

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

**6:30 PM OPEN FINANCE / PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING**

**7:30 PM REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER  
255 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES**

**OPEN FINANCE MEETING**

An open finance meeting of the Board of Education was held this day in the Chatham High School Media Center located at 255 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham, NJ.

The meeting opened at 6:40 PM.

Present: Dr. Michael LaSusa, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Peter Daquila, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Karen Chase, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Beth Grant, Human Resources Manager; Board Members including Sal Arnuk, Ann Ciccarelli, Mary Chambers, Michelle Clark, Lata Kenney, and Jill Weber and twenty-two (22) members of the public and press.

Dr. LaSusa and Mr. Daquila presented an overview of the proposed 2019/2020 school budget that will be sent to the Morris County Office of Education for review by March 20, 2019.

Dr. LaSusa and Peter Daquila responded to questions from the Board members.

Discussion followed. Multiple board members would like to see a second athletic trainer added to the budget. The Board asked the Finance Committee to work on adding the trainer to the budget.

The Open Finance Meeting closed at 7:27 PM.

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held this day in the Chatham High School Media Center located at 255 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham, NJ.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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, Ann Ciccarelli, Michelle Clark, Lata Kenney, Michael Valenti, and Jill Critchley Weber

**Absent:** Matthew Gilfillan and Michael Ryan were absent.

**Also Present:** Dr. Michael LaSusa, Superintendent; Mr. Peter Daquila, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Karen Chase, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Vincent D'Elia, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services; Ms. Beth Grant, Human Resources Manager; and approximately twenty-five (25) 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 reported that Chatham High School earned the Women's Distinction Award. She also reported that she received a letter complimenting the students in attendance at the girl's championship game for their sportsmanship and positive behavior.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. LaSusa introduced Ms. Julie Ryan, Robotics teacher. Ms. Ryan was the second hire in the School District of the Chathams for robotics and was recently named the Veteran Coach of the Year.
- Ms. Ryan thanked the Board of Education and Dr. LaSusa for allowing the presentation tonight. The current program has grown substantially over the last four years. The students assist the Chatham Middle School students and the community. The robotics team introduced themselves and demonstrated the activity used at the recent competition.
- Dr. LaSusa will look into making Chatham High School Robotics an A/P level course.

**B. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. Daquila gave the following report:  
CMS Auditorium Renovations - As a result of the contract negotiations with the bidders, the contract for the project is being awarded tonight. Billy Contracting is the low bidder. The base bid

and alternate #7 for the interior railings is being awarded. At this time the district does not have the funds for alternate items 1 to 6.

Cougar Field – “New” Field House – there was a fire today in the heating unit. The heating unit will need to be replaced and there was NO other damage as a result of the fire. Pricing for a replacement unit is being determined and the insurance carrier has been contacted.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Personnel** – Ms. Ciccarelli reported that the committee will meet on April 8.

**B. Curriculum** – Ms. Clark reported that the committee will meet on April 24.

**C. Finance/Facilities** – Mr. Arnuk reported there was an Open Finance Meeting at 6:30 this evening.

**D. Policy and Planning** – Mr. Arnuk reported the committee will meet on March 25.

### Liaisons

**Chatham Borough** – Ms. Weber reported that the committee is working on a Class III Officer agreement.

**Chatham Township** – Ms. Clark reported that a Class III Officer was recently hired.

**Chatham Athletic Boosters** – Ms. Ciccarelli reported that the next meeting is on April 5. Ms. Weber reported that by invitation from Danielle Dagounis, she attended the site visit open house, which was amazing.

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

- Congratulations to Ken Takagi, Grade 8, on his selection to the Middle School All-State Orchestra!
- Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the CHS production of Hunchback of Notre Dame! Chatham is the first high school in New Jersey to perform this production. Performances are on April 4th at 6:00pm and April 5th and 6th at 7:30 in the newly renovated CHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at [chshunchback.brownpapertickets.com](http://chshunchback.brownpapertickets.com).
- As is CHS Theatre tradition, local senior citizens are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the CHS Performing Arts Center immediately followed by a complimentary dinner hosted by the Chatham Education Association. Seating for the dress rehearsal is unrestricted; however, dinner reservations are limited to 80. To R.S.V.P. to the senior dinner, please call Debbie Haeringer at (973)701-8037 or email [debbie.haeringer@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.haeringer@gmail.com) by Wednesday, March 27. Diners will receive a confirmation call or email.
- A reminder to follow us on Facebook under “Chatham Performing Arts.” This page is a great resource to see what is happening in every building throughout the year!

**Chatham Education Foundation** – Ms. Kenney reminded everyone that tickets are currently on sale for Casino Royale on April 26.

**Chatham Recreation** – No report available.

**PTO District Cabinet** – Ms. Ciccarelli reported that the committee met on March 6 and that the Chatham Education Foundation presented at that meeting to create synergies. The committee will meet again in April.

## VIII. MINUTES

Ms. Weber moved the following:

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

- March 4, 2019 Public and Executive Sessions

The motion was seconded by Ms. Ciccarelli and approved 6-0-1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Arnuk abstained).

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- Ed Barmakian reported that Girls Basketball lost in the finals, not the sectionals.
- Bill Heap wished everyone a belated Happy St. Patrick’s Day. He then shared that the WSJ Profile on towns of Westburg and Jericho that indicated per pupil spending in excess of \$28,000 in each district; Chatham is a bargain! He then spoke about the increased ratables in the towns and that the district should have maintained the April vote if it wanted to exceed the 2% cap.

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

On a motion by Ms. Ciccarelli, seconded by Mr. Arnuk, the consent agenda items A.1 – A.16 (Item A.1 as amended and Item A.16 added per addendum) were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ms. Ciccarelli wished Ron Deloatch all the best.

Dr. LaSusa noted the retirements of James Donough, LAS Math Teacher, Ron Deloatch, CHS Teacher, and Dorothy Chin, the most energetic and happiest person in the district. He stated that all three staff members will be missed and wished them all the best.

*1. (293-18/19) Acceptance: Retirement- AMENDED PER ADDENCUM*

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following staff member:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location/Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Deloatch, Ronald	CHS/Teacher	05/01/2019
Chin, Dorothy	SBS/Paraprofessional	07/01/2019
<b>Donough, James</b>	<b>LAF/Teacher</b>	<b>07/01/2019</b>

*2. (294-18/19) Acceptance: Resignation*

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location/Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Gomez, Isabel	CMS/Paraprofessional	04/05/2019

*3. (295-18/19) Approval: Contracts - 2018/2019 School Year*

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a contract for the following individual for the 2018/2019 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
Vega, Alexander	Paraprofessional	LAF	N/A	N/A	\$17.47/hourly	03/18/2019	06/30/2019
Jawdekar, Kritika	Paraprofessional	CMS	N/A	N/A	\$17.47/hourly	03/25/2019	06/30/2019

4. (296-18/19) Approval: Contracts - Leave Replacement Teachers

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves contracts for the following Leave Replacement Teachers for the 2018/2019 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Column/Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Toto, Nicole	Teacher of Students w/Disabilities	LAF	BA/2	\$56,353 Prorated \$19,723.55	03/18/2019	06/30/2019	Includes up to 3 shadow days @\$100/day.
Petrulo, Darryl	Teacher of Special Education	CMS	BA/2	\$56,353 Prorated \$36,065.98	10/05/2018	04/12/2019	Supersedes action on 10/01/2018 to amend termination date and salary

5. (297-18/19) Approval of Contract: Custodial Staff

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following contracts as per the agreement between the School District of the Chathams and Chatham Custodial Employees.

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Category/Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Blackwood, Basiel	Custodian	CHS Floating	1.00	IV/D	\$40,232 Prorated \$10,831.68	03/25/2019	06/30/2019	Salary includes night differential.
Rokes, Timothy	Custodian	CHS Floating	1.00	IV/D	\$40,232 Prorated \$5,493.21	05/13/2019	06/30/2019	Salary includes night differential.

6. (298-18/19) Approval: Mentor 2018/2019

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following staff member as a Mentor for the 2018/2019 school year:

Mentor	Novice Teacher	School	Certificate	Weeks	Rate
Gangaware, Denise	Kayla Dionisio	WAS	CEAS	10	\$183.30

7. (299-18/19) Approval: Maternity Leave of Absence

**RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following *Maternity Leave of Absence*:

Employee #	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick Days Applied	FMLA Start Date <i>(unpaid with benefits)</i>	NJFLA Start Date <i>(unpaid with benefits)</i>	Extended Leave Start Date <i>(unpaid without benefits)</i>	Date of Return <i>(Anticipated)</i>	Notes
ID#7618	8/27/2019	N/A	08/27/2019	08/27/2019	11/20/2019	01/02/2020	

8. (300-18/19) Approval: Medical Leave of Absence

**RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following *Medical Leave of Absence*:

Employee #	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick Days Applied	FMLA Start Date <i>(unpaid with benefits)</i>	NJFLA Start Date <i>(unpaid with benefits)</i>	Extended Leave Start Date <i>(unpaid without benefits)</i>	Date of Return <i>(Anticipated)</i>	Notes
ID# 2191	03/01/2019	27	04/09/2019	N/A	N/A	TBD	

9. (301-18/19) Approval: Unpaid Absences

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following unpaid absences during the 2018/2019 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Number of Requested Unpaid Days	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Matthew, Bertha	Custodian	LAF	5	05/14/2019	05/20/2019	
McHugh, Elisabeth	Secretary	LAF	1.5	03/06/2019 (.5)	03/07/2019	
Perinotti, Justin	Teacher	LAF	1.5	03/29/2019 (PM)	04/01/2019	
Snarr, Kimberly	Paraprofessional	CMS	1	03/29/2019	03/29/2019	
Deloatch, Ronald	Teacher	CHS	7	04/22/2019	04/30/2019	

10. (302-18/19) Amendment: Unpaid Absences

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends the following unpaid absences during the 2018/2019 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Number of Requested Unpaid Days	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Einhorn, Lori	Paraprofessional	CHS	5	06/14/2019	06/20/2019	Supersedes action 3/04/2019 to amend number of days, start & end date.

11. (303-18/19) Approval: Use of Accumulated Family Illness Days

**RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Use of Accumulated Family Illness Days, as listed below:

Employee #	Dates	Total Number of Days	Notes
ID# 6028	TBD	10	As needed during the 2018/2019 school year
ID# 1283	TBD	5	As needed during the 2018/2019 school year
ID# 7260	TBD	10	As needed during the 2018/2019 school year
ID# 3090	TBD	1.5	As needed during the 2018/2019 school year
ID# 7036	TBD	4	As needed during the 2018/2019 school year

12. (304-18/19) Approval: Supplemental Instruction - Carmela Zack

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Carmela Zack to provide supplemental instruction to special education students for the 2018/2019 school year as per the IEPs at a rate \$60.00 per hour not to exceed \$300.00.

13. (305-18/19) Approval: Extended School Year Staff

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Extended School Year Program Staff Members, to provide services during Summer 2019, as listed below:

POSITION	STAFF	HOURS/DAYS	TEACHER/PARA HOURLY RATE	DAYS NEEDED	TOTAL COST
Teacher	Catherine Bruner	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Michelle Cervone	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Jen Fernandez	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Lauren Flood	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Gabriella LaRosa	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Tiffany Luong	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Martina McElroy	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Brooke Phillips	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Rebecca Sheasley	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00d

Teacher	Amanda Shelffo	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Laura Sivori	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Annemarie Steigerwald	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Teacher	Jessica Taylor	4.5 hours per day	\$52.00	21	\$4,914.00
Paraprofessional	Ellen Ames	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Kelly Bissett	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Christina Boyland	4.5 hours per day	\$17.47	20	\$1,572.30
Paraprofessional	Grace Conti	4.5 hours per day	\$17.47	20	\$1,572.30
Paraprofessional	Jacqueline LaBrutto	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Alex Mandala	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Arleen Matyas	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	MaryAnn McCabe	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Karen Nelson	4.5 hours per day	\$17.47	20	\$1,572.30
Paraprofessional	Jen Racine	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Lisa Reina	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Kelly Savarese	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Amy Skrobacz	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Sara Todisco	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Debra Torrioni	4.5 hours per day	\$17.47	20	\$1,572.30
Paraprofessional	Amanda Turton	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80
Paraprofessional	Ami Zinser	4.5 hours per day	\$21.72	20	\$1,954.80

<b>Substitutes</b>		
<b>Paraprofessional &amp; Teacher</b>	<b>Daily Para Sub Rate</b>	<b>Daily Sub Teacher Rate</b>
ESY Paraprofessional Staff	\$76.50	\$100.00

14. (306-18/19) Approval: Brain Camp

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the staff for the Brain Camp Program, for Summer 2019, pending negotiations, as listed below:

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Hours/Day</b>	<b>Hourly</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Nancy Volker (Kindergarten)	21	4.5	\$52.00	\$4,914.00
Peggy Herr (Grade1)	21	4.5	\$52.00	\$4,914.00
<b>Paraprofessional</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Hours/Day</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Lisa Heap (Kindergarten)	20	4.5	\$21.72	\$1,954.80
Kelli Finn (Grade 1)	20	4.5	\$21.72	\$1,954.80

<b>Substitutes</b>		
<b>Paraprofessional &amp; Teacher</b>	<b>Daily Para Sub Rate</b>	<b>Daily Sub Teacher Rate</b>
ESY Paraprofessional Staff	\$76.50	\$100.00

15. (307-18/19) Approval: Travel

**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	20	2019	Elizabeth	Walker	Speech Pathologist	BERG	School Based SLPs	Newburgh, NY	\$275
May	10	2019	Vincent	D'Elia	Asst. Supt. Student Support Services	Lehigh University	47th Annual Special Education Law Conference	Bethlehem, PA	\$195
July	22-26	2019	Rebecca	Ryan	Science Teacher	RVCC	NGSS Summer Institute	Branchburg, NJ	\$300

**16. (308-18/19) Approval Extra Class - Certificated Staff – ADDED PER ADDENDUM**

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves an *Extra Class Leave Replacement Assignment* for Certificated Staff for the 2018/2019 school year:

Name / Position	Location	Effective Date	End Date	Salary	Notes
Chirico, Jacqueline, Teacher of English	CMS	03/01/2019	06/30/2019	\$6,120	Supersedes action on 03/04/2019 to confirm duration of assignment.
Priano-Keyser, Gina, Teacher of English	CMS	03/01/2019	06/30/2019	\$6,120	Supersedes action on 03/04/2019 to confirm duration of assignment.
Georgio-Marzano, Nicole, Teacher of English	CMS	03/01/2019	06/30/2019	\$6,120	Supersedes action on 03/04/2019 to confirm duration of assignment.

**B. FINANCE/FACILITIES**

On a motion by Mr. Arnuk, seconded by Ms. Ciccarelli, the consent agenda items B.1 – B.11 (Item B.2 as amended and Item B.11 as added per addendum) were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Arnuk thanked the Washington Avenue School PTO and Chatham Education Foundation for their donations as listed on this evening’s agenda for acceptance by the Board.

**1. (243-18/19) Approval: Payments - Bills List**

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

Description	Totals
Bills List - March 18, 2019	\$1,040,510.73
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,040,510.73</b>

**2. (244-18/19) Approval: PRELIMINARY Budget 2019/2020 School District of the Chathams – AMENDED PER ADDENDUM**

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the PRELIMINARY 2019/2020 school district budget using the 2019/2020 state aid figures and for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6 as follows:

General Fund Current Expenses	\$ 69,349,747
Capital Expenditures	\$ 190,110
Assessment for SDA Debt Service	\$ 112,459
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$ 1,000,000
Summer Instruction	\$ 194,460
Charter School Expense	\$ 34,295
Grants and Entitlements	\$ 920,065
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 3,501,855</u>
Total	<u>\$ 75,302,991</u>

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C Title 6 and 6A:

The Anticipated Enrollment for the school year 2019/2020 is **4,197** students.

**WHEREAS:** The district has a taxing authority of the 2% cap increase over the prior year tax levy which totals \$1,281,576 and which can be used in the 2019/2020 budget;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Board approves that there should be raised for the General Fund a tax levy the amount of \$65,360,364, which is a 2.00% tax levy increase for the ensuing 2019/2020 school year;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Board requests the approval of a Withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the local share of the following projects: Roof Replacements and the Demolition of the former Special Services Building;

**WHEREAS:** School district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement and the 2019/2020 budget includes a maximum travel appropriation of \$130,000. The travel expenses in the amount of \$55,000, have been incurred through February 28, 2019; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

**WHEREAS:** NJAC 6A:23A-5.2(1), the proposed budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount that is annually established for each type of professional service including public relations, with appropriate notification to the board of education if it becomes necessary to exceed the maximum; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Upon such notification, the board of education may adopt a dollar increase to the maximum amount through board action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a public hearing will be held in the Chatham High School Media Center at the Board of Education meeting on April 29, 2019, at 7:30 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget and the board approving the 2019/2020 budget.

3. *(245-18/19) Approval: Rejection of Bids - ADA Parking at CHS and Parking Expansion at LAS*

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., advertised for bids for the construction of ADA Parking Spaces at Chatham High School and for Parking Expansion at Lafayette Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS:** On February 13, 2019, the Board of Education received bids for ADA Parking at Chatham High School and Parking Expansion at Lafayette Avenue School: and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-22(c), the Board has decided to abandon the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board hereby rejects each and every one of the bids received.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
Drill Construction, West Orange, NJ	\$353,535.00
Berto Construction, Rahway, NJ	\$438,899.00
Your Way Construction, Inc., Irvington, NJ	\$444,400.00
Halecon, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ	\$451,000.00
Top Line Construction Corp. Somerville NJ	\$485,620.00
AJM Contractors Inc., Clifton, NJ	\$636,000.00
Crossroads Paving and Maint., Pompton Plains, NJ	\$647,000.00
Hale Built, Flemington, NJ	\$675,025.92

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever ministerial action is necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

4. *(246-18/19) Acceptance: WAS PTO Donation*

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and as approved by the Washington Avenue School Principal, the Board accepts a donation from the Washington Avenue School PTO in the amount of \$370.00 for the purchase of lawn signs to use for advertisement of upcoming events at the school.

5. *(247-18/19) Acceptance: Chatham Athletic Booster Donation*

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and as approved by the Chatham High School Principal, the Board accepts a donation from the Chatham Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$340.00 for coaching reimbursement for Girls Lacrosse and Tennis clinics.

6. *(248-18/19) Approval: SEMI Program Agreement*

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the “Local Education Agency Certification Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Cost Reimbursement Program Medicaid-Eligible Students, Ages 3 to 21” agreement. *(Attachment B.6)*

7. (249-18/19) Approval: Psychological Assessments

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Dr. Paul Yampolsky to conduct assessments of students for the 2018/2019 school year in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

8. (250-18/19) Approval: Home Instruction

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide home instruction at the rate of \$60.00/hour not to exceed \$4,800.00 for the 2018/2019 school year.

9. (251-18/19) Approval: Consultants

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Consultants to provide evaluations to students during the 2018/2019 school year:

Name	Title	Price per Evaluation	Not to Exceed
Dr. Jose Moreno	Psychiatrist	\$600.00	\$2,845.00
Dr. Isabel Carotenuto (Gingerbred Kidz, LLC)	Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician	\$450.00	\$2,450.00

10. (252-18/19) Approval: Parent Reimbursement

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the reimbursement payment of \$145.00 to the parents of special education student #4648499304 for assistive technology.

11. (253-18/19) Approval: Award Contract for CMS Auditorium Renovations- ADDED PER ADDENDUM

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., advertised for bids for the Chatham Middle School Auditorium Renovations on two (2) separate occasions; and

**WHEREAS:** On each of the occasions the bids were rejected, as the base bids received were above the amount of funds budgeted for the project; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), the Board afforded each responsible bidder who submitted bids on the second occasion the opportunity to enter into negotiations for the project; and

**WHEREAS:** The Board received the following prices as a result of negotiations:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt 01-06	Alt 07	Total
Billy Contracting	\$2,469,000	\$366,000	\$39,000	\$2,874,000
Brahma Construction Corp	\$2,477,000	\$411,225	\$53,930	\$2,942,155
Mark Construction, Inc.	\$2,547,000	\$386,500	\$50,000	\$2,983,500
Pharos Enterprises LLC	\$2,619,000	\$313,000	\$41,000	\$2,973,000

**WHEREAS:** Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc. has provided the Board with a price of \$2,469,000.00 as a result of negotiations and such price is lower than the lowest rejected bid price submitted by the responsible bidders on the second occasion;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board awards the contract to Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc. of Pine Brook, NJ in the amount of \$2,469,000 for the base bid, \$39,000.00 for alternate #7 for a total contract price of \$2,508,000.00.

**C. CURRICULUM**

On a motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Arnuk, the consent agenda items C.1 – C.2 were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote.

1. *(071-18/19) Acceptance: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Report for the period from March 4, 2019 through March 15, 2019.*

**RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Report for the period of March 4, 2019 through March 15, 2019 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1 et seq.

2. *(072-18/19) 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 March 4, 2019 Meeting, which encompasses all HIB findings from February 4, through March 1, 2019.

**D. POLICY - None**

**IX. BOARD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Weber asked the Finance Committee to try to fund the additional trainer.
- Ms. Weber asked Dr. LaSusa to investigate making Robotics an A/P class.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:28 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 student 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. Valenti and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**XII. PUBLIC SESSION – The board reconvened in Public Session at 9:08 PM**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Valenti, and as approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Minutes recorded by:**

*Peter Daquila* (E.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Peter Daquila**  
**Business Administrator/Board Secretary**