

**GENERAL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA  
FOR INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM, OPERATIONS,  
FISCAL MANAGEMENT, PERSONNEL AND GOVERNANCE  
March 20, 2024**

**INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM**

- I&P-1. Approve submission of the 2024 Local Recreational Improvement grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to install an artificial in-filled grass surface/field turf at Eastside High School, in the amount of \$100,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-2. Approve submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Education to apply for funding to develop and implement one advanced computer science course in Cybersecurity or Artificial Intelligence (AI), under the program Expanding Access to Computer Science High School Courses, from June 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-3. Approve submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Education to apply for funding to prepare students to understand how and why climate change happens, the impact it has on our local and global communities, and how to act in informed and sustainable ways, under the initiative Expanding Access to Climate Change Education and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards through Interdisciplinary Learning and Community Resilience, from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025, in the amount of \$31,875.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-4. Approve submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Education to apply for funding to support a successful launch of the AP African American Studies course, under the program Establishing Advanced Placement African American Studies Grant, from April 1, 2024 to December 30, 2024, in the amount of \$10,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-5. Approve submission of an application for the PSE&G Foundation – Sustainable Jersey Grant to support Green Team Activities and achieving certification for STEAM High School in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program, for the 2024-2025 school year. **APPROVED**
- I&P-6. Approve permission to respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP) from the Passaic County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), to operate a General Assistance and TANF Programs for the Workfirst New Jersey Program under the Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program, for the project period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$200,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-7. Approve acceptance of the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC) grant award of seventy (70) CrowdStrike antivirus software licenses, with a zero cost for the first year, and a total cost of an amount not to exceed \$3,591.00 for years 2 through 4. **APPROVED**
- I&P-8. Approve acceptance of a NASA-sponsored grant, through the New Jersey Space Grant Consortium at Rutgers University, to be used toward additional planetarium and planetarium programming enhancements, in the amount of \$3,000.00. **APPROVED**

- I&P-9. Approve the partnership between School No. 28/PAGT and the Community Foundation of New Jersey, to subsidize students' cost to make the Winter4Kids Ski Program a reality, for the 2023-2024 school year, in the grant amount of \$21,033.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-10. Approve the partnership between School No. 28/PAGT and New York Life Foundation and the Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative, to serve students and families, in the grant amount of \$500.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-11. Approve the purchase of World Language Resources from Savvas Learning Company, for grades 6-12, of Auténtico Levels 1, 2 and 3, Auténtico Level A and B, Abriendo Paso Lectura, AP Spanish Prep for Language Exam and Realidades 4, for the 2024-2030 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$541,426.25. **APPROVED**
- I&P-12. Approve the purchase of French Language Resources from Vista Higher Learning, for grades 9-12, of Daccord Levels 1 and 2, for the 2024-2030 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$45,445.30. **APPROVED**
- I&P-13. Approve the partnership with Rutgers Cooperative Extension to provide SNAP Gap materials, supplies, food, incentives, and services to support the promotional events and to provide stipends for additional staff as needed to host the Bloom With Knowledge community event at School No. 24, in the grant amount of \$25,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-14. Approve the partnership with Girls on the Run at School No. 20, in grades 3-5, to build emotional skills, fitness and create relationships between girls in the program and their coaches, during the 2023-2024 school year, in the amount of \$500.00 for custodial and security services. **APPROVED**
- I&P-15. Approve the partnership with Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey, for implementation of the Teen LINKS (Leaders Influencing Neighbors with Knowledge of Sexuality) Program at John F. Kennedy, Eastside, International High Schools, and Alonzo T. Moody Academy, from April 2024 to March 2025, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-16. Approve utilization of carryover funds from the 2022 Full Service Community Schools Program Grant for School No. 16 and Alonzo T. Moody Academy, in partnership with Oasis to expand services by \$25,310.00 to add additional youth development specialists and accommodate for staff yearly increments, Health N Wellness will expand services by \$5,000.00 to add funding for treatment coordination, Metis Associates will expand services by \$8,000.00 to accommodate increased reporting requirements and advisory participation, and William Paterson University will increase by \$500 to add one intern to the Cultural Adjustment Program for students at School No. 16, during Year 2, January 2024 through December 2024, in the amount of \$38,810.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-17. Approve full-service district and community partner staff members to attend the 2024 National Community Schools and Family Engagement Conference, from May 27-31, 2024, in Atlanta, GA, at an amount not to exceed \$33,517.12 funded by the Full-Service federal grants. **APPROVED**
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- I&P-19. Approve out of district placement/educational services for students. **APPROVED**

- I&P-20. Approve the amended list of field trip destination sites for the 2023-2024 school year. **APPROVED**
- I&P-21. Approve a field trip for staff and students of the International High Globe Trotters Club at International High School, to Italy and Spain, as a means of furthering an understanding of global prospective, from April 18, 2025, to April 27, 2025, with the cost incurred by the student and fundraising activities. **APPROVED**
- I&P-22. Approve a field trip for staff and students on the John F. Kennedy High School track team to participate in the 2024 Penn Relays Carnival at Franklin Field, in Philadelphia, PA, April 25-27, 2024, at a cost of \$5,683.40. **APPROVED**

## **OPERATIONS**

- O-24. Approve entering into an agreement with Elimu for Liberation LLC, to provide professional development in culturally relevant and culturally responsive teaching, anti-racist education and the experiences of diverse/multicultural students, in particular African descendants (including Afrolatinos), at School No. 16, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **APPROVED**
- O-25. Approve entering into an agreement with Quality Behavioral Solutions (QBS), to provide professional development to recertify five district staff members, to certify district stakeholders as instructors in recognizing the existence of mental illness and addictions, and develop mental health action plans to support individual(s) who may be in crisis towards resources that can support treatment and recovery, from April 9, 2024 to June 30, 2024, at an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. **APPROVED**
- O-26. Approve the online International Baccalaureate training for (2) English teachers to attend the category 2 IB language and literature training, (1) science teacher to attend IB physics category 2 training, (1) science teacher to attend IB biology training category 2, (2) science teachers to attend IB Environmental Systems and Societies training category 2, (2) math teachers to attend category 2 IB math applications training, and (2) administrators to attend IB Cohort expansion training category 3, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00. **APPROVED**
- O-27. Approve entering into a jointure agreement with Gloucester County Special Services (Hammonton Board of Education) to transport regular and special needs students to in-district and out-of-district schools, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$20,000.00. **APPROVED**
- O-28. Approve entering into a jointure agreement with Gloucester County Special Services (Winslow Township School District) to transport regular and special needs students to in-district and out-of-district schools, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$20,000.00. **APPROVED**
- O-29. Approve award of quoted transportation contracts to various schools in-district and out-of-district, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$92,678.00. **APPROVED**
- O-30. Approve award of contracts for Student Transportation Services (PPS-558-24) to transport special needs and regular education students to in-district and out-

of-district schools, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$107,193.00. **APPROVED**

- O-31. Approve ratification of addendums to various transportation contracts for additional mileage for students outside of Paterson, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$40,365.66. **APPROVED**
- O-32. Approve ratification of addendums to various transportation contracts for an additional 1:1 aide for students outside of Paterson, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$38,838.97. **APPROVED**
- O-33. Approve ratification of addendums to various transportation contracts for additional days for students outside of Paterson, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an approximate amount of \$12,320.00. **APPROVED**
- O-34. Approve renewal of contracts for Student Transportation Services – School Related Activities for Field Trips, Athletics & On-Call Transportation Services (PPS-550-24), to Aldin Trans Corp., Joshua Tours, and Madison Coach, for the 2024-2025 school year. **APPROVED**
- O-35. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of November 2023, in which there were 59 incidents reported, and there were 23 being founded cases and 36 being unfounded cases. **APPROVED**
- O-36. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of December 2023, in which there were 34 incidents reported, and there were 15 being founded cases and 19 being unfounded cases. **APPROVED**
- O-37. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of January 2024, in which there were 24 incidents reported, and there were 5 being founded cases and 19 being unfounded cases. **APPROVED**
- O-38. Approve attendance for nine (9) board and staff members to attend conferences/workshops, in the amount of \$10,616.53. **APPROVED**

### **FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- F-39. Approve payment of bills and claims dated through March 20, 2024, beginning with check number 241629 and ending with check number 241895, along with direct deposit number 1998 and ending with 2007, in the amount of \$17,697,129.14, and wires in the amount of \$9,836,931.00, for a total amount of \$29,534,060.14. **APPROVED**
- F-40. Approve transfer of funds within the 2023-2024 school year budget for the month of January 2024, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations. **APPROVED**
- F-41. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Board Secretary A148, for the month of January 2024. **APPROVED**

- F-42. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Reconciliation of Bank Account Statements, for the month of January 2024. **APPROVED**
- F-43. Approve payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated February 15, 2024, beginning with check number 1018197 and ending with check number 1018298 and direct deposit number D003582259 and ending with D003590747 in the amount of \$13,194,082.22, and payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated February 29, 2024, beginning with check number 1018299 and ending with check number 1018425 and direct deposit number D003590748 and ending with D003595594 in the amount of \$13,866,092.78. **APPROVED**
- F-44. Approve acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Auditors' Management Report on Administrative Findings, as prepared by the audit firm of Wielkott & Co., P.A., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the Corrective Action Plan to the "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report" and "Auditors' Management Report" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, to forward to the County Superintendent with the minutes of the meeting together with the Corrective Action Plan and Audit Synopsis. **APPROVED**
- F-45. Approve award of a contract for Professional Audit Services to Wielkott & Company, LLC, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00. **APPROVED**
- F-46. Approve award of a contract to Extra Duty Solutions, to provide off duty police services rendered by the Paterson Police Department at the District Security Office, Eastside High School, and John F. Kennedy High School, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly rate of \$46.00. **APPROVED**
- F-47. Approve award of a contract to Extra Duty Solutions, to provide off duty police services rendered by the Paterson Police Department at the District Security Office, Eastside High School, and John F. Kennedy High School, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly rate of \$46.00. **APPROVED**
- F-48. Approve award of contracts for Health/Medical Supplies and Related (PPS-107-25) to School Health Corp., Medco Supply, BSN Sports, and Henry Schein, Inc., on a catalog discount basis, for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, in total, annually. **APPROVED**
- F-49. Approve award of an emergency contract to AME, for the Emergency Declaration submitted to the County Office on January 18, 2024, for the SAGE Building—Newcomers High School and PACE Continuing Education Program, for a broken water main, affecting the health or safety of the occupants. **APPROVED**

## **PERSONNEL**

- P-50. Approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools for adoption at the March 20, 2024, board meeting. **APPROVED**
- P-51. Approve award of a contract for Substitute Staffing Services, to ESS Northeast LLC, for the 2023-2024 school year, in the amount of \$3,500,000.00. **APPROVED**

## **GOVERNANCE**

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## **ADDITIONAL**

I&P-53. Approve the implementation of the “Bee Program” in collaboration with the Paterson Police Department, to provide workshops and seminars for students and families, and opportunities for relevant community service and community forums that are tied to curricular goals, for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**

I&P-54. Approve entering into an agreement with St. Joseph’s University Medical Center to provide an appropriately credentialed physician to provide School Physician services during regular operating hours for a minimum of one day per week, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. **APPROVED**

O-55. Approve the partnership with Connect for Freedom Inc., to provide professional development training and materials, lesson plans for staff, awareness campaigns targeting students and families, to combat human trafficking, for the 2023-2024 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**

F-56. Approve acceptance of the New Jersey School Development Authority (NJSDA) FY24 Emergent Capital Maintenance Needs Grant, to be used for the School No. 3 asbestos abatement, and at Eastside High School for its interior corridor doors and cafeteria flooring, in the amount of \$3,500,152.00. **APPROVED**

F-57. Authorize the execution of various documents in connection with the Passaic County Improvement Authority’s Passaic County Municipal Lease Program, with the maximum principal amount of obligations expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the property is \$12,295,571.72. **APPROVED**

F-58. Approve the Shared Services Agreement by and between the County of Passaic, for the delivery, loading, pickup, and storage of rock salt, for a five-year term, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**

F-59. Approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paterson Police Department, which provides law enforcement authorities with the capacity to activate the equipment and view the live streaming video from a school, to allow for critical decisions using real-time awareness of emergency situations. **APPROVED**

G-60. Approve award of a contract for outside legal counsel to Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC, for the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly rate of \$160.00 for all attorneys, at an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **APPROVED**

I&P-61. Approve submission/acceptance of a sub-grant from Health Coalition of Passaic County, to conduct outreach, engage uninsured and/or undocumented families and their children and provide New Jersey Family Care application assistance, and promote health equity and advancement of trust between immigrant communities and the New Jersey Family Care program, from March through June 2024, for a reimbursement up to \$20,000.00. **APPROVED**