

**ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Essex County Schools of Technology of Education will be called to order at 3:34 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, 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 November 7, 2020 and in El Coqui on November 5, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Board Secretary, Lori Tanner

Present: Salvatore Carnovale, (Remotely)
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez, (Remotely)
LeeSandra Medina, (Remotely)
Adrienne Davis, Vice President, (Remotely)
Fr. Edwin D. Leahy, President, (Remotely)

Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

Also Present: Dr. James M. Pedersen, Superintendent, (Remotely)
Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, (Remotely)
Lori Tanner, Board Secretary, (Remotely)
Mr. Murphy Durkin, Board Attorney, (Remotely)
Kimberley Browne-Smeraldo, Treasurer (Remotely)
Mary Ann Sweeney, Sr. Administrative Assistant to the Board, (In Person)
Hector Maldonado, Systems Network Administrator, (In Person)

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Newark Tech

Congratulations to Tatiyyanah Nelums for being selected as a semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program. This year's semifinalists were chosen from a pool of over 5,800 applicants from students across the country.

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Resolution #21-301: Approval of Professional Services Contract by and between DiCara Rubino as Architect of Record, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.00 from February 22, 2021 to February 21, 2022, Capital and Local Funds

WHEREAS, the Board has a need to retain the professional services of an Architect/Engineer in conjunction with various projects specifically authorized by the Owner as Professional Services contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A5(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, Dicara Rubino Architects (“Dicara”) with offices located at 30 Galesi Drive Wayne, NJ has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide architectural and engineering services for the District as Architect of Record at the rate of \$150.00 per hour subject to a limitation on such fees in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 in the aggregate, plus costs for the time period from February 22, 2021 to February 21, 2022; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Dicara Rubino Architects as Architect of Record to provide architectural and engineering services for various projects specifically authorized by the Board and authorizes Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, to enter into a Professional Services Contract, on behalf of the Board with DiCara, as described herein, consistent with the term of this Resolution. A form of Contract to be entered into by and between the District and DiCara is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth. No payments are to be made to DiCara without the District’s receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bernetta Davis, 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 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 \$44,000.00 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

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**Resolution #21-312: Appoint Instructors for Academic Support on Saturdays, 2020-21
School Year, Not to Exceed \$3,300–ESEA, Title I Grant Funds**

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the following instructors to work in the Academic Support program in Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy to students on Saturdays in preparation for the in-school administration of the SAT on March 24, 2021. The position will be for a maximum of three (3) hours per Saturday, 9:00 - 12:00 pm on February 6, 20, 27 and March 6, 13 and 20, 2021 at the rate of \$43.18 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the collective bargaining unit and the Board of Education. Assignment of staff will be based on availability of funds and student enrollment. Classes with low enrollment will be consolidated or terminated, resulting in a reduction of staff needed. Instructors are required to submit invoices by the 15th of the succeeding month for compensation to be processed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor of Program Accountability hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the ESEA FY21 Title I grant to fund the appropriate portion of the instruction and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds.

Marcia Scille - Language Arts
Jackie Shoop - Language Arts
Zack Arenstein - Mathematics
Joseph Dedalonis - Mathematics

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez, LeeSandra Medina,
Adrienne Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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Resolution #21-321: Board Policy, First Reading

On the motion of Ms. Carrillo-Perez, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the first reading of the following Board Policies and Regulations:

<u>POLICY NAME</u>	<u>FILE CODE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
<u>A. General Policy and Regulation Guides</u>		
Board Member Resignation and Removal (Policy) (Revised-Mandated)	0145	Draft
Earned Sick Leave Law (Regulation) (Revised-Mandated)	1642	Draft
Family Leave (Policy) (New- Mandated)	1643	Draft
Family Leave (Policy) (Abolished)	3431.1	
Family Leave (Policy) (Abolished)	4431.1	
New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Policy) (Abolished)	3431.3	
New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Policy) (Abolished)	4431.3	
Administration of Medical Cannabis (Policy and Regulation) (Revised-Mandated)	5330.01	Draft
Lead Testing of Water in Schools (Policy) (Revised-Mandated)	7425	Draft
Lead Testing of Water in Schools (Regulation) (New-Mandated)	7425	Draft
School Safety (Policy and Regulation) (Abolished)	7430	Draft

B. No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Policy and Regulation Guides

