

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### DENVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK/REGULAR SESSION MEETING IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING

Denville Town Hall Community Room

1 St. Mary's Place

Or VIRTUAL (see details below)

AUGUST 10, 2020; 7:00 p.m.

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BY ORDER OF THE DENVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 St. Mary's Place – 2nd Floor, Denville, NJ 07834

Damaris Gurowsky, Board Secretary.

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**I. CALLED TO ORDER BY MRS. WAGNER AT 7:30 P.M.**

**A. OPENING STATEMENT**

“This meeting of the Denville Township Board of Education is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was provided to the Daily Record and/or the Star Ledger of Morris County; has been delivered to the Township Clerk and has been posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Office, and at each of the school buildings in the District”.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Kim - P, Mr. Casse – P, Mr. Cappello - P, Mr. Andersen – P, Mr. Luer - P, Mrs. Gould – P, Mrs. Wagner – P.

**C. EXECUTIVE SESSION - No Executive Session was needed**

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**F. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS – Dr. Forte discussed the following:**

- The plan to reopen schools has been shared with everyone and is on the agenda for approval.
- Last seven days of the ESY program for in person instruction for select students has been provided.
- Nurse Jessica Seidel has worked over the summer to help prepare for return to school.
- St. Clare’s Infectious Disease department vetted the return to school plan.
- Lakeview electric project is complete.

**G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS – Dr. Cullis discussed the following:**

- Reminded Middle School parents about the schedule clarification sent by Mr. Korman.
- Students will receive 6 academic periods per day. Four periods will be live-streamed or in person instruction, then students will go home for lunch and 2 periods of virtual instruction. Students will get to see all teachers every day. Students will lose less than 30 minutes of instruction time per day. The same applies to the elementary schools, although the schedule is different.
- The District Closing the Gap plan for MAP program has been completed successfully.
- Survey results – class sizes will 10-15 students per classroom.  
Dr. Forte added that 98-99% surveys returned; 70% in person and 30% virtual. The survey is still open and parents who need a paper copy can contact the schools.

**H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS – Mrs. Gurowsky discussed the following:**

- Registration for NJSBA Virtual Workshop 2020 is open.
- Thank you to John Paragian from American Image for donating signage that will be used District-wide.
- Resolution for surplus state aid reduction of \$176k on tonight’s agenda.
- COVID-19 expenses \$268k to date.

Mrs. Wagner asked about deadline for reimbursement application for some COVID-19 expenses.

Mrs. Gurwosky stated that the FEMA application was submitted in July. FEMA was contacted and we were notified that we could submit for additional expenses. Reimbursement would be up to 75% of expenses.

**II. OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Agenda Items Only)**

Opened: 7:40 p.m.            Closed: 7:51 p.m.

A member of the public, Mr. David Hollner asked how class changes will work for Valleyview.

Dr. Cullis stated that classes will transition on a bell schedule each hour. Students will move in the same direction when in hallways and classes will have a slight delayed dismissal to avoid back up in classrooms. Students must wear masks and stay separate.

There will be a staggered dismissal at end of day. Students will change classes 3 times for 4 periods because there will be one double period. Students will go directly to first period.

Dr. Forte stated that no lockers will be used.

A member of the public, Ms. Jessica Strosnider inquired about the use of hands on items for children in Kindergarten.

Dr. Cullis stated that students will be provided with their own hands on kits which are personal manipulatives, crayons and supplies. For students doing virtual learning, kits will be sent home. Kindergarten classrooms will use a cleaning product that is safe for pre-K and Kindergarten children who put things in their mouths.

Mrs. Wagner asked if the kits are only for Kindergarten.

Dr. Cullis clarified that all students will receive their own kits. Students on virtual instruction will receive them at home.

A member of the public, Ms. Trisha Patel asked about the number of kids enrolled to attend school in person and what happens to those who do not answer the parent survey.

Dr. Forte stated that the data is not complete for the number of students who will attend school in person and the schools will follow up with any parents via telephone who did not complete the survey.

A member of the public, Mr. Michael Yassa stated that 70% of parents are opting for students to attend in person school and asked how the class sizes will stay at or below the classroom size limits.

Dr. Forte stated that class sizes will be 12 to 15 students and that the state limit is higher because it is based on square footage.

Dr. Cullis stated that class sizes will be adjusted based on students who will be virtual.

Mrs. Wagner asked Dr. Cullis about a video that will be shared with parents.

Dr. Cullis stated that a video has been created that shows what the students' days will look like and this will be shared with parents.

A member of the public, Ms. Kim Strunck inquired about wait time for students who start with virtual education and then switch to attend in person classes and how the student will be accommodated if the class size is already set.

Dr. Forte stated that the plan states 10 school days are needed if student move from virtual to in person learning. All students will wear face masks but they will not be six feet apart. Students will be provided with a sneeze guard.

Dr. Cullis stated that the transition back to classrooms may also depend on the time the request is made.

Mr. Andersen stated that the class size is not determined by Board policy but it is based on survey results.

A member of the public, Ms. Marta Lajmi asked if Kindergarten orientation would be provided and if it would be virtual or in person.

Dr. Forte stated that Kindergarten Orientation will be in person and Middle School Orientation will be in person and recorded for anyone who doesn't go.

Mrs. Wagner asked if Middle School students will get to meet teachers.

Dr. Forte stated the purpose of the Middle School orientation is for students to get to know the building. Kindergarten teachers and the nurse will be at the Kindergarten Orientation.

### III. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION TO BE TAKEN)

Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13, we certify that as of **August 2020** after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Kim moved, seconded by Mr. Cappello, to approve the following Resolutions under Old Business:

#### A. RESOLVED that the Board approve the following REPORTS from **June and July 2020**:

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

#### B. EDUCATION REPORTS

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Full Year 2019-20 Reports presented on July 6, 2020:
  - HIB Full Year Report, including HIB Self Grading for 2019-20 & the Full Year SSDS Report
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the district and board goals for 2020-21:

Proposed 2020-21 District Goals

Through discussion and using the Strategic Plan as a guide, the following district goals are proposed for 2020-21:

1. Increase achievement for all students who are not meeting grade-level benchmarks. (Strategic Plan goals 2A – 2D.)

Focus Areas:

- Math
- Remediation of Learning Gaps – between now and September assess student learning and use curriculum supports to bridge gaps.
- Social-Emotional Learning: Equity/Responsive Classroom Practices

2. To create and execute a plan for the 2020-2021 school year in all aspects for an online, hybrid, and/or in-person educational program due to the COVID crisis. (Strategic Plan goals 1-4.)

Focus Areas:

- Reentry Plan Areas Submitted to the County: Health & Safety, Curriculum, Structure of the School Day, and Social-Emotional Learning (reentry focus).
- Communication of the plan to/with District Stakeholders.

It was discussed that Goal #1 is longer term and looks beyond/outside the impact of COVID. Goal #2 is considered shorter term and focuses on the impact of COVID.

Proposed 2020-21 Board Goal

To participate in training together as a Board to further enhance Board knowledge in the areas of HIB, Finance, and the Board’s role in Personnel.

Ref 1-4

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Denville Schools Return to School Plan for 2020-21. Ref 1-4

**C. MINUTES - RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following Minutes:

1. Work/Regular Session Meeting & Executive Session - July 6, 2020

Mr. Andersen thanked all involved with the reopening plan. The plan was reviewed by staff members with medical expertise, the school physician, local infectious disease specialists, and the township health department to develop the and safest possible plan that is educationally beneficial and gives options to the parents.

Mr. Cappello added that the plan includes provisions to fill in gaps for students who are behind.

**ROLL CALL (Motions A-C)**

Mr. Kim-Y/A-C, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

**IV. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION TO BE TAKEN)** - The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval.

**A. PERSONNEL (Includes Technology) - Chair, Michael Andersen**

Mr. Andersen moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Personnel:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following resignations, retirements, salary adjustments, payments, employee leave requests, reassignments, appointments *(pending approval from the State Department of Education Office of Student Protection and subject to the New Jersey Criminal Background Check, “Pass the Trash” Employment Verification and Pre-Employment Drug Testing)*, etc.:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED - NEW HIRES / RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENTS / EMPLOYEE LEAVES / EXTRA PAY / SALARY / ADJUSTMENT** - that the Board approve the following pertaining to staff members' new hire, resignation, retirement, placement on paid/unpaid leave\*, payment for the performance of duties or extra duties\*\*, and/or a deduction in pay:

