

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting
of the Tenafly Board of Education
Monday, June 12, 2023
THS Media Center

*Motion to go into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.
at the Board of Education Hegelien Building
Moved: Ms. Meytes Second: Ms. Israeli Miller
All in Favor*

*2nd Closed Session carried over at the THS Media Center from 7:15 to 8:11 p.m.
Motion to go end Closed Session and enter Open Session at 8:11 p.m.
Moved: Ms. Harris Second: Ms. Merchant*

Call to Order/Adequate Notice Statement/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Jocelyn Schwarz read the following statement:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.*, adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board of Education Hegelein Building, the Borough office, Tenafly Public Library, the local press and on the district’s web site.

The following Board members were present:

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Igor Frid	X	
Michelle Harris	X	
Inbal Israeli Miller	X	
Michelle Merchant	X	
Yelena Meytes	X	
Edward J. Salaski	X	
Michael Wilderman		X
Paula Newman, Vice President	X	
Jocelyn Schwarz, President	X	

Also present:

- Bruce Watson, Interim Superintendent
- Jeff Gorman, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
- Danielle Diaz, Human Resources Manager
- Victor J. Anaya, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Closed Session

Be it Resolved, that the Tenafly Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Closed Session on June 12, 2023 to discuss Legal, Personnel and Student matters; and

Be it Further Resolved, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Open to the Public – 1st Session 8:11 pm

Total Attendees Including Board Personnel –

In-Person: 40

Virtual: 21

Board/Administrators: 12 (Michael Wilderman absent)

Comments (In-Person and Virtual)

- Jocelyn Schwarz commented on protocol of public comment.
- Adi Sodri shared the number of guns in town. Also, shared the students who threatened one another with guns, and areas that have safety concerns. Only been here a year, but is concerned about safety precautions the district has. Wants Class 3 officers and is frustrated with outcome of safety roundtables and the county review. A year has gone, and the district has done nothing, and what is the board going to do to promote safety in Tenafly.
- Sharon Levit congratulated all the teachers for the hard work and awards. Also, asked if the experts checking the middle school and elementary schools. Was the report provided? Will the changes be implemented, and if so, the beginning of next year?
- HJ Joo inquired about the change to the class size policy, and if it will be updated at the July meeting.
 - Paula Newman replied that the superintendent and assistant superintendent would provide an update at the committee meeting on class size policy.
- Bruce Watson responded about not having the reports back. The risk assessment has been done in the Middle School and are awaiting the report. Then the prosecutor will do the elementary schools in the summer. Not at a point of any discussions for recommendations until the reports come out. The board is implementing a few items for safety including door monitors.
- Jocelyn Schwarz also indicated the reports will provide direction of safety concerns.

Presentation/Reports- Honoring Governor's Educators of the Year.

Committee Reports –

Communications and Policy – Ms. Yelena Meytes provided an update.

Curriculum and Technology – Ms. Paula Newman (no update).

Facility – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz provided an update.

Finance – Mr. Edward Salaski (no update).

Joint Use – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz (no update).

Diversity - Ms. Inbal Israeli Miller & Mr. Edward Salaski (no update).

Listening Sessions Projects – Ms. Yelena Meytes (no update).

Security Roundtable – Ms. Jocelyn Schwarz (no update).

Liaison Reports – Ms. Inbal Israeli Miller (no update).

- HSA by Mr. Igor Frid who provided an update.
- CAP by Jocelyn Schwarz who provided an update.
- TEF by Jocelyn Schwarz who provided an update.
- Legislative by Mr. Ed Salaski (no update).
- SEPAC by Ms. Inbal Israeli Miller (no update).
- Jocelyn Schwarz also provided an update on Pride parade in Tenafly. Igor Frid was also there. Congratulations!

New Business –

- None

Student Representatives – Ms. Ayla Uram and Ms. Alexandria Yang provided updates on.

- Ms. Alexandria Yang shared senior year events as year wraps up. Prom was at the Rockleigh Country Club. Senior awards ceremony was also held. Was happy people got rewards for their hard work? Graduation coming up at Fairleigh Dickinson.
- Ms. Ayla Uram shared had SO retreat on June 8, which was successful. Excited about next year. This week have finals.

Administration

- None

Proposed Resolutions

- Personnel – closed session by Danielle Diaz
- Administration – Bruce Watson presented the administration resolutions.
- Curriculum – Jeff Gorman presented the curriculum resolutions
- Special Services – closed session by Bruce Watson
- Finance – Victor Anaya presented the Finance resolutions

Action Items P-1 & C-3

Personnel

	<u>Personnel Resolutions</u>
Resolution P-1*	Approval of Hires

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Be It Resolved that the following persons be employed to fill the positions listed for the length of time and compensation indicated and subject to all federal, state, county and local regulations governing said employment and in accordance with Senate Bill #851 regarding a criminal history background check:

Mackay Elementary School

Hires		
Name/Position	Employment Dates	Salary/Classification
Lori Myers ¹ Teacher of Students with Disabilities – Resource Room	08/30/2023 – 06/30/2024	Standards: Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 & Teacher of Students w/Dis. MA+32, Step 9 \$85,159

Maugham Elementary School

Hires		
Name/Position	Employment Dates	Salary/Classification
Allison Bross Elementary School Teacher – 5 th Grade	08/30/2023 – 06/30/2024	Standard: Elementary School Teacher BA+16, Step 8 \$70,909

Smith Elementary School

Hires		
Name/Position	Employment Dates	Salary/Classification
Ornit Katzin Elementary School Teacher – 5 th Grade – Leave Replacement Non-Tenurable	08/30/2023 – 11/24/2023	Provisional: Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 BA, Step 3 \$60,109 pro rata

Tenafly Middle School

Hires		
Name/Position	Employment Dates	Salary/Classification
Achau Nguyen ESL Teacher	08/30/2023 – 06/30/2024	Standard: Teacher of English as a Second Language MA, Step 8 \$75,509
Irene Leynik 30-Hour Paraprofessional	08/31/2023 – 06/30/2024	Healthcare Paraprofessional (<i>NJ License Pending Renewal</i>) – 6hrs. per day, \$62.19 per hour
Palak Patel ¹ Teacher of Students with Disabilities – In-Class Support	08/30/2023 – 06/30/2024	Standards: Elementary School Teacher & Teacher of Students w/Disabilities MA+16, Step 10 \$85,589

Tenafly High School

Hires		
Name/Position	Employment Dates	Salary/Classification
Adam Rendell Secondary Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction	07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024	Standard: Supervisor TASA Supervisor: \$112,000 ²
Jenna Alvarez Mathematics Teacher	08/30/2023 – 06/30/2024	CEAS: Teacher of Mathematics ³ MA, Step 1 \$63,309
Lindsey Kelly 30-Hour Paraprofessional	08/31/2023 – 06/30/2024	Healthcare Paraprofessional – 6hrs. per day, \$62.19 per hour

Curriculum

	<u>Curriculum Resolutions</u>
Resolution C-3*	Approval of iReady! From Curriculum & Associates

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Be It Resolved that the Tenafly Board of Education approve Curriculum and Associates through a formative assessment/instructional software called iReady! to provide services for Tenafly Middle School and Professional Development Training to staff for the period of July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2024. The services will be paid for using Title 1 Funds and is a total of \$32,410.00.

Motion to approve resolutions P-1 & C-3

Moved: Ms. Harris Second: Mr. Frid

All in Favor

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Nays</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Igor Frid	X			
Michelle Harris	X			
Inbal Israeli Miller	X			
Michelle Merchant	X			
Yelena Meytes	X			
Edward J. Salaski	X			
Michael Wilderman				X
Paula Newman, Vice President	X			
Jocelyn Schwarz, President	X			

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resolutions for approval at the BOE Regular Session Meeting scheduled for June 19, 2023:

Personnel

	<u>Personnel Resolutions</u>
Resolution P-1*	Approval of Hires
Resolution P-2	Approval of Resignations

	<u>Personnel Resolutions</u>
Resolution P-3	Approval of Substitute
Resolution P-4	Approval of Staff/Position Reclassifications
Resolution P-5	Approval of Extra Compensation Positions

***Formal Action was taken at the June 12, 2023 Work Session**

Administration

	<u>Administration Resolutions</u>
Resolution A-1	Approval to Affirm the Superintendent's Decision in HIB Investigations
Resolution A-2	Approval to Authorize the Superintendent to Hire Necessary Personnel after the last Board meeting of June 2023 and during the months of July 2023 and August 2023
Resolution A-3	Approval that the Tenafly Board of Education Presented and Reviewed the CSA Evaluation with the Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum

	<u>Curriculum Resolutions</u>
Resolution C-1	Approval of Professional Development Requests
Resolution C-2	Approval of the Annual Statement of Assurance of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year
Resolution C-3*	Approval of iReady! From Curriculum & Associates

