

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education in the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey was held via an online medium on Thursday evening, April 30, 2020, immediately following the Public Hearing on the FY21 budget.

President Martucci opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and the Board Secretary announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided as follows:

On January 3 and April 15, 2020, notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and the Clerk of the Municipality.

The following Board members and others were present:

**ROLL CALL: 7:21 p.m.**

<b>Board Members</b>		<b>Others</b>	
Mr. Rivas	P	Mrs. Cleary	P
Mr. Shehata	P	Mr. Walters	P
Mrs. Birch	P	Ms. Gaylord	P
Mr. Gargano	P	Attorney, N. Simon	P
Ms. Guillaume	P		
Ms. Johnson	P		
Ms. Kozak	P		
Mrs. Manganello	P		
Mr. Martucci	P		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. See information to the Board.
2. On behalf of our school district, we offer our thoughts, prayers, sympathies and support to all of our families affected by the virus. In the event schools remain closed for the rest of the year, we have plans in place to acknowledge year-end milestone events. Moving up ceremonies, eighth grade promotion and high school graduation will not be forgotten. The events are important and necessary for our students and families and they will be celebrated, as they should. Scholarship and awards nights will be recognized and our music teachers are planning virtual concerts which will include student performances and artwork that students are creating at home.

In week six of virtual learning, all are encouraged to reach out to teachers, principals, counselors and social workers with any concerns you may have regarding schoolwork and family or personal needs. We are here to help and support everyone. Grab and Go lunches are still available everyday at schools 2, 5, and Linden High School. If there are any tech issues, be sure to contact the Tech Help Desk.

In February our district underwent a Full Quality Single Accountability Continuum, otherwise known as QSAC, review by the Department of Education. Mrs. Cleary then read an excerpt from the letter which said we have satisfied at least 80% of the weighted indicators and have been designated as high performance.

We passed fiscal with 100% thanks to our Business Administrator, Ms. Kathleen Gaylord, the Assistant Business Administrator, Mrs. Pamela Caporale, and everyone in the Business Office. We passed Governance with 100% thanks to the Board procedures we have in place and our ability to keep them updated. We passed Operations with 98%. State reporting, NJSMART submissions, data analysis, establishment of policies. Our directors and supervisors were responsible for this with a special thanks to Mrs. Michele Dorney, Mr. Derek Kondratowicz, and Ms. Felicia Lambkin for helping out. We passed personnel with 100%. A special thanks to Mrs. Dorney and our front office ladies for keeping our files complete and up-to-date, and to Mr. Walters for overseeing all of our evaluation procedures. Facilities is also a part of the QSAC review and random inspections take place within our buildings. Although there is not a separate score, we did pass. Thank you Mr. Miranda and the custodial and maintenance workers for having the buildings ready and up to par. For the first time in about 15 years, we passed the Instruction and Program indicator with a score of about 80. This section is comprised of our test scores and curriculum.

3. Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We cannot thank them enough for what they do each and every day, and the lives they touch. Please be sure to reach out to your teachers next week and let them know you are thinking of them.

4. Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Governor Educators of the Year:

School	Teacher	Position
One	Shannon Spaziani	Teacher of LLD
Two	Frances Pszenica	Teacher of Pre-K
Four	Janel Bury	Teacher of Pre – K
Five	Julie Siegel	Teacher of Resource
Six	Laura Stewart – Cuttita	Teacher of Grade 1
Eight	Staci Wegrzynek	Teacher of Grade 2
Nine	Melody Olsen	Teacher of Pre-K
Ten	Laura Venezio	Teacher of Grade 1
McManus	Sobeida Penaranda	Teacher of World Language
Soehl	Aneta Ferreira	Teacher of Social Studies
Linden High School	Nicole Campo	Teacher of Language Arts

5. Congratulations to the Governor Service Professionals of the Year:

School	Educational Services Professional	Position
One	Marybeth Strano	Paraprofessional
Two	Rhonda Jenkins	Paraprofessional
Four	Marybeth Kniazk	Speech Specialist
Five	Liliana Lozada	Paraprofessional
Six	Elizabeth Radil	School Nurse
Eight	Annmarie Gobel	Paraprofessional
Nine	Kelly Drejaj	Speech Specialist
Ten	Sherre Carbone	Paraprofessional
McManus	Victoria Miller	School Social Worker
Soehl	Caitlin Sanders	School Guidance Counselor
Linden High School	Ryan Devaney	School Social Worker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Tentative Budget and the Work Session held on March 19, 2020, and the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2020. (Copies in the hands of Board Members).

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Rivas			X		
Mr. Shehata			X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Gargano			X		
Ms. Guillaume		X	X		
Ms. Johnson			X		
Ms. Kozak	X		X		
Mrs. Manganello			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		

Motion Carried.

No action this meeting.

The Education Committee, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools and the Acting Assistant Superintendent, present the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. Approve adjustment of tuition, as indicated as per New Jersey Department of Education audit:

School	Location	Tuition Year	Adjustment
Ranch Hope Inc.	Alloway, NJ	2018-2019	Tuition Undercharge 3,796.00

2. Amend Board action on past Curriculum & Instruction Reports, as listed:

Date	Item#	Action
3/28/19	26	Amend the end of year calendar to approve June 17, 18, 19, 2020 as give back days during the 2019 – 2020 school year. The last day of school for all students will be June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020.

3. Approve the Charter School enrollment as listed below:

School Name	Student	Enrollment	District Payment
North Star Academy	NC, DS	10 Month	TBD

4. Approve Back to School Night Dates and Use of Facilities for 2020-2021 school year as listed:

School	Date(s)	Time
One	9/17/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Two	9/23/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Four	9/28/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Five	9/28/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Six	9/23/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Eight	9/17/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Nine	9/29/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Ten	9/29/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
McManus	9/16/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Soehl	9/15/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Linden High School, Academy of Excellence	9/30/20	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

5. Grant approval for the Linden Public School District to apply for the continuation grant entitled 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center for the 2020-2021 grant year in the amount of \$425,000.
6. Approve the use of the New Jersey Physicians Advisory Group “YES You Can” curricula as a component of the health material used in the Linden Public Schools for the 2020 – 2021 school year.
7. Approve the suspension of final examinations and final exam grades for Linden High School for the 2019 – 2020 school year.
8. Approve the 2020 – 2021 *Trimester Dates* for elementary schools, as listed:

Marking Period	Beginning Date	Interim End Date	End Date
1	September 3, 2020	October 16, 2020	December 8, 2020
2	December 9, 2020	January 29, 2021	March 17, 2021
3	March 18, 2021	May 4, 2021	*June 23, 2021

\*Date may be moved up if inclement weather days are not used

9. Approve the 2020 – 2021 *Marking Period Dates* for middle and high schools, as listed:

Marking Period	Beginning Date	Interim End Date	End Date
1	September 3, 2020	October 2, 2020	November 13, 2020
2	November 16, 2020	December 18, 2020	January 29, 2021
3	February 1, 2021	March 4, 2021	April 9, 2021
4	April 12, 2021	May 12, 2021	*June 23, 2021

\*Date may be moved up if inclement weather days are not used

10. Approve the 2020 – 2021 *Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Dates*, as listed:

Day	Date
Tuesday	October 20, 2020
Wednesday	October 21, 2020
Thursday	October 22, 2020
Tuesday	March 23, 2021
Wednesday	March 24, 2021
Thursday	March 25, 2021

11. Approve the district 12-Month Employee Calendar for 2020-2021, as listed:

DATE	EVENT
September 1, 2020	10-Month Teachers/Staff Report
September 2, 2020	10-Month Teachers/Staff Report – Staff In-service
September 3, 2020	All Students Report
September 7, 2020	Labor Day – Schools & Offices Closed
October 12, 2020	Staff In-Service – Schools Closed
November 2, 2020	Schools Closed / Offices Open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
November 3, 2020	Election Day – Schools & Offices Closed
November 4, 2020	Schools Closed / Offices Open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
November 5 – 6, 2020	NJEA Convention – Schools & Offices Closed
November 25, 2020	Thanksgiving Recess – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
November 26 – 27, 2020	Thanksgiving Recess – Schools & Offices Closed
November 30, 2020	Schools Re-Open
December 22, 2020	Winter Recess – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
December 23 – 25, 2020	Schools & Offices Closed
December 29, 2020	Schools Closed/Offices Open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 30, 2020	Schools Closed/Offices Open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 31, 2020	Schools & Offices Closed
January 1, 2021	Schools & Offices Closed
January 4, 2021	Schools Re-Open
January 18, 2021	Dr. M.L. King Jr. Birthday – Schools & Offices Closed
February 15, 2021	President’s Day – Schools & Offices Closed
March 30 – 31, 2021	Schools Closed / Offices Open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
April 1, 2021	Schools Closed / Offices Open 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
April 2, 2021	Schools & Offices Closed
April 5, 2021	Schools Re-Open
May 28, 2021	Schools & Offices Closed
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day – Schools & Offices Closed
June 8, 2021	Schools & Offices Closed



12. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves summer hours for 12-month employees beginning on Monday, June 28, 2020 and ending on Friday, August 21, 2020, as listed:

*12-Month Staff – Administrator/Teacher/Secretary Unit*

Option 1

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch  
Total hours work week = 32 hours

Option 2

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch  
Total hours work week = 32 hours

*Custodian/Maintenance Personnel Unit*

Maintenance

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with ½ hour lunch and no breaks  
Total hours work week = 32 hours

Custodian 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch and no breaks  
Total hours work week = 32 hours

\*If coverage is needed for Friday's due to Board Activities:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch and no breaks  
Total hours work week = 32 hours

Custodian 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch and no breaks  
Total hours work week = 32 hours

13. Proclaim the week of May 4 – 8, 2020 as “*National Teacher Appreciation Week*” as outlined in the following resolution:
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers make public schools great; and
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers work to open student’s minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers are lifelong learners, adopting 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning strategies and embracing digital learning to prepare students for their future; and
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers work daily to foster the well-being of each student, regardless of widely differing backgrounds and abilities; and
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; and
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and
- WHEREAS, Linden Public School teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Linden Public School Board of Education, and Superintendent recognize and send their gratitude to the Linden Public School teachers and hereby proclaim May 4 – 8, 2020, as “*National Teacher Appreciation Week*” throughout the Linden Public Schools and strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.
14. Approve the Superintendent’s determination and actions taken for all reported incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying discussed at the March 26, 2020 regular meeting as listed:

Case	HIB	Action
Sch 9-73	Yes	Services provided, Will be disciplined at later date.
Sch 9-72	Yes	Services provided, Disciplined.
Sch 6-96	No	Services provided, Monitored.
Sch 4-55	No	Services provided, Parent Conference, Monitored.
Sch 4-54	No	Services provided.
Sch 1-71	No	Services provided, Monitored.
Sch 1-70	Undetermined	Services provided, Monitored.
Sch 1-69	Undetermined	Services provided, Monitored.

MOTIONS 1 – 14:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Rivas			X		
Mr. Shehata		X	X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Gargano			X		
Ms. Guillaume	X		X		
Ms. Johnson			X		
Ms. Kozak			X		
Mrs. Manganello			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		

Motions 1 – 14 Carried.

The Personnel Committee, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools presents the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval. Any appointments made for July 1, 2020, will be pending the physical reopening of school buildings.

1. WHEREAS, WALTER TYLICKI in his lifetime was a truly dedicated member of the Board of Education who gave of his time and talents for the benefit of the students, staff and parents of the Linden School district, and

WHEREAS, WALTER TYLICKI was suddenly and tragically taken from us and his family

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interim Superintendent and the Board of Education of the city of Linden hereby give public expression of their feelings for the loss in the passing of WALTER TYLICKI on April 7, 2020 and do tender to the members of his family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this time of bereavement and sorrow

2. The following retirements be accepted with regret:

#	Name	Assignment	Location	Effective Date
1.	Kolesa, Barbara	Teacher of Phys.Ed./Health	LHS	7/1/20
2.	Mulligan, Karen	Teacher of Kindergarten	School 1	7/1/20
3.	Stier, Greg	Teacher of Language Arts	LHS	8/31/20
4.	Wylar, Leah	CST Social Worker	Special Services	4/1/20

WHEREAS, the above employees are retiring from active service in the public schools of Linden.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Board of Education of the City of Linden to express their appreciation for their loyal and unselfish service during those years; therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the gratitude and best wishes of the members of the Board of Education of the City of Linden and hereby be tendered to the employees in acknowledgement of the service they so faithfully and conscientiously rendered, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Education.

3. Amend Board action on past Personnel Reports, as listed:

Date	Item #	Action
9/26/19	7	Amend the Leave of Absence for #6231 <sup>3</sup> to read through 3/27/20.
9/26/19	36/25	F.A.B. Fashion Club – amend Todd, Terri from volunteer to 15 hours for the 2019-2020 School Year.
9/26/19	47/b-2	Amend stipend to read Step 3 - \$5,075.00
10/30/19	5	Amend the Leave of Absence for #7185 <sup>1,3</sup> to read: 1/21/20-3/27/20 Medical; 3/30/20-6/5/20 FMLA/FLA.
11/26/19	4	Amend the Leave of Absence for #7808 <sup>1,3</sup> to read: 2/27/20-4/30/20 Medical; 5/1/20-6/30/20 FMLA/FLA.
1/30/20	7	Rescind the Leave of Absence for #4170.
2/27/20	6	Amend the Leave of Absence for #5136 <sup>3</sup> to read through 5/1/20.
2/27/20	6	Rescind the Leave of Absence for #4970.
2/27/20	6	Rescind the Leave of Absence for #7314.
3/26/20	5	Rescind the Leave of Absence for #4172.
3/26/20	5	Rescind the Leave of Absence for #5624.

4. Approve the following Leave(s) of Absence:

#	Employee ID#	Location	From	Through	Reason
1.	7608 <sup>1</sup>	School 2	5/25/20	6/30/20	Medical

1). Sick 2). Accumulative Leave 3). Unpaid

5. Compensate staff listed for their days upon retirement as per negotiated contract:

#	Name	Sick Days	Amount
1.	Sinclair, Denise	53 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	\$2,502.06

6. Reimburse staff listed for tuition costs in accordance with the associated agreement between the Linden Board of Education and the Linden Education Association:

#	Name	Location	Fall 2019 Tuition Reimbursement
1.	Brunton, Laura	School 4	\$3,984.00
2.	Colish, Maria	Travel	\$1,992.00
3.	Grygo, Andrew	LHS	\$3,984.00
4.	Hanusosky, Kathleen	LHS	\$3,984.00
5.	Hu, Lin Lin	LHS	\$1,992.00
6.	Jachowski, Juliet	LHS	\$3,984.00
7.	Jaco, Nicole	School 10	\$ 664.00
8.	Livingston, Angela	Alternative	\$3,984.00
9.	Miller, Gary	LAST	\$ 396.00

7. Approve summer hours for the following staff members to refurbish Science kits for the 2020-2021 School Year. To be paid at the contractual rate. Cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Acct. #11-190-100-106-00-000-60.

#	Name	Position	Hours
1.	Mitra-Magnan, Imelda	Full Time Paraprofessional	60
2.	Rhein, Sonia	Full Time Paraprofessional	60

8. Appoint the following substitute staff for the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 5/1/20-8/31/20 at the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC contractual rate of \$35/hr. Acct. #20-454-200-100-00-001-35-070.

#	Name	Position
1.	Scocozza, Gertrude	Yoga Teacher

9. Approve the following school nurses as Medical Bus Aides for the 2020-2021 School Year. To be paid at the contractual rate. Acct. #11-000-213-100-00-001-00.

#	Name	#	Name
1.	Aguirre, Digna	10.	Kolar, Rebecca
2.	Bartell, Marion	11.	Mejia, Jocelyn
3.	DeMartinis, Colleen	12.	McCarthy, Tara
4.	DeSanto, Susan	13.	Piloto, Maria
5.	England-McCarthy, Judy	14.	Radil, Elizabeth
6.	Goeller, Colleen	15.	Shahamat, Aliyyah
7.	Grossi, Louisa	16.	Smith, Diane
8.	Hirsch, Joyce	17.	Zatko, Stella
9.	Jacobs, Nornette		

10. Appoint the following Coach for the 2020-2021 Fall Sports Season:

#	Name	Sport	Position	Salary	Step
1.	Silva, Carla	Girls Varsity Soccer	Head Coach	\$7,605.00	3

MOTIONS 1 – 10:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Rivas			X	7, 8, 10	
Mr. Shehata		X	X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Gargano			X	8, 10	
Ms. Guillaume			X		
Ms. Johnson			X		
Ms. Kozak	X		X		
Mrs. Manganello			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		

Motions 1 – 10 Carried.

The Finance Committee, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, presents the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) the Linden Board of Education certifies that, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial report (appropriation section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a)(1) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.  
  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Linden Board of Education accepts the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, and certifies that they are in agreement for the month March, 2020. (Copies in the hands of Board members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
2. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants due for the salaries and supplemental payroll for the month of April 2020.
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants in the amounts specified in favor of the persons named: (as per list submitted in the files and bookkeeping journal – copy of which will become a part of these original minutes). (See attachment).
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 the Linden Board of Education approves the list of transfers and adjustments for the month of March, 2020. (Copies in the hands of Board members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
5. Student Activities Report (Linden High School) for the month of March, 2020. (Copies in hands of Board Members and on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
6. Approve a Change Order in the amount of \$47,568.84 with Maffey's Security Group, Elizabeth, NJ, for Alyssa's Law project.
7. Approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$32,312.50 with FieldTurf USA, Inc., for added scope of work to the football field, including furnishing and installation all labor, equipment and materials to help remediate ground water that is causing unsuitable soils in the eastern D-zone.



8. Approve a revised Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple Inc., Irving, TX, for a period of four (4) years in the total amount of \$2,333,550.00 for Apple iPads and MacBook Airs effective July 1, 2020 as follows:

Year	Amount
2020	\$695,750.00
2021	\$687,500.00
2022	\$475,150.00
2023	\$475,150.00

9. Approve the following renewal routes for student transportation for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a) 2020-2021 School Transportation Renewal Contracts – Regular and Special Education:

Company	Route	Route Cost Per Diem 20-21	Aide Cost Per Diem 20-21	TOTAL 20-21
Dapper Bus Co	SE-12A/2-4	\$310.47	\$63.32	\$373.79
Dapper Bus Co	SE-8	\$245.34	\$62.47	\$307.81
Dapper Bus Co	SE-8A	\$245.34	\$62.47	\$307.81
First Student	VT-2	\$311.30	\$73.86	\$384.22
J&J Transportation	L-MED/TOP	\$329.32	\$55.75	\$385.07
Villani Bus Co.	SM-2	\$321.37	\$40.68	\$362.05
Villani Bus Co.	SE-10	\$282.73	\$61.02	\$343.75

- b) 2020-2021 Parent Transportation Route – Special Education

Parent	Route	Per Diem Cost 20/21	Not to Exceed
BG	SEPA-6	\$68.59	\$14,403.90
GW	SEPA-8	\$58.11	\$12,203.10

9. Continued:

c) 2020 Extended School Year Transportation – Special Education

Company	Route	Route Cost Per Diem 2020	Aide Cost Per Diem 2020	TOTAL 2020
J & J Transp.	ESY-1	\$170.23	BOE Aide	\$170.23
J & J Transp.	ESY-2	\$170.23	BOE Aide	\$170.23
J & J Transp.	ESY-3	\$170.23	\$52.47	\$222.70
J & J Transp.	ESY-4	\$170.23	\$52.47	\$222.70
J & J Transp.	ESY-5	\$170.23	\$52.47	\$222.70
J & J Transp.	ESY-6	\$216.57	\$58.11	\$274.68
J & J Transp.	ESY-7	\$170.23	\$52.47	\$222.70
J & J Transp.	ESY-L-MED	\$216.67	BOE Aide	\$216.67

d) 2020-2021 Field Trips Pricing 54 Passenger School Bus:

Company	Route	Hourly Contracted Amount 20-21	Overtime Adjusted Hourly Cost	Provision	Other
Villani Bus Co.	FT-1	\$66.11		5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00
Villani Bus Co	FT-1A	\$71.19		5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00
Villani Bus Co	FT-2	\$76.28		5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00
Villani Bus Co.	FT-2A	\$81.36		5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00
Villani Bus Co	FT-3	\$86.45		5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00
Villani Bus Co.	FT-3A	\$91.53		5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00
Villani Bus Co	FT-4 & 4A	\$96.62		5 hour minimum	Tolls & Parking At Rate
Villani Bus Co	FT-5 & 5A	\$132.21		5 hour minimum	Tolls & Parking At Rate

9. d) Continued:

Company	Route	Hourly Contracted Amount 20-21	Overtime Adjusted Hourly Cost	Provision	Other
Villani Bus Co	FT-6	\$111.87		5 hour minimum	Tolls & Parking At Rate
Villani Bus Co	FT-6A	\$152.55		5 hour minimum	Tolls & Parking At Rate
Villani Bus Co	FT-11	w/o lift \$52.35	N/A	5 hour minimum	Passenger Van – Intake from home to out of district school
Villani Bus Co	FT-11A	w/o lift \$46.51	N/A	5 hour minimum	Passenger Van for Transport student from home/school to Spec. Serv.

e) 2020-2021 Field Trips Pricing Coach Bus:

Company	Route	49 Passenger Hourly Rate	55 Passenger Hourly Rate	Provision	Other
Villani Bus Co	FT-7	\$152.55	\$152.55	5 hour minimum	Tolls - \$.00 (incl.) Parking - Chartering Party is responsible for parking rates as applicable, at rate at time or trip
Villani Bus Co	FT-7A & 8	\$203.40	\$203.40	5 hour minimum	
Villani Bus Co	FT-9	\$228.83	\$228.83	5 hour minimum	
Villani Bus Co.	FT-9A	\$254.25	\$254.25	5 hour minimum	
Villani Bus Co	FT-10	\$279.68	\$279.68	5 hour minimum	

f) Student Team Transportation Services – School Year 2020-2021

Company	Route	Route Cost for 4 hrs. Per Diem 20-21	Per Hour Over Flat Rate 4 Hours
Villani	Team Sect 1	\$354.97	\$44.37
	Team Sect II	\$311.65	Flat Rate
	Team Sect III	\$285.24	Flat Rate

10. Approve the following resolution opposing delay in transmission of property tax revenue to school districts:

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Linden Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Linden Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the Linden Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

11. Whereas, The Board of Education of Linden in the County of Union, New Jersey (the “Board”), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

**LRFP MAJOR AMENDMENT UPDATE**

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LINDEN IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Major Amendment Update to its previously approved LRFP and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Union County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect proposed Project(s).

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of the required information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

12. Approve the following resolution approving Continuation of UCESC Transportation Contract Payments:

Be it resolved that the Linden Board of Education (the “District”) resolves to continue contracted transportation payments, at a 10% discount, to the Union County Educational Services Commission (“UCESC”) for the 19-20 school year during the statewide period of emergency closure of all schools, even in the absence of services rendered. The UCESC will accordingly make payment to the transportation providers for the District. The District understands that such payments do not guarantee that the transportation provider will be able to resume transportation when schools re-open. While such payments are prohibited by NJSA 18A:19-3 which only allows payment for services rendered, the District is making such payments pursuant to section 18006 of the CARES Act.

Let it be known that this resolution is put forth in the spirit that continued payments will make the resumption of transportation more likely than if payments were terminated and that transportation of students is so essential to re-opening schools that this unusual measure must be taken.

MOTIONS 1 – 12:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Rivas			X	7, 8, 9	2, 10, 11, 12
Mr. Shehata			X		
Mrs. Birch		X	X		
Mr. Gargano	X		X	6, 7	
Ms. Guillaume			X		
Ms. Johnson			X		
Ms. Kozak			X		
Mr. Manganello			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		

Motions 1 – 12 Carried.

No action this meeting.

The Planning and Policy Committee, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, presents the following motion to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. First Reading:

Policy Number	Title
5141	Health
6140	Curriculum Adoption
6161.1	Guidelines for Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials

MOTION 1:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Rivas					X
Mr. Shehata		X		X	
Mrs. Birch				X	
Mr. Gargano				X	
Ms. Guillaume				X	
Ms. Johnson				X	
Ms. Kozak				X	
Mrs. Manganello	X			X	
Mr. Martucci				X	

Motion 1 Carried.



COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Eloy Delgado, LEA President  
842 Grove Street  
Elizabeth, NJ

He wanted to give a big shout out to every LEA member who is doing the impossible in every possible way. In order to get through this, we need flexibility and do not hurt creativity.

There has been talk about the superintendent search and as the LEA representative, he said it is a very important decision. He has been fortunate to be able to work with the administration on many issues. Pick the best person for the job.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Shehata thanked all teachers and administrators for putting in more than their eight hours a day.

He said that the Mayor mentioned we should be checking in with City Hall regarding fields and whatever else we're doing. By design, we are A-political and are not supposed to be checking with City Hall about anything except shared services.

With regard to custodians, he hopes we are making an honest effort to make sure our custodians aren't in the buildings five days a week. During the shutdown, Governor Murphy shut schools and they are not considered essential workers. Ms. Gaylord responded that they are.

He then asked to make a motion to halt the Superintendent Search until all were on the same page. Mr. Martucci informed him that he could not do that as he would have to go through the committee. He then asked for Ms. Simon's input. She said that she didn't think they could put a stop to it at this point. The County Office has made it clear that they don't want you to have an interim indefinitely. Mr. Shehata said he would like to delay the process until all are fully apprised of what's going on.

Mrs. Birch addressed several things going on in the district that she is unhappy with. The way the public was treated last month at the Green Acres meeting was awful and she apologized to them. She agreed that the meeting should not have taken place. She heard two different stories about why the meeting was taking place. Also, it is an \$8 million project that this Board has not discussed and she wanted to know when they were going to discuss it?

This format does not give the Board enough time to discuss business as a whole. She asked that in the future, we do not hold meetings like this. Rather, we hold the meetings on separate dates.

At this time, Ms. Guillaume gave her County Delegate Report. She attended a virtual meeting with the UCSBA. Several items they discussed were:

- Coronavirus
- Delay of taxes until July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Extension of timelines
- State of Emergency issues

Ms. Guillaume respectfully asked if there could be a moment of silence for those who have fallen to the virus and for those who have lost loved ones. She then extended her condolences to the Tylicki family.

Ms. Guillaume also congratulated all of the retirees, especially Mr. Stier who has played a special role in her life. He was the most motivating and inspiring teacher she had at Linden High School.

Mrs. Manganello expressed her condolences to the Tylicki family. She also expressed condolences to the community and our staff members who have lost loved ones. She also congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their dedication to our district. She thanked our teachers, administrators and staff for their hard work during this pandemic.

Ms. Johnson thanked everybody for their patience.

Mr. Gargano thanked all of the teachers and all of the parents. We are in uncharted waters right now. He hopes everyone gets what they need with regard to the Superintendent Search.

Mrs. Johnson asked to finish her comments as she was cut off earlier. She said that this meeting has been out of control and downright disrespectful. She then thanked both Mrs. Cleary and Ms. Gaylord for doing a phenomenal job during these trying times.

Ms. Kozak thanked the teachers and administrators for doing a wonderful job during this difficult time. Stay healthy and well.

Mr. Rivas sent his condolences to the Tylicki family. He also recognized all of the teachers and thanked them for a fantastic job.

He also asked that the Board be given more information about the Green Acres project.

He acknowledged that this is the first virtual meeting and there are many things that need to be done better. As Board Members, we have a responsibility to the citizens of Linden.

Mr. Martucci thanked Mr. Walters for tonight's virtual meeting.

There are no answers right now. It's a day-to-day, week-to-week thing and we'll adjust according to the information we get from the top.

At 8:07 p.m. Ms. Kozak made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Johnson. Voice vote was unanimous.

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Kathleen A. Gaylord  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary