CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Essex County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:14 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, by President, Rev. Edwin Leahy, OSB.

OPENING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Star Ledger on January 14, 2015, and in El Coqui January 15, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Board Secretary, Anthony Abbaleo

Present:

Mr. Salvatore Carnovale, Ms. Adrianne Davis, Dr. Chris Pernell

Ms. LeeSandra Medina

Absent:

Mr. Luis Lopez, Mr. Kevin Ryan, Fr. Edwin D. Leahy

Also Present:

Frank A. Cocchiola, Interim Superintendent

Mr. Murphy Durkin, Board Attorney

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

1. HIB Monthly Report

<u>School</u>		Allegations			<u>Verified</u>
•	<u>Jan.</u>	14-15 cumulative		<u>Jan.</u>	14-15 cumulative
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North 13 St.	0	8	-	0	3
West Caldwell	0	2	-	0	1
Bloomfield Tech	0	1	-	0	0
Newark Tech	0	11	-	0	3
Total	0	22	-	0	7

(Discussion of any HIB incident is restricted to closed session.)

2. <u>Curriculum & Instruction Update</u> (enclosure)

February is Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month. The efforts of our staff and students in this domain is recognized.

February is also Black History Month. Classroom lessons and a variety of activities will be focused on this theme.

School Performance Reports have been released to the public on January 30. The enclosure provided was prepared by Bickram Singh. Notable data includes:

A. Academic Achievement

- 1) All four schools met 100% of their performance targets for the 2013-14 school year.
- 2) Bloomfield Tech & Newark Tech were recognized as "High Performing" schools, 2 of only 89 in the entire State.
- 3) All four schools increased their NJ Biology Competency scores from 2012-13: BT (increase of 18%), N. 13 (increase of 23%), NT (increase of 15%) and WC (increase of 2%)

B. College & Career Readiness

1) The number of students taking the SAT increased in three of the four schools, and the number taking the PSAT increased in all four, with three at 100%.

C. Graduation & Post-Secondary

- 1) Two schools had zero dropouts and two others a rate of .1%
- 2) Enrollment in 2 or 4-yr colleges increased in all four schools to levels of 80% (BT), 72% (N. 13), 74% (NT) and 62% (WC)
- 3) All four schools met 100% of their performance targets in this area.

3. POINTS OF PRIDE

Bloomfield Tech

Senior Akeem Oliphant won the top award for his black & white ink drawing at the Art Start HS reception at William Paterson University. Other students participating were Breanna Bruce, Luis Rodriquez, Isaiah Rosado, Emily Duran and Sharice Smith.

Desteny Moran was the recipient of the February Teamwork Award presented on behalf of the County Executive.

North 13th St. Tech

The Mock Trial team participated in the 2014-15 Vincent J. Apruzzese Competition on Jan. 12 & 13. This competition included 17 public and private high schools from Essex County. They performed well and narrowly missed the final four selection.

The National Honor Society hosted "Cougars Got Talent" and raised \$1,700.

West Caldwell Tech

Students attended a workshop with artist Jerry Winick at Pencilworks Studio for four weeks. The students' work as a result of this exposure is being exhibited at the West Caldwell Public Library Art Gallery during the month of February.

Senior Hadassa Saintil was awarded the County Executive's Teamwork Award on Jan. 13

The boys' basketball team qualified for the NJ State tournament for the first time in school history.

Newark Tech

The Newark Tech Robotics Team is ranked 7th out of 79 participating NJ high schools.

The <u>Dual Credit Program</u> agreement between Newark Tech and Essex County College has been extremely successful

2013-14 – 21 students earned 3 college credits in College Bio I, 2 in College Comp I and 21 in World Civilizations

11 students earned 4 college credits in Prob & Statistics

Fall 2014 – 3 students earned 2 credits in Eng. Graphics, 5 earned 4 credits in Intro Coll Math and 28 earned 4.5 credits in Intro Algebra.

There have been 99 registrations for a variety of courses in the second semester of this school year which is just underway.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

a. 2014-15 SCHEDULE

The two recent school closings have moved the 180th school day, and subsequent graduation ceremonies, to Tuesday, June 16.

b. PARCC Administration

The Partnership for the Assessment of College and Careers (PARCC) administration is scheduled for March 2-27 (Performance-Based assessments) and May 8- June 5 (End-of-Year). Items relevant to this assessment include:

Teacher training and student preparation
A master schedule of the testing
Identification of sites for the testing
Appropriate access to technology
Accommodations for special education and ESL students
Refusal ("Opt out") to participate procedure

c. New School Meetings

Meetings are underway weekly with appropriate staff and the architectural firm regarding the updating of the 2010 design for a new building HS. This will address the facility and programs in regards to CTE, special education, ESL, academic needs, personnel, administration, guidance, support services, athletics, etc.

5. **SUSPENSIONS** (enclosure)

As required, a confidential list of student suspensions for the month of September at each school is provided for board member review. Any discussion is restricted to closed session.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Resolution #15-340: Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2015 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Essex County Vocational-Technical Schools' Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2015.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-341: Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes January 20, 2015

(enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Essex County Vocational-Technical Schools' Board of Education Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

FINANCE

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #15-342: Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the Period Ending 12/31/14 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, the Board acknowledges receipt of the Certification from the Board Secretary that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C.:6A23-2.11(a) and (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District Board of Education's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and that therefore upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, Treasurer and Interim Superintendent of Schools it is recommended that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending December 31, 2014, showing a cash balance of \$16,419,142.92, be approved, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-343: Transfer of Funds, January 2014 (enclosure)

WHEREAS, Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the District, has determined that it is in the best interest of the District if certain inter-district fund transfers occur for the month of January 2014, so as to prevent certain line item accounts going into a deficit. Mr. Abbaleo has advised the Interim Superintendent of Schools that these transfers are appropriate and in accordance with the appropriate statute governing same; now

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the transfer of accounts pursuant to the attached Report of Transfers for the month of January 2014, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-344: Authorize Payment of Bills - February 10, 2015 (enclosure)

WHEREAS, Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$7,398,515.04 and has determined that the bills on the enclosed bills list are required to be paid by the District and that same are in accordance with contracts and/or agreements entered into by the District. Mr. Abbaleo hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District to make these payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the payment of the February, 2015 bill's list in the sum of \$7,398,515.04, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-345: Acceptance of 2013-2014 Corrective Action Plan, as recommended by Samuel Klein and Co.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report require in part that the District prepare and implement a Corrective Action Plan so as to address certain items as set forth in the involved report. At the direction of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Anthony Abbaleo, has prepared a Corrective Action Plan, including corrective action for the Application for State School Aid, which plans have been reviewed and approved by the Interim Superintendent.

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board does accept the Corrective Action Plan, as prepared by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Anthony Abbaleo, as follows:

Finding - ASSA	Corrective Action – Application for State School Aid (ASSA)
We noted several differences between the amounts presented on the October 12, 2013 ASSA count and the information presented in the District's work papers.	District personnel have reviewed the documentation and the audit with the auditors and reconciled the districts records. Action was completed by 12/1/14

A copy of these plans are attached hereto and incorporated herein, as if fully set forth. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:23-5, this plan shall also be read into the record at the Public Session of the Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

None

Absent:

Resolution 15-346: Accept the Final Eligible Cost (FEC) Estimate Received

from the State of New Jersey Department of Education, State Project

1390-X01-11-1000, for Building of new Facility

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the school facilities project with regard to the new school facilities project, the Interim Superintendent of Schools received correspondence, dated December 30, 2014, from the State of New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), setting forth in part the Final Eligible Cost (FEC) determination. Upon receipt, the Interim Superintendent reviewed this correspondence with Anthony Abbaleo, the District's Business Administrator/Board Secretary. After their review, they have determined that it would be in the best interest of the district if the Board accepted the Final Eligible Cost, in the amount of \$163,000,000.00, as set forth in the above-referenced correspondence and all other provisions set forth therein in their entirety, now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the Final Eligible Cost (FEC), in the amount of \$163,000,000.00, which is the sum of money deemed necessary by the Board for the above-referenced school facilities project, as set forth in the correspondence dated December 30, 2014 from the State of New Jersey Department of Education, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation if any on behalf of the District as a result of the acceptance set forth above.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution 15-347: <u>Authorize Acceptance of Additional Funds from the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant Program, FY-2015 in the Amount of \$40,112.00.</u>

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan, Jr., Director of Career & Technical Education, has advised the Interim Superintendent of Schools that the District was successful with the submission of its initial grant application and has qualified for additional Carl D. Perkins Secondary grant funding. Mr. Dolan has further advised the Interim Superintendent that funds will be utilized in accordance with the guidelines of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-referenced successful application the District has been awarded the additional sum of \$40,112.00 in grant funding; now

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does authorize Mr. Dolan, Grant Administrator, to accept the additional grant funding in the amount of \$40,112.00 from the New Jersey State Department of Education for the Carl D. Perkins Secondary grant, FY-2015, for the period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, bringing the total amount of funding to \$661,267.00

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution 15-348: Authorization to Apply for the New Jersey Department of

Agriculture FY 15 Curriculum for Agriculture Science Education

(CASE) Grant Funding in the amount up to \$7,500.00

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan, Director of Adult, Career and Technical Education, has advised the Interim Superintendent that the District may qualify for the FY-15 Curriculum for Agriculture Science Education (CASE) Grant, administered through the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Dolan has further advised the Interim Superintendent that it would be in the best interest of the District to submit an application seeking Grant funds up to \$7,500.00.

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes John P. Dolan, Jr., Director of Adult, Career and Technical Education, to submit on behalf of the District the appropriate application to apply for the FY-15 Curriculum for Agriculture Science Education (CASE) Grant, in the amount up to \$7,500.00, from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

None

Absent: Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-349: Approval of Professional Services Contract by and between Connell Foley, LLP, Outside Counsel, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000.00, Capital Funds

WHEREAS, the Board has a need to acquire and engage the services of Connell Foley, LLP, outside counsel, for legal services associated with the demolition of six buildings at Old United Medical Center site for preparation of the construction of a new school building; and

WHEREAS, Connell Foley, LLP with offices located at 85 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068 ("Connell") has confirmed that Connell will provide the services as outside counsel at the rate of \$150.00 per hour subject to a limitation on such fees in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate, plus costs: and

WHEREAS, Mark L. Fleder is the attorney who is designated as the supervising attorney; now

THEREFORE, on the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of Connell Foley, LLP as outside counsel and authorizes Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to enter into a Professional Services Contract, on behalf of the Board with Connell, as described herein, consistent with the term of this Resolution; A form of Contract to be entered into by and between the District and Connell is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth. No payments are to be made to Connell without the District's receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Connell has submitted the appropriate political contribution disclosure forms pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District's capital funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby directed to ensure that the appropriate insurance certificates are obtained, if applicable, prior to the commencement of the renewal term in accordance with the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized fee for services rendered are not to exceed the sum of Seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars in the aggregate, plus costs, without the prior written approval of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Contract is being awarded without competitive bidding, in that said Contract is for Professional Services and is exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of Contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised and

accordingly, the Business Administrator is directed to make public this Resolution in accordance with applicable law.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-350:

Authorize Payment to Union County Educational Services Commission for

Home Instruction Services, in an amount Not to Exceed \$1,575.00

Local Funds

WHEREAS, there is a need and/or requirement within the District to provide home instruction services to students within the District who qualify for same; and

