

**Regular Meeting
September 21, 2020
6:06 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Kearny Board of Education was held in the Board Room, 172 Midland Avenue, on the evening of the above date.

President Paris called the meeting to order and announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided to the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Office of the Town Clerk and posted on the District's website.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Davidson (virtual), Mr. Granelli, Ms. Lindenfelser, Mr. Mc Kenna, Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Soares, Mr. Viscuso, Mr. Zapata, President Paris.

Mrs. Patricia Blood, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Izbicki, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Kenneth J. Lindenfelser, Jr., Esq., Board Attorney, Esq., were also present.

MOTION RE: CLOSED SESSION

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Zapata, moved by Mr. Mc Kenna and seconded by Mr. Soares:

Resolved: by the Board of Education of the Town of Kearny, in the County of Hudson, that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Open Public Meetings Act, the Board will enter into Closed Session at this time to discuss District personnel matters, negotiations, and/or pending/ongoing litigation.

When the matters under consideration have been completed, any necessary action will be disclosed to the public.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

There being nine votes in the affirmative, the motion was carried.

BOARD ENTERS CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

BOARD RETURNS TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Granelli, Ms. Lindenfelser, Mr. Mc Kenna, Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Soares, Mr. Viscuso, Mr. Zapata, President Paris.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Paris led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOTION RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Sherry and seconded by Mr. Mc Kenna that the minutes of the following meetings be hereby approved:

Regular Meeting, August 24, 2020 at 6:08 p.m.
Closed Session, August 24, 2020 at 6:09 p.m.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "not voting", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

There being eight votes in the affirmative and one member "not voting", the motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic/Student Activities – Mr. Viscuso

Mr. Viscuso reported the town's Recreation Department is asking for approval to permit students to coach some of their youth programs.

Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Davidson

Mrs. Davidson reported that the main topic discussed at this month's meeting was a new Smithsonian science pilot program for middle school students.

Facilities – Mr. Zapata

Mr. Zapata deferred to Mr. Bruscano who reported that each of the schools' ventilation systems were being inspected to ensure they are operating in conformance with standards established for COVID-19.

Finance – Mr. Soares

Mrs. Paris reported that all items discussed during Committee will be presented in Dr. Izbicki's report, adding that Mr. Soares has volunteered to serve as Chair for the Finance Committee in the future.

Personnel / Labor Relations – Ms. Lindenfesler

Ms. Lindenfesler reported that the personnel items discussed during Committee will be presented in the Superintendent's report. Additionally, the Labor Relations Committee is actively negotiation with several bargaining units and reports that talks are going smoothly.

Policy – Mrs. Davidson

Mrs. Davidson reported there are several policies being presented for a first reading.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Mrs. Blood

The following resolutions, "B and C" and "E through L", were moved by Mr. Mc Kenna, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

B. RESIGNATION

The Board has accepted the following resignation, **effective September 1, 2020**, with regret:
Marisa Friedman, Teacher at Franklin School, after 13 years of service to Kearny Public Schools.

C. RESCISSION OF APPOINTMENTS

The following long-term substitute teacher appointments have been rescinded:
Foote, Gretchen Muller, Nickol Nolan, Lauren

E. INCREASE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PER DIEM RATE

The Board has approved the increase of the per diem rate for substitute teachers to \$150.00, while the school district is in continuous virtual and/or hybrid learning mode, **retroactive to September 8, 2020**.

F. APPOINTMENTS

I. Assistant Principal – Kearny High School

The board has approved the appointment of Richard Tietjen to the position of Assistant Principal- Kearny High School, STEP 1 of the 2019/2020 K.S.A.A. Salary Guide, which is a base salary of \$135,962 plus \$2,775 stipend, for a total annual salary of \$138,737 (prorated), effective September 22, 2020.

2. Professional Staff

The Board has granted approval to appoint the following new teaching staff for the 2020/2021 school year, pending criminal history review, background checks as required by law, and ability to obtain appropriate New Jersey certification:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	STEP	CERT	SALARY	REPLACE/ NEW	EFF. DATE
Dailey, Scott	Resource	Franklin	3-4	MA+32	\$67,275	Thomas	9-2-20
Moyano, Ileana	PreK	Schuyler	I	BA	\$52,175	Goya	9-2-20
Policano, John	Business/Finance	KHS	I	BA	\$52,175	Tietjen	9-22-20

3. Long-Term Substitute Assignment

The following Long-Term Substitute assignment has been approved:

NAME	SCHOOL/POSITION	REPLACE	EFF. DATE	SALARY
Soto, Jesse	Washington / Gr 4 LLD	Molina	9/2/20	\$150/diem for 20 days \$260.88/diem for duration of assignment

4. Lincoln Middle School Title I Enrichment Program

The Board has approved the appointment of the following staff members as advisors for the Title I-funded Enrichment Program. The student programs will begin after September 22, 2020 and run through May 14, 2020; remuneration at the hourly rate of \$40.00 in accordance with the 2020/2021 K.E.A. Agreement. The program is funded by Title I monies:

Book Club Huff, Gail
Not to exceed 18 hours/month per participant (including prep time)

Digital News..... Avila, Connie
Not to exceed 18 hours/month per participant (including prep time) Galella, Jacqueline
Ragucci, Chris

ESL Extended Day Program..... Neno, Juliana
Not to exceed 18 hours/month per participant (including prep time)

Mindfulness Program..... Doffont, Amy Lynn
Not to exceed 22 hours/month per participant (including prep time) Roberts, Sarah

Student Engagement LiaisonHester-Fearon, Patricia
Not to exceed 10 hours per month per participant (including prep time) Serino, Kim

Title I Enrichment Program and Planning FacilitatorHemphill, Jennifer
Not to exceed 6 hours per month per participant (including prep time)

5. English Language Acquisition Parents Program

The Board has approved the appointment of the following staff member as a teacher for the English Language Acquisition Parent Program. The program will begin in October, 2020 and run through April, 2021; remuneration at the hourly rate of \$40.00 in accordance with the 2020/2021 K.E.A. Agreement, not to exceed 110 hours per program staff member. The program is funded by Title III Immigrant monies:

Kryshak-Baptista, Amy-Beth

6. Fourth Prep Assignments

The Board has granted approval for the following Kearny High School staff members to be compensated for fourth prep assignments during the 2020/2021 school year, at the annual remuneration of \$7,200.00:

Arriola, Mari
 Davis, Seth
 Donnelly, Erin
 Larossa, Melody

Scorpati, Mary
 Staub, Amanda
 Torre, Jose
 Vella, Gabrielle

7. Custodial Appointments

The following custodial appointments have been approved:

William Blevins to be appointed as a Custodian assigned to the Night Shift, STEP 0 of the 2019/2020 K.S.E.A. Salary Guide, which is a base salary of \$44,850, plus \$500 Night Differential, for a total annual salary of \$45,350 (prorated), effective September 22, 2020.

Garry Kuhrt to be appointed as a Custodian assigned to the Night Shift, STEP 0 of the 2019/2020 K.S.E.A. Salary Guide, which is a base salary of \$44,850, plus \$500 Night Differential, for a total annual salary of \$45,350 (prorated), effective September 22, 2020.

G. CORRECTION TO HEAD NURSE STIPEND

The stipend for the position of Head Nurse was erroneously reported at the August 24, 2020 meeting as \$2,462.00; the correct amount is \$3,093.00.

H. APPROVAL OF K.E.O.P. EDUCATION STIPEND

The Board has granted the education stipend in the amount of \$400, in accordance with the 2019/2020 Kearny Educational Office Professionals Agreement, to Linda Mc Geehan, Secretary, retroactive to July 1, 2020.

I. LEAVE(s) OF ABSENCE

The following leave of absence requests and revisions have been granted / approved:

Name	School	Family Leave	Dates	Leave of Absence	Dates	Return to Work
Caserta-Smith, Jennifer ¹	LMS	X	9/2/20 to 11/25/20			11/30/20
Lourenco, Melanie	Garfield	X	12/14/20 to 3/5/21			3/8/21
Mandelman, Miryam ²	KHS	X	9/2/20 to 11/24/20			11/25/20
Ontell, Lisa	Franklin	X	12/6/20 to 3/1/21			3/2/21
Tchalabi, Jayme ³	District	X	11/9/20 to 1/28/21			1/29/21
Walsh, Marina ⁴	Schuyler					9/28/20

¹ Change to effective & return dates
² Cancellation of Maternity Leave of Absence
³ Change to effective & return dates
⁴ Cancellation of Family Leave request

J. AIDES

1. Appointment

The following to be appointed as an Aide at the remuneration of \$11.25 per hour; effective date contingent upon Criminal History Review approval:

Miranda, Angela

2. Resignations

The following Aides have resigned their positions:

Cabral, Tiffany	Montalvan, Brenda
Colon, Kimberly	Oliviera, Magda
Erdman, Emily	Rivadeneira, Monica
Kozlowski, Jessica	Roman, Jeidi
Massett, Grace	Ubilla, Nelli

K. COACHES/ADVISORS

1. 2020/2021 Appointments

The following Coaches/Advisors appointments have been approved:

<u>COACH/ADVISOR</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Critics' Café.....	Amenta, April.....	}
Previously approved	Barone, Jessica	361
Engineering Club.....	LaRossa, Melody.....	\$ 516
Fishing Club.....	Paszkwicz, David.....	206
French Club/Honor Society.....	Magalhaes, Sonia.....	516
Future Education Association.....	Poth, Alicia.....	773
Honor Society – KHS.....	Iannotta, Nicole.....	2,688
HOSA Dental & Medical.....	Martone-Biondo, Margaret.....	}
.....	Marques, Nancy.....	1,547
HS Musical, Art Director.....	Bednarczyk, John.....	3,720
Japanese Club/Honor Society.....	Davis, Seth.....	516
Junior Class Advisor.....	Laquintano, Jessica.....	2,268
Senior Class Advisor.....	Gigi, Katherine.....	3,093
Spanish Club/Honor Society.....	Fernandez, Carolina.....	}
.....	Lafarga, Leysi.....	}
.....	Siverio-Coca, Yusel.....	516
Technology Club/TSA.....	Torre, Jose.....	1,031
Yearbook, HS.....	Donnelly, Erin.....	4,354

2. Paraprofessional Volunteer

The Board has granted approval to the following individual to volunteer coaching services:

Girls Tennis Arenas, Carlos

L. APPOINTMENT OF PSYCHIATRIST FOR 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board has approved the appointment of Mark Faber, M.D. to provide psychiatric virtual evaluations, clearance, and consultations during the 2020/2021 school year, 3 hours per week at the remuneration of \$300.00 per hour.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Mc Kenna and seconded by Mr. Soares:

A. RETIREMENT

The Board has accepted the following retirement notice **effective December 1, 2020**, with regret:

Dr. Edward F. Izbicki, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "not voting", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

There being eight votes in the affirmative and one member "not voting", the motion was carried.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Mc Kenna and seconded by Mr. Soares:

D. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT – BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY

The Board has granted approval of the 2020/2021 school year employment contract for Dr. Edward Izbicki, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, which has been reviewed and approved by the Interim Hudson County Executive Superintendent.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "not voting", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

There being eight votes in the affirmative and one member "not voting", the motion was carried.

PART II – NON-PERSONNEL ISSUES

The following resolutions, "A through I", were moved by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mr. Soares and unanimously carried:

A. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK

The Board has approved the establishment of an Employee Sick Leave Bank in accordance with NJSA 18A:30-10-14.

B. 2020/2021 SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives for the 2020/2021 School Year have been approved:

Quantitative Merit Goals

- 25% of students in Grades 3-6 will demonstrate an increase of 100 points in their Lexile level.
- To achieve an average of 5% increase in total student participation in the PSAT, SAT, ACT and AP Testing.
- With continued emphasis on College and Career readiness, students, in Grades 3-6, will demonstrate 10% improvement in College and Career readiness skills and increase Lexile levels an average of 80 points, over the course of the 2020-2021 school year, as measured by performance standards and specific college and career readiness data gathered through the use of Achieve 3000.

Qualitative Merit Goals

- Develop and implement a district Sick Leave Bank in accordance with 18A:30-10-14.
- The Superintendent will maintain the district's administrative expenses at or below state limits.

C. OUTSIDE PLACEMENTS

The Board has granted approval of the following outside placements as requested by the Director of Special Services:

Student Nos. 358089 and 358125 to be placed at Little Friends at the weekly tuition of \$110.00, effective September 14, 2020.

D. BOARD POLICY

1. The Board has approved the first reading of the following Board policies:

	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Regulation</u>
0152	Board Officers (Revised)	X	X
1581	Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)	X	X
2422	Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)	X	--
3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations (NEW)	X	--
4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations (NEW)	X	--
5330	Administration of Medications (M) (Revised)		

2. The Board has approved the adoption of the following **revised** Policy, which was adopted at the August 24, 2020 Board meeting and revised upon the Governor's mandate regarding the wearing of face masks:

1648 (M) Restart & Recovery Plan

E. RESOLUTION RE: FUNDING OF SCHOOL BASED YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

The following resolution urging the Governor to continue the funding of School Based Youth Services Programs has been approved:

WHEREAS, the School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP), administered by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, provides students – in a school setting – with critically important supports, such as mental health counseling, employment counseling, substance abuse education and prevention, preventive health awareness, primary medical linkages, and learning support; and

WHEREAS, the SBYSP, in which nearly 100 New Jersey school districts participate, has a proven record of success and has achieved positive results for students and parents across the state; and

WHEREAS, the SBYSP is one of the state's most effective efforts to serve the mental health and social-emotional needs of students and their families; and

WHEREAS, during the current public health crisis, which has increased isolation and anxiety, these services should not only be maintained, but also strengthened and expanded; and

WHEREAS, in state Fiscal Year 2020, school-linked services were funded at almost \$15.3 million and were originally expected to receive in an increase in funding to nearly \$17 million when the Governor unveiled his original Fiscal Year 2021 budget proposal in February; and

WHEREAS, when the Governor issued his revised FY2021 budget plan on August 25, he proposed cutting the funding for school-linked services to less than \$5 million, and the SBYSP is expected to be completely eliminated at the end of September 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cuts to the SBYSP have sparked an outcry from the educational community, and many local boards of education oppose this drastic departure from the Governor's original budget proposal and the change in the state's funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, while these financially difficult times will require difficult choices to be made to address the economic realities brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, cutting the critical services provided through the SBYSP is not an appropriate way to meet these budgetary challenges; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association has conducted extensive research into programming that promotes the health and wellness of students, and believes that the SBYSP plays a critical role in supporting the mental health and emotional well-being of students; and

WHEREAS, the **Kearny Board of Education** recognizes the importance of maintaining funding for the SBYSP so that student and parents may continue receiving the critical services provided through the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Kearny Board of Education** urges the State Legislature and the Governor to reverse the cuts to the School Based Youth Services Program contained in the Governor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021,

and to maintain and increase funding for the program beyond the next fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Children and Families Christine Norbut Beyer, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, and the 32nd Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

F. SMITHSONIAN SCIENCE EDUCATION CENTER PILOT-GRADES 6-8

I recommend approval to institute a Smithsonian Science Education Center STCMS pilot program for Grades 6-8.

G. INTERNSHIP

I recommend approval for Haleigh Zaccaria, a Seton Hall speech pathology student, to perform her internship under the direction of Amalia Digravina, from September through December, 2020.

H. ACCEPT DONATION

I recommend acceptance of the donation of a digital sign for the front of Schuyler School, including the costs of installation. The monies for the sign and installation were raised through two years' of fundraising by Schuyler staff, parents, and students.

I. PROFESSIONAL DAYS

I recommend approval of the enclosed list of Professional Days, as well as reimbursement for travel and related expenses, where such travel and related expenses have been previously reviewed by the building principal/supervisor and the Chief School Administrator.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - ADDENDUM

The following resolutions, "A through C", were moved by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

A. DISTRICT GOALS – 2020/2021

The Board has approved the following District Goals for the 2020/2021 school year:

GOAL: To provide equity for all students by maximizing opportunities and access, and support students in their academic goals.

GOAL: To increase district performance in the areas of English language arts and mathematics through the use of digital learning platforms.

GOAL: To foster an environment that promotes social and emotional learning for all students. The NJ Dept. of Education describes Social and emotional learning (SEL) as the process by which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to do the following: understand and manage emotions; set and achieve positive goals; feel and show empathy for others; and make responsible decisions. Students in SEL programs are more likely to attend school and receive better grades, and are less likely to have conduct problems. Successful infusion of SEL can result in positive behaviors, increased academic success, and caring communities.

GOAL: To continue the district Strategic Planning process that will serve as a foundational guide for the district's objectives over the five year period beginning in 2020 – 2021. *Resume when school returns to in-person learning.

B. BOARD POLICY – GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS

The Board has granted approval of the mandated revisions to Policy No. 2464 – “Gifted and Talented Students”.

The revisions include requirements regarding the accessibility and development of the Gifted and Talented Education Program, submission of an annual report to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), a complaint procedure for individuals who believe the district has violated N.J.S.A. 18A:35-34 through 18A:35-39, and notice requirements for the district’s policy on “Gifted and Talented Education Programs”.

C. ALLOCATION OF SALARIES – FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROGRAMS

The teachers listed below are to be paid salaries in full or in part from the Title IA Federal Programs fund:

Name	School	Amount	Percentage of Title I Funds	FTE
Brower, Joseph	Franklin	\$103,745	100%	1
Shanks, Kristen	Franklin	\$27,720	50%	.5
Vitale, Lyndsay	Franklin	\$96,070	100%	1
Livingstone, Natasha	Garfield	\$46,155	75%	.75
Testa Rodier, Maria	Garfield	\$97,645	100%	1
Mahawas, Mary	Lincoln MS	\$79,070	100%	1
Xu, Whitney	Lincoln MS	\$91,570	100%	1
Donnelly, Rachel	Schuylers	\$53,175	100%	1
Esposito, Nicole	Schuylers	\$68,620	100%	1
Pryzblyski, Audrey	Washington	\$36,485	50%	.5
Torres, Jamie	Washington	\$77,470	100%	1
Vuocolo, Jennifer	Washington	\$49,722	50%	.5

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY – Dr. Izbicki

PART I - FINANCE

The following resolutions, “A through E” and “G through I”, were moved by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mr. Mc Kenna and unanimously carried:

A. CASH RECEIPTS – AUGUST, 2020

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the following Report of Cash Receipts for the month of August, 2020:

8/03/2020	STATE OF NJ-EXTRA SCHOOL LUNCH STATE	\$ 6,071.91
8/04/2020	PAYFORIT SV9T	25.75
8/05/2020	TOWN OF KEARNY	4,649,313.00
8/06/2020	STATE OF NJ-FICA JULY	16,508.62
8/06/2020	STATE OF NJ-FICA JULY	15,600.75
8/10/2020	PAYFORIT SV9T	10.00
8/11/2020	PAYFORIT SV9T	50.00
8/14/2020	STATE OF NJ-SEMI 2008 PAYMENT	25,972.90
8/14/2020	STATE OF NJ-SEMI 2008 PAYMENT	30,543.90
8/21/2020	TOWN OF KEARNY	4,649,313.00
8/31/2020	STATE OF NJ-AUG FICA 2020	15,128.26
8/31/2020	STATE OF NJ-AUG FICA 2020	15,123.31
8/31/2020	INVESTORS- INTEREST-N/P AGENCY,ETC	71.07
8/31/2020	INVESTORS-GENERAL OPERATING	1,555.51
8/31/2020	MEDICAL COPAY	65,224.96
8/31/2020	OTHER REVENUES	<u>101,193.99</u>
		\$ 9,591,706.93
8/31/2020	INTEREST-CAPITAL RESERVE	150.81
8/31/2020	INTEREST- MAINTENANCE RESERVE	188.28
8/31/2020	INTEREST-CAPITAL PROJECT	36.38
8/31/2020	INTEREST- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	<u>207.91</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,592,290.31</u>

B. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the list of transfers as per the attached for 2020/2021 school budget.

Be It Further Resolved that the Kearny Board of Education does hereby acknowledge the submission for county approval of the 2020-2021 Annual Transfer Report which exceeds 10% of the line for the month of August, 2020.

C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (A-148)

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the monthly Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education for the month ending August 31, 2020 based upon the Board Secretary's certification that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a). And be it further

Resolved: That for the record it be noted that after having reviewed the appropriations section of said report and also having consulted with the appropriate district officials, does hereby certify that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2020/2021 School Year.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS (A-149)

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the monthly Report of the Treasurer of School Funds to the Board of Education for the month ending August, 2020.

E. INVESTMENTS – AUGUST, 2020

The Kearny Board of Education hereby confirms the action of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in having made investments through The Investors Bank during the month of August, 2020. And be it further

Resolved: That for the record it be noted that the interest earned on said investments amounted to \$2,209.96 for The Investors Bank bringing the year-to-date interest to \$4,127.81.

G. ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNT BILLS

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the Athletic Officials Account Report for the month of August, 2020, which is totaling \$750.00.

H. HORIZON BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY

The Kearny Board of Education has approved the wire transfer in the amount of \$1,277,472.62 for September, 2020, which represents health insurance and prescriptions.

I. MAINTENANCE RESERVE

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the withdrawal of \$197,000 from the Maintenance Reserve Account (11-000-261-420-00-11-000) to repair the Franklin School and Lincoln Middle School roofs.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Granelli and seconded by Mr. Soares:

F. PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the representation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that he has examined, audited, and certified in writing that the attached bill list is correct in the total amount of \$3,400,243.23 covering the period of 8/19/20 to 9/15/20, hereby orders same to be paid, in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye, with the exception of check #8066", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

There being nine votes in the affirmative, the motion was carried.

PART III - NON-PERSONNEL

The following resolutions were moved by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mr. Zapata and unanimously carried:

A. VERIZON WIRELESS

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Kearny Board of Education and Verizon Wireless effective September 1, 2020 for a period of six (6) months for Jetpack Wi-Fi mobile hotspots and Ellipsis Jetpacks. Verizon Wireless will be the backup for the Comcast hot spots.

B. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT WITH THE NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Director of Special Services, hereby approves the 2020-2021 Special Education Tuition Contract with the North Arlington Board of Education for one (1) student (L.F. 357323) beginning July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020 at a cost per pupil of \$3,508.80.

C. DELTA DENTAL EMPLOYEE MEMBER ID'S

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the conversion of social security numbers to new member ID's for all employees with Delta Dental. The employees will receive an email from the district or can enter BSwift to retrieve their new ID's. The subscriber can also enter the member portal or mobile app. A member listing will be forwarded to the Board Office for our records.

D. ATLANTIC TOMORROWS OFFICE

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves a lease/purchase with Atlantic Tomorrows Office for one (1) Kodak Alaris S2070 Desktop Scanner for the Residency Office. The monthly lease payment is \$67.00 and includes all maintenance and supplies.

E. ACTION DATA SERVICES

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the monthly trial balance activity sheets from Action Data Services for the months of July and August, 2020 in the following amounts:

July	\$158,078.40
August	\$128,444.56

F. RENEWAL OF 2020-2021 TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

This resolution may be added as an Addendum for the September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY – ADDENDUM

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Viscuso, seconded by Mr. Soares and unanimously carried:

1. BELAIR TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement of \$100,000.00 with Belair Transport for the 2019-2020 school year.

2. A & J CONSULTING SERVICES

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves A & J Consulting Services to check the HVAC and Ventilation throughout the district and to report findings. The cost is not to exceed \$10,000.00.

3. FALLON & PACHECO ARCHITECTS

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the payment application of \$144,400.00 from Fallon & Pacheco Architects and TNT Construction Group, LLC as contractor on the Kearny Roof Replacement Projects at Franklin Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School.

4. TNT CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC.

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the change order from TNT Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$7,750.00 for Franklin Elementary School.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY - Mr. Lindenfelser

Mr. Lindenfelser stated that his report was covered in Closed Session.

OBSERVERS

The meeting was opened to observers' questions, the majority of which were related to virtual learning and potential plans for reopening. President Paris and Superintendent Blood informed the assembly that there will be more to report regarding the status of instruction at the October Board meeting:

Elenita Bystrowski, Kayla Salerno, Daniel Campos, Melissa Gomes, Debra Comer, Rose Sota, Gail Huff, Jackie Dias, Jessica Bennett

MOTION RE: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Mc Kenna, seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Business Administrator/
 Board Secretary