

**Regular Meeting
August 24, 2020
6:08 P.M.**

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION RE: CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD ENTERS CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

BOARD RETURNS TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mrs. Davidson was unable to attend the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Mc Donald led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOTION RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting, July 13, 2020 at 6:02 P.M.

MOTION RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PRESENTATION – Mrs. Blood / Mrs. Encarnacao

Superintendent of Schools, Patricia Blood, and the Director of Curriculum, Flora Encarnacao, presented the district's "Virtual & Hybrid Plan Guidance", which is a comprehensive, explanatory document concerning the many aspects of virtual and hybrid programs. Questions from observers were addressed, and once the "Plan" is approved at tonight's Board meeting, it will be posted on the district website, and updated periodically as circumstances warrant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic/Student Activities – Mr. Viscuso

Mr. Viscuso reported that coaches have been practicing on a voluntary basis which will continue until September 1st, and will resume on September 14th.

Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Davidson

In Mrs. Davidson's absence, Mrs. Sherry reported on a variety of presentations at the monthly C & I meeting, all of which are being presented for approval on the Superintendent's Report at tonight's meeting.

Facilities – Mr. Zapata

Mr. Zapata stated there was no meeting held this month.

Finance –

Mrs. Paris reported that all items discussed during Committee will be presented in Dr. Izbicki's report.

Personnel / Labor Relations – Ms. Lindenfelser

Ms. Lindenfelser the personnel items discussed during Committee will be presented in the Superintendent's report. Regarding Labor Relations, the Committee is actively negotiating with three bargaining units.

Policy – Mrs. Davidson

No report.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Mrs. Blood

PART I – PERSONNEL ITEMS

The following resolutions, "A" through "H" (with the exception of #13), were moved by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mr. Mc Kenna and unanimously carried:

A. RESIGNATIONS

The following resignation notices have been accepted:

Jillian Thomas, Teacher of Special Education, effective 60 days from her letter dated August 17, 2020, or sooner if a replacement is appointed.

Jaime Ruiz, Custodian, after 16 years of service to Kearny Public Schools, effective June 30, 2020

B. RESCISSION OF APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Derek Giorgio as a long-term substitute in the High School Guidance Department (approved at the May 18, 2020 Board meeting) has been rescinded.

C. APPOINTMENTS

I. Professional Staff – Regular Contract

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

| NAME | POSITION | LOCATION | STEP | CERT | SALARY | REPLACE/ NEW | EFF. DATE |
|------------------|---------------|----------|------|-------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Barone, Matthew | Culinary Arts | KHS | 9 | MA+32 | \$72,140.00 | Stucker | 10/26/20 |
| Bubb, Daniel | Science | KHS | I | Ph.D | \$68,275.00 | Jindal | 9/2/20 |
| Cortese, Julie | Culinary Arts | KHS | I | BA | \$52,175.00 | Colletti | 9/2/20 |
| Schwerzler, Gary | Broadcast | KHS | I | BA | \$52,175.00 | NEW | 9/2/20 |

2. Long-Term Substitute Assignments

The following Long-Term Substitute assignments have been approved:

| NAME | SCHOOL/POSITION | REPLACE | EFF. DATE | SALARY |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Atwell, Kelly | Franklin / Kindergarten | Janz, Ashley | 9-2-20 | \$95/diem for 20 days \$260.88/diem for duration of assignment |
| Foote, Gretchen | Schuyler / Grade 5 | Brown, Lauren | 9-2-20 | |
| Muller, Nickol | Washington / LLD | Molina, Ashley | 9-2-20 | |
| Nolan, Lauren | Franklin / Grade 2 | Leadbeater (Greco), Melissa | 9-2-20 | |

3. Head Nurse

The Board has approved the appointment of Jennifer Mead, RN, BS, CSN, as the Kearny School District Head Nurse for the 2020/2021 school year, at the stipend remuneration of \$2,462.00.

4. Part-Time Secretarial Appointment

The following part-time secretary position has been approved:

Dionna Duarte, currently employed as a part-time Clerical Aide since 2019, to be appointed as a part-time Secretary, STEP I of the 2019/2020 K.E.O.P. Salary Guide at the base salary of \$24,302, effective September 1, 2020.

5. Summer Speech Therapist

The Board has approved the retroactive appointment of Christine Von Cappein as a Summer CST Speech Therapist, effective July 30, 2020. Remuneration for this position is \$40.00 per hour in accordance with the 2020/2021 K.E.A. Salary Guide, for a maximum of 60 hours.

6. ESL Extended Hours Tutoring Program

The Board has granted approval of (50) hours compensation for the following staff members for the ESL Extended Hours Tutoring Program. Remuneration for teachers will be in accordance with the 2020/21 KEA Agreement at \$40.00 per hour. The program is funded by Title III monies.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kryshak-Baptista, Amy-Beth | Rebelo, Susan |
| Liu, Lan | Recchia, Adelia |
| Loffredo-Otero, Ghislaine | Synowiec-Dulligan, Anna |
| Neno, Juliana | |

7. Title I Family Engagement Coordinator

The Board has granted approval of 55 hours compensation for the following staff member as Coordinator for the Title I Parent Involvement Program. Remuneration will be in accordance with the 2020/21 KEA Agreement at \$40.00 per hour. The program is funded by Title IA monies.

Esteves Hemphill, Jennifer

8. Title I Family Engagement Facilitators

The Board has approved 40 hours compensation for each of the following staff members for the Title I Parent Involvement Program. Remuneration for teachers will be in accordance with the 2020/21 KEA Agreement at \$40.00 per hour. The program is funded by Title IA monies.

Glenn, Amy
Torre, Jose
Seeley, Kimberly

9. ESL Family Engagement Coordinator

The Board has approved 55 hours compensation for the following staff member as the ESL Family Engagement Coordinator. Remuneration for teachers will be in accordance with the 2020/21 KEA Agreement at \$40.00 per hour. The program is funded by Title III monies.

Kryshak-Baptista, Amy-Beth

10. ESL Family Engagement Facilitator

The Board has approved (40) hours compensation for each of the following staff members for the ESL Family Engagement Program. Remuneration for teachers will be in accordance with the 2020/21 KEA Agreement at \$40.00 per hour. The program is funded by Title III monies.

Acevedo-Cowley, Marjorie Villacis, Lourdes
Ferreira, Dana

11. Translators

The Board has granted approval of (15) hours compensation for each of the following staff members for oral and written translations. Remuneration for teachers will be in accordance with the 2020/21 KEA Agreement at \$40.00 per hour. The program is funded by Title III monies.

Portuguese: Matias, Adelia Neto, Diogo Nunes, Maria
Spanish: Fernandez, Carolina Gomez, Lissette Varela, Cindy

12. District Instructional Coaches

The Board has granted approval to compensate the district instructional coaches a maximum of 30 hours in the aggregate in order to complete coaching-related assignments specific to the needs of the Curriculum Department.

D. LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE

The following leave of absence requests have been granted:

| Name | School | Family Leave | Dates | Leave of Absence | Dates | Return to Work |
|---------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Brown, Lauren | Schuyler | | | * X | 9/17/20 to 11/26/20 | 11/30/20 |
| Janz, Ashley | Franklin | X | 9/22/20 to 12/15/20 | | | **12/16/20 |
| Walsh, Marina | Schuyler | X | 10/20/20 to 11/23/20 | | | 11/24/20 |

* Families First Coronavirus Response Act

** Revision to return date

PART II – NON-PERSONNEL ISSUES

The following resolutions, “A” through “J”, were moved by Mr. Mc Kenna, seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser and unanimously carried:

A. APPROVAL OF 2020/2021 OUTSIDE PLACEMENTS

The following listing of outside placements for students has been approved for the 2020/2021 school year:

| ID# | School | Tuition | Aide | | ID# | School | Tuition | Aide |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|--|------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 231740 | Academy 360 | \$72,455.19 | \$32,025.00 | | 243237 | Lambert’s Mill | \$56,835.00 | |
| 253201 | | \$72,455.19 | \$32,025.00 | | 235851 | North Jersey Elks | \$66,911.64 | |
| 284615 | | \$72,455.19 | \$32,025.00 | | 217130 | | \$66,911.64 | |
| 270479 | | \$72,455.19 | \$32,025.00 | | 270521 | Newmark | \$59,413.40 | |
| 302796 | | \$72,455.19 | \$32,025.00 | | 191344 | Northwest Essex | \$82,695.60 | \$17,280.00 |
| 253202 | | \$72,455.19 | \$32,025.00 | | 213210 | | \$82,695.60 | \$17,280.00 |
| 223462 | Bonnie Brae | \$77,280.00 | | | 213211 | | \$82,695.60 | \$17,280.00 |
| 253214 | Deron School I | \$62,272.80 | \$27,900.00 | | 314507 | | \$82,695.60 | \$17,280.00 |
| 191386 | Deron School II | \$57,220.20 | | | 193012 | Phoenix | \$68,272.20 | \$30,780.00 |
| 241023 | | \$57,220.20 | | | 305850 | | \$68,272.20 | \$30,780.00 |
| 195694 | ECLC | \$55,902.60 | | | 243020 | | \$68,272.20 | \$30,780.00 |
| 241022 | Felician | \$59,295.66 | | | 263429 | | \$68,272.20 | \$30,780.00 |
| 213014 | | \$59,295.66 | \$21,411.00 | | 314408 | | \$68,272.20 | \$30,780.00 |
| 193588 | | \$59,295.66 | | | 221170 | Sawtelle | \$61,212.60 | |
| 264369 | | \$59,295.66 | | | 213212 | | \$61,212.60 | |
| 241008 | | \$59,295.66 | | | 233431 | | \$61,212.60 | |
| 227965 | | \$59,295.66 | | | 242753 | | \$61,212.60 | |
| 236578 | Greenbrook | \$79,560.00 | | | 173006 | | \$61,212.60 | |
| 325665 | HIP-Bergen Co. | \$85,410.00 | | | 233216 | Spectrum 360 | \$71,172.26 | |
| 358071 | | \$85,410.00 | | | 193247 | St. Joseph | \$79,635.60 | |
| 263409 | Pillar Elementary | \$73,620.00 | \$35,820.00 | | 260376 | | \$79,635.60 | |
| 263427 | | \$73,620.00 | \$35,820.00 | | 270532 | Therapeutic | \$82,695.60 | \$17,280.00 |
| 276839 | | \$73,620.00 | \$35,820.00 | | 243269 | Westbridge | \$78,718.88 | |
| 292496 | | \$73,620.00 | \$35,820.00 | | 315330 | | \$78,718.88 | |
| 357663 | | \$73,620.00 | \$35,820.00 | | 294531 | | \$78,718.88 | |
| 203009 | Pillar H.S. | \$71,008.20 | \$35,820.00 | | 303898 | | \$78,718.88 | |
| 193011 | | \$71,008.20 | \$35,820.00 | | 233446 | Woods | \$69,399.85 | \$40,969.50 |

B. OUTSIDE PLACEMENTS

The following outside placements requested by the Director of Special Services have been approved:

Student Nos. 358068, 358076, 357768, 358136, 358078, to be placed at Little Friends at the weekly tuition rate of \$110.00.

C. APPROVAL OF KSD PK-12 VIRTUAL & HYBRID PLAN GUIDANCE 2020-2021

The Board has approved the Kearny School District Virtual & Hybrid Plan Guidance, 2020-2021, as presented to the Curriculum & Instruction Committee.

D. SECONDARY CURRICULA APPROVALS

I. The following curricula for Grades 7 and 8 have been approved:

- i. Computers with Coding I
- ii. Computers with Coding II

2. The following secondary curricula **revisions** have been approved:

- A.** English I World Literature
- B.** English II British Literature
- C.** English III American Literature
- D.** English IV Humanities
- E.** Broadcast Journalism

E. PROGRAM PROPOSAL – IMMIGRANT PARENT ENGLISH CLASS

The Board has granted approval of the “Immigrant Parent English Class” proposal to provide free online English classes to immigrant parents of district students. Two (2) teachers will provide instruction, and the program will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for approximately 46 1.75 hour sessions (not including prep time). Remuneration for teachers shall be \$40.00 per hour in accordance with the 2020/21 K.E.A. Agreement. The total cost of the program \$11,300.00 and will be funded through Title III Immigrant monies.

F. ACCEPTANCE OF 2019/2020 STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM REPORT

The Board has accepted the 2018/2019 Student Safety Data System for the 2019/2020 school year, which has been submitted to the Department of Education.

G. ACCEPTANCE OF HIB GRADES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education has accepted the HIB Grades for the 2020-2021 school year as provided by the NJ Department of Education.

H. DELTA GROUP

The Board has granted approval to utilize the service of the Delta Group as a substitute Nursing Agency. The fee for service of a LPN is \$35.00 per hour; a RN is \$43.25 per hour.

I. RESOLUTION RE: REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the plan to reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year includes, to the extent possible and within the confines as dictated by the District’s buildings and facilities, the health, safety, and “Leadership and Planning” measures identified as “Anticipated Minimum Standards” (minimum standards) in the Department of Education’s [The Road Back, Restart and Recovery Plan for Education](#); and

WHEREAS, the District’s plan, to the extent possible will implement those minimum standards as outlined in the District’s reopening plan; and

WHEREAS, the District’s plan, to the extent possible, will adhere to the directives of the Governor and the Department of Education of the State of New Jersey regarding the reopening of schools for 2020-2021; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board has considered the above and, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the submission of the District’s plan for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year to the Department of Education.

J. BOARD POLICY

The Board has approved the **second reading and adoption** of the following policies:

POLICY#

- 1648 RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN
- 1648.02 REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES

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

PART I - FINANCE

The following resolutions, “A” through “I” (with the exception of “F”), were moved by Mr. Mc Kenna, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

A. CASH RECEIPTS – July, 2020

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

| | | |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|
| 7/01/2020 | STATE OF NJ | \$ 14,718.60 |
| 7/02/2020 | PAYFORIT SV9T | 21.75 |
| 7/02/2020 | POMPTONIAN SALES | 12.95 |
| 7/06/2020 | PAYFORIT SV9T | 19.20 |
| 7/06/2020 | VOIDED CHECKS** | 1,950.00 |
| 7/13/2020 | STATE OF NJ-STATE AID | 4,464,721.00 |
| 7/15/2020 | STATE OF NJ-DEBT SERVICE | 335,499.00 |
| 7/16/2020 | STATE OF NJ-CHAPTER 192 | 811.00 |
| 7/16/2020 | STATE OF NJ-CHAPTER 193 | 2,072.00 |
| 7/17/2020 | STATE OF NJ-FICA JUNE 2020 | 155,716.60 |
| 7/17/2020 | STATE OF NJ-FICA JUNE 2020 | 156,422.41 |
| 7/17/2020 | STATE OF NJ-SEMI 2007 | 239.44 |
| 7/17/2020 | STATE OF NJ-SEMI 2007 | 73.55 |
| 7/29/2020 | STATE OF NJ-SCHOOL LUNCH STATE 6/2020 | 752.24 |
| 7/29/2020 | STATE OF NJ-BREAKFAST 6/2020 | 30,089.40 |
| 7/29/2020 | STATE OF NJ-HHFKA 6/2020 | 957.39 |
| 7/29/2020 | STATE OF NJ-SCHOOL LUNCH FEDERAL 6/2020 | 46,912.11 |
| 7/31/2020 | STATE OF NJ-NON PUBLIC TEXTBOOK | 8,186.00 |
| 7/31/2020 | INVESTORS- INTEREST-N/P AGENCY,ETC | 156.25 |
| 7/31/2020 | INVESTORS-GENERAL OPERATING | 1,178.36 |
| 7/31/2020 | MEDICAL COPAY | 60,582.69 |
| 7/31/2020 | OTHER REVENUES | <u>103,270.57</u> |
| | | \$5,384,362.51 |
| 7/31/2020 | INTEREST-CAPITAL RESERVE | 150.77 |
| 7/31/2020 | INTEREST- MAINTENANCE RESERVE | 188.24 |
| 7/31/2020 | INTEREST-CAPITAL PROJECT | 36.37 |
| 7/31/2020 | INTEREST- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND | <u>207.86</u> |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$ 5,384,945.75</u> |

B. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (A-148)

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

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

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

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

E. INVESTMENTS – AUGUST 24, 2020 BOARD REPORT

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

Resolved: That for the record it be noted that the interest earned on said investments amounted to \$1,917.85 for The Investors Bank bringing the year-to-date interest to \$1,917.85.

G. ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNT BILLS

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the Athletic Officials Account Report for the month of July, 2020, which is totaling \$-0-.

H. HORIZON BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY

The Kearny Board of Education has approved the wire transfers in the amounts of \$1,277,434.16 for July 2020 and \$1,277,528.93 for August 2020 which represents health insurance and prescriptions.

I. 2020-2021 REDUCTION IN STATE AID

The Kearny Board of Education hereby acknowledges the reduction in State Aid for the 2020-2021 School Year in the amount of \$2,983,064.00. The reduction of healthcare costs was a result of the change in the healthcare provider and the charter school tuition was a result of the estimated enrollment being more than 200 students higher than the current attending. The district plans to reduce the following Fund 10 accounts:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11-000-291-270-00-01-000 | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| 11-000-291-270-01-01-000 | 800,000.00 |
| 10-000-100-56X-00-01-000 | <u>1,183,064.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 2,983,064.00</u> |

ADDENDUM ITEM

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Zapata, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

J. TRANSPORTATION BID

Whereas, the Board of Education for the Town of Kearny (the Board) is in need of transportation for the 2020/2021 school year; and

Whereas, the Board, in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, publicly advertised for bids for said transportation services, and

Whereas, two bids for said transportation services were timely received and reviewed by the Board Secretary and Board Counsel; and

Whereas, said review of the said received bids indicates that the lowest, responsible bidder is Belair Transport, Inc.;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Town of Kearny does hereby award the 2020/2021 School Year transportation contract to Belair Transport, Inc., subject to the preparation and execution of formal contract between the parties and in accordance with the attached pricing as submitted by Belair Transport, Inc. with their bid response.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Zapata, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

F. PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the representation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that he has examined, audited, and certified in writing that the attached bill list is correct in the total amount of \$2,498,330.06 covering the period of 7/9/20 to 8/19/20, hereby orders same to be paid, in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Lindenfelser, “aye, with exception of check #7878”, Mr. Mc Kenna, “aye, with the exception of check #7834”, Mrs. Sherry, “aye”, Mr. Soares, “aye”, Mr. Viscuso, “aye”, Mr. Zapata, “aye”, President Paris, “aye”.

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

PART II – FACILITIES

A. REQUEST FOR PERMITS

There are no permits for this month.

PART III - NON-PERSONNEL

The following resolutions, “A” through “I”, with the exception of “E” and “F”, were moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Zapata and unanimously carried:

A. For Informational Purposes – STUDENT AND ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION BID FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Bids were received and opened in the Board Office on July 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in response to the advertisement for bids which appeared in the July 15, 2020 edition of the Jersey Journal. Upon review by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, both bids were rejected due to incomplete paperwork. The Board has rebid via advertisements on August 7, 2020 in the Jersey Journal and The Star Ledger. The bid opening was August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and the bids are currently under review with the Board Attorney.

B. PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR SY 2020-2021

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the renewal contract for SY 2020-2021 with North Hudson Community Action Corporation hereinafter referred to as the “Head Start Grantee” or “Local Head Start Agency” to provide a high-quality preschool program that shall meet the educational needs of fifteen (15) eligible four year old preschool children of the Kearny School District at a rate of \$8,484.00 per student through the coordination of all federal and state resources for a term of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

C. CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

The Kearny Board of Education approves the revised funding year 2020-2021 State Charter School Aid based on the Projected Enrollment Count District Summary in the annual amount of \$8,528,545.00.

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| The Ethical Community Charter School | \$ 9,413.00 |
| Beloved Community Charter School | 20,691.00 |
| Jersey City Global Charter School | 14,596.00 |
| Hudson Arts and Science Charter School | 8,436,780.00 |
| North Star Academy Charter School | 18,826.00 |
| Robert Treat Academy Charter School | 9,413.00 |
| Unity Charter School | 18,826.00 |
| Total | <u>\$ 8,528,545.00</u> |

D. DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC. LEASE

The Kearny Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to finalize a (4) four-year financing lease for Servers and Backup Devices for the district as well as desktop computers for the **Lead the Way Engineering Program** at Kearny High School and laptop devices for meetings in the Board Room that might require participants to use a device if they did not have a personal computer. The Dell Financial Services, L.L.C. total four (4) year purchase price is \$385,747.96 for a term commencing August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2024. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Kearny Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute any and all legal documents necessary to conclude the financing of the lease agreement.

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

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Director of Special Services, hereby approves the 2020-2021 Special Education Tuition Contract with the North Arlington Board of Education for one (1) student (L.F.) beginning September 8, 2020 through June 25, 2021 at an annual tuition amount of \$35,088.00.

H. APPROVAL OF 2020/2021 DIGITAL DIVIDE GRANT

The Kearny Board of Education hereby acknowledges the submission of the Digital Divide Grant and accept the funds in the amount of \$607,465.00.

I. ALYSSA’S LAW COMPLIANCE GRANT

The Kearny Board of Education hereby acknowledges the report submitted on August 10, 2020 in the amount of \$346,359.00, of which the district will be reimbursed \$292,911.00.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Sherry and seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser:

E. COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Kearny Board of Education and the Comcast Internet Essentials Program, effective September 1, 2020 and for a period of six (6) months, for In-Home Wi-Fi. Students will use the Wi-Fi that the wired modem provides for the virtual 2020-2021 school year.

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

There being six votes in the affirmative and one member “not voting”, the motion was carried.

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

F. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT WITH THE EAST NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Director of Special Services, hereby approves the 2020-2021 Special Education Tuition Contract with the East Newark Board of Education for five (5) students (N.G., D.C., S.A., E.V., J.A.) beginning September 8, 2020 through June 25, 2021 at an annual tuition amount of \$35,088.00.

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

There being six votes in the affirmative and one member “not voting”, the motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY - Mr. Lindenfelser

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

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Board vacancy created by Bernadette Mc Donald’s resignation, President Paris thanked the applicants who expressed an interest in filling the seat, stating that all had submitted excellent resumes and would make fine additions to the Board. All resumes were reviewed by the Board, and the consensus was to put forth Bryan Granelli for approval.

The following resolution was move by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mr. Mc Kenna and unanimously carried:

APPOINTMENT OF BRYAN GRANELLI

The Kearny Board of Education hereby appoints Bryan Granelli as a member of the Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Bernadette Mc Donald, which will expire upon the Reorganization Meeting in January, 2022.

MOTION RE: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Lindenfelser, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Business Administrator/
Board Secretary