WHEREAS, a student of Newark Tech Campus is currently hospitalized outside of Essex County, at the Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. Said hospital has an agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, who charges \$63.00 per hour for Bedside Instruction (Home Instruction); now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board approves payment to Middlesex County Educational Services Commission for the Bedside Instruction (Home Instruction) of one Newark Tech Campus student while the student is hospitalized at Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ, for five (5) hours per week, for a maximum of five (5) weeks, in an amount not to exceed \$1,575.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-351: <u>Authorization to Purchase 25 Dell Computers at a Cost in an Amount Not to Exceed \$28,068.25</u> \$28,064.25, Grant Funds

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan, the District's Director of Adult, Career & Technical Education, has advised the Superintendent that it would be in the best interest of the District to continue its efforts to upgrade its programmatic offerings for students with the purchase of twenty five (25) Dell computers. The Interim Superintendent of Schools has reviewed this matter with Mr. Dolan, the Perkins Grant Administrator, who advised the Interim Superintendent that an appropriate use of grant funds is the purchase of the above referenced technology.

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to purchase twenty five (25) new Dell computers at a cost not to exceed \$28,064.25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mr. Dolan, the Perkins Grant Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that all payments to be made pursuant to the above referenced agreement shall be paid through Perkins Grant funds.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-351A: Approval for North 13th Street Commencement Exercises to be held at Caldwell College, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$3,450.00, Local Funds

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the North 13th Street Campus to hold its Commencement Exercises at Caldwell College, in Caldwell, NJ on Wednesday, June 16, 2015, or a date the week of June 16, 2015 in the event that the graduation date has to be moved due to an emergent closing, at a cost of \$3,450.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorized Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board and any other ancillary documents required to facilitate the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Business Administrator hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-352: Approve Professional Day Requests

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the following Professional Day Requests. If the cost of a Professional Day is funded by a Grant the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District.

Date of Event	Workshop/Conference	Staff Member(s) Participating	Mileage Reimbursement, if Applicable	Cost to Board/ Registration Fee
3/3/15	Successfully Flip Your Social Studies/History Instruction Fairfield, NJ	Jennifer DaSilva	\$0.31/mi	\$229.00 Funded by Local Funds
3/14 – 15, 2015	Tech Team, NJ West Orange High School	Carol Nawrocki	\$0.31/mi	\$249.00 Funded by Local Funds
3/20/15	Facing the Future 23 Employment: The Possible Dream New Brunswick, NJ	Suzanne Sabitino	\$0.31/mi	\$175.00 Funded by IDEA
3/20/15	The 29 th Annual Precalculus Conference Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ	Anthony Cilento	\$0.31/mi	\$165.00 Funded by NCLB
7-28 – 8-1-15	Robotics Academy Certified RobotC National Robotics Engineering Center Pitsburgh, PA	Axel Perez	\$0.31/mi	\$1,998.00 Funded by Perkins

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-352A: Approve Professional Day Requests

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the following Professional Day Requests. If the cost of a Professional Day is funded by a Grant the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District.

Date of Event	Workshop/Conference	Staff Member(s) Participating	Mileage Reimbursement, if Applicable	Cost to Board/ Registration Fee
2/26/15	How to Conduct a Workplace Investigation in a School Environment: Step by Step Guidance -Online workshop	Kristie Howard	\$0.31/mi	\$399.00 Funded by Local Funds

Roll Call: Yeas: Nays	,	Pavis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell
Absen	t: Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan,	Fr. Leahy
Resolution #15-	353: Resolution for a Clo	osed Session
On the motion of following resolutions		y at p.m., the Board approves the
recess this meetic involve exception determines are of time unable to de	ng and conduct a closed me ns set forth in the Open Put f such a nature that they car	Vocational Schools' Board of Education shall at this time setting concerning personnel issues and other matters which polic Meetings Act, and are matters which this Body hereby mot be discussed at an open meeting, and this Body is at this under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this numstances permit.
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Carnovale Mr. Lopez	Dr. Pernell Ms. Medina
	Mr. Ryan Fr. Leahy	Ms. Davis MOTION DELETED

Resolution #15-354: Return to a Regular Session

On the motion of regular session m		seconded by _	at _	 _ p.m., the Board returned to the
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Carnovalo Mr. Lopez Mr. Ryan Fr. Leahy	2	Dr. Pernell Ms. Medina Ms. Davis	 MOTION DELETED

PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #15-354A: Resignation of Employees

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby accepts the resignation of the following employees effective April 13, 2015.

