

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DENVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 28, 2022

Regular Session Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

(Public Portion of the Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Township of Denville - Council Chambers

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I. CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. ANDERSEN AT 7:00 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. Cappello - P, Mrs. Wagner - P, Mr. Casse - P, Mr. Kim - P, Dr. Arunajatesan - P, Dr. Moore - P, Mr. Andersen - P.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Wagner Moved, seconded by Mr. Capello, 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 legal 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: 7:01 p.m.

The Board returned to the open session at 7:31 p.m.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Riverview School Sensory Room Presentation and Video, Ref 1A, 2B

Riverview Elementary School presented the Sensory Room Video.

Mrs. Theodoropoulos introduced the staff involved in the creation of the Sensory Room: Mr. McCabe, Ms. Teschemacher, Ms. Newchock, Ms. Molina, Ms. Gallagher & Mr. Michael Cocheo

Each staff discussed how the sensory room benefits the students and also highlighted the benefits of the sensory room as follows:

- The Sensory Room is an excellent addition to the Riverview School.
- Great investment in the students and foundation of all learning.
- The gym has many pieces of equipment to help reduce anxiety, improve attention, and motivate students to do their best learning.
- It is a space for all students.
- The Sensory Room educates the whole child.
- The room is utilized by general and special education students.
- When a child gets frustrated, they can go to the sensory room. They have the power to do something about their emotions and most importantly they come out energized and are more productive in the classroom.
- The Student of the month is celebrated in the Sensory Room.
- There is a second Sensory Room at the Riverview Annex.

In summary, the Sensory Room has a different feel and it has been a big success at Riverview Elementary School.

Dr. Forte thanked the staff and stated that Lakeview Elementary School has a Sensory Room as well. Hopefully, in the future, the Board can do a road trip to visit the rooms.

Mr. Andersen thanked the entire Riverview team on behalf of the Board.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS - Dr. Forte discussed the following:

- Projects:
 - LV Roof- final inspection scheduled for February 28, 2022
 - RV HVAC: Gym and APR open and heat on. Need about 2 weeks to tie up loose ends.
 - District-wide COVID 02/28/22 cases- please visit the District website.
 - Positive Case - 0
 - Quarantine- 3
 - New- 0
 - Strategic Planning 6:00 PM for meeting and 7:00 PM for strategic planning scheduled for November 14, 28, and December 12, 2022.
 - The District used full snow closing days on January 3, February 4, and February 25 and Lakeview only on December 7, 2021. There are five snow days built into the calendar. If the District do not use any additional snow closing days, the school will end the year on June 21, 2022, for RV and VV and June 22, 2022, for LV.
 - Masks will be optional starting March 7, 2022, on buses and in schools for all students, staff, and visitors.

Mr. Andersen reminded the public that they can submit comments on the agenda items only and gave the email address to submit those comments via email.

G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS - Dr. Cullis discussed the following:

- The Sensory Room presentation – the staff have been working really hard on providing quality education as well as enrichment activities.
- Valleyview participated in the Expo Program on January 28, 2022. The Valleyview group received 12 awards on different academic events.
- Women in History Month 1, 2022.
- Read Across America Activities this week
- Kindergarten Registration 22-23 School Year is open, currently, 127 students registered

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS - Mrs. Gurowsky discussed the following:

- Ms. Gurowsky reminded the Board to review the 22/23 budget information provided and encouraged them to get back to her with any questions.
- The State Aid numbers will be available after the Government budget address on or about March 10th.

II. OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Agenda Items Only) - Mr. Andersen read the following:

This portion of the meeting is open to any individuals for the purpose of addressing resolutions on this agenda or matters that they find is important to the Board of Education, and is governed by Board Policy 0167. Prior to making a comment, members of the public are required to state their names, addresses, and the subject matter of the comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. Comments made by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board or District Administration. Any response that is provided will be made at the end of the public comment period after all comments have been heard.

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All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the Board President.

Opened: 7:57 p.m. Closed: 7:57 p.m.

No comments were made.

III. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION TO BE TAKEN)

The following resolutions have been recommended by the 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 **February 2022** 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. Capello moved, seconded by Mr. Casse to approve the following Resolutions under Old Business:

A. **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following REPORTS from **January 2022**:

1. Treasurer of School Monies
2. Board Secretary

B. **EDUCATION REPORTS**

1. Report of Student Enrollment - **January 2022**
2. Report of Health Office - **January 2022**
3. HIB Case VV.21.22.06
4. HIB Case VV.21.22.07
- ~~5. HIB Case LV.21.22.03 - Tabled~~
6. The Demographic Study Presented on 2/14/22 from Dr. Richard Grip of Statistical Forecasting, Ref 3 & 4
7. The Mid-Year HIB-SSDS (July 1-December 31, 2021) Report Presented on 2/14/22, Ref 3 & 4

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

1. Organization Meeting - January 6, 2022.
2. Work/Regular Session & Executive Session Meeting - January 6, 2022.
3. Regular Session & Executive Session Meeting - January 24, 2022.

The Board made a friendly amendment to table resolution #5 under Education Reports until the Board discuss the resolution during the second executive session.

ROLL CALL #1 (Motions A-C)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - Y.

The Board returned to the public meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Casse to approve the following resolution under Education Reports

HIB Case LV.21.22.03

ROLL CALL #2

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - 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, Laura Wagner

Mrs. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, 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	Step	Amount
a.	Avallone, Stephanie	School Psychologist	RV	New Hire, for Employee #1371. SY 21/22 starting on or about 04/01/22		13A	\$76,750 Prorated
b.	St. Angelo, Kimberly	Lv Rpl Teacher	VV	New Hire for Employee #1077. SY 21/22 starting on or about 03/07/22 - 06/30/22			\$320/day
c.	Lancaster, Micaela	Lv Rpl Teacher	LV	For Employee #373. SY 21/22 starting on or about 03/14/22 - 6/30/22			\$270/day
d.	Traum, Samantha	Lv Rpl Teacher	LV	For Employee #1406. SY 21/22 starting on or about 04/04/22 - 06/30/22			\$275/day
e.	Molina, Karen	Teacher	RV	Replacing Alex Gambelunghe as the shared Afterschool Enrichment Coordinator Paid through registration fees	1C		
f.	Lupo, Marlene	Instructional Aide	LV	Rescind from the 2/14/22 BOE meeting, A. Personnel, 1., i., Marlene Lupo, Instr. Aide, increase FTE 0.80 to 1.0. <i>Retroactively approve:</i> Increase FTE from 0.80 to 1.0 effective 1/31/2022 for 21/22 SY.	1D	11 Cert 11 ABA	\$26,636 Prorated \$26,736 Prorated
g.	Harris, Kristin	Instructional Aide	RV	Support to students during band rehearsals before school as needed for the 2021-2022 SY.	2A, 3C		\$18.90/hr.
h.	Thakore, Vaishali	Instructional Aide	LV	To replace Employee #174. SY21/22 starting on or about 03/14/22		12	\$21,928.80 Prorated
i.	Becker, Melissa Jhaveri, Jigna Smith, Larissa Gomer, Alison	Teacher	RV	Attend parent-teacher evening Conferences on 03/17/22 Not to exceed two hours each (MB - \$74.35, JJ - \$81.87, LS - \$102.99, AG - \$81.16)	1C		\$37.18/hr. \$40.93/hr. \$51.49/hr. \$40.58/hr.
j.	Lynch-Smith, Marissa Logsdon, Katie	Teacher	LV	Attend parent-teacher conferences on 03/17/22 Not to exceed two hours each (ML - \$81.87 KL - \$74.35)	1C		\$40.93/hr. \$37.17/hr.
k.	Huizing, Patty	Teacher	LV	To assist with Book Audit not to exceed 20 hours (\$824.20)	1B		\$41.21/hr.
l.	Herbert, Christine	Instructional Aide	VV	Retirement Sick day payout			\$8,000
m.	Simonis, Linda	Secretary	VV	Cash-in 5 vacation days			\$1,418.25
n.	Bias, Susan	Secretary	RV	Cash-in 5 vacation days			\$1,418.25

*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**, that the Board approve employee #1406, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing April 1, 2022, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) while utilizing one (1) personal day and seven (7) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #1406 until June 30, 2022.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #1144, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing May 17, 2022, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending October 14, 2022, while utilizing twenty-five (25) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #1144, commencing on September 6, 2022, through December 2, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #1144 and anticipate a return to work on December 19, 2022.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #508, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing April 27, 2022, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on September 23, 2022, while utilizing twenty-eight (28) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #508, commencing on June 20, 2022, through November 18, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #508 and anticipate a return to work for the 2023-2024 School Year.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #440, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing May 16, 2022, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on October 14, 2022, while utilizing twenty-seven (27) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #440, commencing on September 6, 2022, through November 25, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #440 and anticipate a return to work on November 28, 2022.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #667, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing May 25, 2022, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on October 21, 2022, while utilizing twenty (20) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave under the NJ Family Leave Act (FLA) for employee #667, commencing on September 6, 2022, through November 25, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #667 and anticipate a return to work on November 28, 2022.

7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve employee #1396, for a leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing February 16, 2022, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) while utilizing sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approve the leave for employee #1396 and anticipate a return to work on March 21, 2022.

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

	Name	Position	Effective Date	Per Diem Rate
a.	Kenyon, Jason	Teacher	21-22 SY	\$120.00/day
b.	Laufer, Rebecca	Teacher	21-22 SY	\$120.00/day
c.	Illenye Jr., Joseph	Teacher	21-22 SY	\$120.00/day

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-8)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - Y.

B. INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM (Includes Technology) - Chair, Dino Cappello

Mr. Capello moved, seconded by Mr. Casse, 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.	Forkins, Jessica	Speech Therapist	LV	\$291.60 ARP: Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support	Strengthen Your Special Needs Students' Executive Function Skills: Reduce Impulsive Behaviors, Increase Focus, and Develop Working Memory, Newark (West Orange) NJ	2D	03/07/22
b.	Foster, Hannah	OT	Dist.	\$289.00 ARP: Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support	Conference for School-Based Occupational Therapists Powerful practices to improve student outcomes in unprecedented times Virtual	2D	03/17/22

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached list of field trips

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve AirTutors to provide group tutoring to select students not to exceed \$43,900 funding from Title 1 (\$27,729), CRRSA-Esser II (\$9,921), and CR- Learning Acceleration grants (\$6,250). Ref 2B

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve to continue an Ad Hoc Committee to Collaborate and Develop a Plan to Implement Responsive Practices to ensure Student Equity within the Denville Township School District, Ref: 1C

WHEREAS, ensuring the equity of our students and staff is a critical component of our educational mission;

WHEREAS, the Board, Administrators, Staff, and Community are all integral parts of providing and maintaining a welcoming and inclusive environment for students and staff;

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort is needed to review the various aspects of the curriculum and instructional practices with the identified stakeholders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ad Hoc Committee be continued and charged with reviewing the current plans and identifying additional concerns and improvements for considerations as the Denville Township Schools ensure student and staff equity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that activity of this committee shall be reported out to the Board in executive session after each meeting; and will be reassessed in December 2022 for continuation as an Ad-Hoc committee.

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached list of the staff members to attend the virtual summer institutes through “Teachers College Reading and Writing Project” Columbia University, NY, upon acceptance. \$850/per person, no travel costs. Funded through ARP: Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support. Ref 2D
- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the following Valleyview Field Trips for the 2021-2022 SY:
Ref 3A, 3C

Grade	Place	Location	Date
8th	Dorney Park	Allentown, PA	06/07/2022
7th	Fairview Lake YMCA	Newton, NJ	06/14/2022
6th	Hands in 4 Youth	West Milford, NJ	06/06/2022

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-6)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - Y.

C. POLICY REVISIONS

Mr. Casse moved, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, to approve the following Resolutions under Policy Revisions:

- 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 st Reading	2 nd Reading/ Adoption
P 8600	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION (M)		X
P 2530	RESOURCE MATERIALS	X	
P 9130	PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES	X	
R 9130	PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES	X	

ROLL CALL (Motion 1)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - Y.

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

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

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts:

Amount	Description	Check Register
\$5,231.56	Ck #'s 201215, 201217, 201218	Milk Fund
\$4,034,572.77	Ck #'s 12309-12496, 990325-990327, 990329, 901282022, 902152022, 902282022	Current Expense
\$1,166.30	Ck #'s 1474-1478	Elementary Enrichment

- BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the donation of \$2,500 from the Denville Municipal Alliance to fund the Eric LeGrand Program for Lakeview Elementary and Riverview Elementary Schools. Ref 3

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the funding awarded through the completion and electronic submission of the Security Grant for Alyssa’s Law and the availability of local funds if the total estimated costs of the proposed work exceed the school district’s grant allowance and if applicable, the school district’s responsibility to return a pro-rata share of the school security project grant to the NJDOE upon the termination of a lease prior to June 30, 2024.

Security Grant allocation:

Account # 400-720 Facilities – Implement 911 Inform \$73,500
Account # 400-720 Facilities – Installed Security Bollards \$12,523

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the submission and acceptance of the grant from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) in the amount of \$36,831 for emergent and capital maintenance needs. The funding is available to offset district costs associated with taking those important measures and ensuring students have safe and healthy learning environments.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, 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.	Gurowsky, Damaris	Bus. Administrator	Dist.	\$512 + Travel	NJASBO Conference, Atlantic City, NJ		06/07/22-06/10/22

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accept the donation of the following books for the Valleyview Media Center from Mrs. Josette O'Rourke. Ref: 3A

- Shelby’s Story: A Dog’s Way Home Tale
- Molly’s Story: A Dog’s Purpose Novel
- Guts
- Sisters
- Smile
- Ghosts
- Drama
- The Baby-sitters Club 1: Kristy’s Great Idea
- The Baby-sitters Club 2:
- The Truth about Stacey
- The Baby-sitters Club 3:
- Mary Anne Saves the Day
- The Baby-sitters Club 5:
- Dawn & the Impossible Three
- The Baby-sitters Club 6:
- Kristy’s Big Day

ROLL CALL (Motions 1-6)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y (N - Milk), Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - Y.

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

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

1. TRANSPORTATION

- 1.1. **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	Date(s)
a.	Greenhagen, Stacey	Director or Transportation	BUS	\$524 + travel	School Transportation Supervisor #52 Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ	03/24/22 03/25/22

- 1.2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve to award Jersey One the highest responsible bidder in accordance with the District's bid document requirements and Public School Purchasing Laws for the sale of one school bus as follows:

- School Bus #13: 2007 Chevy Express 3500 – 24 passengers: \$1,561.00

2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- 2.1. **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.	Chmielewski, Mike	Facilities Mgr	Dist.	\$524 + travel	NJSBGA Conference, Atlantic City, NJ		03/21/22- 03/23/22

- ~~2.2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached proposals from EI Associates for Professional and Engineering Services to complete the following school projects in the amounts as listed below:~~

- ~~• Valleyview Middle School Athletic Field – New ADA Toilet Room Facility \$20,000 - Tabled~~

- 2.3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the submission and acceptance of the SSB-VEEVR, Pathway 2 - HVAC Replacement/New System Program Grant through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program application #67639 in the amount of \$407,437.50 for the project as listed below. The work must be completed, and supporting documentation received by TRC by February 11, 2023.

- Valleyview Middle School Cafeteria HVAC
- Valleyview Middle School Band Room HVAC
- Valleyview Middle School Art HVAC

- 2.4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the attached proposal from EI Associates for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services to complete the projects as listed below paid from SSB-VEEVR, Pathway 2 - HVAC Replacement/New System Program Grant through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program and Capital Reserve.

- Valleyview Middle School Cafeteria HVAC
- Valleyview Middle School Band Room HVAC
- Valleyview Middle School Art HVAC

The Board made a friendly amendment to remove and table motion #2.2 under Building and Ground.

ROLL CALL (Motions 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, & 2.4)

Mr. Cappello - Y, Mrs. Wagner - Y, Mr. Casse - Y, Mr. Kim - Y, Dr. Arunajatesan - Y, Dr. Moore - Y, Mr. Andersen - Y.

V. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

- Riverview Sensory Room was a great presentation by the staff and students.
- The Board questioned if the sensory room had an instructor/staff in the room and metric on average use of the sensory room
- Strategic Planning schedule
- Finance Committee discussed preliminary 22/23 Budget
- Mr. Kim attended the New Jersey School Board Association meeting on behalf of Mr. Cappello. He stated that the NJ State is working on reducing the redundancy of the QSAC requirements. He also discussed the idea of bringing in a student representative as a non-voting member to participate at the Board meeting.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. CORRESPONDENCE

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Meeting Highlights, Ref 1-4
 1. Riverview Sensory Room Presentation
 2. SSB-VEERR Grant

D. OTHER

VI. OPEN TO COMMENTS

This portion of the meeting is open to any individuals for the purpose of addressing resolutions on this agenda or matters that they find is important to the Board of Education and is governed by Board Policy 0167. Prior to making a comment, members of the public are required to state their names, addresses, and the subject matter of the comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. Comments made by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board or District Administration. Any response that is provided will be made at the end of the public comment period, after all, comments have been heard.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. Therefore, comments regarding specific students and employees will not be responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the Board President.

Time: 8:38 p.m. Closed: 8:39 p.m.

No comments from the public.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action May Be Taken

Mr. Capello moved, seconded by Mr. Casse, 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, legal, security, and personnel 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: 8:40 p.m.

The Board returned to the public meeting at 9:41 p.m. and voted on motion #5 under Education Reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Casse, to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION ON MOTION:

Yeas: 7. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Time: 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Damaris Gurowsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary