

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLSband  
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024  
MEETING MINUTES  
of the Metuchen Board of Education**

Metuchen High School  
400 Grove Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Flag Salute**
- 3. Notice of Meeting**

I hereby make this statement to indicate compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey, 1975, which became effective 90 days after enactment, January 19, 1976.

Notice of this meeting was given by providing the location, time and date of this meeting, and posting of the same on the front door of the Board of Education offices, by delivering copies to the Borough Hall and the Metuchen Public Library, The Star Ledger, The Home News and Tribune and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

**4. Roll Call**

|                |   |                    |   |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Mr. Bhatt      | A | Dr. Johnson-Marcus | P |
| Ms. Cook       | A | Ms. Killean        | A |
| Mr. Derflinger | P | Mr. Lifton         | P |
| Ms. Dimbeng    | P | Dr. Spigner        | P |
| Mr. Glassberg  | P | Mr. Suss           | P |

**5. Showcase of Success**

- ❖ Valedictorian - Mason Liu
- ❖ Salutatorian - Arjun Gupta

**6. Meeting Open to the Public** *(for any topic)* - None

**7. Presentations**

- ❖ District Goals Final Report - Dr. Caputo gave his report.

**8. Reports**

- ❖ President's Report - Mr. Lifton thanks and honored Ms. Dimbeng for being our Student Board Member and presented her with an apple.
- ❖ Superintendent's Report - None
- ❖ Committee Reports

Mr. Glassberg gave a short update on what the Construction Committee is doing.  
Dr. Johnson-Marcus thanked people on the behalf of the Human Relations Commission.  
Mr. Suss gave a report on the Finance/Tech Committee.

- ❖ Student Board Member Report - Ms. Dimbeng gave her final report.

**9. Old Business** - None

**10. New Business**

Mr. Suss asked about policy for assigning students homework on holidays. The matter was discussed amongst the Board.

**11. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings**

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| June 11, 2024 | Special Business Meeting (1) |
| June 11, 2024 | Special Business Meeting (2) |
| June 11, 2024 | Board Meeting                |

Mr. Lifton motioned. Mr. Derflinger seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Suss abstained.

**12. Meeting Open to the Public** *(for any topic)* - None

**13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools**

*(at this time the Board will take formal action on the following items – see attachments)*

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate board committee. The members of the board committee work with administration and the Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then, is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

**A. PERSONNEL**

**Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

**1. Metuchen High School Summer Institute Stipends**

Move to approve the following teachers for additional guidance and support to students preparing for college admissions and algebra courses; as well as for pre-advanced placement instruction:

| Name              | Class                | 2024 Stipend |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Emily Caponigro   | Alg 2 Prep Session 1 | \$1,000      |
| Emily Caponigro   | Alg 2 Prep Session 2 | \$500        |
| Emily Caponigro   | Geometry Prep        | \$500        |
| Eileen Wagenblast | College Essay 1      | \$1,000      |
| Eileen Wagenblast | College Essay 2      | \$1,000      |
| Adam Levy         | College Essay 3      | \$1,000      |
| Adam Levy         | SAT Prep English     | \$1,500      |
| Jonathan Stevens  | SAT Prep Math        | \$1,500      |

|                   |                |         |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| Eileen Wagenblast | AP Lang Sess 1 | \$1,000 |
| Eileen Wagenblast | AP Lang Sess 2 | \$1,000 |
| Chris Giddes      | APUSH 1 Sess 1 | \$1,000 |
| Chris Giddes      | APUSH 1 Sess 2 | \$1,000 |
| Chris Giddes      | APUSH 2 Sess 1 | \$1,000 |
| William Schlavis  | APUSH 2 Sess 2 | \$1,000 |

**2. Summer Work - Metuchen High School Band Camp**

Move to approve the following staff for 2024 summer work at Metuchen High School band camp:

| Name             | # of Days | Per Diem Rate              | Assignment         |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| John Messenger   | 5         | Part of Contracted Stipend | Marching Band Camp |
| John Flynn       | 5         | Part of Contracted Stipend | Marching Band Camp |
| Jason Gomez      | 5         | Part of Contracted Stipend | Marching Band Camp |
| Dillon Fernandes | 5         | Part of Contracted Stipend | Marching Band Camp |

**3. Summer Work - Metuchen High School Guidance Department**

Move to approve the following school counselors for 2024 summer work at Metuchen High School:

| Name             | # of Days | Per Diem Rate                   | Assignment                                     |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--|
| Elizabeth DeMott | 5         | Per Diem Rate per contract year | Scheduling<br>(2 End of June; 3 End of August) |
| Traci Grauer     | 5         | Per Diem Rate per contract year | Scheduling<br>(2 End of June; 3 End of August) |
| Leigh Hanbridge  | 5         | Per Diem Rate per contract year | Scheduling<br>(2 End of June; 3 End of August) |

**4. Appointment - Additional Event Staff**

Move to approve the following additional Event Staff for the 2023-2024 school year (Agenda 8/8/23, Section 13, A10):

|                  |                  |                 |                 |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jackie Jacobi    | Amanda Shorr     | Dawn Valovcin   | Yoko Kato       |
| Bill McDuffie    | Emily Caponigro  | Sean Rappleyea  | Bonnie Stanski  |
| Tomasz Sobieniak | Trey Jaworski    | Lauren Korellis | Aubree Deminski |
| Nicole Benfatti  | Molly Yelencsics |                 |                 |

**5. Appointment - Substitute Nurses**

Move to approve the following substitute nurses for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$200/day:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Hireschel Berame     | Erika Stankovicova |
| Katrina Jacobson     | Pam Hicks          |
| Marybeth Sondergaard | Kim Galeota        |
| Sue Fackler          |                    |

**6. Appointment - 1:1 Substitute Nurses**

Move to approve the appointment of the following 1:1 per diem substitute registered nurses for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$280/day:

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Hireschel Berame      |
| Katrina Jacobson      |
| Mary Beth Sondergaard |
| Kim Galeota           |

**7. Appointment - 1:1 Nurse**

Move to approve the appointment of Laura Hermans. 1:1 Nurse at Moss School, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$48.58/hour.

**8. Leave of Absence- Bus Driver**

Move to approve the leave of absence of Angela Delgado, Bus Driver for Metuchen School District, effective July 1, 2024 through approximately December 31, 2024.

**9. Extended School Year Special Services Staff - Certificated Staff**

Move to approve the following as special services staff for the 2024 Extended School Year Program:

| <b>Certificated Staff</b> |   |                      |                  |              |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Name</b>               | <b>Program</b>                          | <b>Per Diem Rate</b> | <b># of Days</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Michele Herold            | Preschool                               | \$ 348.65            | 20               | \$ 6,973.00  |
| Jessica Kovacs            | Preschool                               | \$ 317.16            | 20               | \$ 6,343.20  |
| Shannon MacMenamie        | Preschool                               | \$ 317.16            | 20               | \$ 6,343.20  |
| Lauren Corrigan           | Special Class MD K                      | \$ 311.76            | 20               | \$ 6,235.20  |
| Sarah Masters             | Resource K                              | \$ 322.57            | 20               | \$ 6,451.40  |
| Julie Anderson            | Resource 1 (Partially ESSER Funded)     | \$ 555.85            | 20               | \$ 11,117.00 |
| Ellissa Cadel             | Resource 1 & 2                          | \$ 445.95            | 20               | \$ 8,919.00  |
| Elizabeth Rentenberg      | Resource 2                              | \$ 395.14            | 10               | \$ 3,951.40  |
| Lindsey Omark             | Resource 3                              | \$ 390.49            | 20               | \$ 7,809.80  |
| Lauren Thompson           | Resource 4                              | \$ 350.05            | 20               | \$ 7,001.00  |
| Andrea Agnone             | Resource ELA 5 (Partially ESSER Funded) | \$ 338.70            | 7.5              | \$ 2,540.25  |
| Christina Risitano        | Resource Math 5 (ESSER Funded)          | \$ 350.05            | 7.5              | \$ 2,625.38  |
| Brian Jeney               | Special Class MD 1-2                    | \$ 335.86            | 20               | \$ 6,717.20  |
| Samantha Murphy           | Special Class MD 3-4                    | \$ 414.89            | 20               | \$ 8,297.80  |
| Alexis Wolford            | Special Class MD 5-8                    | \$ 333.38            | 20               | \$ 6,667.60  |
| Christina Dybas           | Special Class MD 9-12                   | \$ 390.49            | 20               | \$ 7,809.80  |
| Dawn Valovcin             | Special Class MD 18-21                  | \$ 441.00            | 20               | \$ 8,820.00  |
| Beth McLaughlin           | Resource Math 6-12                      | \$ 414.89            | 15               | \$ 6,223.35  |
| Becky Dwyer               | Resource ELA 6-12                       | \$ 395.14            | 15               | \$ 5,927.10  |
| Steve Cichetti            | Credit Recovery                         | \$ 526.28            | 15               | \$ 7,894.20  |

