

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 16, 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 6:10 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 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

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

Also Present: Dr. James M. Pedersen, Superintendent
Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator
Lori Tanner, Board Secretary
Mr. Murphy Durkin, Board Attorney
Mary Ann Sweeney, Senior Administrative Assistant To The Board

COMMUNICATION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS - None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

HIB Monthly Report – September, 2023

School	Allegations			Verified	
	Sept..	23-24	cumulative	Sept.	23-24 cumulative
Newark Tech	0	0	-	0	0
Payne Tech	1	1	-	0	0
West Caldwell	1	1	-	0	0
Total	2	2	-	0	0

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

POINTS OF PRIDE

Newark Tech

Newark Tech Administration Team was excited to welcome back over 75% of their scholars and one hundred-fifty (150) parents during the week-long Grade Level & Parent Orientation sessions.

The Newark Tech National Honor Society & Student Council Students did a great job, volunteering to support Principal Williams and to welcome NT parents on Back to School Night. These students embody the true spirit.

Payne Tech

This past summer, Brian Ametekpor, a senior at Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology, was named one out of the three hundred Bank of America Student Leaders in the United States, and one out of five in New Jersey. Brian represented Essex County and the ECST district at the Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C., where he met congressional leaders and connected with other Student Leaders across the country. Brian received a paid internship at the Boys & Girls Club of Newark through the Student Leaders program. In addition, Brian participated in a GripTape challenge, receiving \$500 to pursue a passion project.

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Congratulations to Essex County Payne Senior Andres Jaquez-Cruz was recognized by College Board for his performance during the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam. Not only did he receive the top score of 5, but he was also only one of 247 students in the country.

West Caldwell Tech

Congratulations to West Caldwell Tech Junior Alex Benkert who participated in several high-level ice hockey camps over the summer with top players from the United States and Canada. Alex also participated in the Princeton University's Ivy Shootout, where he was the leading scorer in his entire age group.

Congratulations to the WCT boys' soccer team, who won on their match on Saturday September 30th, 2023. This game took place at Essex County College on their new soccer field, which will also now serve as the home field for our soccer team as well.

FINANCE

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-166: Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 14, 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 Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2023.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-167: Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023
(enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Executive Session meeting Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2023.

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Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-168: Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports for the Period Ending 7/31/23 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, 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 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 July 31, 2023, showing a cash balance of \$27,684,544.55 be approved, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-169: Transfer of Funds, July 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 July, 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 here by approves the transfer of accounts pursuant to the attached Reports of Transfers for the month of July, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-170: Authorize Payment of Bills – October 13, 2023 (enclosure)

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$5,866,408.81 through October 13, 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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the payment of the October 13, 2023, bill's list in the sum of \$5,866,408.81, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-171: Authorize Acceptance of Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Funding Year (FY) 2024

WHEREAS the District was authorized to apply for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for FY-2024 grant funds and was thereafter awarded grant funds in the amount of \$592,084.00. Grant Administrator Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be in the best interest of the District to accept the IDEA funds for FY-2024 for the awarded amount of \$592,084.00; 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 the District to accept the IDEA-2024 Grant funding for the period of July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, in the sum of \$592,084.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-172: Permission to Apply for the FY 2023-2024 Perkins and Innovation and Modernization (PIM) Grant Program for Career-Connected High Schools (CCHS).

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director for Career and Technical Education Academies, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the District has qualified for the FY 2023-2024 Perkins and Innovation and Modernization (PIM) Grant Program for Career-Connected High Schools (CCHS). Dr. DelaPaz has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be in the best interest of the District to submit an application, as the grant funding totals between \$1,100,000 - \$1,475,000 per year, for up to five years; 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 authorize Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Grant Administrator, to submit the appropriate application for funds to the Perkins and Innovation and Modernization (PIM) Grant Program for Career-Connected High Schools (CCHS) Grant Program, FY 2023-2024, in the estimated amount of \$1,100,000-\$1,475,000 per year, for up to five years.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-173: Purchase of SimBaby Advanced Life Support Simulator for Allied Health Program from Sourcewell Cooperative in an amount not to exceed ~~\$63,000.00~~ \$53,732.60 , ARP ESSER, Grant Funded

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the students in the Allied Health Program will benefit from acquiring a SimBaby simulator to provide students with engaging and hands on experience of patient care in the Health field. SimBaby provides a mobile, durable solution that will meet the training needs of pre-hospital and in-hospital emergency care providers - from basic assessment to advanced life-support skills. From pre-hospital, on-scene assessment and management to definitive care in a hospital, SimBaby can fulfill the unique training requirements of emergency healthcare providers.

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; and

WHEREAS, 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; 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 hereby approves the purchase a SimBaby Simulator at a cost not to exceed ~~\$63,000.00~~ \$53,732.60, ARP ESSER grant funds. A copy of the quote relative to the purchase of the simulator is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-174: Authorization for the District to Renew its Medical Plan with School Employee’s Health Benefit Program (“SEHBP”) commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at an Estimated Premium of \$6,718,750.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, IMAC Insurance Agency, the District’s insurance broker/consultant, has reviewed various options with regard to the District’s employee medical program for the 2024 year. Joseph Maurillo, of IMAC Insurance Agency, has advised that after his review, he recommends that the District renew its medical benefits with the School Employees’ Health Benefits Program for the 2024 year reflecting a 7.5 % increase; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District to pay all premiums for the involved Medical Plan in the amount of \$6,718,750.00 and that said payment will not adversely affect the District's financial position; 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 authorizes the District to execute the appropriate documentation to renew the medical plan with School Employees’ Health Benefits Program for the period effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at an annual premium of \$6,718,750.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, to execute any and all documentation legally required to effectuate the involved renewals; 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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-175: Accept Benecard Prescription Plan for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 at a Premium Not to Exceed \$1,424,336.16, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, has reviewed the Prescription Plan submitted by Benecard with Mr. Joseph Maurillo of IMAC Insurance, the District's insurance consultant and broker of record. Mr. Maurillo has advised Mr. Venezia that the District will receive a 0% increase to the current rates and recommends that the District renew its Prescription Plan with Benecard. Mr. Venezia concurs with Mr. Maurillo's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Venezia 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 accept the Prescription Plan with Benecard for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, represents that there are sufficient funds within the District to pay all premiums for the involved Prescription Plan in the amount of \$1,424,336.16 and that said payment will not adversely affect the District's financial position; 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 hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Prescription Plan with Benecard, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, through IMAC Insurance Management & Consulting, 540 Mill Street, Belleville, New Jersey 07109, as our broker of record, at an annual premium of \$1,424,336.16 which represents a 0 % increase in the prescription premium rate from the prior period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator to execute any and all documentation legally required to effectuate the involved renewals.

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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-176: Authorization to Purchase Microsoft Software Licenses from CDW-G not to exceed \$49,779.35, 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 its software upgrade with Microsoft Operating Systems, Office Applications, and Virtual licenses through CDW-G for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$49,779.35; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Mr. 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 local funds that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of local funds and that there are sufficient funds within the local budget to fully fund same; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that the Microsoft Operating Systems, Office Applications, and Virtual licenses shall be purchased through the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op agreement 022-G. The District is a member of the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Co-op and therefore, the purchase of the software is exempt from bidding as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11; now

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the motion of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to purchase of Microsoft software licenses from CDW-G at a cost not to exceed \$49,779.35. A copy of the agreement relative to the purchase of the involved software licenses along with a list of same is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-177: Approve LD Behavioral And Support Services LLC, Agreement with The District in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, Local Funding 2024

WHEREAS the District is required to provide program evaluation and behavioral consultation and assessments for students and training on functional behavioral assessment support for staff within the District. Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has determined that the best individual and/or entity to provide the services as referenced above is LD Behavioral and Support Services LLC, 50W South Orange Avenue 2nd Floor, South Orange NJ 07079, whose employees and/or administration are qualified to provide these services and that their fees are customary and reasonable within their profession (i.e., for a behavioral consultant at \$70.00/hr. and Functional Behavioral Assessments at \$850.00 each); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District's Local Special Education budget to fully fund all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of same now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves a contract with LD Behavioral and Support Services LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to provide various professional services to the District, including but not limited to program evaluation and behavioral consultation to various students in the district pursuant to the terms of the agreement, a proposed form of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth. No payments will be made to LD Behavioral and Support Services LLC without the District's receipt of the fully executed contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that has submitted or will submit within ten (10) days of the passage of this resolution proof of insurance coverage in the amounts required by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that political contribution disclosure forms are not required of LD Behavioral and Support Services LLC, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005, in that the contract is under the statutory threshold; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish the awarding of this contract in accordance with the appropriate Statute, if required.

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Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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**Resolution #24-179: Approval of Anndee Hochman, as Educational Consultant, in a Sum
Not to Exceed \$3,600.00, ARP ESSER III, Grant funds**

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Landis, Supervisor of the Performing Arts Department, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the ARP ESSER III Grant requires and/or encourages the District to provide staff with professional training on implementing a program that includes a series of high-quality professional development training, demonstration lessons, product reviews and ongoing in-class support in the area of Performing Arts and Literacy; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above, Ms. Landis has determined that the best individual and/or entity to provide the services as referenced above is Anndee Hochman in an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00; and

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability has represented to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the ARP ESSER III grant to satisfy all payments to be made and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to enter into an Agreement with Anndee Hochman in an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 for the 2023-24 school year pursuant to the terms of the Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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)

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

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Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-180: Authorization for the District to Enter into an Agreement with SHI International Corp., for Zoom Video Conference licensing, in an amount not to exceed \$60,330.00, 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 its current Zoom video conference strategy with the video conference need still in place. Mr. Hlavacek recommends that the District continue its Zoom Conference license through SHI International Corp. for the period of October 17, 2023 through October 16, 2024 at the annual fee not to exceed \$60,330.00; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Mr. 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 local funds that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of local funds and that there are sufficient funds within the local to fully fund same; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that the purchase will be facilitated through the NJSBA K-12 Classroom Products and Services contract # E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS Co-Op agreement. The District is a member of the involved association and therefore the purchase of the license is exempt from bidding as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11; now

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the motion of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to purchase ZOOM software licenses from SHI at a cost not to exceed \$60,330.00. 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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-181: Approve CCL Therapy Agreement with The District for Special Education Related Services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, Local Funding for the 2023-2024 SY

WHEREAS the District is required to provide related services, including physical and occupational therapy, to students in accordance with their Individualized Educational Programs. Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has determined that the best individual and/or entity to provide the services as referenced above is CCL Therapy, 206 Deerlea Ln, Boonton, New Jersey 07005-9511. Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter has also determined that CCL Therapy employees are certified to provide related services, and their fees are customary and reasonable within their profession (i.e., for sessions at rates ranging from sixty-five dollars to one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$65-\$135) per session and evaluations/re-evaluations (including documentation) at a rate of three hundred ninety-five dollars (\$395) per evaluation/reevaluation); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, hereby represents to the Board that sufficient funds within the Local Special Education budget are sufficient to fund all payments fully and that said payments are an expenditure of local funds; now

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves a contract with CCL Therapy, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to provide various professional services to the District, including but not limited to program evaluation and behavioral consultation to various students in the district pursuant to the terms of the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that has submitted or will submit within ten (10) days of the passage of this resolution proof of insurance coverage in the amounts required by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that political contribution disclosure forms are not required of CCL Therapy, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005, in that the contract is under the statutory threshold; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish the awarding of this contract in accordance with the appropriate Statute, if required.

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 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-182: Authorization to Create a New Student Activity Accounts for School Based Enterprises at Newark Tech, Payne Tech and West Caldwell Tech

WHEREAS, Mr. John Dolan, Director of Adult, Career and Technical Education, has submitted a request to the Superintendent of Schools for Board approval to establish a new student activity accounts for School Based Enterprises for various CTE programs within all locations (Newark Tech, Payne Tech, West Caldwell), where funds will be raised by students and used for student activities; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to establish Student Activity accounts for School Based Enterprises for the CTE Programs listed below.

Newark Tech	Payne Tech	West Caldwell Tech
Carpentry SBE	Fashion Design SBE	
	Print Management SBE	
	Carpentry SBE	
	Masonry SBE	
	Electrical SBE	
	Plumbing SBE	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Ahmed Mohamed, Comptroller for the District, is authorized by the District to establish and maintain accounts for the CTE programs listed above, in accordance with District policies and procedures.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
 Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-183: Authorization to Activate School Based Enterprises at Newark Tech, Payne Tech and West Caldwell Tech for the entire School Year 2023-2024

WHEREAS, Mr. John Dolan, Director of Adult, Career and Technical Education, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that School Based Enterprises are critical to the Work Based Learning component of all of the Career and Technical Education clusters operated within the District. School Based Enterprises funds for various CTE programs within all locations (Newark Tech, Payne Tech, West Caldwell) will be raised by students and used for student activities for the 2023-2024 School Year; 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 hereby authorizes the District to establish operational School Based Enterprises accounts for the CTE Programs listed below:

Newark Tech	Payne Tech	West Caldwell Tech
Welding SBE	Web Design SBE	Graphic Design SBE
Business Tech SBE	Farm to Table SBE	Robotics SBE
Auto Tech Repair SBE	Business Tech SBE	Music Tech SBE
	Music Production SBE	Auto Tech SBE
	TV/Film SBE	Cosmetology SBE
	Cosmetology SBE	Carpentry SBE
	Culinary Arts SBE	Business SBE
	Carpentry SBE	
	Masonry SBE	
	Electrical SBE	
	Fashion Design SBE	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Ahmed Mohamed, Comptroller for the District, is authorized by the District to establish and maintain accounts for the CTE programs listed above, in accordance with District policies and procedures.

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 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
 Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
 LeeSandra Medina

Resolution #24-184: Approve Professional Day Requests

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 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
10/2/2023	Masonry Instructors Association Meeting Latrobe, PA	Mark Iacomo	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/4, 10/6 & 10/13/2023	Eye Lash Extension Certification Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. Tech Campus	Rossella Tripodi Taharia Fong Crystal Peterson Anjanette White	\$0.47/MI	\$10,000.00 Funded by Perkins Post-Secondary Grant
10/5 & 10/6/2023	Torchmate Training Virtual	Kyle Wilson	N/A	No Cost
10/6/2023	NJAPSA Special Education Director Cohort Jamesburg, NJ	Patricia Schaffer	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/11-10/13/2023	NJPSA Fall Conference Atlantic City	Emily Bonilla	\$0.47/MI	\$724.00 Funded by ESSER
10/11/2023	Social Emotional Character Development New Brunswick, NJ	Dawn Schweitzer	\$0.47/MI	No Cost

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10/17/2023	Working with Families: The Burdens We Carry West Orange, NJ	Mary Idebaneria	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/23 – 10/26/2023	NJ School Boards Conference Atlantic City, NJ	Dr. James Pedersen	\$0.47/MI	\$810.00 Funded by Local Funds
10/17/2023	Working with Families: The Burdens We Carry West Orange, NJ	Stephanie Dias Suzanne Sabatino	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/24/2023	NJ School Boards Conference Atlantic City, NJ	Scott Hlavacek	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/26/2023	High School Mock Trial Workshop for Teacher - Attorney -Coaches New Jersey Law Center New Brunswick, NJ	Casey Boyle	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/27/2023	Teaching of Genocide Montclair State	Jessenia Zayas	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/27/2023	NJTEEA Conference Piscataway, NJ	Christopher Patterson	\$0.47/MI	\$225.00 Funded by Local Funds
10/27/2023	Money Talks Conference Jersey City, NJ	Lisa Ackershoeck Christine Coppola	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
10/30/2023 11/15/2023 12/15/2023	Welcome to CST Training Series #1,2,3 New Providence, NJ	Jenae Goodson Joralis Nivar Dr. Patricia Clark- Jeter	\$0.47/MI	\$1035.00 Funded by Local Funds
11/7/2023	Escape & Rescue of Jews in Denmark New York, NY	Amy A. Karydes	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
11/14/2023	Strengthening Students Writing Skills Virtual	Daphne Smith Patrice Wojick Dr. Patricia Clark- Jeter	N/A	\$837.00 Funded by Local Funds

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11/16/2023	Motivating the Unmotivated Virtual	Karen Santucci	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by Local Funds
11/17/2023	2023 ProStart Seminar Mercer County Tech Pennington, NJ	Victoria Atfield	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
11/28/2023	HESAAS School Counselor Workshop Virtual	Katherine Mayorga	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
11/30/2023	Practical Strategies for dealing with disrespectful and disengaged students Virtual	Stephanie Bird	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by Local Funds
12/6/2023	Holocaust and Genocide Education Workshop Ramapo College of NJ	Jennifer Ramos	\$0.47/MI	No Cost

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-185: Resolution for a Closed Session

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe at 6:23 p.m., the Board hereby approves the following resolution:

Resolution #24-186: Return to a Regular Session

The Board returned to the regular session meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-187: Resignation/Retirements of Employee(s)

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 accepts the resignation/retirement of the following employees(s), effective:

Employee	Reason	Position	Location	Date
Rajaan Dixon,	Resignation	Paraprofessional, 10 Months	PT	08/17/2023
Emily Bonilla	Resignation	Vice Principal 10 Months	PT	12/08/2023

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-188: Appoint New Employee(s), 2023-2024 School Year, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Mike Venezia, Human Resources Director hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds with 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 Mr. Carnovale, 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
Jannice L. Vallejo, Paraprofessional - ESL	10 Months	Payne Tech	Step 9	\$34,626.00	11/1/2023
Sandra Roberts, Guidance Counselor	10 Months	Payne Tech	Level 3, Step 15	\$84,458.00	12/18/2023
Hernan Melgarejo, Teacher of Physical Science	10 Months	Payne Tech	Level 3 Step 18	\$91,013.00	11/01/2023
Claudine Bernadotte, Human Resources Coordinator	12 Months	District Wide	Confidential Guide	\$55,000.00	11/01/2023
Daniel McCarey, Library Media Specialist	10 Months	Payne Tech	Level 3, Step 8	\$70,492.00	11/01/2023

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-189: Appoint Mr. Robert Lorenzo as CTE Communications Coordinator for the Carl D. Perkins Secondary grant - FY 2024 in the Amount not to exceed of \$8,400, 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 creation of initiatives to advertise and promote the district’s best practices in CTE, recruit potential students and teachers, and communicate and collaborate with stakeholders to publicize best practices in CTE; and

WHEREAS, Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of CTE, hereby verify that there are sufficient grant funds to fund the appropriate the position and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-referenced information the District is appointing Mr. Robert Lorenzo to serve in the capacity as CTE Communications and Recruitment Coordinator in an amount not to exceed \$8,400 Grant Funded; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Robert Lorenzo as the CTE Communications Coordinator for the period of October 16, 2023 through August 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$8,400, grant funds.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-190: Authorization for the Payment of Unused Vacation Days Pay in Amount not to Exceed \$5,603.81, 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 Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the payment of unused vacation days to Shereea Gaskin in the amount of \$5,603.81 in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Employee	Resignation Date	Vacation Days Accrued	Daily Pay Rate	Payment Allowed
Shereea Gaskin	9/8/2023	23.5	\$238.46	\$5,603.81

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-191: Appoint Morning Monitors for 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Building Principals recommend various individuals to be Morning Monitors for 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, 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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following staff members as Morning Monitors for a minimum of one-half (1/2) hour and a maximum of one (1) hour prior to start of the school day based on need at the rate of \$39.38 per hour for a teacher and \$28.45 for paraprofessional in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The total amount to be paid to each staff member shall not exceed the sum of \$2,000.00.

Newark Tech	Payne Tech	West Caldwell Tech
Joseph Dedalonis	Amy Karydes	Zack Arenstein
Marques Bragg	Amarylis Olivo	Scott Clark
Marcia Phillips	Thomas Patierno	Michael Gallo
Nasser Masri	Lourdes Orellana	Janina Wojcik
Jennifer Ramos	Tyler Santora	Nick Zarra
Felix Boah	Lisa Albano	Justin Bevilacqua (substitute)
	Eddie Encarnacion	Jackie Shoop (substitute)
	Mark Iacampo	Jordan Zagadu (substitute)
	Christopher Balent	

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-192: Appoint Student Learning Center Monitors in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Building Principals recommend various individuals to be Student Learning Center Monitors for 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, 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.

On the Motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board hereby appoints the following staff members as the Student Learning Monitors, before or after school, to monitor students in the usage of computer related projects or assignments during the 2023-2024 school year, for four (4) days per week not to exceed one and one half (1 ½) hours per day of combined hours between staff members at the rate of \$39.38 per hour (2022-2023 contract rate), in accordance with the Agreement between the Collective Bargaining Unit and the Board of Education. The total amount to be paid each staff member shall not exceed the sum of \$6,600.00.

NEWARK TECH	PAYNE TECH
Reagan Porter – AM	Jodebska Valencia
Kelli Connors – AM	Warren Anderson
Marcia Scille – PM	Victoria Garrison
Oscar Pena – PM	Terrilisa Bauknight
	Ingrid Cataldi

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-193: Appoint Teachers for Saturday Detention 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,700.00 Local Funds

WHEREAS, Building Principals recommend various individuals to be Saturday Detention Monitors for 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, 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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following staff members to participate in Saturday Detention from October 2023 through June 2024, for a maximum of four (4) hours per Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the rate of \$39.38 per hour, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. One staff member from each school will participate in each Saturday Detention.

NEWARK TECH	PAYNE TECH
Marques Bragg	Christina Khan
Joseph Dedalonis	Nidia Plaza
	Crystal Peterson
	Terrilisa Bauknight
	Ingrid Cataldi

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
 Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-194: Appoint Department Chairperson for the 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$18,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Ms. Carmen Morales, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recommends to the Superintendent of Schools that the following staff members be appointed Department Chairperson for the 2023-2024 school year and that each should be compensated at the rate of \$9,000 per year; and

Felix Boah – Science Department Chairperson
Jennifer Ramos – Social Studies Department Chairperson

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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff members as Department Chairpersons at an annual stipend of \$9,000.00 each for the ten-month school year.

Felix Boah – Science Department Chairperson
Jennifer Ramos – Social Studies Department Chairperson

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel
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Resolution #24-195: Appoint Department Chairperson for the 2023-2024 School Year, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,650.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Ms. Carmen Morales, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, recommends to the Superintendent of Schools that Justin Bevilacqua be appointed as the Mathematics Department Chairperson for the 2023-2024 school year in the sum of \$7,650.00 for the period of October 17, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Justin Bevilacqua as Mathematics Department Chairperson for the period of October 17, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for the sum of \$7,650.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-196: Appoint Fall Coaching Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year in an amount not to exceed \$9,189.00

WHEREAS, Gerhard Sanchez, Director of Athletics and Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints District staff to the Fall athletic assignment(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, at an annual stipend as set forth in accordance with the Agreement Between the Collective Bargaining Unit and the Board of Education.

Payne Tech-Fall			
Sport	Position	Coach Name	Compensation
Girls Volleyball	Assistant Coach	Gina Batista	\$9,180.00

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-197: Appoint Winter Coaching Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year in an amount not to exceed \$74,460.00

WHEREAS, Gerhard Sanchez, Director of Athletics and Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints District staff to the Winter assignment(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, at an annual stipend as set forth in accordance with the Agreement Between the Collective Bargaining Unit and the Board of Education

Newark Tech-Winter			
Sport	Position	Coach Name	Compensation
Boys Basketball	Assistant Coach	Tyree Sykes	\$9,180.00
Cheerleading	Coach	Regan Porter	\$9,180.00
Bowling	Head Coach	Kelli Connors	\$10,200.00

Payne Tech-Winter			
Sport	Position	Coach Name	Compensation
Cheerleading	Coach	Micah Gary-Fryer	\$9,180.00
Cheerleading	Volunteer Coach	Donysha Pierra	N/A
Track and Field	Assistant Coach	Robert Hebenstreit	\$9,180.00
Track and Field	Volunteer Coach	Alexandria Chaves	N/A

WCT -Winter			
Sport	Position	Coach Name	Compensation
Cheerleading	Coach	Rosella Tripodi	\$4,590.00
Cheerleading	Coach	Bonnie Rogers	\$4,590.00
Girls Basketball	Assistant Coach	Rajaan Dixon	\$9,180.00

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 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
 Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-198: Appoint Spring Coaching Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year in an amount not to exceed \$9,180.00

WHEREAS, Gerhard Sanchez, Director of Athletics and Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints District staff to the Spring assignment(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, at an annual stipend as set forth in accordance with the Agreement Between the Collective Bargaining Unit and the Board of Education

Payne Tech-Spring			
Sport	Position	Coach Name	Compensation
Track and Field	Assistant Coach	Robert Hebenstreit	\$9,180.00
Track and Field	Volunteer Coach	Alexandria Chaves	N/A

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-199: Amend Resolution #24-032 to Correct the Compensation Amount of All Assistant Coaches for the Fall Season

WHEREAS, at the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #23-032 which in part approved Assistant Coaches for the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons for the 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-032, it was determined that the compensation amount due to each assistant coach was incorrect. The correct compensation for all assistant coaches is \$9,180.00; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24-032 to revise the compensation to all Assistant Coaches from \$9,500.00 to \$9,180.00. All other provisions of resolution #24-032 are in full force and effect.

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

Resolution #24-200: Amend Resolution #24-033 to Correct the Compensation Amount of All Assistant Coaches for the Winter and Spring Seasons

WHEREAS, at the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #23-033 which in part approved Assistant Coaches for the Winter and Spring seasons for the 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-033, it was determined that the compensation amount due to each assistant coach was incorrect. The correct compensation for all assistant coaches is \$9,180.00; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24-033 to revise the compensation to all Assistant Coaches from \$9,500.00 to \$9,180.00. All other provisions of resolution #24-033 are in full force and effect.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-201: Authorize the use of Essex County Newark Tech Campus for District-Wide Special Education Bootcamp Staff Training August 28-29, 2023, and pay Participating District Staff through ARP IDEA Grant Funding (FY23).

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has determined that it would be in the best interest of the District for staff members to receive training in the areas of Special Education, Mental Health, and English Language Learners as we prepare to expand special education offerings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student Related Services hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the ARP IDEA Grant Fund (FY23) funds to fund the appropriate portion of the training and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter will host a District-Wide Special Education Bootcamp Staff Training on August 28-29, 2023, at the Essex County Newark Tech Campus from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participating staff will receive an hourly payment of (Teacher Rate \$39.38) (Paraprofessional Rate \$28.45) in accordance with their contractual summer pay for non-student contact from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a maximum of six (6) hours per day for an amount not to exceed \$472.56 per person (based on 2022-2023 contractual amount); now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to host the District-Wide Special Education Bootcamp Staff Training, effective as of August 28, 2023, and to pay participants through ARP IDEA Grant Funds as referenced above, in an amount not to exceed .

Ana Mendes	Gale Bohnczyk	Maria Triunfo-Para
Angelina Martinez	Jacob Lawson	Micah Gary-Fryer
Anthony Ocasio	Jessenia Zayas	Michelle Brewer-Para
Bhavani Sukumar	Jessica Gonzalez-Para	Paul Onder
Brenda Pepper	Jodebska Valencia-Para	Radeyyah Hossain
Brett Boon	Joseph Dedalonis	Shadeerah McCollough-Para
Christina Gavazzi	Karen Biddulph	Stefanie Freund
Christine Lopez-Cassano	Karen Santucci	Taharia Fong
Crystal Peterson	Kathryn Maglione	Terrilisa Bauknight Durham
Daphne Smith	Lakicia Jenkins-Para	Viviana Rojas
Dr. Lynn Kelly	Lisa Nelson-Para	
Gail Riccardi	Maria Madera	

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

Resolution #24-202: Appoint Staff to Facilitate Training on Implementing Student Learning Curricular Standards, 2023-24 School Year, not to exceed \$1,034.00 –ARP ESSER Grant Funds

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability, recommends the following staff to facilitate training on implementing the New Jersey Student Learning Curricular Standards on recently revised curricula in Science and Social Studies. Training will entail but not limited to the review of key curricular components such as:

- Accommodations and modifications for diverse learners
- Assessments
- Supplemental materials
- Interdisciplinary connections
- Integration of 21st century skills
- Integration of technology
- Careers

WHEREAS, the assignment will be for a maximum of eleven (11) hours for each participant at the rate of \$47.00 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the collective bargaining unit and the Board of Education. Maximum to be paid to each staff member shall not exceed \$517.00. Staff is required to submit invoices by the 15th of the succeeding month for compensation to be processed; and

WHEREAS, Bickram Singh, Supervisor of Program Accountability hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the 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 Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff to facilitate training on implement the New Jersey Student Learning Curricular Standard that will be funded through the ARP ESSER grants. Each staff member shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions as set forth above.

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Staff Members

Jennifer Ramos

Felix Boah

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

Resolution #24-203: Amend Resolution #24-138 to Change the End Date of Substitute/Long Term Replacements Assignment

WHEREAS, at the September 14, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #24-138 which approved Kevin Burg as the Long-Term Substitute from September 1, 2023 through November 31, 2023 for a Paraprofessional who is on leave at the daily rate of \$173.00; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-138, the Paraprofessional on leave amended their return date from leave to October 4, 2023. Therefore, the effective end date for Kevin Burg, as a Substitute/long-term replacement Paraprofessional assignment, will be on October 3, 2023; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24-138 to revise the substitute/long-term replacement teachers assignment end date to October 3, 2023. All other provisions of resolution #24-138 are in full force and effect

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

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**Resolution #24-204: Substitute/Long Term Replacement, not to exceed \$11,750.00,
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 Mr. Carnovale, 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 October 4, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Kevin Burg (PT-SPED)

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

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**Resolution #24-205: Substitute/Long Term Replacement, not to exceed \$150,000.00
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 Mr. Carnovale, 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 November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Jonathan Alicea (WCT)	Alexia Hunter (PT)	Kyle Schaeffer (WCT-SPED)
Rosanna Braden (WCT)	T’Nayah Keeling (PT)	Brianna Thomas (NT)
Yuri Brutus (WCT-SPED)	Christopher Palma (NT)	Kaleysa Vodrazka (PT)
James Casalino (NT)	Pasqual Pannullo (WCT)	Emilio Yunes (WCT)
James Gallina (PT)	Anaironi Peguero (PT-SPED)	Alexi Agramonte (NT)
	Nicole Carbone (PT)	Ariel Peace (PT)

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

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Resolution #24-206: Institute an Employee Referral Program for the 2023 –2024 School Year Not to Exceed \$3,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has determined that it would be in the best interest of the District if the District were to institute a referral fee in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid to current employees (as outlined below) who recommend a successful candidate for a specific position; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Personnel, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds with in the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; and

WHEREAS, an internal posting will be emailed to the District for each position that the Board is seeking candidates for and that current employees who recommend the successful candidate would be eligible for the Employee Referral Program; and

WHEREAS, after the successful candidate works a full month, the employee who referred the candidate would receive \$750.00. If the candidate successfully completes the academic year, the balance of \$750.00 will be paid to the employee who referred the candidate, by June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the following District employees would be exempt from receiving a referral fee: Superintendent, Business Administrator, Office Manager, Board Secretary, Director of Human Resources, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, all Administrators; and

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 the continuation of an Employee Referral Program for the 2023-2024 school year, for a total not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the outline of said Employee Referral Program is subject to change upon the Board’s discretion.

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

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Resolution #24-207: Authorization for the District to Remit Payment for Employee Referral Program, 2023-2024 School Year, First Installment Payment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$750.00, Local Funds

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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to make the first installment payment to Ms. Christine Coppola for recommending the successful candidate hired on September 1, 2023 as a Graphic and Fashion Design Teacher at Payne Tech. Said payment in the amount of \$750.00 will be payable to Ms. Coppola on October 17, 2023. The candidate successfully completed one month of service on October 1, 2023.

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

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Resolution #24-208: Authorization for Vice-Principals and Supervisors within the District to Work Prior to the Commencement of School Opening for 2023-24 School Year in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.00, Local Funds

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 account 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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby authorizes Vice-Principals and Supervisors within the District to work for a maximum of thirty hours (30) between July 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023 to prepare their buildings for the start of the school year. Duties include but are not restricted to scheduling, parent meetings and orientation. Each VP and supervisor shall be compensated at their respective per diem rate based on the 2022-23 contract in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. The total amount to be paid pursuant to this Resolution shall not exceed \$30,000.00.

Anibal Ponce
Ali Aryakia

Emily Bonilla
Tamika Wesley-Brown

Jonathan Gonzalez

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

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Resolution #24-209: Amend Resolution #24-096 to add an Additional Staff Member to the School Improvement Panel for Payne Tech For the 2023-24 School Year in an Amount no to Exceed \$395.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, at the August 14, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #24-096 which in part approved staff members to School Improvement Panel for 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-096, it was deemed that Simone Cameron should be part of the Payne Tech School Improvement Panel; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24-096 to add Simone Cameron to the School Improvement Panel for Payne Tech in an amount not to exceed \$385.00, local funds. All other provisions of resolution #24-096 are in full force and effect.

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

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Resolution #24-210: Approval of Events Manager at Payne Tech for the 2023-2024 School Year effective July 1, 2023 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,000.00. Local Funds

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that it is in the best interest of the District to have an Events Manager at Payne Tech to oversee the events that take place at the Payne Tech campus; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Lori Tanner, Board Secretary, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Local Funds account 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 Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves Mr. Mark Beckett as Events Manager at Payne Tech for the 2023-2024 school year in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, local funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Beckett’s responsibilities will be to manage and coordinate with Central Office, Payne Tech Administration and all outside vendors, including walkthroughs and logistics meetings, technical training of equipment and ensuring technical requests are directed to the appropriate department. Mr. Beckett will also serve as the primary backup of the Technical Crew, and schedule maintenance and manage maintenance records for audio, lighting, communication systems equipment, etc. The areas to be supervised are the Leahy Auditorium, Payne Tech Main Lobby, Payne Tech Cafeteria, Payne Tech Gym (non-sports), PT Auxiliary Gym (non-sports, and PT Turf Field.

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

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Resolution #24-211: Appoint Special Education Bus Monitor for Donald M. Payne Tech Campus for 2023-2024 SY in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500 Funded through IDEA 2024 Grant

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be in the best interest of the District to have a Bus Monitor at Donald M. Payne Tech for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, IDEA Grant Director, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the IDEA FY24 grant for all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the selected candidate will monitor students arriving and departing school on school buses provided by sending districts and ensure students are picked up daily by their school bus or a parent. The bus monitor will communicate with drivers, students, staff, and parents regarding plans for extracurricular activities or parental pickups. The monitor will also mitigate any busing concerns by communicating with OSRS administrators, families, and transportation agencies. The monitor will be paid at the rate of up to one (1) hour per day at \$28.45 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the collective bargaining unit and the Board of Education. The total amount to be paid to each participant shall not exceed the sum of \$7,500.00; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following staff member to serve as a bus monitor for students with disabilities for the 2023-2024 school year at the hourly rate of \$28.45 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 in accordance with provisions referenced above.

Lakicia Jenkins

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

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Resolution #24-212: Appoint 2023-2024 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)/PowerSchool Special Programs Coordinator in an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent that in accordance with New Jersey Statutes Annotated 18A:55-3, school districts are required to maximize their participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI). The newly adopted Accountability Regulations specified in the New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:2A-5.3) include programmatic guidelines and standards for local school districts to maximize participation in SEMI; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has migrated the Special Education Individualized Educational Program Development System to PowerSchool's Special Programs and upholds the need for staff to assist beyond the workday with ensuring staff access and that information used for SEMI reporting is effectively entered and narrated to the New Jersey Department of Education to maximize the District's SEMI reimbursement funds and state compliance with reporting; and

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 appoints the following staff member to serve as the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)/PowerSchool Special Programs Coordinator, in amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ronnie Peguero will complete Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)/PowerSchool Special Programs reporting, logging, and other tasks and responsibilities outside of their contracted hours for a maximum of thirty hours (30) per month from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, at the rate of \$27.62 per hour in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

Ronnie Peguero

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

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Resolution #24-213: Amend Resolution #24-143 to Authorize School Counselors, SAC/SSW, and Child Study Teams within the District to Work Before the Commencement of School Opening for the 2023-2024 School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000.00 (Local Funds)

WHEREAS, at the September 14, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #24-143 which in part approved staff members and authorized School Counselors, SAC/SSW, and Child Study Teams to commence work prior to the school opening for the 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-143, it was determined that school counselors shall be compensated at their respective per diem rate and Child Study Teams and School Social Works at the rate of \$39.38 per hour based on the 2022-2023 contract in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24-143 to correct the compensation of the School Counselors to their per diem rate. All other provisions of resolution #24-143 are in full force and effect.

Hourly Rate of \$39.38	Per Diem
Child Study Teams/School Social Workers Suzanne Sabatino Stephanie Dias-PT/NT Mary Idebaneria-PT Jenae Goodson-PT Dawn Schweitzer-PT/NT Cynthia Toro- PT Joralis Nivar- NT Sharon Spence- NT Sonia Mulero- NT Mirlene Nazaire-WCT Mari-lena Acevedo-WCT Alexandria Chaves-WCT Alghashiyah Murray-WCT	School Counselors: Emily Arcangelo -WCT Denise Calimano - PT Karen Calloway - PT Jennifer DaSilva - WCT Isnery Marrero - PT Katherine Mayorga -PT Benita Negron -NT Toni Ann Percontino - NT Joseph Recine (Replacement) Andrew Turner – NT

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
 Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution 24-214: Authorization for School Nurses to Work Before the Commencement of School Opening for the 2023-2024 School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000.00 (Local Funds)

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, in accordance with the 2022-2023 Agreement between the Collective Bargaining Unit and the Board of Education authorizes School Nurses to work before the commencement of the 2023-2024 school opening; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the below listed District staff members to work for a maximum of three (3 days) between August 28-30, 2023, from 8:30–3:00 p.m. (6.5 hours), to complete tasks including professional development training, review and collection of medical records, develop student files, review of supplies and materials, organize sports physicals, and other tasks related to health services. Each staff member shall be paid the sum of \$___ per hour with the total amount not to exceed \$5,000.

School Nurses:

Dionne Pace, PT
Amanda Gordon, PT
Carolina Cabral, NT
Bonnie Rogers, WCT

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

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Resolution #24-215: Appoint Staff to Facilitate the District’s CTE Middle School Career Exploration Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000 Grant Funded.

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan Jr., Director of Adult Career and Technical Education has advised the Superintendent that the CTE Middle School Career Exploration Program will provide middle school students with career exploration and career development to assist them with making informed decisions about future educational paths, career opportunities and programs of study. Concomitantly, the CTE Middle School Career Exploration Program will assist with recruiting future students throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dolan Director of Adult Career and Technical Education hereby represent to the Board 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 Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints the following individuals as instructors to the CTE Middle School Career Exploration Program.

Assignment for the individuals to be scheduled accordingly based on programmatic needs at the rate of \$47.00 per hour (2022-23 contractual rate), occurring between October 16, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 grant funded.

Taharia Fong
Jonathan Alicea
Paul Onder
Joelle DellaVolpe
Robert Hebenstreit
Crystal Peterson
Scott Clark
Casey Boyle
Jose Plasencia
Paul Boyko
Eddie Encarnacion
Anjanette White
Dan Delcher
Michael DelaPaz

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

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Resolution #24-216: Appoint Supervisors to Facilitate the District’s CTE Summer Middle School Career Exploration Program, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,300 Grant Funded.

WHEREAS, John Dolan, Director of Adult Career and Technical Education recommends the following individuals as the Supervisor(s) to the CTE Summer Middle School Career Exploration Program; and

WHEREAS, John Dolan, Director of Adult Career and Technical Education, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Perkins Grant to fund said payments and are an appropriate expenditure of the grant funds; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints the following individuals as the Supervisor(s) to the CTE Summer Middle School Career Exploration Program.

Jessica Gonzalez
Sandy Barrionuevo
Angelina Martinez (sub)

Assignment for the supervisor(s) above will be for a maximum of 50 hours each, \$81.00 per hour (2022-2023 contractual rate) occurring from October 16, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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**Resolution #24-217: Appoint Instructors to Teach an Extra Class, 2023-2024
School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$177,975.00,
Local Funds**

WHEREAS, the Building Principals at Payne Tech and West Caldwell Tech have advised that it is necessary for teachers to cover 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 with in 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 Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Carnovale, 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.

PT					
Name	Course #	Course	Period	Extra Time	Amount
MARYANN FAM	Math422	INT COLLEGE ALGEBRA	1-2 B	80 MINS	\$ 7,339.00
KATHRYN MAGLIONE	LAL204	AMERICAN LIT	5(A)	40 MINS (A Day)	\$ 3,670.00
CHRISTINE CASSANO-LOPEZ	MTH222	GEOM	8-9(A)	80 MINS	\$ 7,339.00
CHRISTINE CASSANO-LOPEZ	MTH222	GEOM	8-9(B)	80 MINS	\$ 7,339.00
MARIA MOURA	MTH104	ALGEBRA I	8-9(A-B)	80 MINS	\$ 14,678.00
AMIR RESSAISSI	SCI503	AP PHYSICS	7 (A-B)	40 MINS	\$ 7,339.00
DAPHNE SMITH	LAL426	WORLD LITERATURE	3-4(A)	80 MINS (A DAY)	\$ 7,339.00 (Pro-Rated)
BRIAN JOHNSON	LAL426	WORLD LITERATURE	3-4(B)	80 MINS (B DAY)	\$ 7,339.00 (Pro-Rated)
JILLIAN CANCELA	LAL122	ENG LIT SURVEY	8-9(A-B)	80 MINS A & B DAY	\$ 14,678.00 (Pro-Rated)

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WC					
Name	Course #	Course	Period	Extra Time	Amount
Zack Arenstein	MTH531	AP PreCalculus	1-2 (B)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Scott Clark	VPA420	Visual & Performing Arts - Music	6-7 (A)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Scott Clark	VPA420	Visual & Performing Arts - Music	1-2 (B)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Daniel Delcher	AGS104	Intro to Animal Science	1-2 (A)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Joelle Dellavolpe	VPA426	Visual & Performing Arts - Visual	6-7 (A)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Joelle Dellavolpe	VPA426	Visual & Performing Arts - Visual	1-2 (B)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Robert Lorenzo	EGN104	Intro to Robotics	1-2 (A)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Sandi Romaniello	BUS123	Intro to Business	1-2 (A)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Nick Zarra	SCI140	Physics	3-4 (A)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Jennifer Guevara	WBL100	Personal and Career Readiness	5 (A & B)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Natasha Batista	HIS122	US History I	3-4 (B)	80 Min yr	\$7,339
Michael Gallo	HPE221	Health II - Drivers Ed	8-9 (B)	80 Min Q1	\$1,835
Michael Gallo	HPE227	PE2 - Fitness & Conditioning	8-9 (B)	80 Min S2	\$3,670
Janina Wojcik	HPE427	PE4 - Fitness & Conditioning	5-6 (A)	80 Min S2	\$3,670
Janina Wojcik	HPE427	PE4 - Fitness & Conditioning	6-7 (B)	80 Min S2	\$3,670
Janina Wojcik	HPE429	PE4 - Fitness & Conditioning	8-9 (B)	80 Min S1	\$3,670
Justin Bevilacqua	ECO420	Personal Finance III	5-6 (A)	80 Min Q2	\$1,835
Giuseppe Tesauo	ECO220	Personal Finance I	5-6 (B)	80 Min Q3	\$1,835
Giuseppe Tesauo	ECO220	Personal Finance I	5-6 (B)	80 Min Q4	\$1,835
Sally Sutton	ECO420	Personal Finance III	3-4 (A)	80 Min Q3	\$1,835
Sally Sutton	ECO420	Personal Finance III	3-4 (A)	80 Min Q4	\$1,835
Sally Sutton	ECO320	Personal Finance II	3-4 (B)	80 Min Q4	\$1,835

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

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CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-218: Field Trips

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval of Carmen Morales, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, 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.

Person In Charge	Date/Time	Trip	Cohort/Campus	# Students	Cost to Board
GUIDANCE SERVICES (ACADEMIC PROGRAM)					
Benita Negron (3 Chaperones)	10/18/2023	The College of New Jersey Ewing Township, NJ	NT 12 th & National Honor's Society	40	No Cost
Jennifer Guevara (2 Chaperones)	10/18/2023	Spectrum Works Secaucus, NJ	WC Transition Academy	6	No Cost
Johanna Salvante (10 Chaperones)	10/19/2023	Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. Tech Newark, NJ	WC Juniors	101	No Cost
Isnery Marrero (3 Chaperones)	10/30/2023	Princeton University Newark, NJ	PT 12 th Grade	40	No Cost
Benita Negron (3 Chaperones)	11/2/2023	Kean University Union, NJ	NT 12 th & National Honor's Society	40	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	11/2/2023	Papermill Playhouse Millburn, NJ	PT VPA	27	No Cost
Emily Arcangelo	11/13/2023	Seton Hall University South Orange, NJ	WC 11 th & 12 th Grade	36	\$400.00 Funded by Local Funds
Isnery Marrero (4 Chaperones)	11/3/2023	Rutgers University Newark, NJ	PT 12 th Grade	45	No Cost

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Jennifer Guevara (1 Chaperone)	11/14/2023 12/18/2023 1/8/2024 1/22/2024 3/12/2024	Shoprite West Caldwell, NJ	WC Transition Academy	6	No Cost
Isnery Marrero (2 Chaperones)	11/17/2023	The College of New Jersey Ewing Township, NJ	PT 12 th Grade	45	No Cost
Katherine Mayorga (10 Chaperones)	11/17/2023	Montclair State University Upper Montclair, NJ	PT 12 th Grade	100	No Cost
Benita Negron (3 Chaperones)	11/28/2023	Stockton University Galloway, NJ	NT 12 th Grade	40	No Cost
Benita Negron (3 Chaperones)	11/30/2023	Fairleigh Dickinson University	NT 12 th Grade	40	No Cost
Katherine Mayorga (4 Chaperones)	12/1/2023	Rowen University Rowen, NJ	PT 12 th Grade	45	No Cost
Emily Arcangelo (2 Chaperones)	12/7/2023	St. Thomas Aquinas University	WC	11 th & 12 th Grade	No Cost
Benita Negron (3 Chaperones)	12/8/2023	Rutgers University Newark, NJ	NT 12 th Grade	40	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	12/8/2023	Fairleigh Dickinson University Madison, NJ	PT VPA	30	No Cost
Katherine Mayorga (1 Chaperone)	12/8/2023	St. Aiden's Jersey City, NJ	PT 10-12 th Grade	20	No Cost
Benita Negron (3 Chaperones)	12/12/2023	Montclair State University Upper Montclair, NJ	NT 12 th Grade	40	No Cost
Jacqueline Shoop (2 Chaperones)	12/12/2023	McCarter Theater Center Princeton, NJ	WC College Comp I AP Lit	25	\$980.00
Katherine Mayorga (4 Chaperones)	12/14/2023	Montclair State University Upper Montclair, NJ	PT 12 th Grade	30	No Cost

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Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	12/14/2023	Papermill Playhouse Millburn, NJ	PT VPA	27	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	2/6/2024	South Performing Arts Center South Orange, NJ	PT VPA	30	No Cost
Amy Karydes (9 Chaperones)	2/15/2023	Pax Amicus Castle Theatre Budd Lake, NJ	PT 11 th Gr. British Literature	88	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	4/18/2024	Fairleigh Dickinson University Madison, NJ	PT VPA	30	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	4/19/2024	Montclair State University Upper Montclair, NJ	PT VPA	30	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	5/2/2024	Papermill Playhouse Millburn, NJ	PT VPA	27	No Cost
Brenda Pepper (2 Chaperones)	6/6/2024	Papermill Playhouse Millburn, NJ	PT VPA	27	No Cost
CO-CURRICULAR (NON-ATHLETIC)					
Anthony Rock	10/13- 10/15/2023	Bronx High School Bronx, NJ	NT Debate	11	\$1665.00 Funded by Local Funds
Dan Delcher (2 Chaperones)	10/21/2023	Clean Ocean Action Clean-Up Sandy Hook, NJ	WC	30	No Cost
Simone Cameron	10/24/2023	FBLA Kean University Union, NJ	PT FBLA	6	\$210.00 Funded by CTSO
Sandra Romaniell	10/25/2023	DECA Kean University Union, NJ	WC DECA	10	\$330.00 Funded by CTSO
Dan Delcher	10/25/2023	SKILL's USA Monroe Township, NJ	WC SKILL's USA	5	\$210.00 Funded by CTSO
Amir Ressaissi	11/12/2023	Westfield High School Westfield, NJ	PT Robotics	10	No Cost

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Robert Lorenzo	11/12/2023	Westfield High School Westfield, NJ	WC Robotics	10	No Cost
	11/25/2023	Governor Livingston High School Berkeley Heights, NJ			
	12/17/2023	Fanwood High School Scotch Plains, NJ			
	1/13/2024	Millburn High School Millburn, NJ			
	1/28/2024	Livingston High School Livingston, NJ			
	2/28/2024	Bayonne High School Bayonne, NJ			
	3/17/2024	Hillsborough High School Hillsborough, Township			
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (STRUCTURED LEARNING EXPERIENCES)					
Anthony Perez	10/5 &10/6/2023	Essex County West Caldwell Tech Essex County Newark Tech	PT Digital Filmmaking	9	No Cost
Brett Boon (1Chaperone)	10/17/2023	Brightview Paramus Paramus, NJ	WC Culinary Arts	20 -25	No Cost
Tom Patieno (1Chaperone)	10/17/2023	Brightview Paramus Paramus, NJ	PT Culinary Arts	7	No Cost
Jennifer Preziotti (1 Chaperone)	10/18/2023	Berkeley College Woodland Park, NJ	PT Fashion &Design	18	No Cost
Sandra Romaniello (1 Chaperone)	10/18/2023	Berkeley College Woodland Park, NJ	WC CTE Business	25	No Cost
Amarilys Olivo Mockabee (1 Chaperone)	10/20/2023	The Community Food Bank Hillside, NJ	PT Culinary Arts	20	No Cost
Simone Cameron (3 Chaperones)	10/20/2023	Johnson & Johnson Raritan, NJ	PT Business Academy	40	No Cost
Crystal Peterson Anjanette White (2 Chaperones)	10/22/2023	Pennsylvania Convention Center Philadelphia, PA	PT Cosmetology	36	No Cost

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Jacob Lawson (2 Chaperones)	10/26/2023	AES Meeting (Audio Engineering) Jacob Javits Center New York, NY	PT	Music Technology	29	No Cost
Amarilys Olivo Mockabee (4 Chaperones)	10/26/2023	Essex County Hall of Records Newark, NJ	PT	CTE	43	No Cost
David Kovaleski (2 Chaperones)	11/14/2023	Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpentry Edison, NJ	PT	Carpentry	21	No Cost
Gail Riccardi (3 Chaperones)	11/17/2023	JANJ Education Center Edison, NJ	PT	CTE/Web Design	40	No Cost
Paul Onder (3 Chaperones)	11/17/2023	Lincoln Tech Union, NJ	PT	Construction Trades	40	No Cost

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

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**Resolution #24-219: Authorization to Approve Field Trips Between Board Meetings
2023-2024 School Year**

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has determined that certain opportunities for students within the District to participate in various field trips may not be taken advantage of in that there is insufficient time to obtain Board approval for the involved trip due to the regular meeting schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has determined that it would be in the best interest of the students within the District if the Superintendent of Schools was authorized to approve certain field trips when that situation presents itself; 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 hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to approve various field trips during the 2023-2024 school year in between Regular Board meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall only approve field trips that are during the school day and with the appropriate teacher and/or chaperone oversight, and that the cost of any single field trip does not exceed the sum of \$250.00, and that the total cost of all field trips for a thirty (30) day period shall not exceed the sum of \$900.00, not including costs associated with transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the expenditure of any funds associated with any field trip, the Superintendent shall confer with either the Business Administrator and/or grant supervisor so as to verify that there are sufficient funds to fully fund same. The Superintendent shall further advise the Board at its next Regular board meeting of any and all field trips approved by him and the cost associated relative to same.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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**Resolution #24-220: Essex County Newark Tech Debate Team Competitions (Trips)
School Year 2023-24**

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves up to a maximum of ten (10) virtual and in-state trips for the Essex County Newark Tech Debate Team, under the supervision of its advisor, for competitions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all out-of-district competitions must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for approval on an individual basis. _

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-221: Fire/Security Drill Reports, September, 2023 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, 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 September, 2023.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-222: Authorize Request to Establish a Secondary Special Education Special Class Program and Submit a Request to the New Jersey Department of Education

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent that the District would increase access to the General Education Curriculum and enhance compliance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:14 Special Education Code by adding a Secondary Special Class Program as an option for General Education and Career & Technical Education Teachers to instruct students with disabilities using an adapted general curriculum without requiring dual certification; now on the motion of

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby does authorize the establishment of a Secondary Special Class Program and does authorize Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, to submit a request to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-223: 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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
LeeSandra Medina

Resolution #24-224: Accept the Assessment Results of New Jersey Student Learning Assessment- Science 2022-23 school year (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the results of the Spring 2023 Assessment Results for the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA Science) for the 2022-23 school year as required by State regulations (*N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2(f)*)

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

Resolution #24-225: Authorize Amendment 4 and Submission of the ARP Safe Return Plan to In-Person Instruction for the 2023-24 school year

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Board hereby approves Amendment 4 and submission of the District’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) Safe Return Plan to In-Person Instruction in the 2023-24 school year and make it available on the district’s website. The ARP Act requires that the Safe Return Plan and assurances must be agreed to every six months by the district.

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Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-226: Authorize the Use of Essex County Schools of Technology Campuses to Administer the District Diagnostic Admissions and WIDA Assessments

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, hereby represents that the Office of Student-Related Services Administrators will oversee the administering of the District Admissions Assessments, and the Supervisors of English as a Second Language will oversee the administering of WIDA Assessments on the following Saturdays from 7:30 to approximately 12:30 p.m.; 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 hereby authorizes the use of Essex County Schools of Technology Campuses to administer the District Diagnostic Admissions Assessments to Applicants and the WIDA Screener to Multilingual Learners (ML) to help educators identify whether they are eligible for the English as a Second Language Program.

District Diagnostic Assessments

November 4, 2023 December 9, 2023 January 6, 2024 February 3, 2024 March 23, 2024

WIDA Screener Assessments

December 16, 2023 February 10, 2024 April 13, 2024

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-227: Authorize the Use of Essex County Schools of Technology Campuses to Expand Recruitment Efforts Through Family Information Sessions

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, _____, hereby represents that the Office of Student-Related Services will collaborate with Career, and Technical Education, English As a Second Language and School Administrators to organize family information sessions and school tours from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

PT- October 23, 2023	NT- October 25, 2023	WCT - November 1, 2023
District Fair - November 18, 2023	PT- January 22, 2024	NT- January 24, 2024
WCT - January 29, 2024		

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 authorizes the use of Essex County Schools of Technology Campus to host evening parent visits to expand opportunities for prospective students and their families to tour each campus, learn about the application process, and gain insight into what each campus offers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-228: Authorize the Use of Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology Media Center by the Essex County Board of Elections to Conduct Poll Worker Training on September 26, 27, 28 and 30, 2023

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the use of the Media Center at the Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology (“West Caldwell Tech”) by the Essex County Board of Elections (“ECBOE”) on September 26, 27, 28 and 30, 2023 at various times to conduct poll worker training. Students from the district will attend training during school hours and Essex County residents will attend training during evening hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least two (2) Security Guards, one (1) custodian and one (1) facilities operator will be assigned to West Caldwell Tech, the Board has agreed to waive charging ECBOE any and all fees which may be associated with providing staffing at the event. Those who are District employees will be compensated in accordance with their respective collective bargaining agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECBOE 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 ECBOE 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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-229: Use of Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology Gymnasium and Cafeteria by FIRST Tech Challenge New Jersey on December 2, 2023 to host a Robotics Competition

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes the use of Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology Gymnasium and Cafeteria (WCT) by First Tech Challenge New Jersey (“FTC”) on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm to host the FTC robotics competition for school districts located in northern New Jersey. Students representing West Caldwell Tech and Payne Tech will participate in the FTC competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least three (3) security guards, two (2) custodians, one (1) building operator and two (2) technical staff will be assigned to WCT during the event and the Board has agreed to waive charging any and all fees which may be associated with providing staffing at the event; and

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernel
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-230: Authorize the Use of On-Site Surface Parking at Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology by the Roveville Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 28, 2023 to host a Fall Festival

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 the use of the on-site surface parking at Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology by Roseville Presbyterian Church (“RPC”) on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM to host a Fall Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least two (2) Perimeter Security Guards, one (1) custodial staff will be assigned during the event on October 28, 2023. RPC has agreed to reimburse the district \$546.00 for the cost of security staff and custodial services to be provided by the district during the event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPC 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 RPC 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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
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Resolution #24-231: Authorize the Use of Mami Lee Café and a Classroom at Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology by the New Jersey School Boards Association on December 14, 2023 to host the Essex County School Boards Meeting

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the use of the Mami Lee Cafe and a classroom at Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology by the New Jersey School Boards Association (“NJSBA”) on December 14, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM to host the Essex County School Boards monthly meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least two (2) Security Guards, one (1) custodial staff, one (1) building operator and one (1) tech staff will be assigned during the event on December 14, 2023 and the Board has agreed to waive charging any and all fees which may be associated with providing staffing at the event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NJSBA 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 NJSBA 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. Bledsoe, Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Chris T. Pernell
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez
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Resolution #24-232: Approve District Fundraiser Requests

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 students to hold fundraisers on the following dates to raise funds to help pay for various student events for the 2023-24 school year:

Person in Charge	Anticipated Date(s)	Fundraiser	Organization/ School	Funds to be Used Towards
Eric Love	October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 December 1, 8, 15, 2023 January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 23 March 1, 8, 15, 22 April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024	Dress-down day	Seniors/Yearbook Club Payne Tech Campus	Senior/Yearbook Club activities
Chris Cosmillo	October 16 – October 27, 2023	Sale of boo- grams	Junior Class West Caldwell Tech	Junior Class events/activities
Chris Cosmillo	October 27, 2023	Movie night	Junior Class West Caldwell Tech	Junior Class events/activities
Rosi Hermida	October 27, 2023	Costume Party	District Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Payne Tech Campus	PTSA student- related activities/events
Katherine Mayorga	October 30, 2023	Candy Gram	National Honor Society Payne Tech Campus	Food pantry/shelter
Katherine Mayorga	November 1 – December 15, 2023	Clothes/toy drive	National Honor Society Payne Tech Campus	Local shelter
Katherine Mayorga	April 1, 2024	Raffle	National Honor Society Payne Tech Campus	Autism Speaks Foundation

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Annual Reorganization 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 **3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #24-233: Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Davis, the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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