

**BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 26, 2020**

Note regarding Board of Education meetings for the month of August 2020: Due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 and recommendations from federal, state, and local authorities regarding limiting gatherings, the Board of Education Public Meeting will be in person with limited seating and virtual. [Hopkins Building & Virtual Meeting](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 26, 2020 Public Meeting of the Burlington Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Maryann McMahon-Nester at 7:02PM in the Board Conference Room, in the Hopkins Building located at 710 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ. This was also a virtual meeting via Google Meets.

II. STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE

Notice is hereby given that this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and that adequate notice has been provided as follows:

On January 10, and February 20, 2020 the Secretary gave notice of this Public meeting to be held at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Hopkins Building. **However, notice of the format change was advertised on August 25, 2020** in the following manner:

- (a) Posted notice on the entranceway Door #18 of the BTHS Hopkins Building.
- (b) Notices sent to the Township Clerk; the Burlington County Times; and the Trenton Times.

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. <u>ROLL CALL</u>	*(Virtual)	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Mrs. Lisa Bungarden		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Donna Custard*		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Marilyn Dunham*		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Susan Eichmann		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Lisa Hodnett		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mr. Christopher Holmes*		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Antoinette Minors-Ferguson		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Velina Marie Riggi		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Maryann McMahon-Nester		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, Superintendent		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mr. Nicholas Bice, BA/Board Secretary		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Ms. Ann Britt, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Inst.*		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mr. Christopher Giannotti, Asst. Supt. for Sp. Ed.*		7:02 PM	9:16 PM
Mr. David Serlin, Solicitor *		7:02 PM	9:16 PM

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VI. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Eichmann, to recommend approval of the from the following meetings:

[July 15, 2020 Work Session](#)

[July 29, 2020 Executive Meeting](#)

[July 29, 2020 Public Board Meeting](#)

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

VII. **STUDENT LIAISON REPORT**

None at this time

VIII. **STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

None at this time

IX. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board received a “thank-you” note from Briana Hazzard for receiving the Denbo Award.

X. **PRESENTATION**

[Mrs. Bell on explanation of Board Meetings](#)

XI. **RECESS**

XII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum Committee - [see report](#)

There were no other Committee Reports at this time.

XIII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S MONTHLY REPORT -**

A. Personal Update- status of readiness of reopening

a. [The Path Forward Fall 2020 - Update 2020-08-26](#)

b. [The Road Back and The Path Forward Fall 2020 - For Community 2020-](#)
(Work Session 8/12/2020 minutes - **Appendix WS1**)

B. Superintendent's Monthly Report - August 2020 - **None**

XIV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Agenda Items Only)

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining only to the Board agenda during this public comment portion of the meeting. General comments, not necessarily pertaining to the agenda, are invited to be submitted during the public comment portion at the end of this meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters. This portion of the meeting is not a question and answer session. The Board will not respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Superintendent of Schools or Administration for resolution. In accordance with Board of Education Bylaw # 0167, each statement made by a participant may be limited to three minutes' duration.

Latisha Davis asked if the public has access to the document that was submitted to the State for the district going all virtual? She also asked if the ventilation system is an issue, and if so, will anything be done to improve the system before students return? Mrs. Bell responded.

Chris Dotson asked what precautions are being taken to ensure the hand sanitizer being used in the district is safe and has no harmful chemicals like those that have been recalled? Mrs. Bell responded.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT BELL'S REPORT FOR BOARD ACTION

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS IN WORK SESSION PRIOR TO TONIGHT'S MEETING AND DISCUSSES THE AGENDA ITEMS IN DETAIL DURING THAT MEETING.

A. PERSONNEL

1. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2020/21 school year, pending meeting employment requirements, as listed:

SUBSTITUTES

Sub Teachers

Phylicia Freeman

Sub Secretaries

Danielle Oliver

Sub PAC - none

Sub Maintenance - none

A. PERSONNEL (Continued)

Sub Nurses

Brooke Martin, Jill Matusiak

Sub Bus Drivers - none

Sub Bus Aides - none

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

2. Recommend accepting the following list of Emergent Hires, as listed: **none**
3. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to accept, with regret, the **retirement/resignation** of:
 - a. **Joann Maybury**, Part-Time Academic Achievement Teacher at B. Bernice Young School, effective August 19, 2020. Mrs. Maybury is also requesting payment of all accumulated sick, personal, and family illness days. Payment will be based on contract eligibility. Mrs. Maybury will have served the district for 11 years.
 - b. **Marina Schreiner**, Math Teacher at Burlington Township High School, effective August 14, 2020. Ms. Schreiner is also requesting payment of all accumulated sick time. Payment will be based on contract eligibility. Ms. Schreiner will have served the district for 1 1/2 years. *(Adjustment to effective date - originally approved on July 29, 2020 agenda)*
 - c. **Marquis Johnson** as Fall Assistant Cheerleading Coach at Burlington Township High School for the 2020 - 2021 School Year. Mr. Johnson's name has been removed from the Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends spreadsheet.
 - d. **George Bogda** as Part-Time District Attendance Officer, effective August 24, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
4. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following **leaves of absence**:
 - a. medical leave of absence for employee #18746230, utilizing sick days, effective September 1, 2020 through October 25, 2020, returning to work on October 26, 2020.
 - b. medical leave of absence for employee #18685008, utilizing sick and personal

days, effective September 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021, returning to work on January 4, 2021.

A. **PERSONNEL (Continued)**

- c. intermittent family medical leave of absence for employee #34700468, utilizing family illness days, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- d. maternity/child-rearing leave of absence for employee #34663310, utilizing sick days, effective January 4, 2021 through June 30, 2021, returning to work on September 1, 2021.
- e. maternity/child-rearing leave of absence for employee #32150559, utilizing sick days, effective December 23, 2020 through June 23, 2021, returning to work on June 24, 2021.
- f. FFCRA emergency sick leave of absence & FFCRA emergency child care family medical leave of absence for employee #30155600, effective September 1, through October 9, 2020, returning to work on October 12, 2020.
- g. intermittent family medical leave of absence for employee #18801084, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- h. maternity/child-rearing leave of absence for employee #34726422, utilizing sick days, effective October 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021, returning to work on September 1, 2021. *(Adjustment to start date previously approved on the July agenda)*

Roll Call Vote; 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried

5. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following **positions**:

- a. [Personnel Listing for 2020-2021 as of August 26, 2020](#)
- b. **Ethan Caldwell** as Mathematics Teacher at Burlington Township High School, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at the BA level, step "A", salary as negotiated, pending meeting employment requirements *(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 12, 2020)*.
- c. **Frank Cerovsky** as Assistant Maintenance, effective September 1, 2020, at a salary of \$61,000, prorated, pending meeting employment requirements.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

6. Recommend approval of the following **transfers**: **none**

A. PERSONNEL (Continued)

7. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following staff members to move on the salary guide, effective as listed, due to the completion of additional college credits, as listed:
 - a. **Michael Winsett**, Math Teacher at Burlington Township Middle School @ SS, from the MA+ 30 level to the MA + 45 level, effective September 1, 2020. (All the necessary documentation has been received from University of LaVerne.)
 - b. **Sarah Stringfellow**, Math Teacher at Burlington Township High School, from the BA + 15 level to the MA level, effective September 1, 2020. (All the necessary documentation has been received from American College of Education.)
 - c. **Catherine Grau**, Guidance Counselor at B. Bernice Young School, from the MA level to the MA (Extended 60) level, effective July 1, 2020. (All the necessary documentation has been received from Holy Family University.)
(Adjustment to level originally approved on July 29, 2020 agenda)
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
8. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following individuals for extra-curricular, co-curricular, coaching positions as listed:
 - a. [Extra/Co-Curricular & Coaching Stipends for 2020-2021 as of August 26, 2020](#)
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
9. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of additional teaching time for the following staff members for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed:
 - a. **Tracy Smith** - 1 additional ½ block (36 minutes), Semester 1 and 2
 - b. **Ruth Seel** - 1 additional block, Semester 2
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
10. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of summer days for the following staff members, as listed:

