

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Vocational Schools in the County of Essex will be called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, 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, 2022 and in El Coqui on November 3, 2022.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE --**

**ROLL CALL – Board Secretary, Lori Tanner**

Present: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President  
Adrienne Davis, Vice President  
Salvatore Carnovale,  
Reginald Bledsoe  
LeeSandra Medina

Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell  
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez

Also Present: Dr. James M. Pedersen, Superintendent  
Bernetta Davis Business Administrator  
Lori Tanner, Board Secretary  
Mr. Murphy Durkin, Board Attorney  
Mary Ann Sweeney, Sr. Administrative Assistant to the Board  
Kimberly Browne-Smeraldo, Treasurer (Absent)

**COMMUNICATION - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS - None**

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**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**2022-23 Student Council Presidents**

Justin Cruz and Emily Robles, Newark Tech  
Sanai Clark, Payne Tech  
Amalia Leiva, West Caldwell Tech

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

**HIB Monthly Report – March, 2023**

School	Allegations			Verified	
	March	22-23 cumulative		March	22-23 cumulative
Newark Tech	0	3	-	0	2
Payne Tech	2	12	-	2	7
West Caldwell	0	5	-	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>

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

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

**Newark Tech**

Students from Essex County Newark Tech's Welding and Carpentry programs attended the Offshore Wind & Maritime Career Awareness Fair at Pier 88 in NYC. The students were able to speak to representatives from the Coast Guard, EPA, NYC Harbor and NYC FIRE Department. They toured a Firefighting boat and witnessed a water rescue demonstration by the Coast Guard. Finally, they walked a convention hall meeting employer in the Maritime and Offshore Wind industry.

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Newark Tech Black History Month celebration: our students did an amazing job, embracing all aspects of African American history, heritage, and culture. Ms. Sheena Chapman and her team did a phenomenal job pulling this together.

**Payne Tech**

Congratulations to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) team who attended the NJ FBLA State Conference Competitions in Atlantic City on March 6th-8th. Our young leaders competed against over 200 high schools from across NJ, attended leadership workshops and networked with peers, business leaders and colleges over the three day conference. They represented Payne Tech and the ECST district very well. Special Recognition was awarded to: Senior Tyra Rambaran (Vice President) - Gold Member Award for being an outstanding and contributing member of FBLA for the past four years.

Senior Kayla Fernandez (President) - Gold Officer Award for being an outstanding officer and a top leader across the state. She served as an officer in the last two years.

Payne Tech FBLA Chapter earned the Gold Seal Award of Merit. Nominated by the FBLA State Chair, this award recognizes outstanding local chapters that have actively participated in projects and programs identified with the goals of FBLA.

Congratulations to our Payne Tech Senior Michelle Ametekpor for receiving the Althea Gibson Leadership Award, we are so proud of her.

**West Caldwell Tech**

On March 1st West Caldwell Tech competed in the Essex County 2023 Consumer Bowl Competition against James Caldwell High, Irvington High, Newark Tech and Payne Tech. Congratulations to Alex Benkert, Stephany Gomes, Lilly Vidal, Rudens Dorelien, Isabella Pimentel and Ms. Kaminski on their 1st place win. This was an amazing win for West Caldwell Tech, Good Luck at regionals!!

On March 16th our Graphic Arts Students and Construction Trades Students collaborated to rejuvenate St. Lucy's Church in Newark.

**FINANCE**

**FINANCE RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #23-494: Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023** (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2023.

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Nays: None  
Abstain: Ms. Carrillo-Perez, (present at 6:13 p.m.)  
Ms. Medina  
Mr. Reginald Bledsoe  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

Resolution #23-495: Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2023 (enclosure)

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 the Executive Session minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Essex County Schools of Technology of March 13, 2023.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Ms. Carrillo-Perez  
Ms. Medina  
Mr. Reginald Bledsoe  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-496: Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the Period Ending 1/31/23 (enclosure)**

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, the Board acknowledges receipt of the Certification from the Business Administrator 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 Superintendent of Schools it is recommended that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending January 31, 2023, showing a cash balance of \$37,054,757.24 be approved, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Ms. Medina  
Mr. Reginald Bledsoe  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-496A: Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports for the Period Ending 2/28/23 (enclosure)**

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, the Board acknowledges receipt of the Certification from the Business Administrator 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 Superintendent of Schools it is recommended that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending February 28, 2023, showing a cash balance of \$33,225,045.38 be approved, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Ms. Medina  
Mr. Reginald Bledsoe  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-497: Transfer of Funds, January 2023 (enclosure)**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator 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, 2023, so as to prevent certain line item accounts going into a deficit. Ms. Davis has advised the Superintendent of Schools that these transfers are appropriate and in accordance with the appropriate statute governing same; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator and the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the transfer of accounts pursuant to the attached Reports of Transfers for the month of January, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-497A: Transfer of Funds, February, 2023 (enclosure)**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator 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 February, 2023, so as to prevent certain line item accounts going into a deficit. Ms. Davis has advised the Superintendent of Schools that these transfers are appropriate and in accordance with the appropriate statute governing same; now

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On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator and the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the transfer of accounts pursuant to the attached Reports of Transfers for the month of February, 2023 a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-498: Authorize Payment of Bills – April 14, 2023 (enclosure)**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$6,345,397.51 through April 14, 2023 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. Ms. Davis 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. Bledsoe seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the payment of the April 14, 2023, bill's list in the sum of \$6,345,397.51, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-499:           Authorization For The District to Adopt the Final Budget for the 2023-24 School Year in the Sum of \$63,857,998.00 (Attachment)**

WHEREAS, the District previously passed a Resolution setting forth in part that the necessary sum for its 2023-2024 school budget would be the sum of \$63,857,998.00. The Essex County Board of School Estimates subsequently passed a Resolution concurring with the budget for the District is the sum of \$63,857,998.00 which resolution was thereafter provided to the Essex County Board of County Commissioners for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Essex County Department of Education Executive County Superintendent approved the District's 2023-2024 budget in the sum of \$63,857,998.00; now

On the Motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby adopts the final budget for the 2023-2024 school year as approved by the Essex County Department of Education Executive County Superintendent in the sum of \$63,857,998.00 a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction, which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and complies with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a), the budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement of \$50,000.00. The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Roll Call:   Yeas:       Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
              Nays:       None  
              Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-500: Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement for 2023-24 School Year**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member or district board of education member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., to a maximum expenditure of \$50,000.00 for all staff and board members for SY2023-2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell



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**Resolution #23-501: Authorize Amendment I of the American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) FY2020-2024 Grant Application**

WHEREAS on October 18, 2021, the Board approved Resolution #22-163, for the submission of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Elementary and Secondary Schools (ARP ESSER), March 13, 2020-September 30, 2024 grant application for a total of \$10,962,206.00. The District thereafter was awarded the grant funds in this amount; and

WHEREAS subsequent to the award and implementation of the grant activities, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability has informed the Superintendent that there have been fiscal adjustments necessary to respond to the programmatic needs of the district, including the retainment of staff who were recruited due to the covid-19 pandemic and whose salaries benefits are funded by the grant, and acquiring supplies and equipment needed to address learning loss of students. Mr Singh further advised the Superintendent that the budget would have to be amended to reflect programmatic and fiscal changes; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes Amendment I, as referenced above, to the budget of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Elementary and Secondary Schools (ARP ESSER), FY2020-2024 application, which would not reflect any change in the original the sum of \$10,962,206.00

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-502: Permission to Apply for the FY-2022-2023 New Jersey Department Of Education Climate Change Awareness Education Pilot Program Grant.**

WHEREAS, Mr. John Dolan, Director for Career and Technical Education, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the District has qualified for the FY 2022-2023 New Jersey Department of Education Climate Change Awareness Education: Implementing the NJ Student Learning Standards for Climate Change Pilot Grant Program. Mr. Dolan has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be in the best interest of the District if Mr. John Dolan, Director for Career and Technical Education, submit an application for said program that includes Grant Funding in an amount total of \$6,600.00; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED,  
That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does authorize Mr. John Dolan, Grant Administrator, to submit the appropriate application for funds to the New Jersey Department of Education Climate Change Awareness Education: Implementing the NJ Student Learning Standards for Climate Change Pilot Grant Program, FY-2022-2023, in the amount of \$6,600.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution 23-503: Authorize Acceptance of the New Jersey Department of Education Climate Change Awareness Education Pilot Grant FY 2023 in the Amount of \$6,600.00.**

WHEREAS, Mr. John Dolan, Director of Career and Technical Education, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that Mr. Dolan has submitted a grant application and said application has been selected for funding by the New Jersey Department of Education Climate Change Awareness Education: Implementing the NJ Student Learning Standards for Climate Change Pilot Grant Program in the amount of \$6,600.00. Mr. Dolan has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that funds are to be utilized in accordance with the guidelines of said grant application; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-referenced successful application the District has been awarded the sum of \$6,600.00 in grant funding; now

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby authorize Mr. Dolan, to accept the grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Education Climate Change Awareness Education: Implementing the NJ Student Learning Standards for Climate Change Pilot Grant Program, for the school year 2022-23, in the amount of \$6,600.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-504: Renewal of Food Service Agreement between Maschio’s Food Services Inc.,  
Year 3 Option and the District for the 2023-2024 School Year**

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, the Board entered into a Base Year Management Food Services Agreement with Maschio’s Food Services, Inc. (“Maschio’s) wherein Maschio’s shall provide food service within the District for the 2020-2021 school year. That Agreement sets forth in Article I F. 1. an option for yearly renewals not to exceed four additional years; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator has determined that Maschio’s has continued to provide food services in an effective and efficient manner and recommends that the Agreement be renewed for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$1,603,946.37; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall pay Maschio’s an annual management fee in the amount of \$93,020.00. The renewal shall be on the same terms and conditions as set forth herein. The management fee shall be payable in monthly installments of \$9,302.00 per month commencing on September 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Maschio’s guarantees a return to the Board in the amount of \$40,000.00. In the event the actual bottom line of the operational report (total revenue from all sources less program costs, including the management fee) is below this amount, Maschio’s shall be responsible for any shortfall and a guarantee to the District in the amount of \$40,000.00 year as based on the terms and conditions outlined in the Contract; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby renews the term of the Food Service Agreement between the Board and Maschio’s effective September 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 for the Management Fee of \$93,020.00 and that Maschio’s guarantees a return to the Board in the amount of \$40,000.00. The total amount of the 2023-2024 renewal cost is \$1,603,946.37. No payments are to be made to Maschio’s without the District’s receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel and approved by the appropriate State agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required and ensure that the District has obtained the appropriate political disclosure forms.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-505: Purchase of SimMom Obstetrical Simulator for Allied Health Program from Sourcewell Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER, Grant Funded**

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies has advised the Superintendent that the students in the Health Careers Academy will benefit from acquiring a SimMom Obstetrical Simulator to provide students with engaging and hands on experience of patient care in the Health field; and

WHEREAS, SimMom provides an advanced, full-body simulator in both manual and automatic delivery modes. The SimMom provides an impactful simulation toolkit, which can be used at different stages of the Circle of Learning to support a complete learning experience. This obstetric solution enables training on both standard deliveries and life-threatening emergencies such as such as post-partum hemorrhage, uterine inversion, and maternal collapse. By utilizing best-practice methodologies in simulation, Health Career Academy students can prepare for low-frequency, high-risk emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will further address learning loss due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Dr DelaPaz has further indicated that this initiative is an allowable expenditure of the Perkins grant. After the Superintendent's review, he concurs with the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrative represents that SimMom ALS will be purchased through Laerdal Medical Corporation Sourcewell Contract 011822- LAE Sourcewell Member ID # 15476. The District is a member of Sourcewell Cooperative and therefore the purchase of the equipment is exempt from bidding as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11; now

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves the purchase a SimMom Simulator at a cost not to exceed \$80,000. A copy of the quote relative to the purchase of the simulator is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability hereby represents to the Board that all payments to be made pursuant to the above referenced quote shall be paid through the ARP ESSER grant, and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the grant to fully fund same.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-506: Resolution Approving the Award of Essex County Schools of Technology – Gymnasium HVAC Upgrades at Newark Tech Campus to ACP Contracting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,617,979.00 ARP ESSER, Grant Funds**

WHEREAS, Bruce Scrivo, Director of Facilities, advised the District that the Essex County Newark Tech Gymnasium HVAC units are outdated and ageing and need to be replaced to improve efficiency, in-door air quality and reliability. Upon review and evaluation, the Superintendent of Schools concurs with Mr. Scrivo and as a result, the Board requested bid proposals relative to the Essex County Schools of Technology – Gymnasium HVAC Upgrades Newark Tech Campus; and

WHEREAS, bid proposals were required to be submitted in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications as set forth in the Specifications and bid documents for the Essex County Schools of Technology – Gymnasium HVAC Upgrades at Newark Tech Campus (“hereinafter referred to as “Specifications”); and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023 the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.4 published the appropriate notices, so as to solicit proposals regarding Bid #23-V004-Essex County Schools of Technology – Gymnasium HVAC Upgrades at Newark Tech Campus; and

WHEREAS, in response to this notice and in accordance with the time frame as set forth therein, on March 16, 2023, the Board received the following proposals:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid (including all allowances)</b>
ACP Contracting, Inc. Fairfield, NJ	<b>\$1,617,979.00</b>
Hanna’s Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Milltown, NJ	<b>\$1,633,000.00</b>
Centralpack Engineering Corp Hibernia, NJ 07842	<b>\$1,725,900.00</b>

WHEREAS, the Board referred the above identified bids to Dicara Rubino, the District’s Architect, the District’s Board Counsel and Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for review evaluation and recommendations and thereafter did receive such recommendations and recommends that the Board accept the bid submitted by ACP Contracting, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “ACP”) to be the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the project; and

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the ARP ESSER grant to fund the Gymnasium HVAC Upgrades at Newark Tech Campus and that said funding is an appropriate expenditure of ARP ESSER grant funds;

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WHEREAS, ACP has submitted the appropriate political contribution disclosure forms pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005; and

WHEREAS, ACP has submitted proof of insurance coverage in the amounts required by the Board; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the bid proposal, as submitted by ACP Contracting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,617,979.00, ARP ESSER, Grant Funds, be and the same is hereby accepted. No payments are to be made to ACP Contracting, Inc. without the District's receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Davis, Business Administrator is hereby authorized by the Board to execute the above-referenced Contract on behalf of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of the Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-507: Authorization to Purchase of up to 825 HP Chromebook Computers at a Cost Not to Exceed \$310,843.50 , ARP ESSER Grant Funds**

WHEREAS, Scott Hlavacek, Director of Technology has advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be in the best interest of the District to secure Chromebooks to continue our one-to-one laptop program with the incoming students at the Essex County Payne Tech, Essex County Newark Tech and Essex County West Caldwell Tech Campuses. This will allow for increased efficiency in delivering curricular content and accessing the performance levels of students needed to monitor their progress in addressing learning loss due to the covid19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability, has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that an appropriate use of the ARP ESSER funds is the purchase of the above referenced computers to provide principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools. After the Superintendent’s review, he concurs with the recommendation; now

WHEREAS, Mr. Singh represents that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Grant Funds to fully fund the purchase of the 825 HP Chromebook Computers in an amount not to exceed \$310,843.50 from CDW-G. CDW-G is a vendor on the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op (“ESCNJ”) agreement ESCNJ/AEPA-22G. The District is a member of ESCNJ and therefore exempt from bidding as per N.J.S.A. 18A18A-11; and

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability hereby represents to the Board that all payments to be made pursuant to the above referenced agreement shall be paid through the ARP ESSER grant, and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the grant to fully fund same.

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the motion of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to purchase of up to eight hundred and twenty-five (825) new HP Chromebook computers and Google Chrome Education Upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$310,843.50. A copy of the agreement relative to the purchase of the involved computers, cases, insurance and upgrade is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell



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**Resolution #23-508:     Authorization to Purchase Macbook Air computers from Apple, Inc. in  
An Amount Not to Exceed \$50,139.95, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Scott Hlavacek, Director of Information Technology has advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be in the best interest of the district to continue the district’s-computer hardware investment for the Teal Center program at the Newark Tech campus.

WHEREAS, Mr. Hlavacek, Director of Information Technology, and Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, represent that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Local Funds to fully fund the purchase of the Macbook Air computers in an amount not to exceed \$50,139.95 from Apple, Inc.

WHEREAS, Apple, Inc. is a vendor on the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op (“ESCNJ”) agreement 18/19-67 Apple Contract # 1062153. The District is a member of ESCNJ and therefore exempt from bidding as per N.J.S.A. 18A18A-11; now

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to purchase Macbook Air computers from Apple, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$50,139.95, Local Funds. A copy of the proposal relative to the purchase of the involved hardware is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call:   Yeas:     Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
              Nays:     None  
              Absent:  Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-509: Approve JAG-ONE Athletic Training Services for District Sports Team Training in an amount to exceed \$40,000.00, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fully fund payments to JAG without adverse-affect to the District's financial stability; and

WHEREAS, 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

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves JAG-ONE Athletic Training Services "JAG") to provide training for District sports teams for school year 2023-2024, with an hourly rate of \$70.00 per hour effective July 1, 2023. No payments are to be made to JAG without the District's receipt of the fully executed contract, which said contract must be reviewed and approved by Board Counsel; 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 term in accordance with the contract; 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, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-510: One Year Renewal of Horizon Dental Plan for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 School Year at an Annual Premium of \$196,165.00**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, has reviewed the Dental Plan with Horizon BCBS, through Mr. Joseph Maurillo of IMAC Insurance, the District's broker of record. The Business Administrator, after consulting with Mr. Maurillo, has determined that the current Dental Plan is acceptable; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, reviewed the above with the Superintendent of Schools who, after said review, concurs that it would be in the best interests of the District to renew the current Dental Plan for a one period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$196,165.00 which is the same premium paid for the prior two years.

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that the renewal of the Dental Plan is not required to be competitively bid and that same is exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, has further represented that there are sufficient funds within the District to pay the premiums for the involved Dental Plan in the amount of \$196,165.00 annually for the two-year period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and that said payments will not adversely affect the District's financial position; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the renewal of the District's current Dental Plan with Horizon Dental, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 through IMAC Insurance Management & Consulting 540 Mill Street, Belleville, New Jersey 07109, as our broker of record, at an annual premium of approximately \$196,165.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of Contracts for insurance 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, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-511: Approve Professional Day Requests**

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the 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 Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, 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.

<b>0Date of Event</b>	<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Staff Member(s) Participating</b>	<b>Mileage Reimbursement, if Applicable</b>	<b>Cost to Board/Registration Fee</b>
3/22/2023	What does DEI in Educational Practice Truly Look like? Morristown, NJ	Sonia Mulero Jenae Goodson Cynthia Toro	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
3/24/2023	Spotlight on Contemporary Antisemitism: The Holocaust & Contemporary Connections Montclair State University	Karen L. Biddulph Tyler Santora Robert Hebenstreit	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
3/30/2023	SKILLs USA Mercer County Vocational School	Edward Finnis	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
4/4/2023	Offshore Wind & Maritime Career Awareness Fair New York, NY	Kyle Wilson	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
4/17-4/20/2023	Full Sail Hall of Fame Winter Park, FL	Mark Beckett	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
4/18/2023	Navigating Non-Fiction: Structure and Strategy to Unlock Meaning Hackensack, NJ	Stefanie Freund	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
4/19/2023	Creating Conditions for Effective Teaching and Learning <b>Virtual</b>	Felix Boah	N/A	\$250.00 Funded by Local Funds

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4/21/2023	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual School Counselor Conference Kean University Union, NJ	Benita Negron	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
4/26/2023	Catching Up English/Language Arts Students Who Have Fallen Behind: Strategies that Work <b>Virtual</b>	Jacqueline Shoop	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by ESEA
4/26/2023	Breaking Bias: Lessons from the Amistad Part I <b>Virtual</b>	Jennifer Ramos	N/A	No Cost
5/2/2023	Dyslexia, Best Strategies for Students' Success, Grades 6-12 <b>Virtual</b>	Daphine Smith	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by Local Funds
5/3/2023	Child Study Team Training Series In-Service #3: Difficulties and Disputes New Providence , NJ	Mary Idebaneria Patricia Schaffer	\$0.47/MI	\$140.00 Funded by Local Funds
5/18/2023	Effective Strategies for Successfully Working With Difficult Students and Challenging Behavior <b>Virtual</b>	Jacqueline Shoop	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by ESEA
5/23/2023	Accounts Payable Overview – North Jersey Whippany, NJ	Ashley Gathers	\$0.47/MI	\$125.00 Funded by Local Funds
5/24/2023	NJTESOL Spring Conference New Brunswick, NJ	Jessenia Zayas	\$0.47/MI	\$390.00 Funded by Local Funds
6/19- 6/22/2023	ILT 2923 Subaru Solterra Systems and High Voltage Orangeburg, NY	Anthony Ocasio	\$0.47/MI	No Cost

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Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

**Resolution #23-512: Resolution for a Closed Session**

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, at 6:35 p.m., the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education shall at this time recess this meeting and conduct a closed meeting concerning personnel issues and other matters which involve exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act, and are matters which this Body hereby determines are of such a nature that they cannot be discussed at an open meeting. This Body is at this time unable to determine when the matters under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this Body will make such a disclosure when circumstances permit.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

**Resolution #23-513: Return to a Regular Session**

At 6:44 p.m., the Board returned to the regular session meeting.

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**PERSONNEL**

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #23-514:      Resignation/Retirements of Employee(s)**

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby accepts the resignation/retirement of the following employees, effective:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sondra M. Lubertazzi	Retirement	Secretary – 12 Month	Payne Tech	08/31/2023
Jean-Windy Paul	Resignation	Teacher of Mathematics – 10 Month	Payne Tech	05/12/2023
Guion Valle	Retirement	Teacher of Web Design – 10 Months	Payne Tech	06/30/2023

Roll Call:   Yeas:       Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
               Nays:       None  
               Absent:   Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-515: Appoint New Employee(s), 2023-2024 School Year**

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following individual(s) for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon the submission of all appropriate paperwork, New Jersey certification in the instructional area (if applicable), a successful criminal history check and passing the medical physical examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bernetta Davis, 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.

<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Type of Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Level/Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Radeyyah Hossain Teacher of Mathematics	10- Month	Newark Tech	Step 13, Level 2	\$74,228.00	09/01/2023
Bhavani Sukumar Teacher of Mathematics/Physics	10- Month	Payne Tech	Step 13, Level 2	\$74,228.00	09/01/2023
Warren Anderson, Teacher of Mathematics	10- Month	Payne Tech	Step B, Level 2	\$100,135.00	09/01/2023

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell



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**Resolution #23-516:       Appoint an Acting Principal, West Caldwell Tech for 2022-23 School Year, not to exceed \$18,000, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves Ali Aryakia, Acting Principal of West Caldwell Tech for the 2022-23 school year at the rate of \$200.00 per day from March 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Essex County Vocational Technical Schools Administrators and Supervisors Association and the Board of Education.

**Additional information:** On March 14, 2023, Mary Ann Sweeney, at the direction of the Board Secretary, polled the Board via email and recorded that four (4) of the six (6) Board members consented to this Resolution being on the Agenda.

Roll Call:   Yeas:       Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
              Nays:       None  
              Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-517:       Appoint an Acting Vice-Principal, West Caldwell Tech for 2022-23 School Year, not to exceed \$9,000.00 Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves Christopher Cosmillo, Acting Vice Principal of West Caldwell Tech for the 2022-23 school year at the rate of \$100.00 per day from March 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Essex County Vocational Technical Schools Administrators and Supervisors Association and the Board of Education.

**Additional information:** On March 14, 2023, Mary Ann Sweeney, at the direction of the Board Secretary, polled the Board via email and recorded that four (4) of the six (6) Board members consented to this Resolution being on the Agenda.

