

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

May 20, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Remote - Zoom

Presiding: Comm. Kenneth Simmons, President

Present:

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susana Peron, Deputy Superintendent
Boris Zaydel, Esq., General Counsel

Comm. Vincent Arrington
Comm. Emanuel Capers
Comm. Jonathan Hodges

Comm. Manuel Martinez, Vice President
Comm. Joel Ramirez
Comm. Nakima Redmon

Absent:

Comm. Oshin Castillo
Comm. Corey Teague

The Salute to the Flag was led by Comm. Simmons.

Comm. Simmons read the Open Public Meetings Act:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meetings of the Paterson Public School District, as well as other public bodies at which any business affecting the interest of the public is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Paterson Public School District has caused notice of this meeting:

**Regular Meeting
May 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Remote - Zoom
90 Delaware Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey**

to be published by having the date, time and place posted in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Paterson, at the entrance of the Paterson Public School offices, on the district's website, and by sending notice of the meeting to the Arab Voice, El Diario, the Italian Voice, the North Jersey Herald & News, and The Record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was moved by Comm. Martinez, seconded by Comm. Redmon that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be opened. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

No speakers.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Ramirez that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be closed. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Shafer: Thank you, Mr. President. I think the Board remembers last year there was a Mr. Heron who had OPRA requested the Board members' email and home addresses. We denied the OPRA request and Mr. Heron pushed the issue to the state. After some back and forth, the Department of Community Affairs just this week agreed to deny that OPRA request. Board members' emails and addresses are not OPRA-ble. I just wanted to share that with you. This week, just for my Superintendent's notes and we emailed these to the Board, briefly we held all high school senior meetings. We met with every one of our high schools and talked to the seniors about Credit Recovery, college acceptances, graduation requirement, and virtual graduations that we're now going to have to have according to the Governor's executive order. We talked to them about counseling services that they could get in touch with their guidance counselor if they had any issues at all. We have what's called now a Status of Seniors where you can find out as a senior where you stand as it relates to graduation. Those meetings were well received. During the meeting, the students could ask questions. We save the questions until the end and we were able to get back to the seniors. Today, we did hold a virtual memorial service for Dr. Glisson and it was open to all district staff and students, as well as community members. Special thanks to David Cozart, Pamela Powell, Comm. Arrington, Assemblyman Benji Wimberly, Reverend William Cash and Marlo Cozart. It was a very nice memorial for him and sendoff. We had a song sung by Marlo and we had a photo gallery by Comm. Arrington. We had prayers by Reverend Cash and some remarks by Assemblyman Wimberly. Many staff members and people that he really had a positive impact on their life spoke as well. It lasted almost three hours and it was well received. I think it was something that was definitely warranted since this pandemic. You have no opportunity to grieve like we know how to grieve. There is no hugging and kissing and consoling anyone and it's all done through technology. I think at some point when we get through this pandemic, there will be a lot of individuals grieving for Dr. Glisson as well as other family members and community members because it's just not the way that we're used to grieving. We will make sure that we're prepared when it comes time for our students when we reopen. Again, there will be virtual graduations. We will get you the schedule of when they will be. But there will be no in-person graduations and that came from the Commissioner of Education and the Governor. We also started having community forms in every Ward because we wanted to make sure that parents knew about graduation, about grading, about the packets, about Chromebooks, and summer school. We are putting together a plan so that when we reopen, we'll be ready. We just wanted to update the community and parents as to where we are. We have one more community forum tomorrow night. They all start at 6:00. Again, individuals have an opportunity to ask us questions and we answer before the end of the meeting. We're getting a lot of folks to tune into those meetings and it might be something we want look at, but we had over 100 participants at a community forum. That was good to know. We are also doing the Superintendent roundtable discussions. Last week, we had a roundtable with the instructional assistants and paraprofessionals. Yesterday, we had a roundtable with teachers. We had 252 teachers that participated in that meeting. They had a lot of questions as well. They were concerned about reopening. What is it going to look like? We reassured them that we have a small team right now that's putting together a framework. Once we have that template, then we're going to open it up to parents, teachers, and principals. Everyone will be at the table because eventually it is going to affect everyone and we want to hear feedback from all constituents. Next week, we will have a parent

roundtable and also a roundtable with the clergy. Third marking period report cards are on Infinite Campus on a parent portal. We urge parents to look at the report card on the portal. If you're not signed up or you don't have an account on the parent portal, please go to your school website and there is a contact person, a point person, where you can get that information and then you'll be able to have an account and you'll be able to see your child's report card. We're going to continue to get that information out so that parents know between Robo-calls and social media so that parents can sign up for the parent portal. Do you know that we have a variety of professional development for Google Classroom and for all of our teachers? It started on May 4th and it's currently scheduled through May 21st. As of May 19, 69 professional development sessions have been offered to teachers and we have over 1,400 participants who have joined the sessions. At least the teachers are taking advantage of this. There are different levels. You can have beginners, intermediate, and advanced. We have over 1,400 participants. We're going to continue to push because we're not sure what's going to happen with this virus once we get through the summer and get into fall and we want to be prepared. That concludes my report, Mr. President.

REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Comm. Simmons: Thank you, Madam Superintendent. Everyone is aware of the new school that is being built on Union Avenue. As such, the School Naming Committee will meet tomorrow because we need to submit a name to the SDA for the school. We thought that we would have time to do that, but the name actually needs to be submitted during the construction phase so that the plaque or wherever the name goes is outfitted properly. This process will actually be expedited simply because we have to get that name to the SDA by the end of June. Once we meet tomorrow, we will start that process. Cheryl will put up the application because now there's an application process for people to submit names. We will also make sure that Board members have a copy of the new policy for naming. Anyone can submit a name but the process just has to be expedited. It won't follow the usual channels. I'm just giving everyone a heads up. Normally, this is a three-month process, but because we have to have that name submitted by the end of June, we'll expedite the process. Are there any questions around that?

Comm. Arrington: Mr. President, we'll have an opportunity to submit the candidates once we receive the paperwork?

Comm. Simmons: Yes, the paperwork will be available on the district website.

Comm. Arrington: Okay. Do you know when it will be posted so we can submit a name?

Ms. Shafer: Tomorrow.

Comm. Arrington: Thank you, Madam Superintendent.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Items Requiring a Vote

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Comm. Simmons presented the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Executive Session and the March 16, 2020 Special Meeting, and asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Arrington that the minutes be accepted with any necessary corrections. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION ITEMS (1-24)

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, Paterson - A Promising Tomorrow's Goal 1 is Teaching & Learning: to create a student-centered learning environment to prepare students for career, college readiness and lifelong learning; and;

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey under NJAC 6A:8-3.1, requires district boards of education to ensure that the district curriculum is designed and delivered to demonstrate knowledge and skills specified in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law requires each school district to adopt annually the curriculum and courses approved for the schools of the district, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NIQSAC) stipulates that the District Board of Education approves curriculum that supports student achievement of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in every school for all students, and

WHEREAS, the attached documents indicate the proposed 9-12 grade curricula and courses of studies as follows; and

- AP Computer Science Principles

WHEREAS, the proposed curricula feature alignment to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, that have been determined by the New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Paterson Public Schools Board of Education approves the attached curricula for implementation in the Paterson Public Schools.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, the district's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, Priority I is to provide Effective Academic Programs; and

WHEREAS, The School Funding Reform Act, P.L. 2007, c260(SFRA), adopted in January of 2008, provides for the expansion of high quality preschool program to all age and income eligible at risk preschool children in New Jersey;

WHEREAS, This Agreement seeks to ensure that pursuant to the SFRA, the high quality preschool program offered by the Provider contracting with the District shall meet the educational needs of the eligible three-and-four year-old preschool children of the

District through the coordination of all the federal, state and local public and private community resources; and

WHEREAS, The district will continue its partnership between the public schools, the early childhood programs and the 23 community providers to expand and enhance high quality services to the district's young children and their families. The Paterson Public School District uses a network of community providers under a subcontract agreement to provide quality preschool services to residents three and four year old children. The Department of Early Childhood is committed to providing leadership in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education and prepare our children for academic success in future grades.

WHEREAS, the district will assure access to comprehensive services including early childhood curriculum, consistent with the philosophy of developmentally appropriate practices and sensitive to the cultural and linguistic diversity of our population, and access to comprehensive services including, medical, dental, mental health, nutrition and social services. The preschool providers use the State Department of Education and the Paterson Public schools Board approved curriculum: Teaching Strategies: The Creative Curriculum for Preschool. This nationally validated program is aligned with the NJ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards, provide methods for inclusion of students with disabilities; has research-based content and teaching strategies and is developmentally appropriate for young children using the State Mandated Preschool Program Implementation Guidelines and the Self-Assessment Validation System (SAVS) process. The Department of Early Childhood Education has submitted an Early Childhood Program Three Year Plan 2019-2022 that was approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education on November 20, 2018, Resolution No. 1&P#1, and the Preschool Program Enrollment and Budget Projections Workbook for the 2020-2021 school year, which was, approved on April 22, 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Paterson Public Schools Early Childhood Program Aid awarded for the 2020-2021 school year is \$49,633,430 supplemented with \$4,899,167 of prior preschool carryover and \$2,741,443 in district funds for a total of \$57,274,040 of which approximately \$41,067,058 will be used to enter into the contractual agreements with 23 licensed community early childhood centers to provide preschool services.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Paterson Public Schools enter into contractual agreements with 23 licensed community early childhood centers to operate and provide preschool services. These services will consist of 6 hours and fifty-five minutes of a comprehensive educational program for Paterson resident children, ages three and four years old, for 185 academic days exclusive of any extended year or summer programming between July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. See list of provider centers (attached).

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, The Department of Early Childhood Education's (DECE) goal number 1: the DECE will work to maintain and promote high standards of achievement for all students and DECE goal number 2: will promote accessibility to research and resources to assure quality professional development that is on-going and systematic for all and is aligned to the District's Strategic Plan Goal Area number 1: Teaching and Learning & Goal Area number 4: Social/Emotional Learning;

WHEREAS, The District's Strategic Plan Goal Area number 1 Objective number 1 is to create high quality opportunities for educators to deliver research based strategies that will ignite motivation and promote lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, The District's Plan Goal Area number 1 Objective number 5 is to increase educators' capacity to utilize technological resources and strategies to prepare students to become future ready leaders;

WHEREAS, The District's Plan Goal Area number 4: Social/Emotional Learning, Objective number 1 is to create a culture that recognizes the need to educate the whole child by meeting their social/emotional, academic and physical needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paterson Board of Education support and approve entering into a contract with Teaching Strategies, LLC during the 2020-2021 school year for online assessment portfolios; agreement to provide 825 in-district children's portfolios at \$13.05 each for an amount not to exceed \$10,766,25 for the 2020-2021 academic school year.

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS, establishing and growing viable partnerships with parents, educational institutions, and community organizations is Goal Area #3 of the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2019-2024;

WHEREAS, the District has a long-standing community partnership with St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center ("SJRMC") to provide preventative and restorative dental services at the District's Dental Clinic for uninsured, school-aged children residing in the City of Paterson;

WHEREAS, the parties have decided to continue this partnership for the 2020-2021 school year pursuant to a written agreement dated June 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, this agreement states that SJRMC will provide an appropriately credentialed dentist or dentists to supervise dental hygiene students and provide comprehensive preventative, restorative, and emergency dental treatment to eligible patients at the District's dental clinic during regular operating hours for fifteen (15) hours per week, from September 1, 2020 until July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the District will pay SJRMC for such services at the rate hourly rate of \$90.77, not to exceed \$5,446.20 monthly and \$59,908.20 for the 11-month contract term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the District approves this agreement with St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, accepts the terms and conditions as written, and formally authorizes all action to effectuate same during the 2020-2022 school year for at a total annual cost not to exceed \$59,908.20.

Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS, the District's priority is effective academic programs under the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. The Department of Special Education has aligned programs to meet this priority. The placement of this student will achieve this priority through implementation of his/her IEP; and

WHEREAS, the District is eligible for State Aid-Chapter 193 Non-public and IDEA Federal funding to provide services to Paterson students attending non-public schools; and

WHEREAS, the District will comply with the terms and conditions of the grants and target grant funds for the academic advancement and achievement of the students and expend the funds in the most effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the District Legal Counsel has reviewed the contract with Catapult Learning and found the terms to be acceptable as written;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District accepts the Chapter 193 Funding and approve Catapult Learning to provide services for Paterson students attending Non-public schools for the 2019-2020 school year, as listed below, at a total cost not to exceed \$18,012.00.

April 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020

Chapter 193 Services:

Initial Exam & Classification * \$1,299.65 per pupil x 13 pupils = \$16,895.45 rounding $-.65 = \$16,894.80$

Annual Exam & Classification * \$ 372,40 per pupil x 3 pupils = \$1,117.20

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District encourages open public bidding for goods and services, and

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District recognizes the need for obtaining the lowest responsible bid for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, approving the following routes for student transportation services will support Priority 4, efficient and responsive operation, Goal 3, Increase Accountability for Performance; and

WHEREAS, formal public bids were solicited for student transportation services for the 2019 Extended School Year and 2019-2020 School Year for regular education students; and

WHEREAS, the solicitation was made by a public notice advertisement in the Herald News on Friday, May 24, 2019. Sealed bids were opened and read aloud on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room C, 4th Floor, 90 Delaware Avenue, Paterson, NJ.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation as per attached bid analysis, recommends that the bid for student transportation services for the remainder of the 2019 Extended School Year and 2019-2020 School Year, using PPS Bid#535-20 be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and second and third bidders in the event that the lowest bidder cannot perform as stated in our bid specifications

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each vendor has been notified that no goods or services will be provided to the District without first receiving a fully executed purchase order; and that the terms on the purchase will be honored completely; if the vendor does not agree with the terms on the purchase order, the vendor will not provide any goods or services to the District until such time a new purchase order is completed and delivered with terms the vendor will honor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder to transport regular education students to in-district schools. This shall take effect with the approval signature of the Superintendent. The approximate cost for the PPS Bid#535-20 is \$ 62,985.00 for the 2019 Extended School Year and 2019-2020 School Year.

Contractor	Route #	Per Diem Cost	# of Days	Total Cost
JERSEY KIDS	DB277	323.00	181	\$58,463.00
SARAH	PS2PROG2W	189.00	19	\$ 4,522.00
				Total \$ 62,985.00

Resolution No. 7

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of bills and claims dated May 20, 2020, in the sum of \$5,347,220.76, beginning with check number 222646 and ending with check number 222728, and direct deposit numbers 629 and ending with 640, and wire in the amount of \$2,698,814.27, the grand sum of \$8,046,035.03; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and has been duly audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and has been duly audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator, pursuant to 18A:17-9, has prepared and presented the Board Secretary Report, A-148, for the month of March 2020, and

WHEREAS, the School Board Administrator certifies, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(3), that no line item or program category account has been over expended, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report is in agreement with the Treasurer's Report, A-149, and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report is subject to adjustments following annual audit and Department of Education directions regarding Fund 15's School Based Budgets, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Paterson Public Schools acknowledges receipt and certifies the Board Secretary Report for March 2020 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(4), acknowledging no line items or program category account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Paterson Public Schools hereby incorporates the Board Secretary's Report for the fiscal period ending March 2020, as part of the minutes of this meeting and note the public discussion of same for the minutes; and, that the School Business Administrator be directed to forward to the County Superintendent the minutes together with Treasurer's Report, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of School Monies, pursuant to 18A:17-36, has prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report, A-149, for the month of March 2020, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Paterson Public Schools acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for March 2020 and acknowledges agreement with the March 2020 Board Secretary's Report, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Paterson Public Schools hereby incorporates the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal period ending March 2020, as part of the minutes of this meeting and note the public discussion of same for the minutes; and, that the School Business Administrator be directed to forward to the County Superintendent the minutes together with Treasurer's Report, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator, pursuant to 18A:22-8.1, has prepared and presented for approval the monthly transfer report 1701, for the month of March 2020, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:23A-13.3 requires the Board Secretary and the Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations, all transfers were fully executed consistent with code and policy prior to obligating funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve transfer of funds within the 2019-2020 school year budget, for the month of March 2020, so that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations, as requested by various budget managers, and as identified in the list of transfers attached hereto and shall be made part of the minutes. Furthermore, the transfers were approved by the Department of Education.

Resolution No. 11

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School approves payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated 4/9/2020 for in the grand sum of \$12,131,569.44 beginning with check number 1012289 and ending with check number 1012360 and direct deposit number D003207823 and ending with D003212261.

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School approves payment for the gross payroll direct deposits dated 4/9/2020 for in the grand sum of \$189,827.89 beginning with direct deposit number D003212262 and ending with D003212691.

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School approves payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated 3/31/2020 for in the grand sum of \$12,020,192.54 beginning

with check number 1012361 and ending with check number 1012393 and direct deposit number DO03212692 and ending with D003216784.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and has been duly audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

Resolution No. 12

WHEREAS, Paterson Public Schools (the "District") has a need to purchase the following goods and/or services from a public utility: Net2Phone Sip Trunking phone services and Primary Interface Rate (PRI); and

WHEREAS, goods and/or services that are supplied by a public utility, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities, may be negotiated and awarded by a board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(7); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined to acquire such services through a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5, and without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5; and

WHEREAS, Net2Phone has submitted a proposal offering to provide such services for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, for a total price that will not exceed \$62,049.36 annually; and

WHEREAS, Net2Phone has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Certification which certifies that the vendor has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the District in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Net2phone for the purchase of good/services from a public utility, for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, for a total price that will not exceed \$62,049.36 annually.

Resolution No. 13

WHEREAS, Paterson Public Schools may accept and use for school purposes any donation of money, personal property, or real property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent is permitted to accept and use any such donation valued below \$50,000 without additional Board approval, as authorized by Policy and Regulation 7230;

WHEREAS, various donors (see attached list) have proposed to donate funds for student devices/internet access;

WHEREAS, the approximate value of this donation is \$28,876 and;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has determined that accepting this donation will serve the best interests of the school district and its students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District accepts a donation from various donors valued at approximately \$28,876 to be used for funds for student devices/internet access.

Resolution No. 14

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive proposal for goods and/or services; and

WHEREAS, on the Authorization of the Business Administrator the competitive contracting process NJSA 18A:18A-4,5, using the request for proposal (RFP) document was solicited for Substitute Staff Services, RFP-425-21 for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 school year(s). Fifteen (15) potential vendors were mailed/e-mailed RFP specifications, the list of which can be reviewed in the Purchasing Department, out of which three (3) vendor(s) responded and proposals are on file in the Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, this solicitation was made by advertised public notice appearing in The Record and The Herald News on February 14, 2020. Sealed proposals were opened and read aloud on March 4, 2020 at 11:00 am in the Conference Room, 4th floor, 90 Delaware Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503 by the Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of this contract is in line with the 5 Year Strategic Plan 2019-2024, Goal Area #3: Communications and Connections, and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee Members, it is recommended that this contract be awarded for Substitute Staff Services, RFP-425-21, to Insight Workforce Solutions, based on 18A:18A-4,5; and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Superintendent supports the above-mentioned recommendation that Insight Workforce Solutions be awarded a contract in the amount of not to exceed: Not to exceed \$5,767,553

Resolution No. 15

WHEREAS, The Paterson School District has a need for Outside Legal Counsel; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A; 18A-1 et seq., legal services constitute professional services," and N.J.S.A. 18A; 18A-5(a)(1) permits the awarding of a contract for professional services without the requirement of public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent has the authority to award contracts for professional services and to enter into contractual relationships on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, the following Law Firms were awarded contracts for the 2019/2020 School Year;

WHEREAS, the following Law Firms require additional funding as they represent the District in open legal matters that shall run through the end of the school year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following firms be allotted additional funding, pursuant to the terms of a Professional Services Agreement through June 30, 2020:

ROBERT MURRAY, LLC
621 Shrewsbury Avenue Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00

Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.
25 Independence Blvd. #3
Warren, NJ 07059
NOT TO EXCEED \$29,500.00

Resolution No. 16

WHEREAS, Paterson Public Schools (the "District") has a need to purchase communication equipment and services from Hunter Technologies pursuant to a contract for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property;

WHEREAS, contracts for the purchase of goods or services pursuant to a contract entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property may be awarded by a board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding there for pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10;

WHEREAS, the District intends to enter into a contract with the vendor subject to the terms of NJ State Contract No. T1316-A80802;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Hunter Technologies for the purchase of communication equipment and services, in an amount not to exceed \$334,100 for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

Resolution No. 17

WHEREAS, Paterson Public Schools (the "District") has a need to purchase goods or services from Hunter Technology for the support or maintenance of proprietary communication equipment and services;

WHEREAS, the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary technology, may be negotiated and awarded by a board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18 A-5(a)(19);

WHEREAS, the District has determined to acquire such services through a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5, and without public advertising for bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18 A-5;

WHEREAS, Hunter Technology has submitted a proposal offering to provide such services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022 2023 school years, at no cost for the first year and at a cost not to exceed \$42,078.98 per year for the second and third years of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Technology has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Certification which certifies that the vendor has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the District in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Hunter Technology for the purchase of goods or services to support proprietary communication equipment and services, at no cost for the 2020-2021 school year, and in an amount not to exceed \$42,078.98 per year for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

Resolution No. 18

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District ("District") Human Capital Services has determined the need to procure annual software maintenance services for Kronos Workforce Central from SHI International Corp., located at 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873

WHEREAS, Kronos has managed attendance and absence management for the District since 2009

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18A:18A-5a (19) the District is allowed to procure "support and maintenance of proprietary" goods and/or services by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of services and/or software from SHI International constitutes a proprietary purchase and therefore they are excluded from competitive bidding pursuant to 18A:18A-5a(19); and

WHEREAS: the awarding of this contract is in line with the 5 Year Strategic Plan 2019-2024, Goal Area #3: Communications and Connections: and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to 18A: 18A-5a(19), the Kronos annual maintenance agreement with SHI International located at, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 is approved for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost of \$36,515.77.

Resolution No. 19

WHEREAS, the District's priority under the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan is to promote student-centered teaching and learning, and the Department of Special Education has aligned its programs to meet this priority;

WHEREAS, students whose Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) warrant out-of-district placement are entitled to attend receiving schools free of charge, at the District's expense, pursuant to a written contract concerning the tuition charges, costs, terms, conditions, services and programs to be provided for each student;

WHEREAS, the District previously entered into board-approved tuition contracts for the 2019-2020 school year for several Paterson students who attend schools operated by the Bergen County Special Services Board of Education (BCSS); and

WHEREAS, BCSS charges an "additional student fee" under its tuition contracts for students who receive additional related services sessions beyond those covered by regular tuition payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves payment of additional student fees to Bergen County Special Services under previously approved tuition

contracts for the 2019-2020 school year, at an annual cost not to exceed the amounts listed:

BCSS School Name	# of Students Receiving Additional Therapy Sessions	# Additional Sessions	Per Diem Rate for Additional Sessions	Total Cost <i>Not to Exceed</i>
Transition Center	1	111	\$65.00	\$7,215.00
Bleshman Regional	2	259	\$65.00	\$16,835.00
HIP Godwin	2	148	\$65.00	\$9,620.00
HIP Union	1	185	\$65.00	\$12,025.00
New Bridges	4	333	\$65.00	\$21,645.00
Visions Paramus	1	37	\$65.00	\$2,405.00
			TOTAL:	\$69,745.00

Resolution No. 20

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive proposal for goods and/or services; and

WHEREAS, on the Authorization of the Business Administrator the competitive contracting process NJSA 18A:18A-4.5, using the request for proposal (RFP) document was solicited for Instructional Management System, RFP-462-21 for the 2020-2021, 2021 2022, 2022-2023 school year(s). Ten (10) potential vendors were mailed/e-mailed RFP specifications, the list of which can be reviewed in the Purchasing Department, out of which five (5) vendor(s) responded and proposals are on file in the Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18A:18A-22(d), the Board of Education may reject all proposals if there will be a substantial revision to the specification;

WHEREAS, the rejection of all proposals is in line with the 5 Year Strategic Plan 2019-2024, Goal Area #1: Teaching & Learning; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Superintendent supports the above mentioned recommendation that all proposals be rejected at this time as the Board of Education shall to substantially revise the specification for Instructional Management System.

Resolution No. 21

WHEREAS, the District's priority under the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan is to promote student-centered teaching and learning, and the Department of Special Education has aligned its programs to meet this priority;

WHEREAS, the District is required to provide a free, appropriate public education for all students, including special education services and placements that are tailored to the unique needs of students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, students whose Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) warrant out-of-district placement are entitled to attend receiving schools free of charge, at the District's expense, pursuant to a written contract concerning the tuition charges, costs, terms, conditions, services and programs to be provided for each student;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the following tuition contracts with out-of-district schools for students with disabilities, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (including ESY), at an annual cost not to exceed the amounts listed:

School Name	RSY, ESY, or 1:1	# Students	# Days	Per Diem Rate	Total Tuition <i>Not to Exceed</i>
Fed Cap School	RSY	1	68	\$395.00	\$26,860.00
Fed Cap School	RSY	1	79	\$395.00	\$31,205.00
Bonnie Brae	RSY	1	88	\$410.00	\$36,080.00
Bergen Center for Child Development	RSY	1	72	\$343.26	\$24,714.72
Bergen County Special Services (Godwin)	RSY	1	5	\$12,896.00	\$64,480.00
Bergen County Special Services (Godwin)	RSY	1	4	\$15,525.00	\$62,100.00

Total: \$245,439.72

Resolution No. 22

WHEREAS, the District's priority is effective academic programs under the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. The Department of Special Education has aligned programs to meet this priority. The placement of this student will achieve this priority through implementation of his/her IEP; and

WHEREAS, the District is eligible for State Aid-Chapter 193 Non-public and DEA Federal funding to provide services to Paterson students attending non-public schools, and

WHEREAS, the District will comply with the terms and conditions of the grants and target grant funds for the academic advancement and achievement of the students and expend the funds in the most effective and efficient manner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District accepts the Chapter 193 Funding and approve Catapult Learning to provide services for Paterson students attending Non-public schools for the 2019-2020 school year, as listed below, at a total cost not to exceed \$1295.00.

November 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 (Chapter 193 Services)

Additional Supplementary Instruction

\$1,295.20 (2 students) rounding $-.20 = \$1,295.00$

Resolution No. 23

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency, and ordered all schools closed for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislature has revised N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 to permit the use of virtual or remote instruction to establish compliance with the 180-school day requirement during a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, in response to this order the Paterson School District submitted a Health-Related School Closure Plan inclusive of remote instruction and meal distribution and;

WHEREAS, the Health-Related School Closure Plan that was approved on April 30, 2020 as Resolution 1 must be amended as on May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy announced that all New Jersey school buildings would remain closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of school year 2019-2020. As such, Pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.27, the Health-Related School Closure plans must be amended and approved by the Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the District's Amended Health-Related School Closure Plan meet the 180-school day requirement, which was previously submitted to the Department of Education on March 2020 and implemented since the District's closure on March 17, 2020.

Resolution No. 24

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public School District recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive proposal for goods and/or services, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice has awarded Paterson Public Schools with a grant to contract for security consulting services to assist District staff, students, and community stakeholders with enhancing the overall safety of District schools; and

WHEREAS, on the Authorization of the Business Administrator the competitive contracting process NJSA 18A:18A-4.5, using the request for proposal (RFP) document was solicited for Security Consulting, RFP 403-20RB (3) for the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 school year(s). Seven (7) potential vendors were mailed/e-mailed RFP specifications, the list of which can be reviewed in the Purchasing Department, out of which three (3) vendor(s) responded and proposals are on file in the Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, this solicitation was made by advertised public notice appearing in The Record and The Herald News on March 26, 2020. Sealed proposals were opened and read aloud on April 17, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room, 4th floor, 90 Delaware Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503 by the Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of this contract is in line with the 5 Year Strategic Plan 2019-2024, Goal Area #3: Communications and Connections; and

WHEREAS, the contract shall be awarded to SOS Consulting, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Superintendent supports the above mentioned contract award to SOS Consulting in the amount of not to exceed:

Not to Exceed \$240,000

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Martinez that Resolution Nos. 1 through 24 be adopted.

Comm. Capers: I'm having a hard time trying to open up the consent agenda. Is there any way Boris can post it on this before we vote?

Comm. Simmons: If he has it.

Mr. Zaydel: Give me one moment.

Comm. Capers: For some reason, it's not in my email address.

Comm. Simmons: Are you in your district email account, your Google account?

Comm. Capers: I'm in both. I have district and Google and it's not here.

Comm. Simmons: I mean your district Google account.

Comm. Capers: Yes.

Comm. Simmons: If you go to the three dots at the top right and click on those, you'll see an icon for Google Drive.

Mr. Zaydel: I just resent it to you by email.

Comm. Simmons: Okay. Going forward, open it from the Google Drive.

Comm. Capers: I just got it from Boris. I'm good. Thank you.

On roll call all members voted in the affirmative, except Comm. Capers who voted no on Resolution No. 15. The motion carried.

Paterson Board of Education Standing Abstentions

Comm. Arrington

- Self
- Family

Comm. Capers

- Self
- 4th and Inches
- Westside Park Group
- Insight
- Jersey Kids

Comm. Castillo

- Self
- City of Paterson
- Transportation
- Downtown Special Improvement District
- Celebrate Paterson

Comm. Hodges

- Self
- City of Paterson

Comm. Martinez

- Self

Comm. Ramirez

- Self
- Berkeley College
- City of Paterson

Comm. Redmon

- Self
- Historic Preservation of the City of Paterson
- County of Passaic

Comm. Simmons

- Self
- Family

Comm. Teague

- Self
- YMCA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Simmons: I think everyone gave their reports last week. But did anyone have any meetings?

Operations

Comm. Ramirez: Operations met today at 2:30. Ms. Powell will upload the report to the drive. There was only one transportation item which you see on the agenda that was discussed.

Technology

Comm. Arrington: Technology met on Monday and I have a report. It's also on the Google Drive if you're ready for me to give it.

Comm. Simmons: Sure.

Comm. Arrington: As everyone knows and the public knows, our ongoing effort to get a device into every one of our students' hands is still ongoing. We just had a delivery of Chromebooks, over 1,500 devices that are being prepared now to be given out to the next phase. We also have another order out for 1,600 devices which should be arriving soon. It will be processed for School No. 6, NRC, School No. 7, and School No. 26. With district funding we're also putting in another order of devices and hopefully very shortly we'll reach our goal of having a device in every student's hand. That's my report and it's on the Google Drive.

Personnel

Comm. Redmond: Personnel gave their report at the last Board meeting, Mr. President.

Technology

Comm. Capers: Mr. President, I'm sorry I was muted. I wanted to ask Comm. Arrington something about his report. It's just a question on technology. Do we have a number

on how many students or schools have the Chromebooks or don't have it? Where are we at in getting that out?

Comm. Arrington: Comm. Capers, I can get those numbers for you from technology. That's a great question.

Comm. Capers: I know all high schools have it, but where are we with middle school and elementary school?

Comm. Arrington: Right now, on the plan we do have AHA, School No. 16, School No. 26, School No. 6, NRC, and School No. 7. We have the donations that we're utilizing and plus the additional funds to make the rest of the purchases. But I'll give you a breakdown of what schools have it and the upcoming phases, Commissioner.

Comm. Capers: Got it, thank you.

Family and Community Engagement

Ms. Shafer: There was a report submitted by Comm. Teague. Did you receive that?

Comm. Simmons: I did. Who is on Family and Community Engagement? Did anyone meet?

Comm. Capers: Yes, we met two days ago, Monday. I don't have the notes in front of me. I don't want to spitball it. Now I can't find this email. Can you hear me?

Comm. Simmons: Yes.

Comm. Capers: Comm. Teague sent in a report saying he was going to absent today. He sent in the minutes. We discussed measures being taken with regards to the COVID testing sites. We were informed that the district was granted access to City of Paterson to use sites with the understanding that no one is to enter the school buildings for any reason. We also discussed the Google Classroom briefly. Director McDowell mentioned that his staff was working on creating a parent training so that parents would know how to better navigate Google Classroom with their child. Also, Director McDowell requested that the Board of Education share more of the different events that they have and training sessions that will be created by the department. We all support that idea. Each of us as Board members has big social media followers so whatever they put out, let's just share it. Finally, just keeping social distancing.

Comm. Simmons: Thank you.

Comm. Capers: I don't have what time we met and what time we closed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

20-A94. Approved entering into an agreement with Bergen Community College to provide preventative and restorative dental services at the District's Dental Clinic for uninsured, school-aged children residing in the City of Paterson, at no cost to the District.

- 20-A95. Approved acceptance of a donation from Take Vape Away donation/grant, sponsored by the Hackensack Meridian Health Foundation Fund and Community Foundation of New Jersey, for educational and informational materials, during the 2020-2021 school year, at no cost to the District.
- 20-A96. Approved acceptance of a donation from Jae W. Jung, CEO, Intellex Resources and Soung Hong, Chairman, Rainier Group of New Jersey LLC, of masks in an effort to keep our staff and community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Comm. Simmons: I don't want to keep everybody else here. We have an executive session and we're waiting for Mr. Murray to call in. But what I will do is entertain the motion to go into executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege topics, after which, following executive session, we will take action on it.

It was moved by Comm. Martinez, seconded by Comm. Capers that the Board goes into executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege topics. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Mr. Zaydel: I will now put everyone who is not participating in closed session into the waiting room. You will have nothing to add during the Board meeting. You can just watch on our live stream. Otherwise, stay on the call until we're out of closed session.

The Board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Ramirez that the meeting be reconvened. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Simmons: Mr. Yuen, you can proceed.

Resolution No. 25

WHEREAS, in regard to the District's need for stop loss insurance coverage for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 the District's health insurance broker CBIZ has solicited and obtained stop loss insurance policy proposals from various stop loss insurance carriers pursuant to a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, CBIZ has reported that proposals were submitted from stop loss carriers identified as Anthem, BCS, Ethos, HCC Tokio Marine, HM Insurance, SunLife, Swiss Re, and Symetra; and

WHEREAS, CBIZ has evaluated the submitted top loss insurance policy proposals and renewal proposal submitted by the district's current (2019-20) carrier SunLife presented the best financial terms and has provided guidance to the District for consideration; and

WHEREAS, under the SunLife proposal coverage will include two specific claimant laser exclusions and the fixed cost is projected to increase by approximately \$803,688 (24%) year over year, and

WHEREAS, the Employers Health/Caremark (C VS) proposal previously approved by the Board requires independent "stop loss" insurance, such as the SunLife proposal, relating to prescription drugs, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(10) provides that insurance may be purchased as authorized by resolution at a public meeting and without public advertising for bids if the services are "Insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, which exception shall be in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services"; and

WHEREAS, the SunLife stop loss insurance policy proposal qualifies as "insurance" which may be purchased under the requirements and authority provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A 5(a)(10); and

WHEREAS, CBIZ has recommended the purchase of the SunLife stop loss insurance policy effective July 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District purchasing agent, upon approval of the form of policy by CBIZ, is authorized to complete the purchase the SunLife stop loss insurance policy.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Martinez that Resolution No. 25 be adopted.

Comm. Capers: Are we voting to pull this?

Comm. Simmons: No. This is for our Stop Loss carrier.

Comm. Redmond: Did you get a resolution?

Comm. Capers: Yes.

Comm. Simmons: We're not voting to pull this.

On roll call all members voted in the affirmative, except Comm. Capers who abstained. The motion carried.

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Comm. Teague

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- YMCA

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Arrington that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.