

Sussex-Wantage Regional School District
February 29, 2024
Regular Session Meeting

The Regular Session Meeting of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella, Board President, on February 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sussex Middle Media Center.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Alissa Cecchini, Mr. Nicholas D'Agostino, Mrs. Brittney Simmons, Mrs. Caitlin Space, Mrs. Stevie Vallone, Mrs. Danielle Zill-Barry and Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella

Members Absent: Mrs. Taylor Dely, Mrs. Dorothy Witte

Also in attendance were: Mr. Michael Gall, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Christina M. Riker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney

Roll Call

The following statement was read by Mrs. Tortorella

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Sussex Wantage Regional School District Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the school buildings and notice of said meeting sent to the New Jersey Herald and The Star Ledger.

Open Public Meetings Act

Mrs. Tortorella read the Sussex Wantage School Mission Statement: The Sussex Wantage Regional School District is a responsive, caring, child-centered community. Our mission is to educate each individual to become a confident, competent, lifelong learner and productive, responsible citizen, by providing challenging opportunities in a safe environment through a partnership of families, schools and communities.

Mission Statement

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Report

Sussex Middle School Students of the Month:

- 6th grade – Grace Green (not in attendance)
- 7th grade – Hailee Sadowski
- 8th grade – Cameron Link

SMS Students of the Month

Mr. Schwarz was joined by Mr. Gall. He reported that besides Students of the Month, Sussex Middle School would be looking to also have Students of the Week this school year. Mr. Schwarz gave brief introductions of each of the students, including staff reasons for selection. All students that were in attendance and came forward to receive a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Gall reported on the following to the Board and Public:

- Congratulations to all the recipients.
- Congratulations to Sussex Middle School's Basketball teams. Both the boys and the girls teams performed extremely well. Special thanks to Mr. Tironi and Mr. Posey who won this year's championship with our boys squad.
- Also special thanks to our cheerleaders under the direction of Mrs. Birnbaum. It was a great season.
- Special thanks to our Ski Club advisors for a great season as well and also to the volunteer chaperones.
- Committee Meeting Notes:
 - Curriculum and Special Services
 - Having conversations with High Point High School with their work-based Learning Preschool Integration. Would be based at Lawrence and that there would perhaps be a daily opportunity to interact with children.
 - District started extra support after school programs.
 - Policy Committee did not meet but are continuing to enhance the District Head Lice policy by including follow-up screenings and period screenings at the onset of the school year.
 - Buildings & Grounds
 - WES stairs front exterior stairwell is all set to go out to bid.
 - SMS window replacement on the front of the building and wrapping around the side by the pet store. Will be energy efficient and this is also set to go out to bid.
 - SMS greenhouse is also ready to go out to bid and item is on the agenda for approval tonight.
 - CEL heat pumps – material is in, but due to location of the units it will be easier to complete over Spring Break.
 - CEL Pre-K playground – we are looking to expand the playground that was completed last year. Vendor's initial proposal was not what we wanted, so they are working on another plan.
 - SMS roof - has a few leaks due to the winter ice/snow. Roof vendor will be out on Friday to address.
 - SMS auditorium HVAC – vendor was out to address punch list items.
 - CEL filter project – vendor has finished everything this past week.
 - SMS boiler – vendor installed the surface blowdown valve last week. Boiler is running as it should be.
 - Pre-K Advisory Council met led by Mrs. Cecchini
 - Reported that everything is going well. Met with just our internal campus staff. In the future, we will invite our off campus private providers.
 - One challenge moving forward is space. We will registration for next school year in the next couple week.
 - Following up on a few supply orders. It was also suggested that newer teachers would benefit from additional training in assessment tools. Mrs. Themelakis has that tentatively scheduled for the opening days of school next year.

Audience Remarks:

- None.

Audience
Remarks

Board Secretary Certification – read by Mrs. Riker

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), I certify that as of January 31, 2024 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a).

Board
Secretary
Certification

Approval of Board Minutes:

Moved by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve following minutes:

January 25, 2024 Regular & Executive Session

Carried; Yes 6, No 0, Absent 2, Abstain 1 (Zill-Barry)

Approval of
Board
Minutes

Personnel:

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following substitute teachers, nurses, teacher assistants, secretaries, bus drivers, and custodians as listed for the 2023-2024 school year.*

Personnel

Substitute
Approval

Teacher

Jennifer Cary
Caitlin Cummings
Devin Horlacher
Julianne Olinger

Teacher Assistant

Maria Barry
Caitlin Cummings
Devin Horlacher
Julianne Olinger

(*All new substitutes and appointments are required to comply with State Statute regarding fingerprinting, security checks and appropriate legal agency clearance, and also Federal Employment)

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board accept the retirement of Janell Kallimanis, Music Teacher, Sussex Middle School, effective July 1, 2024 with thanks for over 35 years of service to the District.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Retirement –
SMS

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board terminate the

Termination

employment of Employee # [REDACTED] effective December 22, 2023.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board accept the resignation of Mariana Granoble, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, Sussex Middle School, effective February 16, 2024.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Resignation –
SMS TA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board accept the resignation of Jill Klaasen, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Sussex Middle School, effective April 22, 2024.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Resignation –
SMS LDT-C

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Meghan Barr, Special Education Teacher, Sussex Middle School, MA, Step 1, \$62,896.00 (prorated), effective March 01, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
SMS Spec Ed
Teacher

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Maria Barry, 3.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, C.E. Lawrence School, Step 1, \$19.43 per hour, effective March 01, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 12:00pm to 3:30pm.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
CEL 3.5 TA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Brittany Caldwell, Long Term Leave Replacement 1st Grade Teacher, C.E. Lawrence School, BA, Step 1, \$59,036.00 (prorated) effective on or about March 01, 2024 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year and from September 02, 2024 to on or about October 11, 2024.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

LT Leave
Replace –
CEL 1st Grade
Teacher

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Melissa Scevola, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, Wantage School, Step 1, \$19.43 per hour, effective March 01, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 9:15am - 3:15pm with a ½ hour unpaid lunch.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
WES 5.5 TA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Jacalyn Lemise, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, Sussex Middle School, Step 1, \$19.43 per hour, effective March 01, 2024 or upon receipt of fingerprint clearance for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 9:30am - 3:30pm with a ½ hour unpaid lunch.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
SMS 5.5 TA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Kimberly Rome, Playground/Cafeteria Aide, C. E. Lawrence School, \$15.83 per hour, effective March 01, 2024 or upon receipt of fingerprint clearance, for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 10:35am - 12:50pm.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
CEL
Play/Café

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Nicole Caldwell, full-time Administrative Secretary, Sussex Middle School, Step 1, \$43,590.00 (prorated), effective March 01, 2024, for the 2023-2024 school year.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
SMS FT
Secretary

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Karen Duane, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, C.E. Lawrence School, Step 1, \$19.43 per hour, effective March 01, 2024 or upon receipt of fingerprint clearance for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 9:00am - 3:00pm with a ½ hour unpaid lunch.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
CEL 5.5 TA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Jennifer Cary, 5.5 hour Special Education Teacher Assistant, C.E. Lawrence School, Step 1, \$19.43 per hour, effective March 01, 2024 or upon receipt of fingerprint clearance for the 2023-2024 school year. Shift is 8:30am - 2:30pm with a ½ hour unpaid lunch.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

New Hire –
CEL 5.5 TA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Mary Jo Vroegindewey, Long Term Leave Replacement Social Worker, Sussex Middle School, MA, Step 5, \$64,786.00 (prorated), effective March 01, 2024 to on or about May 03, 2024.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

LT Leave –
SMS Social
Worker

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following personnel to provide nursing services for a student participating in after school activities at their regular hourly rate of pay as follows below. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Afterschool
TA's

Date(s)	Name	Hours	After School Activity
01/26/24 make up for snow day 01/16/24 02/02/24 add'l day added	Pamela Flynn	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Play Practices

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following personnel to fulfill IEP requirements for students participating in before or after school activities as follows below. Stipend rate is \$16.00 per hour. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Before or
Afterschool
TA's

Date(s)	Name	Additional Hours	Before/After School Activity
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01/18, 01/24, 01/29/24	Laura Lau	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Home Basketball Games
01/30/24	Dehlila Savo	3:30pm - 5:30pm 2.0 hours	SMS Basketball Marketplace
02/01/24	Sarah Bakonyi	3:30pm - 4:45pm 1 hour, 15 minutes	SMS Home Basketball Game
01/18, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 02/29, 03/07, 03/14, 03/21, 03/28, 04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16, 05/23, 05/30/24	Loriann Clarke	7:25am - 8:25am 1.0 hour	SMS Vintage Gaming

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following personnel for additional hours of attendance to fulfill IEP requirements as follows at their regular hourly rate of pay, unless otherwise noted:

Additional Hours TA's

Name	Date	Add'l Hours Worked	Add'l Time
Elizabeth VanHorn	01/29/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Linda Kuperus	01/30/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Dehlila Savo	01/30/24	2:20pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour, 10 minutes
Linda Kuperus	02/02/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Amy Hickey	02/02/24	7:30am - 8:30am	1.0 hour
Linda Kuperus	02/05/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Gina Rueda-Angotti	02/06/24	3:30pm - 4:30pm	1.0 hour
Brianna DeAngelo	02/06/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Linda Kuperus	02/07/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Elizabeth VanHorn	02/14/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Melissa Stoll	02/15/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Elizabeth VanHorn	02/15/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Elizabeth VanHorn	02/20/24	8:30am - 9:30am	1.0 hour
Linda Kuperus	02/22/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour
Jennifer Beco	02/22/24	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1.0 hour

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following personnel for one hour and forty-five minutes (8:25am to 10:10am) of attendance at RTI Data meetings on February 28, 2024 at their regular hourly rate of pay:

Additional Hours for RTI Data Meetings

Lisa VanWyk
Danuta Wolak

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the

following personnel for one (1.0) hour (9:10am - 10:10am) of attendance at RTI meetings on February 13, 2024 at their regular hourly rate of pay:

Additional
Hours for RTI
Meetings

Danuta Wolak
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the revision of the following resolution that was approved at the December 21, 2023 Board of Education meeting:

Revise
12-21-23
Resolution

It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel to fulfill IEP requirements for students participating in after school activities as follows below. Stipend rate is \$16.00 per hour. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Date(s)	Name	Additional Hours	After School Activity
01/11/24	Sarah Bakonyi	9:00am - 9:30am 30 minutes	District Choir Day at HPRHS
02/01/24	Jennifer Beco	3:30pm - 5:00pm 1.5 hours	SMS End of Season Basketball Party

To read as follows:

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following personnel to fulfill IEP requirements for students participating in after school activities as follows below. Stipend rate is \$16.00 per hour. No stipend is paid if activity does not occur or if the student is not present.

Date(s)	Name	Additional Hours	After School Activity
01/11/24	Sarah Bakonyi	8:30am - 9:30am 1.0 hour	District Choir Day at HPRHS
02/05/24	Jennifer Beco	3:30pm - 5:00pm 1.5 hours	SMS End of Season Basketball Party

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following teachers as Chaperones at the High Point District Music Celebration on January 18, 2024, at the contract rate of \$40.00 per hour:

High Point
Music
Chaperones

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
Janell Kallimanis	2.5	\$100.00
Kelly Felsen	3.0	\$120.00
Justine Doherty	3.0	\$120.00

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following transfer for the 2023-2024 school year effective as noted below::

2023-2024
Staff
Transfers

Name	From	at School	To	at School	Effective
Nicole Mitchell	MD	WES	MD	CEL	02/27/24
Carla Kubrin	FT BSI	CEL	PT Pull out resource/PT RTI	CEL	02/22/24

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Katrine Lally, Substitute School Nurse, for two and three-quarters (2.75) hours of orientation with the 1:1 nurse at Sussex Middle School at the substitute nurse rate of pay (prorated).

Sub Nurse
Orientation
Hours

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the following personnel for attendance at the My Teaching Strategies - Creative Curriculum Preschool Grant Training held on December 19, 2023 from 8:30am to 3:30pm (less ½ hour lunch).

PS Teacher
Attendance
for Curriculum
Training

Name	Hours	Rate	Total
Krista Feldmann	7.5	\$20.69	\$155.17
Sara Hernandez	7.5	\$20.69	\$155.17
Kristina Ulrich	7.5	\$20.69	\$155.17

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the payment of Track Officials for the Sussex Middle School home track meet, scheduled for April 18, 2024, 3:45pm - 5:30pm as follows:

4-18-24 Track
Officials

- 1 (one) Starter: \$50
- 14 (fourteen) Officials: \$35

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for a continuous, FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence, utilizing accumulated sick days, beginning February 29, 2024 to April 05, 2024. Anticipated return to work date is April 08, 2024.

FMLA/NJFLA
LOA

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve the revision of the following resolution that was approved at the December 21, 2023 Board of Education meeting:

Revise
12-21-23
Resolution

It is recommended that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for a continuous, unpaid, non-FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from on or about February

12, 2024 to on or about May 03, 2024. Anticipated return to work date is May 06, 2024.

To read as follows:

It is recommended that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for a continuous, unpaid, non-FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from February 02, 2024 to on or about May 03, 2024. Anticipated return to work date is May 06, 2024.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Non-
FMLA/NJFLA
LOA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board approve Employee # [REDACTED] for an intermittent FMLA/NJFLA designated leave of absence from on or about February 06, 2024 through June 30, 2024 utilizing accumulated leave. Anticipated return to work is September 03, 2024.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Intermittent
FMLA/NJFLA
LOA

Policy:

Policy –

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve the following resolution:

HIB Approval

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the Superintendent’s report of incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (“HIB”) within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent’s recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB on this report;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Superintendent’s recommendations as presented on the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee, has informed the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five (5) days of this Board meeting:

- The nature of the investigation;
- Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
- Whether discipline was imposed;
- Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

Presented to the Board for first review:

- CEL #9
- WES #23
- SMS #13
- SMS #14
- SMS #15
- SMS #16

Presented to the Board for second review/approval:

WES #22

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve the submission and certification of the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) period 1 report (September 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023). Copy provided.

SSDS
September –
December
2023

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Space, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approves on First Reading the following Policies and Regulations:

First Reading

a	Policy 5601	School Clearance Following Crisis Situation (New)
b	Policy 8454	Management of Pediculosis (Revised)

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Finance:

Finance

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve the payment of bills for January 26, 2024 through January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$1,065,257.56 as reviewed and as per the attached check register. Be it further noted that the breakdown by category is as follows: (F1)

Bills List –
End of
January 2024

Fixed	\$	6,430.21
Operating	\$	21,450.30
Salaries	\$	1,037,113.05
Special	\$	<u>264.00</u>
Total	\$	1,065,257.56

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve the payment of bills for February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 in the amount of \$2,255,520.29 as reviewed and as per the attached check register. Be it further noted that the breakdown by category is as follows: (F2)

Bills List –
February
2024

Fixed	\$	917,907.97
Operating	\$	183,992.04
Salaries	\$	856,542.67
Special	\$	<u>297,077.61</u>
Total	\$	2,255,520.29

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we the Trustees of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education, having reviewed the reports of the Board Secretary

and the Treasurer of Monies, certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, for the period ending January 31, 2024.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Board Secretary/
Treasurer Report
January 2024

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's Report for the month of January 2024.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve the attached Transfers for the month of January 2024. (F5)

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Transfers –
January 2024

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve professional day travel, pursuant to policies 0147, 0147A, 3440, and 4440 as per the attached. (F6)

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

PD - Travel

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve COR # 003 for Pennetta Industrial Automation for the Sussex Middle School Boiler Replacement Project as follows:

COR # 003
SMS Boiler
Project -
Pennetta

COR-03: Surface Blow Down Valve	\$ 2,125.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2,125.00

Original Allowance:	\$75,000.00
Amount of Allowance Used:	\$14,091.00
Current Allowance:	\$60,909.00
Amount of this Change Order:	\$ 2,125.00
Remaining Allowance:	\$58,784.00

Deduct Remaining Allowance:	(\$58,784.00)
Final Allowance:	0.00

The original Contract Sum was	\$247,000.00
The net change by previously authorized Change Orders	\$ <u>0.00</u>
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was	\$247,000.00
The Contract Sum will be decreased by this Change Order	(<u>\$ 58,784.00</u>)
The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be	\$188,216.00

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Proposal # 2111537069 from Apple Store for Education Institution for the purchase of five (5) 10.2 inch Apple iPad Wi-Fi 64GB for the PreSchool Program in the amount of \$1,495.00. ***This is to be funded by the PEA funds - Account # 20-218-100-600-000-000.***

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

PS iPad
Purchase -
Apple Store

It is re Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons commended that the Board approve Quote # 021524-01 from R.D. Sales Door and Hardware, LLC for the purchase of push button locks for the following rooms at Sussex Middle School: Faculty Room, Media Center, Room 401 in the amount of \$2,381.87.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

SMS Button
Locks – R.D.
Sales Door

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve the proposal dated 01/20/2024 from Window Film Depot for the purchase and installation of 3M Security Window Film in the Sussex Middle School Cafeteria in the amount of \$5,656.45.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

SMS
Cafeteria
Window Film
– Window
Film Depot

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Quote # CPUSSO-0048733 from Crisis Prevention Institute for the APS Renewal Blended Classroom on June 6, 2024 & June 7, 2024 for CPI District Trainers Dr. Caroline Beischer and Dr. Lena Fantuzzi-Chapman in the amount of \$2,249.00 each for a total cost of \$4,498.00.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Renew
District CPI
Trainers

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board approve Parette Somjen Architects LLC to provide professional services for the Sussex Middle School Greenhouse Project in the amount of \$20,500.00 including reimbursables. ***To be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER).***
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

SMS
Greenhouse –
PSA

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Simmons that the Board authorize and approve the Business Administrator to submit all plans and paperwork for the Sussex Middle School Greenhouse Project as an “Other Capital Project” to the Department of Education for approval. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Business Administrator to update the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) as necessary for this project.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Submit SMS
Greenhouse
to DOE

Special Services:

Special
Services

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve home instruction for student # [REDACTED] for a maximum of ten (10) hours per week, effective immediately, duration TBD.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Home
Instruction

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a request for Educational Services for student # [REDACTED] while at Saint Clare’s Hospital Behavioral Health Unit for one (1) hour per day, five (5) days per week, at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Bedside
Instruction

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an

Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

OT Eval

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve an Occupational Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

OT Eval

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by The Center for Evaluation and Counseling for an amount not to exceed \$750.00.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Risk Assessment

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Physical Therapy Evaluation for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Performance Pediatrics for an amount not to exceed \$479.75.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

PT Eval

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Risk Assessment for student # [REDACTED] to be completed by Dr. Bryan Fennelly for an amount not to exceed \$765.00.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Risk Assessment

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve a Service Agreement with Mountain Lakes Board of Education - Lake Drive for student # [REDACTED] for the following: Psychological Evaluation, Speech/Language Evaluation and an Educational Evaluation for an amount not to exceed \$2,625.00.
Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Multiple Evals

Curriculum:

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Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space that the Board approve the following field trips:

Field Trips

Date	Grade Level/Teacher	Destination, Purpose, Cost
03/05/24	K/Roy, Lewis	Shoprite of Sussex Build a sense of community, reinforce topics in school and learn new things No cost to students
03/06/24	K/Young, VanTassel	Shoprite of Sussex Build a sense of community, reinforce topics in school and learn new things No cost to students
03/07/24	K-2/Maas, Wagner	Food Pantry

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		Culture and Climate Super Bowl Challenge No cost to students
03/13/24	K/Shea, Fryer	Shoprite of Sussex Build a sense of community, reinforce topics in school and learn new things No cost to students
04/10/24	5/All teachers	Sussex Middle School Visit SMS to familiarize for transition No cost to students
04/26/24	4/All Teachers	Sterling Hill Mining Museum Meets Science and Social Studies standards Cost to students \$18.00 Paid by BOE Cost for Teachers/TA's \$15.00 Paid by BOE
04/26/24	7-8/Westling	Piece by Peace, Sparta, NJ Select choir students will collaborate, sing for and sing with special needs adults No cost to students
05/07/24	K/All teachers	Fairview Lake YMCA Reinforce skills and concepts taught at school Total cost \$22.00 Cost to students \$2.00 Cost to BOE \$20.00
05/24/24	6-8/Kallimanis, Toriello	Round 1, Middletown, NY Hear a third party critique about a performance Cost to students between \$100 and \$200 depending on number of students and bussing cost
05/30/24	4/Felsen	Sussex Middle School Dress rehearsal for 4th grade concert No cost to students

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

Unfinished Business

- None.

Unfinished Business

New Business:

- Mrs. Tortorella reminded everyone that from this meeting and forward, Board meetings will be at 6:00 pm. Dates of the meetings will remain the same, just the time change.

New Business

Audience Remarks:

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Remarks

- None.

Executive Session:

Executive
Session

WHEREAS, this Board is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from that portion of this meeting for purposes of discussing specific matters as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and,

WHEREAS, this Board intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, in Executive Session,

WHEREAS, at this time the Board cannot determine the time when the discussion to be held in Executive Session will be made public, but will disclose the minutes of the Executive Session when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Sussex Wantage Regional Board of Education that this meeting shall be adjourned to an Executive Session (closed session) and the public will be excluded in order that the Board may discuss the items listed below, and upon reconvening this public meeting the Board President will announce, if possible, the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public. This resolution is authorized and allowed by and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13.

The general nature of the subject to be discussed per N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 (a):

Legal & Student Matters

Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that the Board go into executive session at 6:18 pm. Mrs. Tortorella advised the public that the Board would be in executive session for approximately thirty (30) to forty-five (45) minutes and that action may be taken afterwards.

At 6:40 pm, Mr. Gall advised the public that the Board would need an additional twenty (20) minutes in Executive Session.

The Board returned to public session at 7:23 pm.

Moved by Mr. D'Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that the Board approve the following resolution:

Resolved, following a disciplinary hearing on February 29, 2024, the Board of Education hereby affirms the long-term suspension of Student # [REDACTED] for the period of January 31, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Carried: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2

LT Suspension
of Student

Adjourn-
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Moved by Mrs. Vallone, seconded by Mrs. Space to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Riker
Board Secretary