Roll Call:   Yeas:       Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
              Nays:       None  
              Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-518: Appoint Ruth Sanchez, Teacher of Spanish, Payne Tech**

WHEREAS, a Teacher of Spanish within the District resigned effective October 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above, the Superintendent of Schools has determined that the best person to replace the Teacher of Spanish is Ruth Sanchez. Ms. Sanchez is currently employed by the District as a Bilingual Aide and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts in Psychology. Ms. Sanchez has advised the Superintendent of Schools that she has agreed to accept the appointment; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the appointment of Ruth Sanchez as Teacher of Spanish at Payne Tech, effective as of March 16, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Ms. Sanchez will receive a salary of \$61,546.00, Level 1, Step 7 in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the District and the Essex County Vocational Education Association, dated July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023, in addition to benefits.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-519 Appoint Acting Dean of Students, During Teachers Free Periods, at West Caldwell Tech, not to exceed \$2,820.00**

WHEREAS, effective March 14, 2023, West Caldwell Tech Dean of Students Christopher Cosmillo was appointed to the position of Acting Vice Principal of West Caldwell Tech for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year, leaving a vacancy in the position of Dean of Students; and

WHEREAS, since it is critical to maintain the consistency of the position of Dean of Students during this time, current WCT teachers will assist as Dean of Students during their non-teaching periods; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following teachers to assist as Dean of Students during their non-teaching periods, at a rate of \$47.00 per hour (not to exceed 20 hours each) beginning on March 14, 2023 through April 30, 2023, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Joelle Della Volpe

Michael Gallo

Jorge Tuesta

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-520: Appoint Nicole Blasco as CTE Administrative Assistant**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Nicole Blasco to the 12-month position of CTE Administrative Assistant for the district effective July 1, 2023, at no additional compensation and/or benefits.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

**Resolution #23-521: Substitute/Long Term Replacement, not to exceed \$148,000.00 Local Funds**

WHEREAS, situations arise where teachers are out on extended period of time due to medical, personal or Family Leave reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to maintain the consistency of instruction by certified long-term replacement (substitute) teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved long-term content area certified replacements at a per diem rate of \$250, equal to a first-year teacher at the BA Level; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff as substitute/long-term replacement teachers at a rate of \$250 per day beginning on May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Jonathan Alicea	Christopher Palma	Rosanna Braden	Alexia Hunter
James Casalino	Anaironi Peguero	Emilio Yunes	James Gallina
T'Nayah Keeling	Kaleysa Vodrazka	Kyle Schaeffer	Louis Castellano
Pasqual Pannullo	Joralis Nivar		
Brianna Thomas	Yuri Brutus		

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Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

**Resolution #23-522: Substitute/Long Term Replacement, not to exceed \$15,500.00 Local Funds**

WHEREAS, situations arise where teachers are out on extended period of time due to medical, personal or Family Leave reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to maintain the consistency of instruction by certified long-term replacement (substitute) teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved long-term content area certified replacements at a per diem rate of \$250, equal to a first-year teacher at the BA Level; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff as substitute/long-term replacement teachers at a rate of \$250 per day effective as of March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Johan Manuel Rojas

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

**Resolution #23-523: Substitute/Long Term Replacement, not to exceed \$8,720.00 Local Funds**

WHEREAS, situations arise where teachers are out on extended period of time due to medical, personal or Family Leave reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to maintain the consistency of instruction by certified long-term replacement (substitute) teachers; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has approved long-term content area certified replacements at a per diem rate of \$250, equal to a first-year teacher at the BA Level; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff as substitute/long-term replacement teachers at a rate of \$250 per day effective as of May 15, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Ariel Peace

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-524                      Rescind Resolution #23-478**

WHEREAS, at the March 13, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #23-478 which appointed Co-Curricular Coaches for the 2022-2023 School Year; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby rescinds their passing of Resolution No. 23-478 at the March 13, 2023 Board meeting.

Roll Call:    Yeas:        Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
                   Nays:        None  
                   Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernel

**Resolution #23-525                      Appoint Co-Curricular Coaches for the 2022-2023 School Year**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following individuals to the extracurricular assignment(s) for the 2022-2023 school year at an annual stipend as set forth in accordance with the Agreement by and between the Collective Bargaining Unit and the Board of Education.

Name	Sport	Position	Location	Compensation
Thomas Patierno	Girls Flag Football, Spring	Head Coach	District Wide	\$7,000.00
Lourdes Orellana	Girls Flag Football, Spring	Assistant Coach	District Wide	\$5,500.00
Herbert Ramos	Track & Field, Spring	Assistant Coach	Newark Tech	\$9,180.00

Roll Call:    Yeas:        Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
                   Nays:        None  
                   Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-526: Appoint Staff to Conduct Virtual Student Interviews After School, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, ~~CRRSA ESSER-II~~ American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) Grant Funded Grant Funded**

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, certain eligible District Guidance Counselors and Child Study Team members are needed to conduct virtual student interviews after school of potential incoming 2023-2024 9<sup>th</sup> grade students; and

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, ~~ESEA~~ ARP ESSER Grant Supervisor, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the ~~CRRSA ESSER-II~~ ARP ESSER grant for all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints up to six (6) eligible District Guidance Counselors and Child Study Team staff members to conduct virtual student interviews for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Staff will be compensated for a maximum of twelve (12) hours for the month of April and May, 2023, at the rate of \$39.38 per hour, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the District and the Association. The total amount to be paid to each instructor shall not exceed the sum of \$472.56.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-527: Appoint Administrators to Conduct Virtual Student Interviews After School, in an amount not to exceed \$2,720.00, ~~CRRSA ESSER-II~~ American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) Grant Funded**

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, certain District Administrators are needed to conduct virtual student interviews after school of potential incoming 2023-24 9<sup>th</sup> grade students; and

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, ~~ESEA~~ ARP ESSER Grant Supervisor, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds with the ~~CRRSA ESSER-II~~ ARP ESSER grant for all payment and that said payment is an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Enrique Lomba and Patricia Schaffer to conduct virtual student interviews of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Ms. Schaffer and Mr. Lomba will be



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compensated for a maximum of twenty (20) hours each for the month of April and May, 2023, at the rate of \$68.00 per hour, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the District and the Association. The total amount to be paid to each Administrator shall not exceed the sum of \$1,360.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-528: Appoint Proctors for WIDA-Screener Placement Test for English Learners (ELs), in an amount not to exceed \$1,645.00, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Enrique Lomba, Supervisor of English as a Second Language, hereby verify 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; now

On the motion of, Ms. Davis, seconded by, Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following staff members, as set forth below, to administer and score the WIDA Screener Placement Test for English Learners for prospective incoming students on Saturday, March 25, 2023 for up to a maximum seven (7) hours (including grading of tests) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the rate of \$47.00 per hour, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. The total sum to be paid to each staff member shall not exceed the sum of \$329.00.

The assignment for proctors will be for a maximum of seven (7) hours, which includes the scoring of the test.

Khadijah Mellakh    Stephanie Sanchez  
Angelina Martinez    Jessenia Zayas

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the proctors are to be utilized on an as needed basis, depending on the number of prospective students who participate in the involved testing program.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-529:        Amend Resolution #23-465 to Indicate Co-Advisors  
Of the Model UN Club, Payne Tech, Not to Exceed \$2,589.00, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, at the March 13, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #23-465, which in part appointed Tyler Santora as Club Advisor for the Model UN Club at Payne Tech with compensation/stipend of \$2,598.00; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passage of Resolution #23-465 it was determined that there would be two Club Advisors for the Model UN Club at Payne Tech, Mr. Tyler Santora and Mr. Robert Hebenstreit, and the compensation/stipend of \$2,598.00 would be distributed equally between the two advisors; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verify 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; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends resolution #23-465 to name Tyler Santora and Robert Hebenstreit, Advisors of the Model UN Club with a compensation/stipend of \$1,299.00 each. All other provisions of Resolution #23-465 are unaffected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Roll Call:    Yeas:        Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
                  Nays:        None  
                  Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-530: Appoint Proctor for the Diagnostic Assessment for Incoming 9th Graders  
\$130.00, CRSSA ESSER II funds**

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, ESEA Grant Supervisor, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the CRRSA ESSER II grant to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints the following staff member, as set forth below, to serve as proctor for the Admissions Assessment for prospective incoming students on Saturday, March 25, 2023, which will be in-person at each school for a maximum of three and one half (3.5) hours except for those of special education and English Learner students, who may be required to proctor until the test is completed. Proctor will be compensated at the rate of \$28.45 per hour, in accordance with the Agreement between the collective bargaining unit and the Board of Education. Proctors are to be assigned by need determined by the principal. The total sum to be paid to each staff member shall not exceed the sum of \$130.00, except for the proctors of special education and English learner students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proctors as set forth below are to be utilized on an as-need basis, depending on the number of prospective students who participate in the testing program.

**Payne Tech**

Ms. Jodebska Valencia

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-531 : Appoint Instructors to Teach an Extra Class, 2022-2023 School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,873.00, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds within the District’s grant and local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following instructors to extra teaching assignments during the 2022-23 school year. The instructors shall be compensated for teaching the extra class in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length of Period</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Terrilisa Bauknight	English Lit Survey Course #LAL122	PT	80 - Alt	\$ 7,339.00 Pro-Rated from 01/11/2023	Local

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-532                      Appoint Special Olympics Coach Not to Exceed \$846.00, Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of the Office of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent that the District is entering students into the Special Olympics competition that will be held on April 26, 2023, in Bloomfield, NJ.

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-referenced information, the Special Olympics Coaches will prepare the students for the competition during the 2022-2023 school year. The Special Olympics Coaches will be compensated \$47.00 per hour in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. The assignment is anticipated to begin March 14, 2023, through May 12, 2023, for a maximum of 6 hours per month outside of the regular workday paid by local funding.

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator and Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Office of Student-Related Services, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following coaches:

Jennifer Guevara—West Caldwell Tech

Roll Call:   Yeas:       Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
              Nays:       None  
              Absent:     Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution#23-533 Appoint Instructional Staff to Facilitate the District's Essex IQ Robotics and Coding Academy Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000 Grant Funded.**

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies has advised the Superintendent that the Essex IQ Robotics and Coding Academy will assist middle school students with developing academic/career/life skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, collaborating and presentation skills as they learn about VEX Robotics and Coding. Concomitantly, the Essex IQ Robotics and Coding Academy will assist with recruiting future students throughout the county.

WHEREAS, Dr. DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies and Mr. John Dolan, Director of Adult, Career and Technical Education, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant to fully fund all payments.

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon The recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints the following individuals as instructors to the Essex IQ Robotics and Coding Academy

Stephanie Bird	Brian Johnson	Tyler Santora	Edwin Oyola
Daniel Rudy	Robert Lorenzo	Robert Hebenstreit	

Assignment for the instructors/facilitators above will be for \$47.00 per hour (2022-2023 contractual rate), occurring between July 5, 2023 to July 28, 2023 in a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 grant funded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-534: Appoint Ms. Sondra Lubertazzi as CTE Data Collection Coordinator for the Carl D. Perkins Secondary grant - FY 2023 in the Amount not to exceed of \$3,500.00, Grant funded.**

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies, has advised the Superintendent that the Carl D. Perkins Secondary grant program encourages the attainment of industry valued credentials and dual enrollment credits. The CTE Data Collection coordinator will coordinate, schedule and collect data on industry recognized credentials, college credits and end of course assessments obtained from ASE (Automotive Service Excellence), AWS, CNA, OSHA 10/30 & the Rutgers Health Exams; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-referenced information the District is appointing Ms. Sondra Lubertazzi as the CTE Data Collection Coordinator in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 Grant Funded; now

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Perkins Secondary Grant to fully fund all payments; and

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education does hereby authorize the appointment of Sondra Lubertazzi as the CTE Data Collection Coordinator in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, Grant Funded.

Assignment for the above will occur between September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, grant funded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel

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**Resolution #23-535: Field Trips**

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval of Dr. James Pedersen, the 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 Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payments will not affect the financial position of the District.

<b>Person Charge</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Cohort/Campus</b>	<b># Students</b>	<b>Cost to Board</b>	
<b>GUIDANCE SERVICES (ACADEMIC PROGRAM)</b>							
Emily Arcangelo (3 Chaperones)		3/29/2023	Delaware State University Dover, DE	WC	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Gr.	40	\$349.80 Funded by Local Funds Retro
Emily Arcangelo		4/18/2023	City College of New York New York, NY	WC	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	30	No Cost
Patricia Schaffer (4 Chaperones)		4/26/2023	Brookdale Park Bloomfield, NJ	WC	Transition Academy	25	No Cost
Justin Bevilacqua & Natasha Batista		4/28/2023	Essex County Donald Payne Tech Newark, NJ	WC	Boys Volleyball	40	No Cost
Vivian Rojas Jessica Gonzalez		4/28/2023	La Fortaleza Restaurant Carlstadt, NJ	PT	AP Spanish	21	No Cost
Marcia Scille (4 Chaperones)		4/28/2023	Castle Shakespeare Budd Lake	NT	9 <sup>th</sup> Gr	45	No Cost



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Jennifer Ramos (2 Chaperones)	5/4/2023	MET 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY	NT	World Civilizations 101/102	45	\$600.00 Funded by Local Funds
Jessenia Zayas (4 Chaperones)	5/22/2023	Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island New York, NY	NT	ESL	46	No Cost
Vivian Rojas Jessica Gonzalez	5/26/2023	Mercado Little Spain New York, NY	PT	AP Spanish	21	No Cost
Jennifer Guevara	5/31/2023	ARC Studio Fairfield, NJ	WC	Transition Academy	4	No Cost
<b>CO-CURRICULAR (NON-ATHLETIC)</b>						
*Joella DellaVolpe (1 Chaperone)	Was approved 3/13/23 The date is changed from 5/2/2023 to 3/16/2023	St. Lucy Church Newark, NJ	WC	Key Club	20	No Cost
*Joelle DellaVolpe	Was approved 3/13/23 The dates are changed from 3/16 & 3/17/2023 to only 3/17/2023	Anthony Wayne Middle School Wayne, NJ	WC	Graphic Arts	6	No Cost
Kelly Krohe	3/19/2023	BCTI HOSA Competition Westhampton, NJ	NT	HOSA	1	\$40.00 Funded by Local Funds <b>Retro</b>
Eric Love (2 Chaperones)	3/22/2023	Essex County MLK Jr. Justice Building Newark, NJ	PT	Choir	30	No Cost
Anthony Rock	3/24 – 3/25/2023	NJDL District Tournament Morristown, NJ	NT	Debate	8	\$940.00 Funded by Local Funds <b>Retro</b>

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Dan Delcher Edward Finnis Anthony Perez	3/25/2023	SKILLS USA Competitive Events Sicklerville, NJ	WC, NT & PT	30	No Cost
Maria Pallis- McCarthy Jackie Shoop	3/27/2023	Essex County Donald Payne Tech Newark, NJ	WC Student Council NHS Black Union/GBLTQ	24	No Cost
Dan Delcher Ed Finnis	3/30/2023	SKILLS USA Competitive Events Pennington, NJ	WC/NT SKILLS USA	5	No Cost
Patricia Schaffer (6 Chaperones)	4/18 & 4/20/2023	Vailsburg Park Newark, NJ	WC Special Olympics Team	16	No Cost
Maxine Kaminski	4/19/2023	Essex County Hospital Center Cedar Grove, NJ	WC Consumer Bowl	5	No Cost
Gail Riccardi Axel Perez	4/21/2023	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	PT Girls Who Code	20	\$490.00 Funded by Local Funds
Sandra Romaniello	4/22- 4/26/2023	ICDC Orange County Convention Center/Hilton Orlando Hotel Orlando, FL	WC DECA	2	\$4677.93 Funded by CTSO
Dan Delcher	5/2, 5/9, 5/16, & 5/23/2023	Essex County Turtleback Zoo West Orange, NJ	WC Animal Science/4- H/FFA	10	No Cost
Kelly Krohe (2 Chaperones)	5/4/2023	Mutter Museum Philadelphia, PA	NT HOSA	14	No Cost
Dan Delcher	5/4/2023	Hunterdon County Poly Tech Califon, NJ	WC Animal Science/ 4-H/FFA	10	No Cost
Sandra Romaniello	5/10/2023	First Presbyterian Church (Sandwich Night) Caldwell, NJ	WC DECA & Student Council	20	No Cost

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Simone Cameron	5/15/2023	Goldman Sachs Junior Achievement Women's Leadership Forum Jersey City, NJ	PT	FBLA	20	No Cost
Robert Lorenzo (2Chaperones)	5/24/2023	Thomas Edison National Historic Park West Orange, NJ	WC	Robotics	30	No Cost
Simone Cameron (4 Chaperones)	6/5/2023	Six Flags Great Adventure Jackson, NJ	PT	FBLA	50	No Cost
Sandra Romaniello (1 Chaperone)	6/14/2023	Sandy Lane Nursery School Belleville, NJ	WC	Business & DECA	12	No Cost
Sandra Romaniello (1 Chaperone)	6/15/2023	Community Food Bank of New Jersey Hillside, NJ	WC	DECA & NHS	20	No Cost
<b>CAREER &amp; TECHNICAL EDUCATION (STRUCTURED LEARNING EXPERIENCES)</b>						
Dan Delcher	4/2/2023	Horse Evaluation Event Augusta, NJ	WC	FFA	8	No Cost
Simone Cameron (4 Chaperones)	4/3/2023	Deloitte Morristown, NJ	PT	Business Academy	50	No Cost
Dr. Nasser Masri (1 Chaperone)	4/18, 4/25, 5/9 & 5/16/2023	Rutgers School of Dental Medicine Newark, NJ	NT	Medical/Dental Assisting	27	No Cost
Frank DeHerde (2 Chaperones)	4/18/2023	Atlantic Health 911 Call Center Florham Park, NJ	PT	Law & Public Safety	25	No Cost
Bernard Gomes Jennifer Ramos	4/19/2023 4/20/2023	Essex County Hall of Records Newark, NJ	NT	CTE	25	No Cost
Dan Delcher	4/20/2023	Spring Career Development Event Contests New Brunswick	WC	FFA	8	No Cost

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Dr. Nasser Masri (7 Chaperones)	4/21/2023	Da Vinci Center (Body World Exhibit) Allentown, PA	NT	Medical/Dental Assisting Program	60	\$90.00 Funded by Local
Dan Delcher	4/25/2023	PA Career Development Event Day Lebanon, PA	WC	FFA	8	No Cost
Brett Boon (1 Chaperone)	4/26/2023	Hudson County Community College Jersey City, NJ	WC	Culinary Arts	20	No Cost
Dan Delcher	4/29/2023	Dalry Cattie Evaluation Event Oldwick, NJ	WC	FFA	4	No Cost
Dan Delcher Joanne Brown	5/1/2023	Pequest Trout Hatchery Oxford, NJ	WC	Animal Science/ 4H/FFA	25	No Cost
Taharia Fong Rossella Tripodi	5/2/2023	Greggs Salon Linden, NJ	WC	Cosmetology	22	No Cost
Bernard Gomes <del>Jacqueline Cammarata</del>	5/2/2023	Fairfield Recreation Center Fairfield, NJ	WC	CTE	25	No Cost
Taharia Fong Rossella Tripodi	5/8/2023	Salon 7 West Orange, NJ	WC	Cosmetology	16	No Cost
Taharia Fong Rossella Tripodi	5/9/2023	Salon Mosaic North Caldwell, NJ	WC	Cosmetology	18	No Cost
Brett Boon Victoria Atfield (3 Chaperones)	5/10/2023	Reading Terminal Market Philadelphia, PA	WC	Culinary Arts	47	No Cost
Taharia Fong Rossella Tripodi	5/16/2023	Greggs Salon Linden, NJ	WC	Cosmetology	20	
Bernard Gomes Mark Beckett	5/17/2023	Production Resource Group (PRG) Secaucus, NJ	NT	Construction Trades & Music Production	19	No Cost

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Amarilys Olivo Mockabee (1 Chaperone)	5/18/2023	Newark Beth Israel Greenhouse Newark, NJ	PT	Greenhouse/ Management	21	No Cost
Gail Riccardi Guion Valle	5/19/2023	Goldman Sachs Jersey City, NJ	PT	Web Design	14	No Cost
Brett Boon Victoria Atfield (2 Chaperones)	5/24/2023	Turkey Hill Experience Columbia, PA	WC	Culinary Arts	34	No Cost
Frank Deherde (3 Chaperones)	5/25/2023	Spycape New York, NY	PT	Law & Public Safety	43	\$1238.40 Funded by Local Funds
Dr. Nasser Masri (6 Chaperones)	5/27/2023	Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry Baltimore, MD	NT	Medical/Dental Assisting Program	50	\$250.00 Funded by Local Funds
Sandra Romaniello (1Chaperone)	5/31/2023	Six Flags Great Adventure for Business/Marketing Jackson, Township, NJ	WC	Business	20	No Cost
Brett Boon Michelle Brewer	6/12/2023	Fort Hancock Sandy Hook The Jersey Shore Partnership's Summer Celebration Sandy Hook, NJ	WC	Culinary Arts	6	No Cost

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-536: Fire/Security Drill Reports, March 2023 (enclosure)**

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the 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 March, 2023.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-537: Authorization for the District to Amend Date or Cancel Event as a Result of the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic**

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education, “the Board”, hereby authorizes the District to amend any date as set forth in any resolution referenced above or cancel any activity and/or event as a result of the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**Resolution #23-538: Accept the Results of New Jersey Start Strong Assessment 2022-23 school year (enclosure)**

On the motion of Ms. Carrillo-Perez, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby accepts the results of the Fall 2022 Assessment Results of the **New Jersey Start Strong Assessment** for the 2022-23 school year as required by State regulations (*N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2(f)*)

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

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**Resolution #23-539: Accept the 2021-22 School and District Performance Reports (enclosure)**

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Carrillo-Perez, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the 2021-22 detailed and summary performance reports for each of the three schools and district.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #23-540: Approve District Fundraiser Requests**

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes students to hold fundraisers on the following dates to raise funds to help pay for various student events for the 2022-23 school year:

<b>Person in Charge</b>	<b>Anticipated Date(s)</b>	<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Organization/School</b>	<b>Funds to be Used Towards</b>
Jenabu Williams	4/6/2023	Dress Down day	School wide Newark Tech	Various class events/activities
Jackie Shoop	4/26/2023	Spring Dance	School wide Newark Tech	Various class events/activities
Jackie Shoop	5/26/23	Movie Night	School wide Newark Tech	Various class events/activities
Jackie Shoop	6/15/23	Senior Dance	Senior Class Newark Tech	Senior Class activities

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 17, 2023**

**Resolution #23-541: Authorize the Use of Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology by Essex County Education Association to host the 2023 North Jersey GSA Forum on Saturday, May 6, 2023**

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Essex County Vocational Technical Schools Board of Education, “the Board”, hereby authorizes the use of Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology by Essex County Education Association (“ECEA”) on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM to host the 2023 North Jersey GSA Forum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least three (3) Security Guards, three (3) custodial staff and one (1) technical staff will be assigned during the event on May 6, 2023.

Those who are District employees will be compensated in accordance with their respective collective bargaining agreements. The Board has agreed to waive charging ECEA any and all fees which may be associated with providing staffing at the event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECEA 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 the event. The ECEA shall hold the District harmless from any consequences occurring from or connected with the approval of the use of this school.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell



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**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, Sheila Oliver Conference Center, Newark, New Jersey, at 6:00 p.m., on **Monday, May 8, 2023**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #23-542: Adjournment**

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe seconded by Ms. Medina, the Board adjourns the meeting at 7:01p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Medina, Ms. Carrillo-Perez, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell