

A G E N D A

for

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2022

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Linden, New Jersey**

Dr. Marnie Hazelton
Superintendent of Schools

Denise Cleary
Assistant Superintendent

Kathleen A. Gaylord
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Dr. Karen Baldwin
Human Resources Manager

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Linden, New Jersey**

January 25, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:

On January 10, 2022 notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, Star Ledger,
Union County Local Source, and the Clerk of the Municipality.

NO SMOKING NOTICE:

BY STATE LAW, THERE IS NO SMOKING PERMITTED IN THIS BUILDING AT ANY TIME.

NOTICE:

In addition to the listed items in this agenda, this Board of Education may discuss and act upon other items not specifically referred to herein as is allowed at the regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting under the Sunshine Law.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members		Others	
Ms. Cintron		Dr. Hazelton	
Mr. De La Cruz		Mrs. Cleary	
Mrs. Flemming		Ms. Gaylord	
Ms. Guillaume		Dr. Baldwin	
Mr. Martucci		Attorney	
Ms. Pino			
Ms. Thomas			
Dr. Berghammer			
Mr. Rivas			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 18, 2021. (Copies in hands of Board Members).
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and the Regular Meeting held on November 23, 2021. (Copies in hands of Board Members).
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on January 6, 2022. (Copies in hands of Board Members).

MOTIONS:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron					
Mr. De La Cruz					
Mrs. Flemming					
Ms. Guillaume					
Mr. Martucci					
Ms. Pino					
Ms. Thomas					
Dr. Berghammer					
Mr. Rivas					

Motions:

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

See Information to the Board.

Attorney Report
January 25, 2022

No action this meeting.

The Education 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 enrollment as required by state law, of the following handicapped students in a specialized program for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as shown below.

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Emotionally Disturbed	Bonnie Brae 3415 Valley Rd. Liberty Corner, NJ 07938	9/7/21	77,700.00 annual 420.00 per diem
Multiply Impaired	Bright Beginnings 1660 Stelton Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08654	1/3/22	29,637.00 pro rata 267.00 per diem
Autistic	North Hudson Academy 4511 Liberty Ave., N. Bergen, NJ 07047	11/22/21	40,614.36 pro rata 314.84 per diem
Autistic	Center for Lifelong Learning 333 Cheesequake Rd. Sayreville, NJ 08872	12/20/21	31,598.00 pro rata 259.00 per diem
Other Health Impaired	Essex Valley 1 Henderson Dr. West Caldwell, NJ 07006	12/16/21	45,701.60 pro rata 408.05 per diem
Specific Learning Disability	Union County Career & Tech Inst. 1776 Raritan Rd. Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	9/8/21	4,000.00 annual
Specific Learning Disability	Union County Career & Tech Inst. 1776 Raritan Rd. Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	9/8/21	4,000.00 annual

2. Approve termination of the following out-of-district placement for the 2021-2022 school year.

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Emotionally Disturbed	Rutgers Day Program 671 Hoes Lane West Piscataway, NJ 08854	12/3/21	88,200.00 annual 7,350.00 per month

3. Approve the following bilingual evaluators for related services.

Related Services	Evaluator	Cost
Portuguese Speech Evaluation	The Bilingual Child Study Team Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph.D. 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,000.00
Arabic, Creole, French, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian Educational Evaluation	The Bilingual Child Study Team Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph.D. 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,000.00
Arabic, Creole, French, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian Psychological Evaluation	The Bilingual Child Study Team Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph.D. 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,000.00
Arabic, Creole, French, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian Social Evaluation	The Bilingual Child Study Team Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph.D. 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,000.00
Arabic, Creole, French, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian Speech and Language Evaluation	The Bilingual Child Study Team Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph.D. 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,000.00
Arabic, Greek, Spanish, and Russian Speech Evaluation	Bright Evals Speech & Language Evaluations P.C. Marian Ayad, MA/CCC-SLP 1 Laila Ct Monroe Township, NJ 08831	\$700.00

4. Approve payment for the related services as per Child Study Team evaluation.

Related Services	Fees Not to Exceed
BILINGUAL SPEECH EVALUATION Anthony Muscato 9 High Mountain Trail Lincoln Park, NJ 07035	6 @ 400.00
BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION Jeanette Pena 1805 Summit Ave. Union City, NJ 07087	2 @ 450.00
BILINGUAL EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION Theresa Hernandez 10-50 th St. Weehawkin, NJ 07086	2 @ 450.00
BILINGUAL SPEECH EVALUATION Dr. Francois 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	1000.00
VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT Inroads to Opportunities 301 Cox St. Roselle, NJ 07203	12/7/21-12/14/21 1,100.00
AUDIOLOGY CONSULTATION Summit Speech School 705 Central Ave., Suite 1 New Providence, NJ 07974	9/10/21 225.00
NURSE ON BUS Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services 2050 Rt. 27 N., Suite 208 New Brunswick, NJ 08902	7/6/21 282.00
PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES Bright Beginnings 1660 Stelton Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08654	1/3/22 1,298.00

4. Continued:

Related Services	Fees Not to Exceed
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES Bright Beginnings 1660 Stelton Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08654	1/3/22 1,298.00
NURSE ON BUS Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services 2050 Rt. 27 N., Suite 208 New Brunswick, NJ 08902	1/3/22 26,705.00

5. Approve assignment of one-on-one paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Rate
Autistic	Future Foundations Academy 1690 Stelton Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08854	11/16/21	32,526.00 pro rata 234.00 per diem
Autistic	Crossroads School 45 Cardinal Dr. Westfield, NJ 07090	10/27/21	40,425.00 pro rata 275.00 per diem

6. Approve adjustments of tuition, as indicated as per New Jersey Department of Education audit.

School	Location	Tuition year	Adjustment
Children's Center of Monmouth County	Neptune, NJ	2019-2020	Tuition Undercharge 9,438.00
ECLC of New Jersey	Newark, NJ	2020-2021	Tuition Undercharge 5,730.00

7. Amend Board action on past Education Reports, as listed:

Date	Item#	Action
6/24/21	6	Amend the amount for no show to read \$200.00 instead of \$150.00 for Dr. R. Christopher Stucky, MD.
6/24/21	11	Amend the account number for WIDA 2021 eConference to read 11-000-223-580-PD-000-54 instead of 20-241-200-500-00-000-54.
9/30/21	4	Amend related services: GWG at DLC Warren speech therapy from 11,590.00 annual to 12,810.00 annual.
10/28/21	1	Amend tuition: AC at The High Point School of Bergen County from 4,067.96 to 4,693.80.
10/28/21	17	Amend the Title I, SIA Virtual Tutoring for ELA to read Nine (9) instead of three (3) and Math to read six (6) instead of three (3) due to additional funding.
10/28/21	9	Change the amount of Other Expenses for the NJASL Fall Conference to read \$450.00 instead of \$377.04.
11/23/21	1	Amend tuition: VAB at Lakeview School from 73,814.00 annual to 63,193.76 annual and start date from 11/10/21 to 12/13/21.
11/23/21	3	Amend related services: ABZ nurse on a bus from 50,048.00 pro rata to 40,112.00 pro rata.
11/23/21	11/#6,11, 23	Amend to include the date: 1/21/22 for NSBA Equity Symposium
11/23/21	12	Amend the date for IXL Foundations I: Essential tools for Daily Instruction, to read 12/13/21 instead of 12/12/21.
11/23/21	12	Amend to date for IXL Foundations II: Strategies for Data Driven Classrooms, to read 2/2/22 instead of 2/5/22.

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

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
Two	Scocoza, Isabella	2/17/22	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Auditorium/Gym	I'm Gonna Push Through Presentation	Expenses: \$2,000.00 20-231-200-300-09-000-55-090 Title I 11-190-100-320-00-000-09-090

8. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
SMS/21 st CCLC	Scocozza, Isabella	6/29/22- 7/28/22 Monday- Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Soehl Middle School	Liberty Science Center STEM Education Experience for the Summer STEM Academy	\$11,400.00 IDEA Supplemental Grant 20-456-100-300-00-000-35-070
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/18/22	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium	Scholarship Night	None

9. Approve the following activities:

School	Requested by	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
SMS	Long, Gwendolyn	6/3/22	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Grand Centurion	8 th Grade Dinner Dance	None

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

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

#	Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
1.	Apalinski, Cynthia	NSTA – National Conference on Science Education	3/30/22 3/31/22 4/1/22 4/2/22 4/3/22	Houston, TX	\$345.00 Registration \$2,300.00 Other Expenses 11-000-221-580-PD-000-60
2.	Banks, Jenise	Grief Counseling and Treatment Certification	2/11/22	Virtual Webinar	Registration \$219.99 11-000-223-580-PD-000-44
3.	Becker, Julie	Intervention & Referral Services/504 Perfect Together	2/10/22	Virtual	Registration \$199.00 000-223-580-PD-000-09-090
4.	Chase, Karen	Model United Nations for Teachers	2/12/22	Virtual	Registration \$299.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-07- 070

11. Continued:

#	Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
5.	Dolan, Claudia	NSTA – National Conference on Science Education	3/30/22 3/31/22 4/1/22 4/2/22 4/3/22	Houston, TX	Registration \$425.00 Other Expenses \$2,300.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-60
6.	Eltringham, Christine	Center for Literacy Development 2021-2022	2/24/22	Piscataway, NJ	Registration \$170.00 20-235-100-300-00-000-55-060
7.	Fernandez, Tamarra	Rebuilding Agency, Accelerating Learning Recovery, and Rethinking School Institute	2/9/22	Virtual	Registration \$199.00 11-000-219-580-PD-000-33
8.	Fingerlin, Peter	Intervention & Referral Services/504 Perfect Together	2/10/22	Virtual	Registration \$199.00 11-000-240-580-PD-000-09-090
9.	Fischetti, Anthony	Guild of IB Schools Northeast Virtual Conference 2022	2/4/22	Virtual	Registration \$75.00 11-00-223-580-PD-000-04
10.	Freeman, Diane	2022 SHAPENJ Convention	2/14/22 – 2/15/22	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$199.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-06-060
11.	Godos, Joseline	Center for Literacy Development 2021-2022	2/24/22	Piscataway, NJ	Registration \$170.00 20-235-100-300-00-000-55-060
12.	Gross, Beverly	ASAP-NJ 35 th Annual Conference	3/4/22	Virtual Webinar	None
13.	Healy, Bartholomew	NJMEA – February State Conference	2/25/22	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$145.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-57
14.	Horre, Yelena	Guild of IB Schools Northeast Virtual Conference 2022	2/4/22	Virtual	Registration \$75.00 11-000-240-580-PD-000-05-050

11. Continued:

#	Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
15.	Modrak, Antoinette	Out of School Time Training Series	1/26/22 2/2/22 2/9/22 2/25/22	Virtual	Registration \$300.00 60-930-320-580-PD-000-36
16.	Rodrigues, Samantha	Intervention & Referral Services/504 Perfect Together	2/10/22	Virtual	Registration \$199.99 000-223-580-PD-000-09-090
17.	Rotondi, Rodger	2022 ATSNJ Annual Conference & Business Meeting	2/27/22 2/28/22	Somerset, NJ	Registration \$140.00 Other Expenses \$100.00 11-000-221-580-PD-000-03
18.	Smith, Jennifer	2022 NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Conference	3/23/22 3/24/22 3/25/22	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$320.00 Other Expenses \$400.00 11-000-221-580-PD-000-56
19.	Sousa-Redgate, Jennifer	NJIDA: Winter Institute Virtual Conference	2/5/22	Virtual	Registration \$30.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-13
20.	Viana, Steven	2022 ATSNJ Annual Conference & Business Meeting	2/27/22 2/28/22	Somerset, NJ	Registration \$140.00 Other Expenses \$100.00 11-000-221-580-PD-000-03
21.	Viana, Steven	DAANJ Convention	3/14/22- 3/18/22	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$625.00 Other Expenses \$1,100.00 11-000-221-580-PD-000-03

12. Approve the following staff to attend the virtual 2022 UCASE Annual Conference on 2/4/22. Cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Account # 11-000-219-580-PD-000-33.

Altobelli, Michele	D'Arcy, Mary	Palmieri, Samantha
Antunes, David	Dipolvere, Celia	Picarello, Vicki
Barnes, Kim	Drejaj, Christopher	Rodriguez, L'Shawn
Barthelus, Shirley	Fernandez, Tamarra	Rudnicka, Jolanta
Bodden, Albert	Hunter-Carey, Christine	Stevens, Michael
Bosio, Lauren	James, Kathleen	Stevens, Rachel
Burge, Micah	Kolibas, Christopher	Yackanin, Grethe
Buthorn, Stefannie	Moss, Jeanne	

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

Workshop	Provider(s)	Date(s)	Location	Cost
Building Conceptual Understanding, Fluency and Algebra by Middle School	de Haan Consulting LLC	February 2022- June 2022 sessions	SMS and MMS	\$39,700.00 Title II 20-270-200-300-00-000-55

14. Approve the administration of *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English in State to State (ACCESS) Test* for English Language Learners for the 2021-2022 school year, as listed:

Test	Grades	Regular Testing
ACCESS 2.0	K-12	February 14 – April 8
Alternate ACCESS 2.0	K-12	February 14 – April 8

15. Approve the *Charter School* enrollment as listed below:

School Name	Student	Enrollment	District Payment
Barack Obama Green	LSH	10 Month	\$14,710.00
College Achieve Central	MD, RD, LJ, SR	10 Month	\$61,798.00
Empowerment Academy	LK, MK	10 Month	\$24,545.00
Essex Great Oaks Legacy	AD, ND, KR	10 Month	\$52,483.00

15. Continued:

School Name	Student	Enrollment	District Payment
Team Academy	TAJ, IC, JC, DC, AG, ES, FS, SS	10 Month	135,684.00
North Star Academy	NC, JMM, GY	10 Month	\$49,525.00
Union County Teams	AA, ZC, AJ, RC	10 Month	\$79,900.00

16. Approve Linden resident students to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program [N.J.A.C. 6A:12], commencing with the 2022-2023 school year, for the current grades and numbers of students listed. (Names of individual students on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

Current Grade	Number of Students
Pre-K	1
6	1

17. Grant permission for all district schools and organizations listed below to participate in the 24th Annual LINC'S Food Pantry Walk-a-thon to Fight Hunger, to be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, at Wilson Park, Linden, NJ from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Linden Education Association
Soehl Middle School Student Advisor Group
Soehl Middle School Junior National Honor Society
Linden High School National Honor Society
Linden High School Navy Junior ROTC
Linden High School Marching Band

18. Approve, the 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer STEM Academy as listed:

Event	Location	Date	Expense
21 st CCLC Summer STEM Academy	SMS	June 29, 2022-July 28, 2022 (Monday-Thursday)	<p>5 teachers, 17 days for 425 hours @ \$31 for a total of \$13,175 to be paid by 21st CCLC Grant Funds.</p> <p>5 paraprofessionals, 17 days for 425 hours @ \$25 for a total of \$10,625 to be paid by 21st CCLC IDEA Supplemental Grant Funds.</p> <p>1 lead teacher, 17 days for 102 hours @ \$35 for a total of \$3570 to be paid by 21st CCLC Grant Funds.</p> <p>21st CCLC Grant Account: 454-100-100-00-000-35-070 454-200-100-00-001-35-070 21st CCLC IDEA Grant Account: 456-100-100-00-001-35-070</p>

19. Approve the following Title I Saturday Academy Extension, as listed:

School	Requested By	Date	Time	Expenses
SMS	Scocoza, Isabella	February 5,15, 26 March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9, 30 May 7, 14, 21	Session 1 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Session 2 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	2 Teachers @ \$31/hr. for instruction. Not to exceed \$3,500.00 20-231-100-101-07-000-55-070 2 Teachers @ \$28/hr. for prep. Not to exceed \$3,000.00 20-231-100-101-07-000-55-070 1 Coordinator @ \$28/hr. Not to exceed \$1,500.00 20-231-100-101-07-000-55-070 Total cost not to exceed \$ 8,000.00

20. Approve the following Title I Virtual Homework Help Hotline, as listed:

School	Requested by	Date	Time	Expenses
Two	Scocoza, Isabella	February 1, 2022 – April 29, 2022 Tuesdays and Wednesdays (when school is in session)	6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	4 Teachers @ \$31/hr. for instruction. Not to exceed \$2,480.00 20-231-100-101-09-000-55-090 2 Coordinators @ \$28/hr. Not to exceed \$620.00 20-231-100-101-09-000-55-090

21. Approve the following Title I After School Tutoring Extension, as listed:

School	Requested by	Date	Time	Expenses
One	Scocoza, Isabella	March 2022 – April 2022 Tuesdays and Thursdays (when school is in session)	3:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	6 Teachers @ \$31/hr. for instruction. Not to exceed \$1,860.00 20-231-100-101-08-000-55-080 6 Teachers @ \$28/hr. for prep. Not to exceed \$1,680.00 20-231-100-101-08-000-55-080 2 Coordinators @ \$28/hr. Not to exceed \$1,180.00 20-231-100-101-08-000-55-080
Two	Scocoza, Isabella	February 22, 2022 – April 19, 2022 Tuesdays and Thursdays (when school is in session; excluding April 14 th)	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	6 Teachers @ \$31/hr. for instruction. Not to exceed \$2,604.00 20-231-100-101-09-000-55-090 6 Teachers @ \$28/hr. for prep. Not to exceed \$1,176.00 20-231-100-101-09-000-55-090 2 Coordinators @ \$28/hr. Not to exceed \$1,920.00 20-231-100-101-09-000-55-090

21. Continued:

School	Requested by	Date	Time	Expenses
Four	Scocoza, Isabella	March 2022 – April 2022 Tuesdays and Thursdays (when school is in session)	3:15 p.m. – 4:15 pm	8 Teachers @ \$31/hr. for instruction. Not to exceed \$3,500.00 20-231-100-101-10-000-55-115 8 Teachers @ \$28/hr. for prep. Not to exceed \$1,700.00 20-231-100-101-10-000-55-115 2 Coordinators @ \$28/hr. Not to exceed \$700.00 20-231-100-101-08-000-55-115

22. Approve the following Virtual Supplemental Educational Service Provider, on the dates listed:

School	Requested By	Date	Provider
SMS (Title I)	Scocoza, Isabella	March 2022-June 2022	Huntington Learning Center \$9,357.00 20-231-100-300-07-000-55-070 Title I.

23. Approve the Superintendent's determination and actions taken for all reported incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying discussed at the November 23, 2021 regular meeting as listed:

Case	HIB	Action
MMS-425	Yes	Services provided.
SMS-244	No	Services provided, disciplined.
Sch 10-49	Undetermined	Services provided, mediation, disciplined.
Sch 2-104	Undetermined	Services provided, disciplined.
Sch 1-73	Undetermined	Services provided, mediation.

24. Grant permission for School One to submit the 2022-2023 Application of Intent to Operate a Title I Schoolwide Program.
25. Grant permission to submit the Safe Return to In Person Instruction Updated Application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2021-2022 school year as a requirement to receiving the ESSER funds.
26. Grant permission for the Linden Public School District to provide ELA and Math professional development to staff from February 2022 through June 2022 at a cost of \$100 per hour to facilitate and \$50 per hour for attendees. Rates to be paid for through the Title II grant from account number: 20-270-100-100-00-000-55.
27. Grant permission for the Linden Public School District to enter into an articulation agreement with Union County College in order to provide dual admission courses for Linden High School students at no cost to the district.
28. Grant permission for Alexandra Sep, from Kean University, to complete her Psychology practicum under the supervision of School Psychologist Stefannie Buthorn for the 2021-2022 school year.
29. Grant permission for Kaitlin Polnik, from Rutgers University, to complete her LDTC Practicum under the supervision of David Atunes.
30. Grant permission for the Linden Public Schools to enter into a partnership with Chinwe Osondu from the Department of Education to coordinate Mathematics professional development sessions for both elementary and secondary staff at no cost to the district during the 2021-2022 school year.
31. Approve the Bi-Annual Summation Report on HIB under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for all Linden Public Schools.
32. Approve home instruction services provided by Princeton HealthCare System for Linden students admitted as patients to Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center, Plainsboro, New Jersey, during the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate of \$65.00 per hour.
33. Grant approval to submit the ESEA Performance report for the 2021-2022 school year.
34. Approve student interns from Grand Canyon University to complete field observations, sophomore and junior practicums, and senior field work in the Linden Public Schools during the 2021-2022 school year.

35. Proclaim the month of January, 2022 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, 2022 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, the Linden Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which 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 the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local schoolboard members, who received no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers, 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, Board 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 key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Linden Board of Education, does here by recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January, 2022 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 staff towards the advancement of our children's education.

36. Proclaim the month of February, 2022 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 2022 has been established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History as: *Black Health and Wellness*

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.

The Finance 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:

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 months of November and December 2021. (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 months of December 2021 and January 2022.
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 months of November and December 2021. (Copies in the hands of Board members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
5. Approve the Student Activities Report (Linden High School) for the months of November and December 2021. (Copies in the hands of Board Members and on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
6. Amend past board action as listed.

Date	Item	Action
1/6/22 Organization Meeting	8	Amend June Board of Education meetings to read: Work Session – June 21, 2022 (6:00 p.m.) and Regular Meeting – June 23, 2022 (7:00 p.m.).

7. Accept funds in the total amount of \$83,000.00 from the New Jersey Hiring and Retention Grant for Licensed Childcare Workers for the 2021-2022 school year. The funding breakdown by site is below:

Licensed Site	Amount
School #1	\$ 9,000.00
School #2	\$12,000.00
School #4	\$14,000.00
School #5	\$ 9,000.00
School #6	\$ 8,000.00
School #8	\$12,000.00
School #9	\$ 9,000.00
School #10	\$10,000.00
Total:	\$83,000.00

8. Accept funds in the amount of \$17,340.96 representing settlement of E.S. o/b/o M.S. & Z.S. vs. Linden Board of Education.
9. Accept funds in the amount of \$1,144.48 from the County of Union for custodial overtime during the General Election held on November 2, 2021.
10. Accept funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation Grant for the benefit of Linden High School for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. Accept funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Mark and Elizabeth Rockoff, Hingham, MA, for the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund.
12. Approve contracts with DiCara Rubino Architects, Wayne, NJ, for HVAC Upgrades, paid through the American Rescue Plan ESSER Grant, as follows:

School #4	\$139,000.00
School #5	\$195,000.00

13. Approve a contract in the amount of \$3,500.00 with French & Parrello Associates, Wall, NJ, to provide Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) On-call Environmental Services for the Linden Academy of Science & Technology Expansion Project.
14. Grant approval to enter into an agreement with Union County Educational Services Commission, Westfield, NJ, to provide carryover amount for an amended total of \$6,697.00 to provide Title IA services to Linden's non-public schools through June 30, 2022.

15. Authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the Secretary's and the Treasurer's Reports for the period ended December 31, 2021 to the Executive Union County Superintendent of Schools.
16. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Linden Board of Education, herein after referred to as the "Educational Institution," has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

- a) This agreement is made by and between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;
- b) The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending July 1, 2024 at 12:01 a.m.;
- c) In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, this Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;

16. Continued:

- d) The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;
- e) NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;
- f) By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;
- g) The Educational Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;
- h) The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership, including, but not limited to the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;
- i) The Educational Institution under its obligations as a member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;
- j) If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand;
- k) The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,
- l) The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership to NJSIG.

17. Approve the enrollment of the following students for the 2022-2023 school year, eligible on a tuition basis under policy #5118, pending enrollment figures:

Student	Placement
A.D.	Pre-K
S.N.	Pre-K
W.P.	Pre-K
S.M.	Pre-K

18. 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 No.	Serial No./BOE Tag
Soehl M.S.	2	Dell computers w/monitors & keyboards	SMS-14-DD; SMSRM117-D04
	1	Brother Printer	CAN 001 393 835

19. Bids/Quotations/Proposals as listed:

- a) Athletic Supplies – Spring Sports – 2021-2022 (Bid #11299)
Bid opening date: 11/30/2021

Company	Amount
BSN Sports, LLC/Passons Sports/Varsity Brands, Dallas, TX	\$ 9,493.38
Riddell, North Ridgeville, OH	\$ 9,318.43
Sportsman's dba George L. Haider, Inc., Johnstown, PA	\$ 2,039.64
Bids Received – 3	

Buildings, Grounds and Security Report
January 25, 2022

The Buildings, Grounds and Security 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:

1. Amend Board Action on past Buildings, Grounds and Security Report:

Date	Item	Action
11/23/21	3	Amend the date for “The Ultimate Snow Day” FAST event from January 20, 2022 to February 4, 2022.

2. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Gwendolyn Long, Principal, Soehl Middle School:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
PTA Meeting Cafeteria	Thursday 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	February 3, 2022

3. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Isabella Scocoza, Director, Administration Building:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
St. George Pharmacy Vaccination Clinic PDRC Conference Room	Wednesday 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	<u>2022</u> February 2,23 March 2,23 April 6,27 May 4,25 June 1,22

4. Use of facilities at no charge request by Michelle Rodriguez, Principal, School No. 8:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
Valentine Day Shop Setup Library	Tuesday 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	February 8, 2022
Valentine Day Shop Library	Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	<u>2022</u> February 9,10,11 February 10

No action this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: