

**EDGEWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MARCH 9, 2021 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

MS. KATHLEEN MARANO, INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY, CALLED THE ROLL:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Cella		Mrs. Stefani-Rackow	
Mr. Greenspan		Mrs. Klein	
Ms. Harris			

A. Open Public Meeting Act Statement:

Mrs. Klein read the following: "The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with Executive Order 107, which encourages all public entities, including school boards, to "conduct all public meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act exclusively using communications equipment," and according to A-3850, which allows such public entities to issue notice of meetings electronically via the internet during a declared emergency, in lieu of the standard method of providing notice. Notice has been posted on the District website.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Public Attendance:

ADMINISTRATOR	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Mr. Nicholas Perrapato	Interim Superintendent	
Ms. Kathleen Marano	Interim Board Secretary	
Mr. Jeffrey Merlino, Esq.	Board Attorney	
Mr. Angelo DeSimone	State Monitor	

I. **INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mr. Nicholas Perrapato

II. **REPORT OF INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY** Ms. Kathleen Marano

III. **LEONIA BOARD REPORT:** Mrs. Stefani-Rackow and Ms. Khalli Harris

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IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds:
Communications:
Curriculum:
Diversity & Inclusivity:
Finance:
Personnel:
Policy:
Strategic Planning:
Technology:

V. STATE MONITOR REPORT: Mr. Angelo DeSimone

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES

To permit the fair and orderly expression of comments we ask that:

1. A participant must be recognized by a presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence and group affiliation, if appropriate;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a three minute duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; and
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question board members individually.

VII. OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

VIII. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

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X. Action Items: Minutes

MINUTES – The following minutes have been given to the board for acceptance:

- 1M. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education accept the minutes of the Combined Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 25, 2021.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cella _____ Mr. Greenspan _____ Ms. Harris _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

XI. Action Items: Contract/Memberships

CONTRACTS/MEMBERSHIPS:

- 1C. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve a Service Agreement with Swing Education to post and manage requests for substitute teachers and related professionals for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 2C. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Edgewater Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period **2021/2022** school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

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XI. Action Items: Contract/Memberships - continued

CONTRACTS/MEMBERSHIPS:

3C. ADDENDUM TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION AND EDGEWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission (“SBJC”) and the Edgewater Board of Education (“the Board”) are parties to a 2021-2022 agreement for SBJC, an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, to coordinate transportation services for the Board’s students; and

WHEREAS, due to the current public health emergency, school districts may be required to close for health-related reasons; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, if a school district is subject to a health-related closure for a period longer than three consecutive school days, a jointure commission shall continue to make payments under the terms of a contract with a contracted service provider as if the school facilities remained open, and

WHEREAS, if there are health-related school closures, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, the SBJC will be obligated to continue payments to its transportation service providers during the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, SBJC’s commitment to continue payment to those contracted transportation services providers is contingent upon the Board’s continued payment to SBJC; and

WHEREAS, the SBJC is desirous of amending the terms of the Agreement to memorialize the Board’s responsibility to continue its payment obligations to the SBJC in the event of school closures due to health-related reasons to ensure full compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

NOW, WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE as follows:

1. For the term of the 2021-2022 school year, if schools are closed and/or operating under virtual or remote instruction as a result of the current public health emergency, thereby not requiring transportation services for the Board’s students, the Board shall continue to make payments under its Agreement with SBJC, as if the school facilities remained open, for SBJC to pay its contracted transportation service providers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

2. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement not addressed herein shall remain in full force and effect.

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CONTRACTS/MEMBERSHIPS:

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Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cella _____ Mr. Greenspan _____ Ms. Harris _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

XII. Action Items: Finance

FINANCE:

- 1F. **RESOLVED**, by the Edgewater Board of Education, that the March 9, 2021 Bills and Claims be approved. Total Amount: **\$289,117.07**.
- 2F. **RESOLVED**, by the Edgewater Board of Education, the March 2021, Bills and Claims Leonia School District Tuition 7 of 10 be approved. Total Amount: **\$825,969.90**.
- 3F. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the payroll account and agency account checks for February 28, 2021 (actual) and March 15, 2021 (estimated), and March 30, 2021 (estimated).

Date	Amount
February 28, 2021 Actual	\$267,667.96
March 15, 2021 Estimated	\$270,000
March 30, 2021 Estimated	\$270,000
Total	\$807,667.96

- 4F. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve the manual checks.

Month and Year	February, 2021	Amount
Acct. #11-000-291-270-000-0000	State of NJ Health Benefits	\$128,906.96
Acct. #11-000-291-220-000-0000	Social Security – Feb 15	\$18,681.16
Acct. #11-000-291-220-000-0000	Social Security – Feb 30	\$17,978.19

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XII. Action Items: Finance - continued

FINANCE:

Month and Year	March, 2021	Amount
Acct. #11-000-291-270-000-0000	State of NJ Health Benefits	\$132,001.29
Acct. #11-000-291-270-000-0000	Delta Dental – March	\$6,647.73

Month and Year	March, 2021	Amount
Acct. #40-701-510-834-000-0000	Depository Trust - Interest	\$515,343.77
Acct. #40-701-510-910-000-0000	Depository Trust - Principal	\$510,000

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

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XIII. Action Items: EDUCATION

EDUCATION

- 1E. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, establish the following programs:

Full Day Preschool Disabled	2020-2021
Resource Room	2020-2021
Autism	2021-2022

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

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XIV. Action Items: Out of District Tuition/Transportation

OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION/TRANSPORTATION:

- 1ODT. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, ratify and affirm post approval of the tuition contract with the Clear View School for the 2019-2020 school year beginning July 1, 2019 at a tentative tuition of \$58,525.00 for student ID #4237171536.
- 2ODT. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the tuition contract with the Clear View School for the 2020-2021 school year beginning July 1, 2020 at a tentative tuition of \$60,869.00 for student ID #4237171536.
- 3ODT. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the tuition contract with Ridgefield Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year, beginning March 1, 2020 and terminate on June 22 2021 at a tentative tuition charge of \$54,780.00 and OT/PT at \$90.00 per 30 minute session for student ID # 8543482811.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cella _____ Mr. Greenspan _____ Ms. Harris _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

XV. Action Items: Fiscal Management

FISCAL MANAGEMENT:

- 1FM. **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, UPON THE RECOMMENDTION OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, THE LIST OF TRAVEL AND RELATED COSTS WHICH ARE EDUCATIONALLY NECESSARY, FISCALLY PRUDENT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES, ARE RELATED TO AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROMOTE THE DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION OR FURTHER THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

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XV. Action Items: Fiscal Management - continued

FISCAL MANAGEMENT:

WHEREAS, the Chief School Administrator recommends that the Edgewater Board of Education approve the attendance of staff members at the following Professional Development Workshops:

Name	Date	Title of Workshop	Cost
Myra London	May 25 – May 27, 2021	NJTESOL-NJBE Spring Conference	\$399.00

*Ms. London will complete the Professional Development post summary report. Report must be approved by the Principal and Superintendent.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cella _____ Mr. Greenspan _____ Ms. Harris _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

XVI. Action Items: Personnel

1PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the updated substitute list for the 2020-2021 School Year.

2PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve to amend the contract for the following part-time custodians, 4 hours/day, 5 days/week at a salary of \$15/hour will now begin March 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Zachary Keyser
Jhonier Marulanda
Luz Marulanda

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3PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the contract for the following part-time custodian, 4 hours/day, 5 days/week at a salary of \$15/hour beginning on or about April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. (Pending Successful Criminal History Background Check).

Federico Velez

4PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, rescind the contract for Trinidad E. Laguna as part-time custodians, 4 hours/day, 5 days/week at a salary of \$15/hour, beginning March 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (Pending Successful Criminal History Background Check).

5PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve a contract for Robert Schwerdt as Physical Education Teacher, MA, Step 1 at a salary of \$56,828.00, prorated, beginning April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021, (Pending Successful Criminal History Review and Pending Verification of Transcripts).

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cella _____ Mr. Greenspan _____ Ms. Harris _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

XVII. Action Items: Policies

1POL. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the first reading of Policies and Procedures:

3326 Payment for Goods and Services

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XVII. Action Items: Policies - continued

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Discussion:

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XVIII. Action Items: Administration

- 1A. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, amend their schedule of meeting dates:

Thursday, March 18: Public Meeting

Change to 8:00 a.m. Public Meeting,
Purpose: Submission of Tentative Budget
Eleanor Van Gelder School
Action will be taken

Thursday, March 25: Public Meeting

Cancelled

- 2A. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the resignation of Steven C. Greenspan, Board Member, effective April 15, 2021.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

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XIX. Action Items: Grants/Compliance - None

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XX. OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

XXI. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

ROLL CALL

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ACTION OF THE BOARD _____