

SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Regular Public Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
South Plainfield High School
200 Lake Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Seesselberg called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

III. ROLL CALL- James Damato

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Present: Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Cassio, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Giannakis, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Glover, Mr. Seesselberg

Mrs. Anesh arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Absent: Mr. Farinella

Also Present: Dr. Noreen Lishak, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Malyska, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. James Damato, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mr. Joseph Roselle, Legal Counsel; Mr. Stephen Fried, Assistant Business Administrator; Mr. Thomas Wiggins, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

IV. BOARD PRESIDENT

South Plainfield Public Schools Mission Statement:

Students are the focus of the South Plainfield Public Schools. We will provide a dynamic, rigorous, relevant and technology-enriched curriculum, guided by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Our mission is to develop life-long learners who are prepared to succeed in a global and diverse society. We are resolved to educate the whole child, instilling the desire within our students to question and to become divergent thinkers who can achieve their fullest potential.

In accordance with the terms of the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was posted in all school buildings, the Administration Building, Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers, and W.C.T.C. on January 5, 2017. Please be advised:

- There is no smoking on school grounds - inside or outside - at any time.
- Please silence all electronic devices.
- Pursuant to District Policy #0167, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration and no participant may speak more than once on the same topic.

V. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Dr. Lishak made an addition under personnel appointments: Number 21, Kenneth Fowlers, Maintenance Technician, \$55,000 salary, effective tomorrow, September 27, 2017.

Dr. Lishak said that a question was brought up regarding number seven under appointments and transfers. She said that she spoke to Mr. Roselle about this and we have to have some clarification on a question that came from the SPEA. We need to remove it until we have clarification. Mr. Roselle said that he just heard about it and he needs to look into it.

Mr. Seesselberg said that we are adding number 21 and removing number seven.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Boyle asked if we can know what the question is. Mr. Roselle said that it is a legal question and needs to be discussed in executive session.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

VII. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Education meetings, held on the dates indicated, as transcribed, be received and filed.

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| 1. Special Meeting | August 21, 2017 |
| 2. Committee of the Whole/Board
Retreat Meeting | August 23, 2017 |
| 3. Executive Session | August 23, 2017 |
| 4. Regular Public Meeting | August 23, 2017 |

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 7-0

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Presentation of Tenure Certificates

Dr. Lishak, Ms. Malyska and Mr. Fried presented certificates of tenure to the following:

District

Anu Garrison

Joanne Suydam

Following the presentation of tenure certificates, Dr. Lishak announced that the district is currently working to improve our parent participation on the Genesis system. We are hoping parents will utilize this system to check the portal for student progress, attendance and assessment data. Of our nearly 3,500 student population, 2,900 parents or guardians have checked on to the portal in the last two weeks. As your children's grades are entered, we encourage parents to check the parent portal often.

Dr. Lishak thanked Investor's Bank, South Plainfield Education Foundation and the Athletic Booster Club for their generous donation for the newly unveiled scoreboard at Jost Field. The additional was much needed and much appreciated.

The Board of Education Referendum Reporting Committee will begin scheduling meetings beginning in October or November. The committee, which comprises of the Board of Education President, Building and Grounds Chairperson, Finance Chairperson, Superintendent, Business Administrator and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor as well as two members of the public will meet periodically for updates on project lists on the referendum, their progress, timeline and budget impact. Resumes were requested from the public a number of weeks ago and were advertised in both the South Plainfield Observer and TapInto South Plainfield. After review of the resumes submitted, the following community members were selected and have accepted the position on the Committee: Darlene Cullen and Mike English. The criteria for selection included, involvement in the community and public projects, understanding of public finance and a keen interest in the South Plainfield Schools. Dr. Lishak thanked all of the community members who submitted a resume for consideration.

Dr. Lishak reported that all tenth and eleventh grade students will participate in PSATs on Wednesday, October 11th. There is no cost to our tenth and eleventh graders. Ninth grade students may also participate in the PSAT at a cost of \$16.00, however, there is a limited number of tests available as the window has already closed. High School Back to School Night is scheduled for September 26th at 6:00 p.m.

At the Middle School, National Junior Honor Society is running a fundraiser for hurricane relief and will be asking for donations next week. Any student interested in becoming a part of the National Junior Honor Society may check the Middle School website. On October 11th, our Middle School eighth grade students will participate in an assembly referred to as the National Conference of State Legislators Back to School

Program. Senator Diegnan will address the students and the students will have an opportunity to ask questions about state government.

Grant School will be participating in the e-mail notifications to parents and guardians on students whose grades fall below a 75. Parents will be notified of students' grades that fall below a 75, prompting the parents or guardians or students to seek extra help after school at a designated time.

Kennedy School wants to remind you that Kennedy Rocks will be held on Friday, September 29th. All the students will be bringing a donation to help support hurricane relief efforts from Harvey and Irma.

Franklin School is holding picture day on September 26th and Franklin Spirit night at Rita's will be held on the 27th.

Congratulations to our South Plainfield Tiger Football team with their win over JP Stevens High School and starting off the season on a high note. This Friday they will be playing away at Woodbridge.

Our girls' field hockey team remains undefeated, 6-0, beating Metuchen and Old Bridge, two of the biggest games of the season. Their next home game is the 25th against Bernardsville at 4:00 p.m.

Our Tiger fans are encouraged to get out and support our sports teams at their next home game. Cross Country is next Tuesday, September 26th, Girl Soccer is September 27th, Boys Soccer is September 26th, Girls Tennis is October 3rd, Girls Volleyball is September 26th and Gymnastics is October 5th.

The Athlete of the week for last week was Zack DelVecchio for football and this week is Linda Farinella for field hockey.

IX. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. Approval of Multidimensional Leadership Performance Rubric

Approve the Multidimensional Leadership Performance Rubric for school administrators in accordance with Tab IX.1

2. Acceptance of the Fire and Security Drill Reports for August 2017

Accept the Fire and Security Drill Reports to the Board of Education for August 2017.

3. Acceptance of Anti-Bullying Report

Approve the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Reports from September 6, 2017–
September 19, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that the Board of Education approve the following cumulative data regarding HIB
incidents from September 6 – September 19, 2017 reported as of this agenda.

School	Number of Alleged Incidents September 6 – September 19, 2017	Number of Verified Incidents September 6 – September 19, 2017
High School	0	0
Middle School	0	0
Grant School	0	0
Franklin School	0	0
Kennedy School	0	0
Roosevelt School	0	0
Riley School	0	0

4. Designation of “Week of Respect”

Acknowledge that the week of October 2 – 6, 2017 will be dedicated as a “Week of Respect” in accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 2010, c122). This week will be observed by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation or bullying.

5. Approve the Designation of “School Violence Awareness Week”

Approve the designation of the week of October 16 – 20, 2017, per N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 as “School Violence Awareness Week”.

DISCUSSION:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the foregoing resolutions.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis

SECOND: Mrs. Miller

VOTE: 8-0

X. POLICY

XI. PERSONNEL

Motion by Member Mr. Giannakis, seconded by Member Mrs. Anesh, to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and adopt the following:

RESOLVED, that the South Plainfield Board of Education approve the following:

(NOTE: Approval of this resolution authorizes the superintendent to submit to the county superintendent applications for emergent hiring and the applicant's attestation and proof that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq. This includes background checks and fingerprinting for those employees listed below: (All appointments are contingent upon receipt of proper teaching certification, and all salary placements are pending receipt of college transcripts verifying degree status and letter stating years of service in other districts, *denotes mentoring required.) ***Indicates subject to change contingent upon contract settlement.**

XI.A Leaves of Absence

RESOLVED, that the South Plainfield Board of Education approve the following:

Code	Name	Reason	Position	Loc.	Paid FMLA Start Date	Paid Leave (Not FMLA)	Unpaid FMLA Start Date	Unpaid NJFLA Start Date	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Return Date	Discussion
1	Employee #4001	Paid Medical	School Psychologist	Middle School		09/13/17				11/06/17	
2	Employee #4016	Paid Medical/ Paid FMLA & Unpaid FMLA	Spanish Teacher	High School		11/06/17	01/03/18			04/09/18	Revised Dates
3	Employee #4230	Paid Medical/ Paid FLMA & Unpaid FMLA	Instructional Support Aide	Riley		01/03/18	02/20/18			05/14/18	
4	Employee #1228	Paid Medical/ Unpaid FMLA	Science Teacher	Middle School		09/07/17	Revised 11/28/17	11/29/17		12/07/17	
5	Employee # 4015							9/18/17		10/02/17	Revised

XI.B Appointments, Transfers

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary/ Hrly. Rate	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Olah, Jennifer	Approve	Bus Aide	Step 6 4.5 hrs. per day	\$16,584.75	Transportation	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#:11-000-270-107-16
2	Kyle, Elizabeth	Approve	Bus Aide	Step 6--5 hrs. per day	\$18,427.50	Transportation	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#:11-000-270-107-16
3	McKee, Nancy	Transfer	Paraprofessional	Step 6	\$25,026.00	High School	09/06/2017	06/30/2018	Transfer from Franklin Acct#: 11-212-100-106-18
4	Piowar, Cathy	Transfer	Paraprofessional	Step 6	\$25,026.00	High School	09/06/2017	06/30/2017	ICR & Resource in AM Transition Life Skills in PM Acct#: 11-212-100-106-18
5	Piowar, Cathy	Approve	Paraprofessional	Step 6	\$19.50 per hour	High School	09/06/2017	06/30/2018	Assisting Children off Bus in the AM Acct#: 11-212-100-106-

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6	Hill, Susan	Transfer	Paraprofessional	Step 7 + \$900 longevity	\$25,926.00	High School	09/06/2017	06/30/2018	Transfer from Middle School Acct#: 11-212-100-106-18
*7	Spina, Jessica	Approve	Paraprofessional	Step 1-2.5 hrs. per day	\$8,487.50 (prorated)	Roosevelt School	09/20/2017	06/30/2018	Acct. #11-213-100-106-18
8	Crilley, Kathy	Approve	Bus Aide	Step 7-2.5 hrs. per day	\$9,942.50	Transportation	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-000-270-107-16
9	Panzerella, Margaret	Approver	Bus Aide	Step 7-4 hrs. per day	\$15,498.00	Transportation	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-000-270-107-16
10	Fierra, Samuel	Approve	Interim Director of Guidance	N/A	\$350 per day	District	09/20/2017	12/31/2018	Acct#:11-000-240-103-21
11	Frassetti, Donna	Approve	School Psychologist	N/A	\$225 per day	High School	09/05/2017	10/29/2017	Acct#:11-000-219-104-18
12	Walters, Anne	Approve	School Psychologist	N/A	\$225 per day	Middle School	09/11/2017	11/17/2017	Acct#:11-000-219-104-18
13	Rickert, Susan	Approve	Latch Key Aide	Step 0	\$17.70 per hr.	District	09/06/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 61-993-100-101-19
14	Both, Michele	Approve	Substitute Paraprofessional	N/A	\$9.25 per hr.	District	09/20/2017	06/30/2018	Acct. #11-000-262-107-00
15	Spina, Jessica	Approve	Substitute Duty Aide	N/A	\$9.25 per hr.	District	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-000-262-107-00
16	Aslam, Salma	Approve	Substitute Duty Aide Substitute Paraprofessional	N/A	\$9.25 per hr.	District	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-000-262-107-00
17	Wetzel, Alyssa	Approve	Mathematics Teacher	3BA +15	\$53,855	Middle School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#:11-130-100-101-02
18	Hyun, Sue	Approve	Special Education Teacher	4 MA	\$56,405	Roosevelt School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-213-100-101-00
19	Walden, Myra	Approve	Substitute Latch Key Aide	N/A	\$15.00 per hr.	District	08/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 61-993-100-101-19
20	Walden, Myra	Approve	Latch Key Aide	Step 0	\$17.70 per hr.	District	09/06/2017	06/30/2018	Thursday and Friday Only Acct#: 61-993-100-101-19
21	Fowlers, Kenneth	Approve	Maintenance Technician	N/A	\$55,000	District	09/20/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-000-261-100-00

*Item 7 has been removed for legal clarification.

XI.C. Adjustments, Stipends, Degree Changes

Code	Name	Action	Position	Degree/Step/ No. of Hrs.	Salary/ Stipend	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Eggert, Renee	Adjust	Duty Aide	Step 7-3 hrs. per day	\$11,808 (prorated)	Middle School	09/20/2017	06/30/2018	½ hr. increase per day Acct. #11-000-262-107-02
2	Heller, Amelia	Approve	Nurse	3 BA	\$52,755	Middle School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-000-213-104-00
3	Garris, Ursula	Approve	Nurse	4BA+15	\$54,855	Franklin School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#:11-000-213-104-00

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4	Skubish, Heather	Transfer	Duty Aide	Step 5-3.5 hrs. per day	\$12,432	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#:11-000-262-107-01
5	Klett, Harriet	Approve	Senior Class Advisor of 2018	Step 1	\$2,278	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
6	Falkenstein, Kim	Approve	Senior Class Advisor of 2018	Step 1	\$2,278	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
7	Joffe, Diana	Approve	Junior Class Advisor of 2019	Step 1	\$1,925	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
8	Fuggazzi, Michelle	Approve	Junior Class Advisor of 2019	Step 1	\$1,925	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
9	Giannakis, Jamie	Approve	Sophomore Class Advisor of 2020	Step 1	\$1,925	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
10	Bastarova, Dana	Approve	Italian 4 Curriculum Writer	N/A	\$41.00 per hr.	Roos. Admin	09/01/2017	10/02/2017	Revised Dates Acct#: 11-140-100-101-01
11	Sosna, Laura	Approve	French 3 & 4 Curriculum Writer	N/A	\$41.00 per hr.	Roos. Admin	09/01/2017	10/02/2017	Revised Dates Acct#: 11-140-100-101-01
12	Wylde, Johanna	Approve	6 th Period--Spanish	4MA+30	\$2,187.00	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
13	Battista, Mike	Approve	6 th Period-Phys Ed	5 BA+15	\$3,510.00	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#:11-140-100-101-25
14	Rastelli, Amy	Approve	Latch Key Aide	Step 0	\$17.70 per hr.	District	08/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Dates Acct#: 61-993-100-101-19
15	Schlem, Nyssa	Approve	Special Services	2.75 hrs	\$45.75 per hr	District	09/05/2017	09/05/2017	Presented at the CPI workshop on 9/5/17 Acct#: 11-000-216-100-00
16	Knarr, David	Approve	Advanced Placement Advisor	Step 2	\$2,038.00	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
17	DeAndrea, Peggy	Approve	Nurse	N/A	\$73.03 per hr.	(Before/After School) LatchKey	08/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Pending sufficient enrollment Max 25 hours per week Acct#:61-993-100-101-19
18	Ullom, Carol	Approve	Nurse	2.75 hours	\$41.00 per hr.	High/Middle School	07/01/2017	08/31/2017	Revised—additional 2.75 hrs To review sports physicals Acct#:11-000-213-104-00
19	Eichert, Susan	Approve	Drama Club Co- Advisor	Step 1	\$502.00	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	(1/2 or \$1004) Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
20	Stasio, Joan	Approve	Drama Club Co- Advisor	Step 1	\$502.00	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	(1/2 or \$1004) Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
21	McDonough, Nicole	Approve	Literary Magazine	Step 1	\$1,004.00	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
22	Gross, Rebecca	Approve	Academic Bowl	Step 1	\$1,004.00	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
23	Basile, Megan	Approve	Student Council	Step 1	\$882.00	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	(1/2) of \$1764 Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
24	Sales, Susan	Approve	Student Council	Step 1	\$882.00	Grant School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	(1/2) of \$1764 Acct#: 11-401-100-100-00
25	Wong, Cynthia	Approve	Student Evaluations	N/A	\$41.00 per hr.	District	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Not to exceed \$800 Acct#: 11-213-100-101-18
26	Remsing, Erin	Approve	Volunteer MS Field Hockey Coach	N/A	N/A	Middle School	09/19/2017	12/04/2017	N/A

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27	Jakubik, Mike	Approve	Wrestling Assistant	Step 6	\$6,731.00	High School	11/13/2017	03/23/2018	Acct#: 11-402-100-100-22
28	Fish, Chris	Approve	Girls' Head Coach Spring Track	Step 6	\$8,129.00	High School	03/02/2018	06/15/2018	Acct#: 11-402-100-100-22
29	Connell, Matt	Approve	Boys' Head Coach Spring Track	Step 3	\$7,269.00	High School	03/02/2018	06/15/2018	Acct#: 11-402-100-100-22
30	Balzer, Stephen	Approve	Boys' Assistant Coach Spring Track	Step 3	5,728.00	High School	03/02/2018	06/15/2018	Acct#: 11-402-100-100-22
31	Faulkenstein, Kimberly	Approve	6 th Period – Special Education	1 BA	\$9,316.00	High School	9/2/2017	6/30/18	Prorated Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
32	Barton, Jacquelyn	Approve	6 th Period – MD Culture & Communication	19 BA	\$15,613.00	High School	9/2/2017	6/30/18	Prorated Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
33	Briskin, Justin	Approve	6 th Period-Math	13 MA +15	\$13,236.30	High School	09/01/2017	06/30/2018	Revised Acct#: 11-140-100-101-25
34	Schlem, Nyssa	Approve	Special Services	2.75 hrs	45.75 per hr	District	09/05/2017	09/05/2017	Presenting at the CPI workshop on 9/18 & 9/19 6 hrs per day for a total of 12 hrs Acct#: 11-000-216-100-00

*NOTE: All salaries, longevity, stipends & hourly rates for NJEA members or the Small Van Drivers' Association and non-affiliated staff are subject to change upon settlement of the agreement for the 2017/18 school year.

XI.D Supervisor of Educational Technology & Curriculum Job Description Approval
RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the revised Supervisor of Educational Technology & Curriculum job description, as per TAB XI.D.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Miller asked what the position of student evaluation is. Dr. Lishak said that is for one particular student. For more clarification, they will need to discuss it in executive session.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 8-0
Mr. Giannakis abstained on items XI. B-10 and XI. C-9

XII. FINANCE

1. Approval of Professional Development Expenditures

Approve the following expenditures (registration, mileage, and conference fees), substitutes, and trips, which are compliant with State payment guidelines, employee job responsibilities and critical to the needs of the school district.

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	<u>Name of Workshop</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Person Attending</u>
1.	Water Safety Instructor Certification	9/23-24/17	\$400.00 11-402-100-800-22	Jamie Pietrucha
2.	AENJ - Beyond Looking Annual Conference	10/1-3/17	\$185.00 11-000-223-580-11	Janine Kupcho
3.	Project Lead The Way Training @ Bucknell University	7/24/17-08/4/17	\$1000.00 – Hotel \$80.00 mileage 11-000-223-580-11 Originally approved on July Agenda. Hotel cost inadvertently omitted.	Matthew Goszewski
4.	The Pharmacy in Your Kitchen – An Overview of Medical and Medicinal Foods	10/12/17	\$79.00 11-000-223-580-11	Maureen Barnett
5.	NJASBO Academy Program	10/3, 11/2, 11/29/17, 1/9, 3/6, 5/16/18	\$200.00 Registration \$137.64 mileage 11-000-251-330-12	Stephen Fried
6.	Scissor Lift Training	TBD	\$190.00 11-000-223-580-11	William Haughwout
7.	NJASL Fall Conference	11/16-17/17	\$150.00 11-000-223-580-11	Kim Alongi
8.	NJSIAA Bowling Clinic	9/27/17	\$60.00 11-402-100-500-22	Brian Panek
9.	NJSIAA Bowling Clinic	9/27/17	\$60.00 11-402-100-500-22	David Knarr
10.	Tech & Learning Leadership Summit	12/7-8/17	Ground Transportation: \$70.00 11-000-223-580-11	Michael Estrada
11.	NJ Consortia for Excellence Through Equity	9/27/17	Mileage: \$10.20 20-231-200-500-11	Patrick Sarullo

5. Dissolution of One Route on Transportation Jointure with Plainfield – 2017/2018

Approve the dissolution of the following transportation route with Plainfield Board of Education for the 2017/2018 school year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Route #</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Route Cost</u>
Nuview	PRD-AM	Plainfield	\$16,650.00

6. Approval of Revised Monthly Renewal Rates for Horizon Prescription Insurance for the 2017/2018 School Year

Approve the following revised monthly renewal rates for Horizon prescription insurance for the 2017/2018 school year: (changes in bold print)

Prescription Plans:

	<u>Direct Access Plan</u>	<u>My Way HRA</u>
Single	\$284.56	\$213.41
Employee & Children	\$501.70	\$376.28
Employee & Spouse	\$712.09	\$534.07
Family	\$825.39	\$619.05

Retirees:

Single	\$340.88
Retiree & Spouse	\$926.56

Dependent to Age 31

Single	\$173.02
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7. Accept Gift Donation

Accept the donation of nine (9) Motorola Moto E Android Prepaid Phones with Triple Minutes to the South Plainfield Middle School from the Donors Choose Project applied for by Christine Brandenburg, Middle School Librarian. This donation is valued at \$250.13.

8. Approval of Level I Educational Services - 2017/2018

Approve the following special education students for the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Level 1 services for the 2017/2018 school year:

- a. Level I educational services to be provided to the following special education students by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired at a cost of \$1,900.00 per student for the 2017-2018 school year. Cost to be deducted from state aid. State ID No.: 7611715816 and 2524780836.

9. Approval of Withdrawals, Placements, and Tuition Adjustments of Special Education Students for the 2017-2018 School Year

Approve the withdrawals/placements/tuition changes for the following special education students for the 2017/2018 school year:

- a. Withdrawal of one special education student from Lamberts Mill Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. Tuition cost of \$53,170.00 was approved on the June 21, 2017 Board of Education agenda. State ID No.: 1430148403.

Placement of one special education student at East Mountain School at Carrier Clinic for the 2017/2018 school year. Tuition cost \$66,434.40. State ID No.: 1430148403

- b. Additional related service cost for one special education student at Lincoln Elementary Achievement Program, Cranford, for the 2017 extended year program. Counseling cost at the rate of \$200.00. State ID No.: 7762175762

- c. Placement of one special education student at Piscataway Township Schools, PATHS Program, for the 2017-2018 school year. Tuition cost will be \$30,585.00 (pro-rated rate: \$28,498.02) plus counseling services at the rate of \$1,620.00 (pro-rated rate: \$1,485.00). Anticipated start date is September 20, 2017. State ID No.: 8732436601.

10. Accept Gift Donations

Accept the donation of \$50.00 toward providing refreshments for the three-day New Teacher Orientation from each of the following PTO/PTSOs:

South Plainfield High School PTO
South Plainfield Middle School PTO
Grant School PTO
Franklin School PTO
John F. Kennedy School PTSO
John E. Riley PTO
Roosevelt School PTO

11. Board Member/Staff Member Conference/Travel

The following individuals have registered for conferences, seminars, etc., which are compliant with State payment guidelines; with Board Bylaw 0147; employee/Board Member job responsibilities and critical to the needs of the school district. (Account 11.000.230.585.12)

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date and Location</u>	<u>Cost/Mileage</u>
Debbie Boyle	MCSBA County Meeting	September 12, 2017 Pierre's South Brunswick, NJ	Cost: \$ 0.00 Mileage: \$11.78
Sharon Miller	MCSBA County Meeting	September 12, 2017 Pierre's South Brunswick, NJ	Cost: \$ 0.00 Mileage: \$11.78

12. Accept FY2018 IDEA Preschool and Basic Grant Awards

Accept the FY2018 IDEA Preschool and Basic Grant Awards in the following amounts:

Preschool (Ages 3-5)	\$ 28,072
Basic (Ages 3-21)	\$793,823
Non-Public Share	\$ 23,177

13. Approval of In-House Transportation Routes – 2017/2018

Approve the In-House Transportation Routes for the 2017/2018 school year.

14. Approve Proposal for Task 1 - Professional Engineering Services from Mott MacDonald for Athletic Field – Proposed Improvements

Approve proposal (Task 1) from Mott MacDonald for survey work at Jost Field as a professional service in the amount of \$15,500 and authorize the Business Administrator to sign the proposal, all subject to review and approval the Board Attorney.

15. Award Contract to Potter Architects for Professional Services

RESOLVED that the Potter Architect's Contract for professional services be awarded as per the project proposals and in accordance with the formal agreement dated September 18, 2017, subject to review and approval by the Business Administrator and Board Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator be authorized to sign said contract and issue an appropriate purchase order accordingly.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Miller said that she had a chance to review the booklet regarding the architect proposals and she has some concerns about the architect fees. She said that it appears that they are charging us 14% for the track, 9.5 % for the bleachers and press box, 11.4% for the science labs, 9.5% for electrical, 9.7% for roofs and 9.75% for toilets. Mrs. Miller said that is quite high. She said that we had a problem with our last architect because they were charging us a lot for their fees. She said that at the convention last year the architects that they met with told them that 6-7% is normal. These are quite substantially

higher than that so she was looking for an explanation as to why these fees are so high.

Mr. Damato said that he met with the finance committee and the architects and the fees vary based upon the complexity of the job. Some jobs require consultants like engineering and things of that nature. Those sub consultants will be built into the architect's fee. That is why there is a variation in the fees from job to job. For example, on a more complex job, you will find that the fees will be greater depending on the need for sub consultants and the amount of services. They basically cost out the project and determine how many hours it will take them to do it and then decide on an appropriate fee and based our meetings with them, we thought that their fees are in line with what other architects charge and the fees are reasonable.

Mrs. Boyle said that we were able to negotiate and adjust the prices that our last architect charged. She said that she doesn't know if we will be able to go back and renegotiate what costs but that's what we did previously.

Mr. Chapman said that they negotiated with them in the finance meeting. He said that they told them that the district would like a reduction in their fees. They agreed and they are going to come back with us with a decrease in their fees.

Mrs. Boyle asked if we should table this until they renegotiate the fees. Mr. Damato said that they would like to get it approved tonight and then pick up the details as we are able to. We were not able to finalize the details of the contract from a legal perspective either so those details also have to be worked out. They are on a very tight timeline if we are trying to put these jobs out to bid in January. An awful lot of work needs to go into those jobs between now and January. Delaying this a few weeks would throw off the timeline and throw off the project.

Mrs. Boyle said that she understands and asked if it is renegotiated it will come back showing the renegotiated fee and maybe in October or another point. Mr. Roselle clarified and said that is why the resolution says, subject to both board counsel and Business Administrator approval. If you read the actual contract, it does not have a specific amount yet because we are still negotiating. If that approval is not there then there is no contract and we'll have to push it out but doesn't think that will be necessary.

Mr. Seesselberg said that all the fees listed for the individual projects are all estimated so it's based on aggregate costs and such.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the foregoing resolutions.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 8-0
Mrs. Miller abstained on number 11 on herself and number 10 on the South Plainfield High School PTO. Mrs. Boyle abstained on number 11 on herself and also on the Middle School PTO.

XIII. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Boyle asked if there are additional monies left after the paving jobs are complete, can those monies be used to create parent parking spaces at Riley School. There have been several complaints from the Morris Street Senior Center because when people are picking up and dropping off they are pulling in there. They are only there for about ten minutes but the police were there today to make sure nobody parks in there. There are a very limited number of spaces on both sides of Riley School for people to park and parents are upset.

Mr. Cassio said that he did speak to Officer DeLair today as the traffic liaison. Currently, there are 'no parking' signs across from the Morris Building and he is looking to eliminate those signs. That will add about 15 parking spaces on that strip. He is also working with the fire department to coordinate parking in that lot and create some sort of loop. Mr. Cassio said that he is working on that and hopefully that will rectify some of the issues that they are having.

Mr. Chapman said that he attended Back to School Night at Grant School and at Roosevelt School and they were two fantastic evenings. He got to meet his children's teachers and they were fantastic and enthusiastic about the school year. The principals did an outstanding job of speaking to the parents and trying to get them involved in the PTO and that kind of thing. He complimented both schools and said they were fantastic.

Mr. Giannakis said that last week a board member brought up that we would like to make all the transportation routes public. He has a concern about that and he still feels very insecure and wanted to know where we are with that.

Dr. Lishak said that she sent that home in the Friday packet, she did clarify that with transportation supervisor and we do not make them public. We haven't made them public in the last 14 years. Mr. Giannakis said that he appreciates that.

Mrs. Miller congratulated Anu Garrison and Joanne Suydam for reaching their tenure and wishing them both continued success in their careers. They are doing a great job for our district. Thank you.

Mrs. Boyle announced that morning of October 4th is National Bike and Walk to School Day. We usually have 1,000 students from all of the schools participate in that. We encourage the parents to walk their children to school and that is hosted in conjunction with the Mayors Wellness Committee. October 14th is the Mayors Wellness Health Fair in conjunction with the Fire Department Open House. It's at the Senior Center from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be 100 free flu shots which are being sponsored by

AristaCare. There is also a pediatric nurse that will give the flu shots to the students. A lot of different speakers that will be there. Saturday, November 4th is the Sixth Annual Trunk or Treat 1:00-2:15 p.m. in the parking lot and then from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. downtown will be the Second Annual Zombie Fest. All of our residents and students are welcome to join in. November 5th, the Mayor's Wellness Committee is hosting a drug and alcohol seminar such as they did last year. They had a huge turnout of over 80 people and they are hoping to have parents be speakers. Due to the crowd spilling into the hallways at the library last year, they will hold it at the Senior Center this time. She is unsure of the time but thinks it will be at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

Mrs. Anesh said that she doesn't think that the routes were actually advertised by they were given to the board members to review because, as you can see, number 13, we are approved those routes although we haven't seen them. She asked if it is possible for us to see the routes. Dr. Lishak said that there is no issue with the Board seeing the routes.

Mrs. Glover said that she wanted to ask the attorney, in public, about her vote for the NJEA contract with our teachers. She said that she is a conflicted board member regarding NJEA but after negotiation is completed, it is her understanding, based on his professional legal advice, that she has permission to vote when there are no other decisions to be made regarding the contract. Is that correct? Mr. Roselle said yes, once the scatter grams are completed and signed and the whole negotiation is over, that is what his research has found.

Mr. Seesselberg congratulated the football team on their home opener and on the new scoreboard. The band was great, the team was great, and he said we would just like to see more people out there for all the athletic events. These kids do a really good job and put a lot of effort in so the more people that watch them the better they will be. Please make the time to go to the game, go to a field hockey match, and go to the band performances. There is a band competition in Metuchen this week. They are close enough to go and see the competitions.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, *et. seq.*) that the Board meets in closed session at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to: (select one or more)

1. a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2. a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3. material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4. a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
5. a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds

6. protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
8. specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session.
9. deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session shall be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 8-0

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, there was a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Giannakis SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 8-0

Respectfully submitted,

James Damato
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary