Board Minutes

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on 2020-2021 Budget April 29, 2020

Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting Board Office, 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Board President, Ms. Gonzalez, called the Regular Public Meeting of North Brunswick Township Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Board Office, through Zoom Video Conferencing.
- Flag Salute to Assembly
- 3. On a Roll call the following members were present: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and Ms. Gonzalez

Absent: None

Present: Student Representative: Naomi Silva-Valencia Absent: Amanda Collado Present: Superintendent, Dr. Zychowski; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Petela, Assistant to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Hock and Board Attorney, Mr. Weiss

4. <u>Board President's Statement</u>

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date and location was distributed by 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 26, 2020 in the following manner:

- A. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved for announcements in the Board Office, Old Georges Road, North Brunswick.
- B. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Sentinel, and the Clerk of the Township of North Brunswick.
- C. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

PRESENTATION:

a) NBTHS 2019-2020 Winter Sports Accolades – Mr. Morrell introduced the coaches. Each Coach spoke about their athletes and congratulated them.

2019-2020 WINTER SPORTS ACCOLADES						
NAME	SPORT	ACCOLADE				
		All Red Division and All				
Ryan Kappes	Boys Swimming	Conference				
Boys Swim Team	Boys Swimming	All Red Division Sportsmanship				
Eric Ackerman						
Eric Binbinon						
Thomas Kaldan						
Ryan Kappes						
Harris Khawaja						
Elliott Plyam						
Javian Rojas						

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Daniel Simpson		
David Fritsche		
Fangze Wang		
Srikar Viswanatha		
Ved Vyas		
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Girls Swim Team	Girls Swimming	All Red Division Sportsmanship
Alyssa Brown-Manager		Overall GMC Sportsmanship
Nishika D'Souza		Overall GMC Sportsmanship
Giselle Garriga		
Megan Gilmore		
Ruth Gobena- manager		
Anjali Gupta		
Valerie Kozyrenko		
Ojal Khubchandani		
Anastasia Kozyrenko		
Ashley Levitt- manager		
Holly Mairs		
Brianna Ochoa		
Natalia Mathias		
Juhi Singh		
Saanvi Sharma		
Naomi Silva-Valencia-		
manager		
Jairy Torres		
Katherine Torres		
Shannon Welsh		
Sarah Williams		
Darcy Fruhschein	Girls Bowling	All White Division/All GMC
Nicholas Farah	Boys Bowling	All White Division
Zachary Leinwohl	Boys Bowling	All White Division
Boys Bowling Team		White Division Champions
Nicholas Farah		
Kendall Fields		
Zachary Leinwohl		
Marvin Matias		
Prakash Nayak		
Deven Shah		
Jacob Ward		
Jabri Pietryka-Fitzpatrick	Boys Basketball	All White Division
Niyell McCargo	Girls Basketball	1st Team All-White Division All White Division

Megan Farrell	Girls Basketball	2nd Team All-White Division
Zaniyah Boykins	Girls Basketball	GMC Senior All Star Game
		All Area/All State/All Group
		4/All Conference/All White
Ramy Berberena	Boys Track	Division
		All Conference/All White
Samod Wingo		Division
Demonte Blount		All White Division
Damian Miller		All White Division
		All Area/All Group 4/All
Nakaja Weaver	Girls Track	Conference/All White Division
		All Area/All Conference/All
Adelaide Asante		White Division
Nadja Ifill		All White Division
Leslie Banos Bautista	Girls wrestling	Girls GMC All Star
Dayana Hoyos	Girls wrestling	Girls GMC All Star

Be it resolved by the Board of Education that the following resolution be approved:

- **WHEREAS,** the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and,
- **WHEREAS**, through leadership of the coaches and adult leaders, and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represented the North Brunswick Township High School, and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to the Boys Swim Team, Eric Ackerman, Eric Binbinon, Thomas Kaldan, Ryan Kappes, Harris Khawaja, Elliot Plyam, Javian Rojas, Daniel Simpson, David Fritsche, Fangze Wang, Srikar Viswanatha and Ved Vyas for their winning the Greater Middlesex Conference, All Red Division, Boys Swim Team Sportsmanship Award.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Boys Swim Team shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.

- Be it resolved by the Board of Education that the following resolution be approved:
- **WHEREAS,** the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and,
- **WHEREAS**, through leadership of the coaches and adult leaders, and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represented the North Brunswick Township High School, and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to the Girls Swim Team, Nishika D'Souza, Giselle Garriga, Megan Gilmore, Anjali Gupta, Valerie Kozyrenko, Ojal Khubchandani, Anastasia Kozyrenko, Holly Mairs, Brianna Ochoa, Natalia Mathias, Saanui Sharma, Juhi Singh, Jairy Torres, Katherine Torres, Shanon Welsh, Sara Williams, Alyssa Brown, Manager, Ruth Gobena, Manager, Ashley Levitt, Manager and Naomi Silva-Valencia, Manager for their winning the Greater Middlesex Conference, All Red Division, Girls Swim Team Sportsmanship Award.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Girls Swim Team shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Ryan Kappes for his selection to the Boys Swim, Greater Middlesex County All GMC and All Red Division Team:
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Ryan Kappes* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to *Darcy Fruhschein* for her selection to the *Girls Bowling*, *Greater Middlesex County All Conference and All White Division Team*;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Darcy Fruhschein* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.

- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Nicholas Farah for his selection to the Boys Bowling, Greater Middlesex County All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Nicholas Farah* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Zachary Leinwohl for his selection to the Boys Bowling, Greater Middlesex County All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that **Zachary Leinwohl** shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to *Darcy Fruhschein* for her selection to the *Girls Bowling*, *Greater Middlesex County All Conference and All White Division Team*;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Darcy Fruhschein* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.

- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Ramy Berberena for his selection to the Boys Track, Greater Middlesex County All Area, All State, All Group 4, All Conference and All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Ramy Berberena* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS,** the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to
 - perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Samod Wingo for his selection to the Boys Track, Greater Middlesex County All Conference and All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Samod Wingo* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS,** the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes

perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognize the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and

- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Demonte Blount for his selection to the Boys Track, Greater Middlesex County All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Demonte Blount* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.

- Be it resolved by the Board of Education that the following resolution be approved:
- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to *Damian Miller* for his selection to the *Boys Track*, *Greater Middlesex County All White Division Team*;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Damian Miller* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- **WHEREAS**, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Nakaja Weaver for her selection to the Girls Track, Greater Middlesex County All Area, All Group 4, All Conference and All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Nakaja Weaver* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Adelaide Asante for her selection to the Girls Track, Greater Middlesex County All Area, All Conference and All White Division Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Adelaide Asante* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.

- Be it resolved by the Board of Education that the following resolution be approved:
- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to *Nadja Ifill* for her selection to the *Girls Track*, *Greater Middlesex County All White Division Team*;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Nadja Ifill* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- WHEREAS, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner:
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to Leslie Banos Bautista for her selection to the Girls Wrestling, Greater Middlesex County All Star Team;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Leslie Banos Bautista* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.
- **Be it resolved by the Board of Education** that the following resolution be approved: **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts of our student athletes to perform at their highest level of interscholastic competition, it also recognizes the accomplishment of exceptional achievement; and
- **WHEREAS**, through leadership of their coaches and with a firm determination to be diligent while preserving excellence, they stand among their peers and represent the North Brunswick Township High School and themselves, in an exemplary manner;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public acclaim be given to *Dayana Hoyos* for her selection to the *Girls Wrestling*, *Greater Middlesex County All Star Team*;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *Dayana Hoyos* shall be recognized appropriately, and that a copy of this resolution be spread in the permanent minutes of this Board.

- b) Final Budget Presentation by Dr. Zychowski
 - Budget Priorities/Challenges
 - o Balancing the Budget
 - o Tax Impact –with and without Charter School Increased Costs
 - Fiscal Responsibility
 - 2020-2021 Capital and Maintenance Projects
 - 2020-2021 Budget
 - 2020-2021 Budget Variables

5. **PUBLIC SESSION ON FINAL BUDGET:** None

6. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. Keefe_to close the Public portion of the meeting on the 2020-2021 Budget.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and

Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None Abstain: None

7. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Mr. Brockman to authorize adoption of the fiscal year 2020-2021 school district budget as submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget be approved for the 2020-2021 School Year and the Superintendent and School Interim Business Administrator be authorized to submit the proposed budget to the Middlesex County Office of the State Department of Education for approval as follows:

General Fund				
General Current Expense	\$108,029,022	Budgeted Fund Balance		
Capital Outlay	\$1,313,945	Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$1,313,945	
Charter School	\$5,000,000	Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	0	
		Withdrawal from Emergency Reserve	0	
		Local Tax Levy	\$82,721,434	
		Transportation Fees	\$110,000	
		Miscellaneous Revenue	\$248,500	
		State Aid	\$29,667,994	
		Federal Aid	\$281,094	
General Current Expense Sub				
Total	\$114,342,967	Revenue Sub Total	\$114,342,967	
Grants and Entitlements				
		Local Sources	\$37,000	
		State Sources	\$3,783,439	
		Federal Sources	\$2,403,407	
Grants and Entitlements Sub Total	\$6,223,846	Grants and Entitlements Sub Total	\$6,223,846	

Debt Service Fund				
Budgeted Fund Balance			\$541,611	
		Debt Service Aid	\$568,517	
		Local Tax Levy	\$8,441,851	
Repayment of Debt Subtotal	\$9,551,979	Repayment of Debt Subtotal	\$9,551,979	
Grand Total	\$130,118,792	Grand Total	\$130,118,792	

	Enrollment	6,510
	Travel Expenditures	\$101,050

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A. The proposed enrollment for 2020-2021 is 6,510;

BE IT RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2020-2021 school year budget as described results in a general fund tax levy of \$82,721,434 and a debt service tax levy of \$8,441,851 for a total tax levy of \$91,163,285; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Other Capital Project of \$1,313,945 for costs related to the loan assessment and expenditures for the health and safety of the students; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Interim Business Administrator and the Board Secretary are authorized to advertise said tentative budget in the Home News Tribune as directed by the Department of Education in accordance with the format required by the State Department of Education and according to law: and

BE IT RESOLVED in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), the proposed budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement. The 2020-2021 tentative budget includes a maximum travel appropriation of \$101,050 for all staff and board member and business travel rate of \$.35 per staff member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held in the Staff Development Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at 308 Old Georges Road, Maple Meade School, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 on April 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Ms. Rubin and

Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: Mr. Liu Abstain: None

MEETING MINUTES:

8. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. Keefe to approve the following Board Minutes:

Special Meeting, 2020-2021 Budget Workshop, March 14, 2020 - CANCELLED Conference Meeting - March 18, 2020 - CANCELLED Zoom Video Conferencing Regular Meeting and 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget-March 25, 2020

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and

Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None Abstain: None

9. Communications: None

10. **REPORTS**:

Administrative Report: Dr. Zychowski

- Thanked the Mayor and Township Council and the School Board for working together to inform and support all Township residents. Daily COVID-19 updates are provided on the local access cable channel 15.
- Thanked Chartwells and Mr. Adam Sawchak, for their partnership in providing Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go meals out to all of our students. Additionally, he thanked the drivers, aides, and officers for assisting with the distribution of the meals to 5 locations including Livingston Park School, Linwood School, NBTHS, John Adams School and Deer Park Clubhouse.
- Due to COVID -19, the May 1 date to accept the keys to the new NBTMS has been delayed.
- The North Brunswick Educational Foundation will be selling pavers for the new middle school.
- Thanked the teaching staff for all their work and efforts and is very proud of all the work being done virtually for the students.
- Mary Ellen Engle, Supervisor of Nursing Services and her staff have developed a virtual nurse's office and are working on re-entry plans.
- The Pre School Lottery ends April 30, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Visit our website for information regarding COVID-19 updates and all virtual learning initiatives.
- Ms. Gonzalez wanted to thank Dr. Zychowski for being part of the Mayor's daily COVID-19 update broadcast.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee Report - Mr. Liu

- Met April 8 and reviewed
 - o Governor Murphy COVID-19 related Executive Orders
 - o Distance Digital Learning Updates
 - o Pre School Lottery

Personnel Committee Report – Ms. Rubin

- Met April 22 and reviewed
 - o Retirements and Resignations
 - o Hires and renewals
 - o Leaves of Absence
 - o Job Descriptions
 - o Virtual Job Fair
 - o Other various personnel issues

Policy/Legislation Committee Report - Mr. Brooks

- Met this evening and reviewed
 - o 3 policies/regulations for first reading which are on tonight's agenda
 - o Legislation regarding Emergency Sick Leave COVID 19

Business Operations Committee Report – Mr. Liguori

- Met April 8 and reviewed
 - Ongoing ESIP plans and solar installation
 - Ongoing Facilities oversight during State of Emergency
 - Transformers at High School
 - Middle School Project including the rejected Landscaping Bid on tonight's agenda
 - Mercury Testing with Design Engineering Solutions, Inc. (DESI) –on tonight's agenda
 - Bond Refinancing on tonight's agenda
 - Bus Transportation Contracts rejected bids on tonight's agenda
 - 2020-2021 Budget
 - Thanked Dr. Zychowski and his team for the diligence on getting the budget done.
- 11. A motion was made by Ms. Keefe and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez to approve the Administrative and Committee Reports.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None Abstain: None:

12. **PUBLIC SESSION ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** None

13. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. Rubin to close the Public portion of the meeting

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and

Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None Abstain: None

14. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Mr. Rubin to approve the following consent agenda items Personnel items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation, as listed:

PERSONNEL:

- 1. Action relative to personnel, for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:
 - a) rescind the motion of March 25, 2020 approving the following leave of absence, without pay, for the following personnel: (tentative dates)

Last Name, First Name	Position	School	Effective Dates	Reason
Amer, Hanan	Building Aide	Liv. Park	March 30, 2020 through April 17, 2020	FMLA

b) accept, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel as they retire:

Last Name, First Name	Position	School	Years of Service	Effective Date
	Physical Education			
Bearden, Raymond	Teacher	Linwood	32 Years, 9 Months	June 30, 2020
	English as a Second			
Blicharz, Mary Margaret	Language Teacher	Liv. Park	22 Years, 7 Months	June 30, 2020
	Teacher of Students			
O'Loughlin, Sharon	with Disabilities	Linwood	17 Years, 10 Months	June 30, 2020
	Lunchroom/Playground			
Trikoulis, Androulla	Aide	Judd	22 Years, 7 Months	March 31, 2020

c) accept the resignation of the following personnel:

Last Name, First Name	Position	School	Effective Date
Ordog, Lauren	Math Teacher	NBTHS	June 30, 2020
Romaniecki, Laura	Elementary Teacher	Judd	June 30, 2020

d) approve the following leaves of absence, without pay, for the following personnel: (tentative dates)

Last Name, First				
Name	Position	School	Effective Dates	Reason
Aschettino, Jennifer	STEAM Supervisor	District	May 18, 2020 through June 30, 2020	FMLA
Cosini, Lauren	Math Intervention Coach	Judd	May 8, 2020 through June 30, 2020	FMLA
Kohut, Katelyn	Science Teacher	Linwood	April 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020	FMLA
Marsh, Nada	Math Teacher	Linwood	April 9, 2020 through June 30, 2020	FMLA
Porzio, Danielle	Physical Education Teacher	NBTHS	May 26, 2020 through June 30, 2020	FMLA
Quinn, Ann	Elementary Teacher	Parsons	May 4, 2020 through June 30, 2020	LOA

e) approve the following contractual, reimbursable days (account # 11-000-291-290-77-10)

Last Name, First Name	Position	Location	Days	Attachment
Bearden, Raymond	Physical Education Teacher	Linwood	Sick	1
Blicharz, Mary				
Margaret	English as a Second Language Teacher	Liv. Park	Sick	2
Fiduk, Nancy	Math Teacher	Linwood	Sick	3
Gomes, Josette	Science Teacher	Linwood	Sick	4
Trikoulis, Androulla	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	Judd	Sick	5

f) approve the following job descriptions:

School Improvement Specialist - NBTMS/Linwood (grant funded Title IA), J.D. 20-1 K-12 Health/PE Supervisor J.D. 20-2 Aquatics Director J.D.20-3

- g) approve the termination of employee #5225, effective March 31, 2020
- h) approve the termination of employee #6894, effective March 31, 2020

- 2. Action relative to personnel, for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:
 - a) approve the appointment of the following personnel (prorated) pending state mandated approval and background check:
 - 1. Certified Staff: (salary includes \$286 Professional Development stipend):

Last Name, First Name	Position	School	Hourly Rate/ Annual Salary	Level/ Step	Stipend(s)	Effective Date	Reason
	Certified			BA		August 31, 2020	New Budgeted
Berls, Michelle	School Nurse	Linwood	\$57,266	Step A	N/A	(pending CEAS)	Position
	English			BA		August 31, 2020	Resignation:
Lopez, James	Teacher	NBTHS	\$57,266	Step A	N/A	(pending CEAS)	N. Patel
				BA		August 31, 2020	Resignation:
Menninger, Annie	Math Teacher	NBTHS	\$57,266	Step A	N/A	(pending CEAS)	L. Ordog

2. Non-Affiliated staff (prorated):

Last Name, First Name	Position	Hourly Rate/ Annual Salary	Step	Stipend(s)	Effective Date	Reason
	Executive Secretary for					Retirement:
Aloia, Eva	Business Administrator	\$69,199	N/A	N/A	August 3, 2020	S. Ruppert

c) approve the following leaves of absence, without pay, for the following personnel: (tentative dates)

Last Name, First				
Name	Position	School	Effective Dates	Reason
Aschettino,				
Jennifer	STEAM Supervisor	District	July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020	FMLA
Cosini, Lauren	Math Intervention Coach	Judd	August 31, 2020 through October 9, 2020	FMLA
Marsh, Nada	Math Teacher	Linwood	August 31, 2020 through September 18, 2020	FMLA
	Physical Education			
Porzio, Danielle	Teacher	NBTHS	August 31, 2020 through October 9, 2020	FMLA

d) approve the following leaves of absence, without pay, or benefits for the following personnel: (tentative dates)

Last Name, First				
Name	Position	School	Effective Dates	Reason
	Math Intervention		October 12, 2020 through November 30, 2020	
Cosini, Lauren	Coach	Judd		CCLOA

e) approve the appointment of the following long-term substitutes at the rate of \$273.02 per day without benefits, if assignment exceeds 60 school days benefits will be offered: (Tentative Dates)

Last Name, First Name	Position	School	Effective Dates	Reason
First Name	rosition	School	Effective Dates	Reason
Marino,				FMLA
Rachel	Physical Education Teacher	NBTHS	August 31, 2020 through October 9, 2020	

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

- 1. Approve the following action relative to Curriculum and Instruction items:
 - a) approve home instruction for the following students:

Student #	Placement	Effective Date
2065073	Home instruction	March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020
2240663	Home instruction	April 17, 2020 through June 30, 2020
2290002	Home instruction	April 1, 2020 through April 15, 2020

b) approve tuition contracts for the following students:

Student ID #	Out of District School	Effective Date	Tuition
3595368	Bright Beginnings	February 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020	\$24,057.00

c) approve the contract between North Brunswick Township School District and Securly 360 Cloud to provide internet filtering and teacher/parent dashboard to monitor students remotely, effective May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, not to exceed \$51,858

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. Approve the following Miscellaneous items:
 - a) approve the service agreement between North Brunswick Township School District and Niche.com, Inc., to provide modern enrollment marketing solutions and strategy support, effective May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, not to exceed \$15,990

FINANCE:

1. Approve the following bill list dated April , 2020:

General Funds	\$4,323,986.73
Supplementary	\$10,407,615.42
Capital Projects	\$1,782,659.76

- 2. Approve the following financial reports:
 - a) Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports dated March 31, 2020, which are in agreement.

- b) Budget Status Report dated March 31, 2020 which includes budget transfers and certifies that there has not been an over expenditure of a budget line item.
- c) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.10(c)3, that as of March 31, 2020 the members of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education, after reviewing the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certify that to the best of their knowledge no line item or account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.10(a), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- d) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.10(c) 4, that as of March 31, 2020 the members of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly reports, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certify to the best of their knowledge that no major account or fund has been overextended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.10(b).
- 3. Approve the following Finance items for the 2019-2020 school year:
 - a) approve the following Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Board of Education of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, providing for the refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the school district, dated March 25, 2010, issued in the original principal amount of \$17,865,000, and/or all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the school district, dated May 23, 2012, issued in the original principal amount of \$23,540,000, appropriating not to exceed \$17,100,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$17,100,000 refunding bonds to provide for such Refunding:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable Refunding School Bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$17,865,000 and dated March 25, 2010 (the "2010 Bonds") and/or to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable Refunding School Bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$23,540,000 and dated May 23, 2012 (the "2012 Bonds") (the 2010 Bonds and the 2012 Bonds are collectively referred to herein as the "Prior Bonds").

The 2010 Bonds and 2012 Bonds may be sold together or separately in one or more issues on a taxable or tax-exempt basis as market conditions dictate.

The 2010 Bonds maturing on or after July 15, 2021 (the "2010 Refunded Bonds") may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after July 15, 2020 (the "2010 Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to 100% of the 2010 Refunded Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the 2010 Redemption Date.

The 2012 Bonds maturing on or after January 15, 2023 (the "2012 Refunded Bonds") may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after January 15, 2022 (the "2012 Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to 100% of the 2012 Refunded Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the 2012 Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,100,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$400,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Township Clerk and the Business Administrator and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, the Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the Prior Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

- b) reject a bid proposal for Landscaping at North Brunswick Township Middle School, 100 Renaissance Blvd North, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, and Bid 19-04 as follows:
 - WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, bid proposals were received and publically read; and
 - WHEREAS, the Board has rejected the following due to the bid being over budget:

 Reject Bid 19-04
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Architect, Superintendent of Schools, School Business Administrator, and Board Attorney, as applicable, are hereby authorized to undertake all related actions necessary
- c) reject bid proposal for Public To and From Transportation Routes in District, Bid #19-06, as follows:
 - WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, bid proposals were received and publically read; and
 - WHEREAS, the Board has rejected the following routes due to the bid being over budget: 1-6, 10-11, 14-32, and 35-42.
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, School Business Administrator, and Board Attorney, as applicable, are hereby authorized to undertake all related actions necessary
- 4. Approve the following Finance items for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - a) approve a resolution to joint/renew membership in the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey:
 - WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in various Counties have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;
 - WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective July 1, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;
 - WHEREAS, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance Pool contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Pool, and;
 - WHEREAS, the Board of Education of North Brunswick has determined that membership in the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey is in the best interest of the District;
 - NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of North Brunswick does hereby agree to join/renew membership in the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Group's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.
- b) approve an agreement with the Pooled Insurance Program of New Jersey for Fund Membership, Indemnity and Trust Agreement as follows:
 - THIS AGREEMENT, made this 29th day of April, 2020, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey By and Between: POOLED INSURANCE PROGRAM OF NEW JERSEY Hereinafter referred to as the Pool; and the Board of Education of North Brunswick Township, a duly constituted unit of government hereinafter referred to as the Board:

WITNESSETH:

- WHEREAS, several local school districts have collectively formed or are in the process of forming a School Board Pool as such an entity is authorized and described in NJSA 18A: 18B and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and:
- WHEREAS, the Board has agreed to renew membership in the Pool and to share in the obligations and benefits flowing from such membership with other members of the Pool in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the Pool and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the Pool:

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. The BOARD accepts the Pool's Bylaws as approved and adopted and agrees to be bound by and to comply with each and every provision of the said Bylaws and the pertinent Statutes and Administrative Regulations pertaining to the same.
- The BOARD agrees to participate in the POOL with respect to the types of insurance offered by the POOL: Self-Insured Workers' Compensation, Property, Liability, Auto, Crime, Excess Liability, Environmental, School Board Legal and any other insurance offered by the POOL, allowed by law.
- 3. The BOARD agrees to renew membership in the Pool for the period of three (3) years, the commencement of which shall be July 1, 2020.
- 4. The BOARD certifies that it has never defaulted any claims if self-insured and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two years prior to the date hereof.

- 5. In consideration of membership in the Pool the BOARD agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the Pool, all of whom as a condition of membership in the Pool shall execute a verbatim counter-part of this Agreement and by execution hereof the full faith and credit of the BOARD is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the Pool in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable Statute.
- 6. If the Pool in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay an attorney's fees and/or Court costs the BOARD agrees to reimburse the Pool for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
- 7. The BOARD and the Pool agree that the Pool shall hold all monies paid by the BOARD to the Pool as fiduciaries for the benefit of Pool claimants all in accordance with NJSA 18a;18b.
- 8. The Pool shall establish separate Trust Accounts for each of the following categories of risk and liability:
 - a) Claims or Loss Retention Fund
 - b) Administrative
 - c) Workers' Compensation Premium

The Pool shall maintain Trust Accounts aforementioned in accordance with NJSA 18A:18B, the Pool's Bylaws and such other Statutes as maybe applicable. Specifically the "Claims or Loss Retention Fund" Trust Account shall be utilized solely for the payment of claims, allocated claim expense and excess insurance or re-insurance premiums for each such risk or liability or as "surplus",

- 9. Each BOARD who shall become a member of the Pool shall be obligated to execute this Agreement.
- c) approve the solicitation of bids for a five (5) year Lease Purchase Agreement for \$1,000,000 inclusive of school buses, textbooks and other instructional and noninstructional equipment

d) approve an agreement with Design Engineering Solutions, Inc. (DESI) for mercury vapor investigation, analyses and reports at the following estimated costs:

Task	Exit
DESI labor for planning, coordination, sampling, data review, reporting and project management	\$27,800
Core Sampling laboratory Analyses of 51 samples each analyzed for total Metals and TCLP Metals on Standard Turn- Around Time at \$300	\$15,300
Mercury Vapor Monitoring Equipment (\$00/day) and air purifier (\$500/day) during coring, estimated for 6 days	\$5,400
DESI Estimated Fee for Assessment and Recommendations	\$48,500

e) approve the contract with CDW Government LLC. Wired Meraki networking equipment and configuration, not to exceed \$504, 000. Eligible for 50% reimbursable E-Rate Category 2 funding

POLICY:

- 1. Approve the following policy items for the 2019-2020 school year:
 - a) approve the first reading for the adoption of the following policies and regulations:

Policy/Regulation#	Title
P 7243	Supervision of Construction (M) (Revised)
	School Day (M) (Revised)
P & R 8220	School Closings (Revised)
P 8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M) (Revised)

b) approve the second reading for the final adoption of the following policies and regulations:

Policy/Regulation#	Title
P & R 1581	Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)
P 2422	Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
P & R 5330	Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)

TRANSPORTATION

- 1. Approve the following Transportation items for the 2020-2021 school year:
- a) approve the following, Bid # 19-06, for Public to and from Transportation Routes:
 - WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Township Board of Education (the "Board") solicited bid proposals for Student Transportation Services Public to and from school for the 2020-2021 school year, Bid # 19-06; and
 - WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 Bid Proposals were received and publicly read; and
 - WHEREAS, in accordance with the Bid Solicitation, the Board sought annual rate cost for routes/contract numbers inclusive of the cost of liability insurance for each day the school was in session for the 2020-2021 school year;
 - WHEREAS, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder were;
 - Irvin Raphael Inc. 4 double route packages plus a late run on each for a total of \$340,800.00
 - Mercy Transportation 6 double route package for a total of \$476,640.00
 - First Student Inc. 3 double route packages for a total of \$192,000.00
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby awards the Contract for Transportation Services Public to and from school, Bid #19-06, in the amounts designated hereinabove, for the 2020-2021 school year;
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District professional staff takes any and all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
- b) approve the renewal prices for class trips Bid # 18-10 and as needed Athletic trips Bid # 18-09 with First Student transportation at a 1.70 % increase.

c) approve the below listed transportation contracts (with an increase of 1.70% over the prior year)

Public School To and From	n Routes		
NON-Public School To and	d From Routes		
Account # 11-000-270-513-	-00-60		
Contractor	Contractor Location	Contract #	2020-2021 Total
Durham School Services	Freehold, New Jersey	St. A's 1 & 2	\$72,525.92
Durham School Services	Freehold, New Jersey	St. Joe-1	\$36,654.92
First Student	First Student Monmouth Junction, New Jersey		\$47,920.53
Charter Schools To and F	rom Routes		
Account # 11-000-270-511-	060		
Contractor	Contractor Location	Contract #	2020-2021 Total
ABC Transportation	New Brunswick, New Jersey	19-20 CJCP-3	\$170,794.98
ABC Transportation	ABC Transportation New Brunswick, New Jersey		\$53,270.46
ABC Transportation New Brunswick, New Jersey		19-20 CJCP-NB	\$45,948.06
ABC Transportation	New Brunswick, New Jersey	19-20 TEC-2	\$103,451.27

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation

Mr. Brooks - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation

Mr. Duran Harris - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation

Ms. Keefe - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation 1 (a and b)

Mr. Liguori - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation

Mr. Liu - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation

Ms. Rubin - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation

Ms. Gonzalez - Personnel, items 1 and 2, Curriculum, Finance, items 1 through 4, Miscellaneous, Policy and Transportation 1 (a and b)

Nay: None

Abstain: Ms. Keefe – Transportation 1 (c) Durham School Services, as it pertains to a personal connection Ms. Gonzalez – Transportation 1 (c) Durham School Services, as it pertains to a personal connection

15. **PUBLIC SESSION on Any Matter:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Mr. Brockman to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None Abstain None:

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Ms. Rubin at 9:09 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Keefe that the meeting be adjourned.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, Ms. Rubin and

Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None Abstain: None

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Rosa Hock, Board Secretary	