

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018**

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held this day in the Chatham Township Municipal Building Courtroom located at 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by the Board President, Jill Weber.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: Ms. Weber read the following statement:

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of the Public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the School District of the Chathams Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board Administrative Office, sent to the Clerks of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township, the Library of the Chathams, the Chatham Courier, the Daily Record, and the Star Ledger.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Sal Arnuk, Mary Chambers, Michelle Clark, Matthew Gilfillan, Lata Kenney, Michael Ryan, Michael Valenti, and Jill Critchley Weber

Absent: Ann Ciccarelli

Also Present: Dr. Michael LaSusa, Superintendent; Mr. Peter Daquila, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Dr. Vincent D'Elia, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services; Ms. Beth Grant, Human Resources Manager; and approximately twenty-eight (28) members of the public and press.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Weber led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Ms. Weber welcomed all the attendees and then outlined the flow of the meeting, asking for the public to limit their comments to 4-5 minutes per speaker.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. LaSusa congratulated all of the winter sports athletes on very successful seasons, especially the girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and hockey teams.

- Superintendent LaSusa noted that the Parkland, Florida shooting is a tragedy. The district has taken security very seriously and he stated that school safety is paramount in the district. He went on to say that he meets regularly with both Chiefs of Police and all suggestions to improve safety are being evaluated. If security items are added as second question items, the items will be included in the budget that will be submitted to the County at the end of March.
- Ms. Weber asked Dr. LaSusa to meet with the Borough and Township to determine the best course of action on class III officers and if the towns can provide the staffing.
- The Board discussed safety and security issues with Dr. LaSusa.

B. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Daquila gave the following report and construction/facility update:
 - CHS Auditorium Renovation, CMS STEM Addition, MAS Addition & Central Office Addition
MAS – Contractor is making steady progress. The block work is being done and the plumbing and electrical work is ongoing.
CMS – Contractor is making steady progress. The concrete slab has been poured and the steel is being installed. The block work will continue and the roof deck will be next.
CHS Auditorium – Contractor is making steady progress on the project.
Central Office Addition – Contractor has started the work on the footings and is presently behind schedule. There is an issue with the last corner footing. There are eight (8) 4-inch PVC pipes containing electrical wires that need to be relocated so the footing can be poured. The plans on how to relocate the pipes are being finalized.
 - Roof Work: CHS, CMS, and LAS
The roof company was again at CHS today to correct the roof leaks on the new auditorium roof. This is the only new roof that has leak issues. The final inspection needs to be completed at each location so the project can be finalized. A meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 9 to review all the roof projects.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel** – Ms. Kenney reported that the committee met on February 21 and discussed 2018/2019 staffing issues and are waiting for finance details. The discussed health benefits transition to SHIF on January 1, 2018. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018.
- B. Curriculum** – Ms. Clark reported the committee has not met, and is scheduled to meet on March 28, 2018.
- C. Finance/Facilities** – Mr. Gilfillan reported the committee met this evening prior to the board meeting. They discussed capital spending, staffing, and the financial status of the district. They are scheduled to meet again on March 12, 2018.
- D. Policy and Planning** – Mr. Arnuk reported that the committee met and discussed the three policies/regulations on the agenda for first and second reading and adoption. The committee discussed school security, the March 14th event supporting Parkland, FL, and the support of students, their voice and expression rights. Dr. LaSusa reported on how the district will handle the planned March 14 student events. The procedures will be provided to the parents in the next 24 – 36 hours. (The Board commented.)

Liaisons

Chatham Borough – Ms. Weber had nothing to report.

Chatham Township – Ms. Clark had nothing to report.

Athletic Boosters – Ms. Weber reported that the Athletic Boosters support many teams and have donated over \$15,000 to supplement winter coaching. They are discussing changes to the bylaws for teams that are not district funded. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13.

Chatham Performing Arts Boosters – Mr. Arnuk gave the following report:

- Congratulations to the CHS Music Department on their recent performance of the Mozart Requiem, which was sponsored through a generous grant from the Chatham Education Foundation. Conductors Krystle Graser and Ken Bryson led the 85-voice choir and 30-member orchestra comprised of CHS students and district music faculty in a riveting performance on Wednesday, February 21st to a capacity crowd at the Chatham United Methodist Church. The evening began with a pre-concert lecture given by local Mozart scholar Dr. Vincent Rufino, who also visited students for a lunchtime lecture offering historic and anecdotal information about Mozart's life on February 5th, preceding their first combined rehearsal. To enhance the performance, nearly 200 CHS art students created mono acrylic prints inspired by each movement of the work, which were digitally displayed throughout the performance. The performance will be posted to the district performing arts website, courtesy of the CHS Video Production class.
- The CMS Glee Club and 8th grade Band traveled to the Prudential Center to perform at a NJ Devils Hockey Game on Thursday, February 22nd. The band brought a spirited 240-member entourage of spectators with them for an exciting evening combining music and hockey.
- The annual Breakfast with the Musicians fundraiser sponsored by the Chatham Performing Arts Boosters took place on Saturday, March 3rd in the CHS cafeteria. The well-attended event featured performances by the district bands from grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, the CMS Jazz Band, 7/8 Orchestra, and the CHS cast of *Fiddler on the Roof* while families and friends dropped by for a delicious breakfast together. Many thanks to all of the support this event continues to attract from the community each year.
- The CHS musical *Fiddler on the Roof* will be performed March 22 @6pm and March 23-24 @7:30pm in the CMS auditorium, with a senior citizen performance and dinner on Wednesday, March 21st. The classic musical is set in the Pale of Settlement of Imperial Russia in 1905. The storyline is based on *Tevye and his Daughters* (also known as *Tevye, the Dairyman*) and other tales by Yiddish author Sholem Aleichem. Tickets will be available at Saturday's Breakfast with the Musicians, online, and in the CHS cafeteria lobby during lunches the week of March 19th.
- CHS Theater students will be "on tour" this Friday to perform excerpts from *Fiddler on the Roof* for Juniper Village residents in the morning and WAS students in the afternoon.
- The Chatham Performing Arts Boosters will have its next meeting this Wednesday, March 7th at 7pm in the Lafayette Lounge. All are welcome to join the efforts of this passionate group of SDOC performing arts supporters.

Chatham Education Foundation – Ms. Kenney reported that tickets for Casino Royale went on sale today. An early bird special is available.

Recreation – Mr. Gilfillan had nothing to report.

PTO District Cabinet – No report available.

VIII. MINUTES

Ms. Weber moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meeting(s):

- February 5, 2018 – public session and executive session

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilfillan and approved 7-0-1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Valenti abstained).

Ms. Weber moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meeting(s):

- February 12, 2018 – public session and executive session

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilfillan and approved 8-0 on a roll call vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Jane Devlin thanked the Board and Superintendent for the attention to safety. She supports the mental health of the students. She applauds the students who are being proactive with their support on March 14. She asked if teachers can join the support; can parents join the students; how are the students going to move back into the building.
- Jeff Markey, Pastor of the Methodist Church, encouraged increasing the budget for mental health and doesn't support guns in the schools. He asked how the interfaith clergy can help the district. He extended an invitation to the Board to the Interfaith Lunch on Wednesday, April 4.
- Bill Heap attended the film festival, which was great. He applauds the school athletics. He is not in favor of guns in the schools. He is in favor of the counselors, security personnel and noted that the staff needs to walk the halls and know the people who are in their building. He believes the country needs to address gun laws and video games.
- Kathryn Peck of Chatham Township believes that our students should be asked about the potential increase to mental health and class III officers. She is concerned that the students may not be able to write and create a persuasive letter as a way to foster change and urged that this is added to the curriculum.
- Ms. Weber addressed Ms. Devlin's question on the teachers' ability to participate in the March 14th support, indicating the staff has a duty to the students and unfortunately, cannot leave the building to join the students.
- Dr. LaSusa stated the persuasive writing is part of the curriculum from grades K to 12. Civics is also taught.
- Mr. Arnuk noted that the students need to be instructed that voting is important.
- Mr. Valenti supports Ms. Peck's comments that regarding the students.

X. ACTION ITEMS**A. PERSONNEL – (ITEMS A.4, A.14, A.15, & A.17 AS AMENDED)**

On a motion by Ms. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Valenti, the consent agenda items A.1 – A.14 and A.16 – A.17 were approved by an 8-0 roll call vote. Consent item A.15 was approved by a 7-0-1 roll call vote (Mr. Ryan abstained).

1. (267-17/18) *Acceptance: Resignation*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following staff members:

Name	Location/Position	Effective Date
Blanc, Desiree	MAS/Paraprofessional	02/15/2018
Peters-LaChance, Gretchen	LAS/Paraprofessional	02/26/2018
Quinones, Jacqueline	Teacher/CHS	06/30/2018

2. (268-17/18) *Amendment: Resignation*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends the resignation of the following staff member:

Name	Location/Position	Effective Date	Notes
Konteatis, Aideen	LAS/Paraprofessional	02/16/2018	Supersedes action on 02/05/2018 to amend effective date.

3. (269-17/18) *Amendment: Contracts - 2017/2018 School Year*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends the contracts for the following individuals for the 2017/2018 school year, as per the agreement between the School District of the Chathams and the Chatham Education Association (CEA):

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Column/Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Hoffman, Cory	Teacher of Science	CHS	1.00	BA/5	\$57,821.00 Prorated \$31,223.38	01/22/2018	06/30/2018	Supersedes action of 01/08/2018 to amend prorated salary.
Zepka, Alexa	Teacher of Spanish	CMS	1.00	MA/6	\$62,703.00 Prorated \$27,275.84	02/20/2018	06/30/2018	Supersedes action on 01/08/2018 to amend prorated salary.

4. (270-17/18) *Approval: Paraprofessional Staff – (AS AMENDED)*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contracts for Paraprofessional Staff for the 2017/2018 school year as per the agreement between the School District of the Chathams and the Chatham Education Association (CEA).

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Nelson, Karen	Paraprofessional	WAS	\$17.47/hr.	02/20/2018	06/30/2018	
Forand-Pike, Diana	Paraprofessional	LAF	\$17.47/hr.	03/05/2018	06/30/2018	
Ross, Nicole	Paraprofessional	MAS	\$17.47/hr.	02/19/2018 03/19/2018	06/30/2018	
Henwood, Jennifer	Paraprofessional	LAS	\$17.47/hr.	TBD	06/30/2018	

5. (271-17/18) Approval: Maternity Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a maternity leave of absence for the following staff member, detailed as follows:

Employee #	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick Days Applied	FMLA Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	NJFLA Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	Extended Leave Start Date (unpaid without benefits)	Date of Return (Anticipated)	Notes
ID# 10114	09/01/2018	N/A	09/01/2018	09/01/2018	N/A	11/05/2018	
ID# 6244	05/14/2018	25	09/01/2018	09/01/2018	11/28/2018	01/02/2019	

6. (272-17/18) Approval: Leave Replacement Teacher

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Leave Replacement Teacher for the 2017/2018 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Column/ Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Graf, Carrie	Teacher of Math	CMS	BA/2	\$56,323.00 Prorated \$17,460.14	03/29/2018	06/30/2018	Includes up to 3 shadow days at \$100/day
Critelli, Lauren	Teacher of Music	LAF	BA/2	\$56,323.00 Prorated \$21,966.01	03/06/2018	06/30/2018	

7. (273-17/18) Amendment: Leave Replacement Teacher

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends the following Leave Replacement Teacher for the 2017/2018 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Column/ Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Aivars, Ilze	Teacher of Elementary	LAF	BA/2	\$56,323.00 prorated at \$30,414.43	10/17/2017	03/29/2018	Supersedes action on 09/25/2018 to amend termination date.

8. (274-17/18) Approval: Medical Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a medical leave of absence for the following staff member, detailed as follows:

Employee #	Leave Start Date	Sick Days Applied	FMLA Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	NJFLA Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	Extended Leave Start Date (unpaid without benefits)	Date of Return (Anticipated)	Notes
ID# 4103	01/10/2018	N/A	01/10/2018	01/10/2018	04/11/2018	TBD	

9. (275-17/18) Approval: Use of Accumulated Family Illness Days

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the use of accumulated family illness days, as listed below:

Employee #	Location	Dates	Total Number of Days	Notes
ID# 396	LAS	TBD	10	As needed during the 2017/2018 school year.
ID# 6328	LAS	03/27/18 - 03/29/2018	3	
ID# 8559	WAS	TBD	1	As needed during the 2017/2018 school year.

10. (276-17/18) Approval: Unpaid Absences

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following unpaid absences during the 2017/2018 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Number of Requested Unpaid Days	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Bley, Shannon	Paraprofessional	WAS	2	02/28/2018	03/01/2018	
Szajowski, Elizabeth	Paraprofessional	WAS	2	04/19/2018	04/20/2018	
Chin, Dorothy	Paraprofessional	SBS	3	03/21/2018	03/23/2018	
Burke, Laura	Paraprofessional	LAS	5	03/12/2018	03/16/2018	
Mahabir-Prasad, Rhonda	Paraprofessional	CHS	2	04/19/2018	04/20/2018	
Kessler, Jennifer	Teacher	CHS	1	04/20/2018	04/20/2018	
Tartaglia, Jacquelyn	LRT	CMS	.5	05/15/2018	05/15/2018	

11. (277-17/18) Approval: District Substitutes

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2017/2018 school year:

Teacher	Para	Clerical	Nurse	Last Name	First Name
			x	Cahill	Catherine
			x	McAuliffe	Deirdre
x				Nava	Althea
x	x			McAleer	Eoin
x	x			Flaxman	Joseph

12. (278-17/18) Approval: Coaching Staff

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following fall coaching personnel for the 2018/2019 school year:

Name	Season	Sport	Assignment	Ratio	Salary	Notes
Czepiga, Daniel	Fall	Football	Head Coach	1.00	\$10,054.11	

*Denotes district employee.

13. (279-17/18) Amendment: Extra Class - Certificated Staff

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends an *Extra Class Stipend* for Certificated Staff for the 2017/2018 school year:

Name / Position	Location	Effective Date	End Date	Salary	Notes
Kolshorn, Patricia	LAF	01/02/2018	02/16/2018	\$2,456.65	Supersedes action on 01/08/2018 to amend end date and salary.

14. (280-17/18) Approval: Extra Hours Paraprofessional Staff – (AS AMENDED)

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Michelle Hajar to provide paraprofessional support for 1 hour a week for 10 weeks, at the rate of \$17.47 per hour, not to exceed \$174.70, during **morning** extracurricular activities as per the IEP.

15. (281-17/18) Approval: Extra Hours Paraprofessional Staff – (AS AMENDED)

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Sulakshana Chakrabarty to provide paraprofessional support for 1 hour a week for 7 weeks, at the rate of \$17.47 per hour, not to exceed \$122.29, during **morning** extracurricular activities as per the IEP.

16. (282-17/18) Approval: Time Extension - Leave Replacement - Assistant Business Administrator

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a time extension for Robert T. Clark as Leave Replacement Interim Business Administrator for the period of March 1, to March 2, 2018 in the 2017/2018 school year at an annualized salary of \$90,000.00 per year, which will be prorated over the time period worked. (*Contract on file in Human Resources*)

17. (283-17/18) Approval: Travel – (AS AMENDED)

WHEREAS: In accordance with the State of New Jersey School District Accountability Act (A-5) and the School District of the Chatham’s *Policy 6471 - School District Travel*, travel by school district employees and Board of Education members must be approved in advance; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following expenses for faculty, staff, administrators, and board members for seminars, conferences and workshops. The expense includes travel costs, if applicable:

Month	Day	Year	First	Last	Position	Vendor	Purpose	Location	Cost
March	4-6	2018	Tamar	Spitzer	Supervisor of WL and ESL	Harvard University	Women in Educational Leadership Conference	Boston, MA	\$370
March	8	2018	Kelly	Caffrey	Purchasing	MUJC	Ethics in School Law & Purchasing Workshop	New Providence, NJ	\$100
March	12	2018	Rebecca	Sheasley	Special Ed Teacher	Ramapo College	NJ Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference	Mahwah, NJ	\$125

March	12-16	2018*	William	Librera	Assistant Principal	DAANJ	Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$1225
March	19	2018	Elizabeth	Gaynor	Psychologist	MUJC	Social Skill Development	New Providence, NJ	\$105
March	20	2018	Kelly	Caffrey	Purchasing	NJASBO	Purchasing Workshop	Rockaway, NJ	\$110
March April	20 12	2018	Tatiana	Gilbert	Assistant BA	NJASBO	Purchase/Audit Review Workshops	Rockaway, NJ	\$200
March	26	2018	Denise	Caamano	Social Worker	NJASSW	Utilizing Collaborative Strategies	Iselin, NJ	\$125
May	11	2018	Vincent	D'Elia	Asst Supt Student Support Services	Lehigh University	46th Annual Conference Special Education Law	Lehigh, PA	\$270
June	7	2018	Catharine	Hadley	Grade 4 Math Teacher	Exemplars	Problem Solving for Instruction & Assessment	New York City	\$225
June	7	2018	Stacy	Winters	Math Supervisor	Exemplars	Problem Solving for Instruction & Assessment	New York City	\$255

**Previously Approved on ~~11/6/18~~ 11/6/17 BOE agenda; re-approving to add an additional day*

B. FINANCE/FACILITIES

On a motion by Ms. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Arnuk, the consent agenda items B.1 – B.23 were approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Gilfillan thanked the Chatham Performing Arts Boosters, the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, Chubb Matching Gift Program (Jonathan Thomas), and the Routh Family for their donations which are on this evening’s agenda for Board acceptance. He noted that the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation has donated many AEDs to Chatham and throughout New Jersey.

1. (228-17/18) Approval: Payments - Bills Lists & Payroll

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following payments: *(Attachment B.1)*

Description	Totals
Bills List - February 15, 2018	\$1,712,803.22
Bills List - March 5, 2018	611,804.90
Payroll - February 2018	6,900,569.96
TOTAL:	\$9,225,178.08

2. *(229-17/18) Approval: Transfers - January 2018*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the January 2018 transfers within the 2017/2018 budget in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(A)2. *(Attachment B.2)*
3. *(230-17/18) Approval: Monthly Report of County Transfers - January 2018*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Monthly Report of County Transfers for January 2018. *(Attachment B.3)*
4. *(231-17/18) Approval: Report of the Board Secretary - January 2018*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Report of the Board Secretary for January 2018. *(Attachment B.4)*
5. *(232-17/18) Approval: Report of the Board Treasurer - January 2018*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Report of the Board Treasurer for January 2018. *(Attachment B.5)*
6. *(233-17/18) Approval: Finance Certification - January 2018*
RESOLVED: Pursuant to N.J.A.S. 18A:17-9, the Board Secretary does certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.S. 18A:17-9. Pursuant to N.J.A.S. 18A:17-36, the School District of the Chathams Board of Education has reviewed for the minutes of this meeting the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports for January 2018 that no account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.S. 18A:17-36.
7. *(234-17/18) Approval: Acceptance of Funds*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the acceptance of funds from the New Jersey Department of Education for the Nonpublic Auxiliary and Handicapped Services Aid (Chapter 192/193) for the 2017/2018 school year as follows:
 - Chapter 192 - Compensatory Education - \$24,804
 - Chapter 192 - E.S.L. - \$632
 - Chapter 193 - Initial Exam & Class - \$28,009
 - Chapter 193 - Annual Exam & Class - \$11,309
 - Chapter 193 - Corrective Speech \$19,642
 - Chapter 193 - Supplementary Instruction - \$31,718
8. *(235-17/18) Acceptance: Chatham Performing Arts Boosters Donation*
RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and as approved by the Chatham High School and Chatham Middle School principals, the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$3,274.77 from the Chatham Performing Arts Boosters for the following purchases and programs:

Purchase/Program	Amount
Piano Dolly for the CMS Piano	\$250.00
Bob Fosse Choreography Workshop	\$600.00
Follow Spot Lighting and Portable Speakers	\$2,424.77
TOTAL:	\$3,274.77

9. (236-17/18) *Acceptance: Donation of Portable AEDs*

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and as approved by the Chatham High School Principal, the Board of Education accepts the donation of two portable AEDs complete with carrying cases valued at \$2,500.00 from the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation (Board of Education to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the units).

10. (237-17/18) *Acceptance: Chubb Matching Gift Donations*

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and as approved by the Lafayette Avenue School and Chatham Middle School principals, the Board of Education accepts donations from the Chubb Charitable Foundation on behalf of Jonathan Thoms through their matching gift program as follows:

School	Amount
Lafayette Avenue School - to be used at the principal's discretion	\$ 50.00
Chatham Middle School - to be used at the principal's discretion	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$100.00

11. (238-17/18) *Acceptance: Routh Family Scholarship Grant*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts a grant from Fidelity Charitable in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2018 Routh Family Scholarship for the Performing Arts.

12. (239-17/18) *Approval: Evaluation Services*

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Dr. Paul Yampolsky, Psy.D. to conduct psychological evaluations for the district at the rate of \$450.00 per evaluation not to exceed \$3,150.00 for the 2017/2018 school year.

13. (240-17/18) *Approval: ESY Services*

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the reimbursement for extended school year services to the parents of special education student #7409450433 in the amount of \$756.00.

14. (241-17/18) *Approval: Nursing Services*

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide nursing services for an out of district special education student (#8730702700) not to exceed the amount of \$20,800.00 for the 2017/2018 school year.

15. (242-17/18) Approval: *Diane Ferrone - Supplemental Instruction*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Diane Ferrone to provide supplemental instruction to special education students per their IEPs for the 2017/2018 school year for 2 hours per week at \$60.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,200.00.

16. (243-17/18) Rescission: *Placement of Out-of-District Student*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education rescinds the tuition and transportation costs for special education student #9335487600 at Garden Academy for the 2017/2018 school year effective April 13, 2018.

17. (244-17/18) Approval: *Placement of Out-of-District Student*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the tuition and transportation costs for special education student #9335487600 at Reed Academy for the 2017/2018 school year in the prorated amount of \$25,077.60 effective April 16, 2018.

18. (245-17/18) Approval: *Evaluation Services*

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Mrs. Judith Fink to conduct educational evaluations for the district at the rate of \$400.00 per evaluation not to exceed \$2,000.00.

19. (246-17/18) Approval: *Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract with Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center for an assessment of special education student (#3341229070) for the amount of \$2,800.00.

20. (247-17/18) Approval: *Additional ABA Home Program Hours*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Luz Meza to provide home based applied behavioral analysis programming from February 1 through June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$3,200.00.

21. (248-17/18) Approval: *Home Instruction*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Professional Educational Services, Inc. to provide home instruction at the rate of \$60.00/hour not to exceed \$840.00 for the 2017/2018 school year.

22. (249-17/18) Approval: *Home Instruction*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Silvergate Prep to provide home instruction at the rate of \$60.00/hour not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the 2017/2018 school year.

23. (250-17/18) Approval: *Placement of Out-of-District Student*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the tuition and transportation costs for special education student #1080116727 at Hunterdon Preparatory School for the 2017/2018 school year in the prorated amount of \$16,126.50 effective March 12.

C. CURRICULUM

On a motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Arnuk, the consent agenda items C.1 – C.2 were approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

1. *(048-17/18) Acceptance: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Report for the period from February 5, 2018 through March 2, 2018.*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Report for the period of February 5, 2018 through March 2, 2018 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1 et seq.

2. *(049-17/18) Affirmation: Findings of Harassment, Intimidation and Bully Investigations*

RESOLVED: That the Board affirms the determination made by the Superintendent regarding the HIB Investigations reported by the Superintendent at the Board's February 5, 2018 Meeting, which encompasses all HIB findings between January 8, 2018 and February 2, 2018.

D. POLICY

On a motion by Mr. Arnuk, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the consent agenda item D.1 was approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

1. *(013-17/18) Approval: First and Second Reading and Adoption of Policies/Regulation*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the first and second reading and adoption of the policies/regulation as listed below: *(Attachment D.1)*

- Policy 5330.04 - Administering an Opioid Antidote
- Policy 8630 - Bus Driver Responsibility (M)
- Regulation 8630 - Emergency School Bus Procedures (M)

XI. BOARD BUSINESS

- Ms. Weber announced that there is an executive session tonight.
- Ms. Chambers reported that she received information tonight that will be reviewed and she will report back via committee.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Julia Yarborough stated that she appreciates the district allowing the students the opportunity of free speech to partake in the March 14th rally. She supports increase mental health, not guns in the schools.
- Amy Coates stated that she supports the district and asked for input from the students on ideas, conditions and curriculum.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:08 PM Ms. Weber moved the following:

WHEREAS: The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters; and
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilfillan and approved by unanimous voice vote.

XIV. PUBLIC SESSION – The board reconvened in Public Session at 9:50 PM

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Gilfillan, and as approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Minutes recorded by:

Peter Daquila
Business Administrator/Board Secretary