

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 22, 2024**

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, ~~December 18, 2023~~ January 22, 2024, by Adrienne Davis, Vice President

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, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE --

ROLL CALL – Board Secretary, Lori Tanner

Present: Salvatore Carnovale,
Reginald Bledsoe
Dr. Chris T. Pernell
LeeSandra Medina

Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez

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

COMMUNICATION No

PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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2023-24 Student Council Presidents

Rchin Bari and Maya Ratzan, Newark Tech
 Babajide Hamzat, Payne Tech
 Elaija Rodriguez and Amatullah Benjamin, West Caldwell Tech

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

HIB Monthly Report – December, 2023

School	Allegations			Verified	
	Dec.	23-24 cumulative		Dec.	23-24 cumulative
Newark Tech	2	3	-	1	1
Payne Tech	1	1	-	1	1
West Caldwell	1	5	-	0	1
Total	4	9	-	2	3

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

POINTS OF PRIDE

Newark Tech

The Superintendent's Luncheon was a great opportunity for Superintendent, Dr. James Pedersen, to connect with Newark Tech students and discuss with them the future of education. They had insightful conversations about their academic journeys, challenges, and aspirations. The students' voices and perspectives were heard.

Newark Tech Boys Basketball Team beat the previously unbeaten North Star Academy 56-45, on the road. This win was truly a team effort and the team is very proud.

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Payne Tech

Our Payne Tech seniors Brian Ametekpor and Babajide Hamzat addressed the freshmen, emphasizing the importance of Naviance and sharing how it has been beneficial for them. The student council President worked alongside with the Guidance Dept to present the freshman, promoting awareness of the available resources for the students.

Congrats to our seniors students Andres Jaquez Cruz, Babajide Hamzat, and Sarah Cordeiro Monteiro. All three were selected as quest bridge National College Match Scholarship. All of them earned four-year full scholarship.

West Caldwell Tech

The West Caldwell Tech bowling team has a record of 5 wins and 3 losses, securing the third position in our division, trailing only behind Seton Hall Prep and Livingston.

Mr. Boon's Culinary students participated in the Pro-Start Gingerbread house contest. Thank you all who submitted entries to the gingerbread house contest; it was a fun way to end the year off. All the houses were very creative

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-357: Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023 (enclosure)

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2023.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-358: Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the Period Ending 10/31/23 (enclosure)

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, 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

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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 October 31, 2023, showing a cash balance of \$25,681,735.76 be approved, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-359: Transfer of Funds, October, 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 October, 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 Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the transfer of accounts pursuant to the attached Reports of Transfers for the month of October, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

~~**Resolution #24-360: Authorize Payment of Bills - January 19, 2024 (enclosure)**~~

~~WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$ _____ through January 19, 2024 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 _____ seconded by _____, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the payment of the January~~

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~~19, 2024, bill's list in the sum of \$ _____, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.~~

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Bledsoe	=====	Dr. Pernell	=====
	Mr. Carnovale	=====	Ms. Davis	=====
	Ms. Carrillo-Perez	=====	Fr. Leahy	=====
	Ms. Medina	=====		

Resolution #24-360: Authorize Payment of Bills – December 15, 2023 (Payroll)
(enclosure)

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$1,418,475.79, through December 15, 2023 (Payroll) 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 Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the payment of the December 15, 2023 (Payroll) bill's list, in the sum of \$1,418,475.79, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
 Nays: None
 Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-360A: Authorize Payment of Bills – January 19, 2024 (enclosure)

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$4,426,970.73 through January 19, 2024 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 Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the payment of the January 19, 2024 bill's list in the sum of \$4,426,970.73, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

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Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
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Resolution # 24-361: Authorize Acceptance of Additional Funds for The New Jersey Labor and Workforce Development (NJLWD) FY24 Adult Basic Skills Education and Integrated English Literacy And Civics Education (IELCE) Grant as part of the Essex County College Consortium in the Additional Amount of \$49,238.00

WHEREAS on 12/18/2023, the Board approved Resolution #24-309, for the authorization to accept grant funding from the NJLWD in the total amount of \$118,500.00 for the FY24 Adult Basic Skills Education and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2024, as a result of the above-referenced resolution and successful grant submission by the Essex County College Consortium, John Dolan Adult Basic Education Grant Supervisor, has reported to the Superintendent that the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development has awarded the District additional funding in the sum of \$49,238.00. Mr. Dolan has further advised the Superintendent that it is in the best interest of the District to accept said funding to expand our Adult Basic Education programs in the evening at the Essex County-Newark Tech Campus and various potential satellite locations; now

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the acceptance of additional funding for the New Jersey Labor and Workforce Development (NJLWD) FY24 Adult Basic Skills Education and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant, in the amount of \$49,238.00 which said sum is to be utilized in accordance with the terms of the involved grant. Said changes only affect the total funding amount which has increased to \$167,738.00 provision of the services for the previously referenced resolution remain in full effect.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
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Resolution #24-362: Authorization to Upgrade, Add and Move Video Security systems and Equipment from JCT Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$51,045.50, Capital Funds

WHEREAS, Scott Hlavacek, Director of Information Technology, has advised the Superintendent that it would be in the best interest of the District to upgrade, add, and change certain video security systems during the renovation of Newark Tech; and

WHEREAS, the purchase will be facilitated through the Union County Co-Op agreement UCCP 8-2022 IT Infrastructure, Fiber Optic Network Advanced Applications and Services; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Scott Hlavacek, Director of Information Technology, hereby represent to the Board that all payments to be made pursuant to the above referenced agreement shall be paid through Capital funds, that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of Capital funds and that there are sufficient funds within the District's Capital funds to fully fund same; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to purchase Hardware and Services from JCT Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$51,045.50, local funds. A copy of the agreement relative to the purchase of the involved hardware along with a list of same is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
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Resolution #24-363: Approve Professional Day Requests

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Medina, 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 position of the District.

Date of Event	Workshop/Conference	Staff Member(s) Participating	Mileage Reimbursement , if Applicable	Cost to Board/Registration Fee
4/2023-9/30/2023	CTE Cert. of Eligibility Prep Program Brookdale Community	Kelly Krohe	\$0.47/MI	\$1370.00 Funded by ARP ESSER RETRO
9/30/2023	CTE CE EP Program Stage IV Virtual	Mark Guerrieri	N/A	\$685.00 Funded by ARP ESSER RETRO
2023 Summer Semester	Dual College Credit Master's Reimbursement Program New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning	Bhavani Sukumar	\$0.47/MI	\$2304.00 Funded by ARP ESSER
12/18-1/12/2024	Masters in chemistry Energy and the Environment Montclair State University	Bianca Gambino	\$0.47/MI	\$2427.00 Funded by ARP ESSER
1/5/2024	NJSCA Winter Conference Glassboro, NJ	Joe Recine	\$0.47/MI	\$35.00 Registration Funded by Local Funds RETRO

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1/11/2024	Handle With Care Recertification Wayne, NJ	Patricia Ryan Lakicia Jenkins	\$0.47/MI	\$525.00 Registration Funded by Local Funds RETRO
1/12/2024	NJL2L Residency Orientation Virtual	Sheyla Jannah	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
1/23- 1/25/2024	National Team Ag Ed Inservice Indianapolis, Indiana	Daniel Delcher	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
1/24- 1/26/2024	Techspo Harrah's Convention Center Atlantic, City	Scott Hlavacek	\$0.47/MI	\$540.00 Funded by Local Funds
2/26 & 27/2024	NJAHPERD Annual Convention Princeton, NJ	Regan Porter	\$0.47/MI	\$250.00 Funded by ARP ESSER
3/18 & 3/19/2024	Women's Leadership Somerset, NJ	Grisel Morales	\$0.47/MI	\$419.00 Funded by ARP ESSER
2/2/2024	BER Best Reading Strategies to Accelerate Fluency and Proficiency Virtual	Marcia Scille	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by ARP ESSER
5/30/2024	2024 NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference New Brunswick, NJ	Maria Jones	\$0.47/MI	\$390.00 Funded by ARP ESSER

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
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Resolution #24-363A: Amendment to Resolution #24-257 for Professional Services Contract by and between French & Parrello Associates and the District for Licensed Site Funds

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023 the Board approved Resolution #24-257 for a Professional Services Contract by and between French & Parrello Associates (“F&P”) and the District for Licensed Site Remediation Professional “(LSRP)” Services at Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology (“West Caldwell Tech”), in an Amount Not to Exceed \$78,200.00, Capital Funds. It has been determined that the Board needs to continue the final remedial activities utilizing F & P services for the sealing of sections of the vapor intrusion mitigation system and soil testing for West Caldwell Tech, and

WHEREAS, F&P with offices located at 1800 Route 34, Suite 101, Wall, NJ, 07719 will provide the engineering services as referenced at a fixed fee in the amount not to exceed Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$29,900.00) in the aggregate, plus costs; and

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

WHEREAS, 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; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to amend Resolution #24-257 for an additional amount not to exceed the combined total of two proposals (\$29,900.00) dated January 2, 2024 in the amount of \$7,500.00 and January 16, 2024 in the amount of \$22,400.00, Capital Funds to continue final remedial activities at West Caldwell Tech in accordance with F&P’s copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.; 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 in accordance with the contract; 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

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

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Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-364: Resolution for a Closed Session

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe seconded by Dr. Pernell at 6:15 p.m., the Board hereby 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, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis
Nays: None
Absent: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
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Return to a Regular Session

At 6:29 p.m., the Board returned to the regular session meeting.

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PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-366: Resignation/Retirements of Employee(s)

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Media, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the resignation/retirement of the following employees(s), effective:

Employee	Reason	Position	Location	Date
Praxie Mercado, 10-Month Employee	Retirement	Paraprofessional-SPED	PT	06/30/2024

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Mr. Bledsoe, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 (**Fr. Leahy, President arrived at 6:26pm.**)
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-367: Appoint New Employee(s), 2023-2024 School Year, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Mike Venezia, Human Resources Director, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, 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.

Name/Position	Type of Position	Location	Level/Step	Salary	Effective Date
Miguel Elias Zegarra Rodriguez 10-Month Employee	Teacher of Mathematics	West Caldwell Tech	Level 1, Step 9	\$61,831.00	02/16/2024
Narenda Misir, 10-Month Employee	Teacher of Mathematics	Payne Tech	Level 1, Step 9	\$61,831.00	02/16/2024
Tiffany Williams, 10-Month Employee	Paraprofessional – SPED	Payne Tech	Step 10	\$35,302.00	02/01/2024

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

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Resolution #24-368: Amend Resolution #23-274 to WIDA Screener Proctor Testing date from January 6, 2024 to January 20, 2024

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, the Board passed Resolution #23-274 which in part approved testing dates and proctors (listed below) for WIDA Screenings for Multilingual Learners; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #23-274, it was determined the testing date of January 6, 2024 should be amended to reflect January 20, 2024; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #23-274 to revise the testing date of the WIDA Screeners Testing from January 6, 2024 to January 20, 2024. All other provisions of Resolution #24-274 remain in full force and effect.

Stephani Sanchez
Angelina Martinez

Nidia Plaza
Jessica Gonzalez

Jessenia Zayas
Natasha Batista

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

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Resolution #24-369: Amend Resolution #23-275 to WIDA Coordinator Testing date from January 6, 2024 to January 20, 2024

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, the Board passed Resolution #23-275 which in part approved coordinators (listed below) and testing dates for WIDA Screenings for Multilingual Learners; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #23-275, it was determined the testing date of January 6, 2024 should be amended to reflect January 20, 2024; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #23-275 to revise the testing date of the WIDA Coordinator Testing from January 6, 2024 to January 20, 2024. All other provisions of Resolution #24-275 remain in full force and effect.

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Angelina Martinez (Sub)

Jessica Gonzalez (Sub)

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

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Resolution #24-370: Appoint a Proctor and Support Person for the Diagnostic Assessment for Incoming 9th Graders, at Newark Tech, in an Amount not to Exceed, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, recommends to the Superintendent that staff be appointed as Diagnostic Assessment Proctors for the Admissions Assessments for Incoming 9th Grader Students; and

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

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following staff members to serve as proctors for the Admissions Assessment for prospective incoming 9th Grade Students effective on January 6, February 3, and March 24, 2024, which will be in-person at each school for a maximum of four (4) hours per Saturday except for those of special education and multilingual learner, who may require a proctor until the test is completed. Proctors will be compensated at the rate of \$47.00 per hour, the support person will be paid \$28.45 in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Proctors are to be assigned by need as determined by the assessment coordinators with the approval of the assessment director. The total sum to be paid to each staff member shall not exceed the sum of \$564.00 for the proctor \$341.40 for the support persons for the proctors of special education and multilingual students.

Dr. Sharon Spence – Proctor (\$47.00 per hour)

Cristina Gavilanes – Secretary (Support Person)- (\$28.45 per hour)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proctors set forth above are to be utilized as needed, depending on the number of prospective students participating in the testing program.

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

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**Resolution #24-371: Appoint Instructors to Teach an Extra Class, 2023-2024
School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,654.00,
Local Funds**

WHEREAS, the Building Principals at Newark Tech and Payne Tech have advised that it is necessary for teachers to provide instruction and assessment for students in certain classes and periods to implement the instructional programs for the school; 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 payment will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, 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 2023-24 school year. The instructors shall be compensated for teaching the extra class in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

School: West Caldwell						
Name	Course #	Course	Period	Extra Time	Amount	Funding Source
Jacqueline Shoop	LAL122	English Lit Survey	8-9 (B)	80 MINS- every other day 12/01/23-02/29/24	\$2,039.00 (50 Days)	Local
School: Payne Tech						
Lisa Ackershoek	ECO220	Personal Fin 1	1-2 (A)Days	80 MINS-A Day 1/2/24-6/30/24	Not to Exceed \$4,404.00	Local
Simone Cameron	EC0220	Personal Fin 1	1-2 (B)Days	80 MINS-B Day 1/2/24-6/30/24	Not to Exceed \$4,404.00	Local
Christine Coppola	C15120	Intro Comp Sci	3-4 (A-B)	80 Minutes-A/B 1/2/24-6/30/24	Not to Exceed \$8,807.00	Local

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

Resolution #24-372: Appoint Additional Staff to Facilitate the District’s Adult School Program for the 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, at the regular Board Meeting held on June 12, 2023, the Board passed Resolution #23-657, which in part approved Adult School staff for the ECST Adult School Program. Subsequent to the passing of said Resolution, it was determined that additional staff members are needed to facilitate the ECST Adult School Program; and

WHEREAS, Assignment for Adult Skilled Trades Instructors listed below will be for a maximum of four and one half (4 and ½) hours per evening, at the rate of \$47.00, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Based on the enrollment in the program, schedules are subject to modification by the administration; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and John Dolan, Adult Basic Education Grant Supervisor, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, 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 be employed during the 23-24 SY to perform services, as needed, for a maximum of four and one half (4 and ½) hours per evening, at the rate of \$47.00, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The extent of staffing, length and duration of employment for the various assignments will depend on the number of students that participate as well as funding.

Carpentry

William Norman **

** Non-district employee

Cosmetology

Anjanette White

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

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Resolution #24-373: Appoint Staff as Facilitator/Teacher Trainer for NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) Automotive Program Accreditation (Secondary) not to exceed \$4,900.00, Grant Funded.

WHEREAS, John Dolan, Director of CTE/Adult School, recommends that staff member, Edward Finnis, be appointed as Facilitator/Teacher Trainer for NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) Automotive Program Accreditation (Secondary) for a maximum of (100) hours at the rate of \$47.00 per hour (subject to negotiations), in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Based on the needs of the program, schedules are subject to modification by the administration; and

WHEREAS, John Dolan, Perkins Grant Supervisor, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the Perkins Secondary Grant to fully fund all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints staff member, Edward Finnis, as Facilitator/Teacher Trainer for NATEF for the 23-24 SY to perform services as needed. The extent of staffing, length and duration of employment for the various assignments as well as funding.

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

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Resolution #24-374: Appoint Additional Staff to Facilitate the District’s ABE/ESL Adult School Program for the 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$ 49,238.00, Grant Funds

WHEREAS, at the regular Board Meeting held on June 12, 2023, the Board passed Resolution #23-659, which in part approved Adult School staff for the Adult ABE/ESL Grant Program. Subsequent to the passing of said Resolution, it was determined that additional staff are needed to facilitate the ECST Adult School Program; and

WHEREAS, the assignment for English as a Second Language Instructors, listed below, will be for a maximum of four- and one-half hours (4 and ½) per evening, at the rate of \$47.00 per hour (2022-2023 rate subject to negotiations), in an amount not to exceed \$49,238.00, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Based on the enrollment in the program, schedules are subject to modification by the administration; and

WHEREAS, John Dolan, Adult Basic Education Grant Supervisor, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Adult Basic Education Grant to fully fund all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of the Grant funds; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following staff members, to be employed during for the ABE/ESL grant F 24 to perform services, as needed, for a maximum of four and one half (4 and ½) hours per evening, at the rate of \$47.00, in an amount not to exceed \$49,238.00, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. The extent of staffing, length and duration of employment for the various assignments will depend on the number of students that participate as well as the determined grant funding.

Benita Negron	Cynthia Toro	Mirlene Nazaire	Jenae Goodson
Jessenia Zayas (SUB)	Oscar Moises Pena (SUB)		Jodebska Valencia (SUB)
Nina Koshy (SUB)	Viviana Rojas (SUB)		

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

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Resolution #24-375: Amend Resolution #24-069 to Change the End Date of the Leave of Absence for Employee #5693

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2023, the Board passed Resolution #23-069 which in part approved Family Leave for employee #5693 from 9/5/2023 – 1/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-069, it was determined that the leave of absence end date should be amended to reflect February 13, 2024; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24-069 to reflect the leave of absence end date for employee #5693 be February 13, 2024. All other provisions of Resolution #24-069 remain in full force and effect.

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

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**Resolution #24-376: Appoint Instructors for Academic Support During School Day
2023-24 School Year, not to exceed \$4,700.00 – ESEA, Title I
Grant Funds**

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the ESEA FY24 Title I grant to fund the instructional support and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, 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 for struggling seniors in Mathematics and Language Arts during the school day for up to one (1) period per day, five days a week, for the 2023-24 school year at the rate of \$47.00 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. Instructors are required to submit invoices by the 15th of the succeeding month and can only work in one program at a time if approved for multiple programs. Department supervisors are responsible for program implementation and evaluation.

Payne Tech Campus

Amelia Capalaran - Mathematics

Newark Tech

Joseph Dedalonis-Mathematics

West Caldwell Tech

Patrice Wojcik – ELA

Giuseppe Tesauro -Mathematics

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

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Resolution #24-377: Appoint Staff for Academic Support Beyond School Day, 2023-24 School Year, Not to Exceed \$14,526.00–Title I and ARP ESSER Grant Funds

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the FY24 Title I and ARP ESSER grant to fund the appropriate portion of the instruction and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff to work in the Academic Support program Beyond the School Day for identified students in Mathematics and Language Arts at the Payne Tech Campus for up to three (3) hours on Saturdays, 9:00-12:00 pm for the 2023-24 school year, at the rate of \$47.00 or \$81.00 per hour, in an amount not to exceed \$14,526.00, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. 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 who are approved for multiple programs can only work in one at a time. Instructors are also required to submit invoices by the 15th of the succeeding month for compensation to be processed. School administrators will be responsible for program implementation and reporting.

West Caldwell Tech

Giuseppe Tesauro-Mathematics
Maxine Kaminski-Mathematics
Christian Tanion-Mathematics
Jackie Shoop-English Language Arts

Administrator (Rotation basis)

Ayisha Robinson
Ali Aryakia

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

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Resolution #24-378: Appoint Supervisor of Science for the 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District's Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Mr. Justin Bevilacqua as the Supervisor of Science within the District for the 2023-2024 school year with compensation in the sum of \$3,000.00 for the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Bevilacqua shall be further required to adhere to all of his current obligations in the District, and such responsibilities will be adjusted accordingly so as to allow him to also function as the Supervisor of Science.

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

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**Resolution #24-379: Unused Sick Days Pay in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,747.27
Local Funds**

WHEREAS, the following staff members were previously employed by the District and their employment provided, in part, for payment of unused sick days in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

WHEREAS, Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, has determined that the below referenced staff members are entitled to payment for unused sick days of 1:4 of these days at their most current daily per diem rate, not to exceed the sum of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Local funds to satisfy all payments due hereunder and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves payment of unused Sick Days (1:4) to the employees listed below.

Employee	Retirement Date	Sick Days	1:4	Payment Allowed
Marybeth Landis	12/31/2023	39	9	\$ 5,747.27
Ann Steinbach	12/31/2023	130	32	\$15,000.00

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

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Resolution #24-380: Authorization for the Payment of Unused Vacation Days Pay in Amount not to Exceed \$8,858.05, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District to satisfy all payments due hereunder and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the payment of unused vacation days to Zaida Guerrero in the amount of \$8,858.05 in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement

Employee	Retirement Date	Vacation Days Accrued	Daily Pay Rate	Payment Allowed
Zaida Guerrero	12/31/2023	33.7	\$262.85	\$8,858.05

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

Resolution #24-381: Approve Leave Absence

WHEREAS, the following employee has requested a leave of absence; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves a Leave of Absence for Employee #4666, with benefits.

Employee Name	Location	Dates of Paid Leave
Employee #4666	Payne Tech	1/8/2024 – 3/8/2024

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

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CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-382: Field Trips

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval by Carmen Morales, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, the Superintendent of Schools hereby 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.

Person Charge	In	Date/Time	Trip	Cohort/Campus	# Students	Cost to Board
GUIDANCE SERVICES (ACADEMIC PROGRAM)						
Jessenia Zayas (3 Chaperones)		2/15/2024	Pax Amicus Castle Theatre Budd Lake, NJ	NT ESL	35	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (1Chaperone)		3/27/2024	Walter Kerr Theatre New York, NY	PT VPA	23	\$1975.00 Funded by Local Funds
Marcia Phillips (11 Chaperones)		5/31/2024	Eagle’s Landing Day Camp North Brunswick, NJ	NT Class of 2024	128	No Cost
CO-CURRICULAR (NON-ATHLETIC)						
Anthony Rock		1/5/2024 & 1/6/2024	Newark Invitational Debate Newark, NJ	NT Debate Team	11	\$1735.00 Funded by Local Funds RETRO
Anthony Rock		1/6/2024	Hunterdon Central Winter Invitational Debate Flemington, NJ	NT Debate Team	4	\$258.00 Funded by Local Funds RETRO

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Anthony Rock	1/12 – 1/15/2024	Lexington Invitational Debate Tournament Lexington, MA	NT Debate Team	12	\$5968.27 Funded by Local Funds RETRO
Kelly Krohe	1/20/2024	Passaic County Tech HOSA* Wayne, NJ	NT HOSA Club	9	\$360.00 Funded by Local Funds RETRO
Sandra Romaniello	1/24/2024	Essex County Project Homeless Newark, NJ	WC DECA	10	No Cost
Emily Arcangelo (2 Chaperones)	1/26/2024	Essex County Donald M. Payne Tech Schools of Technology Newark, NJ	WC Gay Straight Alliance	30	No Cost
Casey Boyle	1/30, 2/1, 2/6, 2/8, & 2/15/2024	Essex County Courthouse Newark, NJ	PT Mock Trial Club	10	No Cost
Anthony Rock	2/2- 2/4/2024	Pennsbury Invitational Debate Tournament Fairless Hills, PA	NT Debate Team	15	\$4343.44 Funded by Local Funds
Sheena Chapman	2/7/2024	Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology West Caldwell, NJ	NT Consumer Bowl	6	No Cost
Lisa Ackershoek	2/7/2024	Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology West Caldwell, NJ	NT Consumer Bowl	4	No Cost
Gail Riccardi (2 Chaperones)	2/9/2024	JANJ Education Center Edison, NJ	PT National Honor Society	23	\$985.00 Funded by Local Funds

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Lisa Ackershoek (3 Chaperones)	2/15/2024	Hillside Warehouse Volunteering Hillside, NJ	PT DECA	40	No Cost
Casey Boyle	3/8/2024	Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ	PT Scholars Law & Public Safety	13	No Cost
Simone Cameron (2 Chaperones)	3/8/2024	L'Oreal Headquarters Clark, NJ	PT FBLA	30	No Cost
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (STRUCTURED LEARNING EXPERIENCES)					
Sheena Chapman (3 Chaperones)	1/8/2024	New Jersey Institute of Technology Newark, NJ	NT Business	40	No Cost
Thomas Patierno (2 Chaperones)	1/24/2024	ECC Project Homeless Connect Newark, NJ	PT Culinary Arts	18	No Cost
Joelle Della Volpe (2 Chaperones)	1/25/2024	Metropolitan Museum New York, NY	WC Graphic Arts	25	\$312.00 Funded by Local Funds
Robert Funesti Tim Cuccolo (2 Chaperones)	2/8/2024	Bloomfield College Bloomfield, NJ	PT Game Design CTE	39	No Cost
Brett Boon	2/9/2024	Marion P. Thomas Charter High School Newark, NJ	WC Culinary Arts	8	No Cost
Anjanette White (3 Chaperones)	3/5/2024	International Beauty Show Newark, NJ	PT Cosmetology	35	\$1330.00 Funded by Local Funds
Eddie Encarnacion (2 Chaperones)	3/4/2024	Hudson Community College Jersey City, NJ	PT Culinary Arts	23	No Cost

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Lisa Ackershoek (2 Chaperones)	3/20/2024	Passaic County Community College 2024 Women's Future Leadership Forum Wanaque, NJ	PT Senior Business CTE Girls	30	No Cost
Anthony Ocasio (2 Chaperones)	3/22/2024	Supercharged Entertainment Edison, NJ	WC Automotive	24	\$1600.00 Funded by Local Funds
Bernard Gomes (2 Chaperones)	4/18/2024	Offshore Wind and Maritime Career Fair New York, NY	NT Welding & Construction	26	No Cost
Bernard Gomes (9 Chaperones)	5/29/2024	Construction Industry Career Day Edison, NJ	NT, PT and WC	58	No Cost

*On January 16, 2024, Mary Ann Sweeney, at the direction of the Board Secretary, polled the Board via email and recorded that five (5) of the seven (7) Board members consented to this resolution being on the Agenda.

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

Resolution #24-383: Authorization for the District to Amend Date or Cancel Event as a Result of the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, 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, Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-384: Fire/Security Drill Reports, December, 2023 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, 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 December, 2023.

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

Resolution #24-384A: Amendment to 2023-24 District 10 and 12-Month Employee Calendars

WHEREAS on February 6, 2023, the Board approved Resolution #23-443, which in part approved the District's 2023-24 10-Month and 12-Month Employee Calendars; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2024, the District was closed due to the forecasted snow storm and lost a day of instruction which will need to be made up, affecting both calendars; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has determined that the best day to use to make up the lost day of instruction would be Friday, February 16, 2024 which was previously approved as a holiday on both the 2023-24 10 and 12-Month Employee Calendars; and

WHEREAS, since the 12-Month Employee Calendar will need to include an additional day to make up for the removal of February 16, 2024, the Superintendent determines that the best day to make up the lost holiday would be February 23, 2024; now

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #23-443 to remove the holiday of February 16, 2024 from both the 10 and 12-Month Employee Calendars to make up the day of instruction lost on January 19, 2024, and the addition of February 23, 2024 as a holiday to the 12-Month Employee Calendar. The revised calendars are attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth. All other provisions of Resolution #23-443 are unaffected and shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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Resolution #24-385: Uniform State Memorandum Of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials, 2023-2024

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials - as required annually by the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Department of Education, in conformance with N.J.A.C. 6:29-10.1 and 6:29-10.3(b)14, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

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

Resolution #24-386: Authorization to Accept Donation of Various Supplies for Payne Tech Fashion Design Program

WHEREAS, the Dessy Group, a fashion design supply company located in New York City has offered to donate various supplies to the District's fashion design program. John P. Dolan, Jr., Director of CTE, has advised the Superintendent that the supplies can be utilized for training purposes in the fashion design program located at Payne Tech.

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the fashion design supplies is approximately \$2,200.00.

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the acceptance of the donation of fashion design supplies from the Dessy Group for training purposes in the Fashion Design program within the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a condition of the Board's acceptance of the donation as set forth above, and that prior to any of the donated items being utilized by the District, said donated items are to be inspected by the appropriate personnel so as to ensure that same function in a safe and un Hazardous manner.

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

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OLD BUSINESS No

NEW BUSINESS No

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, 14th floor, Sheila Oliver Conference Center, Newark, New Jersey, at **6:00 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 2024.**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #24-387: Adjournment

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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