	Name	Position	School	Description	Ref	Amount
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a.	Mundrick, Carrie	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement for employee #508. 9/2/2020 - 1/8/2021		\$300/day
b.	Medina, Alexandra	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement for employee #662. 9/2/2020 - 2/10/2021		\$300/day
c.	Karakus, Gulden	Teacher	RV/VV	Part-time to Full-time for 20/21 SY		\$58,955 Step-MA6
d.	Karakus, Gulden	Teacher	RV/VV	To conduct ESL screening over summer 2020 for incoming new ESL students. Not to exceed 10 additional hrs	1C	\$41.21/hr
e.	O'Dell, Kris Bilani, Sarah Capone, Jennifer Bloom, Sheri Kolk, Dorothy	Instructional Aides	LV	Preschool Orientation, 8/31/2020 Not to exceed 1.5 hrs each ( KO=\$29.04, SB=\$28.14, JC=\$27.33, SB=28.94, DK=\$28.04)	1C	\$19.36/hr \$18.76/hr \$18.22/hr \$19.29/hr \$18.69/hr
f.	McCauley, Heather Meade, Tina	Teacher Instr. Aide	LV	Preschool Orientation - 2 sessions 8/31/2020 - Not to exceed 4 hrs each (HM=\$164.84, TM=\$76.64)	1C	\$41.21/hr \$19.16/hr
g.	Cannarozzi, Michelle	Instr. Aide	LV	Kindergarten Orientation, 8/31/2020 Not to exceed 1.5 hrs (\$26.33)	1C	\$17.55/hr
h.	Cerce, Tara Reichhard, Ali Morgan, Christine Rogers, Caitlin Pridham, MaryBeth McCabe, Todd Beere, Barbara	Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher Counselor Nurse	RV	Kindergarten Orientation 9/1/2020 - Not to exceed 2 hrs each	1C	\$41.21/hr each
i.	McCabe, Todd Smith, Laurie Gallagher, Kim	Counselor Teacher LDTC	RV	Attend and run new student orientation 9/1/2020 - Not to exceed 2 hrs each	1C	\$41.21/hr each
j.	Malkinski, Christine	Teacher	RV	Attend State Mandated IEP meetings during summer of 2020	1C	\$41.21/hr
k.	McCabe, Todd Zeleny, Tia Cerce, Tara Jacobus, Deb Teschemacher, Kim	Counselor Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher	RV	RV Social Emotional Learning (SEL) committee will meet over summer, week of 8/17/2020, to record welcome video, activities, lessons, and resources to support students & staff with SEL. Not to exceed 6 hrs each (\$247.26 each)	3A 3B	\$41.21/hr each
l.	Molina, Karen	Teacher	RV	Record the SEL committee over summer 2020 in creating welcome back videos for students and staff and the information sharing video for parents, students and staff. Not to exceed 6 hrs (\$247.26)	1C	\$41.21/hr
m.	McDonald, Jody Kane, Morgan Brautigam, Morgan Benshoof, Lindsay Plumb, Amy Foth, Leanne	Counselor Counselor Teacher Teacher Teacher LDTC	VV	Assist with 6th Grade Open House on 8/27/2020 - Not to exceed 6 hrs (\$247.26 each)	3A	\$41.21/hr each
n.	Roth, Amelia Salvo, Kathie Caputo, Cheryl Hill, Danielle Foth, Leanne Gallagher, Kim Sibblies, Kristen	Psychologist LDTC Psychologist Psychologist LDTC LDTC Counselor	LV LV LV RV VV RV VV/RV	CST members for 2 days of Case Management work in August 2020	1C	\$538.02/day \$465.44/day \$538.02/day \$328.99/day \$538.02/day \$436.39/day \$331.17/day

	Farley, Amy	Soc. Worker	VV			\$526.47/day
<b>o.</b>	Bunkers, Jennifer	OT	LV	Complete CST evaluations over summer 2020. Not to exceed 3 days (\$1,220.91)	2B	\$406.97/day
<b>p.</b>	Russello, Donna	ESY Teacher	RV	Attend CST meetings over summer 2020, as needed	1C	\$41.21/hr
<b>q.</b>	Stiles, Susan	Nurse	LV	Nursing Services during summer testing at LV school. Not to exceed 63 hrs (\$2,596.23)	4A	\$41.21/hr
<b>r.</b>	Seidel, Jessica	Nurse	VV	Nursing Services during summer testing at LV school. Not to exceed 24 hrs (\$989.04)	4A	\$41.21/hr
<b>s.</b>	Bowditch, John	Sub Driver	BUS	Resignation, effective 7/28/2020		
<b>t.</b>	Viru, Cynthia	Teacher	LV	Leave Replacement for employee #870		\$265/day
<b>u.</b>	Dignam, Tracy	Instr. Aide	RV	Part-Time, FTE 0.80, 20/21 SY		\$19,692 Step-6 Cert
<b>v.</b>	Correia, Kelly	Instr. Aide	RV	Part-Time, FTE 0.80, 20/21 SY		\$19,692 Step-6 Cert

\*Any staff member approved for leave will pay their portion of their health benefits while on leave and upon their return the Superintendent will assign them to a position.

\*\*The Board of Education's authorization to pay employees for the performance of duties or extra duties is contingent upon the occurrence of the actual event associated with service, and the employees' actual performance of services. In the situation where an event is canceled or the service is no longer required, the employee will not be eligible for payment and payment will not be issued.

**2. BE IT RESOLVED – SUBSTITUTES** - that the Board approve the following new hire substitute(s) for the district:

	Name	Position	Effective Date	Per Diem Rate
<b>a.</b>	Stone, Mike	Maintenance/Custodian	8/11/2020	\$17.30/hr

- 3. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of stipend positions and daily/hourly rates for 20/21 SY.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of 20/21 SY staff renewal updates.
- 5. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of substitutes for the 20/21 SY.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approve Employee #805, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, effective September 2, 2020 under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), while utilizing sick days.  
  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approve the leave for Employee #805 and anticipate a return to work on November 30, 2020.
- 7. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves Employee #398, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, effective September 2, 2020 under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), while utilizing sick days.  
  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approve the leave for Employee #398 and anticipate a return to work on December 7, 2020.
- 8. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #337, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), commencing August 6, 2020 ending on August 16, 2020, while utilizing, while utilizing available sick days.  
  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approve the leave for employee #337 and anticipate a return to work on August 17, 2020.
- 9. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve (pending approval of the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools) Merit Goal #5, and payment for Dr. Sandra Cullis, Assistant Superintendent of Schools as per contract:

Goal #5- Qualitative

Develop a 4 year plan for closing the Gap in Math.  
2.5% = \$4,002.30

10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Lisa Forte as a volunteer Spanish language interpreter.
11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve Anthony Forte as a volunteer custodian.
12. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve SWING Education to provide backup substitute services for 2020/21 SY.

Mrs. Wagner congratulated Dr. Cullis on achieving her merit goal.

**ROLL CALL (Motions 1-12)**

Mr. Kim-Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

**B. INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM (Includes Technology) - Chair, Katie Gould**

Mrs. Gould moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Instruction and Program:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED - WORKSHOPS with EXPENSES** - that the Board approve the following professional development workshops with expenses for staff members and/or Board members' payable through the professional development account. Travel may include mileage reimbursement specified below per Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA 18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1 that all mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate currently at \$0.35 per mile.

	Name	Position	School	Cost	Event/Location	Ref	Date(s)
a.	Cuccurullo, Toni	Teacher	RV	\$850	<i>Retroactively Approve:</i> Teachers College Reading Institute Online	2D	7/20/2020 - 7/24/2020
b.	Amerise, Carmella	Teacher	RV	\$1,275 Title I funds	Comprehensive Virtual IMSE OG training	2D	8/17/2020 - 8/21/2020
c.	Englishmen, John	VP	VV	\$400	Affirmative Action Officer Certification Program - Virtual	4A	8/18/2020 - 8/20/2020
d.	Cullis, Sandra	Asst. Superintendent	Dist	\$330	Summer Institute II for Race, Equity, and Social Justice: A Leader's Role - Virtual	2D	8/12/20-8/13/20 8/18/20-8/19/20
e.	Margotta, Renee Rothrock, Stacia	Teachers	LV	\$395/each	<i>Retroactively Approve:</i> Teachers College "Digital and Interactive Media K-12"	2D	7/25/2020 - 8/15/2020

**ROLL CALL (Motion 1)**

Mr. Kim-Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

**C. POLICY REVISIONS**

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, to approve the following Resolutions under Policy Revisions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board adopt the following policies and/or regulations as first reading or second reading/adoption as indicated: Ref 1-4

Policy/ Reg #	Policy/Regulation Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading/ Adoption
1648	RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN (M)	X	
P & R 2361	ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORKS/COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES (M)	X	

P & R 3321	ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMPUTER NETWORK(S)/ COMPUTERS AND RESOURCES BY TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	X	
R 2531	USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS	X	

**ROLL CALL (Motion 1)**

Mr. Kim-Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

**D. FINANCE (Includes Technology) - Chair, James Kim**

Mr. Kim moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Finance:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the enclosed check list(s) in the following amounts:

Amount	Description	Check Register
\$1,629,334.30	Ck #'s 9550-9593, 9595-9677, 990220-990229, 906292020, 906302020, 907152020, 907302020	Current Expense - July
\$1,032,258.94	Ck #'s 9678-9749, 990230-990231	Current Expense - August

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the agreement with The Uncommon Thread (TUT) to Provide Behaviorist and BCBA services for the Extended School Year (ESY) 2020 and 20/21 SY at a cost not to exceed \$174,420. Ref 3C
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve PG Chambers to conduct Occupational and Physical Therapy sessions, evaluations and training including Augmentative Services for 20/21 SY including ESY program for \$112,075. Ref 3C
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve for the following students to receive Level One Services from the Commission of the Blind commencing September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 at the reimbursement fee of \$2,100 each: Student ID# 20272368; Student ID#20261098; Student ID#20311873 and Student ID#20301852. Ref 2B
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the donation of various COVID-19 related school signs from American Image in the amount of \$3,510.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the submission of the Digital Divide Grant application for Fiscal Year 2021, and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the Digital Divide Grant application in the amount of \$21,850.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the agreement with Prime Healthcare Services - Saint Clare's LLC for School Behavioral Health Services at Lakeview, Riverview, and Valleyview Schools for the 20/21 SY for 74 hours per week, total amount not to exceed \$160,000. Ref 3B
8. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following students to attend the programs/school listed for the dates and tuition identified:

Student ID	School/Program	Dates	Ref	Total Cost	Notes
20311974	Celebrate the Children	20/21 SY, Commencing 9/8/2020	2B	\$67,523.26	
20342890	Lake Drive School	Commencing 9/8/2020	2B	\$72,200.00	

9. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve a change in the DEA non-resident tuition agreement for the 2020-21 school year pending an approved sidebar with the DEA from 50% of the published tuition to 25% of the published tuition. All staff tuition agreements are subject to Board approval and availability of classroom space.
10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the transfer of unassigned general fund surplus in the amount of one-hundred seventy-six thousand two-hundred thirty-one dollars (\$176,231) that represents the current reduction in State Aid for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Denville of Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(b) and (c). approve the budget adjustment plan to be implemented in response to the State Aid reduction for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

- ❖ The following GAAP account lines are impacted by the State Aid revision:
  - Reduce Revenue (State Aid) account #10-3131-000-0 \$176,231
  - Increase Budgeted Fund Balance #10-303 \$176,231

Mr. Cappello asked Dr. Forte to explain motion 9.

Dr. Forte stated that this would be a one-time change to try to help staff members who may have difficulty with childcare due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Casse and Dr. Forte thanked American Image for donation of signage.

Mrs. Gould asked about the difference between services provided in motions 2 and 3.

Dr. Forte stated that The Uncommon Thread provides the services of a behaviorist for IEP evaluations and St. Clare's provides a therapeutic program.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mrs. Gurowsky where the monies for the COVID-19 expenses were coming from.

Mrs. Gurowsky stated that the Department of Education is allowing districts to use maintenance reserve funds to pay for COVID-19 expenses.

Mr. Andersen stated that the Board has several reserve accounts that are restricted for use for specific projects.

#### **ROLL CALL (Motion 1-10)**

Mr. Kim-Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

#### **E. OPERATIONS (Includes Technology) - Chair, Don Casse**

Mr. Casse provided a summary of the Operations Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting.

- VV Field update provided
- RVA update provided

Mr. Casse moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Operations:

##### **1. TRANSPORTATION**

**1.1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Parent/Transportation Contract PC02-2020ESY for Special Education Student #20322211 for 2020/2021 ESY at a total cost of \$105.

**1.2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the submission for a grant to the New Jersey Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Program through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for one (24 passenger) and five (54 passenger) all-electric school buses.

**1.3. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board reject the bids for the sale of two (2) Freightliner 2005, 54 passenger school buses.

##### **2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**2.1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the use of the RVA and Bus Lot/Garage for K9 training for the Morris County Sheriff's Office Date TBA. Ref 4

Mrs. Gurowsky thanked Mr. Andersen and Mr. Cappello for bringing grant to the administration's attention and for assistance with electric bus grant. It will take 60-90days for approval. We submitted for 6 buses.

Mr. Luer asked about the buses that will be aging out.

Mrs. Gurowsky stated that two buses aged out as of June 2020 and four buses will age out in June 2021.

Mr. Andersen stated that it is a competitive grant.

Mrs. Gurowsky stated that the delivery date is not known and if we did receive the buses they would have to go through a process to ensure compliance with the DOE. The District is required to keep a bus for 15 years and regardless of condition it can no longer be utilized.

#### **ROLL CALL (Motion 1.1 -2.1)**

Mr. Kim-Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mrs. Wagner-Y

## V. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

### A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Andersen provided a report for the Personnel Committee:

- Personnel readiness – focus is on getting staff ready in case someone is ill and the planning process for substitutes.

Mr. Kim thanked the reopening committee, Dr. Forte, Dr. Cullis, Mrs. Gurowsky, teachers and all staff for hard work to get schools ready.

Mrs. Wagner read a joint statement from the Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Forte and DEA Co-Presidents. The statement will be released to the public.

Dr. Forte thanked Mrs. Costanza and the technology team for all their work since March.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mrs. Costanza if the District is prepared to live stream.

Mrs. Costanza stated that the technology team has worked to get internet at RVA and internet at LV that will provide a redundancy that is needed and the District will have the functionality that is needed going forward.

Mrs. Wagner stated that the NJDOE directed the District to have two plans that provided for both in person and virtual instruction and the choice is up to the parents.

Dr. Forte stated that there is not an option not to open the schools. The District will adapt if things change.

### B. CORRESPONDENCE

### C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Reopening of Schools 2020-21
- b. Return to live Board meetings
- c. Additional BOE Meeting - August 24 or August 31

The Board discussed options for the next meeting in August and decided the next meeting will be held on August 24, 2020 (live meeting).

### D. OTHER

## VI. OPEN TO COMMENTS

Opened: 8:41 p.m.            Closed: 8:54 p.m.

A member of the public, Mr. Michael Yassa inquired about the protocol for standard sicknesses and sickness related to COVID-19. Dr. Forte stated that the schools have to work with the department of health. It is the health department who will make decisions about parent communications and notifications about COVID-19 cases. He stated that the school nurses and the school physician have been involved in the process. Information and links are available on the District website.

Mr. Kim stated that CDC has guidelines about shutting down schools if there is a positive COVID-19 case.

Dr. Forte stated that the health department follows the CDC guidelines and they would determine closing based on guidelines.

It was requested that the department health officer be invited to the next meeting.

A member of the public, Ms. Jessica Strosnider asked about the logistics of drop off and pick up as well as the if it would be a lengthy process.

Dr. Forte stated that transportation plans will be sent to parents by principals.

Mrs. Wagner requested that the public not post questions on social media because the Board cannot answer.

Dr. Forte stated that questions pertaining to the District should be directed to him. If parents are not sure who to direct a questions to they should send them to Dr. Forte. Questions pertaining to the buildings should be directed to principals.

Dr. Forte stated that start times are approximately 7:30 a.m. for Valleyview, 8:00 a.m. for Lakeview and 8:30 a.m. for Riverview.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Action Will Be Taken**

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to convene in executive session in accordance with Section 8 of The Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this closed session will be to discuss negotiations issues. Minutes of this session will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**ACTION ON MOTION:**

Yeas 7                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 0                      Time: 8:56 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to adjourn the meeting.

**ACTION ON MOTION:**

Yeas 7                      Nays 0                      Abstentions 0                      Time: 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Damaris Gurowsky  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary