

TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The February 20, 2024 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Pequannock Township High School Auditorium, 85 Sunset Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, by Brian Senyk, Board President. The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the Daily Record and the Suburban Trends, its agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Pequannock Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Blumert Mr. Sam Ciresi Ms. Megan Dempsey
 Mrs. Danielle Esposito Mr. Timothy Gitin Mr. Greg MacSweeney
 Mr. Vincent Pompeo Mrs. Cara Shenton (arrived 7:12 pm)
 Mr. Brian Senyk

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Portas, Ed. D., Superintendent
 Gordon E. Gibbs, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Jaclyn M. Morgese, Esq., Board Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

Board President's Report – Mr. Brian Senyk

Announced that tonight there will be an e-rate presentation in anticipation of the approval of e-rate resolutions under FFA. Reported on student athlete milestones. Explained that the approval to name the gym at the high school is the first step in having a naming ceremony next basketball season. Assured the baseball families that no resources have been restricted for the freshman baseball team and invited them to speak during the public session.

Student Representative Report – Emily Zegler and Caitlin Zegler

Reported on activities at PTHS including one hundredth day of school, winter ensemble, Beauty and the Beast, winter cheer, girls and boys basketball, track, and wrestling successes, HOSA blood drive, junior assessments, college application process, World Language Honor Society and National Honor Society inductions, digital SATs, course recommendations, scheduling process, peer leader meetings, guidance department FAFSA night.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Michael Portas

Reported on the AASA superintendent conference in San Diego where valuable discussions took place with superintendents around the country. Discussed how the preschool podcast helped to continue ongoing conversations. Provided clarification on the freshman baseball team and emphasized that the team has not lost resources. Explained that adding coaches is a request for the 2024-2025 school year and referenced policy 2431 to further explain that coaches are the stewards and submit their requests to the superintendent, who is responsible for athletics and activities.

E-Rate Presentation - Mr. Matt Shea, Chief Technology Officer

School Business Administrator's Report – Mr. Gordon E. Gibbs

Reported that stage lighting at the high school will be repaired. Reported that an engineer will assess the damage to the high school media center to determine if the insurance carrier will cover the cost of repair. Reminded those who have not completed their financial disclosure statements to do so. Announced that the ninth Township Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting for One School Global's facility will be held on Tuesday, April 30th.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any agenda item during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

- Kaitlyn MacSweeney and Jacob Tone, FBLA officers, thanked the Board for approving the FBLA trip on this agenda. They gave an overview of how the FBLA works with community partners on projects. They commented that they have competitions but some students cannot attend due to the costs and they asked if the district could fund academic competitions in the same way that athletics are covered.
- Ann Marie Finnen, elementary music teacher and PTEA president, commended the FBLA students for speaking. She is excited to see that the gym will be named for Ruth Kellet and that she worked with her. She commented that naming the gym is an inspiration to her colleagues and she thanked the Board for making this happen. She announced the Friends of Education winners: Jeff Brunner, Dave Kohl, and Kathy Shukalo.
- Kristy Friedman of Pompton Plains and Little League volunteer commented that she feels better knowing about the freshman baseball team. She expressed that the freshman and JV teams are too much for one coach to manage and she suggested utilizing volunteer coaches.
- Matt Ringen of Pequannock and Little League board member commented that leadership is part of the success of the team and asked if another coach could be added. He went on to say that he had Ruth Kellet as a coach.
- Joe Zaccaro of Pompton Plains commented that baseball registration should be reopened due to the fact that players did not register because they were under the impression that there would be no team.
- Shawn Dempsey of Pompton Plains asked if a coach could be hired for this season either through fundraising or a volunteer.
- Glenn Korman of Pompton Plains asked if the Board wants a freshman baseball team and if everyone agrees to run a freshman team. Mr. Senyk responded that the Board does not support eliminating the freshman baseball team.

Dr. Portas commented that he is proud of the FBLA students. He will look into what is already in place in terms of funding. He thanked Mrs. Finnen for her comments. He explained that a lot of research went into deciding to name the gym after Ruth Kellet and Mrs. Bionde was a great resource. He remarked that Ruth Kellet had a wide range of influence. He congratulated the Friends of Education. Dr. Portas commented on the freshman baseball program and the importance of maintaining a robust feeder program. He stated that the reopening of registration is in the works.

Mr. Senyk encouraged coming to the Board with issues, otherwise there can be miscommunication and the Board may not know what is happening. He thanked all for coming to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 22, 2024 and February 5, 2024

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0 Abstain on 2/5/24: Dempsey, Gitin, MacSweeney, Pompeo
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APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mr. Sam Ciresi, Chair

Mr. Ciresi and Mr. Pompeo thanked all for coming to the meeting and thanked Dr. Portas for extending the baseball registration.

PMC-190-24 Approval to Rescind Unpaid Absences - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-191-24 Approval to Rescind Coach - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-173-24)
PMC-192-24 Acceptance of Resignation - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-193-24 Approval of Unpaid Absences - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-194-24 Approval to Amend Appointments - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-139-24) (PMC-289-23)
PMC-195-24 Approval of Appointments - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-196-24 Approval of Medical and/or Family Leave of Absence - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-197-24 Approval of Interscholastic Sports Stipend Positions - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-198-24 Approval of Coaches - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-199-24 Approval of Coach - 2024-2025 School Year
PMC-200-24 Approval to Amend Extracurricular Stipend Position - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-323-23)
PMC-201-24 Approval of Extracurricular Stipend Position - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-202-24 Approval of Preschool Start/Dismissal Times for the 2024-2025 School Year withdrawn

Motion to withdraw PMC-202-24 for further discussion.

Motion by: Senyk	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-190-24

APPROVAL TO RESCIND UNPAID ABSENCES - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to rescind unpaid absences for the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

EMPLOYEE ID	DATE
#4177	2/14/24, 2/15/24, 2/16/24

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-191-24

APPROVAL TO RESCIND COACH - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR (PMC-173-24)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to rescind the appointment of the following out of district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

Winter, 2023-2024

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Gray, II	Alia	Volunteer Statistician Girls Basketball	PTHS	N/A	N/A

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-192-24**ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following resignation:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE (on or about)
LaPorta, Laura	Social Studies Teacher Pequannock Valley School	4/30/2024

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-193-24**APPROVAL OF UNPAID ABSENCES - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves unpaid absences for the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

EMPLOYEE ID	DATE
#2412	5/23/24-5/29/2024
#3199	2/6/2024,2/7/2024, 2/12/2024,2/14/2024-2/16/2024
#4984	3/28/2024
#5333	2/29/2024-3/4/2024

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-194-24**APPROVAL TO AMEND APPOINTMENTS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR (PMC-139-24) (PMC-289-23)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to amend the appointments of the following personnel in the Pequannock Township School District, **pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug test per Policies 3160 & 4160.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES (on or about)	SALARY
Hunt, Trevor <i>Leave Replacement for #4642</i>	Leave Replacement - Social Studies Teacher Pequannock Valley School	1/8/2024-6/30/2024	BA, Step 1 \$58,040 (prorated)
Iosso, Deborah	Interim Administrator Pequannock Township School District	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	\$550/day (up to 75 days)

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-195-24**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointments of the following personnel in the Pequannock Township School District, **pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug test per Policies 3160 & 4160.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES (on or about)	SALARY
Basilone, Jennifer	Student Assistance Counselor Pequannock Township High School	4/22/2024-6/30/2024	MA+15, Step 21 \$99,955 (prorated)
Petruska, Sandra	Substitute Nurse Pequannock Township School District	3/1/2024-6/30/2024	\$200/diem
Zerener, Meghan	Athletic Aide Pequannock Township High School	3/4/2024-6/30/2024	Not to exceed \$1,000

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-196-24**APPROVAL OF MEDICAL AND/OR FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the disability medical leave, child care, or family leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act as follows. Staff using sick leave during the temporary disability period will be paid salary with health benefits coverage. Employee's leave under FMLA running concurrent with NJFLA shall be unpaid; however, health benefits will continue.

EMPLOYEE ID	DISABILITY LEAVE (on or about)	SICK/PERSONAL/ VACATION DAYS TO BE USED	FMLA LEAVE (on or about)	NJFLA LEAVE (on or about)	UNPAID DAYS	RETURN TO WORK DATE (on or about)
#0969	5/28/2024-6/7/2024, 6/14/2024	10 sick days	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/10/2024
#4177	2/5/2024-3/3/2024	N/A	2/5/2024-3/3/2024	N/A	N/A	3/4/2024

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-197-24**APPROVAL OF INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS STIPEND POSITIONS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year, per the Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association.

