

**A G E N D A**

**for**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 21, 2024**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Linden, New Jersey**

Atiya Y. Perkins  
Superintendent of Schools

Annabell Louis  
Assistant Superintendent for Support

Paul J. Oliveira  
Assistant Superintendent for  
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Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**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, 2024, notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, TAPinto Linden, 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:**

<b>Board Members</b>		<b>Others</b>	
Mr. De La Cruz		Mrs. Perkins	
Ms. Pino		Mrs. Louis	
Ms. Rosado Quezada		Mr. Oliveira	
Ms. Thomas		Mr. Serapiglia	
Ms. Ullisse		Attorney	
Ms. Armstead			
Ms. Carrillo			
Ms. Cintron			
Dr. Berghammer			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve minutes of the Work Session held on February 27, 2024 and the Regular Meeting held on February 29, 2024. (Copies in the hands of Board Members).

Motion:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. De La Cruz					
Ms. Pino					
Ms. Rosado Quezada					
Ms. Thomas					
Ms. Ullisse					
Ms. Armstead					
Ms. Carrillo					
Ms. Cintron					
Dr. Berghammer					

Motion:

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (agenda items only):

Members of the public desiring to make a public comment may come forward at this time. For those watching online, if you wish to make a comment or ask a question, please utilize the raise your hand feature on the online meeting platform.

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 agenda items for three minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. See information to the Board.

The Attorney presents the following recommendation to the Linden Board of Education for approval.

1. Approve the proposal from Murphy Orlando, LLC., retroactively to March 15, 2024.  
(copies in the hands of board members)
2. **Reject all bids submitted for Linden Public School District - School No. 9 and No. 10 Partial HVAC Improvements pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-22d, as the Board wants to substantially revise the specifications for goods or services.**

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

1. Approve the enrollment as required by state law, of the following students with disabilities in a specialized program for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as shown below:

Classification	Recommended Placement	Effective Date	Tuition
Other Health Impairment	Somerset Academy 7 Finderne Avenue Bridgewater, NJ 08807	2/22/24-6/24/24	\$32,477.77 annual \$411.00 Per diem
Specific Learning Disability	Westfield High School 550 Dorian Road Westfield, NJ 07090	9/7/23-6/20/24	\$19,287.00 annual \$1,928.70 per diem
Other Health Impairment	FedCap School 8 Saint Cloud Place West Orange, NJ 07052	12/8/23-6/27/24	\$84,060.00 annual \$467.00 per diem
Pre-School Disabled	Windsor Bergen Academy 56 Passaic Street Ridgewood, NJ 07451	3/18/24-6/20/24	\$22,259.16 annual \$353.32 per diem
Emotional Regulation Impairment	Essex Valley School One Henderson Drive West Cadwell, NJ 07006	3/11/24-6/21/24	\$40,040.00 annual \$455.00 per diem
Emotional Regulation Impairment	Honor Ridge Academy 342 Madison Hill Rd. Clark, NJ 07066	3/11/24 - 6/19/24	\$36,288.00 annual \$504.00 per diem

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

Relative Service	Fees not to Exceed
Educational Specialized Associates, LLC Dr. Belardinelli 27 West Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003	\$800.00
Accurate Language Services 501 Grand Avenue #L3 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	\$120.00

2. Continued:

Relative Service	Fees not to Exceed
Accurate Language Services 501 Grand Avenue #L3 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	\$120.00
Accurate Language Services 501 Grand Avenue #L3 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	\$18.75
Accurate Language Services 501 Grand Avenue #L3 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	\$37.50
Accurate Language Services 501 Grand Avenue #L3 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	\$56.25
Bilingual Translation J. Pena 2009 Summit Avenue Union, NJ 07087	\$100.00
Bilingual Speech Evaluation Anthony Muscato 9 High Mountain Trail Lincoln Park, NJ 07035	4 @ \$400.00
Bilingual Speech Evaluation Ana Ferreira 90 Congress Street 1 <sup>st</sup> floor Newark, NJ 071053	\$550.00
Bilingual Educational Evaluation Teresa Hernandez 10-50 <sup>th</sup> Street Weehawken, NJ 07086	9 @ \$450.00
Bilingual Educational Evaluation Elena Stoicovici 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,200.00

2. Continued:

Relative Service	Fees not to Exceed
Bilingual Educational Evaluation Celina R. Matos 10 Birchwood Ln Watchung, NJ 07069	\$525.00
Bilingual Psychological Evaluation J. Pena 2009 Summit Avenue Union City, NJ 07087	12 @ \$450.00
Bilingual Psychological Evaluation Rosa Tomas 1633 Nottingham Way Mountainside, NJ 07092	\$525.00
Bilingual Psychological Evaluation Mirlene Nazaire 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,200.00
Bilingual Psychological Evaluation Prestige Educational Consultants LLC 39 High Ridge Lane Augusta, NJ 07822	\$450.00
Bilingual Social Assessment The Bilingual Child Study Team Dr. Francois 47 Leah Way Parsippany, NJ 07054	\$1,200.00

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

Date	Item#	Action
10/19/23	7	Amend the date for Castillo Diaz, Alan and D'Alessio, Jennifer to attend NJDOE-Early Childhood Seminar to read 3/15/24 instead of 3/6/24.
<b>10/19/23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Amend to add 4/12/24 and to read Matawan, NJ.</b>
12/14/24	6	Amend to add the date of 2/27/24 and cost of \$1,998.00 to be paid from account 11-190-100-320-00-000-09-090.
12/14/23	9	Amend other expense costs to read \$1,379.00 instead of \$1,300.00, for the Navy Junior ROTC Curriculum & IT Conference.

3. Continued:

Date	Item#	Action
1/4/24	4	Amend the other expense cost to read \$1,590.29 instead of \$1,199.56.
1/25/24	8	Amend the account number to read 20-280-100-300-00-000-55 instead of 20-281-100-300-00-000-55 for the New Jersey Symphony “Hispanic Roots” Program.
<b>1/25/24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Amend to add 4/11/24 and to read Lawrence Township, NJ.</b>
2/29/24	6	Amend the date of the Military Inspection to read 3/26/24, instead of 3/13/24.
2/29/24	17	Amend to add the date of 3/18/24 as a delayed opening.
2/29/24	18	Amend the dates to read 5/23/24 and 5/24/24 instead of 5/21/24 and 5/22/24 for NJSLA Science.
2/29/24	26	Amend to add a date & time for LINCS walk-a-thon of 4/19/24 taking place at 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
School No. 1	Diaz, Norma	6/18/24	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Back and Front Playgrounds	Fun Day	None
School No. 2	Fingerlin, Peter	4/9/24 4/18/24	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Sensory Night	None
School No. 2	Fingerlin, Peter	4/11/24	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Trimester Award Ceremony	None
School No. 2	Fingerlin, Peter	5/6/24 Rain date 5/7/24	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Building grounds and Playground	Fun Day Building Grounds	None
School No. 4	Olivero, Suzanne	6/7/24	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cafeteria, Playground, and Gymnasium	Fun Day	None
School No. 5	Smith, Jennifer	4/11/24	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Book Donation	None
School No. 6	Mastriano, William	4/15/24	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Cafeteria	NJDOH Oral Presentation	None

4. Continued:

School	Requested by	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
School No. 6	Mastriano, William	4/23/24	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Gymnasium and Cafeteria	ML Family Math Night	None
School No. 6	Mastriano, William	5/24/24 Rain date 5/28/24	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Gymnasium & Schoolgrounds	Fun Day	None
School No. 9	Principato, Angela	5/17/24	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Gym, Cafeteria and Reading Garden	PBSIS “Camp Deerfield”	None
MMS	Smith, Jennifer	4/24/24 4/25/24 4/26/24	8:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Gymnasium	Lead U Workshops	\$5,700.00 20-218-100-300-00-000-55 Title IV
SMS	Long, Gwendolyn	3/28/24	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Auditorium	Women’s History Month Presentation	None
SMS	Long, Gwendolyn	4/18/24	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Gymnasium	The Soehl Inspired Program	Expenses \$3,000.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-07-070
SMS	Gwendolyn, Long	4/19/24	8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. Art Room	Peer Leadership Assembly	None
SMS	Gwendolyn, Long	4/25/24	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Peer Leadership Student VS. Faculty Basketball Game	None
LHS	Koonce, Charles	3/27/24	2:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Gymnasium	Rice Festival – Celebration of Different Cultures	None
LHS	Koonce, Charles	4/18/24	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Learning Common	Parents & Students Information Session for Kean Scholar Academy	None

4. Continued:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
LHS	Koonce, Charles	4/24/24	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Auditorium & Cafeteria	NHS Induction Ceremony	None
LHS	Koonce, Charles	4/30/24	8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Learning Commons	Cancer Health Fair	None
LHS	Lorenzetti, Matthew	4/30/24	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Room 223	Guitar Masterclass with Dr. Kaya	None
LAST	Koonce, Charles	4/22/24	10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Event	None
LAST	Marchesi, Renata	4/19/24	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Room 123A	NJ Transit Bus Safety/Anti-Bullying	None
LAST	Marchesi, Renata	5/17/24	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Room, 123A	NJ Transit Bike Safety/Distractions	None
PDRC	Devaney, Ryan	4/17/24	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PDRC-L	Parent University – Mindfulness for Parents	None
PDRC	Devaney, Ryan	4/23/24	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PDRC-L	Parent University – SEL: Building Skills in Family Success	None
21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC/SMS	Monaco, Angelo	4/30/24	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Family Game Night: SMS Cafeteria	None

5. Approve the following activity:

School	Requested By	Date	Time/Location	Event	Expenses
MMS	Walters, Michael	6/7/24	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Costa Del Sol	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance	None

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

7. Approve *Training for District Staff*, as listed:

#	Name	Workshop	Date	Location	Cost
1.	Apalinski, Cynthia	FOSS Summer Leadership Institute	5/20/24 5/21/24 5/22/24	Philadelphia, PA	Other Expenses \$350.00 11-000-221-580-PD-00-60
2.	Baran, Gwendolyn	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
3.	Bland, Mickeala	Conference for New Educators	4/9/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
4.	Bland, Mickeala	I&RS/504: Perfect Together	4/18/24	Virtual	Registration \$199.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-44
5.	Brunton, Laura	NJSACC Presents: New Jersey's Annual Conference on Afterschool and Out-of-School Time 2024	4/26/24	Princeton, NJ	Registration \$199.00 60-930-320-580-PD-000-36
6.	Brunton, Laura	2024 NJAFPA Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/24	Montclair, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-56
7.	Chase, Karen	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
8.	Chiola, Albert	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
9.	Clark, Jennifer	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual School Counselor Conference	4/19/24	Union, NJ	Other Expenses \$35.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-44
10.	Clark, Jennifer	Restorative Justice in School: Elementary Tier 2 & 3	4/25/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
11.	Davis, Ebony	Sexting, Texting & Cyber-Bullying	4/18/24	Virtual	None
12.	DeJean, Michael	NJROTC Combined Area Service Manager In-Service Training	4/15/24 4/16/24 4/17/24	Lakehurst, NJ	Registration \$80.00 Other Expenses \$450.00 20-032-100-500-00-000-05-050

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#	Name	Workshop	Date	Location	Cost
13.	Dolan, Claudia	The Power of Numbers	4/11/24	Monroe Township, NJ	None
14.	Dollard, Aubrey	Holocaust and Genocide Educator Workshop	5/9/24	Ramapo, NJ	None
15.	Doxy, Kettely	Holocaust and Genocide Educator Workshop	5/9/24	Ramapo, NJ	None
16.	Dsurney, Michele	Arbor Day Tree Planting Training	4/11/24	Scotch Plains, NJ	None
17.	Espinal Perez, Rosa	Shifting the Balance: Aligning Literacy Instruction with What We Know about How the Brain Reads	4/17/24	Piscataway, NJ	Registration \$180.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-06-060
18.	Fernandes, Rosanna	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
19.	Fernandez, Alvaro	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
20.	George, Brandon	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
21.	Gonzalez, Lisa	2024 NJAFPA Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/24	Montclair, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-56
22.	Gonzalez, Vickie	NJSACC Presents: New Jersey's Annual Conference on Afterschool and Out-of-School Time 2024	4/26/24	Princeton, NJ	Registration \$199.00 20-454-200-500-00-000-35-070
23.	Hofmann, Jennifer	2024 NJAFPA Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/24	Montclair, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-56
24.	Jarmolowski, Lukasz	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
25.	Johnson, Tanaea	I&RS/504: Perfect Together	4/18/24	Virtual	Registration \$199.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-44

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#	Name	Workshop	Date	Location	Cost
26.	Kolibas, Christopher	Dynamic Learning Maps	4/15/24 4/16/24 4/17/24 4/18/24 4/19/24	Kansas City, MO	None
27.	Ladoo, Loni	Motivation Webinar	5/21/24	Virtual	None
28.	Leight, Kimberly	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
29.	Leight, Kimberly	FOSS Summer Leadership Institute	5/20/24 5/21/24 5/22/24	Philadelphia, PA	Other Expenses \$40.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-60
30.	Leesa, Faranda	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
31.	Lorenzetti, Matthew	2024 NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	4/12/24	West Windsor, NJ	Registration \$239.00 11-000-221-580-PD-001-57
32.	Lukenda, Jennifer	Introduction to SEL and Academic Integration.	4/16/24	Virtual	None
33.	Lukenda, Jennifer	School and Classroom strategies that integrate SEL and academic learning.	5/23/24	Virtual	None
34.	Mazurek, Melissa	2024 NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	4/12/24	West Windsor, NJ	Registration \$189.00 11-000-223-580-PD-001-57
35.	Meyers, Lauren	Rutgers New Jersey Counselor Day	3/22/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
36.	Millstein, Aaron	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
37.	Minniti, Frank	The Power of Numbers	4/11/24	Monroe Township, NJ	None

7. Continued:

#	Name	Workshop	Date	Location	Cost
38.	Monaco, Angelo	NJSACC Presents: New Jersey's Annual Conference on Afterschool and Out-of-School Time 2024	4/26/24 4/27/24	Princeton, NJ	Other Expenses \$143.50 60-930-320-580-PD-000-36
39.	Murphy, Meghan	NJSACC Presents: New Jersey's Annual Conference on Afterschool and Out-of-School Time 2024	4/26/24	Princeton, NJ	Registration \$199.00 20-454-200-500-00-000-35-070
40.	Nixon, Shannon	2024 NJAFPA Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/24	Montclair, NJ	Registration \$149.00 11-000-223-580-PD-000-56
41.	<b>Orlando, Brenda</b>	<b>Plant a Seed Kickoff</b>	<b>4/11/24</b>	<b>Rahway, NJ</b>	<b>None</b>
42.	Pacheco, Tania	2024 NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	4/12/24	West Windsor, NJ	Registration \$189.00 11-000-223-580-PD-001-57
43.	Patterson, Shamona	Sexting, Texting & Cyber-Bullying	4/18/24	Virtual	None
44.	Pernanda-Zamora, Eliana	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
45.	Perez-Sudah, Natalie	The Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
46.	Pupo, Vivian	2024 NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	4/12/24	West Windsor, NJ	Registration \$189.00 11-000-223-580-PD-001-57
47.	Reinoso, Albert	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
48.	Russo, Joseph	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
49.	Rothausser, Suzanne	Motivation Webinar	5/21/24	Virtual	None
50.	Schweikardt, Walter	The Power of Numbers	4/11/24	Monroe Township, NJ	None

7. Continued:

#	Name	Workshop	Date	Location	Cost
51.	Scorese, Marissa	Introduction to SEL and Academic Integration	4/16/24	Virtual	None
52.	Scorese, Marissa	School and Classroom strategies that integrate SEL and academic learning	5/23/24	Virtual	None
53.	Smith, James	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
54.	Smith, Jennifer	UCES/ESEA Coordinator Monthly Meeting	4/17/24	Rahway, NJ	None
55.	Smith, Jennifer	2024 NJAFPA Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/24	Montclair, NJ	None
56.	Todd, Terri	Role of the School Climate Team	4/11/24	New Brunswick, NJ	None
57.	Thomas, Griffin	2024 Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	4/12/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
58.	Van Dam, Lisa	UCES/ESEA Coordinator Monthly Meeting	4/17/24	Rahway, NJ	None
59.	Van Dam, Lisa	2024 NJAFPA Annual Leadership Conference	6/7/24	Montclair, NJ	None
60.	Vasquez, Genesis	Rutgers New Jersey Counselor Day	3/22/24	Piscataway, NJ	None
61.	Walker, Jenise	Sexting, Texting & Cyber-Bullying	4/18/24	Virtual	None
62.	Webb, Stephanie	2024 NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	4/12/24	West Windsor, NJ	Registration \$189.00 11-000-223-580-PD-001-57
63.	White, Lisa	NJSACC Presents: New Jersey's Annual Conference on Afterschool and Out-of-School Time 2024	4/26/24 4/27/24	Princeton, NJ	Other Expenses \$252.50 60-930-320-580-PD-000-36
64.	Zucosky, Margaret	The Power of Numbers	4/11/24	Monroe Township, NJ	None

8. Approve the following professional development activities:

Presenter	Date	Location	Expenses
SIPPS	4/17/24	School No. 1	\$10,500.00
Consult-in multiple schools	4/18/24	School No. 2	20-270-200-300-00-000-55 Title IIA
	4/19/24	School No. 8	
		Classrooms	

9. Approve the following school opening and dismissal times for the 2024 – 2025 school year, as listed below:

Regular Start Time		
School	Start Time	Dismissal
No. 1	8:25	3:00
No. 2	8:40	3:15
No. 4	8:25	3:00
No. 5	8:25	3:00
No. 6	8:25	3:00
No. 8	8:25	3:00
No. 9	8:45	3:20
No. 10	8:45	3:20
SMS	7:45	2:40
MMS	7:45	2:40
LHS	7:45	2:45

9. Continued:

Early Dismissal with Lunch		
School	Start Time	Dismissal
No. 1	8:25	12:55
No. 2	8:40	1:10
No. 4	8:25	12:55
No. 5	8:25	12:55
No. 6	8:25	12:55
No. 8	8:25	12:55
No. 9	8:45	1:15
No. 10	8:45	1:15
SMS	7:45	12:25
MMS	7:45	12:25
LHS	7:45	12:26

9. Continued:

Early Dismissal without Lunch		
School	Start Time	Dismissal
No. 1	8:25	12:25
No. 2	8:40	12:40
No. 4	8:25	12:25
No. 5	8:25	12:25
No. 6	8:25	12:25
No. 8	8:25	12:25
No. 9	8:45	12:45
No. 10	8:45	12:45
SMS	7:45	12:00
MMS	7:45	12:00
LHS	7:45	12:00

9. Continued:

Delayed Opening		
School	Start Time	Dismissal
No. 1	10:25	3:00
No. 2	10:40	3:15
No. 4	10:25	3:00
No. 5	10:25	3:00
No. 6	10:25	3:00
No. 8	10:25	3:00
No. 9	10:45	3:20
No. 10	10:45	3:20
SMS	9:45	2:40
MMS	9:45	2:40
LHS	9:45	2:45

10. Approve the tuition contract with Paterson Public School District for the following McKinney Vento student for the 2023-2024 school year:

Student	School	Location	Tuition
M.B.	JFK High School	Paterson, NJ	\$11,966.00

11. Recognize and congratulate the following Linden High School seniors for achieving the highest academic rating of their class. Both students will be honored at the Thirty-Ninth Annual Recognition Breakfast for Outstanding Scholars on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

Rating	Names:
1	Soto, Layla
2	Malabanan, Sarah

12. Approve the cost of refreshments and supplies using Title I *Carryover Funds* for the 2023-2024 Family Engagement Events at the following schools.

School	Account Number	Food	Supplies
School No. 1	20-231-200-500-08-PIN-55-080 20-231-200-500-08-000-55-080 20-231-200-600-08-PIN-55-080 20-231-200-600-08-000-55-080 20-231-100-600-08-000-55-080	Food costs not to exceed:  N/A	Family Engagement Supplies not to exceed: \$1,765.00 Instructional Supplies not to exceed: N/A
School No. 2	20-231-200-500-09-PIN-55-090 20-231-200-500-09-000-55-090 20-231-200-600-09-PIN-55-090 20-231-200-600-09-000-55-090 20-231-100-600-09-000-55-090 20-235-100-300-09-000-55-090 20-235-200-300-09-000-55-090 20-235-200-600-09-000-55-090	Food costs not to exceed:  \$2,500.00	Family Engagement Supplies not to exceed: \$3,900.00 Instructional Supplies not to exceed: \$7,500.00
School No. 4	20-231-200-500-10-PIN-55-115 20-231-200-500-10-000-55-115 20-231-200-600-10-PIN-55-115 20-231-200-600-10-000-55-115 20-231-100-600-10-000-55-115	Food costs not to exceed:  \$3,000.00	Family Engagement Supplies not to exceed: \$8,800.00 Instructional Supplies not to exceed: N/A
School No. 5	20-231-200-500-12-PIN-55-120 20-231-200-500-12-000-55-120 20-231-200-600-12-PIN-55-120 20-231-200-600-12-000-55-120 20-231-100-600-12-000-55-120	Food costs not to exceed:  \$1,500.00	Family Engagement Supplies not to exceed: \$150.00 Instructional Supplies not to exceed: \$6,200.00
School No. 6	20-235-200-300-13-000-55-130 20-235-200-600-13-000-55-130	Food Costs not to exceed:  N/A	Instructional Supplies not to exceed: \$1,500.00 Outside Provider Costs not to exceed: \$8,900.00
MMS	20-235-100-600-06-000-55-060 20-235-100-300-06-000-55-060	Food Costs not to exceed: N/A	Family Engagement Supplies not to exceed: \$3,083.00 Outside Provider Costs not to exceed: \$3,000.00

12. Continued:

School	Account Number	Food	Supplies
SMS	20-231-200-500-07-000-55-070	Food costs not to exceed:  \$4,500.00	Family Engagement Supplies
	20-231-200-500-07-PIN-55-070		not to exceed: \$3,000.00.
	20-231-200-600-07-000-55-070		Instructional Supplies not to
	20-231-200-600-07-PIN-55-070		exceed:
	20-231-100-600-07-000-55-070		\$8,100.00
	20-231-100-300-07-000-55-070		Outside Provider Costs not to
		exceed: \$7,000.00	

- 13. Grant approval for the Linden High School Science Department to join the Raritan Valley Community College Science Education Institute District Partnership Program for the school year 2024-2025. Costs not to exceed \$4,000.00. To be paid from account 11-120-100-101-00-000-60.
- 14. Grant approval for graduate students in the Occupational Therapy Department at Seton Hall University’s Interprofessional Health Campus in Nutley, NJ to complete their capstone volunteer community service project at the School No. 9 Before Care/After Care Program during the 2023-2024 school year. All graduate students will be supervised by School No. 9 Before Care/After Care staff members.
- 15. Grant approval for Nicole Del Carmen, attending the JFK Muhlenberg Harold B. Dorothy A. Snyder School of Nursing to shadow District Nurse Patricia Ryans-James for 3-4 hours at Linden Academy on April 12, 2024.
- 16. Approve the revised Linden Public School Drug Screening Report for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Copies are in the hands of the board members.
- 17. Approve the contract renewal for Researchchild, Research Institute and Development, Lexington, MA, through February 28, 2025, to be paid from account 11-190-100-610-00-000-05-050.

19. Approve the Superintendent’s determination and actions taken for all reported incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying discussed at the February 29, 2024 regular meeting as listed:

Case	HIB	Action
MMS-480	No	Student conference, parent conference.
SMS-278	No	Services provided, parent conference, student conference.
SMS-277	No	Services provided.
School No. 10-62	No	Services provided, parent conference, student conference, monitored.
School No. 10-61	No	Student conference, mediation.
School No. 9-102	No	Services provided, parent conference, student conference, mediation.
School No. 9-101	No	Services provided, student conference.
School No. 9-100	No	Services provided, student conference.
School No. 6-118	No	Services provided, student conference.
School No. 1-90	No	Services provided, student conference, parent conference.

20. Grant approval for 2023-2024 End-of-School Year Calendar as listed:

Date	Day	Event
May 23, 2024	Thursday	Senior Prom
May 27, 2024	Monday	Schools Closed – Memorial Day
June 3, 2024	Monday	Soehl Middle School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance
June 4, 2024	Tuesday	Schools Closed – Primary Election Day
June 7, 2024	Friday	McManus Middle School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance
June 10, 2024	Monday	PreK Moving Up Celebrations
June 12, 2024	Wednesday	Kindergarten Moving Up Celebrations
June 14, 2024	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Celebrations
June 12, 2024	Wednesday	Final Exams – Linden High School Only
June 13, 2024	Thursday	Early dismissal schedule without lunch
June 14, 2024	Friday	
June 17, 2024	Monday	
June 14, 2024	Friday	Linden High School Senior Banquet 6:30 p.m.
June 18, 2024	Tuesday	Make up Final Exams - Linden High School Only
June 20, 2024	Thursday	Early dismissal without lunch
June 21, 2024	Friday	
June 24, 2024	Monday	
June 19, 2024	Wednesday	Schools Closed - Juneteenth
June 20, 2024	Thursday	All Schools – Early dismissal schedule without lunch
June 21, 2024	Friday	
June 24, 2024	Monday	
June 24, 2024	Monday	Middle School Promotions McManus 9:00 a.m. at Tiger Stadium Inclement weather at McManus 9:00 a.m.  Soehl 12:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium Inclement weather at Soehl 12:30 p.m.
June 24, 2024	Monday	Last Day of school for all students
June 25, 2024	Tuesday	Linden High School Graduation at Tiger Stadium 10:00 a.m. Inclement weather 10:00 a.m. indoors or 1:00 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.
June 25, 2024	Tuesday	Schools Closed – Snow Give Back Day
June 25, 2024	Tuesday	Last day for 10-month Teachers/Staff

21. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS two snow days were placed in the 2023-2024 district calendar to ensure the district could affect the required 180 days of school without serious disruption due to inclement weather; and

WHEREAS one snow day was used on February 13, 2024, due to inclement weather; and

WHEREAS milder weather has returned, and the prospect of needing the one remaining snow day for inclement weather closure purposes has become minimal; and

WHEREAS the last day of school has been fixed for Monday, June 24, 2024; and the Linden High School graduation date for Tuesday, June 25, 2024

WHEREAS arrangements for the post-graduation Linden High School Mayor's Youth Commission Project Graduation Bash have been finalized for the evening of Tuesday, June 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Snow Give Back days of the one remaining snow day, needs to be established within the current school year to meet the 180-day requirement; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, absent needing to close school for some currently unanticipated reason, the district will not hold classes on:

Day	Date	Justification
Tuesday	June 25, 2024	Snow Give Back Day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district will notify all parents/guardians of these adjustments for timely planning.

22. Proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2024 as “Week of the Young Child” as outlined in the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Children’s cognitive, physical, social, and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children’s positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

WHEREAS: participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; and

WHEREAS: high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and

WHEREAS: young children need, Skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and

WHEREAS: a strong regulatory structure to give them peace of mind that their children are safe and in high quality early care and education settings; and

WHEREAS: Early educators need, the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with the required education and skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do, therefore, be it resolved that the Linden Board of Education hereby proclaims April 6-12, 2024 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.

The Personnel Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, presents the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval. All appointments and reappointments are contingent upon and may be modified based on student participation and the district's receipt of sufficient State School Aid and other revenue funding.

1. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, ROCCO G. TOMAZIC, ED.D. served faithfully and conscientiously the Linden School District as Superintendent of Schools, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Vice Principal, and NJROTC Instructor during the period

WHEREAS, because of his dedication to the positions he held, he earned the highest respect of the school district and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the untimely death of ROCCO G. TOMAZIC, ED.D. constitutes a great loss to the district and community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board extends its deepest sympathy to the family of ROCCO G. TOMAZIC, ED.D., and

The Board publicly acknowledges the way ROCCO G. TOMAZIC, ED.D. faithfully and conscientiously performed his duties as Superintendent of Schools, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Vice Principal, and NJROTC Instructor in which his performance has resulted in honor and credit to this School District, and

That this resolution shall become a permanent part of the minutes of the Board of Education, and that a copy is presented to the members of his family as a lasting tribute to this outstanding citizen and educator.

2. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, CHARLOTTE GESSLER, in her lifetime was a truly dedicated employee of the Board of Education who gave her time and talents for the benefit of the students, staff, and parents of the Linden School District, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education of the City of Linden with this, express their feelings for the loss in the passing of CHARLOTTE GESSLER, on Saturday, March 9, 2024. May peace and loving memories comfort you during this difficult time.

3. The following retirements are accepted with regret:

#	Name	Assignment	Location	Effective Date
1.	Olsen, Melody	Teacher of Pre-Kindergarten	School No. 9	7/1/24
2.	Suszko, Arleen	Teacher of Special Ed./Resource	SMS	3/1/24

WHEREAS, the above employees are retiring from active service in the public schools in Linden; 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 at this moment be tendered to the employees in acknowledgment of the service they so faithfully and conscientiously rendered, and be it further:

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

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

#	Date	Item #	Action
1.	7/27/23	24	Amend to add the following name to work before and after school security at LHS; Russo, Joseph
2.	8/31/23	14	Amend to add the following name for the Alternative School Program at LHS Golebiewski, Laura; Substitute Guidance Counselor

4. Continued:

#	Date	Item #	Action
3.	8/31/23	15	Amend to add James, Elizabeth to work the Saturday School Program for Soehl Middle School as needed for the 2023- 2024 school year.
5.	8/31/23	19	Amend to add the following name for the Academic Counseling Program at LHS; Russo, Joseph
6.	9/28/23	23	Amend to add the following staff: Saracho, Sylvia, Soto, Alexa and Trujillo, Norma for office/translation assistance for the Fall and Spring Evening Parent Teacher Conferences at School No. 1.
7.	<b>9/28/23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Add Meija, Lynn as an additional advisor of the Spanish Club for 20 hours</b>
8.	10/19/23	39/10	Remove Moon, Shayna as Substitute Instructional Support Staff for the 21st Century Community Learning Center at Soehl Middle School.
9.	10/19/23	40/6	Remove Moon, Shayna as Substitute Teacher for the 21st Century Community Learning Center at Soehl Middle School.
10.	10/19/23	29	Amend to add Mosley, Kenneth and Muha, Christina to substitute for the Title I Soehl Middle School Saturday Academy.
11.	<b>11/30/23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Amend to add Lubeski, Alexandra for School No. 2 Clubs and Activities Kiwanis Club for the 2023-2024 School Year: to be paid at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. Acct.# 11-401-100-100-00-000-00</b>
12.	<b>11/30/23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Add an additional 10 hours to advisor Lubeski, Alexandra for Kiwanis Club, and an additional 10 hours for Learn &amp; Go Club. Decrease 20 hours from Johari, Antonella and Vasquez, Carolina for Dance/Mindful Club</b>
13.	11/30/23	18/8	Amend the hours to read 30 instead of 25 for ESL Tutoring.
14.	11/30/23	18/9	Amend the hours to read 39 instead of 25 for ESL Tutoring.
15.	11/30/23	18	Amend the account number to read #20-241-100-100-00-000-54 instead of #20-241-100-100-00-001-54 for ESL Tutoring.
16.	1/25/24	6/9	Amend the start date for Wisniowski, Krzysztof to read 3/5/24 instead of 2/15/24.
17.	1/25/24	9	Amend the leave of absence for #4362 to read 3/5/24-5/31/24 Medical <sup>1</sup> instead of 2/28/24-5/24/24 Medical <sup>1</sup> .

4. Continued:

#	Date	Item #	Action
18.	1/25/24	9	Amend the leave of absence for #8851 to read through 4/12/24 NJFLA <sup>3</sup> instead of 3/29/24 NJFLA <sup>3</sup> .
19.	1/25/24	20	Amend to add Yost, Jessica to the High Impact Tutoring Program at School No. 5.
20.	1/25/24	22	Amend to read; to be paid at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. and/or \$33/hr. for the Title I Virtual Homework Helpline.
21.	<b>2/29/24</b>	<b>6/2</b>	<b>Amend the start date for Banks, Brianna to read 3/5/24 instead of 2/15/24.</b>
22.	2/29/24	7	Amend the leave of absence for #4982 to read through 4/12/24 Medical <sup>1</sup> instead of 3/28/24 Medical <sup>1</sup> .
23.	2/29/24	14/15	Amend to add Peslak, Megan to the NJSLA Scoring and Appeals.
24.	2/29/24	11	Amend to add Godos, Joseline to teach an extra period of Language Arts and Patterson, Shaquanna to teach an extra period of Science at McManus Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year to be paid their per diem rate (annual salary/200 days/ 7 hours).
25.	2/29/24	20	Amend to read Robinson, Sabina instead of Robinson, Jennifer for the Spring into Summer Event on 6/6/24 at School No.1.
26.	2/29/24	25	Amend to add Kostis, Fotini as childcare for “Are You Smarter Than Your Child?” event at School No. 4

1) SICK 2) ACCUMULATED LEAVE 3) UNPAID

5. Accept the following resignations, as listed:

#	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
1.	Baldwin, Kayden	Paraprofessional	SMS	4/15/24
2.	Munoz-Garcia, Alejandro	Part-time School Aide	School No. 4	3/15/24
3.	Wisniowski, Krzysztof	Hall Monitor	LHS	3/21/24

6. Approve appointment staff, as listed:

#	*Name	Effective Date	Degree	Credited Exp./ Step	Assigned Subj. Area	Bldg./ Dept.	Spec. Prog. Or Budget	Total Annual Salary Rate
<b>NON-CERTIFIED</b>								
1.	<b>Martins, Alberto</b>	<b>4/15/24</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>Hall Monitor</b>	<b>SMS</b>	<b>Budget /R</b>	<b>\$37,268</b>
2.	Fish, Ryan	4/15/24		1	Custodian	School No. 5	Budget /R	\$52,167
3.	Wade, Lester	4/15/24		1	Custodian	SMS	Budget /R	\$52,167
4.	Flamini, Christopher	4/15/24		1	Paraprofessional 1:1	MMS	Budget /R	\$26,608 Inclusive of Stipend
5.	Hunt, Joenette	4/15/24	BA	<b>8</b>	Paraprofessional	SMS	Budget /R	<b>\$29,288</b> Inclusive of Stipend
6.	Haddad, Lia	4/15/24			Part-time School Aide	School No. 4	Budget /R	\$27.33

\*Pending New Hire Requirements

7. Approve the following Leave of absence:

Employee ID#	Location	From	Through	Reason
5947 <sup>3</sup>	LAST	3/1/24	4/5/24	Medical
4896 <sup>1</sup>	LAST	3/20/24	6/30/24	Medical
5727 <sup>1</sup>	School No. 1	3/8/24	5/3/24	Medical
4615 <sup>1</sup>	MMS	4/10/24	5/3/24	Medical
6798 <sup>1</sup>	School No. 4	2/27/24	4/5/24	Medical
5531 <sup>1</sup>	School No. 8	3/25/24	6/30/24	Medical
6073 <sup>3</sup>	School No. 9	3/21/24	4/19/24	FMLA
5182 <sup>1,2</sup>	AOE	3/8/24	4/1/24	Medical
7616 <sup>1,2</sup>	LHS	3/25/24	6/5/24	Medical
8879 <sup>1</sup>	School No. 10	5/10/24	6/7/24	Medical
8879 <sup>3</sup>	School No. 10	6/10/24	6/30/24	FMLA
8879 <sup>3</sup>	School No. 10	9/1/24	11/22/24	NJFLA
7544 <sup>1</sup>	SMS	3/11/24	4/26/24	Medical
5085 <sup>1</sup>	School No. 8	3/14/24	4/10/24	Medical
7963 <sup>3</sup>	School No. 1	3/18/24	4/26/24	FMLA

1) SICK    2) ACCUMULATED LEAVE    3) UNPAID

8. Approve the transfer of the following staff for the 2023-2024 School Year as listed:

#	Name	Old Position	2023-2024 Location	New Position	2023-2024 Location	Effective Date
1.	Rodriguez, Lexis	Paraprofessional LLD	School No. 1	Paraprofessional GE	School No. 6	3/12/24
2.	Tawfik, Mervat	Paraprofessional General Ed.	School No. 6	Paraprofessional LLD	School No. 1	3/18/24

9. Appoint the following staff to work as presenters for the Title I Family Engagement Workshop “Let’s Prep for the NJSLA” via WebEx for School No. 5 on 4/8/24 from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm. To be paid at the contractual rate of \$33/hr. and/or \$30/hr. Not to exceed \$300.00 Acct. # 20-231-200-101-12-PIN-55-120 Title I.

#	Name	Position
1.	Dolan, Claudia	Teacher
2.	Hofmann, Jennifer	Teacher
3.	Nixon, Shannon	Teacher
4.	Venezio, Laura	Teacher

10. Appoint the following staff to work as presenters for the “ML Family Math Night” event at the School No. 6 cafeteria on 4/23/24 from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm. To be paid at the contractual rate of \$33/hr. and/or \$30/hr. Cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. Acct. #20-235-200-101-13-000-55-130 Title I SIA.

#	Name	Position
1	Alexandre, Daphne	Teacher
2.	Dades, Nicole	Teacher
3.	Dolan, Claudia	Teacher
4.	Hu, Lin Lin	Teacher
5.	Kenney, Kelly	Teacher
6.	Minnitti, Frank	Teacher
7.	Pelesz, Anna	Teacher
8.	Ross, Stephanie	Teacher
9.	Skorput Lazor, Florencia	Teacher
10.	Schweikardt, Walter	Teacher
11.	Valere, Magady	Teacher
12.	Zucosky, Margaret	Teacher

11. Appoint the following staff to conduct NJSLA Parent Information Sessions (Virtual) for School No. 9 Parents and Families in Grades 3 through 5 on Thursday, April 15, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To be paid at the contractual rate of \$33/hr. Acct. #11-120-100-101-00-000-16-160.

#	Name
1.	Minniti, Frank
2.	Ruchalski, Marissa
3.	Venezio, Laura

12. Appoint the following staff to conduct NJSLA Parent Information Sessions (Virtual) for School No. 10 Parents and Families in Grades 3 through 5 on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To be paid at the contractual rate of \$33 per hour. Acct. #11-120-100-101-00-000-17-170.

#	Name
1.	Minniti, Frank
2.	Ruchalski, Marissa
3.	Venezio, Laura

13. Appoint the following staff to work the Title I NJSLA Enrichment Program at McManus Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year; to be paid at their contractual rate of \$33.00 for teachers (not to exceed 16 hours) Acct. # 20-235-100-101-06-000-55-060.

#	Name
1.	Allen, Kristen
2.	Higgins, Melissa
3.	Prata, Rebeca
4.	Schoenfelder, Katusca

14. Appoint the following staff for the Title I Family Engagement Workshop “Preventing Summer Learning Loss”, at Soehl Middle School on 5/22/24 from 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm. To be paid at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. and/or \$33/hr. Cost not to exceed \$300.00. Acct.#20-231-200-101-07-PIN-55-070 Title I. Acct.# 20-231-200-101-07-000-55-070 Title I.

#	Name	Position
1.	Ladoo, Loni	Teacher
2.	Nixon, Shannon	Teacher
3.	Rothausser, Suzanne	Teacher

15. **Appoint the following staff for the NJSLA Appeals Tutoring at School No. 2 for the 2023-2024 School Year; to be paid at the contractual rate of \$27.33/hr. Acct. #11-190-100-106-00-002-00.**

#	Name	Position
1.	<b>Nelson, Tamar</b>	<b>Part-time School Aide</b>
2.	<b>Quintero, Stefanny</b>	<b>Part-time School Aide</b>

16. Approve the following Before/After Care staff for the 2023-2024 school year to be compensated for attending online virtual CPR training provided by the National CPR Foundation, at a rate of \$25/hour paid for by the Enterprise Fund Acct. #60-930-320-100-00-000-02.

#	Name
1.	Hannah, Janet
2.	Lewis, Linda
3.	Madej, Bogumila

17. Authorize the collection/donation of sick days to Employee #28-23/24 from staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. The name of the staff member and number of days will be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools.
18. **Authorize the collection/donation of sick days to Employee #29-23/24 from staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. The name of the staff member and number of days will be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools.**

19. Sick days will be applied effective 3/8/24 for Employee ID #16-23/24.
20. WHEREAS, Employee #26-23/24 (the “employee”) is employed by the Linden Board of Education (the “Board”); and  
 WHEREAS, the employee has been placed on paid administrative leave effective 5/20/24 as a result of the employee’s display of conduct; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the recommendation of the Superintendent,  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, by the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby directs the employee to remain on a paid administrative leave of absence; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District’s Administration is hereby directed to notify the employee of the Board’s adoption of the Resolution and take necessary actions to ensure that the intent of the Resolution is carried out.
21. WHEREAS, Employee #27-23/24 (the “employee”) is employed by the Linden Board of Education (the “Board”); and  
 WHEREAS, the employee has been placed on paid administrative leave effective 5/20/24 as a result of the employee’s display of conduct; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the recommendation of the Superintendent,  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, by the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby directs the employee to remain on a paid administrative leave of absence; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District’s Administration is hereby directed to notify the employee of the Board’s adoption of the Resolution and take necessary actions to ensure that the intent of the Resolution is carried out.
22. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the 2023-2024 Memorandum of Agreement between Education Law Enforcement Officials, as required by N.J.A.C.6A:16-6(B).
23. Approve additional summer work hours for the following Social Worker/SAC Counselor to work the months of July and August; to be paid at the per diem rate. Dates are to be mutually decided by the Social Worker and Principal or Supervisor. Acct. #'s 11-000-219-104-00-101-33, #11-000-218-104-00-101-00.

#	Name	Location	Number of Days
1.	Banks, Jenise	LAST	10
2.	Volker, Kathleen	LHS	10

24. Approve additional Nursing Staff hours for data input from SNAP into Genesis for the 2023-2024 school year; to be paid at the contractual rate of \$30/hr. Acct. #11-000-213-100-00-001-00.

#	Name	Location	Hours
1.	Thomas, Carol	School No. 1	20
2.	Opaola, Patience	School No. 2	20
3.	Warner, James	School No. 2	20
4.	Aguirre, Digna	School No. 4	20
5.	Adamczyk, Katherine	School No. 5	20
6.	Radil, Elizabeth	School No. 6	20
7.	McCarthy, Tara	School No. 8	20
8.	Zatko, Stella	School No. 9	20
9.	Marcano, Maxine	School No. 10	20
10.	Demartinis, Colleen	McManus	20
11.	Shahamat, Aliyah	Soehl	20
12.	Jacobs, Nornette	LHS	20
13.	Bijukovic, Tomislav	LHS	20
14.	Goeller, Colleen	PDRC/ Central Registration	20
15.	Orozco, Frances	District Float	20
16.	Ryan-James, Patricia	LAST	20

25. Appoint the following Home Instructor for after-school hours instruction for the 2023-2024 school year; to be paid at the contractual rate of \$33/hr. Acct. #11-150-100-101-00-000-44.

#	Name	Position
1.	Zeigler, Rachel	Teacher

26. Appoint the following Paraprofessionals and/or Part-time School Aides with Substitute Teacher Credentials to work as a Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

#	Name
1.	Flamini, Christopher
2.	Laxmi, Vijay

26. Continued:

#	Name
3.	Rodriguez, Lexis
4.	Seabrook-Woo, Grace
5.	Tawfik, Mervat

27. Appoint the following Substitute Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year; to be paid at the contractual rate of \$15/hr. Acct. #11-000-221-105-00-001-00.

#	Name
1.	Cekic, Selma
2.	Martinez, Stephanie

28. Appoint the following as a Volunteer for the 2023-2024 school year.

#	Name	Sport
1.	Cosby, Duane	Middle School Basketball

29. Appoint the following substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 School Year at the rates listed:

Days	Fully-Certified	Provisional/County Certified
1 – 25	200.00	200.00
25 +	200.00	200.00

Fully certified substitutes assigned to the same position will receive 1/200 of the BA Step 1 on the L.E.A. salary guide commencing with the 11<sup>th</sup> day in that position.

#	Name
1.	Brown, Mechi
2.	Coage, April
3.	Ebrahem, Sozan
4.	Hora, Kayci
5.	Kubiak, Bonnie

29. Continued:

#	Name
6.	Marino, Evan
7.	Opeka, Angela
8.	Ramos, Nayeli
9.	Ravi, Gayathri
10.	Simoos, Brianna
11.	Todd, Avion
12.	Urban, Frank

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 month February, 2024. (Copies in the hands of Board members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
2. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants due for the salaries and supplemental payroll for the month of March 2024.
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to draw warrants in the amounts specified in favor of the persons named: (as per list submitted in the files and bookkeeping journal – copy of which will become a part of these original minutes). (See attachment).
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 the Linden Board of Education approves the list of transfers and adjustments for the month of February, 2024. (Copies in the hands of Board members and on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
5. Student Activities Report (Linden High School) for the month of February, 2024. (Copies in hands of Board Members and on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary).
6. Amend Board action on past Finance Report, as listed:

Date	Item#	Action
2/29/24	25	Amend to read School No. 5 - 1 (one) classroom instead of School No. 1 classroom.

7. Accept funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from International Longshoremen’s Association, Local union 1235, Newark, New Jersey for the Women’s History Month Conference.
8. Accept funds in the amount of \$400.00 from The Blackbaud Giving fund on behalf of Kathy Collazo to support the fundraising efforts of Heather Collazo. The monies will be sent to the School No. 6 PTA.

9. Approve the application of the Linden Board of Education to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture to receive compensation for operating the Summer Food Service Program from July 1, 2024 through August 8, 2024.
10. Approve the contract renewals for the 2024-2025 school year as listed (Acct # 11-000-252-500-00-000-20):

Vendor	Service	Amount
CDW Government, Chicago, IL.	Webex Videoconferencing Software	\$8,232.00
Carousel Digital Signage, Minneapolis, MN	Carousel Cloud Core Digital Signage	\$2,400.00
Zendesk, San Francisco, CA	Zendesk Helpdesk Software	\$20,700.00

11. Approve the revised costs for architectural and engineering services for the Roof Project for School No. 6 by H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc of Parsippany, NJ, the district's architect of record, at a revised cost of \$125,395.00, to be charged to Acct. #12-000-400-334-00-000-02.
12. Approve the proposal of the School No. 10 HVAC Feasibility Study by H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc of Parsippany, NJ, the district's architect of record, at a cost of \$19,750.00, to be charged to Acct. #12-000-400-334-00-000-02.
13. Approve the installation of Wall Pads by Nickerson NY, LLC of Bay Shore, NY for the Linden High School Gymnasium at a cost of \$24,917.92, with work to be done under Purchasing Co-op ESCNJ 21/22-10 Athletic Equipment and Supplies, to be charged to Acct. #12-000-400-450-00-000-02.
14. Approve the manufacturing and installation of approximately 196 custom made screens for the windows at the Linden High School, with the work to be performed by the Window Repair Systems, Inc of Westminster, SC, utilizing Ed Data Bid #12221 Window Repair Package #63, at a cost of \$25,268.32, to be charged to Acct. #11-000-261-420-05-005-30.
15. Authorize the Business Office to go out to Bid for Waste Management services for the 2024-2025 school year.
16. Authorize the Business Office to go out to RFP for advertising on school grounds.
17. Authorize execution and delivery of the grant agreement for the Joseph E. Soehl M.S. Roof project (DOE Project #: 2660-070-23-R501; SDA Project Number 2660-070-23-G5KL; Grant #G5-6675).

18. Authorize execution and delivery of the grant agreement for the Linden High School Roof project (DOE Project #: 2660-050-23-R501; SDA Project Number 2660-050-23-G5KK; Grant #G5-6674).
19. Authorize execution and delivery of the grant agreement for the Linden School District School No. 10, Highland Avenue E.S. HVAC System upgrade (DOE Project #: 2660-170-23-R501; SDA Project Number 2660-170-23-G5YC; Grant #G5-7030).
20. Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project for the Joseph E. Soehl M.S. Roof project (DOE Project #: 2660-070-23-R501; SDA Project Number 2660-070-23-G5KL; Grant #G5-6675).
21. Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project for the Linden High School Roof project (DOE Project #: 2660-050-23-R501; SDA Project Number 2660-050-23-G5KK; Grant #G5-6674).
22. Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project for the Linden School District School No. 10, Highland Avenue E.S. HVAC System upgrade (DOE Project #: 2660-170-23-R501; SDA Project Number 2660-170-23-G5YC; Grant #G5-7030).
23. WHEREAS, “The Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act,” P.L. 1999, c. 23 authorizes the New Jersey School Boards’ Association (hereinafter NJSBA) to obtain electricity and other energy-related services for individual local boards of education on an aggregated basis; and  
  
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 40A:11-10 authorizes local district boards of education to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with local government units, i.e. municipalities and counties, (hereinafter local units”); and  
  
WHEREAS, NJSBA has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the group purchase of electrical generation and/or natural gas for consumption by the local units; any ancillary or administrative services related to the purchase of electrical generation and/or natural gas; and related energy services; and digital and electronic products and services and other technology products and programs to be purchased by local units; and services and such other items or services as two or more participating local units in the system agree can be purchased on a cooperative basis; and  
  
WHEREAS, the Linden Board of Education in the county of Linden, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in NJSBA’s Cooperative Pricing System;

24. Continued:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the March 21, 2024 by the Linden Board of Education, county of Union County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the “ACES Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Linden Board of Education.”

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 40A:11-10, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into NJSBA’s ACES Cooperative Pricing System Agreement.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The New Jersey School Boards Association shall be responsible for complying with the “Public School Contracts Law,” N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. all other applicable laws in connection with the preparation, bidding, negotiation and execution of contracts in connection with NJSBA’s ACES Cooperative Pricing System.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

25. Bids/Proposal/Quotations as listed:

- a) Diplomas – 2023-2024  
 Quotation opening date: 3/15/2024

Company	Amount
Josten’s Inc., Owatonna, MN	\$ <b>7,468.54</b>
Quotations Sent – 2; Quotations Received – 1	

26. Grant approval to enter into contracts with The Leaguers, Inc.- Head Start in Roselle, Alvey’s Education Never End Program, Inc. and Building Blocks Daycare in Linden to house nine (9) of the district’s Preschool classroom for the 2024-2025 School Year.

27. Approve a Board retreat to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Administrative Office at 2 East Gibbons Street in Linden, NJ.
28. Approve entering into an agreement with the Seasons of Learning to provide a Free Dinner Program through the NJ CACFP for the Linden Public School's Aftercare program, with the district serving as a site sponsor for the program and the district tracking and recording of participation in program, with the program running at no cost to the district, with the program's start date to be determined.
29. Approve payment in the amount of \$4,165.00 to the National School Boards Association, Alexandria, VA, for Linden Board of Education Membership dues for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. To be charged to Acct. #11-000-230-895-00-000-01.
30. **Approve the purchase of Cisco Nutanix hyper-converged infrastructure solution in the amount of \$595,364.07 from CDW-G, Chicago, IL. To be charged to Acct. #s 11-000-252-600-01-000-20, 12-000-252-730-00-000-20 and 20-048-400-731-00-000-20.**

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 Reports:

Date	Item	Action
2/29/2024	8	Retroactively amend Linden Youth Soccer use of Tiger Stadium to include 3/14/2024, 3/19/2024, 3/21/2024 and 3/26/2024 from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
7/27/2023	2	Amend Prestige Prep Academy request to include use of Linden High School gymnasium on Tuesday, 3/5/2024 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

2. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Norma Diaz, Principal, School No. 1:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>PTA Glow Party</u> Gymnasium	Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	April 12, 2024
2.	<u>PTA Movie Night</u> Gymnasium	Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	April 19, 2024
3.	<u>PTA Family Paint Night</u> Gymnasium	Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	April 26, 2024
4.	<u>PTA Mother's Day</u> <u>Celebration</u> Gymnasium	Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	May 10, 2024
5.	<u>PTA Fair</u> Playground & Gymnasium	Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	May 11, 2024
6.	<u>PTA Family Pizza Night</u> Cafeteria	Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	May 17, 2024
7.	<u>PTA Father's Day</u> <u>Celebration</u> Cafeteria	Friday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	June 14, 2024

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

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>PTA Fiesta Family</u> <u>BINGO Night</u> Cafeteria	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	April 23, 2024

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4. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Dr. Suzanne Olivero, Principal, School No. 4:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>Talent Show Tryouts</u> Cafeteria	Tuesday & Wednesday 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	<u>2024</u> March 26, 27
2.	<u>Talent Show</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	March 22, 2024

5. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Rachelle Crawley, Principal, School No. 5:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>PTA Glow Party</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	April 20, 2024

6. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by William Mastriano, Principal, School No. 6:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>PTA Book Fair Setup</u> Gymnasium	Monday 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	May 13, 2024
2.	<u>PTA Book Fair</u> Gymnasium	Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:30p.m.	<u>2024</u> May 14,15,16
3.	<u>PTA Meeting &amp; Bake</u> <u>Sale</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Thursday 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	May 16, 2024

7. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Helena Ramos, Vice President, School No. 9 PTA:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>Flea Market</u> Blacktop & Gymnasium	Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	April 20, 2024*
2.	<u>Book Bingo</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Friday 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	April 26, 2024
3.	<u>Mother's Day Event</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Friday 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	May 10, 2024
4.	<u>Movie Night</u> Blacktop & Gymnasium	Friday 5:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	May 17, 2024**
5.	<u>Clothing Drive</u> Teacher's Parking Lot	Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	May 18, 2024

7. Continued:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
6.	<u>PTA Book Fair Setup</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	May 21, 2024
7.	<u>PTA Monthly Meeting</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	<u>2024</u> April 16 May 21 June 11
8.	<u>Father's Day Event</u> Cafeteria & Gymnasium	Friday 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	June 14, 2024

*\*Rain Date 4/27/2024*

*\*\*Rain Date 6/7/2024*

8. Use of facilities at no charge as requested by Edmund Kushner, Sports Supervisor, City of Linden Department of Parks & Recreation:

#	Activity/Location	Day and Time	Date
1.	<u>Spring Wrestling Program</u> McManus Middle School Gymnasium	Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	<u>2024</u> April 9,11,16,18,23,25,30 May 2,7,9,14,16,18,23,28,30 June 6, 11,13

The Planning and 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
Regulation 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote
5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote

2. Second Reading:

Policy Number	Title
5843	Before and After Care Program

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public desiring to make a public comment may come forward at this time. For those watching online, if you wish to make a comment or ask a question, please utilize the raise your hand feature on the online meeting platform.

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: