

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education in the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Linden High School Auditorium, 212 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden, NJ, on March 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

President Kolibas 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 12, 2017, notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, Star Ledger, The Union County Local Source and the Clerk of the Municipality.

The following Board members and others were present:

Roll Call: 7:10 p.m.

Board Members		Others	
Mr. Topoleski	P	Dr. Robertozzi	P
Mrs. Villani	P	Mrs. Cleary	P
Mr. Wohlrab	P	Ms. Gaylord	P
Mr. Alvarez	P	Attorney, M. Miller	P
Mrs. Beviano	7:35 p.m.		
Mrs. Birch	P		
Mr. Martucci	P		
Ms. Slater	A		
Mr. Kolibas	P		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on February 21, 2017, the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2017 and the Committee of the Whole held on March 15, 2017. (Copies in the hands of Board Members).

MOTION: 1

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski	X		X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab		X	X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			--		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			A		

Motion 1 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:

- WHEREAS**, Board Policy 7550 authorizes the naming of schools and school facilities in honor of individuals whose educational contributions to the Linden Public School District have had a significant beneficial effect on the Linden Public Schools and its students; and

WHEREAS, Susan L. Hudak’s love and passion for the children of the Linden Public Schools was exhibited through her dedication of countless hours of service to the students of the District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudak served as a Member of the Linden Board of Education for the past eighteen (18) years, acting as Board President in 2001, 2002, 2011 and 2016 and Board Vice President in 2000 and 2016. Mrs. Hudak also served on a number of Board Committees during her tenure as a Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudak was an active volunteer and officer in many Linden PTAs and founded “For Our Children for Our Schools”, a non-profit organization, which provided scholarships to students of the Linden Public School District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudak was a persistent advocate for children in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudak devoted her time attending every student event, musical, and concert. She was an ardent supporter of family science nights and the fine and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mrs. Hudak’s dedication to the Linden Board of Education and the Linden Public School District community, the Applicant Committee recommends that the Linden High School Auditorium be named the “Susan L. Hudak Auditorium” and that a tree be planted and a plaque placed at the Professional Development Resource Center in her honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Linden Board of Education hereby designates the Linden High School Auditorium to be known now and hereafter as the “Susan L. Hudak Auditorium at Linden High School”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a tree be planted and a plaque be placed at the Professional Development Resource Center in Mrs. Hudak’s honor.

2. **WHEREAS**, student #01-16/17 is a student at Linden High School; and
WHEREAS, on January 31, 2017, student #01-16/17 was suspended from Linden High School for conduct of such a character as to constitute terroristic threats, causing false public alarm and cyber harassment; and
WHEREAS, the parent has requested that the Board Hearing regarding the long term suspension of student #01-16/17 be held in abeyance pending the resolution of any pending criminal charges; and
WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the suspension of the student be continued and home instruction provided until such time as any pending criminal charges are resolved; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent, hereby continues the suspension of student #01-16/17 until such time as the Board hearing in this matter is conducted; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent, orders that student #01-16/17 continue on home instruction until such time as any pending criminal charges are resolved; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education in consultation with the Superintendent, shall review student #01-16/17's suspension at each subsequent Board Meeting in accordance the New Jersey Administrative Code.
3. **WHEREAS**, student #02-16/17 is a student at Linden High School; and
WHEREAS, on January 16, 2017, student #02-16/17 was suspended from Linden High School for making terroristic threats; and
WHEREAS, the parent has requested that the Board Hearing regarding the long-term suspension of student #02-16/17 be held in abeyance pending completion of an evaluation of the student by the District's Child Study Team; and
WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the suspension of the student be continued and home instruction provided until such time as the Child Study Team completes its evaluation; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent, hereby continues the suspension of student #02-16/17 until such time as the Board hearing in this matter is conducted; and

3. Continued:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent, orders that student #02-16/17 continue on home instruction until such time as the Child Study Team completes its evaluation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education in consultation with the Superintendent, shall review student #02-16/17's suspension at each subsequent Board Meeting in accordance the New Jersey Administrative Code.

4. The Linden Board of Education hereby authorizes its attorney and administration to take legal action challenging the approval and/or authorization by the Commissioner of Education /New Jersey Department of Education and any other parties of the Charter Application of Union Arts and Science Charter School (iLearn Schools) to be located in the City of Linden. The Board further authorizes its attorney and administration to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

MOTIONS: 1 – 3

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski	X		X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab		X	X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			--		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			X		

Motions: 1 – 3 Carried.

Mrs. Birch asked parents who are thinking about sending their children to the proposed charter school to please first have a conversation with their principal and/or Dr. Robertozzi so that they may make an informed decision.

MOTION: 4

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski	X		X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab			X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			--		
Mrs. Birch		X	X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			X		

Motion: 4 Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. See information to the Board.
2. Dr. Robertozzi took the time to recognize the Hudak family who were in attendance. The honor which was bestowed upon Mrs. Hudak this evening, in naming the high school auditorium after her, was the least the Board could do to recognize her years of service.
3. Dr. Robertozzi briefed the public on the charter school which is attempting to open in Linden. He explained what a charter school is and why this charter school is not coming from the people of Linden. He urged the public to go to our district Facebook page and to do some research on their own on the iLearn Union County Arts and Sciences Charter School that is attempting to open up in Linden. It has received partial approval from the DOE and we have an appeal pending. As per our resolution that is on the agenda tonight, we are authorizing our attorney and administration to seek any other legal action necessary to prevent this school from opening.
4. At this time Dr. Robertozzi and Mr. Kolibas recognized the high school students who participated in the Annual NJ Contest of Spoken Russian. Our students brought home three gold medals, five silver, and three bronze. Dr. Robertozzi introduced Mrs. Szulc, Linden High School teacher of Russian who in turn introduced the students.
5. The Boys' Varsity Basketball team was then recognized for having a 26-5 season record. They were the Union County Conference Watchung Division Champions; the North Jersey Section II, Group IV Champions; the North Jersey Group IV Champions; and finally, overall Group IV Champions. With the Group IV win, they qualify for the Tournament of Champions. In addition, there are two 1,000 point career scorers, Khalief Crawford and Tavon Jones. After a few words, Coach Phil Colicchio then introduced the team.
6. The cast of High School Musical, along with their Director, Mr. Cosby, were also recognized. They also performed one of the numbers from the show.
7. A presentation was made in honor of Board Member, Raymond Topoleski, who has achieved the distinction of Certified Board Leader, the highest level of individual certification in the Board Member Academy.

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 2016-2017 school year in accordance with their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as shown below:

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Pre-School Disabled	Arc Kohler School 1137 Globe Avenue Mountainside, NJ 07092	3/6/17	24,422.58 pro rata 343.98 per diem
Multiply Impaired	Westbridge Academy 60 West Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003	3/1/17	30,160.60 pro rata 396.85 per diem
Pre-School Disabled	Washington Academy 25 N. 7 th Street Belleville, NJ 07109	3/17/17	17,643.78 pro rata 280.06 per diem

2. Approve termination of the following out-of-district placement for the 2016-2017 school year.

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Specific Learning Disability	Collier High School 160 Conover Road Wickatunk, NJ 07765	2/28/17	56,520.00 annual 314.00 per diem

3. Approve for home instruction pending placement.

Classification	Effective Date	Tuition
Specific Learning Disability	2/6/17	10 hours per week 30.00 per hour
Communication Impaired	2/6/17	10 hours per week 30.00 per hour
Specific Learning Disability	3/1/17	10 hours per week 30.00 per hour

4. Terminate home instruction for the following classified students.

Classification	Effective Date
Specific Learning Disability	3/13/17

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

Related Services	Fees Not to Exceed
BILINGUAL SPEECH/LANGUAGE EVALUATION Freda Glick 222 Cedar Lane Closer, NJ 07624	450.00
BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION Jeanette Pena 2009 Summit Avenue Union, NJ 07087	11 @ 450.00
BILINGUAL EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION Theresa Hernandez 10-50 th Street Weehawken, NJ 07086	11 @ 450.00
BILINGUAL SPEECH/LANGUAGE EVALUATION Patricia Vasquez-Hill 14 Brookside Terrace North Caldwell, NJ 07006	7 @ 500.00
PHYSICAL THERAPY Developmental Learning Center 217 Mountainview Road Warren, NJ 07059	2/20/17-6/2/17 2,385.00
1:1 NURSE Bayada Pediatrics 520 Speedwell Avenue, Suite 220 Morris Plains, NJ 07950	2/4/17-5/31/17 12,816.00 44.50 per hour

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

School	Location	Tuition Year	Adjustment
Bergen County Special Services	Paramus, NJ	2015-2016	Tuition Undercharge 3,843.00
Deron School of NJ	Union, NJ	2015-2016	Tuition Undercharge 5,468.00
Willowglen Academy	Sparta, NJ	2013-2014	Tuition Undercharge 8,085.00
The Center School	Somerset, NJ	2015-2016	Tuition Undercharge 6,333.60
Green Brook Academy	Bound Brook, NJ	2015-2016	Tuition Undercharge 854.00

7. Approve transportation for the following students:

Student/ Parent	Dates	Location	Rate per Day	Cost
K.M. and Parent	3/29/17	7 Finderne Avenue Bridgewater, NJ 08807	\$140.75	Transportation \$140.75 11-000-270-512-00-000-33
N.D.	March 2017 3, 6, 8, 10	16 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016	\$108.08	Transportation \$432.32 11-000-270-512-00-000-33
N.D.	March 2017 17, 22, 24, 29, 31	16 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016	\$108.08	Transportation \$540.40 11-000-270-512-00-000-33

8. Approve ITG Innovative Therapy Group to provide Speech Services from February 23, 2017 to June 23, 2017. Cost not to exceed \$40,320.00.
9. Grant approval for the Rutgers University-New Jersey Medical School to gather follow-up data from the Linden School District for the New Jersey Autism Study (NJAS).

10. Approve the following 2017 Extended School Year:

Students	Date	Time	Teacher	Location
All	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	1 Adaptive Physical Education	LHS Academy, School 2 & Field House
Speech (6-12)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	1 Speech Therapist	LHS Academy
Speech (PK-5)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	3 Speech Therapists	School 2
Multiple Disabilities (three classes, K-5)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	3 Teachers 9 Paras	School 2
Multiple Disabilities (one class, 6-8)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	1 Teacher 2 Paras	LHS Academy
Multiple Disabilities (one class, 9-12)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	1 Teacher 2 Paras	LHS Academy
Autistic Class (one class, 6-8)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	1 Teacher 2 Paras	LHS Academy

10. Continued:

Students	Date	Time	Teacher	Location
Autistic Class (three classes, K-5)	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	3 Teachers 8 Paras	School 2
Pre-School Disabled Class	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	6 Teachers 14 Paras	School 2
All	June 26 th to August 3 rd (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	2 Nurses 4 Nurse Subs	LHS Academy & School 2 Medical Bus

11. Approve the following Summer Remedial Reading Program:

Students	Date	Time	Teacher	Location
Remedial Reading, Grades 1-5 (3 classes)	June 26 th to July 27 th (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	<u>Session 1:</u> 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. <u>Session 2:</u> 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	3 Teachers	School 2
Remedial Reading, Grades 6-12 (2 classes)	June 26 th to July 27 th (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	<u>Session 1:</u> 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. <u>Session 2:</u> 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday	2 Teachers	LHS Academy
Medical Bus	June 26 th to July 27 th (Closed July 4 th) No Fridays	Time To Be Determined	1 Nurse	School 2 & LHS Academy

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

Date	Item	Action
9/27/16	22	Change the date of the NJSBA-PAA Meeting for Dorney, Michele from 2/9/17 to read 4/21/17.
1/5/17	5	Change the date of the Linden High School Learn & Serve trip to School 6 Pen-Pal Program from 3/10/17 to read 3/24/17.
1/24/17	4	Change the amount for Bodden, Albert for the Bilingual Social Assessments from not to exceed \$350.00 to read \$310.00.
1/24/17	16	Change the date of the NJROTC American Red Cross Blood Drive from 4/10/17 to read 5/3/17.
1/24/17	17	Add the registration cost in the amount of \$264.00 for the LHS trip to Rutgers Busch Campus Center.
1/24/17	30	Change the number of students traveling with the Italian Exchange Program from twenty-four (24) to read twenty-nine (29).
2/22/17	20	Change the date of the School Avoidance workshop provided by Behavior Therapy Associates from 5/12/17 to read 3/17/17 and the cost from \$300.00 to read \$600.00.
2/22/17	32	Change the date of the 5K Color Run Fundraiser from Saturday, 6/3/17 to Saturday, 6/10/17, with a rain date of Sunday, 6/11/17, and the location from Memorial Field to School 1 parking lot.

13. Authorize curriculum writing, as listed:

Curriculum	Grade Level	Hours
Discrete Mathematics	9-12	10

14. 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	Modrak, Antoinette	4/28/17	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Gymnasium & Cafeteria	Aftercare Talent Show	None
Two	Perkins, Atiya	3/30/17	3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Multiple Rooms	Fast Grant Multi-Cultural Event	None
Two	Perkins, Atiya	6/2/17	3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Multiple Rooms	Grade 5 Dance	None

14. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
Four	Cataline, Anthony	5/9/17	12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	The Lizard Guys Assembly	None
Five	Scamardella, Laura	6/2/17	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. School Grounds	Green Meadow Farm Petting Zoo	None
Six	Mastriano, William	5/18/17 Rain Date 5/19/17	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. School Grounds	Fun Day	None
Six	Mastriano, William	6/7/17	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. School Grounds	Leadership Day	None
Eight	Rodriguez, Michelle	4/12/17	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Gymnasium	Autism Awareness Assembly	None
Eight	Rodriguez, Michelle	4/26/17	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gymnasium, Cafeteria, & Various Classrooms	Career Awareness Assembly	None
Nine	Plummer, Larry	4/28/17	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Parent’s Night Out	None
Ten	Fazio, Gail	4/26/17	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Gymnasium	STEAM Night for Pre-K and Kindergarten Families	Other Expenses \$400.00 <small>11-000-223-800-00-000-34</small>
MMS	Cleary, Denise	5/22/17	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Auditorium	1:1 Parent Information Session	None
MMS SMS	Fingerlin, Peter Molinaro, Richard	6/6/17 Rain Date 6/13/17	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tiger Stadium	Grade 8 Unity Day	None
SMS	Molinaro, Richard	4/6/17 Alternate Date 4/7/17	1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Auditorium	Academic Challenge Mayor’s Cup – Champions Match Up	None
SMS	Molinaro, Richard	4/26/17	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Cafeteria	Honor Roll Breakfast	None
SMS	Molinaro, Richard	5/2/17	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Auditorium	Academic Team Competition	None

14. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
SMS	Molinaro, Richard	5/3/17	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Auditorium	Academic Team Competition	None
SMS	Molinaro, Richard	5/4/17	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Auditorium	Academic Team Competition	None
SMS	Cleary, Denise	5/31/17	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Auditorium	1:1 Parent Information Session	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	3/31/17	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Media Center	Careers in Math Seminar	None
LHS	Viana, Steven	4/11/17	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Media Center & Room 212	Union County Conference Post Season Basketball Meeting	None
LHS	Viana, Steven	4/12/17	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Wrestling Team Awards Night	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/2/17	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Media Center	Union County College On-Site Registration	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/11/17	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Allen Texas Annual Dodge Ball Game	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	5/18/17	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Media Center	Annual Law Day	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	6/9/17	12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Tiger Stadium	End of Year Picnic	None
LHS	Walters, Michael	6/12/17	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auditorium	District Academy Awards	None
LHS	Horre, Yelena	6/15/17	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Media Center	IB Reception for Students and Parents	None

15. Approve *District Field Trips*. Copy in the hands of Board Members.

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

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Campbell, Maura	Dyslexia	4/27/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33

16. Continued:

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Caporale, Pamela	Procurement Workshop	4/11/17	Morristown, NJ	Registration \$50.00 11-000-251-580-00-000-02
Castaldo, Linda	Leader in Me – Leadership Day	3/31/17	South Bound Brook, NJ	None
Cleary, Denise	Apple Workshop – Enhancing Teaching and Learning in Language Arts	3/30/17	West Windsor, NJ	None
Cleary, Denise	Designing Quality Elementary School Schedules	4/13/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-04
Colish, Maria	NJLA Conference	4/24/17 4/25/17 4/26/17	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$90.00 Other Expenses \$575.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-56
Cordeiro, Despina	Apple Workshop – Enhancing Teaching and Learning in Language Arts	3/30/17	West Windsor, NJ	None
Czylek, Frances	Annual Conference on Reading and Writing	10/27/17	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-17
Dades, Nicole	Leader in Me – Spring Community Coaching Day	3/24/17	Old Bridge, NJ	None
DiPolvere, Celia	Autism NJ-2017 Transition Conference	5/1/17	Woodbridge, NJ	None
Dorney, Michele	Challenging Racial Disparities: Poverty, Race, and Addiction	6/7/17	Piscataway, NJ	Registration \$69.00 11-000-230-580-00-000-01
Duckett, Edith	Refugees and Migration: Teaching About Current Issues	4/27/17	Union, NJ	Registration \$10.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-54

16. Continued:

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Duckett, Edith	Teaching the World Forum	4/28/17	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-54
Eisenberg, Susan	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$250.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Ficetola, Jessica	Leader in Me – Leadership Day	3/31/17	South Bound Brook, NJ	None
Froner, Kandra	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$250.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Gaylord, Kathleen	55 th Annual NJASBO Conference	6/7/17 6/8/17 6/9/17	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$275.00 Other Expenses \$500.00 11-000-251-580-00-000-02
Goncalves, Monica	County Teacher of the Year Committee Meeting	4/12/17	Westfield, NJ	None
Goodwin, Kimberly	Leader in Me – Leadership Day	3/31/17	South Bound Brook, NJ	None
Hamilton, Jo Ann	Director of Guidance Services Meetings	3/24/17	Berkeley Heights, NJ	Other Expenses \$10.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-44
Higgins, Melissa	Leader in Me – Spring Community Coaching Day	3/24/17	Old Bridge, NJ	None
Hunter-Carey, Christina	Dyslexia	4/27/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Irizarry-Clark, Reina	Designing Quality Elementary School Schedules	4/13/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-04
Kefalas, Kim	Annual Conference on Reading and Writing	10/27/17	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-17

16. Continued:

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Kniazuk, Marybeth	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
LaMastra, Kevin	Teaching the World Forum	4/28/17	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-54
Lapinski, Karen	Annual Conference on Reading and Writing	10/27/17	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-17
Lyszczasz, Robert	NJLA Conference	4/24/17 4/25/17 4/26/17	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$135.00 Other Expenses \$575.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-56
Mannuzza, Staci	Apple Workshop – Enhancing Teaching and Learning in Language Arts	3/30/17	West Windsor, NJ	None
Mastriano, William	Designing Quality Elementary School Schedules	4/13/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-04
McGovern Drejaj, Kelly	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Meade, Claire	ESSA: Fiscal Requirements for Nonpublic School Services	3/28/17	New Providence, NJ	None
Modrak, Antoinette	2017 Afterschool Fair	3/29/17	Newark, NJ	Other Expenses \$15.00 11-000-221-580-00-000-36
Moreau, Debra	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$250.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Morek, Kimberly	Apple Workshop – Enhancing Teaching and Learning in Language Arts	3/30/17	West Windsor, NJ	None

16. Continued:

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Morek, Kimberly	Leader in Me – Spring Community Coaching Day	3/24/17	Old Bridge, NJ	None
Murphy, Erin	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Ramirez, Rosa	Coding Workshop	6/7/17	Cranford, NJ	None
Ravkin, Tara	Annual Conference on Reading and Writing	10/27/17	New Brunswick, NJ	Registration \$180.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-17
Reis, Melanie	NAfME Eastern Division Conference	4/7/17	Atlantic City, NJ	None
Reneau, Tiffani	Procurement Workshop	4/11/17	Morristown, NJ	Registration \$50.00 11-000-251-580-00-000-02
Rodriguez, L'Shawn	Dyslexia	4/27/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Romanishcheva, Lyubov	2017 NJSHA Convention	04/27/2017 04/28/2017	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Rudnicka, Jolanta	Dyslexia	4/27/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Skramovsky, Mary	2017 NJLA Conference	4/25/17 4/26/17	Atlantic City, NJ	Registration \$160.00 11-00-223-580-00-000-51
Smith, Jennifer	ESSA: Fiscal Requirements for Nonpublic School Services	3/28/17	New Providence, NJ	None
Starr, Shari	Dyslexia	4/27/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$45.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Stefanick, Marie	Dyslexia	4/27/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$35.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33

16. Continued:

Name	Workshop	Dates	Location	Cost
Stefanick, Marie	Legal Topics – School Avoidance	3/10/17	Monroe, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Tamar, Natalia	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Thurston, Kevin	Challenging Racial Disparities: Poverty, Race, and Addiction	6/7/17	Piscataway, NJ	Registration \$69.00 11-000-230-580-00-000-01
Walters, Michael	Apple Workshop – Enhancing Teaching and Learning in Language Arts	3/30/17	West Windsor, NJ	None
Webb, Stephanie	Coding Workshop	6/7/17	Cranford, NJ	None
William-Warner, Lisa	Oppositional, Defiant & Disruptive Children and Adolescents.	5/4/17	Toms River, NJ	Registration \$220.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Wisnowski, Karen	2017 NJSHA Convention	4/27/17 4/28/17	Long Branch, NJ	Registration \$350.00 11-000-223-580-00-000-33
Yackanin, Grethe	Annual NJABA Conference	3/31/17	Somerset, NJ	Registration \$150.00 11-000-219-580-00-000-33
Yackanin, Grethe	Comprehensive ABA Programming for Individuals with Autism	4/6/17	Princeton, NJ	None

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

Workshop	Provider(s)	Date(s)	Location	Cost
Mindfulness	Behavior Therapy Associates	5/12/17	PDRC	\$300.00 11-000-223-500-00-000-44

18. Grant permission for a *Delayed Start of School* at Linden High School, as listed, for all students except those taking the Biology “End-of-Course” Assessment mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education. The start of school for all other students will be 10:30 a.m.

Assessment	Day	Date
Biology “End-of-Course” Assessment	Wednesday	May 31, 2017
Biology “End-of-Course” Assessment	Thursday	June 1, 2017

19. Approve the *2016-2017 End-of-School Year Calendar*, with adjustments for one (1) unused snow day, as listed:

Date	Day	Event
June 15, 2017	Thursday	Final Exams – Linden High School Only. Early dismissal schedule without lunch.
June 16, 2017	Friday	
June 19, 2017	Monday	
June 20, 2017	Tuesday	
June 19, 2017	Monday	All Schools – Early dismissal schedule without lunch.
June 20, 2017	Tuesday	
June 21, 2017	Wednesday	
June 22, 2017	Thursday	
June 22, 2017	Thursday	Middle School Promotions 10:00 a.m.
June 22, 2017	Thursday	Last day of school for all students.
June 23, 2017	Friday	Linden High School Graduation at Tiger Stadium 10:00 a.m. Rain Delay 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. at Linden High School in the Gymnasium.
June 23, 2017	Friday	Last day for 10-month Teachers/Staff.

20. Grant approval for *Weekly Time Allotment* of minutes for each K-5 subject area and school activity as listed, for the 2017-2018 school year:

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5
Reading	450	450	450	450	450	450
Writing	250	250	250	250	250	250
Mathematics	355	355	355	355	355	355
Social Studies	120	120	120	120	165	165
Science	120	120	120	120	120	120
Music	45	45	45	30	30	30
Art	30	30	30	45	45	45
World Language	0	60	60	60	60	60
Library Instruction	0	0	0	30	0	0
Physical Education	60	60	60	60	60	60
Health	60	60	60	60	60	60
Recess	150	150	150	150	150	150
Lunch	150	150	150	150	150	150
Administrative	75	75	75	75	75	75
Flex Time	110	50	50	20	5	5
Minutes per week	1975	1975	1975	1975	1975	1975
Time per day	6hr35min	6hr35min	6hr35min	6hr35min	6hr35min	6hr35min

21. Grant approval for Kean University student, Ajayi Babatunde, to complete a LDTC Internship at Linden High School from March 30, 2017 to June 23, 2017.
22. Grant approval of three (3) credits for a Polish Language course to students, names on file in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent, upon successful completion of the Polish Language Examination endorsed by Columbia University.
23. Grant approval for Linden High School students to participate in the 2017 NJ Student Health Survey conducted by the New Jersey Department of Education.
24. Grant approval to submit a grant application to the Confucius Institute (Hanban), Rutgers University, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for use with the Confucius Classroom Program at Linden High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
25. Accept the Superintendent's report on all acts of *Violence and Vandalism* in the Linden Public Schools during the 2016-2017 school year, Report Period 1, presented in public meeting.
26. Grant permission to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Chapter of NAEYC in the amount of \$900.00 for a family STEAM night to celebrate the *Week of the Young Child*.

27. Approve the following calendar for the 2017-2018 school year (Plan A):

LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 Linden, New Jersey
 SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT
September 1, 2017	Schools Closed
September 4, 2017	Labor Day – Schools Closed
September 5, 2017	Staff In-Service – Schools Closed
September 6, 2017	10-Month Teachers/Staff Report
September 7, 2017	All Students Report
September 21, 2017	Rosh Hashanah – Schools Closed
October 9, 2017	Staff In-Service – Schools Closed
November 6-10, 2017	Fall Recess – Schools Closed
November 22, 2017	Early Dismissal* – Thanksgiving Recess
November 23-24, 2017	Thanksgiving Recess – Schools Closed
November 27, 2017	Schools Re-open
December 22, 2017	Early Dismissal* – Winter Recess
December 25-29, 2017	Winter Recess – Schools Closed
January 1, 2018	
January 2, 2018	Schools Re-open
January 12, 2018	Early Dismissal – Lunch Served / PM Staff In-service
January 15, 2018	Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Birthday – Schools Closed
February 19, 2018	Presidents’ Day – Schools Closed
March 9, 2018	Early Dismissal – Lunch Served / PM Staff In-service
March 29, 2018	Early Dismissal* – Spring Recess
March 30, 2018, April 2-6, 2018	Spring Recess – Schools Closed
April 9, 2018	Schools Re-open
May 11, 2018	Early Dismissal – Lunch Served / PM Staff In-Service
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day – Schools Closed
June 22, 2018	Last Day for Students
June 25, 2018	Last day for 10-Month Teachers/Staff – Summer Recess

*Early dismissal schedule – No lunches served

183 Days of School – 3 Snow/Emergency Days

September	16	January	21	May	22
October	21	February	19	June	16
November	15	March	21		
December	16	April	16	TOTAL	183

**In the event that schools are closed for more than 3 snow/emergency days, make-up days will occur as follows: Day 1-3: April 6, 5, 4, 2018.

**In the event that inclement weather days are not used, schools will be closed in the following order: May 25, June 22, 21.

28. Proclaim the week of April 24-28, 2017 as “*Week of the Young Child*” as outlined in the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Schools and other local organizations throughout the nation, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child and;

WHEREAS: the National Association of the Education of Young Children has designated the theme of this week as “Celebrating Our Youngest Learners”, and

WHEREAS: today we know more than ever before about the importance of children’s earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing, and

WHEREAS: the Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children’s opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment that will promote their early learning, and

WHEREAS: these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children and

WHEREAS: teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS: public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children’s futures:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Linden Board of Education hereby proclaims April 24-28, 2017 as the “*Week of the Young Child*” throughout the Linden Public Schools and does authorize and encourage all schools to observe the Week of the Young Child, and encourages all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Linden, New Jersey.

29. Approve the Superintendent's determination and actions taken for all reported incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying discussed at the February 22, 2017 regular meeting as listed:

Case	HIB	Action
LHS 65, A-9	No	Disciplined
LHS-64	Yes	Services provided
Sch 8-29	Undetermined	Disciplined, Conference
Sch 8-28	No	Training
Sch 8-27	No	Training
MMS-356	No	Services Provided, Disciplined
MMS-355	No	Services Provided, Disciplined
MMS-354	No	Services Provided
MMS-353	Undetermined	Services Provided
MMS-352	Undetermined	Services Provided
Sch 1-42	Undetermined	Services Provided
Sch 2-79 Revised	Yes	Services Provided, Disciplined

MOTIONS: 1 – 29

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski		X	X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab			X		#16 (S. Manuzza)
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano	X		X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			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. The following retirements are accepted with regret:

Name	Assignment	Location	Yrs./Service	Effective Date
Alonso, Jacquelyn	Teacher of Elementary Grade Two	School 8	25	7/01/17
Nahmias, Sandra	Teacher of Bilingual	School 2	5	7/01/17

WHEREAS, the above employees are retiring from active service in the public schools of Linden after the number of years listed; and

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

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

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

2. Accept the resignations of the following staff:

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Gutierrez, Olinda	Paraprofessional	School 2	3/10/17

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

Date	Item #	Action
2/22/17	6	Amend the Step and Salary for Benshoff, Cheryl to read Step 4 Salary \$17,747.
2/22/17	6	Amend the Step and Salary for Wlodarczyk, Beata to read Step 4 Salary \$17,747.
1/5/17	8	Amend the Step for LaMastra, Kevin to read Step 5 effective 4/1/17.

3. Continued:

Date	Item #	Action
2/22/17	17	Amend the contractual rate of \$30/hr. to read \$27/hr. for PARCC Scoring.
1/5/17	10	Add Silva, Carla and Scheidemann, Eric to work LHS Media Center extended hours.
1/24/17	11	Add Gallo, Samantha to Title I Lunchtime and After School Tutoring Program Language Arts and Math at School One.
2/22/17	13	Change the date of the Title I Parent Involvement Make and Take Workshop at School One from 4/13/17 to read 4/12/17.
7/26/16	15	Add Calatayud, Melanie to work after school detention at LHS for the 2016-2017 school year.
2/22/17	6	Amend the first name for Alexander, Queen to read Alexander, Aretha.
1/24/17	6	Amend Dixon, Sandra to read 1/25/17 to 2/21/17- Personal/Unpaid.
11/22/16	6	Amend Golebiewski, Laura to read 1/3/17-3/24/17—Medical/sick and 3/27/17 – 5/31/17 FMLA/FLA.
11/22/16	6	Amend Sousa-Redgate, Jennifer to read 2/15/17-3/30/17—Medical/sick and 3/31/17-6/30/17 – FMLA/FLA/Unpaid.
2/22/17	14	Add to include the following staff: Campbell, Maura; DePaul, Gail; Singh, Maria; Spricipo, Anne Marie; Will, Teresa; Wyler, Leah.

4. Transfer the following staff effective 7/1/17

Name	Position	Location	Position	Location
Apalinski, Cynthia	Teacher Coach 10 month	Science Resource Center	Teacher Coach 12 month	Science Resource Center
Irizarry-Clark, Reina	Teacher Coach 10 month	PDRC	Teacher Coach 12 month	PDRC

5. Leave of absence:

Name	Assignment	Location	From	Through	Reason
Bonilla, Eugenia ²	Language Arts	Soehl	3/7/17	3/8/17	FLA
Doney, MaryAnn ²	P/T Aide	School 2	2/16/17	5/19/17	FMLA
Goncalves, Evaristo ¹	Custodian	School 8	3/7/17	3/20/17	Medical
Gogna, Seema ²	Paraprofessional	School 2	6/12/17	6/20/17	Personal
Halvorsen, Diane ¹	Reading Teacher	School 6	2/21/17	3/3/17	Medical
Krause, Phyllis ²	Paraprofessional	McManus	3/10/17	3/13/17	Personal
Martins, Lisa ²	P/T Aide	School 2	4/3/17	4/7/17	Personal
Mekovetz, Stephanie ²	P/T Aide	School 4	4/10/17	4/14/17	Personal
Murphy, Erin ¹	Speech Teacher	Special Services	3/21/17	4/7/17	Medical
Murphy, Erin ²	Speech Teacher	Special Services	4/10/17	4/21/17	FMLA
Pivano, Jennifer ²	Language Arts	McManus	2/27/17	3/17/17	Medical
Smith, Diane ¹	Nurse	LHS	4/4/17	6/30/17	Medical
Tomko, Magdalena ²	Teacher Coach	Travel	3/7/17	3/13/17	Personal
Wozniak, Faith ²	Paraprofessional	LHS	5/25/17	5/30/17	Personal

1. Sick

2. Unpaid

6. Retroactively approve the following staff for office assistance during evening Parent-Teacher Conferences on 3/15/17 at their contractual rate.

Name	Location	Account #
Gooney, Karen	School 1	11-000-240-105-00-001-00
Freire, Fernanda	School 2	11-000-240-105-00-001-00
Vieira, Melissa	School 2	11-190-100-106-00-002-00
Maccioli, Topaze	School 4	11-190-100-106-00-002-00
Morek, Patricia	School 4	11-000-240-105-00-001-00
Figueiredo, Brenda	School 5	11-000-240-105-00-001-00
Scaff, Damaris	School 6	11-190-100-106-00-002-00
Baez, Cristal	School 8	11-190-100-106-00-002-00
Renna, Rona	School 8	11-000-240-105-00-001-00
Pirozzoli, Mary Ann	School 9	11-000-240-105-00-001-00
Murray, Irma Teresa	School 9	11-190-100-106-00-002-00
Cabrera, Iliana	School 10	11-190-100-106-00-002-00

7. Appoint the following staff for curriculum writing at the contractual rate of \$27/hr.

Name	Curriculum	Hours	Account
Bender, Jonathan	Chinese I	20	11-130-100-101-00-001-54
	Chinese II & III	20	11-140-100-101-00-000-54
Ceballo, Elba	Spanish: Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Studies	20	11-140-100-101-00-000-54
Foy, Assumpta	French: Introduction to African-Caribbean Cultural Studies	20	11-140-100-101-00-000-54
Hu, Lin Lin	Elementary Chinese	40	11-120-100-101-00-000-54

8. Appoint the following staff for curriculum writing at the contractual rate \$27/hr.

Name	Curriculum	Hours	Grade Level	Account
Dello Russo, Marissa	Health/Physical Education	16	K-12	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Dey, Tara	Health/Physical Education	16	K-12	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Firestone, Michael	Health/Physical Education	16	K-12	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Kreisberg, Francine	Health/Physical Education	16	K-12	11-120-100-101-00-000-04
McDonald, Daniel	Health/Physical Education	16	K-12	11-140-100-101-00-000-04

9. Appoint the following staff for the Title III ESL After School and Lunchtime Tutorial Program at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. Cost not to exceed \$3,120.00. Acct. #20-244-100-100-00-000-54.

Name	Location	Hours
Halat, Agnieszka	School 2	8
Colon, Darlene	School 4	8
Pelesz, Anna	School 6	8
Perz Winters, Ludmila	School 6	8
Posy-Stewart, Sabine	School 9	8
Sumrein, Faten	McManus	16
Duckett, Edith	Soehl	16
Cortinas, Carmen-Amanda	LHS	16

10. Appoint the following staff or PARCC Appeal Scoring program during the 2016-2017 school year at the contractual rate of \$27/hr. Cost not to exceed the hours listed below.

Name	Hours	Account #
Calatayud, Melanie	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-51
Edvalson, Sarah	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-51
English, Cheryl	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Gergely, Patricia	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Kirby, Starlette	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-50
Kondratowicz, Dariusz	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-50
Ladoo, Loni	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Maresco, Alexander (Substitute)	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Oder, Gretchen	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Paserchia, Nicole	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-50
Stratis, Sophia	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-50
Walker, Kate Lynn	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-04
Zolutcka-Skiba, Anna	10	11-140-100-101-00-000-51

11. Approve summer hours for the following staff members to refurbish Science kits for the 2017-2018 school year at the contractual rate. Cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Acct. #11-190-100-106-00-000-60.

Name	Position	Hours
Mitra-Magnan, Imelda	Full Time Paraprofessional	66
Rhein, Sonia	Full Time Paraprofessional	66

12. Appoint the following staff to facilitate STEAM Night for Pre-K and Kindergarten Families on 4/26/17 at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. Cost not to exceed \$270.00. Acct. #20-218-200-176-03-001-34.

Name	Location	Hours
Panich, Michele	School 10	3
Tomko, Magdalena	School 10	3
Zucker, Lisa	School 10	3

13. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$35/hr. Acct. #20-454-200-100-00-001-35.

Name	Position
Marchesi, Renata	Site Coordinator

14. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$35/hr. Acct. #20-454-200-100-00-001-35.

Name	Position
Luminiello, Rose	Substitute Site Coordinator
Lysick, Frank	Substitute Site Coordinator
Wean, Vickie	Substitute Site Coordinator

15. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$30/hr. Account #20-454-100-100-00-000-35

Name	Position	Name	Position
Bongiovi, Laura	Teacher	Marretta, Joseph	Teacher
Chase, Karen	Teacher	Matusz, Dawn	Teacher
Garcia, Destiny	Teacher	McPhaul, Bertha	Teacher
Ferreira, Aneta	Teacher	Penaranda, Sobeida	Teacher
Ladoo, Loni	Teacher	Protomastro, Joseph	Teacher
Leight, Kimberly	Teacher	Rogowski, Zofia	Teacher
Lysick, Frank	Teacher		

16. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$30/hr. Acct. #20-454-100-100-00-000-35.

Name	Position	Name	Position
Alleyne, Tricia	Substitute Teacher	Luminiello, Rose	Substitute Teacher
Bongiovi, Laura	Substitute Teacher	Lysick, Frank	Substitute Teacher

16. Continued:

Name	Position	Name	Position
Chase, Karen	Substitute Teacher	MacDonald, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Corsale, Chris	Substitute Teacher	Penaranda, Eliana	Substitute Teacher
Fernandes, Rosanna	Substitute Teacher	Rubino, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Fernandez, Alvaro	Substitute Teacher	Santiago, Sara	Substitute Teacher
Grayson, Ann	Substitute Teacher	Schwartz, Beth	Substitute Teacher
Hasenhauer, Frank	Substitute Teacher	Scocozza, Gertrude	Substitute Teacher
Hooper, Arsola	Substitute Teacher	Skramousky, Mary	Substitute Teacher
James, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher	Walker, Cindy	Substitute Teacher
Kang, Melissa	Substitute Teacher	Wean, Vicki	Substitute Teacher
Kennedy, Diane	Substitute Teacher		

17. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$30/hr. Acct. #20-454-200-100-00-001-35.

Name	Position
Pellettiere, Laura	Counselor

18. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$30/hr. Acct. #20-454-100-100-00-000-35.

Name	Position	Name	Position
Barbosa, Maria	Paraprofessional	Martins, Lisa	Paraprofessional
Basso, Karen	Paraprofessional	Medina, Marysol	Paraprofessional
Bourke, Maria	Paraprofessional	Okun, Debbie	Paraprofessional
Colon, Iris	Paraprofessional	Parker, Terry	Paraprofessional
DeChiario, Laurie Ann	Paraprofessional	Rosano, Marc	Paraprofessional
Gatoulis, Irene	Paraprofessional	Schmitz, Melissa	Paraprofessional
Linton, Linda	Paraprofessional	Scocozza, Marion	Paraprofessional

19. Appoint the following staff for the 21st CCLC/Soehl Middle School effective 9/15/17-8/31/18 at the 21st CCLC rate of \$30/hr. Acct. #20-454-100-100-00-000-35.

Name	Position
Dixon, Sandra	Substitute Paraprofessional
Wills, Teresa	Substitute Paraprofessional
Wilson, Wanda	Substitute Paraprofessional

20. Appoint the following staff to work as presenters for the following Title I Parent Involvement Workshops Preventing the Summer Slide at School 8 Library on 5/18/17 at the contractual rate not to exceed \$480.00. Acct. #20-231-200-101-15-PIN-55 Title I. Other expenses not to exceed \$530.00. Acct. #20-231-200-600-15-PIN-55 Title I:

Name	Position	Name	Position
Astalos, Heather	Teacher	Paternostro, Angela	Teacher
Buscaino, Veronica	Teacher	Stec, Justyna	Teacher
Halkias, Sophia	Teacher	Stevens, Michael	Teacher
Mannuzza, Staci	Teacher	Wells, Daria	Teacher

21. Appoint the following staff to work as presenters for the Title I Parent Involvement Workshop Parent Resource Center Night Office Hours at School 2 on 4/6/17 and Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. April through June when school is in session at the contractual rate not to exceed \$556.33. Acct. #20-231-200-600-09-PIN-55 Title I:

Name	Position
Briggs-Dort, Rasheeda	Teacher
Cushing, Robert	Teacher
Martin-Cooper, Tanya	Teacher

22. Approve additional summer work from June 27, 2017 to August 31, 2017 for the following Counselors at the per diem rate. Dates are to be mutually decided by Counselor and Principal or Director. Acct. #11-000-218-104-00-001-00.

Name	Location	Number of Days
Augustyniak, Helena	High School	10
Crawley, Rachelle	High School	10
Kosty, Samantha	High School	10
Vasquez, Genesis	High School	10
Pellettiere, Laura	SMS	20
Ciprian, Ricardo	MMS	10
Golebiewski, Laura	MMS	10

23. Approve additional summer work from June 27, 2017 to August 31, 2017 for the following Attendance officers. Dates are to be mutually decided by Attendance Officer and Director or Principal. Acct. #11-000-211-100-00-001-00.

Name	Payment	Number of Days
Horre, John	Full time per diem rate	10
McCullough, James	Full time per diem rate	10
Marcino, Matthew	Part time hourly rate	10

24. Approve additional summer work from June 27, 2017 to August 31, 2017 for the following Nurse. Dates are to be mutually decided by the Nurse and Director. Acct. #11-000-213-100-00-001-00.

Name	Payment	Hours
Vazquez, Lucinda	Full time per diem rate	20

25. Appoint the following staff for the 2017 LHS Drama Production “A Night of Theatre”.
Acct. #11-401-100-100-00-000-57.

Position	Name	Stipend
Director	Fetter, Nicole	\$2500.00
Technical Director	Cosby, Duane	\$750.00
Set Construction	Liptak, Albert	\$400.00
Stage Manager	Serpone, Courtney	\$400.00
Set Design	Vincent, Catherine	\$400.00

26. Motion to terminate employee #9-16/17 for cause retroactive to 3/17/17.
27. Appoint the following Home Instructors at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. for the 2016-2017 school year. Acct. #11-150-100-101-00-000-04.

Name
Burt-Moque, Linda Ann
Campbell, Maura
Parnes, Margaret

28. Appoint the following staff as a substitute for the Aftercare Program for all Aftercare sites at the rate of \$25/hr. Paid from the Enterprise Fund as listed. Acct. #60-930-320-100-00-000-02.

Name
Madej, Bogumila

29. Appoint the following as a Medical Bus Aides for the 2016-2017 school year at the contractual rate of \$15/hr. Acct. #11-190-100-106-00-002-00.

Name	Location
Linton, Linda	School 1
Lovrensky, Lacey	LHS
Rocco, Samantha	School 1
Royster, Jocelyn	LHS

30. Appoint the following as Assistant Coaches on a voluntary basis for the Spring 2017 season.

Name	Sport
Allen, Travis	Boys/Girls Track
Rivera, Justine	MS, JV/Varsity Softball
Spano, Anthony	Middle School Baseball
Spoganetz, Peter	Middle School Baseball

31. Approve the following technology volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year.

Name
Blakely, Raymond

32. Appoint the following substitute custodians for the 2016-2017 school year at the rate of \$75.00 per day.

Name
Martins, Nicholas
Rodriguez, Michael

33. Appoint the following substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 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 11th 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.

Names
Berzanskis, Michael
Candia, Keon
DeRasmo, Danielle
Gajko, Adam
German, Joanna
Jones, Ade
Kalia, Rempee
Lobban, Marquis
Martins, Nicholas
Walton-Henry, Belinda

34. Appoint the following Home Instructors at the contractual rate of \$30.00 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year. (Account #11-150-100-101-00-000-04):

Name
Hunter-Carey, Christina
Murphy, Erin
Pszenica, Frances

35. The following retirement is accepted with regret:

Name	Assignment	Location	Yrs./Service	Effective Date
Hamilton, JoAnn	Director Student Personnel Services Guidance	PDRC	45	7/01/17

WHEREAS, the above employee is retiring from active service in the public schools of Linden after the number of years listed; and

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

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

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

MOTIONS: 1 – 35

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski	X		X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab			X		#20 (S. Manuzza)
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mrs. Birch		X	X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			X		

Motions: 1 – 35 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 February 28, 2017 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:23A-13.3.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, 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:23A-13.3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants due for the salaries and supplemental payroll for the month of March, 2017.
4. 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).
5. Approve the attached lists of transfers and adjustments for the month of February, 2017.
6. Approve the Student Activities Reports (Linden High School) for the months of January and February 2017. (Copies in hands of Board Members and on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
7. Amend Board action on past agendas as follows:

Date	Item	Action
1/5/2017 (Organization Meeting)	11	Amend approval of travel expenditures to include ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education).
1/5/2017 (Organization Meeting)	11	Amend travel resolution to include Lolita Slater.
9/27/2016	60b)	Amend payment to Alarm & Communication Technologies to include an additional \$1,750.00 for work at School No. 8 which was omitted.

8. Accept funds in the amount of \$494.00 from proceeds of School #4’s K-Kids Valentine Boutique.

9. Accept funds from the State of New Jersey Probation Administration representing student restitution as follows:

Check #	Amount
201697868	\$50.00
201697969	\$40.00

10. Approve payment in the amount of \$23,868.00 to the Kenilworth Board of Education for reimbursement for Choice Student Transportation services for the 2016-2017 school year.
11. Approve payment in the amount of \$198.00 to M. Virginia Guinta, Certified Court Reporter, Rocky Hill, NJ, for the transcription of proceedings taken February 14, 2017 at the Linden Planning Board meeting with regard to the Soehl parking lot project.
12. Approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$4,700.00 to Punjab Restoration Co., Washington, NJ, for replacement of the steel window lintel for the Masonry Restoration and Related Work at the Linden Academy of Science and Technology.
13. Approve a contract in the amount of \$166,637.41 with Nickerson Corp., Union Beach, NJ, for Soehl Middle School Boys and Girls PE Lockers with pricing based off The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System – Bid #MRESC 15/16-66.
14. Approve a contract with Xerox Corporation, State Contract #A51145, for a 60-month lease of equipment as follows:

Location	System	Monthly Cost
School #5 – Main Office/Teacher’s Room	7845PT	\$ 228.14

15. Approve a contract for the 2017-2018 school year between the Union County Educational Services Commission and the Linden Board of Education to transport special education, and non-public students for out-of-district placements.
16. Approve the enrollment of the following students for the 2017-2018 school year, eligible on a tuition basis, under District Policy #5118, pending enrollment figures:

Student	Placement
O.S.	Pre-K
M.D.	Pre-K
A.M.	Pre-K

17. Approve the Student Price List from Pomptonian, Fairfield, NJ for the 2017/2018 school year as follows:

High School Paid Lunch	\$ 2.35
Middle School Paid Lunch	\$ 2.30
Elementary Lunch	\$ 2.10
Reduced Lunch (all schools)	\$.40
Milk – pint (all schools)	\$.60
Elementary Breakfast	\$ 1.10
Middle School Breakfast	\$ 1.40
High School Breakfast	\$ 1.60
Reduced Breakfast (all schools)	\$.30

18. Authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit an application for the 2017 New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) Safety Grant Program in the amount of \$30,596.33 for the purpose of School Security Upgrades/Additions.
19. Approve the following resolution for the 2016-2017 school year:
BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5, the Linden Board of Education does not require Green Brook Academy to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2016-2017 school year.
20. Approve the following resolution for the 2017-2018 school year:
Coastal Learning Center – Monmouth, Inc. does not have to charge the families for the meals provided.
Coastal Learning Center – Monmouth, Inc. does not have to apply for reimbursement from the Child Nutrition Program.
21. Approve the following resolution for the 2017-2018 school year:
BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5, the Linden Board of Education does not require Pineland Learning Center, Inc. to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2017-2018 school year.

22. Bids and Quotations as listed:

- a) Diplomas – 2016-2017
 Quotation Opening Date: 3/9/2017

Company	Amount
Jostens, Inc., Minneapolis, MN	\$ 5,942.65
Notifications Mailed/Requested – 2; Responses – 1	

- b) District Medical Supplies – 2017-2018
 Quotation Opening Date: 3/16/2017

Company	Amount
MacGill Discount Supply, Lombard, IL	\$ 1,688.54
Medco Supply Company, Tonawanda, NY	\$ 1,058.54
Moore Medical LLC, Farmington, CT	\$ 739.83
Para Scientific Company, PA	\$ 542.16
School Nurse Supply, Inc., IL	\$ 1,463.78
Notifications Mailed/Requested – 10; Responses – 5	

- c) Athletic Supplies & Equipment – Fall Sports – 2017-2018
 Bid Opening Date: 3/1/2017

Company	Amount
BSN Sports/US Games, Jenkintown, PA	\$ 21,140.80
DC Sports, Inc., Mechanicville, NY	\$ 5,976.00
Leisure Sporting Goods Co., Iselin, NJ	\$ 9,394.71
Pyramid School Products, Tampa, FL	\$ 657.85
Riddell Athletic Products, Elyria, OH	\$ 1,859.43
Triple Crown Sports, Old Bridge, NJ	\$ 27.60
Permission is requested to obtain quotes for NO BID supplies in the approximate amount of \$15,500.00.	
Notifications Mailed/Requested – 36; Responses – 7	

23. 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 #/ BOE Tag#
High School	1	Phillips TV/Model #32ST230P/35	Serial #YA1A0433003153/BOE #004133
	1	JVC TV/Model #AV-32D305	Serial #13932054 BOE#004132
	1	Promethean Overhead Projector/Model #PRM-30A	Serial #62631386
Information Technology	1	Epson Photo Printer	RX60
	1	HP Photo Printer	3366
	1	LG Monitor Flatron	LHS29TC
	1	LG Monitor Flatron	LHSRMLIBTC21
	1	LG Monitor Flatron	LHSRMLIBTC16
	1	LG Monitor Flatron	LHSTC06
	1	LG Monitor Flatron	LHSTC05
	1	Dell Monitor	58MNTR1
	1	Dell Keyboard L100	CNORH659735717ACO4AO
	1	Dell Keyboard L100	CNOHF2Y716161840JDGAOO
	1	Dell Keyboard L100	CNO1HF2Y716161860BNVAOO
1	Dell Keyboard L100	CNO1HF2Y716161860BNTAOO	
Special Services	1	HP Deskjet 5740	SN TH557132HC

FACILITIES:

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

Date	Item	Action
2/22/2017	3	Amend to read, PTA Flea Market, May 6, 2017 (Rain date May 20, 2017), 9:00 a.m.-4:30p.m., School No.1 Front Lawn
2/22/2017	5	Amend to read, I Scream for Summer Reading Learning – Math & Reading Kick off from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017
1/24/2017	6	Change the date for the Soehl Middle School Student/Faculty vs. LPD Basketball Game sponsored by Peer Club date from 4/7/17 to 5/5/17

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

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Spring Dance</u> Gymnasium	Friday 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	April 28, 2017
<u>PTA Meeting</u> Auditorium	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	May 3, 2017

3. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by W. Happel, Vice Principal, School No. 1:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>PTA Book Sale</u> Gymnasium	Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 4,5,6
<u>PTA Spring Picture Re-Takes</u> Gymnasium	Monday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	April 10, 2017
<u>PTA Pre-K & Kindergarten</u> <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> Front Lawn	Wednesday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	April 12, 2017

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

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Talent Show</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Thursday 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	June 8, 2017

5. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by S. Coglianesse, Principal, School No. 10: PTA:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Yoga for Children</u> Gymnasium	Thursday 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 27 May 4,11,18 June 1,8

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

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> Tiger Stadium (Cooper Field)	Saturday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	April 8, 2017*

*Rain date 4/15/2017

7. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by C. Barreto, President, School No. 2 PTA:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>School-Wide Yard Sale</u> School Grounds	Thursday& Friday 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 27,28

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

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Spring Dance</u> Gymnasium	Friday 5:30 p.m.- 9:45 p.m.	April 7, 2017

9. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Sgt. V. Wegrzynek, Training Unit, Linden Police Department:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Training Exercises</u> Linden High School Classrooms, Hallways	Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 18,19,20

10. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by P. Saldanha, Linden Youth Soccer Association and approved by S. Viana, Athletic Director:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Soccer Practices</u> Tiger Stadium	Monday & Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 3,5,10,12,19,24,26 May 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24 June 5,7,12,14

11. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by L. Jackson, Program Director & Founder, Team Triple Threat Foundation:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Basketball</u> School No. 5 Gymnasium	Tuesday & Friday 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 4,7,11,25,28 May 2,5,9,12,16,19,23,30 June 2,6,9,13,16

12. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by W. Adams, Munsee District Executive, Boy Scouts of America:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Recruitment Meeting</u> High School Media Center	Tuesday 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	April 25, 2017

13. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by E. Kushner, Sports Supervisor, Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>2017 Annual Recreation</u> <u>Spring/Summer Wrestling</u> <u>Program</u> Field House Wrestling Room	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> April 4,5,7,11,12,25,26,28, May 2,3,5,9,10,12,16,17,19, 23,24,30,31

14. Use of facilities at a service charge a requested by A. Walberg, Manager, Community Relations and Special Events, Radegen Sports Management (for Team 96):

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Muhammad Wilkerson's 4th Annual Youth Football Camp</u> Tiger Stadium	Saturday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	June 10, 2017

15. Use of facilities at a rental fee and service charge as requested by G. Campione-Robel, Owner, Planet Dance:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Dance Rehearsal</u> High School Auditorium	Friday 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	June 16, 2017
<u>Dance Recital</u> High School Auditorium, Vocal Music Room, Classrooms	Saturday 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	June 17, 2017

16. Use of facilities at a service charge a requested by C. Obrycki, Trustee, Union County Warriors AYP:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Pep Rally</u> Tiger Stadium	Saturday 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	July 22, 2017
<u>Home Football Games</u> Tiger Stadium, Ticket Booth, Scoreboard & Lavatories	Sunday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> September 10, 24 October 8

17. Use of facilities at a service charge (games only) as requested by T. Hinton, President, Linden Tigers Inc. Pop Warner:

Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
<u>Cheerleading Practices</u> School No. 4 Gymnasium School No. 5 Gymnasium	Monday & Tuesday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday - Friday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	September 12, 2017 to December 19, 2017 September 7, 2017 to December 21, 2017
<u>Home Football Games</u> Tiger Stadium, Ticket Booth, Scoreboard & Lavatories	Sunday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	<u>2017</u> September 17 October 1,15,22

FINANCE:

MOTIONS: 1 – 23

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski			X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab			X		
Mr. Alvarez	X		X		
Mrs. Beviano		X	X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			X		

Motions: 1 – 23 Carried.

FACILITIES:

MOTIONS: 1 – 17

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski		X	X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab			X		
Mr. Alvarez	X		X		
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			X		

Motions: 1 – 17 Carried.

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

1. First Reading:

Policy Number	Title
6171.4	Special Education

2. Second Reading

Policy Number	Title
5119	Transfers
5131	Conduct/Discipline
5135.5	Vandalism/Violence
5134	Married/Pregnant Pupils
5141	Health
5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations
5141.4	Missing, Abused and Neglected Children
6010	Goals and Objectives
6114	Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
6140	Curriculum Adoption
6141	Curriculum Design/Development
6142	Subject Fields
6142.4	Physical Education and Health
6142.10	Internet Safety and Technology

MOTIONS: 1 – 2

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Topoleski		X	X		
Mrs. Villani			X		
Mr. Wohlrab	X		X		
Mr. Alvarez			X		
Mrs. Beviano			X		
Mrs. Birch			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Slater			Absent		
Mr. Kolibas			X		

Motions: 1 – 2 Carried.

NJSBA Delegate:

Mr. Topoleski: Briefly summarized pending legislation and amendments for the Delegate Assembly.

County Delegate:

Mr. Topoleski: The meeting honoring “Unsung Heroes” was postponed due to snow. It was rescheduled and held on March 23rd. The “Unsung Hero” from Linden was senior Matthew Paczkowski. The next meeting will be May 17, 2017 at which time awards for achievement will be presented, including one to Mrs. Villani.

UCESC Delegate:

Mrs. Villani: Gave a brief summary of the last meeting which included a presentation by one of the speech therapists at Crossroads School. This meeting was also the UCESC’s budget meeting.

EST for Parents:

Mrs. Birch: A meeting was held on March 1st at the Administration Building. She summarized the several items that were of concern, including issues with broken windows at School #6; positive feedback from teachers; revamping the electric in all schools; an additional security meeting; and “water filling stations” at the water fountains.

EST for High School Students:

Mrs. Birch: She summarized the students concerns which included recognition of sports and extra-curricular activities other than basketball; Spring pep rally and other issues including the fact that the Library door does not lock in case of a lockdown and broken bleachers. They also shared positive feedback

EST for Middle School Students:

Mr. Wohlrab: He and Mr. Topoleski met with 15 students from each school. First they met with Soehl students. They had concerns about bathroom cleanliness; not enough time to eat their lunch; being reprimanded in the lunch room for talking too loud or getting up from their seat, and long wait periods for the fixing of their computers. They would like to be able to cross communicate with other students in “Canvas” so they get their assignments right. They would also like to come together as a school for a community service type project.

Mr. Topoleski mentioned that they were concerned with curriculum and selection of electives. They would like to use their computers more and make courses more interesting. They were well prepared and communicated with their classmates.

EST for Special Education:

Mr. Martucci: A meeting was held at School #1 with the Special Services Department under the direction of Dr. Stefanick which was opened to Linden parents as well as parents of surrounding communities. The meeting focused on parents dealing with social security disability, a child with a disability graduating high school, and also some parents who may be on the verge of homelessness. They were put in contact with the State and County officials, the grants and monies that are available to them which they had no idea, and they were given the necessary contact information. Congratulations to the Special Services Department on a job well done.

Unfinished Business:

None.

Board Member Comments/New Business:

Mrs. Birch reiterated again for parents to think about their choices before signing on to the charter school.

She also mentioned that she was in the high school for the EST meeting when there was a drill lockdown. She did not know that it was a drill and felt completely safe. Please know that your children are safe in our buildings.

Mr. Topoleski wanted to explain the process of naming the high school auditorium after Mrs. Hudak. Dr. Robertozzi was approached by at least two school groups and several board members asking if something could be done to honor her. A policy was put in place a few years back and that policy was met by forming a committee.

He then took a moment to congratulate Mrs. Hamilton on her retirement.

Mr. Wohlrab thanked Linden High School Principal, Mrs. Horre, for helping in a situation which helped to put a parent at ease.

Comments from the Public:

Elizabeth Welsh
903 Kent Place

She said she glad to see Ms. Slater's nameplate back. She also congratulated Mr. Topoleski and Mrs. Villani for their achievements. She is also happy to hear about the auditorium being named for Mrs. Hudak.

She came to ask for help to make sure the field at School #9 is ready for the girls' varsity softball game on April 5th. She also asked about the volunteer coaches, item #30 under Management Operations. Dr. Robertozzi answered.

Finally, she thanked Mr. Fingerlin for accommodating the children at McManus who refuse to participate in taking the PARCC test.

Dawn Macias
212 Yale Terrace

Ms. Macias questioned the Board as to how many first graders have been retained since Tools of the Mind started and do the first grade teachers feel that the children entering their classroom in September are prepared. Also are there more children being referred to the Child Study Team as a result of Tools on the first grade level, and what percentage of children are, as a result of testing, coming in on grade level? Mr. Kolibas thanked Ms. Macias for her concern and assured her that the issue would be looked into. Dr. Robertozzi assured her that the curriculum is currently being looked into and that kindergarten curriculum will most certainly be modified next year.

Nicole Solano
1509 DeWitt Terrace

Ms. Solano came to stand against Tools of the Mind for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Her second grade student has struggled with reading, writing and writing neatly. In speaking with parents of other second grade students, she finds that all are struggling in some way.

Carla Gonzalez
1404 Kent Place

Her daughter attended a pre-k and kindergarten with non-Tools of the Mind curriculum and is way ahead of where her brother is in the kindergarten at School #9.

Natalie Gomez
917 Summit Street

She reiterated the concerns of the previous parents. He daughter attended Pre-K in Elizabeth and was quite ready for kindergarten.

Tanya Grissett
422 So. Wood Avenue

Ms. Grissett expressed her concerns about the proposed charter school. She votes in St. Theresa's School and she is concerned that it is not up to code. She is sure there is a mold issue and urges any parent who is considering sending their child there to please reconsider.

She also thanked the Board for the EST meetings. She knows that issues that have been brought to light have been resolved and she thanked the Board for all that they do.

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There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Topoleski made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Wohlrab. Voice vote was unanimous.

Kathleen A. Gaylord
Business Administrator/Board Secretary