# SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

# Open Agenda Meeting Agenda March 10, 2022

(7:30 p.m. Executive Session)

8:00 p.m. Public Session - Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	<ul> <li>Ms. Nancy Bauer</li> <li>Mrs. Amy Boroff</li> <li>Ms. Deb Brody</li> <li>Mrs. Karen Mitchell</li> <li>Ms. Stephanie Suriani</li> <li>Ms. Tonya Williams</li> </ul>		
	Ms. Amy Winkler Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President Dr. Karen Kulikowski, 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 FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, HIB, Suspension/Detention Report, 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT** 

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 UPDATE

• NASA TechRise Student Challenge Presentation

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Community Relations
- Curriculum
- Facilities
- Finance
- Negotiations Update
- Personnel
- Policy
- Strategic Planning
- Student Activities and Athletic
- Wellness and Equity

#### LETTERS TO THE BOARD

Total of four letters and emails were received from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

#### **BOARD MOTIONS**

#### **CURRICULUM REPORT**

\*1-C Move that the Board of Education approves the following SY2021-2022 change in Out of District placement:

Case	Classification	Placement	<b>Prorated Cost</b>
21-14	OHI	Mt. Carmel Guild Academy	\$29,960

\*2-C Move that the Board of Education approves the superintendent's decisions in the following HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on February 24, 2022. Of the seven cases, two were determined to be HIB.

Case#: 050-2122-005 Case#: 085-2122-2 Case#: 070-2122-02 Case#: 060-2122-07 Case#: 105-2022-02 Case#: 080-2122-03 Case#: 085-2122-02

\*3-C Move that the Board of Education approves the 12-month employee calendar for 2022-2023.

#### PERSONNEL REPORT

- \*1-PERS Move that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated March 10, 2022 in the areas noted below: (Roll Call Vote)
  - 1. Retirements
  - 2. Resignations/Terminations
  - 3. Appointments
  - 4. Change of Status
  - 5. Leaves of Absence
  - 6. Auxiliary Employment
  - 7. Substitute Staff as needed for the 2021-2022 School Year

# **BUSINESS REPORT**

- \*1-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves Brunner Gym Project Closeout forthcoming information
- \*2-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the submission and acceptance of carryover funds to 2021-2022 ESEA from 2020-2021 as follows:

Title 1A	Title IIA	Title III Immigrant	Title IV
\$20,467	\$90,808	\$517	\$13,382

\*3-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the renewal subscription invoice from Raptor Technologies in the amount of \$\\$\\$\\$\\$\ under the ESCNJ BID #19/20-33 for the Visitor Management System for the eight schools and the administration building.

4-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves LED - forthcoming information

5-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the \$3,000 anonymous donation to Evergreen Elementary first grade, art, and music teachers for classroom supplies.

6-BUS Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the district schools Security and Fire Drill Reports for the month of February 2022.

7-BUS Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Board Secretary's Reports, Treasurer of School Funds Reports, and Budget Adjustments:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Board Secretary certifies that as of February 28, 2022,, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a); and that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, certifies that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b).

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approves receipt of Budget Transfers, the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month ending February 28, 2022.

8-BUS Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following disbursement listings dated February 28, 2022.:

- Creative Summer Workshop
- Cafeteria
- Payroll Agency Account
- Petty Cash
- Music Account
- Athletic Account
- Elementary Student Activity
- Nettingham and Terrill Middle Student Activity
- High School Student Activity

9-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves bills for the period of February 23, 2022 through March 18, 2022 in the amount of \$

#### **BOARD POLICIES**

#### **NEW BOARD BUSINESS**

#### OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

## 1-OBB Liaison Reports

- Affordable Housing
- Garden State Coalition (GSCS)
- Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC)
- NJ School Boards Association
- PTA Council
- Presidents Council Meeting
- SEPAC
- SP-F Shared Services
- Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT)
- Union Co. Educational Services Commission (UCESC)
- Union Co. School Boards Assoc.

# 2-OBB Request to Attend Workshops and Workshop Reports

3-OBB Move that the Board of Education approves agreement with Nisivoccia LLP to provide the auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$ . The District also is required to implement GASB 84 "Fiduciary Activities" so there will be an additional cost of \$. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

4-OBB Move that the Board of Education adopts the following Autism Awareness resolution:

**WHEREAS**, autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder that results in difficulties with communication and social interaction, as well as repetitive behaviors;

**WHEREAS**, autism can affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, or other factors;

WHEREAS, it is both a moral and fiscal imperative that services be made available that maximize the potential of each unique child/adult living with autism to contribute to the greatest extent possible to the society and economy of the United States;

**WHEREAS**, it is well established that early intervention can improve outcomes by significantly improving the cognitive, language, and adaptive skills of people with autism;

**WHEREAS**, a variety of physical, medical, and mental health issues may accompany autism, resulting in marked functional impairment in all activities of daily living;

**WHEREAS**, these conditions may include epilepsy, Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, gastrointestinal problems, immune-system disorders, sleep disturbance, sensory integration dysfunction, and metabolic disorders;

**WHEREAS**, many individuals on the autism spectrum face co- occurring mental-health challenges, including anxiety, obsessive compulsions, and depression;

**WHEREAS**, individuals living with autism are highly valued and deserve the highest level of dignity and acceptance by society; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, April 2022 would be an appropriate month to designate as National Autism Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members and medical professionals who care for individuals with autism; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education expresses support designating April 2022 as National Autism Awareness Month; recognizes and commends both individuals living with autism and the parents and relatives of those individuals for their sacrifice and dedication.

#### \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Move that the Board of Education approves the Minutes below:

- 1. February 24, 2022 Regular Public Meeting Minutes Executive Session
- 2. February 24, 2022 Regular Public Meeting Minutes

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# **UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

March 24 - Regular Public Meeting - Administration Bldg

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