- a. Guidance Counselors:
Tina Dietrich - up to an additional 5 days

A. PERSONNEL (Continued)

- b. Office Staff:
Victoria Titone - up to an additional 30 hours
Sandra Webb - up to an additional 30 hours
 - c. Case Managers:
Crystal Berry - up to an additional 3 hours
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
11. Recommend approval of deduct days for the staff members, as listed: **none**
12. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following student teacher placement, pending meeting student teacher requirements, as listed:
- a. **Stacy DeFrank**, a student at Rowan University, to complete 50 observation hours, from September 1, 2020 - December 18, 2020 at Burlington Township High School/Fountain Woods School, Cooperating Nurse - Mary Kerstetter.
 - b. **Nicole Dallas**, a student at Rowan University, to complete 30 observation hours, from September 1, 2020 - December 18, 2020 at B. Bernice Young School, Cooperating Teacher - TBD.
 - c. **Elyssa Giordano**, a student at Rider University, to complete her student teaching requirements, from January 25, 2021 to May 6, 2021 at B. Bernice Young School, Cooperating Teachers - Whitney Ryder & Melissa King.
 - d. **Kimberly Zerbe**, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University, to complete 125 Google Meet hours, during the fall of 2020 and 75 days in the Winter/Spring of 2021 at B. Bernice Young School, Cooperating Teacher - Michele Wikiera.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
13. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following members to serve as the designated CODE BLUE team members for the 2020-2021 school year. P.L. 2012, c.51, commonly known as "Janet's Law," requires that defibrillators be placed in all school buildings and that response teams of at least 5 CPR/AED trained people be established. BTSD is grateful that many of our staff volunteered to be part of the BTSD CODE BLUE RESPONSE TEAMS:

A.

B. Bernice Young School

Nora Cochran

Lance Cygan

Jessica Estep

PERSONNEL (Continued)

Andrea Leibowitz

Jessica Moore

Candace Morris - Office Staff Scribe

Fountain Woods School

Janet Dilks

Beth Iannuzzi

Mary Kerstetter

Jennifer Lusardi

Shawn Whartenby

Donna Tootell - Office Staff Scribe

Burlington Township Middle School @ SS

Nancy Andorko

Yolanda Boyd

Alison Ford

Mark Izzo

Lauren Papp

Christian Sabatino

Megan Tropp

Sue Palentchar - Office Staff Scribe

Hopkins Building

Ron Caponigro

Margaret Hickey

Keith Lex

Nicholas Luyber

Heidi Roman

Terri Leeds - Office Staff Scribe

Burlington Township High School

Donna Clendening

Shamus Matthews

Galinda Reyes

Annette Slaney

Tracy Dube - Office Staff Scribe

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

14. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to

recommend approval of the following CPI Teams for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed. These teams are in addition to others trained in the buildings however will act as needed for any situation in their respective buildings:

A. PERSONNEL (Continued)

B. Bernice Young School

Sara Cox - Trainer

Lori Dorety (ESS)

Catherine Grau

Laura Janousek

Merisha Sturgis

Kelly Veneziano

Fountain Woods School

Morgan Heussaff - Trainer

Ciara Bouyer

Leigh Cattolico-Yago

Tracey Ent (ESS)

Amanda Freeman

Christopher Katsikis

Burlington Township Middle School @ SS

Kimberly Baker - Trainer

Rolando Domingo - Trainer

Kelsey Bozarth

Steven Delaney

Elizabeth Grande

Mark Izzo

Stephanie Kinney

Stephanie Masiuk

Kiel O'Donnell

Lauren Papp

Andrew Pellegrino

Christian Sabatino

Tammy Sherlock

Mark Steinberg

Megan Tropp

Helena Weeks

Hopkins Building

Michael Chiumento

Stacy Dean

Donald Litner

Nicholas Luyber
Heidi Roman
Keith Tassitano

A. PERSONNEL (Continued)

Burlington Township High School

Gemma Winkler - Trainer

Robert Carson

Ryan Derry

Rickey Errico

Richard Lee

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

15. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the transfer of up to 8 additional donated sick days to employee #18770701, per agreement between the Superintendent and the BTEA. Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

16. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following staff members to serve as the designated Contact Tracers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Nancy Andorko

Mary Ann Bell

Nicholas Bice

Mary Kerstetter

Galinda Reyes

Peter Teifer

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

B. STUDENTS

1. Recommend approval of home instruction for the following students: **none**
2. Recommend approval of the special education or alternative placement: **none**
3. Recommend approval for the following students, on a tuition basis, per Board of Education Policy #5111, Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Pupils, pending space availability: **none**

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following reports as submitted to the Board Secretary for inclusion in the minutes pursuant to Board Policy:

C. **MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)**

- a. **District Facilities Report - July 2020 - None**
 - b. **Field Trips - July 2020 - None**
 - c. **Student Demographics - July 2020 - None**
 - d. **Suspension Report - July 2020 - None**
 - e. **Residency Flash Report - July 2020 - None**
 - f. **Presenter Approval Forms - July 2020 - None**
 - g. **Burlington Twp Schools COVID-19 Positive Case Tracking Log**
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
2. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following Job Descriptions, Policies and Regulations, as listed:
 - a. First Reading *(Revised First Reading where noted)*
3542.3 Procurement or School Nutrition Programs
(Changes required by Department of Agriculture)
 - b. Final Adoption: **none**
 - c. Job Descriptions - First Reading: **none**
 - d. Job Descriptions - Second Reading: **none**
 - e. Job Description - Reviewed: **none**
 - f. Rescind Job Description: **none**
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
 3. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of overnight trips:
 - a. 2021 Senior Class Trip to Walt Disney World. The trip is tentatively scheduled for June 8-12, 2021. Approve the cost of chaperones (determined in 2020-2021), and the cost for the bus transportation to and from the airport

(Note: This reflects a change of trip dates from the original approval on March 18, 2020).

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

C. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

4. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the acceptance of the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report of Incidents per Board of Education Policy #S5512.01 and the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act of 2011. *(Report is considered privileged in nature.)*
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
 - a. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the School Superintendent that the Board of Education affirm, modify or reject the following H.I.B. Incident Reports.
Case Numbers - none
4. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the acceptance of [The Path Forward updated Draft](#):
 - a. Acceptance of delayed student start *(Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 12, 2020).*
 - b. [Approve revised 2020-2021 calendar to reflect support of delayed student in-person start.](#)
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
5. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the [Approved Curriculum List](#) for the 2020-2021 school year.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
6. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the [2020-2021 Approved Novel and Film List](#).
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
7. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to accept of the following Statements of Assurance:
 - a. [Statement of Assurance for the Mentoring Plan 2020-2021](#)
 - b. [Statement of Assurance for the Professional Development Plan 2021-2021](#)
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

8. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to accept the [Reopening Plan Industrial Hygiene Inspection Report](#) from Environmental Safety Management Corporation.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

C. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

9. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to advertise a Work Session Meeting of the Board of Education on September 16, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

D. BUSINESS

1. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval for payment of the [August 2020 Bill List](#).
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
2. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following business reports:
- a. Treasurer's Report - [July 2020](#)
 - b. Board Secretary's Report - [July 2020](#)
 - c. Cafeteria Report - [July 2020](#)
 - d. Transfer Report - [July 2020](#)
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4, we certify that as of July 31, 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. 6A:23-2.12(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
4. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the acceptance of the following reports on Tuition:
- a. Tuition Contracts Billed - none

- b. [Tuition Contracts Paid - July](#)
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

D. BUSINESS (Continued)

- 5. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of the following regarding the replacement of the chiller that services the Performing Arts Center at Burlington Township High School (*Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 12, 2020*):
 - a. rejecting the bid from **Kisby Lees Mechanical LLC** due to the deficiency (per legal counsel) of failure to comply with the bidding specifications and N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.
 - b. awarding a contract to **Falasca Mechanical, Inc.** in the amount of \$232,600.
 - c. the transfer of funds from the district's Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$232,600.00. *The balance of the Capital Reserve account prior to this withdrawal is approximately \$1.6 million.*
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
- 6. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to decrease the 2020-2021 budget due to a state aid reduction of \$856,181.00 received on July 10, 2020. The budget reductions will be addressed according to the district's [Revised State Aid Plan](#) (*Reaffirmed - Item originally approved August 12, 2020 - Appendix WS2*).
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
- 7. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to transfer the Professional Services agreement for School Physician from Family Physicians of Burlington to The Cooper Health System for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. *Note: The Cooper Health System has acquired the medical practice of Family Physicians of Burlington.*
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
- 8. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of a shared services agreement for Technology Services with **Pemberton Township Schools**, for the period August 16, 2020 to November 15, 2020, assigning rights from the Pitt Bull Secure Technologies competitive contract, in the amount of \$3,443.70, which includes a service fee of \$163.99.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
- 9. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to

recommend approval of an agreement with **Wee Kids EHEP Services** to provide extended hour enrichment programs for the 2020-2021 school year at B. Bernice Young Elementary School and Fountain Woods Elementary School. Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

D. BUSINESS (Continued)

10. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval authorizing submission of the application for the **Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act 2020 (CARES Act) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Digital Divide Grant** in the amount of \$212,063.00.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
11. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to accept the donation of \$2,061.00, collected in memory of Phyllis Friedman, to be used toward the B. Bernice Young School library at the donors' request. The list of donors is on file in the Board Office (*Note: Updated amount from original approval on July 29, 2020*).
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
12. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to accept the donation of 500 fabric face masks from the Norcross Foundation and the Cooper Foundation.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
13. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval of an agreement with **Brett DiNovi & Associates** to provide Behavior/Educational Consultation for district from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 not to exceed \$240,000.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.
14. On the motion by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to recommend approval to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to work with our contracted vendors to arrange for child care for Township residents and staff members.
Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

XVI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to submit any general comments during this public comment portion of the meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters. This portion of the meeting is not a question and answer session. The Board will not respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Superintendent of Schools or Administration for resolution. In accordance with Board of Education Bylaw # 0167, each statement made by a participant may be limited to three minutes' duration.

XVI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Continued)

Jen Allan inquired about curriculum for K-5 being consistent so students in every class are learning the same thing. She also asked about IEP students coming in four days per week and asked about the schedule for the Pre-K 3 year old program.

Mrs. Bell responded.

Yolanda Boyd thanked everyone for their hard work during this time of uncertainty. She commented regarding the need for a solid safety plan that is accessible for all stakeholders including quarantine procedures. This would ease anxiety of students, staff, and parents. If we already have it in place, how soon will it be shared? She also commented with regard to the cleanliness of buildings including bathrooms, hallways, etc. and asked the following questions: What guidelines are being followed for continuous cleaning? Why is staff being asked to come in on Wednesdays instead of reserving this day for deep cleaning to occur? Will PPE equipment be available to all staff daily? Will all offices have sanitation stations outside? She said she appreciates everyone's dedication to safety.

Mrs. Bell responded.

John Fekete wanted to know if the district is non committal on fall sports at this time and waiting until September 14th to make a decision? He commented that as a parent of an athlete, he hopes that any decision regarding postponing or cancelling the season is taken very seriously. Students have worked hard and want to play.

Mrs. Bell responded.

Tara Brudie asked if there was a child that was getting evaluated prior to schools closing down in March and the evaluation process was halted, what is the process to have the evaluation continue?

Mrs. Bell responded.

Karen Fechter thanked everyone for all their hard work. She commented that she agrees with Mr. Fekete regarding fall sports. She said that the NJSIAA guidelines were not put together lightly. Students wouldn't understand if we cancel sports against NJSIAA guidelines. She remarked that positive cases do not necessarily mean that they will be symptomatic. People still have to quarantine for 14 days when traveling even if they have

a negative test result. CDC and NJSIAA guidelines should be followed. She doesn't want anyone to get sick but we can't prevent everything. She hopes fall sports proceed as planned and expected. Students are out and about - grocery shopping, working, etc. - and they are social distancing and wearing masks.

Emily Robles stated that she understands that this is a difficult decision to try to balance safety. She commented that field hockey is very important to her and she would be devastated if the season is cancelled. When she was a freshman, it was scary coming to High School but she had met seniors and other students on team before school started. Now as a Junior, this season is critical as she is starting to look at colleges so recruiters can come see her play. Field Hockey is not just a social aspect but it's also a stress reliever.

XVI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT (Continued)

Being an Honors student is very stressful but she said that she didn't have stress when playing Field Hockey. Field Hockey also helps with time management skills especially with virtual school.

Mrs. McMahon-Nester responded that the Board agrees on the value of athletic programs and stated that no motion or decision is being made to cancel fall athletics at this time.

Shanelle Wood wanted to know if anything will come out, such as a video, for the students to ease their anxiety before going back to school? Parents can also see what's going on since they likely will not be able to come into the school buildings.

Mrs. Bell responded.

Wade Miller provided a written statement that was read in public.

Mrs. McMahon-Nester responded that the Board agrees on the value of athletic programs and stated that no motion or decision is being made to cancel fall athletics at this time.

Kyra Bennett thanked the Board and administration. She understands that this is a difficult time and she asked if there are plans to incorporate break times with virtual learning so students and staff can have time away from the screen?

Mrs. Bell responded.

Andrea Haney asked if the administration has spoken to other districts or done any research on districts that are planning to open in order to develop a safety plan that can keep our students and staff safe?

Mrs. Bell responded.

Chris Dodson thanked us for the work that the district is doing and appreciated being allowed to speak. He served in the military for 25 years to preserve the rights of the Constitution. He said that if the community feels they want their children to play, this is a right that should be considered. He expressed concerns for the mental health of students. We are focusing on respiratory health, but mental health should be considered as well. Consider various grade levels of High School students and the impact it would have on them if the season were cancelled.

Mrs. McMahon-Nester responded that the Board agrees on the value of athletic programs and stated that no motion or decision is being made to cancel fall athletics at this time. Mrs. Bell also responded.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Custard commented that her son lost his spring sports season as a senior and was devastated. He lost the chance to get a scholarship. She stated that the Board wants sports to continue, but we have to make decisions safely and that her children didn't do well virtually and she wants children back in school. However, we don't want to jeopardize health and safety of students. She thanked public for their comments.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Mrs. Eichmann thanked the parents who came in person and who are attending virtually. The Board appreciates respectful dialog and is listening to comments. She stated that she is a parent of four children and her children also want to play sports. Board members are parents and parents of athletes, we understand what the public is saying and we do not take responsibility of children's mental and physical safety lightly and we understand the role athletics plays in that. We want to hear from our community members, students, and parents. There is no recommendation at this point to cancel fall sports. It will continue to be monitored in order to keep students safe in all aspects.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion by Mrs. Eichmann, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, approval was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bice
Business Administrator/Board Secretary