete for the outdoor education area	Home Depot of Flemington	\$100	RFIS
13.	Tower garden and associated supplies	Sustainable Jersey for School grant	\$2,000	BS
14.	40 mice and keyboards for staff use	Community Member	Estimated at \$250	District

7. Approval was given of the following travel expenditures for staff member(s) or their designated alternate to attend professional development conferences/workshops. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and professional development plans.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Includes (see below)	Max. Amount
1.	Barragan	Kathleen	Supporting Literacy Engagement with Older Students Who Have Reading Difficulties Workshop, Ewing, NJ	March 8, 2024	R,M	\$300
2.	Bradley	Noreen	Keys to Enhancing Your Effectiveness as a School Nurse Online Seminar	March 15, 2024	R	\$279
3.	Cioni	Veronica	NJSSNA (New Jersey State School Nurses Association) Spring Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	March 16, 2024	R,M	\$250
4.	Cunniff	Susanna	NJSSNA (New Jersey State School Nurses Association) Spring Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	March 16, 2024	R,M	\$250
5.	Koch	Leigh Ann	NJSSNA (New Jersey State School Nurses Association) Spring Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	March 16, 2024	R,M	\$250
6.	Renye	Melissa	NJAHPERD (New Jersey Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) Annual Convention, Princeton, NJ	February 26-27, 2024	R,M	\$310
7.	Hilke	Michelle	BER (Bureau of Education & Research) Enhance Your Reading Instruction: Practical Applications of the Science of Reading - Grades K-2 Virtual Workshop	March 18, 2024	R	\$279
8.	Cross	Devyn	BER (Bureau of Education & Research) Dyslexia: Help Children Who Struggle to Successfully Read, Write and Spell (Grades K-6) Virtual Workshop	February 12, 2024	R	\$279
9.	Bostory	Kimberly	Foundation for Educational Administration, Women's Leadership Conference 2024, Somerset, NJ	March 18, 2024	R,M	\$290
10.	Switkes	Amy	Foundation for Educational Administration, Women's Leadership Conference 2024, Somerset, NJ	March 18, 2024	R,M	\$290
11.	Kostaris	Suzanne	NJASBO (New Jersey Association for School Business Officials) Purchasing Workshop, Whippany, NJ	March 31, 2024	R,M	\$210
12.	Brace	Shannon	Helping Students Learn to Write Well by Teaching with Mentor Texts Workshop, Piscataway, NJ	February 7, 2024	R,M	\$205
		R	= Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Foo	od; O = Other		

#### **OPERATIONS**

Michelle Hurley, Chairperson, Next Meeting – January 31, 2024

Ms. Hurley shared an update on the Operations Committee which last met on January 9th and was updated that there is a surplus of funds in our food services accounts and therefore a corrective action plan is necessary to explain how the District plans to spend down the funds. Some of the items discussed were cafeteria tables at JPC and B.S., preschool tables for C.H., new dishwashers and a new design/layout for the RFIS cafeteria. Ms. Dawson provided the committee with an update on the 2024-2025 budget which included discussion of an 18.1% increase in healthcare costs, approximately \$2M. Preliminary budget numbers are expected in February. The committee recommends approval of special education items as noted on the agenda and requested a list of out of district placements and costs to be provided at future meetings. The committee discussed future classroom availability for preschool and a long term plan for expansion. The committee discussed continued transportation preschool challenges. The committee also discussed Policy 6160, which offers incentive to certificated staff to apply for grants. The committee recommends the policy committee review this policy in more detail.

# Operations Item(s) 1-8 were approved under one motion made by Ms. Hurley, seconded by Ms. Jarrett

Discussion took place regarding healthcare costs, more information was requested to be provided at a future date.

Aye: Dr. Bentley Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Birkenstock Ms. Hurley Ms. Jarrett

1. Approval was given of the transfer list from December 6, 2023 to January 12, 2024.

- 2. Approval was given of the bill list for the month of January totaling \$2,147,855.65.
- 3. Approval was given of the Food Service Corrective Action Plan for Net Cash Resources for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023
- 4. Approval was given for the 2024 Extended School Year Program to run Monday Thursday from July 1, 2024 through August 1, 2024, from 8:30 AM 12:30 PM, with the exception of July 4, 2024 when the District will be closed. The ESY program will take place at Copper Hill Elementary School.
- 5. Approval was given to adopt the School Nursing Services Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 6. Approval was given for the following Tuition Re-Bill per NJDOE 2022-2023 Independent Auditor Certified Final per diem under charge in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.3(m) to The Rock Brook School in the amount of \$8,476.54.

Item	Student ID#	School	Tuition
1.	9550899774	The Rockbrook School	\$3,565.24
2.	8327572810	The Rockbrook School	\$4,911.30

7. Approval was given to amend the May 22, 2023 Board Motion:

Approval to contract with Eden Autism to provide district wide consultation, to be provided by BCBA, 420 hours to be utilized throughout the school year. Inclusive of 40 hours designated to the district Pre-K program at \$170 per/hr, not to exceed \$71,400.00, during the 2023-2024 school year.

to read:

Approval to contract with Eden Autism to provide district wide consultation, to be provided by BCBA, **550 hours** to be utilized throughout the school year. Inclusive of 40 hours designated to the district Pre-K program at \$170 per/hr, not to exceed **\$93,500.00**, during the 2023-2024 school year.

8. Approval was given to contract with Laura Newman of Newman Associates to serve in the role as School Psychologist and Case Manager at Robert Hunter Elementary School, at the rate of \$500.00 per diem, not to exceed \$38,000.00, during the 2023-2024 school year.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

Laurie Markowski, Chairperson, Next Meeting – January 23, 2024

None.

#### **POLICY**

Jaclyn Arce, Chairperson, Next Meeting – January 23, 2024

Policy Item 1 was approved under one motion made by Ms. Hurley, seconded by Ms. Jarrett

Aye: Dr. Bentley Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Birkenstock Ms. Hurley

Ms. Jarrett

- 1. Approval was given to present the following new policy for 2nd reading and adoption:
  - 1. P 8508 Lunch Offer Versus Serve (OVS) (M)

# **MISCELLANEOUS (INFORMATION-ACTION)**

Miscellaneous Item(s) 1-2 were approved under motion made by Ms. Hurley, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

Aye: Dr. Bentley Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:

Mr. Birkenstock Ms. Hurley

Ms. Jarrett

#### Information

1. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Investigation(s) for the 2023-2024 school year:

School	Date of Incident	Report #	HIB (Y/N)	Additional Action Taken
RFIS	January 2, 2024	RFIS#5	Yes	Remedial actions outlined in report.

#### **Action Items**

1. Approval was given to accept the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigation(s) presented on the January 4, 2024 Board agenda, as follows:

School	Date of Incident	Report #	HIB (Y/N)	Additional Action Taken
RFIS	December 8, 2023	RFIS#4	No	Remedial actions outlined in report.
FAD	December 12-13, 2023	FAD#2	No	Remedial actions outlined in the report.

2. Approval was given to accept A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Hurley provided an update on Board of Education Goals. The first goal was to receive additional training, Ms. Hurley noted that she had shared literature with Board members on the Boards role vs. the Superintendent's role and that the field service rep will be in attendance in April to give formal training on the topic. The next goal, adhering to Board norms, Ms. Hurley advised that the chairs of each committee are expected to monitor for adherence and make note of any concerns. The final goal, inviting various groups to public meetings, is in process. Dr. McGann said that she shared the Board calendar with all building principals and invited them to an upcoming meeting, once those dates have been confirmed, PTO's will be invited to do the same.

Ms. Hurley advised that Board vacancy interviews have been scheduled for February 8th, four candidates will be interviewed, she has circulated interview questions within the Board and asked for any comments or suggestions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Citizens Address the Board - The public is invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions according to the Board's policy and by-laws. Each speaker will have 3 minutes and the total session will be 30 minutes. The public is requested to sign the register and to state their name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable. While all comments will be considered, Board Members will not respond to speakers at this time.

Ms. Hurley set the session to 30 minutes with 3 minutes for each person.

Megan Pacyna, Raritan Township - Offered congratulations to Mr. Bland on his retirement, shared that Camp Carr opened registration for summer camp and asked for information to be shared on summer programs offered by the District.

On the motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Dr. Bentley the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. viva voce.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Tanya Dawson Business Administrator/Board Secretary