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Special Services

	<u>Special Services Resolutions</u>
Resolution S-1	Approval of Ten Month Programs 2022-2023
Resolution S-2	Approval of Twelve Month Programs 2022-2023
Resolution S-3	Rescind The Following Ten Month Placement 2022-2023
Resolution S-4	Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release
Resolution S-5	Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release
Resolution S-6	Approval of K-2 LLD Classroom
Resolution S-7	Approval of Extended School Year June 2023
Resolution S-8	Approval of Extended School Year 2023-2024
Resolution S-9	Approval of Extraordinary Services One to One Aides ESY Program 2023-2024
Resolution S-10	Approval of Ten Month Programs 2023-2024
Resolution S-11	Approval of Twelve Month Programs 2023-2024
Resolution S-12	Approval of Extraordinary Services One to One Aides 12 Month Placement 2022-2023
Resolution S-13	Approval of Special Services Consultants for the 2023-2024 SY

Finance

	Finance Resolutions
Resolution F-1	Approval of Board Secretary's Report for May 2023
Resolution F-2	Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2023
Resolution F-3	Approval of Transfers for May 2023
Resolution F-4	Approval of Bills for May 12, 2023 through June 15, 2023
Resolution F-5	Approve Payroll for May 2023
Resolution F-6	Approval and Recognition of Scholarships for Class of 2023
Resolution F-7	Approve Renewal of Unemployment Cost Control Services (RUIC)
Resolution F-8	Approval of Genesis Educational Services for the 2023-2024 School Year
Resolution F-9	Approval of Statement of Assurance – Lead Testing
Resolution F-10	Approval of Frontline Technologies Group
Resolution F-11	Approve the Grant Application Submission for the FY2023 COPS School Violence Prevention Program
Resolution F-12	Approves the Agreement Transferring the Rights of the TPS Logo to the Tenafly School District
Resolution F-13	Approval to Request County Approval for Renewing Dual Use Educational Space for the 2023-2024 school year for Malcolm S. Mackay Elementary School
Resolution F-14	Approval to Request County Approval for Renewing Dual Use Educational Space for the 2023-2024 school year for Walter Stillman Elementary School
Resolution F-15	Approval to Request County Approval for Alternate Method of Compliance for Toilet Room Facilities for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms at Ralph S. Maugham Elementary School and Walter Stillman Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year
Resolution F-16	Approve Contract With Bergen County Special Services School District (BCSSSD) For Non-Public Schools (Chapter 192-193) Services for the 2023-2024 School Year
Resolution F-17	Approval to Renew Eastern Data Comm, Inc. for the 2023-2024 School Year
Resolution F-18	Approval of CarePlus NJ Inc. for Behavioral Healthcare Services for the 2023-2024 School Year
Resolution F-19	Approve Resolution in Attached Form Adopting Energy Savings Plan Subject to BPU Approval
Resolution F-20	Approve DCO Energy, LLC, in a Form Acceptable to the Board's General and/or Special Counsel
Resolution F-21	Authorize Applications for LRFP Plan Amendment and Project Approvals
Resolution F-22	Authorize DCO Energy, LLC and/or DMR Architects to Make Application for Construction Code Approvals and for DCO Energy, LLC to Bid its Subcontractors
Resolution F-23	Authorize Lease Purchase Financing for ESIP
Resolution F-24	Approve ESCO Guaranty (requires separate vote- if selected)

	Finance Resolutions
Resolution F-25	Approve Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Engagement of Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Municipal Advisor and for the Issuance of ESIP Lease, Series 2022 Funding
Resolution F-26	Approve the Transfer of Current Year General Operating Year Surplus to Undesignated Fund Balance
Resolution F-27	Approve the Transfer of Current Year General Operating Year Surplus to Capital Reserve
Resolution F-28	Approve the Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Maintenance Reserve
Resolution F-29	Approve Authorization For Payment of July And August 2023 Bills
Resolution F-30	Approve the 2023-2024 Membership Fee for Region V
Resolution F-31	Approval of Finalsite Communications Platform
Resolution F-32	Approval of NetX Information Systems, Inc.
Resolution F-33	Approve the Purchase of CrowdStrike Endpoint Protection and Response Software
Resolution F-34	Approval of Statement of Assurance – School Security Drill
Resolution F-35	Approval to Purchase Natural Gas Services Through The Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid

- Bruce Watson congratulated Adam Rendell

Open to the Public – 2nd Session 9:45 pm

- Comments – None.

*Motion to go into 3rd Closed Session at 9:46 p.m.
Moved: Ms. Merchant Second: Ms. Newman
All in Favor*

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:37 p.m.
Moved: Ms. Meytes Second: Ms. Israeli Miller
All in Favor*

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Anaya

Victor J. Anaya
Business Administrator/Board Secretary