Spring, 2024

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
McBurney	Jonathan	Head Baseball	PTHS	M	\$8,222

Green	Daniel	Assistant Baseball	PTHS	M	\$6,031
Larranaga	John	Assistant Baseball	PTHS	4	\$4,898
Horetsky	Brandon	Volunteer Baseball	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Zummo	Michael	Volunteer Baseball	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Goodwin	Maryann	Head Softball	PTHS	M	\$8,222
DeBell	Jeffrey	Assistant Softball	PTHS	M	\$6,031
Horetsky	Brandon	Head Boys Tennis	PTHS	3	\$5,523
Osborn	Gianna	Assistant Boys Tennis	PTHS	2	\$3,945
Slaff	Gregg	Head Boys Golf	PTHS	M	\$7,400
Kirkland	Christopher	Head Girls Golf	PTHS	M	\$7,400
McBride	Colin	Assistant Golf (Boys & Girls)	PTHS	2	\$3,945
Brady	Keith	Volunteer Golf	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Moschella	Michael	Head Boys Track	PTHS	5	\$6,860
Santos	Samantha	Head Girls Track	PTHS	5	\$6,860
Grady	Colleen	Head Girls Lacrosse	PTHS	M	\$8,222
Blanchard	Susan	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	PTHS	M	\$6,031
Lindsay	Jeffrey	Head Baseball	PVS	M	\$5,727
Sica	Luke	Head Softball	PVS	M	\$5,727
Gennarelli	Joseph	Track	PVS	M	\$5,727
Rogers	Kristie	Track	PVS	M	\$5,727
Zummo	Michael	Track	PVS	M	\$5,727

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-198-24
APPROVAL OF COACHES - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following out of district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

Spring 2024

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Goodwin	Carla	Assistant Softball	PTHS	3	\$4,480

Karaty	Kayla	Volunteer Softball	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Scillieri	Dana	Volunteer Softball	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Mullins	Richard	Assistant Boys Track	PTHS	M	\$5,570 + \$300
Spencer	Craig	Assistant Girls Track	PTHS	M	\$5,570 + \$300
Dygos	Richard	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	PTHS	M	\$6,031
Donnelly	Stephen	Head Boys Lacrosse	PTHS	M	\$8,222
Thomson	Curtis	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	PTHS	5	\$5,317
Pocze	Steven	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	PTHS	5	\$5,317
White	Douglas	Volunteer Golf	PTHS	N/A	N/A
McClain	John	Assistant Coach	PVS	N/A	\$2,580
Seborowski	John	Volunteer Baseball	PVS	N/A	N/A
Ringin	Emily	Volunteer Softball	PVS	N/A	N/A
Vanaria	John	Volunteer Baseball	PVS	N/A	N/A

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-199-24
APPROVAL OF COACH - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following **out of district** personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

Fall, 2024

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Thimmel	Justine	Assistant Volleyball	PTHS	3	\$4,351

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-200-24
APPROVAL TO AMEND EXTRACURRICULAR STIPEND POSITION - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
(PMC-323-23)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the following stipend for the 2023-2024 school year, per the Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association. **pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug-test as per Policies 3160 & 4160.

Stephen J. Gerace School

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
Sinopoli	Cheryl	Creativity Club-5th Grade	\$600

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-201-24**APPROVAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR STIPEND POSITION - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following stipend for the 2023-2024 school year, per the Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association. **pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug-test as per Policies 3160 & 4160.

Stephen J. Gerace School

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
Stringer	Jacqueline	Creativity Club-5th Grade	\$600

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. PMC-202-24 - WITHDRAWN**APPROVAL OF PRESCHOOL START/DISMISSAL TIMES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves preschool start/dismissal times for the 2024-2025 school year:

	Start	End	Proposed Start	Proposed End
Preschool - Full-time	8:15 AM	2:45 PM	8:15 AM	2:00 PM
Delayed	10:15 AM	2:45 PM	10:15 AM	2:00 PM
Early Dismissal	8:15 AM	12:25 PM	8:15 AM	12:25 PM
Preschool - AM	8:15 AM	11:05 AM	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Delayed	canceled	canceled	canceled	canceled
Early Dismissal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Start	End	Proposed Start	Proposed End
Preschool - PM	11:55 PM	2:45 PM	11:35 AM	2:00 PM
Delayed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Early Dismissal	canceled	canceled	canceled	canceled

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Mr. Greg MacSweeney, Chair

CIS-68-24	Approval of Workshop/Conference Attendance and Reimbursement of Related Travel Expenses
CIS-69-24	Approval of Student Field Trips
CIS-70-24	Approval of Student Teacher Placements in District 2023-2024 School Year
CIS-71-24	Approval of Student Application for Option II Credit
CIS-72-24	Approval of Agreement with Inspired Instruction, LLC for Professional Development

RESOLUTION NO. CIS-68-24

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions was previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools, as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees and the school district's professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district and is deemed fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions will be in compliance with state travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury and the Federal Office of Management and Budget; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Pequannock Township Board of Education approves these attendances; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reimbursement of the related travel expenses shall be in accordance with the above-mentioned guidelines. These are "not-to-exceed" amounts:

DATES	EMPLOYEE	CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP LOCATION	REGISTRATION	TRAVEL/ LODGING	SUB COST	ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSE
2/27/24	Silipena, Brian	Northern NJ State Conf Virtual	\$80.00	\$0	\$0	\$80.00 (Paid w/ESEA funds)
3/8/24	Buscher, Kimberly	Executive Functioning & Coping Skills Wayne, NJ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3/8/24	Goff, Abigail	Executive Functioning & Coping Skills Wayne, NJ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3/8/24	Shea, Amy	Executive Functioning & Coping Skills Wayne, NJ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3/11/24 / 3/15/24	Silipena, Brian	DAANJ State AD Conf Atlantic City, NJ	\$468.00	\$924.52	\$0	\$1,392.52 (Paid w/ESEA funds)
3/26/24	Lyon, Samantha	Scaffolding as an Essential Support Paramus, NJ	\$300.00	\$0	\$150.00	\$450.00 (Paid w/ESEA funds)
3/26/24	Reiner, Matthew	Supporting Multilingual Learners, K-12 Paramus, NJ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

5/7/24 - 5/9/24	Rubino, Michele	Tools of the Mind TEACH Conference, VIRTUAL	\$0	\$0	\$225.00	\$225.00 (Sub Cost)
5/7/24 - 5/9/24	Tucker, Diane	Tools of the Mind TEACH Conference, VIRTUAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Motion by: MacSweeney	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-69-24
APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIP

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following student field trips:

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSON IN CHARGE	SCHOOL/ GRADE/ # STUDENTS	PURPOSE	COST TO STUDENT	COST TO DISTRICT
2/22/24	Cedar Crest Pompton Plains	Walsh, Shannon	NBS/4/14	School Ambassadors	\$0	Transportation
2/27/24	Pequannock Valley School	Arnold, Bill	PTHS/9-12/15	Nocktaves	\$0	\$150.00 Substitute
3/1/24	Morristown Airport Morristown	Kopp, Edward Muller, Nicole George, Chris	PTHS/9-12/25	Aviation Academy	\$40.00	\$150.00 Substitute
3/7/24	Cedar Crest Pompton Plains	Walsh, Shannon	NBS/4/14	School Ambassadors	\$0	Transportation
3/11/24 - 3/13/24	Harrah's Atlantic City	Wehrhahn, Al	PTHS/9-12/30	FBLA State Leadership Conf	\$275.00	Not to exceed \$450.00 Substitute Plus Nurse Substitute
3/12/24	North Boulevard School Pompton Plains	Praschak, Terri Toth, Lindsey Jacobs, Jennie	PV/7-8/9	Orientation Program for 5th Graders	\$0	\$0
3/13/24	Hillview School Pompton Plains	Praschak, Terri Toth, Lindsey Jacobs, Jennie	PV/7-8/9	Orientation Program for 5th Graders	\$0	\$0
3/14/24	Stephen J. Gerace School Pequannock	Praschak, Terri Toth, Lindsey Jacobs, Jennie	PV/7-8/9	Orientation Program for 5th Graders	\$0	\$0
3/19/24	Fortis Institute Wayne	O'Connor, Kristen	PTHS/11-12/25	Post Graduate Trade Career	\$0	\$0
4/15/24	Newark Airport Newark	Kopp, Edward Muller, Nicole George, Chris	PTHS/9-12/25	Aviation Academy	\$40.00	\$150.00 Substitute
4/19/24	Turtle Back Zoo West Orange	Guerrero, Maria	NB/MD K-8/17	Animal/Plant Research Project	\$0	\$0
5/22/24	Brookhollow Barnyard, Boonton	Ochner, Marjorie Ann Shizas, Stella	NB/K/42	Plant and Animal Survival	\$0	Nurse Substitute

5/14/24	Sterling Hills Mine, Ogdensburg	Mallon, Kristin	NB/4/49	Effects of Weathering	\$0	\$0
5/29/24	North Boulevard School	Sinopoli, Cheryl	SJG/HV/5/60	Battle of the Books	\$0	\$0

Motion by: MacSweeney	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-70-24

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENTS IN DISTRICT - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following student teacher placements in the District for the 2023-2024 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite District policy.

NAME	UNIVERSITY	PLACEMENT
Amico, Samantha	Sacred Heart	Elementary/MS - Occupational Therapy
Livingstone, Ashley	Montclair University	NB & HV - Counselors

Motion by: MacSweeney	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-71-24

APPROVAL OF STUDENT APPLICATION FOR OPTION II CREDIT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves student #2010068 and #2520272 for additional credit used to supplement transcript according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)2 at no expense to the Pequannock Township School District.

Motion by: MacSweeney	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. CIS-72-24

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH INSPIRED INSTRUCTION, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an agreement with Inspired Instruction, LLC in the amount of \$4,050.00 for professional development, "Coaching/Teacher Support," services to be paid for through the ARP ESSER Grant Funds.

Motion by: MacSweeney	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND ATHLETICS

Mr. Joseph Blumert, Chair

Ms. Dempsey thanked Mrs. Bionde for her presentation. Mr. Blumert commented that approving to name the gym after Ruth Kellet is the “coolest vote.”

FFA-106-24	Transfer of Funds for January 2024
FFA-107-24	Payment of Bills - January 23, 2024 to February 20, 2024
FFA-108-24	Approval of Financial Reports/Monthly Certification for December 2023
FFA-109-24	Monthly Reports from Schools and Programs for December 2023
FFA-110-24	Approval to Set Tuition Rates for 2024-2025
FFA-111-24	Approval to Name the Main Gym at PTHS
FFA-112-24	Approval of Award of Service to Highpoint Solutions for Renewal Licensing through E-Rate
FFA-113-24	Approval of Award of Service to Lightpath for Internet Access through E-Rate
FFA-114-24	Approval of Transfer of Funds to Food Service Accounts

RESOLUTION NO. FFA-106-24

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR JANUARY 2024

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the additional transfer of funds within the 2023-2024 budget from January 2024, in accordance with the attached list, which shall become a part of the record.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-107-24

PAYMENT OF BILLS – JANUARY 23, 2024 - FEBRUARY 20, 2024

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Bills List, from January 23, 2024 to February 20, 2024, submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as attached:

FUND	AMOUNT
General Funds 10, 20, 40	\$4,322,630.35
Capital Projects Fund 30	\$0.00
Food Service Fund 6x	\$140,493.81

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-108-24

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS/MONTHLY CERTIFICATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports for December 2023.

RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of December 2023, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 4, the Board of Education does certify that as of December 2023, the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report did not reflect an over expenditure in any Major Account or Fund, and based on the Appropriation Balances reflected on this report and on the advice of District Officials, that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-109-24**MONTHLY REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER 2023**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of financial reports for the month of December 2023 for the High School Activities Account, the High School Interscholastic Athletic Account, the Pequannock Valley School Student Activities Account; and Pomptonian.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-110-24**APPROVAL TO SET TUITION RATES FOR 2024-2025**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to set tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

PROGRAM	TUITION RATE
Previously Enrolled, General Ed, K-12	\$9,888
Newly Enrolled, General Ed, K-12	\$12,257
Additional Siblings, General Ed, K-12	\$7,416
Preschool Half Day	\$3,995
Preschool Full Day	\$7,500
Academy Tuition	\$16,675
LLD Program	\$20,600
LLD Program - ESY	\$3,829
Multiple Disabilities	\$29,727
Multiple Disabilities - ESY	\$3,749
Preschool Disabilities - Full Time	\$20,599
Preschool Disabilities - ESY	\$3,749

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-111-24**APPROVAL TO NAME THE MAIN GYM AT PTHS**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves to name the main gym at PTHS in honor of Ruth Kellett.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-112-24

APPROVAL OF AWARD OF SERVICE TO HIGHPOINT SOLUTIONS FOR RENEWAL LICENSING THROUGH E-RATE

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the "E-Rate" Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District posted FCC Form 470 number 240009773 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors for Meraki renewal licensing.

WHEREAS, the Technology Department has reviewed the bids received and hereby recommend that the Board approve the award of service to Highpoint Solutions as the low responsive bidder in the total amount of \$107,371.67. It is anticipated that the E-Rate Program will fund approximately 40% of the total and the district will be responsible for 60% of the total cost, at the approximate amount of \$64,423.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township School District has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to award Meraki renewal licensing to Highpoint Solutions.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-113-24

APPROVAL OF AWARD OF SERVICE TO LIGHTPATH FOR INTERNET ACCESS THROUGH E-RATE

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the "E-Rate" Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township School District posted FCC Form 470 number 240010892 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors of Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the Technology Department has reviewed the bids received and hereby recommend that the Board approve the award of service to Lightpath with a 3-year term of service in the amount of \$2,900/month to procure Internet Access services with 5Gbps of bandwidth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township School District has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to award Lightpath with a 3-year term of service in the amount of \$2,900/month to procure Internet Access services with 5Gbps of bandwidth.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-114-24

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO FOOD SERVICES ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the transfer of funds from the General Account to the Food Services Accounts to cover the revenue shortfall in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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POLICY

Ms. Megan Dempsey, Chair

P-12-24 Approval of Revised Board Policies and Regulations for First Reading

RESOLUTION NO. P-12-24

APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the revised Board Policies and Regulations as listed for first reading:

MANUAL SECTION	POLICY/REGULATION(R)
<i>Administration</i>	1210 - Board-Superintendent Relations

Motion by: Dempsey	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0
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OPEN TO PUBLIC ANY TOPIC

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any topic during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

- John Nacion of Pompton Plains and Music Parents announced that the a Capella group has been approached by a recording producer. He recommended fundraising, as the music program does, to help defray costs for both academic and athletic programs. He asked for an explanation of step raises. He inquired about the Board Retreat. He read a letter from the Salvation Army to Mr. Streifer thanking him for a t-shirt donation from the band.
- Joe Georgieff of Pompton Plains and a freshman parent remarked that all the boys who registered for baseball deserve to play and they would be devastated if they could not. He commented that an additional coach is needed if the head coach is spread too thin.
- Melissa Stelmasik of Pompton Plains and parent of a senior in the FBLA program would like to see a discussion about having a Business and Finance Academy.
- Joe Zaccaro thanked the Board one more time. He announced that there is an umpire training program which would help with the umpire shortage.
- Ann Marie Finnen of Pompton Plains announced that Mr. LeFevbre was named “teacher that rocks” by WDHA.

Dr. Portas appreciated the music program comments. He explained that step raises are part of the collective bargaining agreement. He announced that the Board Retreat will take place on February 22nd. He sympathized with when a program gets cut. He spoke about the popularity of the business department and how the academy structure will be looked into. He thanked Mrs. Finnen for her comments on Mr. LeFevbre.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dempsey asked for the request on FBLA funding be looked into to alleviate financial constraints for students.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. MacSweeney reported on the hockey team state game win. He attended the Morris County Ed. Services Commission meeting where nursing costs were discussed. Also discussed was an alternate suspension program for students with behavioral issues. Mr. Blumert congratulated Friends of Education award recipients. He reported that he and Mr. Senyk are on the Veterans’ Wall Committee and it is an energetic group.

CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION


RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss attorney-client privilege matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition. No action will be taken.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: MacSweeney	Voice Call Vote: 9-0-0	Time: 8:32 pm
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ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by: Esposito	Second by: Gitin	Voice Vote: 9-0-0	Time: 9:05 pm
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Respectfully,


Gordon E. Gibbs
Board Secretary

FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, February 22, 2024	Board Retreat	7:00 P.M.	PTHS
Monday, March 4, 2024	Workshop Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS