

**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Public Meeting Agenda**  
**August 25, 2022**  
**(7:30 p.m. Executive Session)**  
**8:00 p.m. Public Session - Administration Building**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

_____	Ms. Nancy Bauer
_____	Mrs. Amy Boroff
_____	Ms. Deb Brody
_____	Mrs. Karen Mitchell
_____	Ms. Stephanie Suriani
_____	Ms. Tonya Williams
_____	Ms. Amy Winkler
_____	Mr. Evan Murray, Vice President
_____	Dr. Karen Kulikowski, President

**OTHERS PRESENT**

_____	Joan Mast, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
_____	Robert A. McGarry, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
_____	Christopher Jones, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
_____	Jeanne Cleary, Director of Operations and Special Projects
_____	James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator/ Assistant Board Secretary
_____	Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources
_____	Lisa Rebimbas, Ed.D., Director of Special Services
_____	Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning Personnel, HIB, Suspension/Detention Report, and Legal Matters; and,

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

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

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

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Board of Education offices located at 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Such notice was also provided in written notice forwarded 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 April 28, 2022.

**INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE**

- Recognition of the County Teacher of the Year

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BYLAWS #0164 and 0165, THE MEETING WILL BE OPENED FOR 15 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. (MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.) SPEAKERS ADDRESSING SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS, BUSINESS FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER BOARD BUSINESS WILL BE HEARD FIRST. IF TIME REMAINS, SPEAKERS MAY ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS.

**Speakers: Please slowly and clearly state your full name and the town in which you reside.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Board Members cannot respond regarding concerns with individual students or staff members. Such matters should be addressed with the Superintendent's office.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **LETTERS TO THE BOARD**

Four emails were received from the public and the appropriate administrator responded.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- \*1-S Move that the Board of Education approves the following SY 2022-2023 Out of District placement:

**Private and Public Schools 2022-2023 School Year**

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Classified</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>SY Cost</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u>Notes</u>
22-08	AUT	Deron School	\$70,768.80	\$35,100	New Placement
22-09	ERI	Cranford Achievement Program	\$62,540.00		New Placement
22-07	CMO	Banyan	\$58,591.80		New Placement
21-07	ERI	Cornerstone	\$76,455.00		Continued Placement
21-05	OHI	St. Peter's Prep*	\$15,000.00		Previously approved @ \$15,000
22-10	ERI	Cornerstone	\$81,552.00		New Placement
21-11	ERI	Cranford Achievement Program	\$62,540.00		New Placement

\*Settlement Agreement

**Private and Public Schools 2022 ESY**

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Classified</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>SY Cost</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u>Notes</u>
22-08	AUT	Deron School Lower	\$11,401.64	\$5,655.00	New Placement
20-23	AUT	Hackensack Meridan	\$7,310.00		ESY Program Only
17-02	OHI	Sheppard HS	\$9,538.20		Change in Placement
17-16	AUT	Camp Star (The Arc)	\$1,100		Previously approved \$550 ESY Program Only
17-14	AUT	Garden Academy	\$18,716.40		Continued Placement
22-10	ERI	Cornerstone	\$8,919.75		New Placement
21-13	OHI	Cornerstone	\$16,990.00		Previously Approved @ 11,893
21-07	ERI	Cornerstone	\$16,990.00		Previously Approved @ 11,893
07-08	AUT	Douglass Dev Center (Rutgers)	\$12,750.00	\$6,120.00	Previously Approved @ 13,348.93

\*2-S Move that the Board of Education approves the superintendent's decision in the following eleven HIB cases discussed in Executive Session on June 23, 2022. Three cases were determined to be HIB.

- 065-2122-23
- 080-2122-05
- 070-2122-04
- 060-2122-15
- 065-2122-25
- 065-2122-22
- 065-2122-19
- 065-2122-20
- 065-2122-24
- 065-2122-12
- 050-2122-14

- \*3-S Move that the Board of Education approves the curriculum committee's recommendation for the textbook adoption and approves the Program of Studies for Elementary, Fifth Grade, and Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. (Roll Call Vote)

Title of Book	<i>The Practice of Statistics, Updated 6th Edition</i>
Authors	Daren S. Starnes; Josh Tabor
Publisher	bedford, freeman, & worth
Copyright Date	2020
School Year	2022-2023
Program/School/ Course/Grade	AP Statistics High School
Cost Per Book	\$195.96

- \*4-S Move that the Board of Education authorizes submission of the following request to establish the following Special Education Program/Service to the Union County Office of Education:

Establish

Brunner Preschool Special Class and ESY for students as needed

- \*5-S Move that the Board of Education approves the following field trip requests for the 2022-2023 school year:

- District Field Trips 2022-2023
- Preschool and QUEST Field Trips 2022-2023
- SPFHS Self Contained Program Trip list 2022-2023
- SPFHS Anticipated Field Trips-2022-2023

- \*6-S Move that the Board of Education affirms submission of the 2022-2023 annual Statement of Assurance for the Comprehensive Equity Plan (2019-2022) to the Union County Office of Education attesting that the district has complied with the following:

1. The school district, charter school or renaissance school project has reviewed its implementation strategies for school year 2021-2022 and provides assurance that the implementation timeline has been met at each school within the district, charter school or renaissance school project, if applicable. The areas of noncompliance as indicated in the CEP have met specific indicators of achievement at each site, if applicable, during this previous school year.

2. The school district, charter school or renaissance school project will continue to fully implement the NJDOE approved 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan through the 2022-2023 school year.

3. The district, charter school or renaissance school project will achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations governing equity in education including, but not limited to: N.J.S.A.18A:3620; N.J.S.A.10:5; N.J.A.C. 6A:7; Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.) of 1997.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

\*1-PERS Move that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated August 25, 2022 in the areas noted below: (Roll Call Vote)

**BUSINESS REPORT**

\*1-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the staff training report dated August 25, 2022.

\*2-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the special education settlement for Case #08-09 where the Board will pay tuition for the student to attend Maplebrook School for the 2022-2023 school year and, if student chooses, may continue for the 2023-2024 school year ending no later than June 30, 2024. All other expenses will be the parent's responsibility.

\*3-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the following revised Scotch Plains tax payments:

	<b>Scotch Plains</b>	<b>Fanwood</b>
Jul-22	7,199,313	1,839,905
Aug-22	7,199,313	1,839,905
Sep-22	7,199,313	1,839,905
Oct-22	7,199,313	1,839,905
Nov-22	7,199,313	1,839,905

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Dec-22	7,199,313	1,839,905
Jan-23	5,459,289	1,839,905
Feb-23	5,459,289	1,839,905
Mar-23	5,459,289	1,839,905
Apr-23	5,459,289	1,839,905
May-23	5,459,289	1,839,905
Jun-23	5,459,289	1,839,905
Total for 22-23	75,951,611	22,078,855
General Fund	75,363,942	21,908,022
Debt Service	587,667	170,833
	75,951,609	22,078,855

\*4-BUS Move that the Board of Education accepts a School Security Grant in the amount of \$309,128 for security camera upgrades.

\*5-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves NJ START State Contract Vendor V00009855 Rullo & Juillet Associates, Inc. for Professional Services for the Right to Know and PEOSH Hazard Communication Compliance Service at an estimated cost of \$5,800.

\*6-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the following lease purchase under Apple Contract #1062153, ESCNJ 18/19-67:

**Items:**

- 1300 - 10.2 in iPad Wi-Fi 64 GB - Space Gray - packaged in a 10-pack
- 1300 - 4-year AppleCare+ for Schools - iPad 9th Generation
- 1300 - Logitech Rugged Combo 3 Case with Integrated Smart Connector Keyboard for 10.2 in Blue

**Total \$614,835.00**

\*7-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the Terrill HVAC Controls Upgrade for \$28,950 by AME, inc. Funds to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve.

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\*8-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the Professional Services proposal from Potter Architects for the School Expansion project at a cost of \$215,000. Funds to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve.

\*9-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the WTI proposal in the total amount of \$31,500 for roof repairs for the High School, Terrill, Coles, and School One. Contract # ESCNJ-AEPA 21-D. Funds will be withdrawn from the Maintenance Reserve.

\*10-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Nonpublic School Security and Technology Initiative Program Agreements for the following participating schools located within this district:

- Name**
- Jewish Community Center
- Jump Immersion
- Scotch Plains Baptist Christian Day
- St. Bartholomew Academy
- The Goddard School
- Union Catholic High School
- Wonder Years Academy

\*11-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Nonpublic School Security and Technology Initiative Program Agreements for Saint Bartholomew Academy in the following amounts:

Security	\$38,540
Technology	7,501
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,041</b>

\*12-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the Professional Services proposal from Potter Architects for School Improvement projects at a cost of \$45,760. Funds to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve.

\*13-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the revised public sale of previously approved and newly added outdated technologies:



<b>iPad Models</b>	<b>Count</b>
iPad Mini Gen 1	80
iPad Mini Gen 2	33
iPad Air	105
iPad 4th Gen	155
iPad 2nd Gen	55
iPad Air 2	83
iPad 5th Gen	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>

<b>MacBook Models</b>	<b>Count</b>
MacBook Air 11 inch 2012	42
MacBook Air 11 inch 2013	53
MacBook Air 11 inch 2014	19
MacBook Air 11 inch 2015	185
MacBook Air 13 inch 2015/2017	275
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>
MagSafe 2 Chargers	300

<b>Chromebook Models</b>	<b>Count</b>
Dell 3180 Chromebook	760
Dell 3120 Chromebook	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>824</b>
Dell Chromebook Chargers	800

\*14-BUS

Move that the Board of Education, as per BOE Policy 2468, approves the recommended maximum allowable costs listed below for an independent evaluation for Board approval. These costs are based on the reasonable and customary rate the district has been paying for these evaluations through educational services commissions, jointure commissions, approved clinics or agencies, or private licenses/certified practitioners.

<b>Maximum Allowable Cost Based on Information from Providers in New Jersey</b>	
2022-2023 School Year	
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Cost</b>
Educational Evaluation	\$500
Psychological Evaluation	\$500
Neuropsychological Evaluation	\$4,200
Neurodevelopmental Evaluation	\$1,000
Neurological Evaluation	\$1,000
Psychiatric Evaluation	\$875
Augmentative Communication	\$1,500
Vocational/Transition Assessment	\$500 - \$2,600
Assistive Technology	\$1,500
Speech Evaluations	\$600
Physical Therapy Evaluations	\$400
Occupational Therapy Evaluations	\$400
Central Auditory Processing	\$600
Functional Behavioral Assessment	up to \$150/hour for max 10 hours
Audiological Evaluations	\$400 - \$500

\*15-BUS      Move that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to execute the agreement for the 2022-2023 ongoing professional development for trained Reading Recovery teachers provided by the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District at a cost of \$4,500 for five (5) teachers to participate in this program.

\*16-BUS      Move that the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), designates Christoher Jones, School Business Administrator, Board Secretary, as the (Qualified) Purchasing Agent for the Board of Education and authorizes to award contracts, in full accordance with the law, for purchases that do not

exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the total sum of \$44,000.00 (bid threshold) without public advertising for bids. Furthermore, Christopher Jones is authorized to solicit competitive quotations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(a) and to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(c). In the absence or unavailability of the Purchasing Agent, the board hereby authorizes James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator, to approve contracts in the absence of the Business Administrator, Christopher Jones, and to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a).

\*17-BUS Move to approve the following resolution for the transfer of 21-22 surplus to reserve:

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts by Board resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated 21-22 school year surplus into a Capital Reserve, and

**WHEREAS**, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has determined to retain as year end unreserved undesignated fund balance for the year end June 30, 2022 an amount not-to-exceed the state mandated 2% cap; with the excess above this amount, in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable amount defined by the district's Long Range Facility Plan is to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account subject to the verification upon completion of the Audit;

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

\*18-BUS Move that the Board of Education authorizes Christopher Jones, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills between board meetings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1. Such warrants shall be presented to the board at the next Regular Business Meeting for ratification.

- \*19-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves Christopher Jones School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to prepare all single session transportation bid specifications for the board of education.  
Reference—N.J.A.C. 6A:27-9.2 ©
- \*20-BUS Move, that 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 Atra Janitorial Services relating to custodial supplies and equipment up to \$400,000. The award of contract is based upon the following pricing as obtained through the competitive bid Ed Data Co-op #51896 and #51923.
- \*21-BUS Move, that 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 Mohawk Lifts relating to Automotive Mechanical Equipment up to \$50,000. The award of contract pricing has been Competitively Bid and Competitively Awarded on New Jersey State Approved Contract 22-FLEET-01983.
- \*22-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the following purchases:
- a) The purchase of custodial supplies and equipment from Atra Janitorial Services at a cost of \$81,563. Funds to be withdrawn from the 2021-2022 Excess Extraordinary Aid.
  - b) The purchase of automotive mechanical equipment from Mohawk Lifts at a cost of \$45,989. Funds to be withdrawn from the 2021-2022 Excess Extraordinary Aid.
- \*23-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves blind and shade repair by Ackerson Drapery at a cost of \$13,414. The award of the contract is based upon the pricing obtained through the competitive bid ESCNJ #65MCESCCPS and will be funded by the Maintenance Reserve.
- \*24-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the following school lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year:
- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Elementary Schools \$3.50 | Milk-White/Chocolate \$1.25 |
| Middle Schools 4.00       | Pre-Kindergarten Milk .70   |
| High School 4.00          | Reduced Lunch .50           |

\*25-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves “voiding” the following checks drawn against the Operating Account that were not cashed and repeated attempts to contact the payee failed.

**Check Numbers**

113076  
115003  
112513  
113394

\*26-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the following related services vendors for the 2022-2023 school year:

**2022-2023 SY**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Note</b>
Shore O&M	Orientation & Mobility Services - Various Students	\$135.00 45 min session	\$20,000.00	
Spectrum Consulting	ABA/BCBA - Various Students	\$65.00-\$125.00	\$91,000.00	
Summit Speech School	Audiological	\$165.00	\$70,000.00	
Susan Glick	Reading Decoding - Various Students	\$75.00	\$7,000.00	
Tru North Theraplay	Occupational Therapy - Various Students	\$83.00	\$60,000.00	
UCESC	OT/PT - Various Students	\$78.00/Session	\$20,000.00	

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Evaluation Rate(s)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
UCESC	Various Evaluations - Various Students Psych, Ed, Social, Speech	\$428.00	\$20,000.00
Education Service Commission	Various Evaluations - Various Students Ed, Psych, Speech, OT, PT	\$252.00/\$289.00/\$370.00	\$20,000.00
Dr. Kavita Sinha	Neurological Evaluations - Various Students	\$500.00	\$10,000.00

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Platt Psychiatric	Psychiatric Evaluations - Various Students	\$875 basic - \$1450 complex	\$10,000.00
Ilyse O'Desky	Neuropsychological Evaluations - Various Students	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Children's Specialized Hospital	Neurological Evaluations - Various Students	\$930.00	\$2,000.00
Morris Psychological	Neuropsychological Evaluations - Various Students	\$4,200.00	\$8,400.00
Center for Family & Child Devel.	Neurodevelopmental Evaluations - Various Students	\$800.00	\$5,000.00
Rutgers Home Instruction	Home Instruction - Various Students	\$70 hour	\$2,000.00
Megan Brown DeCristoforo	Neuropsychological Evaluations - Various Students	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
Children's Specialized Hospital	Neurological Evaluations - Various Students	\$930.00	\$2,000.00
Dr. Vanna Amorapanth	Neurodevelopmental Evaluations - Various Students	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bartky Psychiatric Group	Psychiatric Evaluations - Various Students	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00
A Caring Connection	Nursing	\$60 LPN/\$70 RN \$800	Rate Change
Learning Tree	Bilingual Evaluations	Spanish/\$850 Other	Rate Change
Effective School Solutions	Counseling Services	N/A \$67.00 LPN/\$88.00	\$125,000 Addition to previously approved
Tru Care	Nursing	RN	Rate Change
Maria Hart	Instruction Various Students	\$100.00	Rate Change

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Agency	Type of Service	Hourly Rate	Total Amount	Note
		\$67.00		
Tru Care	Nursing Services - Various	LPN/\$88.00		Previously approved
	Students	RN	\$4,000.00	\$2,500 .00

\*27-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves Jessica Ness as an Anti-Bullying Specialist at McGinn Elementary School.

\*28-BUS Move that the Board of Education Funds approves the submission and subsequent acceptance of the 2022-2023 ESEA and the Federal IDEA Grants

Title I	\$119,738
Title I Reallocated	0
Title II	71,363
Title III	14,892
Title IV	10,000

IDEA Basic Grant (includes non-public \$)	\$1,396,632
IDEA Preschool Grant	<u>64,409</u>
Total	\$461,041

\*29-BUS Move that the Board of Education acknowledges the receipt of the Fire and Security Drills summer 2022.

\*30-BUS Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Board Secretary's Reports, Treasurer of School Funds Reports, and Budget Adjustments:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Board Secretary certifies that as of June 30, 2022 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a); and that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c), the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, certifies that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b).

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approves receipt of Budget Transfers, the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months ending June 30, 2022.

\*31-BUS Move that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following disbursement listings dated June 30, 2022.

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

\*32-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the bill lists from June 18, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,442,335.95 and from July 1, 2022 through August 16, 2022 in the amount of \$6,944,837.89.

\*33-BUS Move that the Board of Education approves the settlement agreement for Case #22-11 where the Board will pay tuition for the 2021-2022 school year at Ashville Academy in the amount of \$42,750 and \$3,500 evaluation totalling \$46,250. All other expenses are the parents' responsibilities.

## **BOARD POLICIES**

## **NEW BOARD BUSINESS**



## OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

### 1-OBB Liaison Reports

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

### 2-OBB Request to attend workshops

### \*3-OBB Move that the Board of Education adopts the following Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognizes the commitment of the Borough of Fanwood and the Township of Scotch Plains to work together in supporting inclusion, racial healing, education and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the Borough of Fanwood and the Township of Scotch Plains formed a Joint Committee for Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Fanwood and the Township of Scotch Plains have collaborated with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to support community based change to address the effects of racism; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education:

1. The Board of Education reaffirms and recommits its partnership with the “Joint Committee for Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation” (“TRHT”); and

2. It is understood that the focus of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will be to support:
  - (a) Community-engaged education programs that promote inter-ethnic, inter-generational civic engagement; and
  - (b) Developing initiatives including convening public discussions and efforts to achieve greater social justice; and
  - (c) Such other initiatives that represent shared, mutually beneficial activities promoting respect, tolerance, appreciation for diversity, and an equitable community.
3. The Board of Education will review the recommendations of the Joint Committee, but the same will be non-binding on the Board of Education.
4. The Board Secretary is directed to forward an adopted copy of this Resolution to the members of the Joint Committee for Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation.

\*4-OBB Move that the Board of Education adopts the following Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey and, by extension, the New Jersey Department of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education celebrate Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2022 to October 15, 2022 with this year's theme of "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."; and

**WHEREAS**, the lasting impact that Hispanic New Jerseyans have had on our State, including participating in public service, innovating our economy, revolutionizing STEM pathways, excelling in education, enriching the arts and humanities, and calling for social change; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2020, Governor Murphy signed the Latino and Hispanic Heritage Commission within the New Jersey Department of Education into law, ensuring that the cultural contributions and history of Latino and Hispanic people are properly explored within school curriculum and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 4,000 students have received the Spanish language Seal of Biliteracy through the New Jersey Department of Education since 2016, the highest number of Seals in any one language; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education provided links to resources for our English Language Learning (ELL) parents, students, and educators through our agency's COVID-19 webpage; and

**WHEREAS**, the webpage includes a portal for Spanish-speaking and bilingual parents that provides guidance on ELL instruction, the importance of being bilingual, and community resources for bilingual parents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education hereby recognizes September 15, 2022 to October 15, 2022 as Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month and welcome celebrations in our school district.

\*5-OBB Move that the Board of Education adopts the following Arts in Education resolution:

**WHEREAS**, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds and movement to communicate; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts provide the skills and knowledge students need to develop the creativity and determination necessary for success in the global information age; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education has the power to make students want to learn not just within the arts, but other areas of study.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the week of September 11-17, 2022 is designated as "National Arts in Education Week."

\*6-OBB Move that the Board of Education adopts the following Suicide Prevention Month resolution:

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth ages 10 to 24 in the State of New Jersey, and the second leading cause of death for youth in that age group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, youth suicide statistics from the American Association of Suicidology show that in the United States, one young person under the age of 24 dies of suicide every hour and 43 minutes, and for every suicide death, it is estimated that approximated 200 teens and young adults make suicide attempts; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many risk factors for youth suicide, including trauma, abuse, prior suicide attempt, and a history of family members, committing or attempting to commit suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, data from the Youth Suicide Report also show that among New Jersey youth who completed suicide, mental health, relationships, and substance abuse were prevalent challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, youth suicide's impact reverberates through families, friends, and communities, and many suicide attempts that do not result in death do end in serious injury to the victims and lifelong trauma to their family and those who know them; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide warning signs include: previous suicide attempts; current talk of suicide, or making plans to attempt suicide, a strong wish to die or a pre-occupation with death; giving away prized possessions; moodiness; increased alcohol or other drug use; hinting at not being around in the future; or saying good-bye to family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, early identification of these warning signs as well as recognition by family, friends, and members of the community of depressive behavior and other mental or behavioral health issues may help reduce the number of teens and young adults who commit or attempt to commit suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of the risk factors and warning signs of youth suicide and community involvement in creating strategies to prevent teens and young adults from taking their own lives are key factors in youth suicide prevention and in the development of Statewide comprehensive anti-suicide initiative; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education:

September of each year is designated as “Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in New Jersey in order to increase public awareness of the risk factors and warning signs for youth suicide, increase community involvement in creating strategies to prevent teen and young adults from taking their own lives, and to endorse the development of State wide comprehensive anti-suicide initiatives.

The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a proclamation recognizing September as “Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in New Jersey and calling upon public officials, the citizens of the State, and other interested groups to observe the month with the appropriate activities and programs.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Move that the Board of Education approves the minutes listed below:

1. June 2, 2022 – Open Agenda Meeting – Executive Session
2. June 2, 2022 – Open Agenda Meeting
3. June 7, 2022 – Student Recognition
4. June 23, 2021 – Regular Public Meeting – Executive Session
5. June 23, 2021 – Regular Public Meeting

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BYLAWS #0164 and 0165, THE MEETING WILL BE OPENED FOR 15 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. (MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.) SPEAKERS ADDRESSING SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS, BUSINESS FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER BOARD BUSINESS WILL BE HEARD FIRST. IF TIME REMAINS, SPEAKERS MAY ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS.

**Speakers: Please slowly and clearly state your full name and the town in which you reside.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Board Members cannot respond regarding concerns with individual students or staff members. Such matters should be addressed with the Superintendent’s office.**

**UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Wednesday, September 21 - Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Administrative Building  
Thursday, October 6 - Open Agenda Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Administration Building  
Thursday, October 20 - Regular Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Administration Building

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**ADJOURNMENT**