SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION Open Agenda Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2022

Dr. Kulikowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Administration Building, 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains.

Members Present Ms. Nancy Bauer

Ms. Deb Brody Mrs. Karen Mitchell Ms. Stephanie Suriani Ms. Tonya Williams Ms. Amy Winkler

Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent Mrs. Amy Boroff

Others Present Joan Mast, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Robert A. McGarry, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of

Curriculum and Instruction

Christopher Jones, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Jeanne Cleary, Director of Operations and Special Projects

James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator/

Assistant Board Secretary

Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources Lisa Rebimbas, Director of Special Services Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Bauer at 7:01 p.m., that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, HIB, Suspensions/Detention Report, and Legal Status Report; and,

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

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

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

The meeting returned to public session at 8:15 p.m.

Members Present

Ms. Nancy Bauer
Ms. Deb Brody
Mrs. Karen Mitchell
Ms. Stephanie Suriani
Ms. Tonya Williams
Ms. Amy Winkler

Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent

Mrs. Amy Boroff

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Kulikowski reported that Personnel, HIB, Suspensions/Detention Report, and Legal Status Report were discussed in Executive Session.

Superintendent and Business Administrator Reports

Dr. Mast gave the Superintendent Report and Mr. Jones provided the Business Administrator Report.

Board President's Announcement

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

Instructional Updates

- The NJ Elementary and Junior High School Honors Choir
- SSDS and HIB Reports- September 2021 to December 2021-Lakendra McFadden
- Local District Special Education Report Lisa Rebimbas

The meeting was open for public comments at 8:37 p.m.

There were no comments.

Committee Reports

Curriculum - report by Ms. Suriani

Facilities - report by Mr. Murray

Finance - report by Ms. Brody

Wellness and Equity - report by Ms. Williams

Letters to the Board

Three emails were received from the public. The appropriate administrator responded.

Board Motions

Superintendent Report

Dr. Mast reviewed the following:

- 2022-2023 Out of District Placements
- HIB Cases
- HIB and SSDS Submissions to NJDOE
- Annual Code of Conduct
- Evaluation Programs
- 2022 Student Summer Assignments
- Bi-Annual Gifts to School;s
- Superintendent and Board Recess Decisions
- Social Studies Alive Resource

For 1-S and 2-S

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

1-S approves the following private and public out-of-district placements for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Private

Case #	Classified	<u>Placement</u>	SY Cost	Additional Cost 1:1 Aide
19-09	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Lower	\$77,775.00	\$32,940.00
20-04	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Lower	\$77,775.00	\$32,940.00
11-18	AUT - 22	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	
10-01	AUT - 22	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	
20-12	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	\$32,940.00
15-08	AUT 30	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	\$32,940.00
15-10	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	\$32,940.00
12-16	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	\$32,940.00
16-02	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	
07-02	AUT - 30	Academy 360 Upper	\$77,409.00	\$32,940.00
21-12	ОНІ	Banyan School	\$64,080.00	
20-19	MD	Banyan School	\$58,591.00	\$39,600.00
19-06	ОНІ	Bridge Academy	\$54,560.00	
16-10	AUT	Calais School	\$76,320.00	\$46,504.50
12-09	AUT	Calais School	\$76,320.00	
17-18	AUT	Celebrate the Children	\$79,506.00	\$29,370.00
20-07	ОНІ	Center School	\$80,100.00	
21-04	AUT	Center School	\$80,100.00	\$39,975.00
18-16	ОНІ	Collier HS	\$65,700.00	
17-20	ОНІ	Collier HS	\$65,700.00	
18-31	ОНІ	Collier HS	\$65,700.00	
18-21	ОНІ	Collier School	\$65,700.00	
18-14	SLD	Cornerstone Day School	\$76,455.00	
21-13	ОНІ	Cornerstone Day School	\$93,445.00	
18-25	AUT	Deron School Lower	\$70,920.00	\$30,443.00
21-10	AUT	Deron School Lower	\$70,920.00	\$30,443.00
18-08	AUT	Deron School Upper	\$70,920.00	\$30,443.00
20-24	ERI	East Mountain	\$71,460.00	
18-27	AUT	ECLC, Chatham	\$63,759.60	
20-01	AUT	ECLC, Chatham	\$63,759.60	\$45,000.00
18-23	AUT	ECLC, Chatham	\$63,759.60	\$45,000.00
06-18	ОНІ	ECLC, Chatham	\$63,759.60	

13-02	MD	First Children, LLC, Fanwood	\$69,375.00	\$33,300.00
19-08	MD	First Children, LLC, Fanwood	\$69,375.00	
18-20	SLD	Flex*	\$45,000.00	
17-14	AUT	Garden Academy	\$112,320.00	
20-15	ОНІ	Hunterdon Prep	\$59,247.00	
15-15	ОНІ	Montgomery Academy	\$85,932.00	\$35,000.00
21-14	ОНІ	Mount Carmel Guild	\$56,872.80	\$24,600.00
19-04	AUT	New Road School - Somerset	\$63,993.60	
20-09	AUT	New Road School - Somerset	\$63,993.60	
21-16	MID	New Road School Parlin	\$72,900.00	
18-30	ОНІ	Newmark	\$62,220.60	
16-01	AUT	Newmark	\$62,476.20	92
21-09	AUT	Newmark	\$62,476.20	
20-05	AUT	Newmark	\$62,476.20	
21-01	AUT	Newmark	\$62,220.60	
17-13	MD	Newmark	\$62,476.20	
22-01	ОНІ	Newmark	\$62,476.20	
22-04	ОНІ	Newmark	\$62,476.20	
22-03	AUT	Newmark	\$62,476.20	
13-05	ERI	Newmark HS	\$62,220.60	
20-06	ОНІ	Newmark HS	\$62,220.60	
		Newmark HS/UCCTI - Vo Tech		
11-02	AUT	(Shared Time)	\$62,280.00	
08-20	AUT	Phoenix Center	\$73,260.00	\$32,180.00
08-13	AUT	Phoenix Center	\$73,260.00	\$32,180.00
19-02	MD	Pillar Elementary School (Horizon)	\$72,927.00	\$39,668.00
18-11	AUT	Princeton Child Development Inst.	\$110,880.00	
17-02	ОНІ	Shepard Prep High School	\$56,700.00	
20-16	ОНІ	Shepard Prep High School	\$93,445.00	
20-08	ОНІ	Sheppard School	\$57,624.87	
15-19	PSD	Somerset Hills Learning Institute	\$109,755.00	
20-21	ERI	Whetstone*	\$65,000.00	
13-11	ERI	Windsor School	\$77,400.00	
21-08	SLD	Winston School*	\$33,840.00	
14-11	AUT	Woods Education - Out of State	\$75,254.00	\$251,283.00
21-05	ОНІ	TBD*	\$15,000.00	

Public

Case #	Classified	Placement	SY Cost	Aide (need to find out cost for ESY vs. SY)
13-03	AUT	DLC Warren	\$99,824.00	\$72,727.00
12-13	MD	DLC Warren	\$99,824.00	\$72,727.00
06-17	MD	DLC, Warren	\$99,824.00	\$12,121.00
07-03	AUT	DLC, Warren	\$99,824.00	
16-13	AUT	Westfield cost share/DLC, Warren	\$49,912.00	
07-08	AUT	Douglass Dev. Center (Rutgers)	\$133,489.30	
20-13	MD	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$36,550.00	
21-03	AUT	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$36,550.00	
10-05	AUT	Hackensack Meridian JFK	\$36,550.00	
20-18	SLD	Lamberts MIII Academy	\$59,711.00	
16-03	ERI	Lamberts MIII Academy	\$59,711.00	
17-23	ОНІ	Lamberts MIII Academy	\$59,711.00	
20-10	ОНІ	Rutgers Day School	\$82,587.28	
12-02	AUT	UCESC - Project Search	\$61,812.00	
12-03	AUT	UCESC - Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
18-28	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
20-02	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
18-13	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
06-03	MID	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
08-04	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
17-16	AUT	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
21-06	ОНІ	UCESC Work Readiness	\$61,812.00	
12-11	MD	Westlake - MD Class	\$56,630.00	\$50,490.00
17-11	MD	Westlake - Job Academy	\$79,254.00	\$50,490.00
05-09	ОНІ	Westlake - Autism Class	\$79,254.00	\$50,490.00
08-19	AUT	Westlake - Autism Class	\$79,254.00	\$50,490.00
07-07	AUT	Westlake - Autism Class	\$79,254.00	
09-08	AUT	Westlake-AUT	\$79,254.00	
10-09	MD	Burlington County Commission	\$54,457.03	\$44,460.00

Additional Cost 1:1

2-S approves the superintendent's decision in the following HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on May 19, 2022. All four cases were determined to be HIB.

Case # 060-2122-13 Case # 060-2122-14 Case # 065-2122-16 Case # 065-2122-17

Carried 8-0-0

9-S Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Board of Education approves the Social Studies Alive resource to support the Social Studies curriculum in Grades K-5 for use in the 2022-2023 school year. The final cost is \$63,683.65.

Carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

- 1-PERS Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Brody, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated June 2, 2022 in the areas noted below:
 - 1. Resignations/Terminations
 - 2. Appointments
 - 3. Reappointments
 - 4. Change of Status
 - 5. Leaves of Absence
 - 6. Sixth Period Assignments
 - 7. Co-Curricular Appointments
 - 8. Administrative Leave
 - 9. Auxiliary Employment
 - 10. Substitute Staff As Needed for the 2021-2022 School Year

Carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

Business Report 2021-2022

Mr. Jones reviewed the following Business Items:

2021-2022

- Staff Training
- Used Computer Sale Bid Award
- Library Book Disposal
- Special Education Settlement
- 21-22 Related Services
- Current Year Surplus
- Fire and Security Drills
- Bus Evacuation Drills
- Business Reports
- Disbursements
- Bill List
- Lease Purchase
- Kelin Air Conditioning and Heating

2022-2023

- 22-23 Related Services
- Enviro Vision Consultants
- Lease Purchase Bid Award
- District Insurance
- Facilities Applications Renewals
- QSP system used in the district's school cafeterias
- Frontline Renewals
- Systems 3000 Renewals
- Energy for America (EFA) Renewal
- 2022-2023 Tuition Agreement with Union County Vocational-Technical Schools
- 2022-2023 UCESC Agreements
- E-Rate Independent Consultant
- Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.
- Centric Benefits Consulting
- Architect of Record
- Bond Counsel
- Negotiating Professional Services
- Treasurer of School Monies
- Legal Counsel for Special Education
- Legal Counsel for the Board of Education, Special Education
- Atlantic Health Systems, Urgent and Specialty Care
- School Physician
- On-Site Team Physician
- Therapeutic Services

- Athletic Official Fees
- Submission of Federal Grants
- PowerSchool Renewal Quote
- Blackboard Renewal Quote

For 1- through 5-BUS and 12- and 13-BUS

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Brody, that the Board of Education:

1-BUS approves the staff training report dated June 2, 2022.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools Board Approval for Staff Training and Seminars, Conventions and Conferences Board Meeting: June 2, 2022

Number Attending	Conference Title	Dates Location	Anticipated Reimbursement	Purpose	Date of Request	Date of Board Approval
	* Expenses may exceed + How will this activity goals?				ım, or furth	er district
One _	JAMF Software, LLC Nation User Conference	Sept. 27-29, 2022 San Diego, CA Sponsor: JAMF	\$1,899.00 (registration for 3 day conference and travel expenses – airline and hotel)	Attend JAMF Software, LLC Nation User Annual Conference.	May 23, 2022	June 2, 2022
Sixteen	New Jersey School Board's Association (NJSBA) Workshop 2022	Oct. 24-26, 2022 Atlantic City, NJ Sponsor: NJSBA	\$131.25 each (registration for 3 day workshop)	Attend New Jersey School Board's Association 2022 Workshop.	May 23, 2022	June 2, 2022

2-BUS

approves Used Computer Sale Bid Award of the disposal/public sale of used computer equipment by public bid on June 1, 2022:

The equipment to be sold is:

25 Units - 11 inch 2012 MacBook Air 25 Units - 11 inch 2013 MacBook Air 150 Units - 11 inch 2015 MacBook Air 175 Units - 13 inch 2015 and 2017 MacBook Air

740 Units – Dell Chromebook 3180

WHEREAS, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties; and

WHEREAS, the public sale was advertised, with a suggested minimum bid amount of \$40,000 for the lot of used computers equipment.

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, two bids were opened for the lot of used computer equipment.

Bid Results from Computer Bids - 6/1/2022

Bidder Bid Amount
Cornerstone Technologies, Inc. \$77,450.00
Imaan International, Inc. 41,575.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education awards the bid for the lot of used computer equipment to Cornerstone Technologies, Inc., 4487 Park Drive, Suite E, Norcross, GA 30093 in the amount of \$77,450.

- 3-BUS approves the disposal of 285 library books that are damaged, obsolete, and outdated from the Brunner Library.
- 4-BUS approves the special education legal settlement agreement for the continued placement of Case #10-14 at Kings' Daughter's School for the 2022-2023 at the cost of \$75,000. All other expenses will be the parents' responsibility.
- 5-BUS approves the following SY 21-22 and ESY 22 Related Service Vendors:

SY 21-22

Agency	Type of Service	Hourly Rate	Total Amount
Princeton Speech & Language	Speech Services Various Students	\$200 Individual/\$118 Group	\$1.600
Rutgers Behavioral Health Care	Home Instruction Various Students	\$65.00	\$1,300
Creative Speech	Speech Services Various Students	\$93.00	\$100,000
A & J	Physical Therapy Services Various Students	\$90.00	\$10,000
ESY 22			
Brett DiNovi	Behavior Consultant / RBT - Various Students	\$135/\$60	\$11,000
Nursing - Bayada	Nursing Services - Various Students	\$58-\$65 RN/\$58-\$65 LPN	\$10,000
Our House	Job Coaching/Development - Various Students	\$58.00	\$5,000
Princeton Speech & Language	Speech Services	\$200 Individual/\$118 Group	\$1,400
Ann Robinowitz	Reading Comprehension/Writing Various Students	\$125.00	\$5,000
Ropa - RosaAnna Passucci	Physical Therapy Services - Various Students	\$93.00	\$2,000
A& J Jen Skara	Physical Therapy Services - Various Students	\$93.00	\$10,000

12-BUS

adopts the following resolution permitting the Business Administrator to solicit bids for a lease purchase agreement:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional School District in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Board") seeks to acquire and to install, as necessary, various technology equipment and any related ancillary equipment (collectively, the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to finance the Equipment through a tax-exempt lease purchase financing in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 (the "Lease Purchase Financing"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to solicit bids (hereinafter "Bids"), for such Lease Purchase Financing, to delegate the award of such Bid to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and to authorize the entering into such Lease Purchase Financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby approves and directs Phoenix Advisors, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor") and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer ("Bond Counsel") to solicit Bids, on behalf of the Board in order to finance the Equipment through a tax-exempt Lease Purchase in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

SECTION 2. The Board reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Lease Purchase Financing for certain costs of the Equipment paid prior to the execution and delivery of the Lease Purchase Financing from sources other than the Lease Purchase Financing which have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or have otherwise been set aside by the Board, pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 2 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Board's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward certain costs of the Equipment to be incurred and paid prior to the execution and delivery of the Lease Purchase Financing in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid, in whole or in part, arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under section 148 of the Code. The proceeds of the Lease Purchase Financing used to reimburse the Board for any expenditures toward certain costs of the Equipment will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create or increase the balance in "replacement proceeds", within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the Lease Purchase Financing, or any other agreement, with respect to any obligation of the Board or to replace funds, or (iii) to reimburse the Board for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Board. The Lease Purchase Financing used to reimburse the Board for any expenditure toward certain costs of the Equipment, as described above, will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$700,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the Lease Purchase Financing will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This Section 2 shall take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

SECTION 3. Upon receipt of the Bids and the analysis thereof, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, is authorized to award the Lease Purchase Financing to the lessor that bid the most economically advantageous proposal to the Board based upon the advice and recommendation of the Municipal Advisor.

The term of the Lease shall not exceed five (5) years. In consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, the Board President, the Board Vice President, the Superintendent and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents including, but not limited to, a lease purchase agreement, an escrow agreement, as applicable, and all closing documents in connection with the Lease Purchase and are hereby authorized to take any other action necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

SECTION 4. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease Purchase Financing, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease Purchase Financing. The Board delegates to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to determine whether the Lease Purchase Financing will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

13-BUS

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), and based upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Board of Education, by this resolution and without advertising for bids, authorizes purchases of goods and services from Kelin Air Conditioning and Heating relating HVAC services up to \$700,000. The award of contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive bid Ed Data Co-op #10978. Funds to be withdrawn from Capital Reserve.

Carried 8-0-0

Other Board Business

Liaison Reports

• Garden State Coalition (GSCS) - report by Ms. Bauer

Public Comments

Public comments were opened at 9:03 p.m.

Gary Morris, FW Requested information on Dr. Joshi

Public comments ended at 9:08 p.m.

Good of the Order

Mr. Murray P

Praised the spring sports teams.

Ms. Bauer

Proud of all student awards and all the media attention.

Dr. Kulikowski

Great event to see Union County teachers recognized.

Dr. McGarry

Spoke of the "Rising Star Award" at Papermill Playhouse.

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Winkler at 9:13 p.m., that the Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning the superintendent evaluation; and,

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

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

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

Carried 8-0-0

The Board of Education returned to Public Session at 10:01 p.m.

Members Present

Ms. Nancy Bauer

Ms. Deb Brody Mrs. Karen Mitchell Ms. Stephanie Suriani Ms. Tonya Williams

Ms. Amy Winkler

Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

Members Absent

Mrs. Amy Boroff

The Board of Education discussed the Superintendent's Evaluation. No action was taken.

Motion by Ms. Brody, seconded by Mr. Murray at 10:02 p.m., that the Board of Education adjourns.

Carried 8-0-0

Christopher Jones Business Administrator