Employee	<u>Position</u>	Location	Effective <u>Date</u>
John DeRosa	Teacher of English	North 13th Street	4/13/15
Angela Wilkos	School Psychologist	West Caldwell	4/10/15
Roll Call: Yeas:	Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Dav	ris, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell	

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-355: Long-Term Replacement

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves Ms. Diane Macaluso as a Long-Term replacement as an English teacher at Bloomfield Tech for a teacher whose disability retirement was approved. This will be effective from January 26, 2015 until a date in May to be determined when she reaches her earning threshold. This appointment will be at the per diem rate of \$250.00.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution #15-356:

Approve Family Leave of Absence, Erick Perez, Teacher of English, North 13th Street Tech Campus

WHEREAS Erick Perez, Teacher of English, is entitled to leave in accordance with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and New Jersey Family Leave Act of 1989, and Mr. Perez qualifies for the involved leave in accordance with both statutes, now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves a Family Leave of Absence for Mr. Perez, commencing *April 6, 2015 through May 1, 2015, with benefits in accordance with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act. Mr. Perez's accrued paid leave of absence will be funded by utilizing accumulated days, after which the leave will be unpaid for the remainder of the approved timeline.

*Initial date is tentative pending actual birth.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-357: <u>Approve Family Leave of Absence for Maternity/Child Rearing,</u>
<u>Jennifer Ramos-Collado, Teacher of Social Studies, Newark Tech</u>

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ramos-Colldo, Teacher of Social Studies, has requested leave in accordance with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and New Jersey Family Leave Act of 1989. Ms. Ramos-Collado qualifies for the involved leave in accordance with both statutes.

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves a Family Leave of Absence for Ms. Ramos-Collado, commencing April 27, 2015 through June 30, 2015, with benefits in accordance with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act. Ms. Ramos-Collado will substitute accrued paid leave of absence by utilizing accumulated days, after which the leave will be unpaid for the remainder of the leave of absence.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-357A: <u>Approve Family Leave of Absence for Maternity/ Child</u>
Rearing, Blessing Kotz, Teacher of Mathematics, Newark Tech

WHEREAS, Blessing Kotz, Teacher of Mathematics, has requested leave in accordance with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and New Jersey Family Leave Act of 1989. Ms. Kotz qualifies for the involved leave in accordance with both statutes.

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves a Family Leave of Absence for Ms. Kotz, commencing April 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015, with benefits in accordance with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act. Ms. Kotz will substitute accrued paid leave of absence by utilizing accumulated days, after which the leave will be unpaid for the remainder of the leave of absence.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-358:

Approve Compensation for Staff Member Extended Day at the West Caldwell Tech Campus, 2014-2015 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,307.00, Grant Funds

WHEREAS, as part of the District's implementation of an extended day schedule for the 2014-2015 school year at the West Caldwell Tech Campus that increases instructional time for all students and teachers, various staff members were assigned additional teaching responsibilities and teaching time, now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the following staff member to receive additional compensation, retroactive to September 1, 2014, as set forth below, for the 2014-2015 school year as a stipend in consideration for the increase of instructional time as part of the staff members' regular assignment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator hereby verifies that there sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

		Teaching	
Staff Member	Subject/Position	Hours	Total Cost
Natasha Batista	Paraprofessional	180	\$4,307.00

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-359: Appoint S

Appoint Schedule Developers Within the District, in an Amount

Not to Exceed \$9,820.00 Local Funds

On the motion of McCarock seconded by McMan BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints the following personnel as "Schedulers" in their respective schools for the 2015-16 school year for a maximum of 40 hours. This work includes the creation of the school's master schedule and the scheduling of all students into their course selections/assignments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation is based on their hourly rate in accordance with the agreement of the appropriate collective bargaining unit and the Board of Education for a maximum of forty (40) hours, not to include hours spent on this venture during their contracted school day.

\$32.25 contract rate until June 30, 2015. \$32.90 contract rate starting July 1, 2015.

Lamont Gill (Newark Tech)
Patricia Parisi (Bloomfield Tech)
Sal Lima (West Caldwell)
Gerald Pagano (North 13 St.)

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-360: Tenure Acquisition

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the granting of tenure to Ms. Ayisha Ingram-Robinson, Vice-Principal at West Caldwell Tech, as an administrator effective March 2, 2015. This approval is contingent upon the successful completion of her duties from today, Feb. 12, 2015 until March 2, 2015.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-360A: Approve Volunteer Assistant Coaches, 2014-2015 School Year

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the following individual as a Volunteer Assistant Coaches at no compensation and/or benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Athletic Advisor is hereby directed to advise the head coach of the below referenced team that the volunteers shall at no time have any unsupervised contact with any of the players and/or other students who may be involved in the program.

Location/Position		Season	<u>Volunteer</u>
North 13th St. Tec	h Campus		
Volunteer Volleyba Volunteer Volleyba	•	Spring Spring	Jonathan Singalvo Andre Ghant
Roll Call: Yeas: Nays: Absent:	Mr. Carnovale, M None Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ry	,	edina, Dr. Pernell

CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #15-361: Field Trips

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval of Dicxiana Carbonell, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, the Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the following Field Trips. If the cost of a Field Trip is funded by a Grant, the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District:

Person in Charge	Anticipated Date	Trip	Cohort/ Campus	# of Students	Cost to Board
	GUIDAN	CE SERVICES (A	CADEMIC PROGR	AM)	
Marianne Cavallo	February 2015 – March 2015 (10:00 a.m1:00 p.m.)	Access Link - Kearny, NJ * Job Shadowing	Transition Center – West Caldwell Tech	2 Students	No Cost
Auria Torres	2/10/2015 (8:30 a.m12:00 p.m.)	Fortis Institute – Wayne, NJ * Tour	Guidance – West Caldwell Tech	25 Students	No Cost
Jennifer Williams	February 2015 – March 2015 * Time is based on Scheduled Appointment	Career Closet NCJW – Livingston, NJ * Job Shadowing	Transition Center – West Caldwell Tech	5 Students	No Cost
Jennifer Williams	February 17, 2015- June 2015 (8:45 am. – 1:00 p.m.)	TJ Max – Totowa, NJ * Job Shadowing	Transition Center – West Caldwell Tech	19 Students	No Cost

Taliah Joyner-NT Anibal Ponce –WC Eric Love – BT Robert Colley – North 13 th St.	3/6/2015 (8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)	Essex County Police Academy – Cedar Grove, NJ * Male Youth Leadership Conference	Male Empowerment	NT - 30 Students - WC - 20 BT - 20 N. 13 - 20	No Cost
Auria Torres	3/18/2015 (9:15 a.m12:30 p.m.)	Kean University – Union, NJ ♦Tour	Guidance – West Caldwell Tech	51 Students	No Cost
Auria Torres – WC Oge Denis & Taliah Joyner - NT	3/20/2015 (8:00 a.m1:30 p.m.)	Montclair State University – Upper Montclair, NJ •3 rd Annual Boys to Men Empowerment Conference	Guidance — West Caldwell Tech Campus — Male Empowerment — Newark Tech	40 Students	No Cost
Patricia Schaffer	3/20/2015 (8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)	Liberty Science Center – Jersey City, NJ IMAX Theater – "Humpback Whales"	Transition Center – West Caldwell Tech	29 Students	\$591.00 Funded by IDEA
Marianne Cavallo	April 2015 – May 2015	Jewish Vocational Services of Metro Will Provide Job Placement	Transition Center – West Caldwell Tech	2 Students	No Cost
		EDUCATION (STE	RUCTURED LEARNI	NG EXPERIE	NCES)
Pasquale Pannullo	2/25/2015 (8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Morristown Shoprite – Cedar Knolls, NJ	Supermarket Careers - West Caldwell Tech	25 Students	No Cost
James Simonsen	2/18/2015 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Local 102 Electrician — Parsippany, NJ * Interviews	Youth Transition to Work - Bloomfield Tech	14 Students	No Cost

Brett Boon	3/4/2015 (7:45 a.m3:00 p.m.)	Culinary Institute of America – Hyde Park, NJ * Tour	Culinary Arts – North 13 th Street Tech	20 Students	\$489.06 Funded by The Student Activity Account
Rosario Maceri	3/6/2015 (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)	Lincoln Technical Institute – South Plainfield, NJ • Tour	Automotive Technology – West Caldwell Tech	25 Students	No Cost
Brian Raiford	3/8/2015 (7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)	New Jersey Institute of Technology- Newark, NJ * Competition	Robotics — Newark Tech	13 Students	No Cost
Casandra Howard	3/10/2015 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)	Certified Nursing Examination Testing Site – Secaucus, NJ	Certified Nursing Assistant Class – Newark Tech	18 Students	No Cost
Dan Delcher	3/13/2015 (8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.)	Future Farmers of America State Horticultural Expo – West Windsor, NJ	Future Farmers of America – West Caldwell Tech	8 Students	No Cost
Pasquale Pannullo	3/26/2015 (8:05 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.)	Readings Terminal Market – Philadelphia, PA	Supermarket Careers - West Caldwell Tech	25 Students	No Cost
Dan Delcher	4/16/2015 (7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	Spring Career Development Event Contests – New Brunswick, NJ	Future Farmers of America — West Caldwell Tech	12 Students	No Cost
Dan Delcher	4/28/2015 (6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	Pennsylvania Career Development Event Day – Manheim, PA	Future Farmers of America – West Caldwell Tech	8 Students	No Cost
	C	O-CURRICULAR (1	NON-ATHLETIC)		
Dr. Michael Zelkowitz	2/13/15 -6/30/15 8:30 a.m. – 2: 30 p.m.) Based on the Dr.'s Availability	Rutgers Neurological Institute Dr. Ming — Newark, NJ Neurological Evaluation	Child Study Team - West Caldwell Tech - North 13 th Street Tech		No Cost

Ann Steinbach	2/20/2015 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	Community Food Bank of New Jersey – Hillside, NJ • Community Service	National Honor Society - Newark Tech	10 Students	No Cost
Turrell Jones	2/27/2015 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Community Food Bank – Hillside, NJ * Community Service	National Honor Society - Bloomfield Tech	30 Students	No Cost
Gail Riccardi - N13th Dan Delcher - West Caldwell	3/20/2015 (7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	Sussex County Tech-Sparta Township, NJ * Competition	SKILLs USA – North 13 th Street Tech – Dan Delcher – West Caldwell	15 Students	No Cost
Dan Delcher	3/28/2015 (6:30 a.m 3:00 p.m.)	SKILLs USA Audio Radio Production Contest – Wall, NJ	SKILLs USA – West Caldwell Tech	4 Students	No Cost
Gail Riccardi	3/28/2015 (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	Hudson County Tech – Jersey City, NJ * Competition	SKILLs USA – North 13 th Street Tech	4 Students	No Cost
Marianne Rubino	3/29/2015 (9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.)	Castlepoint Anime Convention – Hoboken, NJ	Anime Club – North 13 th Street Tech	20 Students	\$330.00 Funded by Local Funds
Ingrid Cataldi	4/10/2015 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Branch Brook Park Skating Rink – Newark, NJ • Senior Class Trip	Senior Class – West Caldwell Tech	55 Students	No Cost
Turrell Jones	4/10/2015 (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	Harvard University- Cambridge/Boston, MA *Tour	National Honor Society - Bloomfield Tech	40 Students	No Cost
Ingrid Cataldi	5/1/2015 (8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)	Medieval Times - Lyndhurst, NJ ♦ Senior Class Trip	Senior Class – West Caldwell Tech	55 Students	No Cost
Natasha Batista	7/19/15 – 7/22/15 (6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Volleyball Camp – Lock Haven University • Lock Haven, PA	Girls Volleyball – North 13 th Street	18 Students	\$250.00 Funded by Local Funds

Additional Information: The District may incur costs associated with transportation (vehicle, driver, fuel, etc.) for the above trips.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-361A: Field Trips

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval of Dicxiana Carbonell, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, the Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the following Field Trips. If the cost of a Field Trip is funded by a Grant, the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said

payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District:

Person in Charge	Anticipated Date	Trip	Cohort/ Campus	# of Students	Cost to Board
Jerry Barker	2/13 – 15, 2015 (pick-up 4:00 p.m. Feb 13, return – 12:00 p.m., Feb 15)	UPenn Bell Classic Debate Competition - Philadelphia, PA •	CADEMIC PROGR Debate Team — Newark Tech	2 Students	\$3,203.68 Funded by Local funds

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-362: Fire Drill Report, December, 2014 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board accepts the attached Fire Drill Reports submitted by the Principals of each school within the District for the month of December 2014.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-363: Security Drill Reports, December, 2014 (enclosure)

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board accepts the attached Security Drill Reports submitted by the Principals of each school within the District for the month of December 2014.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-364: Approve 10-Month and 12-Month Employee Calendars 2015-2016 School Year (enclosure)

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the attached 2015-16 school calendars for ten and twelve month employees.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

Resolution #15-365: <u>Donated Leave Agreement</u> (enclosure)

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review of Dennis Salmanowitz, ECVTA President, Anthony Abbaleo, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Murphy Durkin, Legal Counsel, the Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends the confirmation of the enclosed Agreement which permits employees of the Essex County Vocational-Technical School District to voluntarily donate whole days of their accumulated sick leave or vacation leave, for use by certain co-workers within the School District who have exhausted all accrued leave time due to catastrophic illness or injury which necessitates the employee's prolonged absence from work, or is needed to provide care to a member of the employee's immediate family who is suffering from a catastrophic illness or injury.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Navs:

None

Absent:

Resolution #15-366: Authorize North 13th Street Tech Student Fundraiser, January 23, 2015

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded byMs. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby authorizes the students of the North 13th Street Tech Girls' Volleyball Team to sell raffle tickets in order to raise funds for Volleyball Camp this summer.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

Mr. Lopez, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy

BUILDING & GROUNDS

BUILDING & GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #15-367: Authorize the use of Newark Tech Gymnasium by The Essex County

Athletic Directors Association for Essex County Tournament Girls'

Basketball Final

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the Essex County Vocational Schools District Board of Education, "the Board", hereby authorizes the use of the Newark Tech Vocational School gymnasium by the Essex County Athletic Directors Association ("ECADA") on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 pm to host the Essex County Tournament Girls' Basketball Final.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least four (4) District Security Guard(s) and one (1) Black Seal licensed maintenance employee will be assigned to Newark Tech during the Semifinal Tournament. Those District employees will be compensated in accordance with their respective collective bargaining agreements. The ECADA has agreed to pay a \$1,250.00 fee for the use of the gym.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECADA shall provide the District with the appropriate Insurance Policies in limits as to be determined by the District which said policies shall name the District and all other individuals and/or entities as required by the Board as lost payees and shall remain in full force and effect for the time frame as referenced above. It is an expressed condition that the District receives the Insurance Certificates prior to any tournament. The ECADA shall hold the District harmless from any consequences occurring from or connected with the approval of the use of this school facility.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in the Board Room, Administrative Offices, LeRoy Smith, Jr. Public Safety Building, 60 Nelson Place, Sheila Y. Oliver Conference Center, 14th Floor, Newark, New Jersey, at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #15-368: Adjournment

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas:

Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell

Nays:

None

Absent: