# THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 Home News and Tribune, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

#### 4. Roll Call

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

#### 5. Showcase of Success

❖ MHS Jazz Ensemble

We are excited to share the outstanding achievements of the Metuchen High School Jazz Ensemble, a 12-time NJAJE Finalist and the 2024 Gold Medalist, having earned a prestigious 3rd place at last year's state finals. This remarkable ensemble has been selected to perform at the National Jazz Festival in Philadelphia this spring, adding another milestone to their impressive history. In 2022, the group was honored with the "Best Big Band" award at the same festival. The Jazz Ensemble has consistently demonstrated excellence, performing across the state, including at the Middlesex County Jazz Festival, and collaborating with renowned jazz artists such as Terrell Stafford, Nathan Eckland, Mariel Bildsten, Julius Tolentino, and the One More Once Big Band.

The ensemble will feature Sammy Nestico's arrangement of Jingle Bells at their upcoming winter concert. The concert, also showcasing the MHS Jazz Band and MHS

Concert Band, will take place on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. We invite everyone to join us in supporting these talented students as they continue to make our community proud.

# ♦ MHS Marching Band TOURNAMENT OF THE BANDS CHAPTER VII GROUP IV OPEN CHAMPIONS

# 2024-2025 Pride of Metuchen Marching Band

\* = Section Leader

#### Flute and Piccolo

Jackson Cruz
Angela Ho
Abigail Hogan\*
Mirabella Hom
Moira Hwang
Violet Osborn-Jones
Bella Staal\*
Nate Villanueva

#### **Clarinet**

Ashley Chen Daniel Choi\* Ada Dolan Amira Elsayed Emma Huber Neela Myers Anushree Sutradhar

#### **Low Reeds**

Daniel Afkhami\* Ayaan Saha Ishaan Sarkar

#### Alto Saxophone

Sara Haq\*
Eileen He
Eliman Kassogue
Kiko Li
Shinnosuke Murao
Ryan Stein\*
Shiyuan Wang
Victoria Zaniecki
Melody Zetino\*

#### **Tenor Saxophone**

Caleb Han\* Habib Kassogue Harshith Pasam Daniel Ruiz Nicholas Timko

#### **Trumpet**

Tariq Alisammond\* Sean Blaze Julia Diaz\* Julia Difano Alistair Fawcett\* Elizabeth Fineman Connor Gaughan Jackson Gould\* Aidan McPherson Barnav Mitra Arianna Samame Laura Tso

#### **Mellophone**

Alyson Chan\* Nicholas Cosenza Ethan De La Garza Gianna Hernandez\* Johannes Staal

#### **Baritone**

Nate Borut Avner Chaplin\* Nell Massey Siddhant Naik\* Nicholas Reuter Gage Rodey Bowen Zhang

#### <u>Tuba</u>

Chamber Lam\* Jonah Lopez Rose Michaels-LaMorte Oliver Sydor

#### **Drumline**

Madeleine Cook Peter Coreschi Milo Haviland Emma Hogan Praket Jha Arturs Krumins Janhavi Malik Riva Nagvekar Aidan Ogborn\* Ripley Wong\* Allen Zheng

#### Front Ensemble

Jackson Blaze
Katy Donohue\*
Eli Duhme
Joshua Feldmann
Shailen Gandhi
Alexandra Ho
Lindsey Kang
Peter Kukuruza
Emily Lanton\*
Karmindy Lee
Gavin Moorman
Tej Naresh
Ronan Sequeira
Daniel Stone

#### **Guard**

Jocelyn Branch
Faith Cordova\*
Evelyn Hand\*
Beni Harrington
Zora Haviland
Reine He
Yuting He
Adrienne Lee
Melinda Li
Lucienne Lin
Nicholas Makar
Cecilia Ng
Gwendolyn Osmond
Rhiannon Perez
Caelum Ritzdorf\*

#### Sports Champions

# MHS Girls Cross Country GMC Champions GMC Red Division Champions Central Jersey Group 1 Sectional Champions Group 1 State Champions

Ella Andersen Gianna Hernandez Kaitlyn Hsueh Sabrina Kandel Sally Kelton Amber Murray

# Individual GMC Champion GMC Red Division Champion

Gianna Hernandez

# MHS Boys Cross Country Central Jersey Group 1 State Sectional Champions Group 1 State Champions

Brady Allen Myles Bourne Kai Englert Asher Greenbaum Arturs Krumins Eric Schleif James Vissichelli

# Individual Central Jersey Group 1 State Sectional Champion

Eric Schleif

# MHS Girls Soccer GMC White Division Champions

Emma Ballantine
Olivia Barry
Makenna Bruns
Juliana Castellanos
Julia Chinchar
Kaitlyn Connors

Maria DiFino
Julia Hajjar
Leah Honig
Sarah Hyman
Kathryn Morano
Charlotte Murphy
Lucie Pallotta

Samantha Powers Rose Surgan Kylie Trolaro Grace Van Leeuwen Isabella Vanegas Victoria Zaniecki

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

#### 7. Presentations

❖ Safe Return Plan Update - Dr. Caputo gave the report. No Comments or questions from the Board or the public.

#### 8. Reports

- President's Report Mr. Lifton gave a report and congratulated Ms. Cook on her end of service on the Board.
- Superintendent's Report Dr. Caputo gave a report.

#### Committee Reports

Ms. Cook gave a report on the Policy Committee.

Mr. Glassberg gave a report on the Construction Committee.

Dr. Johnson-Marcus gave a short announcement for the Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Killean gave a report on the Extra-Curricular Committee.

Mr. Suss gave a report on the Finance/Facilities Committee.

- Student Board Member Report Ms. Shrestha gave a report.
- 9. Old Business None
- 10. New Business None

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

| November 12, 2024 | Special Business Meeting (1) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| November 12, 2024 | Special Business Meeting (2) |
| November 12, 2024 | Board Meeting                |

| November 26, 2024 | Special Business Meeting (1) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| November 26, 2024 | Special Business Meeting (2) |
| November 26, 2024 | Board Meeting                |

Mr. Lifton motioned. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. Motion carried 9-0-0 for the November 26, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 8-0-1 for the November 12, 2024 minutes. 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) Oftentimes 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. Supplemental Instruction

Move to approve the following certificated staff to provide Supplemental Instruction as needed for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$61/hour (IDEA grant funded):

| Michael | Warnock |
|---------|---------|
|---------|---------|

#### 2. Leave Replacement Extension

Move to extend the appointment of Michael Mazzola, Leave Replacement for Sofia Lopes, 4th Grade Teacher at Campbell School, through June 13, 2025, at a salary of \$311.76/day (Agenda 8/27/24, Section 13 A24).

#### 3. Leave of Absence - Certificate Staff

Move to approve the leave of absence of Sarah Karger, Special Education Teacher at Metuchen High School, effective approximately January 21, 2025 through approximately January 31, 2025.

#### 4. Home Instruction

Move to approve Davida Rosenblum to work Home Instruction for the 2024-2025 school year, as needed, at a rate of \$61/hour.

#### 5. Leave of Absence - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the leave of absence of Michele Gouveia, Special Education Teacher at Edgar School, from approximately January 29, 2025 through approximately March 26, 2025.

#### 6. Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities - Rescind

Move to rescind and approve the following co-curricular activities for the 2024-2025 school year as listed (Agenda 09/10/2024, Section 13, A7):

| Name            | Position                      | Stipend  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Rescind:        |                               |          |
| Matthew Sutin   | English Honor Society (c) .25 | \$402.75 |
| Approve:        |                               |          |
| Jessica Lanigan | English Honor Society (c) .25 | \$402.75 |

#### 7. Appointment - Metuchen High School Volunteer Coaches/Advisors

Move to approve the following Metuchen High School volunteer coaches/advisors for the 2024-2025 school year as listed, pending criminal history clearance (Agenda 5/28/2024, Section 13, A5):

| Metuchen High School |                 |  |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Coach/Advisor        | Assignment      |  |
| Ed Occhi*            | Baseball Coach  |  |
| Jovanni Gomez*       | Wrestling Coach |  |
| Anna Girin           | Crochet Club    |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Represents Adjunct Coach

#### 8. Appointment of Substitutes

Move to approve the appointment of substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year as listed on the chart below, effective December 9, 2024, pending completion of substitute training and criminal history clearance:

| 2024-2025 Substitutes for Board Approval 12/10/24               |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Pay Rates - \$105/day - Substitute with 30+ college credits     |  |  |
| \$110/day - Substitute with bachelor's degree (no teacher cert) |  |  |

| \$115/day - NJ Teacher Certification |                                         |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--|--|
| \$16/hour                            | \$16/hour - Paraprofessional Substitute |  |  |
| \$16/hour - Secretary Substitute     |                                         |  |  |
| \$200                                | /day - Nurse Substitute                 |  |  |
| Sub Name Certification/Sub Category  |                                         |  |  |
| Alexandra Cyran                      | Substitute with college degree          |  |  |
| Sarah Lifton                         | Substitute with college credits         |  |  |
| Sean Abramik                         | Substitute with college degree          |  |  |
| Priyanka Suskar                      | Substitute Paraprofessional             |  |  |

#### 9. Parent Academy

Move to approve Samantha Palermo to prepare and provide parent academy sessions for Lifelines program, for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 4 hrs.

#### 10. High Impact Tutoring for 2024-2025

Move to approve the following staff members for the High Impact Tutoring Grant for the 2024-2025 School Year. Staff members will be compensated \$50/hour. Tutors will receive .5 hours of planning for every hour of tutoring, not to exceed \$40,000

| Name                  | School |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Michelle Bethe        | CES    |
| Joe Fitzgibbon        | CES    |
| Melissa Gallo         | CES    |
| Franchesca Hunt       | CES    |
| Tara Pata             | CES    |
| Danielle Rubinowitsch | CES    |
| Jackie Salit          | CES    |
| Erin Santasieri       | CES    |
| Christina Spring      | CES    |
| Thomas Yakowenko      | CES    |
| Veronica Araneo       | EMS    |
| Paul Mruczinski       | EMS    |
| Emily Presuto         | EMS    |
| Morgan Schleuss       | EMS    |
| Ellen Park            | MHS    |

#### 11. Transfer - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the transfer of Lindsey Omark, from Special Education Teacher at Campbell School, to Reading Intervention Teacher at Campbell School, effective January 8, 2025 or when a replacement is hired.

#### 12. Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities - Rescind

Move to rescind the following co-curricular stipends for the co-curricular activities for the 2024-2025 school year as listed (Agenda 8/27/2024, Section 13, A2):

| Campbell Elementary School |                               |         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Advisor                    | Club                          | Stipend |
| Rescind:                   |                               |         |
| Jonathan Nolde             | Student Council Grade 1-4 (C) | \$1,611 |

| Kathy Keers-Nolde | Student Council Grade 1-4 (C) | \$1,611 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|

#### 13. Appointment - Additional Event Staff

Move to approve the additional event staff for the 2024-2025 school year, at the rate of \$55 per event (Agenda 8/13/2024, Section 13, A3):

| John Butler | Nicolette Jomo |
|-------------|----------------|
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#### 14. Leave Replacement Extension

Move to extend the appointment of Sue Fackler, leave replacement for Michele Brinkerhoff, School Nurse at Metuchen High School, through approximately January 31, 2025, at a salary of \$311.76/day (Agenda 11/26/24, Section 13 A2).

Mr. Lifton motioned. Ms. Cook seconded. Motion carried 9-0-0 on items 1-7 and items 9-14. Motion carried 8-0-1 for item 8. Mr. Lifton abstained.

-----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 October 31, 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 December 10, 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 October 31, 2024.

#### 4. Nonpublic Security Aid

Move to approve the following nonpublic security aid for the 2024-2025 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    | OTY | Item #    | Description | Price | Total |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----------|-------------|-------|-------|
| DCIIOOI | I CIIIIOI | 14  | I COILL " | Description | 11100 | 1000  |

|                                | Hogan      |    | l         | I                                        |                                         | 1           |
|--------------------------------|------------|----|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| St. Francis                    | Security   |    |           | Red Oak Wood Door                        |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               |            | 2  | Misc      | Masonite/USA Wood Door                   | \$ 1,404.45                             | \$ 2,808.90 |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           |                                          | , ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | ., .,       |
| St. Francis                    | Security   |    |           | 4040XP.RWPA.689 .TBSRT x                 |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               | Group, LLC | 2  | LCN       | 689 - Closer                             | \$ 400.95                               | \$ 801.90   |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           | SL 11 CL HD600 <sup>1</sup> x 83" x      |                                         |             |
| St. Francis                    | Security   |    |           | WD/SDTF x Cl - Hinge -                   |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               | Group, LLC | 2  | Select    | Continuous                               | \$ 144.00                               | \$ 288.00   |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           | 98L-NL x 996L-N1(#06) x 299              |                                         |             |
| St. Francis                    | Security   |    |           | x 3-0 x US26D - Exit Device              |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               | Group, LLC | 1  | VonDuprin | -                                        | \$ 2,116.80                             | \$ 2,116.80 |
|                                |            |    |           | HD-QEL-98LNL x                           |                                         |             |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           | 996-NL(#06) x 299 x 3-0 x                |                                         |             |
| St. Francis                    | Security   |    |           | US26D - Exit                             |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               | Group, LLC | 1  | VonDuprin | Device-Rim                               | \$ 3,123.20                             | \$ 3,123.20 |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           |                                          |                                         |             |
| St. Francis                    | Security   |    |           | PS902 x 900-2RS - Power                  |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               |            | 1  | VonDuprin | Supply                                   | \$ 500.00                               | \$ 500.00   |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           |                                          |                                         |             |
| St Francis                     | Security   |    | _         | 8400 12"H X 34"W X B-CS x                | 4.00.55                                 | A 167 10    |
| Cathedral School               |            | 2  | Ives      | US28- Kick Plate                         | \$ 83.55                                | \$ 167.10   |
| Ct English                     | Hogan      |    |           | 0400 10"H V 24"W V D 00                  |                                         |             |
| St Francis<br>Cathedral School | Security   | 2  | Ives      | 8400 12"H X 34"W X B-CS x US28-Mop Plate | \$ 33.29                                | \$ 66.58    |
| Cathedral School               | Hogan      |    | ives      | US28-Mop Plate                           | Ф 33.29                                 | φ 00.36     |
| St Francis                     | Security   |    |           |                                          |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               |            | 2  | Schlage   | 20-021 x 626 - Cylinder- Rim             | \$ 85.60                                | \$ 171.20   |
| Cathedral School               | Hogan      |    | Schlage   | 20 021 A 020 Cymraer Rim                 | \$ 50.00                                | ¥ 111.20    |
| St Francis                     | Security   |    |           |                                          |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               |            | 22 | Stock-LBR | HCESC Technician Labor                   | \$ 190.00                               | \$ 4,180.00 |
|                                | Hogan      |    |           |                                          |                                         |             |
| St Francis                     | Security   |    |           |                                          |                                         |             |
| Cathedral School               |            | 1  | Stock-LBR | HCESC Evaluation Services                | \$ 190.00                               | \$ 190.00   |

#### 5. Resolution - Amended

**WHEREAS,** at its regular meeting on February 13, 2024, the Metuchen Board of Education ("Board") awarded a contract in connection with the Additions and Alterations at Campbell Elementary School and Metuchen High School project ("Project"); and

**WHEREAS,** the lowest responsible bidder for the Project was M&M Construction, which was noted in the prior resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** the resolution inadvertently listed EPIC Management, Inc. as the company to whom the contract was awarded even though the resolution clearly meant to award the contract to M&M Construction; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board wishes to clarify that the Project contract was awarded to M&M Construction and amend the prior resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby amends Resolution 10 from the Board's February 13, 2024 Meeting and deletes any references to "EPIC Management, Inc." and replacing such references with "M&M Construction".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby clarifies that the Project contract was awarded to M&M Construction.

(Agenda 2/13/2024, Section 13, B10).

#### 6. 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<br>Proposal # |
|------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------------|
| 12/3/      | 12/3/    |                          |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 2024       | 2024     | Lifelines Trilogy        | Calantoni, Karen   | Moss     | \$0      | No cost |                    |
| 12/4/      | 12/4/    | Winter GMC               |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 2024       | 2024     | Sportsmanship Seminar    | Youngman, Julie    | MHS      | \$0      | No cost |                    |
|            |          | Understanding your       |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 12/6/      | 12/6/    | schools Mental Health    |                    | Central  |          |         |                    |
| 2024       | 2024     | Needs                    | Mills, Heather     | Office   | \$0      | No cost |                    |
|            |          | Governor's               | Kremer, Christine  |          |          |         |                    |
| 12/10/     | 12/10/   | Environmental Excellence |                    |          | \$75(per |         |                    |
| 2024       | 2024     | Award                    | Kato, Yoko         | Edgar    | person)  | Other   |                    |
|            |          | NJ Department of         |                    |          |          |         |                    |
|            |          | Environmental            |                    |          |          |         |                    |
|            |          | Protection's Governor's  |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 12/10/     |          | Excellence Awards        |                    | Central  |          |         |                    |
| 2024       | 2024     | Ceremony                 | Lemerich, Kathryn  | Office   | \$36.60  | Other   |                    |
|            |          | High Quality Science     |                    |          |          |         |                    |
|            |          | Instruction as a Path to |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 12/12/     |          | Equity in K-12           |                    | Central  |          |         |                    |
| 2024       |          | Classrooms               | Bormann, Kristina  | Office   | \$500    | Other   |                    |
| 12/17/     | 12/17/   | 2024 Phillips 66 Energy  |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 2024       |          | Education Workshop       | Robbins, Melissa   | Edgar    | \$0      | No cost |                    |
| 1/7/       |          | EcoSchools Project and   |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 2025       |          | Placed based Learning    | Wang, Jingjing     | MHS      | \$0      | No cost |                    |
|            |          | Strong Training (3       |                    | Central  |          |         |                    |
| 1/8/2025   |          | Wednesdays)              | Bormann, Kristina  | Office   | \$675    | Other   |                    |
| 1/9/       |          | Character.org School     |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 2025       | 2025     | Evaluation               | Pasquale, Jennifer | Campbell | \$0      | No cost |                    |
|            |          | The Benefit of Trees: An |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 1/10/      |          | Interdisciplinary        |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 2025       | 2025     | Project-Based Unit       | Kato, Yoko         | MHS      | \$0      | No cost |                    |
|            |          | Strengthening Your       |                    |          |          |         |                    |
|            |          | Students' MATH Learning  |                    |          |          |         |                    |
|            |          | and Engagement with      |                    |          |          |         |                    |
| 1/13/      |          | DESMOS CLASSROOM         |                    | 1        |          |         |                    |
| 2025       |          | ACTIVITIES (Grades 6-12) | Solomon, Adero     | MHS      | \$295    | FFPI    | 25-080             |
| 1/21/      |          | Strauss Esmay HIB        |                    | 1        |          |         |                    |
| 2025       | 2025     | Training                 | Kirschner, Brooke  | Campbell | \$145    | Other   |                    |
|            |          | Maximize the Power of    |                    |          |          |         |                    |
|            |          | Your SMALL GROUP         |                    | 1        |          |         |                    |
| 1/30/      | , ,      | READING INSTRUCTION      |                    | 1        |          |         |                    |
| 2025       | 2025     | (Grades K-2)             | Masters, Sarah     | Moss     | \$295    | FFPI    | 25-084             |

|       |       | Maximize the Power of    |                    |          |          |         |        |
|-------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
|       |       | Your SMALL GROUP         |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 1/30/ | 1/30/ | READING INSTRUCTION      |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | (Grades K-2)             | Sporer, Emily      | Moss     | \$295    | FFPI    | 25-081 |
| 1/30/ | 1/30/ |                          |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | Mental Health First Aid  | Nalepa, Lindsay    | MHS      | \$85     | FFPI    | 25-082 |
|       |       | Navigating the Social    |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2/12/ | 2/12/ | Media Age: The Talk to   |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | Keep YOU Up to Date      | Nalepa, Lindsay    | MHS      | \$60     | FFPI    | 25-083 |
| 2/24/ | 2/24/ | 2025 NJAHPERD Annual     |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | Convention               | Carter, Douglas    | Edgar    | \$321.45 | FFPI    | 25-087 |
|       |       | NJAHPERD Annual          |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2/24/ | 2/25/ | Convention February 24 - |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | 25, 2025                 | Huff, Michelle     | Edgar    | \$275    | FFPI    | 25-086 |
| 2/24/ | 2/25/ | NJAHPERDAnnual           |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | Convention               | Jomo, Nicolette    | Edgar    | \$350    | FFPI    | 25-085 |
|       |       | EMPOWERing Educators     |                    |          |          |         |        |
|       |       | with Engagement,         |                    |          |          |         |        |
|       |       | Motivation, Practice,    |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 3/7/  | 3/7/  | Opportunity, Well-being, |                    |          |          |         |        |
| 2025  | 2025  | Equity, and Resilience   | Pasquale, Jennifer | Campbell | \$0      | No cost |        |

#### 7. Change Order M&M Construction

Move to approve the change order as listed below:

| Change Order # | Description                                           | Amount       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 4              | T&M tickets for investigation                         | \$32,013.09  |
| 7              | Sprinkler Heat race and Isolation valves              | \$38,156.84  |
| 6              | Asbesto Abatement of Canopy                           | \$23,302.81  |
| 7              | Add fire rated glazing at the HS cafeteria            | \$124,371.24 |
| 8              | removal of trees, change handrails, addition of gates |              |
|                | and credit for change of floors                       | \$5,916.78   |

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Asbesto Abatement of Canopy                           | \$23,302.81                                                                                                                                                            |
| Add fire rated glazing at the HS cafeteria            | \$124,371.24                                                                                                                                                           |
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| and credit for change of floors                       | \$5,916.78                                                                                                                                                             |
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#### C. POLICY

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

#### 1. Suspensions

The Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the suspension report summary for November 25, 2024 - December 6, 2024.

Ms. Cook motioned. Mr. Derflinger seconded. Motion carried 9-0-0.

Mr. Suss motioned. Dr. Spigner seconded. Motion carried 9-0-0.

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

#### D. CURRICULUM

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

**1. 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 Cost-<br>Transportation | Number<br>of Subs<br>Needed |
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| MHS    | Piscataway<br>High School  | Grades 9-12; Field trip is<br>for a Mock Trial Team<br>scrimmage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Kevin<br>Smedley                                                                       | 1/4/<br>2025  | 11                 | \$240                         | no subs<br>needed           |
| MHS    | Woodbridge<br>Center Drive | Grades 9-12; This trip is develop money skills, restaurant skills and social skills CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP3 Attend to personal health and financial wellbeing CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Joseph DiMeglio                                        | 4/4/<br>2025  | 6                  | \$80                          | no subs<br>needed           |
| MHS    | Costa Rica<br>and Panama   | Grades 11-12; This trip is continuing the longstanding tradition of the MHS World Language Department of organizing experiences for our students to use the languages they have been studying while interacting with speakers from the target culture as well. In this trip, students will be visiting various parts of Costa Rica and Panama. This allows them to see a wide variety of Hispanic culture in terms of art, history, architecture, and food. Also, while visiting these countries, students will be exposed to the linguistic diversity that exists in Central America, interacting with indigenous languages as well. | Nick<br>Vosinas,<br>Ashley Jaye,<br>John<br>Cathcart,<br>Karin Flores,<br>Chris Giddes | 4/10/<br>2025 | 42                 | \$0                           | 3 subs<br>needed            |

| MHS | Downtown<br>Metuchen | Grades 7-12; This trip is to develop money skills, restaurant skills and social skills CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP3 Attend to personal health and financial wellbeing CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them                                                                            | Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Michelle Schutz, Joseph DiMeglio, Brendan McCunney       | 4/25/<br>2025 | 9  | \$80 | no subs<br>needed |
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| MHS | Hobby<br>Lobby       | Grades 7-12; This trip is to purchase items to make for Mothers Day CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP3 Attend to personal health and financial wellbeing CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them                                                                                               | Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Michelle Schutz, Joseph Dimeglio, Lexi, Brendan McCunney | 5/2/<br>2025  | 9  | \$80 | no subs<br>needed |
| MHS | France               | Grades 9-11; Students participating in this trip are at various levels of proficiency since this is a combined group of students from levels one through five. Levels of proficiency range from Novice Mid to Intermediate High and Advanced Low on the ACTFL proficiency scale. All of the World Language standards come into play for this trip, since students will be speaking in the target language, learning about the culture, and discussing with others current topics of interest. | Chris<br>Giddes,<br>Danielle<br>Cermak,<br>Nickolas<br>Vosinas, 2<br>TBD                 | 6/24/2026     | 41 | \$0  | no subs<br>needed |

#### 2. Student Observer

Move to approve the placement of the following student observer from Quinnipiac University in the Metuchen Public School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

| Name              | School | Cooperating Teacher |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Nicolette DiSerio | Moss   | Emily Peluso        |

#### 3. Student Extern

Move to approve the placement of the following student extern from Lafayette College in the Metuchen Public School District for the 2024-2025 school year:

| Name     | School | Cooperating Teacher |
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| Sai Shaw | Moss   | Sarah Masters       |

#### 4. Student Observer

Move to approve the placement of the following student observer from Manhattan College in the Metuchen Public School District for the 2024-2025 school year:

| Name           | School              | Cooperating Teacher |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Kylie Flaherty | Edgar Middle School | Emily Mertz-Tzetzos |

Mr. Derflinger motioned. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. Motion carried 9-0-0.

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- **14. Meeting Open to Public** (*for any topic*)- An MHS Student came up and expressed how much he liked the Board Meetings.
- **15. Announcements -** Mr. Bhatt 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. Mr. Glassberg seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment at 9:13pm.

VINCENT CAPUTO
Vincent Caputo (Jan 29, 2025 14:16 EST)

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