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Program</b>  | <b>Per Diem</b> | <b># of Days</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Nga Pham           | ESY Nursing     | \$ 366.08       | 20               | \$ 7,321.60  |
| Sue Fackler        | ESY Sub Nursing | \$ 200.00       | TBD              |              |
| Jillieanna Peguero | ESY Sub Nursing | \$ 319.86       | TBD              |              |

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Program</b>  | <b>Per Diem</b> | <b># of Days</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Isabella Massaro | ESY Behaviorist | \$ 520.27       | 20               | \$ 10,405.40 |

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Program</b> | <b>Hourly Rate</b> | <b># of Hours</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
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|---------------|-------------------------|----------|-----|--|
| Nga Pham      | Summer Programs Nursing | \$ 61.01 | TBD |  |
| Laura Hermans | ESY 1:1 Nursing         | \$ 48.58 | TBD |  |

| Name            | Program            | Per Diem  | # of Days | Total       |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Emily Bianchi   | ESY speech therapy | \$ 350.05 | 20        | \$ 7,001.00 |
| Eric Stein      | ESY speech therapy | \$ 535.94 | 10        | \$ 5,359.40 |
| Brianna Fortino | ESY speech therapy | \$ 311.76 | 10        | \$ 3,117.60 |

| Name            | Program                       | Hourly Rate | # of Hours | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Emily Bianchi   | CST speech evals and meetings | \$ 58.34    | TBD        |       |
| Eric Stein      | CST speech evals and meetings | \$ 89.32    | TBD        |       |
| Emily Rebelo    | CST speech evals and meetings | \$ 58.34    | TBD        |       |
| Brianna Fortino | CST speech evals and meetings | \$ 51.96    | TBD        |       |

| Name              | Program                                     | Hourly Rate | # of Hours | Total   |
|-------------------|---|-------------|------------|---------|
| Courtney Crawford | Summer Institute-Transitions (ESSER Funded) | \$ 50.00    | 42         | \$ 2100 |
| Nicole Benfatti   | Summer Institute-Transitions (ESSER funded) | \$ 50.00    | 16         | \$ 800  |
| Jeremy Barnes     | Summer Institute-Transitions (ESSER funded) | \$ 50.00    | 48         | \$ 2400 |

**10. Extended School Year Special Services Staff - Child Study Team**

Move to approve the following Child Study Team Staff for the 2024 Extended School Year Program:

| Child Study Team Summer Work |                     |               |           |             |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| Name                         | Position            | Per Diem Rate | # of Days | Total       |
| Amrita Bindra                | Psychologist        | \$ 374.80     | 14        | \$ 5247.20  |
| Christina Theiss             | Psychologist        | \$ 554.07     | 14        | \$ 7756.98  |
| Dana Donatelli               | Psychologist        | \$ 537.94     | 18        | \$ 9682.92  |
| Karen Calantoni              | Learning Consultant | \$ 414.89     | 18        | \$ 7468.02  |
| Kaitlyn Kodersha             | Social Worker       | \$ 390.48     | 18        | \$ 7028.82  |
| Nicole Benfatti              | Learning Consultant | \$ 537.94     | 14        | \$ 7531.16  |
| Karla Riera                  | Learning Consultant | \$ 561.46     | 14        | \$ 7,860.44 |
| Lisa Granados                | Social Worker       | \$ 554.07     | 14        | \$ 7756.98  |
| Courtney Crawford            | Psychologist        | \$ 409.08     | 14        | \$ 5727.12  |

**11. Extended School Year Special Services Staff- Paraprofessionals**

Move to approve the following paraprofessionals for the 2024 Extended School Year.

| Special Education In-District Extended School Year 2024- Paraprofessionals |                          |             |            |            |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Name   | Program                  | Hourly Rate | # of Hours | Total      |
| Neha Jansari   | Preschool Disabled- MIPP | \$21.14     | 90         | \$1902.60  |
| Pam Malone   | Preschool Disabled- MIPP | \$22.04     | 90         | \$1,983.60 |
| Rebecca DiSerio  | Preschool Disabled- MIPP | \$20.84     | 90         | \$1,875.60 |
| Annie Kim  | Preschool Disabled- MIPP | \$21.44     | 90         | \$1,929.60 |
| Deb Stolz  | Preschool Disabled- MIPP | \$21.14     | 90         | \$1,902.60 |

|                     |                          |         |    |            |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|----|------------|
| Ben Hohmann         | Preschool Disabled- MIPP | \$21.44 | 90 | \$1,929.60 |
| Avery Anderson      | Resource K               | \$20.84 | 90 | \$1,875.60 |
| Leila Baoid         | Resource 1               | \$21.44 | 90 | \$1,929.60 |
| Hope Serratelli     | Resource 1               | \$25.59 | 90 | \$2,303.10 |
| Laurie Toth         | Resource 1 & 2           | \$22.04 | 90 | \$1,983.60 |
| Tom Yakowenko       | Resource 3               | \$25.56 | 90 | \$2,300.40 |
| Kathi Pearsall      | Resource 4               | \$22.69 | 90 | \$2,042.10 |
| Emily Sporer        | Resource K-4             | \$25.56 | 90 | \$2,300.40 |
| Marian Sharkawy     | Resource K-4             | \$21.14 | 90 | \$1,902.60 |
| Suzette Brown       | Resource K-4             | \$21.14 | 90 | \$1,902.60 |
| Mary Jo Paulmenn    | Resource 6-12            | \$23.29 | 68 | \$1,583.72 |
| Victoria Dunyak     | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$21.14 | 90 | \$1,902.60 |
| Scott Delaney       | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$25.56 | 90 | \$2,300.40 |
| Emily Almeida       | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$20.84 | 90 | \$1,875.60 |
| Dorothea Parker     | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$21.44 | 90 | \$1,929.60 |
| Deb DeCerbo         | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$22.69 | 90 | \$2,042.10 |
| Kelly Vissichelli   | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$22.69 | 90 | \$2,042.10 |
| Patricia Kobayashi  | Multiply Disabled 1-4    | \$20.84 | 90 | \$1,875.60 |
| Sonia Aswani        | Multiply Disabled K      | \$21.74 | 90 | \$1,956.60 |
| Marilyn Levine      | Multiply Disabled 5-8    | \$21.44 | 90 | \$1,929.60 |
| Michelle Schutz     | Multiply Disabled 18-21  | \$21.44 | 90 | \$1,929.60 |
| Jen Lesniak         | Multiply Disabled 9-12   | \$22.69 | 90 | \$2,042.10 |
| Jan Gaven           | Transitions              | \$22.69 | 50 | \$1,134.50 |
| Charmane Montgomery | Transitions              | \$25.56 | 50 | \$1,278.00 |

**12. Appointment - ESY Bus Aides**

Move to approve the following Bus Aides for 2024 ESY:

| Name           | Rate         |
|----------------|--------------|
| Ann DellaSalla | \$22.69/hour |
| Jen Lesniak    | \$22.69/hour |

**13. Appointment - ESY Substitute Bus Aides**

Move to approve the following Substitute Bus Aides for 2024 ESY:

| Name              | Rate         |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Marilyn Levine    | \$21.44/hour |
| Annie Kim         | \$21.44/hour |
| Janine Haulenbeek | \$21.14/hour |
| Mary Jo Paulmenn  | \$23.29/hour |
| Sandra Spinelli   | \$21.44/hour |
| Mike Molfetto     | \$20.20/hour |

**14. Reappointment - Tenured Administrators**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following tenured Central Office Administrators for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the annual salary as follows:

| Name            | Position                                 | Salary    |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| Michael Harvier | Business Administrator / Board Secretary | \$203,770 |
| Tania Herzog    | Assistant Superintendent                 | \$188,059 |

**15. Reappointment of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds**

Move to approve the reappointment of Brian Shanley as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at an annual salary of \$126,292.

**16. Reappointment - Technology Staff**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following as technology staff for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the annual salary as follows:

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Position</b>                 | <b>Salary</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Christopher Thumann | District Technology Coordinator | \$126,963     |
| Jeffrey Ruhnke      | Network Administrator           | \$92,692      |
| Christopher Sneedse | Help Desk Manager               | \$59,374      |
| Andres Elias-Ortiz  | Help Desk Technician            | \$48,663      |
| Catherine LeMoreaux | Technology Assistance           | \$21.00/hr    |
| Marcos Elias-Ortiz  | Technology Assistance           | \$40.00/hr    |

**17. Reappointment - Central Office Staff**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following central office support staff for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the annual salary as follows:

| <b>Superintendent's Office</b> |  |               |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Salary</b> |
| Carolyn Taylor                 | Personnel Coordinator                                      | \$70,677      |
| Jennifer Aljewicz              | Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent             | \$59,091      |
| <b>Curriculum Office</b>       |  |               |
| Sophia Mercado                 | Secretary  | \$52,897      |
| <b>Special Services</b>        |  |               |
| <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Salary</b> |
| Antoinette Borriello           | Confidential Secretary                                     | \$51,731      |
| Adele Rackley                  | Part-time Secretary<br>(½ time @ EMS and ½ time Sp. Svcs.) | \$29,881      |
| Katherine Eosso                | Part-time Secretary<br>(½ time @ CES and ½ time Sp. Svcs)  | \$25,851      |

**18. Reappointment – Business Office Support Staff**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following business office support staff for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the annual salary as follows:

| <b>Business Office</b> |  |               |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Name</b>            | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Salary</b> |
| Debbie Finden          | Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary | \$71,359      |
| Sheila Donohue         | Payroll Coordinator  | \$84,870      |
| Tracey Orcutt          | Accounts Payable Coordinator   | \$76,403      |
| Marissa Plancher       | Transportation Coordinator   | \$66,962      |
| Maryanne Vitagliano    | Business/Benefits/Facilities   | \$53,299      |
| William Ortman         | Safety Coordinator (10 month position)                                 | \$72,995      |

**19. Reappointment – School Secretaries**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following school secretaries for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the annual salary as follows:

| <b>Metuchen High School</b>           |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Name</b>                           | <b>Salary</b> |
| Kathy Mallory                         | \$60,992      |
| Donna Corrigan                        | \$51,701      |
| Lisa Latham                           | \$51,701      |
| Teri Coleman                          | \$52,972      |
| Maureen Azzara (part-time 10 month)** | \$27,596      |

| <b>Edgar Middle School</b>                           |               |
|--|---------------|
| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Salary</b> |
| Allison Sullivan                                     | \$51,701      |
| Audrey Hausser                                       | \$51,701      |
| Adele Rackley (½ time @ EMS & ½ time Sp. Svcs)**     | \$29,880      |
| <b>Campbell Elementary School</b>                    |               |
| Laura Chiusano                                       | \$57,796      |
| Pamela Hatzelhoffer                                  | \$51,701      |
| Katherine Eosso (½ time @ CES and ½ time Sp. Svcs)** | \$25,850      |
| <b>Moss School</b>                                   |               |
| Patricia Hallas                                      | \$53,472      |

**20. Appointment – Custodial/Maintenance Staff**

Move to approve the appointment of the following custodial staff for the 2024- 2025 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the annual salary as follows:

| <b>Name</b>                            | <b>Salary</b> |
|--|---------------|
| Alijewicz, Jonathan                    | \$51,293      |
| Almeida, Jose                          | \$44,008      |
| Arvizu, Veronica                       | \$45,065      |
| Asiain, Lorenzo (Head Day Custodian)   | \$50,125      |
| Asiain Arvizu, Kelda                   | \$42,122      |
| Butler, Paula (Head Day Custodian)     | \$78,492      |
| Colegrove, Darren (Head Groundsperson) | \$51,994      |
| Comtess, Chris                         | \$51,293      |
| Horincewich, David                     | \$59,351      |
| Jean Gilles, Jean Robert               | \$56,602      |
| Jean Gilles, Magdaline                 | \$46,967      |
| Jerscheid, Paxton                      | \$55,393      |
| Lesniak, Chad (Head Custodian)         | \$59,362      |
| Luna, Juan                             | \$47,193      |
| Morales, Raul (Head Night Custodian)   | \$47,534      |
| Moreno, Angela (Head Custodian)        | \$50,650      |
| Nunez, Marisol                         | \$45,065      |
| Ramos, Carlos (Head Night Custodian)   | \$58,144      |
| Reyes, Horacio                         | \$48,474      |
| Rojas-Aguilar, Armando                 | \$48,125      |
| Rojas-Aguilar, Luis                    | \$43,065      |
| Saccente, Elizabeth                    | \$46,681      |



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| Tafoya-Decruz, Angelica | \$43,065 |
| Uhrlass, Mulyanti       | \$55,659 |
| Valdez, Estela          | \$43,065 |
| Weir, William           | \$60,294 |

**21. Appointment – Substitute Custodians**

Move to approve the appointment of the following as substitute custodians for the 2024-2025 school year:

| Name            | Hourly Rate |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Thomas Bilgrav  | \$16.00     |
| Miguel Gonzalez | \$16.00     |
| Anna Thumann    | \$16.00     |

**22. Reappointment – Bus Drivers/Substitutes/Part-time Bus Drivers**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following as bus drivers for the 2024- 2025 school year:

| Name             | Position          | Rate         |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Anna Szwast      | Driver            | \$30.85/hour |
| Angelina Delgado | Driver            | \$27.98/hour |
| Ed Wetzel        | Driver            | \$27.27/hour |
| Denise Newcomen  | Driver            | \$25.80/hour |
| Oscar Colbert    | Driver            | \$27.27/hour |
| Jean Jean-Gilles | Substitute Driver | \$27.21/hour |
| Marissa Plancher | Substitute Driver | \$39.86/hour |
| Jose Almeida     | Substitute Driver | \$21.16/hour |

**23. Reappointment - Bus Aides**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following as bus aides for the 2024-2025 school year:

| Name         | Rate         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Gail Bailey  | \$17.59/hour |
| Aureli Ramos | \$16.62/hour |
| Linda Rhodes | \$28.46/hour |

**24. Reappointment – Paraprofessionals**

Move to approve the reappointment of the following paraprofessionals for the 2024-2025 school year as shown on the attachment:

**25. Appointment – Substitute Secretaries**

Move to approve the appointment of the following substitute secretaries for the 2024-2025 school year:

| Name                | Rate         |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Rosemary Orlandini  | \$16.00/hour |
| Lucy MacDonald      | \$16.00/hour |
| Amy Jeney           | \$16.00/hour |
| Patricia Yelencsics | \$16.00/hour |
| Lauren Cohn         | \$16.00/hour |
| Jeanmarie Teitler   | \$16.00/hour |

**26. Summer Work – District Safety Coordinator**

Move to approve William Ortman, District Safety Coordinator, for 2024 summer work, district wide:

| <b>District Safety Coordinator</b> | <b># Days</b> | <b>Rate</b>  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| William Ortman                     | 30            | \$394.57/day |

**27. Summer Work – Edgar Middle School Guidance Department**

Move to approve the following counselors for 2024 summer work at Edgar Middle School:

| <b>Name</b>     | <b># Days</b> | <b>Per Diem Rate</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Lisa Chango     | 3             | \$ 572.65/day        |
| Lauren Campbell | 3             | \$ 390.49/day        |

**28. Summer Work – Metuchen High School Peer Leadership**

Move to approve the following peer leadership trainers for 2024 summer work at Metuchen High School:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>2024 Stipend</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Laura Connolly | \$1,000             |
| Drew Bandola   | \$1,000             |

**29. Appointment - ESY Substitute Teachers**

Move to approve the following as Substitute Teachers as needed for 2024 ESY:

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Position</b>     | <b>Rate</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Karen Logan         | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Beth Abbott         | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Tara Tay            | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Julie Hertzog       | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Erin Santisieri     | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Veronica Araneo     | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Lori Meyer          | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Alicia Haller       | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Sydney Rudin        | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Emily Presuto       | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| John Butler         | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Susan Paredes       | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Caroline Forde      | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Saima Khan          | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Charmane Montgomery | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Joe DiMeglio        | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Kelsee Young        | teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Laura Petty         | Teacher or para sub | \$115/day   |
| Jordan Leitner      | teacher or para sub | \$105/day   |
| Lily Almeida        | teacher or para sub | \$105/day   |
| Claire Kenny        | teacher or para sub | \$105/day   |
| Nicolette DiSerio   | teacher or para sub | \$105/day   |

|                 |                     |           |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Reese Herzog    | teacher or para sub | \$105/day |
| Cassidy Connors | teacher or para sub | \$105/day |

**30. Appointment - ESY Substitute Paraprofessionals**

Move to approve the following as Substitute Paraprofessionals as needed for 2024 ESY:

| Name               | Position | Rate         |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| Coleen Hines       | para sub | \$22.69/hour |
| Christine Lacaskey | para sub | \$22.04/hour |
| Judi Hoffman       | para sub | \$22.99/hour |
| Mia DeCerbo        | Para sub | \$16.00/hour |

**31. Appointment - Child Study Team Substitutes**

Move to approve the following to provide substitute Child Study Team School Social Work services, at the professional rate of \$50/hour:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Susan Whitlock | Anna Gonnello |
|----------------|---------------|

**32. Safety Care - Trainer Training**

Move to approve Christina Dybas to attend Safety Care “Train the Trainer” recertification at the rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 4 hrs.

**33. Safety Care - Trainers**

Move to approve Isabella Massaro and Christina Dybas to provide Safety Care training for the 2024-2025 school year to district staff at the rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 50 hours.

**34. Safety Care Training - Certificated Staff**

Approve the following certified staff to participate in Safety Care Training at the the rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 12 hours each:

|                |               |                   |                 |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Katie Upshaw   | Kelsee Young  | Michele Herold    | Dana Donatelli  |
| Sarah Masters  | Dawn Valovcin | Chrissy Theiss    | Karen Calantoni |
| Patricia Lewis | Beth Abbott   | Emily Donlin      | Emily Rebelo    |
| Jess Kovacs    | Karla Riera   | Courtney Crawford |                 |

**35. Safety Care Training - Non-Certificated Staff**

Approve the following non-certified staff to attend Safety Care Training at the their hourly rate, not to exceed 12 hours each:

|                    |                   |                  |                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Christine Lacaskey | Farhana Khan      | Joe Dimeglio     | Anurima Bakshi  |
| Laurie Toth        | Sonia Aswani      | Jordan Leitner   | Tina Huber      |
| Judi Hoffman       | Saadia Rizwan     | Michelle Schutz  | Gayatri Karthik |
| Brendan McCunney   | Abeera Omarzai    | Marilyn Levine   | Annie Kim       |
| Tara Tay           | Leila Baiod       | Michelle Duggan  | Sandy Iacona    |
| Hope Serratelli    | Janine Haulenbeek | Donna McLaren    | Deb DeCerbo     |
| Pam Malone         | Jenan Badwan      | Kinjal Valkharia | Coleen Hines    |
| Kathi Pearsall     | Jen Lesniak       | Sandra Spinelli  |                 |

**36. Salary Adjustment - Certificated Staff**

Move to approve a change in base salary for Laura Connolly, Social Studies Teacher at Metuchen High School, from Step 3N, \$97,204/year, to Step 4N, \$99,518/year, as a result of her earning 30 credits beyond her Master's Degree (Master's +30), effective July 1, 2024.

**37. Leave Replacement - Supervisor**

Move to approve the appointment of Paul Pineiro, Leave Replacement for Ilana Kurtin, Supervisor of Guidance, effective approximately October 31, 2024 through approximately May 13, 2025, at a rate of \$500/day.

**38. Leave of Absence Extension - Custodian**

Move to approve the extension of the leave of absence of Magdaline Jean-Gilles, Custodian at Edgar School, through approximately June 26, 2024 (Agenda 5/14/2024, Section 13, A3).

**39. Leave of Absence - Administrative Assistant**

Move to approve the leave of absence of Deborah Finden, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator, effective May 31, 2024 through approximately August 30, 2024.

**40. Reappointment - Educational Consultant**

Move to approve Kathy Glutz as an educational consultant, as needed, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a per diem rate of \$500/day.

**41. Supplemental Instruction**

Move to approve Isabella Massaro to provide supplemental instruction from July 1-August 30th at the rate of \$50/hour (ESSER Funded).

**42. Summer 2024 Supplemental Instruction**

Move to approve the following staff for Summer 2024 Supplemental Instruction at the Home instruction rate of \$61/hour as needed:

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Elizabeth Rentenberg | Andrea Agnone  |
| Becky Dwyer          | Julie Anderson |

**43. Resignation - Paraprofessional**

Move to accept the resignation of Annie Kim, Paraprofessional at Moss School, effective August 9, 2024.

**44. Clinical Experience**

Move to approve Nicole Benfatti to conduct a supervised clinical experience towards clinical Social Work licensure during the 2024-2025 school year, as overseen by the Director of Special Services.

**45. Special Service Intern**

Move to approve Dr. Sabrina Misir Hiralall as a professional intern at Metuchen Public schools to complete their BCBA credentials with supervision, for the 2024-2025 school year.

**46. Home Programming**

Move to approve Hope Serratelli for home programming for the 2024-2025 school year at her hourly rate of \$25.59/hour.

**47. Home Instruction**

Move to approve Leah Horesh to provide Home Instruction for the 2024-2025 school year as needed, at the rate of \$61/hour.

**48. Appointment - Certificated Staff**

Move to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Dorsa, Business Teacher at Metuchen High School, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary of \$57,675/year, Step 1A, effective August 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025, pending certification.

**49. Appointment - Bus Driver**

Move to approve the appointment of Marie Crespo, Bus Driver for Metuchen Public Schools, for the 2024-2025 school year, effective July 1, 2024, pending criminal history clearance, at a rate of \$26.53/hour.

Mr. Lifton motioned. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

-----end of personnel section-----

**B. FINANCE**

**Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

**1. Treasurer of School Monies and Board Secretary's Reports**

Move to approve the Treasurer of School Monies' Report, and Board Secretary's Report as of April 30, 2024.

**2. Payment of Bills**

a) Board Secretary's Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d), the Board Secretary has certified that as of June 25, 2024 no budgetary line item accounts have obligations and payments which exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael A. Harvier, Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

b) Approve the Following Items Submitted by the Board Secretary

Payment of bills and claims, as shown on the attached list(s) that have been certified by the Board of Education and filed in the Business Office.

**3. Budget Transfers**

Move to approve budget transfers effective April 30, 2024.

**4. Facilities Use Agreement with YMCA**

Move to approve the Facilities Use Agreement with YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the rate of \$2,200/month.

**5. Appointment – Treasurer of School Monies**

Move to approve the appointment of Rebecca Cuthbert as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$5,961/year.

**6. Appointment – Architects of Record**

Move to approve the appointment of Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc. as Architects of Record for the 2024-2025 school year.

**7. Appointment – Board Attorney**

Move that the Board of Education (Board) approve the appointment of David Rubin, P.C. (Firm) as General Counsel and approve the Firm for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The Board will pay the Firm an hourly rate of \$190/hour.

**8. Appointment – Board Attorney**

Move that the Board of Education (Board) approve the appointment of The Machado Law Group (Firm) as Special Education Counsel and approve the Firm for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The Board will pay the Firm an hourly rate of \$175/hr.

**9. Appointment –Board Attorney**

Move that the Board of Education (Board) approve the appointment of Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC for the construction and procurement and approve the Firm for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The Board will pay the Firm \$170/hr for partners and counsel, \$160/hr for associates and \$100/hr for clerks and paralegals.

**10. Appointment – Bond Attorney**

Move that the Board of Education (Board) approve the appointment of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann (Firm) as Bond Counsel and approve the Firm for the period from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The Board will pay the firm an hourly rate of \$215/hr.

**11. Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-3 move to approve the establishment of petty cash funds as of July 1, 2024. The individuals responsible for proper disposition of the indicated fund amounts are as follows:

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Position</b>                         | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| Caputo, Vincent     | Superintendent                          | \$200.00      |
| Harvier, Michael    | Business Administrator/ Board Secretary | \$200.00      |
| Herzog, Tania       | Assistant Superintendent                | \$100.00      |
| Bonassisa, Deneane  | Director of Special Services            | \$100.00      |
| Porowski, Edward    | Principal, Metuchen High School         | \$100.00      |
| Azevedo, Suzy       | Principal, Edgar Middle School          | \$100.00      |
| Costanza, Vincent   | Principal, Campbell Elementary School   | \$100.00      |
| Jennifer Asprocolas | Principal, Moss School                  | \$100.00      |
| Shanley, Brian      | Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds     | \$100.00      |

**12. Tax Shelter Annuity Companies**

Move to approve PlanConnect as the third party administrator for the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies for the Metuchen School District for the 2024 -2025 school year.

- a) 403b & 457: Valic/Corebridge Financial and Equitable

- b) 403b: USAA, Vanguard, and MetLife.

**13. Minimum Chart of Accounts**

Move to approve the 2024-2025 Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.

**14. Appointment – School Physician**

Move to approve the appointment of Kevin Lukenda, MD, as district school physician for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$23,660/year.

**15. Appointment – Auditor**

Move to appoint Suplee, Clooney and Company as auditor for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$45,950.

**16. Appointment of Representatives Requesting Federal and State Funds**

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** that Vincent Caputo, Superintendent of Schools, Michael Harvier, Board Secretary/ Business Administrator of the Metuchen Board of Education, Tania Herzog, Assistant Superintendent, and Deneane Bonassisa, Director of Special Services or their designees, be designated as the Board’s agents to request state and federal funds under the existing State and Federal Laws for the 2024-2025 school year.

**17. Approval of Officer of Bidding, Purchasing and Sale of Property**

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** that Michael Harvier, Board Secretary/Business Administrator be designated and empowered as the Board of Education’s Purchasing Agent as set forth in the N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2-2, 18A:18A-7, 18A:18A-37, including authorization to:

1. advertise for and receive bids;
2. act as the Board’s Purchasing Agent for both sale of property and purchase contracts up the statutory limit and for emergency purchase contracts; and
3. purchase through state, county and other local contracts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Board of Education for the period from this date to the Board Organization Meeting in the next calendar year.

**18. Resolution**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT IN A BOARD OF EDUCATION OR OTHER ENTITY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 18A:18a-1 et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for the qualifying as a Qualifying Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Harvier possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq; and

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body hereby appoints Michael Harvier as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A.

18A:18A-2b, with specific duties of a purchasing agent authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 THE Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Michael Harvier’s certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**19. RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-31, and N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 permit Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at the end, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permits a Board of Education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Metuchen Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Metuchen Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district’s School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

**20. Residency Investigations**

Move to approve DPZ Professional Services to conduct Residency Investigations at a rate of \$50/hour for the 2024-2025 school year.

**21. Designation of Board Depositories**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that effective July 1, 2024, TD Bank, Manasquan Bank, and MBIA Investment Bankers are hereby designated as the official depositories for the funds of the Metuchen Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

**22. Multi-Media and Communication Services**

Move to approve a contract with Brandon Uhlig, LLC to provide multi-media and communication services at the rate of \$10,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

**23. Out of District Student Placements - Extended School Year 2024**

Move to approve the following 2024 extended school year out of district student placements:

| <b>ID #</b> | <b>School</b>           | <b>ESY 2024</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 20341125    | Rutgers                 | \$16,620.00     |
| 2025005     | New Roads Somerset      | \$12,238.20     |
| 2025011     | The Calais School       | \$12,910.80     |
| 2020006     | Piscataway Regional Day | \$5,296.00      |
| 2029040     | The Center School       | \$9,220.60      |
| 2028004     | ECLC of Chatham         | \$7,955.40      |
| 2022011     | Eden Institute          | \$27,631.46     |



|          |                            |             |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 2022005  | Eden Institute             | \$24,666.00 |
| 20281109 | Collier School             | \$11,610.00 |
| 2026127  | Rockbrook School           | \$10,934.75 |
| 2032001  | Future Foundations Academy | \$9,831.00  |
| 2029010  | Rockbrook School           | \$10,934.75 |
| 2031028  | Windsor Academy            | \$18,135.00 |
| 2029030  | Collier School             | \$11,610.00 |

**24. Professional Development**

Move to approve the following professional development activities as shown on the following chart:

| Start Date | End Date   | Activity Title                             | Name               | Building       | Approved | Payment | FFPI Proposal # |
|------------|------------|--|--------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| 6/12/2024  | 6/14/2024  | HIB Training                               | Carter, Douglas    | Edgar          | 500      | Other   |                 |
| 6/13/2024  | 6/18/2024  | HIB Training                               | Vaughn, Julia      | Edgar          | 500      | Other   |                 |
| 6/17/2024  | 6/17/2024  | NJ Senate Education Committee Hearing      | Dougherty, Natalie | Central Office | 0        | No cost |                 |
| 7/17/2024  | 7/17/2024  | NJPSA LGBTQ+ Inclusion Training            | Manziano, Lou      | Central Office | 0        | No cost |                 |
| 8/5/2024   | 8/5/2024   | Comprehensive OG Plus Virtual Refresher    | Agnone, Andrea     | Edgar          | 150      | FFPI    | 25-008          |
| 8/5/2024   | 8/5/2024   | Comprehensive OG Plus Virtual Refresher    | Thompson, Lauren   | Edgar          | 150      | FFPI    | 25-011          |
| 8/9/2024   | 8/9/2024   | Morphology Plus Virtual Refresher          | Agnone, Andrea     | Edgar          | 150      | FFPI    | 25-009          |
| 8/9/2024   | 8/9/2024   | Morphology Plus Virtual Refresher          | Thompson, Lauren   | Edgar          | 150      | FFPI    | 25-010          |
| 10/11/2024 | 10/11/2024 | NJ School Counselor Assoc- Fall Conference | Chango, Lisa       | Edgar          | 109      | FFPI    | 25-007          |

**25. Appointment - Clinical, Therapeutic, Counseling and Behavioral Services**

Move to approve the appointment of the following to provide clinical, therapeutic, counseling and behavioral services for the 2024-2025 school year:

- First Children Services to provide the following professional services:
  - o Licensed Clinician \$80/hour
  - o Social Skills \$117.50/hour
  - o RBT \$63.50/hour
  - o Behavior Technician \$55/hour
  - o BCBA services \$117.50/hour, not to exceed \$175,000.
  - o FBA \$1,500 per evaluation
  - o Home Instruction \$75/hour
  - o Safety Care Initial Training Available based on group size
- The Uncommon Thread to provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services at the following rate:
  - o Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) and Behavior Support Plan (BSP) at a rate of \$1,600-\$2,200
  - o BCBA services at \$130/hour

- o Behavior Technician Services \$65/hour
- Invo HealthCare Associates:
  - o BCBA- \$100/hour

**26. Appointment – Providers of Psychiatric Assessments/ Evaluations**

Move to approve the appointment of the following to provide psychiatric assessments/evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Dr. Steven Dyckman at the rate of \$1,500/evaluation
- Platt Psychological Associates at the rate of \$1,150/assessment (includes consult and report)
- Dr. Rajeswari Muthuswamy of Center for Behavioral health- for Psychiatric Evaluations, neurological evaluation and Fit to Return evaluations at \$575 per evaluation, Neuropsychiatric evaluation \$675 per evaluation, Initial Psychiatric Evaluation and Medical assessment for treatment at \$650 per assessment  
Follow up for medication monitoring- \$225

**27. Appointment – Neurodevelopmental Specialists**

Move to approve the appointment of the following to perform specialized neurodevelopmental evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year:

- St. Joseph’s Healthcare at a rate of \$650/evaluation
- Dr. Vanna Amorapanth at the rate of \$1200/evaluation
- Dr. Lewis Milrod- at the rate of \$800.00
- Dr. Kavita Sinha- at a rate of \$600/evaluation
- Dr. Romana Kulikova- at a rate of \$600 (in office) and \$650/evaluation in school
- Dr. Joel Morgan and Neuropsychology Associates of New Jersey (NPANJ) to conduct comprehensive neuropsychological assessments at a rate of \$5,000/evaluation

**28. Appointment – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA )Services**

Move to approve the appointment of the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Beibide-Zanitch Behavioral Consulting, LLC for ABA services at \$92/hour, not to exceed \$120,000
- Leonard Behavioral Consulting Services, LLC for ABA services at \$92/hour, not to exceed \$120,000
- Brett DiNovi & Associates -as a provider of independent BCBA at a rate of \$135.00/hour and Clinical Associates \$60.50/ hour - not to exceed \$200,000
- Behavior Therapy Associates at the rate of:
  - o Dr.Steven Gordon \$320/hour
  - o Dr. Michael Selbst \$320/hour
  - o Dr. Debra Salzman \$320/hour
  - o Dr. Erik Dranoff \$320/hour
  - o Dr. Hongmarie Martinez \$300/hour
  - o Dr. Rory Panter \$320/hour
  - o Dr. Rebecca Schulman \$320/hour
  - o Dr. Bianca Coleman BCBA-D \$260/hour
  - o Dr. Briana Ostrosky, BCBC-D \$220/hour
  - o Dr. Ashley Zultanky \$260/hour
  - o Dr. Jennifer Cruz \$240/hour
  - o Elizabeth Callahan, BCBA \$220/hour
  - o Katherine Weiedemann, BCBA \$200/hour

Joelle Lugo, BCBA, \$200/hour

- Soliant Health, LLC to provide behavioral technicians at the rate of up to \$68/hour

**29. Appointment- Occupational/Physical Therapy/Speech Services**

Move to approve the appointment of the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Lori-Anne DiSerio as a Physical Therapist at the rate of \$93/hour- not to exceed \$75,000 annually
- Marlana Hamfeldt Loden to conduct Speech and Language evaluations, as needed, at a rate of \$450/evaluation
- Kaleidoscope Education Solutions to provide related services, as needed, at the following rates:
  - o Occupational Therapy Services- \$95/hour
  - o Speech Therapy Services- \$94/hour
  - o Physical Therapy- \$98/ hour
- The Stepping Stones Group to provide the following therapy and professional services at the listed hourly rates:
  - o Speech Language Pathologist \$89.00/hour
  - o Occupational Therapist \$89.00/hour
  - o Physical Therapist \$93.00/hour
- Invo HealthCare Associates: not to exceed \$320,000
  - o Occupational Therapy, \$89/hour,
  - o Speech Therapy, \$89/hour
  - o Speech Evaluations, \$310/evaluation
  - o Occupational Therapy, \$310/evaluation
  - o BCBA- \$100/hour
  - o LCSW- \$70/hour

**30. Appointment – Healthcare/Nursing Services**

Move to approve the appointment of the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Bayada Pediatric at the rate of:
  - o Substitute school nurse, RN \$70/hour & LPN, \$65.00/hour
- The Stepping Stones Group to provide the following nursing services at the listed hourly rates:
  - o RN \$75.00/hour
  - o LPN \$65.00/hour

**31. Appointment – Hearing and Vision Services**

Move to approve the appointment of the following for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Summit Speech School:
  - o Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf services at the rate of \$225/hour
  - o Audiologist Consultation at the rate of \$250/hour
- NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired-at the rate per level of impairment as follows:
  - o Level 1: \$2,420
- Speech & Hearing Associates LLC to provide the following services at the listed rates:
  - o Central Auditory Processing Evaluation \$700
  - o Comprehensive Audiological Evaluation \$350
  - o Hearing Aid Evaluation \$450

- o Speech-Language Evaluation \$650
- o Bilingual Speech-Language Evaluation \$850
- o Language Processing Evaluation \$950
- o Speech-Language Therapy- \$90.00 (30 min), \$137.50 (45 min), \$180 (1 hour)
- o In-School Consultation (2 Hr. Minimum) \$175/hour
- Hackensack Meridian Health- JFK Hospital for:
  - o Audiological Evaluation at \$744/evaluation (ages 5+)
  - o Audiological Evaluation at \$795/evaluation (ages 4 and under)
  - o Auditory Processing Evaluation at \$1,368/evaluation

**32. Appointment- Assistive Technology and Augmentative and Alternative Evaluations, Consultations, and Training**

Move to approve the appointment of the following providers for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Melissa Donovan of Garden State AAC Specialists-to provide professional services at the following rates:
  - o Augmentative and Alternative Communication Evaluation: \$150/hour
  - o Comprehensive AAC Evaluation Written Report: \$300
  - o Attendance at a follow-up IEP Meeting: \$140/hour
  - o Professional Development/Training: \$200/hour
  - o Technical Assistance: \$75/hour
  - o AAC Coaching: \$140/hour
  - o Written Implementation Plans: \$140/hour
  - o Cancellation Fee (less than 24 hours' notice): \$80
- Brian Friedlander, AssistiveTek, LLC to provide Assistive Technology- services at the following rates, as needed:
  - o Assistive Technology Evaluation with report- \$1,750
  - o Assistive Technology Consulting - \$250/ hour
  - o Assistive technology ½ day Training- \$1,500
  - o Assistive technology full day Training- \$3,000
  - o Travel - \$100/hour
- Advancing Opportunities:
  - o AT Evaluation- travel included \$1,200
  - o AT Support and Training- travel included \$180/hour
  - o AAC Evaluation- travel included \$1400
  - o ACC Supp and Training- travel included \$200/hour

**33. Appointment – Multidisciplinary Evaluation, Consultation and Training**

Move to approve the appointment of the following independent assessment providers for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Beautiful Mind Psychological Services to provide Psychological Evaluations at the following rates:
  - o Psychological Evaluation (English) \$325
  - o Bilingual Psychological Evaluation (Polish) \$600
- Supreme Consultants, LLC:
  - o Mono-lingual evaluation \$650
  - o Bilingual evaluation \$800
- Cross County Clinical
  - o English evaluation \$875

- o Bilingual evaluation \$980
- o Bilingual Battelle Developmental Inventory \$1,310
- o Report summary in other language \$295
- o Report translation \$450
- o FBA/BIP \$2,350
- o Translation/Interpreter Services- minimum of 2 hours a day on site: \$100-250/hr
- Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual:
  - o Evaluations \$850
  - o Spanish evaluation \$800
- Tomasso Educational Services to conduct Educational Evaluations, at a rate of \$550/evaluation and \$75/hour for meetings.
- Delta T- Group:
  - o Psychological evaluations \$475
  - o Functional Behavioral Assessment \$595
- Educational Services Commission of NJ for evaluations:
  - o Evaluations \$270
  - o Bilingual \$441
  - o Social history \$230
- Camden County Educational Services for evaluations:
  - o Educational, Psychological, and Speech evaluations at a rate of \$360/evaluation
  - o Occupational Therapy evaluations at a rate of \$300-\$400/evaluation
- Lisa Jiannetto-Surrusco of Reach for the Stars, LLC. to provide professional feeding therapy services of consultation and staff training at the rate of \$150/hour
- New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education for professional development and consultation services at a rate of:
  - o \$2,000 full day- PD
  - o \$1,250 half day- PD
  - o \$1,500/day- Consultation

**34. Appointment – Home Instruction, Bedside Instruction, and Educational Services**

Move to approve the appointment of the following as providers of Home Instruction for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Brookfield Schools - for Educational Services at the rate of \$50/hour
- Silvergate Prep at the rate of \$65/hour
- Rutgers UBHC – UMDNJ Home Instruction - at the rate of \$75/hour
- LearnWell (Education Inc)- at the rate of \$62/hour for 10 hours/week, plus 33% admin/prep time fee
- NJ Educational Services Commission Home Instruction at \$55/hour
- Bergen County Special Services to provide Home Instruction at a rate of \$80/hour
- Educere LLC online home instruction
- Educere LLC online courses- courses start at \$245
- Open Book Educational Consulting Limited, Sherri Keenan, to provide reading intervention services at a rate of \$200/hour
- Jessica Warner of Individualized Instruction & Consultation LLC to provide specialized reading training and consultation at the following rates:
  - o Half day training- \$1,800
  - o Full day training- \$2,500

- Jodi Reiner, Reiner Reading Consulting to provide Specialized Reading Services, \$110/hour for individual and \$150/hour for group, not to exceed \$80,000.
- Approve Jessica Fessock, to provide specialized reading intervention services at a rate of \$110/hour, and \$150/hour for group, not to exceed \$99,000.

**35. Appointment - Transition Services**

Move to approve the following transition services for the 2024-2025 school year:

- The Arc of NJ Project Hire to provide onsite vocational training and transitional services at a rate of \$70/hour
- The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities for Job Coach Training

**36. Duties of Head of Security**

Move to approve the following duties/positions for William Ortman, for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a. Residency Officer
- b. Truancy Officer

**37. Re-adoption of Nursing Services Plan**

Move to approve the re-adoption of the Nursing Services Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

**38. Re-adoption of Standing Orders for School Nurses and Athletic Trainer**

Move to approve the re-adoption of Standing Orders for School Nurses and Athletic Trainer for the 2024-2025 school year.

**39. Safety Coordinator**

Move to approve William Ortman, District Safety Coordinator, as District Liaison to Law Enforcement Authorities for the 2024-2025 school year.

**40. Appointment – McKinney-Vento Liaison**

Move to approve William Ortman as McKinney-Vento homeless liaison for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent on the completion of credential training.

**41. Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract 2024-2025**

Move to approve joining and purchasing items thru the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

**42. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY TO INVEST FUNDS IN THE NEW JERSEY ASSET & REBATE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Education of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and determines that (a) the Business Administrator has received and reviewed
  - (i) the Information Statement dated as of January 3, 2005 describing the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program ("NJ/ARM") and
  - (ii) the Amended and Restated Interlocal Services Investment Agreement governing the NJ/ARM Program ("Program Agreement") and (b) the Business

Administrator has been afforded the opportunity to discuss NJ/ARM with the Investment Administrator and Special Counsel to NJ/ARM and the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to authorize the Board to participate in NJ/ARM.

2. The Program Agreement is hereby approved and the Business Administrator is authorized to execute the Program Agreement on behalf of the Board.
3. U.S. Bank, N.A., as Custodian for the NJ/ARM Program, is hereby approved to act as a depository of Public Funds for the Board
4. The Board acknowledges that its decision to authorize the participation in NJ/ARM is based solely on the information set forth in the Information Statement and in the Program Agreement.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**43. Student Observations**

Move to approve Middlesex College Nursing Program student observations for the 2024-2025 school year.

**44. Appointment - Substitute Nurses 2023-2024**

Move to approve the following substitute nurses for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$200/day, partially funded by ESSER funds:

|                      |                    |
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| Hireshel Berame      | Erika Stankovicova |
| Katrina Jacobson     | Pam Hicks          |
| Marybeth Sondergaard | Kim Galeota        |
| Sue Fackler          |                    |

**45. Technology Purchases 2023-2024**

Move to approve the following technology purchases as listed on the attachment, for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$215,641.

**46. Technology Purchases 2024-2025**

Move to approve the following technology purchases as listed on the attachment, for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$96,140.

**47. Nonpublic Security Aid**

Move to approve the following nonpublic security aid for the 2023-2024 school year. These expenditures are required for the district to fulfill certain legal obligations under state legislation to administer federal or state funds provided to nonpublic schools within our jurisdiction:

| School                   | Vendor                              | QTY | Description                          | Total      |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------|
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 4   | Truck Driver                         | \$4,312.59 |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 64  | Transfer of Materials Between Floors | \$1,282.00 |
| St. Joseph's High        | Ascend                              | 42  | Transfer demolition debris           | \$841.31   |

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| School                   | Construction Management Inc.        |       |  |             |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 42    | Transfer demolition materials distance over 125' | \$341.63    |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 2     | 30 CY Dumpster                                   | \$1,626.78  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 293   | Grout door frames                                | \$1,777.40  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 293   | 1.25" Poly backer rod                            | \$1,102.62  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 4     | .74x1" Joint silicone caulk                      | \$4,111.69  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 18    | 2x4 Install 20 gauge Steel Frame door            | \$3,636.13  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 6     | 8 to 10 Install 20 gauge Steel Frame door        | \$2,559.92  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 1     | Install/demo 6'x6'-8' 16 gauge knockdown         | \$671.19    |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 16    | Install/demo 3'x >7" 16 gauge knock down         | \$9,316.59  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 60    | Install/demo 4-.75" 16 gauge fixed steel transom | \$4,522.90  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 18    | Install/demo 3'x7' poly composite door           | \$24,016.51 |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 133   | Install/demo aluminum continuous hinge           | \$8,894.40  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 2     | Brass flush door bolt                            | \$254.39    |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 18    | Satin aluminum finish                            | \$1,354.22  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 18    | Install/demo Surface mount heavy duty door close | \$11,044.40 |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 19    | Classroom FOS lockset                            | \$17,468.54 |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 6     | 2.25" 10 .gauge offset security bar              | \$227.26    |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 36    | .75" tempered, clear float field glass           | \$3,264.46  |
| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 1,050 | Paint door & trim                                | \$1,646.40  |



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| St. Joseph's High School | Ascend Construction Management Inc. | 36 | Paint metal door | \$3,602.79 |
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Mr. Suss motioned. Dr. Spigner seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

-----**end of finance section**-----

**C. POLICY**

**Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

**1. Re-adoption of Policy Manual**

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that all current written policies, by-laws and rules/regulations in the official Policy Manual of the Metuchen School District be readopted 2024-2025 school year unless modified by the Board of Education in accordance with those applicable policies, by-laws and/or rules/regulations.

**2. Suspensions**

The Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the suspension report summary for June 10, 2024 - June 21, 2024.

**3. Designation of Advertising Media**

Move to approve the designation of the Star Ledger and/or the Home News Tribune as the approved advertising media for the Board of Education legal advertisements during the 2024-2025 school year.

**4. Duties of Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

Move to approve the following as duties/positions of Michael A. Harvier, Business Administrator for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a) Purchasing Agent with authorization to award contracts up to bid threshold and to set quote threshold at 15% of bid threshold amount
- b) Custodian of School Records

**5. Resolution**

Move to elect Jonathan Lifton as the Metuchen Board of Education's delegate and Brian Glassberg as alternate delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

**6. Appointment - 504 Coordinators**

Move to approve the appointment of Ilana Kurtin as District 504 Committee Coordinator and the following as 504 School Coordinators for the 2024-2025 school year:

| School                     | Name                |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Moss School                | Jennifer Asprocolas |
| Campbell Elementary School | Brooke Kirschner    |
| Edgar Middle School        | Neyda Evans         |
| Metuchen High School       | Brian Stike         |

**7. Appointment - Safety Health Designees**

Move to approve the appointment of the following Safety Health Designees for the 2024-2025 school year:

| School                     | Name                |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Moss School                | Jennifer Asprocolas |
| Campbell Elementary School | Vincent Costanza    |
| Edgar Middle School        | Suzy Azevedo        |
| Metuchen High School       | Ed Porowski         |

**8. Appointments - Facilities Related**

Move to approve the appointment of Brian Shanley to the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a) Asbestos Management Officer
- b) Indoor Air Quality Designee
- c) Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
- d) Right to Know Officer
- e) AHERA Coordinator
- f) Chemical Hygiene Officer

**9. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying**

Move to affirm the findings of the previously reported case:

- EMS053024001
- EMS053024002
- EMS053024003
- METHS053124001

Mr. Lifton motioned. Mr. Derflinger seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

-----end of policy section-----

**D. CURRICULUM**

**Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

**1. Textbook Disposal**

Move to approve the disposal of the following textbook:

| Textbook                                     | Publisher | Copyright | ISBN           |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Environmental Science: Your World, Your Turn | Pearson   | 2010      | 978-0133724752 |

**2. 2024 Equipment Disposal**

Move to approve the disposal of the following microscopes at the Metuchen High School:

| Equipment                 | Course         | Model  | Quantity |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| Stereoscope without Light | Honors Biology | LaPine | 1        |
| Stereoscope without Light | Honors Biology | NBL    | 1        |

**3. High Impact Tutoring - Summer 2024**

Move to approve the following staff members to provide services through the High Impact Tutoring Grant for the Summer 2024 at the rate of \$50/hour:

|               |                 |                 |                |            |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| Andrea Agnone | Veronica Araneo | Aubree Deminski | Rachel DiVanno | Ellen Park |
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| Joe Fitzgibbon   | Caroline Forde    | Francine Galassa     | Ann Leghorn           | Jennifer Pasquale |
| Jennifer North   | Lori Meyer        | Jen Muller           | Lindsey Omark         | Tara Pata         |
| Alyssa Polesky   | Emily Presuto     | Elizabeth Rentenberg | Danielle Rubinowitsch | Erin Santasieri   |
| Melissa Savarese | Vincent Signorile | Christina Spring     | Emily Tzetzos         | Alexis Wolford    |
| Tom Yakowenko    |                   |                      |                       |                   |

**4. Field Trips**

Move to approve the following field trips for students in the Metuchen School District as shown:

| School | Destination                                  | Class/Group/<br>Purpose   | Teachers/<br>Advisors                | Date(s)                       | No. Of<br>Students | Board<br>Cost-<br>Transp | Number<br>of<br>Subs<br>Needed |
|--------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MHS    | Atlanta, Georgia-National Orchestra Festival | Grade 9-12; The Metuchen High School Chamber Orchestra has been accepted to participate in the National Orchestra Festival held annually through the American String Teachers Association. School groups are accepted after a rigorous application process, and are compared against similar schools across the country. Students will participate in clinics, will receive feedback from leading professionals in the field, and will receive a festival rating. Students will also listen to other schools from across the country perform, and will be able to experience the exhibit hall with over 100 string vendors from around the country. | Christopher McEwan, Jordyn Gallagher | 3/20-3/22/25 (overnight trip) | 24                 | \$0                      | 1 sub needed                   |

**5. STAR Academy 2024 Summer**

Please approve the following staff members for the STAR Academy for the Summer 2024:

| Name             | Program  | Stipend | Date                         | Grant Funding Source |
|------------------|--|---------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Kristina Bormann | STAR Academy Small Group Instruction, 3 sessions | \$3000  | July 8, 2024- August 8, 2024 | ESSER                |
| Erin Santasieri  | STAR Academy Small Group Instruction, 3 sessions | \$3000  | July 8, 2024- August 8, 2024 | ESSER                |
| Michelle Bethe   | STAR Academy Small Group Instruction, 3 sessions | \$3000  | July 8, 2024- August 8, 2024 | Title III, FY 25     |

**6. STAR Academy 2024 Summer - Substitutes**

Move to approve the following as substitutes for STAR Academy, Summer 2024, at a rate of \$50/hour, ESSER funded:

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Meghan Jeney   | Melissa Savarese |
| Adrianna Reyes | Bailey Tocci     |

**7. STAR Academy Spring 2024**

Move to approve Kristina Bormann to provide STAR Parent Academy during June 2024, at a rate of \$49/hour, not to exceed 3 hours, using ESSER funds.

**8. STAR Academy Summer 2024**

Move to approve Kristina Bormann to provide STAR Parent Academy during summer 2024, at a rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 6 hours, using ESSER funds.

**9. Work Based Experience**

Move to approve work based learning and community based experiences for the Metuchen Internship Learning Experience classes at MHS for the 2024-2025 school year.

**10. Work Based Experience - ESY 2024**

Move to approve work based learning and community based instruction trips for the Metuchen Internship Learning Experiences classes during 2024 ESY to include: Boro Hall, What's the Scoop, Woodbridge YMCA and Cai's Cafe.

**11. Student Teacher**

Move to approve the following Student Teacher from The College of New Jersey, in the Metuchen Public School District for the Fall 2024 school year.

| Name       | School   | Teacher       |
|------------|----------|---------------|
| Emily Park | Campbell | Lindsey Omark |

**12. 2023-2024 Curriculum Writers**

Move to approve the following curriculum writing documents, writers and amounts for the 2023-2024 school year:

| Course          | Author        | Amount   |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| German Grade 7  | Susan Paredes | \$500    |
| German Grade 8  | Susan Paredes | \$1,000  |
| German 2        | Susan Paredes | \$1,000  |
| German 3        | Susan Paredes | \$1,000  |
| German 4 Honors | Susan Paredes | \$1,000  |
| French Grade 7  | Anna Girin    | \$ 500   |
| French Grade 8  | Anna Girin    | \$ 1,000 |
| French 2        | Anna Girin    | \$ 1,000 |
| French 3        | Anna Girin    | \$ 1,000 |

**13. 2023-2024 Curriculum Writer**

Move to rescind the following writer and amount (Agenda 6/13/23, Section 13, D3):

| <b>Writer</b> | <b>Subject</b> | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Ellen Park    | ESL            | Grade 9-12   | \$1,000     |

**14. New Textbook**

Move to approve the following textbook for Advanced Placement US History I and II:

| <b>Publisher</b> | <b>Program/Title</b>                          | <b>Author</b> | <b>Copyright</b> |
|------------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| McGraw Hill      | American History:<br>Connecting with The Past | Alan Brinkley | 2023             |

**15. New Textbook**

Move to approve the following text for German (Grades 7 through German III):

| <b>Publisher</b> | <b>Program/Title</b> | <b>Author</b>                     | <b>Copyright</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Carnegie         | Deutsch So Aktuell   | Kraft, Reger, Gaillot<br>and Moen | 2023             |

**16. Professional Development- June 2024**

Move to approve BDO, Deanne Opatosky, to provide Professional Development in literacy from June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, for the amount of \$1,140, using ESSER Funds.

**17. Partially Funded ESSER Programs**

Move to approve the use of ESSER grant to partially fund the following programs and services throughout the 2023-2024 school year, as reflected in the grant amendment:

- Mandy Leonard of Leonard Behavioral Consulting Services
- LLC First Children Services
- Beibide-Zanetich Behavioral Consulting LLC (previously approved as The Special Education Teacher)
- Orton Gillingham Teacher Practicum and Teacher training program through Fairleigh Dickinson University

**18. Resolution**

Resolve that the Board of Education approves the 2024-2027 Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) that is a requirement pursuant of New Jersey’s Bilingual Education Code (N.J.A.C 6A:15-1.5) which describes Metuchen’s LIEP for multilingual learners. The LIEP provides the opportunity for the district to review the academic needs for multilingual learners and ensure equitable access to educational instruction, activities, and programs. The plan includes the following components:

- A. Identification of MLs in preschool through grade 12.
- B. LIEP description.
- C. The number of staff hired for the LIEP by certificate type.
- D. ESL curriculum.
- E. Evaluation design.
- F. Review process for a student’s exit from ML status.
- G. A budget for all components of the LIEP.

Dr. Derflinger motioned. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0 for items 1-3 and 5-18. Motion carried 5-1-0 for item 4. Mr. Suss voted no.

-----**end of curriculum section**-----

- 14. Meeting Open to Public** (*for any topic*) - None
- 15. Announcements** - Dr. Johnson-Marcus made announcements.
- 16. Motion to Go Into Executive Session** (*when applicable*)

*Resolution to Close Meeting*

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Sunshine Act, N.J.S. 10:4-12 and 13, that the Board of Education will now meet in executive session to discuss \_\_\_\_\_ and that matters discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as the reason for confidentiality no longer exist.

**17. Adjournment**

Mr. Lifton motioned to adjourn. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment at 9:40 pm.