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Date: May 20, 2025

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Kristina Susca

RE: Board Notes

Meeting Dates and Times for Committee Meetings

Curriculum Committee- May 15, 2025 at 5:00pm

Equity & Excellence Committee- May 15, 2025 at 6:00pm

Facilities & Finance Committee- May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm

Superintendent's Report

- MS Presentation - "Deer Pressure" (Short 2 minute video with support of Dr. Ravit Duncan from Rutgers GSE)
- HS Presentation - Global Citizenship (Dr. Adam Gold will give a brief presentation on this program)
- [NJDOE 23-24 Performance Report](#)

Subsequent Meetings/Events

Curriculum & Instruction

- There is one HIB to review for this month.
- Approval of our Extended School Year STAR program for IEP driven needs.
- Memorandum of Agreement with SPAN to fund the Bookshelf Grant initiative for the purpose of supporting home engagement of literacy for families.
- Approval of a High School Summer College Bootcamp to help students with the college application process.
- Approval of a Middle School Welcome Academy in August for incoming new MS students.
- Under Sam Perez's leadership the district would like to apply for the Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant. If we are awarded this grant we would receive \$53,550 for teachers and staff to participate in the NJDOE's institute.
- Job description approval for Event Monitor that was discussed in committees and put forth by the district's safety committee.
- Approval for Mike McCrae to complete his administrator internship hours with Dr.

Donovan.

- Approval of two students for home instruction for the remainder of the school year.

Equity & Excellence

- [Approval of the 20025-2028 Comprehensive Equity Plan](#)

Facilities & Finance

- We have the following contractors for professional development:
 - Jade Seybolt from Lafayette College to work with our staff on the college admission process.
 - Thomas Sclafani, from Coaches Choice USA to design and implement team building exercises for middle school students.
 - Thomas Foley, from HiTops, to work with our students in honor of pride month.
 - Partnership with Easter Seals New Jersey to utilize their Senior Community Service Employment Program to provide training for administrative assistance to support the Teen Center.
 - Nonpublic passthrough request for PD on Collaborative Conversations
 - Nonpublic passthrough request for an Interior Design Curriculum
- We have the following contractors for Professional Services
 - Horizon Nurse to attend Camp Mason
- [The Request for Competitive Contracting for solicitation of Before and After Care program proposals is up for approval.](#)
- Two out of district students to approve. Confidential student information
[REDACTED]
- Approval of one student Confidential student information
[REDACTED]
- Approval of tuition payments for two students Confidential student information
[REDACTED]
- Yearly approval of our contract with ESCNJ to provide coordinated transportation services.
- There are several other contracts for coordinated transportation services on the agenda as well to support students that go out of district or require transportation as part of their IEP.
- As per Marilyn's committee notes there are several contracts for services up for renewal.
- Approval of Tier III Mental Health Services Contract with RUBHC for the upcoming school year that includes a clinician at the High School, Middle School and Irving. The contract also includes an additional part time social worker for the preschool program at Irving as well.
- Approval of our Food Service Management Contract with Pomptonian.

Personnel

- Approval of Denise DeRosa to continue as our School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- HPAA Contract Ratification
- Approval to appoint me as the representative for the ESCNJ.
- Non-renewal of Hunter McDaniel from the ASP program due to a reduction in force as a cost saving measure.
- Leave of Absences
 - Confidential personnel information
- Resignations
 - Arlington Burrell as Site Assistant with the ASP Program
 - Susan Odato as Administrative Assistant with the ASP Program
 - Thomas Golian, Technology Support Technician
 - Revised end date for Didi Deitcher from June 27 to June 30.
 - Jessica Koval resigning as an Irving Special Education teacher
 - Tashaun Hutchins resigning from the position of Paraprofessional at Irving
- Appointments
 - Raysa Soler to continue supporting the Senior Academic Academy and Credit Restoration Program at the High School
 - Sam Perez and Tracey Maiden to support SEL Family Engagement Night at the Middle School
 - Approve an extension for Scott Kliff and Kaylee Lacasse to continue interning at the Teen Center next year.
 - A couple of teachers need approval to assist students with essay writing over the summer.
 - [Marc Mortellaro](#) as the District's Athletics Programs & Sports Medicine Administrator at a salary of \$110,000.
 - [Derek Ressa](#) as the Interim Executive Director of Personnel and Student Services at a rate of \$500 per day.
- Transfers
 - There are several transfers for teachers moving grade levels and programs for the upcoming school year.
- Approval of staff to work the STAR program this summer.
- Approval of staff to receive toileting stipend for the STAR program.
- Approval of staff for summer ESL Screening.
- Approval of nursing staff to work a couple of hours over the summer to assist with health requirements during registration.
- Approval of CST staff to conduct testing and IEP meetings over the summer.

Policy

- There are no policies for a first read.

Around the District

- Check out the Ceramics II Holocaust Memorial piece made by Ms. Grunstein's HS students by [clicking here](#). This is truly inspiring!
- May 19th, under Tara Young's leadership, Bartle held their second annual Academic Excellence Presentation for the first graders. Students at Irving had an opportunity to hear from second graders about their knowledge of moving up to Bartle. [Click here](#) to see some of the students on the call. They asked lots of questions and were very enthusiastic.

Strauss Esmay Legal Digest

- [Click here](#) to read the April Issue