

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education in the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, was held at Linden High School, 121 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, New Jersey on Monday evening, February 2, 2015, at 6:50 p.m.

President Russell 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 13 and 26, 2015 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: 6:50 p.m.

<b>Board Members</b>		<b>Others</b>	
Mrs. Beviano	P	Dr. Robertozzi	P
Mrs. Birch	P	Mrs. Cleary	P
Mrs. Hudak	P	Ms. Gaylord	P
Mr. Kolibas	P	Attorney	A
Mrs. Ormon	P		
Mr. Strazzella	P		
Mr. Topoleski	A		
Mr. Alvarez	A		
Mr. Russell	P		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2015. (Copies in the hands of Board Members).

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak	X		X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon		X	X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		

Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Agenda items only):

Members of the public desiring to make a public comment may come forward at this time.

Please begin your comments by stating your name and address. Individuals are invited to speak on one topic at a time, and no individual will speak more than once, until all individuals so desiring have spoken once.

The public is reminded that to ensure the efficient and orderly operations of the meeting, members of the public will be limited to speaking on items for three minutes.

None.

The Attorney Committee, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, presents the following motion to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. Approve the following Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between The Linden Board of Education and The Linden Education Association:

**WHEREAS**, the Board is the public employer of all employees which require a valid instructional certificate, all employees that require a valid educational services certificate, technology technicians, full-time and part-time secretarial and clerical employees, excluding those designated as “confidential” by the parties, full-time personnel assigned as paraprofessionals and all part-time instructional and non-instructional school aides, hall monitors, attendance officers, crisis intervention aides, and others set forth in the collective negotiations agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, all such employees are represented for purposes of collective negotiations by the Linden Education Association (“Association”); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have negotiated in good faith in agreeing to terms and conditions of employment covering Association members from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) memorializing the terms and conditions of employment governing the parties’ labor relations for the aforesaid period of time; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Linden Board of Education, as follows:

- a) The Board hereby accepts the MOA for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018 as drafted and the Board Attorney is authorized to draft a successor agreement for the period covered by the MOA;
- b) The Board President and Secretary are hereby instructed to execute the successor Agreement upon presentation of a fully executed signed agreement by the Association; and
- c) The Board President is hereby instructed to order the appropriate personnel to take the action necessary to ensure the terms and conditions of employment contained in the Agreements are executed.

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mrs. Birch	X		X		
Mrs. Hudak					X
Mr. Kolibas					X
Mrs. Ormon					X
Mr. Strazzella		X	X		
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		

Motion 1 Carried.

At this time, Mrs. Beviano left the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. See information to the Board.
2. Dr. Robertozzi presented the following:
  - Monthly HIB report.
  - First snow day was used last Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. We have three snow days left in case of emergency.
  - February begins the district celebration of *Black History Month*.
  - Congratulations to our Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Cleary; our Director of Technology, Mr. Walters; and one of our Media Specialists, Joseph Scaldino, for being selected to present at the NJASA Techspo Convention in Atlantic City last week. The title of their presentation was "*The TOTO Project – How to Achieve Success with a One-to-One Initiative*". It was very well received.
  - Congratulations to Isabella Scocozza, Director of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program. There was a Department of Education monitoring visit on January 13, 2015, and they were extremely impressed with the program.
  - Updated the Board and public on the district's five-year strategic plan. Broad goals and objectives have been developed and strategies are now being developed to meet those objectives.
  - There will be a district-wide parent PARCC meeting at School #1 on February 9, 2015. Information will be going out to the parents soon.
  - February 13<sup>th</sup> is our district-wide professional development day.
  - Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup will take place March 9 through 12, 2015.

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

1. Approve the enrollment as required by state law, of the following handicapped students in a specialized program for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as shown below:

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Other Health Impaired	Mary A. Dobbins School Mount Holly, NJ	12/11/14	37,221.00 pro rata 326.50 per diem
Other Health Impaired	Center School Somerset, NJ	1/21/15	33,291.97 pro rata 305.43 per diem

2. Approve termination of the following out-of-district placement for the 2014-2015 school year.

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Emotionally Disturbed	Mt. Carmel Guild Academy W. Orange, NJ	1/20/15	48,571.20 annual 269.84 per diem
Other Health Impaired	Calais School Whippany, NJ	1/22/15	56,700.00 annual 315.0 per diem

3. Approve assignment of one-on-one paraprofessional for 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Rate
Communication Impaired	High Point Adolescent School Morganville, NJ	11/24/14	24,257.00 pro rata 191.0 per diem

4. Approve adjustment to tuition, as indicated as per New Jersey Department of Education audit.

School	Location	Tuition Year	Adjustment
The Arc Kohler School	Mountainside, NJ	2011-2012	Reimburse 2,313.00

5. Grant permission to submit an amendment to the 2015 IDEA application to budget for carry over and to align actual salaries with new LEA contract.

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

Date	Item	Action
11/25/14	1	Amend Morris Union Jointure tuition amount from 61,118.91 pro rata to 62,540.14 pro rata per revised contract.

7. Approve *Transportation* for the following students:

Student/ Parent	Dates	Location	Rate per Day	Cost
R.M. Student	February 4,11,18,25,2015 March 4,11,18,25,2015 April 1, 2015 May 6,13,20,27, 2015 June 3, 2015	Hampton Inn Linden	\$106.04	Transportation \$1484.56 11-000-270-512-00- 000-33
Z.M. Student	January 12,13,21,26,27, 2015 February 4,9,14, 2015	Teaneck High School Teaneck, NJ	\$198.81	Transportation \$1590.48 11-000-270-512-00- 000-33
K.C. Student	January 15,16, 2015 February 10,11, 2015 March 3,5,6,10,,11,18,20,23, 24,25,26,2015	Teaneck High School Teaneck, NJ	\$198.81	Transportation \$2982.15 11-000-270-512-00- 000-33

8. Approve the *Team Sports Schedules* for the Spring 2015 season, as listed. (Copy in the hands of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Members.)

SPORT	CATEGORIES
Baseball	Boys Varsity, JV, Freshman, Middle School
Softball	Girls Varsity, JV, Middle School
Tennis	Boys Varsity
Spring Track	Boys Varsity
Spring Track	Girls Varsity

9. Approve the *Tuition Agreement Contract* with Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, Scotch Plains, NJ for the 2015-2016 school year.

Program	Status	Tuition
Union County Vocational-Technical High School	Full-time	\$6,000.00
Union County Vocational Technical High School	Shared-time Regular	\$2,500.00
All Self-Contained Special Needs Vocational-Technical Programs	Shared-time	\$4,000.00

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

Date	Item#	Action
11/24/14	18	Add Bury, Heather to Magnetism and Electricity workshop on 1/21/15.
1/5/15	15	Change the cost of registration to read \$95.00 for Sabala, Laurice for workshop on 2/7/15.
11/25/14	18	Add Charles, Tamika to Grade 3 science training on 1/21/15.
7/22/14	17	Change date from 1/9/15 to 1/28/15 for the Early Childhood Leadership Conference.
1/5/15	14	Change date of Pre-K field trip to Tucky's Pizzeria from 1/13/15 to 1/16/15.
1/5/15	15	Add Volker, Kathy to the workshop on 2/25/15, 2/26/15 and 2/27/15 in Atlantic City, NJ for Association of Student Assistance Professionals acct. #11-000-223-580-00-000-05.
10/21/14	9	Change date of DECA Advisory Meeting for Sepulveda, Holly from 1/15/15 to 1/22/15.
11/25/14	17	Change the transportation amount to read \$386.55 for the NJROTC field trip to Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute.
10/21/14	8	Change admission cost of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Fire Me Up Studio trip from \$2,000.00 to \$2,800.00.
11/25/14	18	Add Caughman, Jacqueline to Grade Two Science training on 1/30/15.

10. Continued:

Date	Item#	Action
11/25/14	18	Change location and date, FLENJ 2015 Conference from Monroe, NJ to New Brunswick, NJ on 2/28/15 for Hu, Lin Lin.
11/25/14	18	Change registration fee FLENJ 2015 Conference from \$100.00 to \$180.00 for Hu, Lin Lin 11-000-223-580-00-000-54.

11. Approve the *Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and T.E.D.D.Y. Program Roundup* at the elementary schools on the dates and times as listed:

Dates	Times
Monday, March 9, 2015	9:00 am-11:00 am 12:30 pm-2:30 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2015	11:30 pm-1:30 pm
Wednesday March 11, 2015	9:00 am-11:00 am 12:30 pm-2:30 pm
Thursday, March 12, 2015	11:30 am-1:30 pm 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

12. Grant permission for the following *Use of Facilities and School Activities* on the dates/times listed:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
One	Preston, Dona	2/25/15 Snow date 2/26/15	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Cafeteria and Gymnasium	Mardi Gras “SMART” Night	None
One	Preston, Dona	4/30/15	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Technology Night	None
Two	Plummer, Larry	3/2/15	2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cafeteria	Principal Kafele Workshop/Assembly	\$1,000.00 20-033-100-320-00- 000-09
Two	Plummer, Larry	3/3/15	9:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Alidis Vicente Visit	None
Two	Plummer, Larry	4/2/15	9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Gymnasium	Reading Rocks Assembly	\$750.00 20-033-100-320-00- 000-09

12. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
Two	Plummer, Larry	4/21/15	9:15 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. Gymnasium	Laser Safari Program	\$995.00 20-033-100-320-00-000-09
Eight	Smith, Jennifer	2/24/15	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Library	Parent Workshop The Importance of Read Aloud	None
Nine	Molinaro, Richard	3/10/15	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Cafeteria	The Ned Show Assembly	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	2/6/15	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Valentine’s Day Dance	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	3/25/15	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium	Technology Night	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	2/24/15	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Family Photo Night	None
MMS	Zahir, Kcyronne	2/27/15	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Restaurant Internationale	None
SMS	Picaro, Joseph	February 17,18,19,24, 25,26 March 3,4,5,10,11, 12,17,18,19, 24,25,26,31 April 1,2,14,15,16, 20,21,2015	2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Auditorium	School Play Rehearsal	None
SMS	Picaro, Joseph	4/18/15	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Auditorium	School Play Rehearsal	None
SMS	Picaro, Joseph	4/22/15 4/23/15	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Auditorium	School Play Rehearsal	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/13/15	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gymnasium	American Red Cross Blood Drive	None
LHS	Walters, Michael	3/3/15	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Media Center	Technology Night	None

12. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
LHS	Horre, Yelena	1/28/15	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Media Center	GAPP Parent Exchange Meeting	None
LHS	Paternostro, Alphonsina	1/29/15	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Confucius Classroom	Italian Summer Project Information Night	None
LHS	Paternostro, Alphonsina	2/26/15	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Room 201	Chinese Exchange Information Night	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	1/28/15 2/11/15 2/25/15 3/11/15 3/25/15	7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Media Center	Potential Rep Meetings/Instant Decision Days	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	2/24/15	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Media Center	ESL Parent Night	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	2/27/15	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Auditorium	Black History Month Program	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/5/15 3/12/15 3/19/15 3/26/15 4/1/15 4/16/15 4/23/15 4/30/15	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Rooms 212 & 214	SAT Preparation Course	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/19/15	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium & Cafeteria	NHS Induction Ceremony	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/20/15	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Media Center	ESL Parent Night	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/27/15	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Media Center	IB Diploma Reception	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	6/1/15	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Auditorium & Cafeteria	Peer Leadership Induction Ceremony	None

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School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
LHS	Horre, Yelena	2/11/15	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium	FAFSA Workshop	None

13. Approve *District Field Trips*. Copy in the hands of the board members.

14. Approve *Training for District Staff*, as listed.

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Alvarez, Jorge	Franklin High School Broadcast team meeting	2/20/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Apalinski, Cindy	Data PLC & PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15	Linden, NJ	None
Appierto-Hunter, Carmela	Dyslexia and the Reading Brain K-12	4/15/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration\ \$149.00 Travel \$20.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-55
Bury, Heather	PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15	Linden, NJ	None
Carson, Rachel	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
Castaldo, Lin	Data PLC PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15 2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
Ceballo, Elba	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$115.00 Transportation \$20.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Coler, Cynthia	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Corradino, Nancy	Land and Water Workshop	1/27/15	Linden, NJ	None
Crawley, Rachele	Peer Mediation Training	3/31/15	New Brunswick, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
D'Alessio, Jennifer	HIB Training	2/20/15	Oceanport, NJ	Registration \$75.00 Travel \$21.91 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-44</small>
Delgado, Eloy	PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15	Linden, NJ	None
Didyoung, Donna	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
DiPolvere, Celia	Person-Centered Approaches in Schools & Transition PCAST	3/19/15	Trenton, NJ	None
Dolan, Joan	Balance & Weighing Workshop	1/30/15	Linden, NJ	None
Fazio, Gail	Executive Functions and ADHD in Children Workshop	3/25/15	Eatontown, NJ	Registration \$199.99 Travel \$22.00 <small>11-000-221-580-00-000-34</small>
Fekete, Marla	Homeless Training	1/30/15	Scotch Plains, NJ	Travel \$3.95 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-44</small>
Fernandez, Tamarra	Executive Functions and ADHD in Children & Adolescents	3/23/15	Parsippany, NJ	Registration \$189.99 Travel \$9.38 <small>11-000-219-580-00-000-33</small>
Ferrentino, Nicole	Land and Water Workshop	1/27/15	Linden, NJ	None
Frees-Spoganetz, Kara	Land and Water Workshop	1/27/15	Linden, NJ	None
Garcia, Susana	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$115.00 Transportation \$20.00 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-54</small>
Goldstein, Rose	Partnership Liasion Meeting	2/3/15	Hillside, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Goldstein, Rose	Re-designing the PSAT and SAT	3/9/15	New Providence, NJ	None
Goldstein, Rose	Strategic Planning to the Next Science Standards	2/2/15	New Providence, NJ	None
Golebiewski, Laura	HIB Training	2/20/15	Oceanport, NJ	Registration \$75.00 Travel \$21.91 11-000-223-580-00-000-44
Gonzalez, Alberto	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$115.00 Transportation \$20.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Grieco, Mary Ann	Medal of Honor Character Program	4/15/15	Monroe, NJ	None
Halvorsen, Diane	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Hamilton, Jo Ann	Director of Guidance Meetings	2/20/15 4/17/15 6/12/15	Westfield, NJ Summit, NJ Union, NJ	Travel \$3.60 \$7.52 \$4.62 11-000-221-580-00-000-44
Hamilton, Jo Ann	PARCC Training	1/27/15	Princeton, NJ	Travel \$18.19 11-000-221-580-00-000-44
Higgins, Melissa	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
Hirsch, Joyce	2015 Preschool Nurses Meeting	2/4/15	Neptune, NJ	None
Hoffer, Janice	PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15	Linden, NJ	None
Horre, Yelena	Franklin High School Broadcast team meeting	2/20/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Huff, Patricia	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Ioannidis, Danae	True Colors 22: When Pink & Blue are Not Enough	3/20/15 3/21/15	Storrs, CT	Registration \$95.00 Lodging \$109.00 11-223-580-00-000-05
Jean Francois, Mirlene	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15 2/28/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 Transportation \$20.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Jozefyk, Patricia	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
Kolibas, Rosalia	Are You on Target?	3/31/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$298.00 11-000-240-580-00-000-09
Kolibas, Rosalia	I&RS	3/5/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-240-580-00-000-09
Kolibas, Rosalia	Legal One Boot Camp	1/27/15 1/28/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$300.00 11-000-240-580-00-000-09
Kushner, Danielle	2015 NJAHPERD Conference	2/23/15	Long Branch, NJ	None
LaMastra, Kevin	Planning Integration Across Content Area	1/26/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 Travel \$20.00 20-241-200-500-00-000-54
Lepore, Tracey	Data PLC PARCC Writing PLC PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15 2/4/15 2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Lorenzetti, Matthew	2015 NJMEA State Conference	2/20/15	East Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$150.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-57
Louis, Annabell	True Colors 22: When Pink & Blue are Not Enough	3/20/15 3/21/15	Storrs, CT	Registration \$95.00 Lodging \$109.00 11-223-580-00-000-05

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Mastriano, Michael	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
McGhee, Laurence	Seeds to Plants	1/29/15	Linden, NJ	None
Migueluez, Tania	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$115.00 Transportation \$20.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Miksiewicz, Geraldine	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
Milkosky, Allison	Constructing Explanation	1/27/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Milkosky, Allison	Engineering Practices	2/26/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Miller, Audrey	National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics	4/12/15 4/13/15 4/14/15 4/15/15	Boston, Massachusetts	Registration \$300.00 Lodging \$1,000.00 M&I \$250.00 Travel \$200.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-50
O'Connor, Vita	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$115.00 Transportation \$20.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Orlando, Brenda	Sonday System 1 Introductory Training	3/25/15	Trenton, NJ	Registration \$225.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Paffrath, Rebecca	Close Reading Strategies	2/26/15	Fairfield, NJ	Registration \$229.00 Travel \$17.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Paskewich, Christopher	Franklin High School Broadcast team meeting	2/20/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Paternostro, Alphonsina	Planning Integration Across Content Area	1/26/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 Travel \$20.00 <small>20-241-200-500-00-000-54</small>
Penaranda, Eliana	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15 2/28/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 Transportation \$20.00 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-54</small>
Penaranda, Sobeid	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15 2/28/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 Transportation \$20.00 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-54</small>
Pekosz, Michael	Franklin High School Broadcast team meeting	2/20/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Pelesz, Anna	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Pellettiere, Laura	PARCC Training	1/27/15	Princeton, NJ	Travel \$18.19 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-44</small>
Perz-Winters, Ludmila	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Prakapas, Kimberly	PARCC Workshop	2/12/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$75.00 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-10</small>
Pszenica, Frances	Intro to IFSP Development Training	1/29/15	Union, NJ	None
Radil, Elizabeth	NJSSNA March, 2015 Conference	3/28/15	Woodbridge, NJ	Registration \$210.00 <small>11-000-223-580-00-000-06</small>
Redgate, Jennifer	Data PLC & PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15	Linden, NJ	None

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Rivoli-Vasquez, Vanessa	Balance and Weighing Workshop	1/30/15	Linden, NJ	None
Romero, Megan	FLENJ 2015 Conference	2/27/15	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$115.00 Transportation \$20.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Saluccio, Angela	Data PLC & PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15 2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Salvato, Stacey	PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15	Linden, NJ	None
Scocozza, Isabella	Program Director 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Meeting	2/3/15	Mercerville, NJ	Travel \$25.00 20-454-200-580-00-000-35
Scocozza, Isabella	STEM Forum and Expo	5/19/15 5/20/15 5/21/15 5/22/15	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Registration \$265.00 20-454-200-500-00-000-35 Lodging \$405.00 M&I \$248.50 Travel \$600.00 20-454-200-580-00-000-35
Secor, Tracy	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Sleiger, Virginia	Data PLC PARCC Writing PLC	2/3/15 2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Smith, Diane	2015 Preschool Nurses Meeting	2/4/15	Neptune, NJ	None
Stec, Justyna	Sonday System 1 Introductory Training	3/25/15	Trenton, NJ	Registration \$225.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33

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Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Stefanick, Marie	Creating an Alternative School Program for At Risk Students	2/19/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Sullivan, Richard	National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics AND National Conference of Teachers of Mathematics	4/12/15 4/13/15 4/14/15 4/15/15 4/16/15 4/17/15 4/18/15	Boston, Massachusetts	Registration \$800.00 Lodging \$2,225.00 M&I \$475.00 Travel \$200.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-50
Torres, Marissa	Seeds to Plants	1/29/15	Linden, NJ	None
Walker, David	Franklin High School Broadcast team meeting	2/20/15	Somerset, NJ	None
Wang, Xueling	PARCC Writing PLC	2/4/15	Linden, NJ	None
Wean, Vickie	Close Reading Strategies	2/26/15	Fairfield, NJ	Registration \$229.00 Travel \$17.00 20-270-200-500-00-000-55
William-Warner, Lisa	Creating an Alternative School Program for At Risk Students	2/19/15	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Zollinger, Aimee	PARCC Writing PLC	2/5/15	Linden, NJ	None
Zucosky, Margaret	National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics	4/12/15 4/13/15 4/14/15 4/15/15	Boston, Massachusetts	Registration \$300.00 Lodging \$1,000.00 M&I \$250.00 Travel \$200.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-50

15. Designate the district personnel listed as *Professional Development Presenters*, to prepare professional development workshops on Friday, February 13, 2015 at the contractual rate of \$30.00/hour for preparation time, paid from Account #'s Elementary - 11-120-100-101-00-000-04, Middle School – 11-130-100-101-00-000-04, High School – 11-140-100-101-00-000-04.

Presenter	Hours	Payment
Bodden, Albert	6	\$180.00
Burge, Micah	6	\$180.00
Cassidy, Jackie	3	\$90.00
Cataline, Joseph	3	\$120.00
Clark, Reina	2	\$60.00
DeNunzio, Joanne	3	\$90.00
DiPolvere, Celia	6	\$180.00
Fernandez, Tamarra	6	\$180.00
Golebiewski, Laura	1.5	\$45.00
Hoffer, Janice	2	\$60.00
Hanousky, Kathleen	3	\$90.00
Kaneaster, Brenda	3	\$90.00
Lepore, Tracey	2	\$60.00
Maccray, Suzanne	2	\$60.00
Mazurek, Gary	3	\$120.00
Nappe, Michael	3	\$90.00
Olarte, Vivana	2	\$60.00
Orth, James	2	\$60.00
Panich, Michelle	1	\$30.00
Pellettiere, Laura	1.5	\$45.00
Stevens, Sally	3	\$120.00
Tomko, Magdalena	1	\$30.00
Zucker, Lisa	1	\$30.00
Zucosky, Margaret	2	\$60.00

16. Approve *Professional Development Activities*, as listed:

Workshop	Provider(s)	Date(s)	Cost
Transition, Graduation & Extended School Year Issues. LRE Accommodations & Modifications.	Resolution Resource Partners, LLC	2/13/2015	\$3,000.00 11-000-219-320-00-000-33

17. Approve the following *2015 District Chinese New Year Celebration* schedule: Friday, February 18, 2015. LHS Students, ROTC Students, Dance Group and The Chinese Drummers.

Leave L.A.S.T	7:45 a.m. Orchard Terrace
Soehl	8:00 – 8:30
#6	8:45 – 9:15
#8	9:30 – 10:00
#1	10:15 – 10:45
LUNCH (McManus)	11:00 – 12:00
McManus	12:15 – 12:45
#10	1:00 – 1:30
Return to L.A.S.T.	1:45 Orchard Terrace

Chaperones: Mrs. A. Paternostro, Mr. J. Bender, Mrs. B. Brady, Mr. W. Simonitis, Mr. A. Spano, Chief Mark Velez.

18. Approve the administration of *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) Test* for English Language Learners as listed:

School(s)	Date(s)	Test
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/2/15	Kindergarten
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/3/15	Kindergarten
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/4/15	Speaking (1-5)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/5/15	Speaking (1-5)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/6/15	Speaking (Make-up)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/9/15	Listening/Reading (1-2, A-B-C)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/10/15	Writing (1-2, A-B-C)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/11/15	Listening/Reading (3-5, A-B-C)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/12/15	Writing (3-5, A-B-C)
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/13/15	Listening/Reading/Writing (3-5, Make-up)

18. Continued:

School(s)	Date(s)	Test
#1, #2, #6, #8, #9	3/16/15	Listening/Reading/Writing (1-2, Make-up)
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/16/15	Speaking
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/17/15	Speaking
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/18/15	Listening/Reading (A-B-C)
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/19/15	Writing (A-B-C)
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/20/15	Speaking (Make-up)
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/23/15	Listening/Reading (Make-up)
LHS, MMS, SMS	3/24/15	Writing (Make-up)
#4, #10	3/27/15	Kindergarten
#4, #5	3/30/15	Speaking (3-5, A-B-C)
#4, #5	3/31/15	Listening/Reading (3-5, A-B-C)
#4, #5	4/1/15	Writing (3-5, A-B-C)
All Schools	4/13-17/15	All Other Make-ups (as needed)

19. Grant approval for Linden High School teacher, Tania Miguez to complete her 90 hour School Based Internship/Project for the New Jersey Excel Program.
20. Grant permission for Linden High School teacher, David Walker to conduct the following study for his NJEXCEL Action Research project, "The Impact of the 1:1 Technology Initiative on Student Achievement" to be conducted at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.
21. Grant permission for Kean University doctoral student, Kimberly O'Neill to conduct her research study using data from the Linden Public School One to One Technology Initiative.
22. Approve the Bi-yearly Summation Report on HIB under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for all Linden Public Schools. Copies in the hand of Board members.
23. Approve the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for all Linden Public Schools. Copies in the hand of Board members.
24. Approve cost of refreshments for the Chinese New Year Celebration Participants, on February 18, 2015 to be paid for by Confucius Grant funds, not to exceed \$200.00 20-015-200-500-00-000-54.
25. Grant approval to submit application to Teachers of Critical Languages Program due January 26, 2015.

26. Grant approval for five (5) Linden High School students to visit Xiamen Foreign School, Xiamen, China and Fuzhou High School No. 3, Fuzhou, China accompanied by three chaperones from March 17 – 31, 2015.
27. Approve ESL Teacher Aides to attend ninety-minute ESL Parent Bilingual Advisory Committee Meetings 2014-2015 school year at the contractual rate to be paid by Title III funds to not exceed \$810.00 20-241-100-100-00-000-54.
28. Proclaim the month of February, 2015 as Black History Month to be highlighted in the Linden Public Schools as outlined in the following resolution:

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, African American culture has been a part of American's heritage since before the founding of this country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a historian, initiated the celebration in 1926 by marking a week in February as Black History Week; and

WHEREAS, the Black History month theme for 2015 has been established by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History as: *The African-American Fight for Freedom from Reconstruction of the Civil Rights Movement*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City of Linden is committed to commemorate the contributions made by African Americans in the development of this nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of Linden, in keeping with national recognition, proclaims the month of February as Black History Month in all schools in the district, to be fully celebrated with appropriate activities, ceremonies and events.

29. Approve the Superintendent’s determination and actions taken for all reported incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying discussed at the January 5, 2015 regular meeting, as listed:

Case	HIB	Action
LHS-38	Undetermined	Counseled
MMS-241	No	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-237	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-236	No	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-235	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-234	No	Monitored
MMS-233	Undetermined	Counseled
MMS-232	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-231	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-230	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-229	No	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-228	No	Counseled, Mediated
MMS-227	No	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-226	No	Counseled, Disciplined
MMS-225	Undetermined	Counseled, Disciplined, Monitored
SMS-167	Undetermined	Counseled, Monitored
SMS-166	Undetermined	Counseled, Monitored
SMS-165	Yes	Counseled
Sch 10-30	No	Disciplined
Sch 10-29	No	Physical Change
Sch 9-23	Yes	Counseled
Sch 9-22	No	Counseled, Monitored
Sch 8-14	Undetermined	Monitored
Sch 6-30	No	Educated, Disciplined
Sch 1-31	Yes	Counseled, Disciplined
Sch 1-30	No	Disciplined

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			Absent		
Mrs. Birch	X		X		
Mrs. Hudak		X	X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		#14 (R. Kolibas)
Mrs. Ormon			X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		

Motions 1 – 29 Carried.

The Management Operations Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools presents the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. WHEREAS, ALEX E. ZAKRZESKI 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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 ALEX E. ZAKRZESKI on December 25, 2014 and do tender to the members of his family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this time of bereavement and sorrow.

2. WHEREAS, CAROL THOMAS-GARRETSON in her lifetime was a truly dedicated member of the Board of Education who gave of her time and talents for the benefit of the students, staff and parents of the Linden School district, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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 CAROL THOMAS-GARRETSON on January 25, 2015 and do tender to the members of her family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this time of bereavement and sorrow.

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

Date	Item	Action
6/24/14	12	Amend Juliano, Laurie to read 9/25/14 through 12/16/14 Medical then 1/21/15 through 4/21/15 FMLA/FLA then 4/22/15 to 6/30/15 Child Rearing.
9/23/14	19	Add Torres, Marissa to early morning security at School 2.
1/5/15	4	Rescind appointment of Reano, Rita as a paraprofessional.

4. Appoint the following staff for the 2014 – 2015 school year as follows:

Name	Effective Date	Degree	Credited Exp./ Step	Assigned Subj. Area	Bldg./Dept.	Spec. Prog. Or Budget	Total Annual Salary Rate
<b>NON-CERTIFIED</b>							
Nowak, Elizabeth	2/3/15		1	Secretary	Admin	Budget/R	\$41,046
Baez, Cristal	2/3/15		1	Paraprofessional	School 8	Budget/R	\$16,469
Marcus, Brian	2/3/15		1	Paraprofessional	School 2	Budget/R	\$16,469
Matias, Benedicta	2/3/15		1	Paraprofessional	School 2	Budget/N	\$16,469

5. Leave of absence:

Name	Assignment	Location	From	To	Reason
Abdeljaber, Saeda <sup>2</sup>	Science	High School	3/26/15	3/27/15	Personal
Campagna, Carolyn <sup>1</sup>	Music	Schools 4 & 10	3/9/15	4/15/15	Medical
Campagna, Carolyn <sup>2</sup>	Music	Schools 4 & 10	4/16/15	6/30/15	FMLA/FLA
Campbell, Eileen <sup>3</sup>	Grade 2	School 8	1/27/15	4/21/15	FMLA
Carson, Rachel <sup>2</sup>	Phys. Ed.	School 6	1/27/15	2/9/15	FMLA
Day, Alexandra <sup>2</sup>	P/T Aide	School 10	1/21/15	5/18/15	Personal
Gonzalez, Stacy <sup>2</sup>	Secretary	McManus	1/12/15	2/1/15	FMLA
Gutierrez, Arlene <sup>2</sup>	P/T Aide	School 2	2/23/15	5/22/15	FMLA
Gutierrez, Arlene <sup>2</sup>	P/T Aide	School 2	5/26/15	6/3/15	Medical
Kobylarz, Nanci <sup>2</sup>	Kindergarten	School 5	1/22/15	1/26/15	Personal
Kushner, Jane <sup>1</sup>	P/T Aide	School 4	2/11/15	4/13/15	Medical
Macias, Dawn <sup>2</sup>	P/T Aide	School 9	1/21/15	2/25/15	FMLA/FLA
Macias, Dawn <sup>2</sup>	P/T Aide	School 9	2/26/15	3/13/15	FMLA
Mottley, Lindsey <sup>1</sup>	Mathematics	McManus	4/20/15	6/24/15	Medical
Nigro, Judith <sup>2</sup>	Custodian	High School	1/5/15	2/27/15	FMLA
Sherman-Dunford, Robyn <sup>2</sup>	Resource	McManus	1/5/15	2/11/15	Medical
Thomas, Shirley <sup>1</sup>	Science	Soehl	1/5/15	2/24/15	Medical
Wainwright, Nicole <sup>2</sup>	Grade 4	School 4	5/21/15	5/21/15	Personal

1. Using sick days      2. Unpaid      3. Using sick then unpaid

6. Approve the return of employee #06-14/15 from administrative leave effective January 27, 2015.
7. Authorize the collection/donation of sick days to employee #09-14/15 from staff members for the 2014-2015 school year. Name of staff member and number of days will be submitted to the superintendent.
8. Approve the recommendation of the superintendent to suspend employee #10-14/15 with pay effective January 15, 2015, until further investigation and administrative action occurs.
9. Authorize the collection/donation of sick days to employee #11-14/15 from staff members for the 2014-2015 school year. Name of staff member and number of days will be submitted to the superintendent.

10. Appoint the following staff to work the Linden Adult School for the 2014-2015 school year at FICA (at 7.65%) and the listed rate, as stated in the WIA Title II Adult Basic Skills Grant. (Account #20-619-100-101-00-000-96.)

Name	Subject	Hours	Amount
Foy, Assumpta	ESL	81	\$32/hr.

11. Appoint the following staff to teach Spanish Level I & II for the Spring 2015 semester in the Linden Adult School, at the rate of \$50 per hour, for a total of 30 hours. The operation of this class is contingent upon the registration of a minimum of 5 students. Account #13-602-100-101-00-000-96.

Name
Ceballo, Elba

12. Appoint the following staff to work as a substitute for the Linden Adult School for the 2014-2015 school year at the listed rate as needed. Acct #20-619-100-101-00-000-96.

Name	Position	Amount
Figuieredo, Brenda	Substitute Instructional Aide	\$19/hr.

13. Appoint the following teaching staff for the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 1/28/15-8/31/15 at the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC contractual rate of \$30/hr. Account #20-454-100-100-000-35.

Name	Position
Kang, Melissa	Substitute Teacher

14. Appoint the following substitute custodians for the 2014-2015 school year at the contractual rate of \$75.00 per day.

Name
Duff, Patrick
Matusawicz, Anthony
Philippe, Jacques
Pirozzoli, Paul

15. Appoint the following substitute secretaries for the 2014-2015 school year at the contractual rate of \$10.70/hr.

Name
Landro, Cindy
Schwerdt, Donna

16. Appoint the following staff to work Family Science Nights at School No. 4, at the contractual rate of \$30.00/hr., total cost not to exceed \$480.00. (Account # 11-000-223-110-00-000-10).

Name
Hill, Emily
Prakapas, Kimberly

17. Appoint the following staff as needed for after school detention at McManus for the 2014-2015 school year at the contractual rate of \$27.00/hr.

Name	Name
Ederer, Caryl	Li, Xu
Kaneaster, Brenda	Mantz, Christine

18. Appoint the following staff to work the Title I Lunch Time Tutoring at School No. 2 at the contractual rate of \$30/hr., total cost not to exceed \$4,740.00. Account #20-231-100-101-09-000-55.

Name	Position
Baldwin, Radames	Teacher
Hofmann, Jennifer	Teacher
Joseph, Karen	Teacher
Martin-Cooper, Tanya	Teacher
Schweikardt, Walter	Teacher
Stevens, Michael	Teacher
Amaro, Stephanie	Substitute Teacher
Capanna, Lisa	Substitute Teacher
Downes, Meagan	Substitute Teacher
Esteves, Christina	Substitute Teacher
Jackson, Julie	Substitute Teacher
Lee, Mary	Substitute Teacher
Raiffe, Jeffrey	Substitute Teacher

19. Compensate the following custodial staff holding a boiler license for the 2014-2015 school year as per LEA negotiated contract.

Name	Amount
Kratzer, Nicholas	\$500.00

20. Reimburse staff listed for Spring 2013 tuition costs in accordance with an Agreement between the Board of Education and the Linden Education Association. Reimbursement is suspended for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 Agreement.

NAMES	LOCATION	SPRING 2013 No. Credits 150	Per Credit 169.78	TOTAL
Bachan, Meenadaye	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Beriont, Rosa	#5	3	509.34	509.34
Caputo, Ralph	LAST	3	509.34	509.34
Carothers, Antoinette	#4	6	1018.68	1018.68
Ceballo, Elba	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Duckett, Edith	SOEHL	3	509.34	509.34
Edvalson, Sarah	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Espinal-Perez, Rosa	SOEHL	6	1018.68	1018.68
Fekete, Jason	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Frankonis, Nicole	#4	6	1018.68	1018.68
Happel, Wayne	McM	3	509.34	509.34
Hollus, Albert	#2	3	509.34	509.34
Kirby, Starlette	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Klingert, Patricia	McM	3	509.34	509.34
Kushner, Danielle	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
LaMastra, Kevin	SOEHL	3	509.34	509.34
Moore, Shaliek	#2	6	1018.68	1018.68
Muldrow, Emery	HS	3	509.34	509.34
Nacelus, Kebner	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Perezluha, Jayme	#5	6	1018.68	1018.68
Petrin, Nicole	#2	3	509.34	509.34
Radil, Elizabeth	McM	3	509.34	509.34
Romero, Megan	HS	3	509.34	509.34
Rothausser, Suzanne	SOEHL	3	509.34	509.34
Scherer, Kate	#9	6	1018.68	1018.68
Stevens, Michael	#2	3	509.34	509.34
Stier, Greg	HS	6	1018.68	1018.68
Tartivita, Patricia	HS	3	509.34	509.34

20. Continued:

NAMES	LOCATION	SPRING 2013 No. Credits 150	Per Credit 169.78	TOTAL
Uddin, Zareena	LAST	3	509.34	509.34
Vangipurum, Madhurima	HS	3	509.34	509.34
Waite, Cheryl	HS	3	509.34	509.34
Wean, Vickie	SOEHL	6	1018.68	1018.68
Webb, Stephanie	#10	6	1018.68	1018.68
Yackanin, Grethe	#2	3	509.34	509.34
TOTAL		150	25,467.00	25,467.00
NAME	LOCATION	SPRING 2013	Per 3 Credit Class	TOTAL
Benner, Lynn	McM	3	297.00	297.00
Grabowy, Bernadette	#5	6	130 x 3	390.00
Macchiarelli, Dena	McM	6	297.00	594.00
Paulino, Catherine	McM	6	330.00	660.00
Pellettiere, Laura	McM	6	330.00	660.00
Perroth, Deborah	McM	6	330.00	660.00
Powell, Mary Ann	HS	6	451.00	902.00
Walker, David	HS	3	370.00	370.00
TOTAL		42	4533.00	4533.00
GRAND TOTAL			30,000.00	30,000.00

21. Change in degree for the 2014-2015 school year as per negotiated contract:

NAME	LOCATION	DEGREE
Alvarez, Jorge	HS	MA
Bachan, Meenadaye	HS	MA+30
Beckhorn, Frank	SOEHL	MA+30
Beriont, Rosa	#5	MA+30
Bonilla, Eugenia	#8	MA+30
Cosby, Duane	HS	MA+30
Dollard, Aubrey	#6	MA
Frankonis, Nicole	#4	MA+30
Groeller, Christine	McM	MA+30
Grygo, Andrew	HS	MA
Happel, Wayne	McM	MA+30
Hu, Lin Lin	SOEHL	MA
Milewski, Emilia	HS	MA+30
Moore, Shaliek	#2	MA+30

21. Continued:

NAME	LOCATION	DEGREE
O'Connor, Vita Maria	SOEHL	MA
Perez, Toni	#9	MA
Petrin, Nicole	#2	Ed.D.
Radil, Elizabeth	McM	MA
Romero, Megan	HS	MA
Rothauser, Suzanne	SOEHL	MA
Scherer, Kate	#9	MA
Stier, Greg	HS	MA
Tartivita, Patricia	HS	Ed.D.
Waite, Cheryl	HS	MA+30
Webb, Stephanie	#10	MA

22. Appoint the following coaches for Spring/Summer Sports 2015:

Spring Sports:

a) High School Athletics

Sport	Position	Name	Salary	Step
Baseball	Head Coach	Mastriano, William	9186.00	3
	Assistant Coach	Happel, Wayne	6853.00	3
	Assistant Coach	Chiola, Albert	6853.00	3
	Assistant Coach	Protomastro, Joseph	6853.00	3
Softball	Head Coach	Mehalick, Wayne	9503.00	3
	Assistant Coach	Bivona, Gia	6853.00	3
	Assistant Coach	Szczesny, Nicole	6853.00	3
Boys Tennis	Head Coach	Gonzalez, Alberto	6016.00	3
Spring Track	Boys Head Coach	McDonald, Daniel	8218.00	1
	Boys Assistant Coach	Brooks, Monty *	6853.00	3
	Girls Head Coach	Devero, Leonist	9503.00	3
	Girls Assistant Coach	Candia, Deon	5983.00	1
Trainers (Spring)	Head Trainer	Rotondi, Roger	7155.00	3
	Assistant Trainer	Radice, Marissa	3499.00	3

b) Middle School Athletics

Sport	Position	Name	Salary	Step
Baseball	Middle School Coach	Migliore, Patrick	5075.00	3
Softball	Middle School Coach	Kuban, Natasha	5075.00	3

22. Continued:

c) High School Activities

Sport	Position	Name	Salary	Step
Volleyball	Intramural Instructor	T B A	1837.00	-
Weight Training	Spring Instructor	Taylor, Craig *	4169.00	-

Summer Sports

Sport	Position	Name	Salary	Step
Weight Training	Summer Instructor	Candia, Deon	2147.00	-
Trainer (Summer)	Head Trainer	Rotondi, Roger	7084.00	3
Trainer (Summer)	Asst. Trainer	Radice, Marissa	3464.00	3

\* Pending County Superintendent Approval      Total Spring Sports \$129,032.00

\*\*Salary may be adjusted with the completion of the 2014-2017 contract negotiations.

23. Appoint the following staff for the 2015 Soehl Middle School Musical production of "Alice In Wonderland Jr." (Account #11-401-100-100-00-000-57, \$5,650.00)

Position	Name	Amount
Director/Musical Director	Cartinella, Anthony	2,600.00
Vocal Director	Chapman, Tracie	650.00
Choreographer	Jefferson, Melanie	650.00
Stage Manager	Healy, Bart	375.00
Scenic Artist	Reilly, Catherine	500.00
Costumer	Whitmore, Howard	500.00
Tickets/Program/Publicity	DiCastro, Mark	375.00

24. Appoint the following substitutes for 2014-15 school year at the rates listed:

Days	Fully-Certified	Provisional/County Certified
1 – 25	110.00	100.00
25 +	125.00	110.00

Fully certified substitutes assigned to the same position will receive 1/200 of the BA step-1 on the L.E.A. salary guide commencing with the 11<sup>th</sup> day in that position. Credit will be given for the number of days worked in the district for the next school year if total exceeds 75.

Name	Name	Name
Almeida, Sergio	Hokanson, Erica	Pozyc, Michael
Appello III, Joseph	Lyng, Gordon	Schpiro, Alan
Figueiredo, Michael	McCulloch, Daniel	

25. Authorize the collection/donation of sick days to employee #12-14/15 from staff members for the 2014-2015 school year. Name of staff member and number of days will be submitted to the superintendent.

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			Absent		
Mrs. Birch		X	X		
Mrs. Hudak	X		X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon			X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		

Motions 1 – 25 Carried.

The Support Operations Committee, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, present the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

FINANCE:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s certification that as of December 31, 2014 no budgetary line-item account has encumbrances and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c).
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) and after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certifies that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
3. Secretary’s Report for the month of December 2014. (Copy in hands of Board members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
4. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants due for the salaries and supplemental payroll for the month of January 2015.
5. 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).
6. Attached lists of transfers and adjustments for the month of December 2014.
7. Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2014. (Copy in hands of Board Members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
8. Student Activities Report (Linden High School) for the month of December 2014. (Copies in hands of Board Members and on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
9. Amend Board action on past agendas as follows:

Date	Item	Action
1/5/15	21	Amend to read the Board of Education of Linden does not require Concordia Learning Center, Jersey City, NJ, to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2014-2015 school year.

10. Amend Board action taken on January 5, 2015 at the Organization Meeting, Calendar of Board Meetings, listed under Board Business, item #2, as follows:

Linden Board of Education  
Calendar of Board Meetings  
January 2015 – January 2016

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT ANY MEETING)

<u>Executive Session</u> Monday – 6:00 p.m. <u>Regular Meeting</u> Monday – Immediately following Executive Session but no later than 8:00 p.m.	
<b>Month &amp; Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 26, 2015	Linden High School
February 23, 2015	Linden High School
March 23, 2015	Linden High School
April 27, 2015	Linden High School
*May 26, 2015	**Administration Bldg.
June 22, 2015	**Administration Bldg.
July 27, 2015	**Administration Bldg.
August 24, 2015	**Administration Bldg.
September 28, 2015	Linden High School
October 19, 2015	Linden High School
November 23, 2015	Linden High School
January 5, 2016	Linden High School

\*Meetings held on Tuesday in May due to holiday on Monday.

\*\*Executive & Regular Meetings for May, June, July & August 2015, will be held the same night at the Administration Building at 6:00 p.m.

11. Accept funds reflecting telecommunications rebates made through the E-Rate program for the year 2013-2014 as follows:

AT&T	Long Distance	\$ 12,706.80
Networks and More, Inc.	E-Mail	\$ 5,764.90
Verizon	Phone	\$ 146,576.33
Verizon Business	Internet	\$ 91,444.95
Verizon Business Global	VOIP	\$ 23,845.94
Verizon Wireless	Cellular	\$ 25,402.59
TOTAL:		\$ 305,741.51

12. Accept funds in the amount of \$49,935.00 from the Merck Office of Corporate Philanthropy in support of the Linden Board of Education STEM Initiatives.
13. Accept additional funding under Chapters 192 and 193 for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Chapter 192	December 2014	\$3,135.00
Chapter 193	December 2014	\$ 618.00
Chapter 193	January 2015	\$2,320.00

14. Accept funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Infineum USA, Linden, NJ, in support of the Linden High School Process Technology Program.
15. Accept funds in the amount of \$750.00, payable to Linden High School from Verizon Foundation Volunteers Program.
16. Accept funds in the amount of \$660.00 from the New Jersey Audubon Society as reimbursement for substitute teachers.
17. Accept funds in the amount of \$500.00, payable to Linden High School from The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program.
18. Accept funds in the amount of \$20.00 from the State of New Jersey Probation Administration for student restitution.
19. Approve payment in the amount of \$7,947.00 to Vasudev N. Makhija, M.D., for professional services rendered in the evaluation of employee #06-14/15.
20. Approve a contract in the amount of \$154,083.42 with Nickerson Corp., Union Beach, NJ, for the furnishing and installation of new auditorium seating at Linden High School with pricing based off the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System #65MCECCPS – BID # MRESC 12/13-44 (Furniture and Office).
21. Approve a contract with DiCara Rubino Architects, Wayne, NJ, to serve as Architect of Record based on RFP received January 9, 2015.
22. Authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ended December 31, 2014 to the Executive Union County Superintendent of Schools.

23. Grant approval for the following items to be transferred from Title I inventory into School 5/ IT inventory:

Asset Tag	BOE Tag	Serial #	Model #	Building	Room
SCH05-1-MN	0	739528er8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-10-MN	0	729528kj8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-11-MN	0	739528ef8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-12-MN	0	739528fp8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-13-MN	0	739528hd8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-14-MN	0	739528es8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-15-MN	0	739528fv8pw	Macbook 15in	School5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-2-MN	0	739528gs8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-3-MN	0	739528k78pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-4-MN	0	739528ha8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-5-MN	0	739528g78pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-6-MN	0	739528jp8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-7-MN	0	739528g88pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-8-MN	0	739528f88pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05-9-MN	0	739528em8pw	Macbook 15in	School 5	Laptop Cart 2
SCH05	0	TL47LL/A	Apple Laptop Cart	School 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

24. WHEREAS, the Linden Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and the Union County School Boards Association (UCSBA) and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of board members' duties; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by NJSBA and UCSBA and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of the listed job title's current responsibilities and the board's professional development plan; and

24. Continued:

WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that participation in the NJSBA and UCSBA training and informational programs requires school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or furthers the efficient operation of the district; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to NJSBA and UCSBA programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the board of education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to the OMB reimbursement rate of .31 cents per mile is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that participation in the NJSBA and UCSBA training and informational programs are in compliance with the district policy on travel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the board of education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of school board members and district employees at NJSBA and UCSBA training and informational programs, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount as follows:

Alexander Alvarez, Board Member	John Kolibas, Board Member	Raymond Topoleski, Board Member
Dawn Beviano, Board Member	Lisa Ormon, Board Member	Danny A. Robertozzi, Ed.D., Superintendent
Tracey Birch, Board Member	Bryan Russell, Board Member	Denise Cleary, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Hudak, Board Member	Archie Strazzella, Board Member	Kathleen A. Gaylord, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

25. Declare the following as surplus equipment (obsolete and/or unusable) to be disposed of in accordance with District Policy 3260 as follows:

Location	Quantity	Description/Model #	Serial Number/ BOE/Tag#
LHS	1	Tenor Saxophone-Armstrong	769779
Information Technology	1	Dell Optiplex GX620	41BLW81/005599/SCH10-18-DD
	1	Dell Optiplex GX620	7WSVR91//LAST-29-DD
	1	Dell Optiplex GX620	5PB0K91/005416/SCH05-42-DD
	1	Dell Optiplex GX620	97M7H81/005824/SCH01-44-DD
	1	Dell Optiplex GX620	F7M7H81/005669/SCH05-50-DD
	1	Dell Optiplex GX620	J7M7H81/005668/SCH01-45-DD
	1	Dell Optiplex GX280	JZ8DS71/005803/
	1	Dell Optiplex GX240	8PY4V11//
	1	Toshiba DVD/VCR	AD14517180A//
	1	Dell Latitude D520	J7BHMB1/005550/
	1	Dell Latitude D520	3CPFXD1//SMS-55-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	H689TF1//SCH04-4-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	22BHMB1/005548/SCH09-37-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	35BHMB1/005516/SCH09-20-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	CFBHMB1/005517/SCH09-24-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	2QBHMB1/005512/SCH09-27-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	JRBHMB1/005554/SCH09-52-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	HGCHMB1/005552/SCH09-49-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	DBBHMB1/005519/SCH09-17-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	1789TF1//SCH04-3-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	F5CHMB1/005508/SCH09-40-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	34CHMB1/005545/SCH09-46-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	2789TF1//SCH04-11-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	6RBHMB1/005543/SCH09-48-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	DNBHMB1/005556/SCH09-53-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	18Y7MB1/005108/MMS-15-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	1YBHMB1/005544/SCH09-39-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	J2CHMB1/005549/SCH09-38-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	D6Y7MB1/005102/MMS-9-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	H0Y7MB1/005111/MMS-6-DN

25. Continued:

Location	Quantity	Description/Model #	Serial Number/ BOE/Tag#
Information Technology	1	Dell Latitude D520	8WX7MB1/005107/MMS-14-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	3789TF1//SCH04-2-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	54BHMB1/005518/SCH09-29-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	DKX7MB1/004231/LHS-23-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	JBPFXD1//SMS-100-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	C9PFXD1//SMS-54-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	G9PFXD1//SMS-46-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	1BPFXD1//SMS-49-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	G5Y7MB1/005104/MMS-13-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	7BPFXD1//SMS-53-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	3BPFXD1//SMS-47-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	4789TF1//TECH-41-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	45Y7MB1/005110/TECH-25-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	G2Y7MB1/005100/TECH-26-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	DNXGRB1/004738/SMS-52-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	CBPFXD1//SMS-50-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D520	8DXGRB1/004726/SMS-51-DN
	1	Dell Latitude D610	6B13S91/004258/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	8C13S91/004249/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	B5P3S91/004247/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	3913S91/004254/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	43P3S91/004252/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	8Y03S91/004256/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	BC13S91/004250/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	GB13S91/004246/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	6ZN3S91/004251/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	HB13S91/004245/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	HKN3S91/004118/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	5GN3S91/004119/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	1B13S91/004255/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	BB13S91/004257/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	8313S91/004123/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	8113S91/004127

25. Continued:

Location	Quantity	Description/Model #	Serial Number/ BOE/Tag#
Information Technology	1	Dell Latitude D610	1DN3S91/004129/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	2C13S91/004122/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	H513S91/004124/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	1913S91/004126/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	5C13S91/004130/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	B913S91/004117/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	2113S91/004128/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	CB13S91/004120/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	1513S91/004115/
	1	Dell Latitude D610	G913S91/004125/
	1	Dell Latitude D600	2L6DM41/005859/
	1	Dell Latitude D600	4MPWG61/005875
	1	HP Deskjet 6122 inkjet	MY56E3B0FB66//
	1	HP Deskjet 5150 inkjet	MY3A54P34G7A
	1	Apple iMac Mid 2006 A1195	qp9130lw2jw//SCH01-5-MD
	1	Apple iMac Mid 2006 A1195	QP9130WV2JW//SCH05-7-MD
	1	Apple iMac Mid 2006 A1195	QP91311L2JW//SCH05-8-MD
	1	Apple iMac Mid 2006 A1195	qp9130r82jw//SCH01-3-MD
	1	Hitachi CP-X250	F6E036441/N/A
	1	Hitachi CP-X250	F6E036548/N/A
	1	Hitachi CP-RS55	F6E0367022/N/A
	1	Hitachi CP-RS55	M6C007397/N/A
	1	Hitachi CP-X200	F7E001359/N/A
	1	Sharp PG-C30XU	105320837/N/A
	1	Sharp XG-MB50X	608935157/N/A
	1	Sharp PG-C45X	407322207/N/A
	1	Sharp XR-20X	507911823/N/A
	1	Promethean PRM-20A(s)	69703536/N/A
	1	Promethean PRM-20A(s)	69806829/N/A

25. Continued:

Location	Quantity	Description/Model #	Serial Number/ BOE/Tag#
Information Technology	1	CP-RS57	H76010119/N/A
	1	CP-X200	H7JU02644/N/A
Soehl M.S.	3	Dell Monitor	CN-04H852-48220, CN-O2Y315-48220, CN-04H837-48220
	1	Dell Optiplex 755	D3GOTH1, SMS-10-DD
McManus	12	Yamaha Keyboards	PSR-E403 VBMM04162 PSR-E403 UBMMD1456 PSR-E403 UBMK01659 PSR-E403 UBMK01661 PSR-E403 UBMK01672 PSR-293 UBLL01188 PSR-293 UBKM02120 PSR-293 UBKM02122 PSR-75 9065846 PSR-75 9063121 PSR-75 0158181 PSR-75 0158183
	1	Casio Keyboard	CT-640

26. Proclaim the month of January, 2015 as *School Board Recognition Month* to be highlighted in the Linden Public Schools as outlined in the following resolution:

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Linden Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Linden Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Linden Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2015 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Linden Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

27. Approve payment to Alarm & Communication Technologies, Wharton, NJ, in the amount of \$29,750.00, for a service contract based on our T & M bid for the 2014-2015 school year.
28. Approve payment to Alarm & Communication Technologies, Wharton, NJ, in the amount of \$11,328.00, for monitoring based on our T & M bid for the 2014-2015 school year.
29. Accept funds in the amount of \$119.74 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc., Ohiopyle, PA, representing a donation or royalty for apparel and accessories bearing the Linden School logo that were sold at local retailers.

FACILITIES:

1. Amend Board Action on past Support Operations Report (Facilities):

Date	Item	Action
10/22/14	5	To read, Approve Annual Linden Wrestling Program (Practice & Matches) at School No. 1 gymnasium and Field House (when School #1 is unavailable)

2. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Y. Horre, Principal, Linden High School:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>PTA Tricky Tray</u> Gymnasium	Saturday 5:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.	April 25, 2015

3. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by L. Plummer, Principal, School No. 2:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Friendship Dance</u> Gymnasium	Wednesday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	February 11, 2015

4. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by A. Cataline, Principal, School No. 4:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Heart Tea Breakfast</u> Cafeteria	Wednesday 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	February 18, 2015
<u>Family Science (2 Nights)</u> Cafeteria	Wednesday & Thursday 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	<u>2015</u> February 18, 19
<u>Father's Program</u> Gym, Courtyard, Reading Room, Cafeteria & Room #23	Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	February 26, 2015
<u>PTA – Latin Night</u> Cafeteria	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	March 31, 2015
<u>Talent Show Auditions</u> Cafeteria	Wednesday 3:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	April 22, 2015
<u>Talent Show</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Thursday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	June 4, 2015

*\*Rain date 2/20/2015*

5. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by D. Hernandez, President, School No. 9 PTA:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
PTA Book Bingo Cafeteria	Friday 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	2015 February 20 April 17

6. Approve use of the following schools as polling places for the Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 2, 2015 and the General Election/School Board Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2015:

Ward	District	Location
1	1	School #1 ,728 N. Wood Avenue – Gymnasium
1	2,3	Senior High School, 121 W. St. Georges Ave. – New Wing Foyer
4	1,2,3,4	School #5, 1014 Bower Street – Gymnasium
6	1,3	School #6 Gymnasium, 19 E. Morris Ave. Rear of Building
7	2,3	School #2 – 1700 S. Wood Ave. – Building C – Gymnasium
9	2,3,4,5	McManus Middle School, 300 Edgewood Road (side entrance)
10	1	School #10 – 2801 Highland Ave. – Gymnasium
10	2,3	School #9 –1401 Deerfield Terrace – Gymnasium
10	4	McManus Middle School, 300 Edgewood Road (side entrance)

7. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by S. Spaziani and Coach J. Alvarez, Linden Youth Soccer Association:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
The Mighty Tigers Soccer Practice School No. 5 Gymnasium	Monday 6:15 p.m.- 7:56 p.m.	2015 February 23 March 2,9,16,23,30

8. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by J. Fine, President, McManus Middle School PTA and J. DeTrollo, School No. 9 K-Kids:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
Linden Educators vs. the Harlem Wizards Basketball Game High School Gymnasium	Wednesday 3:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	April 1, 2015

9. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by M. Stefanick, Director, Special Services Department (LEAPP) and Officer Abdul Williams, Linden Police Department:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
Easter Egg Hunt Tiger Stadium (Cooper Field)	Saturday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	March 28, 2015*

\*Rain date 4/5/2015

FINANCE:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			Absent		
Mrs. Birch			X		#24 (Birch)
Mrs. Hudak			X		#24 (Hudak)
Mr. Kolibas			X		#24 (Kolibas)
Mrs. Ormon			X		#24 (Ormon)
Mr. Strazzella			X		#24 (Strazzella)
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		#24 (Russell)

Motions 1 – 29 Carried.

FACILITIES:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			Absent		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak		X	X		
Mr. Kolibas	X		X		
Mrs. Ormon			X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		

Motions 1 – 9 Carried.

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

1. Second Reading:

Policy Number	Title
5126	Awards for Achievements

2. First Reading:

Policy Number	Title
4150/4250	Family Leave And Medical Leave

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mrs. Beviano			Absent		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mrs. Hudak		X	X		
Mr. Kolibas			X		
Mrs. Ormon	X		X		
Mr. Strazzella			X		
Mr. Topoleski			Absent		
Mr. Alvarez			Absent		
Mr. Russell			X		

Motions 1 – 2 Carried.

NJSBA Delegate:

Mr. Topoleski: Absent.

UCSBA Delegate:

Mr. Strazzella: No report at this time. Mrs. Hudak attended a meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> which was held at Cranford High School. It was a meet and greet with the County Association. Mr. Topoleski and Mr. Alvarez also attended.

UCESC Delegate:

Mrs. Ormon: No report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Member Comments/New Business:

Mr. Strazzella attended the play "*Shrek*" at McManus. He said it was a great play; great costumes, and he thanked Dr. Robertozzi for his support.

Mrs. Ormon also attended and congratulated all involved on a job well done. She went on to congratulate the custodial staff for an outstanding job done during the recent snow storms.

Mrs. Hudak felt what made "*Shrek*" such a success was that the students had so much fun. She then went on to thank the staff at School #6 who for the past many years have given up their Friday nights to conduct Family Science Night.

Mr. Russell brought to the attention of the public the change in the Calendar of Board Meetings. He also thanked the custodians and maintenance personnel for their hard work in making sure our schools are safe.

Comments from the Public:

Theresa Villani  
225 Swarthmore Road

Stated that she has two children in the fourth grade. Came this evening to voice her opposition to the PARCC testing and the adoption of this version of Common Core.

Elizabeth Welch  
903 Kent Place

Congratulated Mrs. Birch and Mr. Kolibas on their election to the Board. She then asked Dr. Robertozzi what the children would be doing who will opt out of the PARCC. Dr. Robertozzi responded that there are no planned activities. Children who do not take the test are expected to bring a book or homework, etc. to keep them occupied.

Jenny Principato  
1706 Westover Road

She has heard from disgruntled parents that children are not ready for first grade due to the Tools of the Mind curriculum and wanted to know why that is. Dr. Robertozzi responded that Tools of the Mind has been used in Pre-K for at least six or seven years and has been very successful. While he was Assistant Superintendent, he met with all of the kindergarten teachers and they overwhelmingly wanted to implement Tools of the Mind. This is the second year it is being implemented in Kindergarten and at the end of this year it will be reviewed. This is the first he's heard that parents are not happy. He will get together with Mrs. Cleary and speak to the first grade teachers. If they feel the same way, adjustments will be made to the curriculum. Mrs. Cleary said that the Math Supervisor is meeting with the Early Childhood Supervisor and they are coming together on curriculum. She also asked about keyboarding instruction. Her son, who is in the sixth grade, doesn't know how to type and is on the computer for homework and wastes a lot of time. Will there be any keyboarding instruction? Dr. Robertozzi said he is definitely looking into bringing keyboarding instruction to the elementary grades, hopefully starting next year.

Lara Collado  
111 Edgewood Road

Said she it was a little upsetting to see that none of the Board Members had taken the PARCC test. She urged everyone to take it. Her father is a college math professor and he was frustrated at taking the test. She wanted to know how much time her fourth grader is taking away from her studies and regular class time to concentrate on the PARCC. Dr. Robertozzi answered that the PARCC is a test which is supposed to determine what the student has learned in that grade level. Test prep is every time they're learning. She asked if an anonymous poll could be taken of the teachers to see how they felt. Dr. Robertozzi explained that we are required to give the test as a public school district; however, he respects parents' rights to have their child not take the test.

Minutes  
February 2, 2015

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Ormon made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Hudak. Voice vote was unanimous.

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Kathleen A. Gaylord  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary