

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Open Agenda Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022

Dr. Kulikowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, NJ.

Members Present
Ms. Nancy Bauer
Mrs. Karen Mitchell
Ms. Tonya Williams
Ms. Amy Winkler
Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent
Mrs. Amy Boroff
Ms. Deb Brody
Ms. Stephanie Suriani
Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President

Others Present
Joan Mast, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Robert A. McGarry, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Christopher Jones, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jeanne Cleary, Director of Operations and Special Projects
James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator/
Assistant Board Secretary
Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources
Lisa Rebimbas, Director of Special Services
Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

Motion by Mrs. Boroff, seconded by Ms. Winkler at 7:31 p.m., that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, Suspension/Detention Reports, HIB, and Legal Matters; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private recess by this Board and administrative staff, and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

Carried 5-0-0

The meeting returned to public session at 8:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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Mrs. Karen Mitchell
Ms. Tonya Williams
Ms. Amy Winkler
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Members Absent
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Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Karen Kulikowski stated Personnel, Suspension/Detention Reports, HIB, and Legal Matters were discussed in Executive Session.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

BOARD PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Board of Education offices located at 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Such notice was also provided in written notice forwarded to the *Times*, now known as the *Union County Hawk*, the *Star Ledger*, the Township Clerk of Scotch Plains and the Borough Clerk of Fanwood in the revised Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings as adopted September 1, 2021.

Instructional Updates

- Recognition of Winter Track
- PTA Reflections Winner

Motion by Dr. Kulikowski, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the PTA Reflections Program is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program established by the National PTA designed to encourage students in grades K to 12 to explore their talents and express themselves artistically by creating works of art; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Reflections Program theme was “I Will Change The World By...” whereby students in Kindergarten through 12th grade submitted their interpretation of the theme in six artistic areas including Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts; and,

WHEREAS, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association, under the leadership of the PTA Council President Suzanne Bjorklund, continues to enthusiastically participate in the National PTA Reflections Program; and,

WHEREAS, Avianna Sciaraffo, a first-grade student at William J. McGinn Elementary School, has received an Award of Merit in the 2021-2022 PTA Reflections Program at the New Jersey State level for her entry entitled Twinkle; and,

WHEREAS, it is truly an honor to have Avianna’s work recognized among the hundreds of state-wide submissions. We applaud Avianna’s efforts and determination in participating in this artistic program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education extends its sincere congratulations to Avianna Sciaraffo for receiving an Award of Merit for her Dance Choreography entry entitled Twinkle and extends best wishes for her continued success.

Carried 5-0-0

Motion by Ms. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Winkler, that the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Girls' Varsity Winter Track Team had a remarkable season that concluded with the Girls' Team earning the first Group III Winter Track Championship in school history at the Bennet Center Bubble in Toms River on February 26th, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, in order to earn All-American Status for Winter Track an athlete must finish in the top 8 at a National Indoor Track event; and,

WHEREAS, the following athletes earned All-American designation at the New Balance Nationals held at the New York City Armory on March 11-13, 2022:

The 4x400 Team of Jenai Berry, Julia Jackson, Grace Kennedy, and Danielle Most, 3rd Place; Julia Jackson in the 400, finishing second;

WHEREAS, the Girls' Varsity Winter Track Program and these individuals exhibited outstanding talent, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season and were led by Head Coaches Jeff Koegel and Rich McGriff, assisted by Dan Doherty. This team received well-deserved recognition from fellow students, staff, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood communities for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognizes and congratulates the 2021-2022 Girls' Varsity Winter Track Program, these individuals, and their coaches for their outstanding achievements and wishes them continued success in all future endeavors.

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Varsity Winter Track Teams had a remarkable season that concluded with the Girls' Team earning the first Group III Winter Track Championship in school history at the Bennet Center Bubble in Toms River on February 26th, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Group III Winter Track Championship Team consisted of Grace Kennedy, Jenai Berry, Julia Jackson, Ava Billotto, Danielle Most, Zoe Hopkins; and,

WHEREAS, the following athletes distinguished themselves with the following achievements:

Kenny Agwu, Sectional Champion at the North II Group III Sectionals in the 55 Meter Hurdles;

Grace Kennedy, Keira Kelly, Jenai Berry, Julia Jackson Union County Relay Champions in the 4x200 and 4x400;
Gabiella Crona, Julia Jackson, Grace Kennedy, Jenai Berry New Balance Games Champions, 4x800 and a school record;
Grace Kennedy, Danielle Most, Jenai Berry, Julia Jackson Group III Relay, Union County, North II Group III, Meet of Champions winner, 3rd Place at the New Balance Nationals, and school record holder in the 4x400;
Grace Kennedy, North II Group III Sectional Champion in the 800, runner up in the 400 at the North II Group III Sectional, Group III Meet, and 3rd Place at the Meet of Champions;
Jenai Berry, Eastern State Champion and School Record Holder in the 800, Runner up in the 800 at the North II Group III Sectionals, and 3rd at the North II Group III Sectionals;
Julia Jackson, County, Sectional, Group, Eastern States, and Meet of Champions winner in the 400, Sectional and Group III Champion in the 55, school records in the 55, 200, and 400, and 2nd Place at the New Balance Nationals;

WHEREAS, the Varsity Winter Track Program and these individuals exhibited outstanding talent, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season and were led by Head Coaches Jeff Koegel and Rich McGriff, assisted by Dan Doherty. This team received well-deserved recognition from fellow students, staff, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood communities for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments.

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Public Comments

Public comments began at 8:38 p.m.

Gary Morris, FW Wanted to express his gratitude for Coach Kegel, who is also a math teacher at the high school. He was an inspiration to his daughter who accepted a prestigious teaching position.

Public comments ended at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Reports

Curriculum - report by Ms. Winkler

Facilities - report by Mr. Murray, read by Ms. Williams

Finance - report by Ms. Brody, read by Ms. Bauer

Letter to the Board

One email was received from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

Board Motions

Superintendent Report

Dr. Mast reviewed the following :

- Extended School Year Placements Summer 2022
- HIB Cases
- 2022-2023 School Nursing Plan
- 2021-2022 Matrix of Forms
- 2022-2023 School Year Curricula Matrix

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the Board of Educations:

1-S approves the Extended School Year Placements Summer 2022 – Private and Public.

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Classified</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>ESY Cost</u>	<u>Additional Cost 1:1 Aide & Other Services</u>
19-09	AUT	Academy 360 Lower	\$9,350.00	\$3,960.00
20-04	AUT	Academy 360 Lower	\$9,350.00	\$3,960.00
20-12	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	\$3,960.00
11-18	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	
15-08	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	\$3,960.00
15-10	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	\$3,960.00
10-01	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	
12-16	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	\$3,960.00

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16-02	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	
07-02	AUT	Academy 360 Upper	\$9,306.00	\$3,960.00
21-12	OHI	Banyan	\$7,832.00	
20-19	MD	Banyan School	\$7,486.73	\$5,060.00
19-06	OHI	Bridge Academy	\$5,067.00	
16-10	AUT	Calais School	\$12,720.00	\$6,644.00
12-09	AUT	Calais School	\$12,720.00	
19-10	SLD	Cambridge	\$4,850.00	
17-16	AUT	Camp Star	\$550.00	
20-07	OHI	Center School	\$8,900.00	
21-04	AUT	Center School	\$8,900.00	\$4,017.00
18-16	OHI	Collier HS	\$10,950.00	
17-20	OHI	Collier HS	\$10,950.00	
18-31	OHI	Collier HS	\$10,950.00	
18-21	OHI	Collier School	\$10,950.00	
18-14	SLD	Cornerstone Day School	\$11,893.00	
21-13	OHI	Cornerstone Day School	\$11,893.00	
21-07	ED	Cornerstone Day School	\$11,893.00	
18-25	AUT	Deron School	\$11,820.00	\$5,099.00
21-10	AUT	Deron School	\$11,820.00	\$5,099.00
18-08	AUT	Deron School Upper	\$11,820.00	\$5,099.00
20-24	ERI	East Mountain	\$11,910.00	
18-27	AUT	ECLC, Chatham	\$7,084.40	
20-01	AUT	ECLC, Chatham	\$7,084.40	\$5,000.00
18-23	AUT	ECLC, Chatham	\$7,084.40	\$5,000.00
06-18	OHI	ECLC, Chatham	\$7,084.40	
13-02	MD	First Children, LLC, Fanwood	\$12,750.00	\$6,120.00
19-08	MD	First Children, LLC, Fanwood	\$12,750.00	
17-14	AUT	Garden Academy		
20-20	ER	Grove School - Out of State*	\$14,450.00	
17-18	AUT	Limitless	\$5,758.00	\$2,346.00
15-15	OHI	Montgomery Academy	\$9,560.00	\$7,972.00
21-14	OHI	Mount Carmel Guild	\$6,319.20	\$2,534.00
19-04	AUT	New Road School - Somerset	\$10,665.60	
20-09	AUT	New Road School - Somerset	\$10,665.60	
22-02	CMI	New Roads - Parlin	\$12,150.00	

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18-30	OHI	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
16-01	AUT	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
20-11	OHI	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
21-09	AUT	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
20-05	AUT	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
22-01	OHI	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
21-01	AUT	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
17-13	MD	Newmark	\$5,916.00	
20-06	OHI	Newmark HS	\$5,882.00	
11-02	AUT	Newmark HS/UCCTI - Vo Tech (Shared Time)	\$5,882.00	
08-20	AUT	Phoenix Center	\$8,140.00	\$3,763.62
08-13	AUT	Phoenix Center	\$8,140.00	\$3,763.62
20-01	MD	Pillar Elementary School (Horizon)	\$12,154.50	\$6,644.00
18-11	AUT	Princeton Child Development Inst.	\$18,480.00	
17-02	OHI	Shepard Prep High School	\$10,395.00	
20-08	OHI	Sheppard School	\$10,395.00	
15-19	PSD	Somerset Hills Learning Institute	\$22,110.00	
20-21		Whetstone - Out of State*	\$13,000.00	
21-08	SLD	Winston School	\$5,640.00	
14-11	AUT	Woods Education - Out of State	\$12,000.00	\$43,212.00

Public Schools

	Classified	<u>Placement</u>	ESY Cost	Additional Cost 1:1 Aide & Other Services
10-09	MD	Burlington County Commission	\$5,445.71	
21-11	ERI	Cranford Achievement Program	\$7,020.00	
12-13	MD	DLC Warren	\$16,637.00	\$7,383.33
13-03	AUT	DLC Warren	\$16,637.00	\$7,383.33
06-17	MD	DLC, Warren	\$16,637.00	
07-03	AUT	DLC, Warren	\$16,637.00	
07-08	AUT	Douglass Dev. Center (Rutgers)	\$13,348.93	
10-05	AUT	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$7,310.00	
20-13	MD	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$7,310.00	
20-23	AUT	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$7,310.00	
21-03	AUT	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$7,310.00	
17-23	OHI	Lamberts Mill Academy	\$9,879.00	

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16-03	ERI	Lamberts Mill Academy	\$9,879.00	
20-10	OHI	Rutgers Day School	\$8,258.73	
12-02	AUT	UCESC - Project Search	\$9,879.00	
12-03	AUT	UCESC - Work Readiness	\$9,879.00	
18-28	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$9,879.00	
18-13	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$9,879.00	
06-03	MID	UCESC Work Readiness	\$9,879.00	
08-04	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$9,879.00	
16-13	AUT	Westfield cost share/DLC, Warren	\$8,401.00	
05-09	OHI	Westlake - Autism Class	\$9,160.00	\$4,488.00
07-07	AUT	Westlake - Autism Class	\$9,160.00	
17-11	MD	Westlake - Job Academy	\$9,160.00	\$4,488.00
12-11	MD	Westlake - MD Class	\$6,630.00	\$4,488.00
09-08	AUT	Westlake-AUT	\$9,160.00	\$4,488.00

2-S approves the superintendent’s decisions in the following HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on April 28, 2022. Of the 15 cases, two were determined to be HIB.

Case#: 050-2122-09	Case#: 060-2122-10
Case#: 065-2122-14	Case#: 060-2122-11
Case#: 050-2122-08	Case#: 065-2122-11
Case#: 050-2122-10	Case#: 050-2122-007
Case#: 085-2022-03	Case#: 065-2122-12
Case#: 105-2022-03	Case#: 165-2122-13
Case#: 105-2022-04	Case#: 060-2122-12
Case#: 050-2122-09	

Carried 5-0-0

1-PERS Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated May 10, 2022 in the areas noted below:

1. Retirements
2. Resignations/Terminations
3. Appointments
4. Reappointments
5. Change of Status
6. Leaves of Absence
7. Sixth Periods
8. Co-Curricular Appointments
9. Substitute Staff as needed for the 2021-2022 School Year

Carried 5-0-0 on a roll call vote

Business Report

Mr. Jones reviewed the following Business items:

- Staff Training Report
- Related service vendors for 2021-2022 SY and ESY22
- Transportation Bid Award
- Erosion Assessment Proposal
- Subscription Busing Program
- Environmental Safety Management Corporation Proposal
- Employee Medical and Dental Coverage
- RAS Technology Consultants,
- Strauss Esmay Associates' PASS Services Renewal
- UCESC Transportation Agreement
- Official depositories for the 2022-2023 school year
- Food Service for 2022-2023 school year
- Statistical Forecasting, LLC Proposal
- Amaker and Porterfield Transportation Renewal
- NJSIAA Renewal
- Fire and Security Drills
- Financial Reports
- Disbursements
- Bill List

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Williams, that the Board of Education:

1-BUS approves Staff Training Report dated May 10, 2022.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools Board Approval for Staff Training and Seminars, Conventions and Conferences Board Meeting: May 10, 2022						
Number Attending	Conference Title	Dates Location	Anticipated Reimbursement	Purpose	Date of Request	Date of Board Approval
* Expenses may exceed state and federal reimbursement guidelines + How will this activity promote the delivery of instruction, improvement of curriculum, or further district goals?						
Six	Arts Integration Leadership Institute	July 11-13, 2022 Princeton, NJ Sponsor: NJPSA/FEA	\$75.00 (registration for 3 day conference) (Utilizing Title IIA funds)	Attend Arts Integration Leadership Institute which will focus on the development of school/district projects that stress arts integration.	May 2, 2022	May 10, 2022

2-BUS approves the following related service vendors for 2021-2022 SY and ESY22:

Related Service	Provider	Current Year	Hourly Rate
Reading/Comprehensive Writing	Ann Robinowitz Education Center	\$2,250	\$125

and

ESY22			
Agency	Type of Service	Hourly Rate	Total Amount
Brett DiNovi	Behavior Consultant/ RBT - Various Students	\$130,\$55	\$10,400
Creative Speech Services	Speech, OT Services - Various Students	\$93.00	\$30,000

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First Children	BCBA & ABA Services - Various Students	\$105 BCBA, \$51 BT	\$25,000
JFK - Hackensack Meridian	Related Services - OT, Counseling Speech - Various Students	\$149.00	\$2,000
Kathleen Graziano	Occupational Therapy Services - Various Students	\$83.00	\$8,000
MUJC	Related Services - OT, PT, Speech - Various 00D Students	\$200, \$220, \$235	\$10,000
MUJC	OT, PT, Speech - Various Students	\$200, \$220, \$235	\$13,000
Nursing - Preferred	Nursing Services - Various Students	\$59 RN, \$54 LPN	\$10,000
Nursing- Bayada	Nursing Services - Various Students	\$57 RN, \$57 LPN	\$10,000
Nursing - A Caring Connection	Nursing Services - Various Students	\$60 RN, \$50 LPN	\$2,500
Nursing - Tru Care	Nursing Services - Various Students	\$65 LPN	\$2,500
Our House	Job Coaching/Development - Various students	\$54.00	\$1,855
Sensory Smart	Occupational Therapy Services - Various Students	\$84.00	\$3,500
Summit Speech	Speech Services & Audiological Services - Various Students	\$165.00	\$4,000
UCESC	OT, PT, Speech - Various Students	\$160.00	\$5,000
Ann Robinowitz Education	Reading Comprehension/Writing Various Students	\$125.00	\$1,250
Maria Hart	Instruction - Various Students	\$90.00	\$720
Janice Bryk	Social Skills Various Students	\$90.00	\$720
Tru North Theraplay	OT - Various Students	\$83.00	\$3,000
Spectrum Consulting	Therapy - Various Students	\$56.00, \$125.00	\$12,000
Intensive Therapeutics	Therapy - Various Students	\$55.00	\$1,000

3-BUS approves the Bid Award for Transportation Contract 2022-2023 to Durham School Services, the only bidder:

Route	Daily Cost	Annual Cost
H1	195.47	35,184.60
VTM	195.47	35,184.60
HL	195.47	35,184.60
H3	217.43	39,137.40
S1	217.43	39,137.40
H5	162.00	29,160.00
VT2	162.00	29,160.00
PL	162.00	29,160.00
H6	214.90	38,682.00
C3	214.90	38,682.00
H7	218.85	39,393.00
B2	218.85	39,393.00
H8	216.60	38,988.00
C5	216.60	38,988.00
T2	221.30	39,834.00
C1	221.30	39,834.00
T3	364.50	65,610.00
T5	216.60	38,988.00
C4	216.60	38,988.00
Total	4,048.27	728,688.60

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education awards the Transportation Bid to Durham School Services, L.P., 2601 Navistar Drive, Lisle, IL 60532 in the amount of \$728,688.60

4-BUS approves the Potter Architects proposal for Professional Services not to exceed \$20,000 for an Erosion Assessment and Topographical study of the High School Track Erosion. Funds will be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve.

Carried 5-0-0

The meeting was open for public comments at 8:58 p.m.

Joy Hopkins, FW What is the purpose of suspending two students if one of the students was defending himself?

Gina Berry, FW Requests investment to replace old track uniforms and uniforms for all track members as well as investing in weight room and more track coaches.

Gary Morris, FW Questioned the distribution of *In the Lake of the Woods* for this then 10th grader, not suggesting banning books just finding tools to help parents determine books they find appropriate for their own children.

Public comments ended at 9:09 p.m.

Good of the Order

Dr. Kulikowski and Dr. Mast enjoyed the District Art Show.

Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Winkler, that the Board of Education approves returning to the public session.

Carried 5-0-0



Christopher Jones
Board Secretary