

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday October 15, 2024 Agenda

Dr. Capizzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Public Meetings Act, the Little Falls Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by notifying the Board's official newspaper, the local parent-teacher associations, and posting same on the Community Bulletin Board and the District's Website.

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Dr. Capizzi, Mrs. DiBuono, Mrs. Lijoi,
Mr. Miraglia, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Tullo, Mrs. Verdi, and Mrs. Zurbruegg

Board Members Absent: Mr. Jandoli

Also, Present. Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent, Mrs. Melissa Sanzari-Stevens,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

V. CORRESPONDENCE- None

VI. MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Verdi and seconded by Mrs. Smith the following motions
were offered for approval.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the Minutes of the following
meetings.

1. Regular Meeting Minutes- September 17, 2024

AYES: 8

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 1

VII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – **(Limited to Agenda Items Only)**

On motion of Mrs. Zurbruegg and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the meeting was
opened for public comment.

Since no one wished to be heard,

On motion of Mrs. Zurbruegg and seconded by Mr. Tullo moved that the Little Falls Board of Education close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 8

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 1

VIII. PRESENTATION- Student of the Month

Mrs. Marinelli presented the following Hornets of the month with a certificate.

Kindergarten-Cole DiBuono, First Grade-Jaxon Damiano,
Second Grade-Scarlett Mattina

Third Grade- Orhan Mert, Fourth Grade- Kaelin McEvoy

Fifth Grade-Danna Morales Sixth Grade- Gavin Murphy

Seventh Grade-Gabriella Paez, Eighth Grade- Evelyn Montes

IX. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Rachel Capizzi- None

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli)

1. Superintendent’s Report.

(Exhibit A)

Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:

- Enrollment School #1-392, School #2-342, School #3-218
- All safety and security drill have been performed in all three schools. This also includes bus evacuation drills.
- There were three HIBs (two were found to be confirmed) and zero suspensions.
- October is National Principal’s Month
- Our Portrait of a Hornet won an award from NJ School Public Relations Association
- The Little Falls Education foundation Octoberfest fundraiser was GREAT!
- The Little Falls Education Foundation will be funding our 4th Grade Broadway trip to Wicked and our 8th Grade Broadway trip to Back to the Future

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)- None

D. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – (Mr. Vincent Miraglia)

On motion of Mr. Miraglia and seconded by Mrs. Verdi the following motions were offered for approval.

1. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the list of bills dated October 15, 2024, Warrant No.'s #30882 thru #30989 (Current Account) totaling \$1,695,226.50; Wire Transfer #10102024 (Health Insurance) totaling \$267,698.46 Warrant No. #1313 (Cafeteria Account) totaling \$30,526.50 ; Warrant #1061 thru #1063 (Before & After Care Account) totaling \$332.71; Warrant #1046 (SUI Account) totaling \$3,013.45 be paid if, properly sworn to and funds are available in accordance with Board of Education Policy and to be appended to the minutes of this meeting. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11I3, certifies 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 the Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, certifies that after review of the Board Secretary's & Treasurer's --monthly financial reports that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). Further, the Board of Education and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that major accounts/fund balances have not been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Exhibit B)

2. TRANSFERS – SEPTEMBER 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move that the Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's action of making transfers prior to the Board Meeting as per the attached September 30, 2024 Transfer Report. (Exhibit B-1)

3. TREASURER AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, moved that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the Treasurer and Secretary's Reports for the month ending September 30, 2024. (Exhibit C)

4. RESCIND APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education rescind the following out of district placement and extraordinary services for student 2003391 at Bleshman Regional Day Schools for the 2024-2025 School Year in the amount of \$79,920.00.

5. APPROVAL OF BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR 24/25

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education to approve the Budget Development Schedule and Calendar for the FY 2024-

2025, as attached.

(Exhibit D)

6. APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 ZERO PERIOD REMEDIATION PROGRAM (TITLE 1)
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Zero Period Program to be charged to account number 20-231-100-101-00-00, not to exceed \$39,000.00 for the 2024-2025 School Year.
7. ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHERN REGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT-24/25 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the Northern Region Educational Services commission transportation services agreement for the 2024-2025.

Route#	School	Contractor	# Of Students	Est. Cost Per Route (Incl.Surcharge)	Start Date
3519	Chapel Hill Academy	R & May Transportation	1	\$23,296.00 + \$1,397.76	9/3/2024-6/2025
3597	Windsor Learning Center-PL	R & May Transportation	3	\$50,490.00 + \$3,029.40	9/5/2024-6/2025
3514	Academy 360-Lower School	R & May Transportation	1	\$22,680.00 + \$1,360.80	9/5/2024-6/2025
2908	Bergen Ctr for Child Dev	American Star Trans	1	\$37,925.00 + \$2,275.50	9/5/2024-6/2025

8. RESCIND APPROVAL OF MCMANIMON SCOTLAND AND BAUMANN BOND COUNSEL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, move that the Little Falls Board of Education rescind the approval the Agreement covering Bond Counsel Services with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, New Jersey for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
9. APPROVAL OF WILENTZ, GOLDMAN, & SPRITZER, P.A. ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOND COUNSEL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, move that the Little Falls Board of Education authorize and approve the Agreement covering Bond Counsel Services with Wilentz, Goldman, & Spritzer, P.A. Attorneys At Law, Woodbridge, New Jersey for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
10. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT- CARE PLUS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following agreement between the Little Falls Board of Education and Care Plus Bergen, Inc. As Tenant Operator of Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, 230 E. Ridgewood Avenue Paramus, NJ 07652, for psychiatric evaluation and clearance services at no cost to the district, for the 2024-2025 school year.

11. APPROVE/RATIFY TREASURER REPORT – JUNE 30, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the format change to the Treasurer and Secretary's Reports for the month ending June 30, 2024, as per county request. (Exhibit E)

12. APPROVE/RATIFY TREASURER REPORTS – JULY 31, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the format change to the Treasurer and Secretary's Reports for the month ending July 31, 2024, as per county request.

(Exhibit E-1)

13. APPROVE/RATIFY NON-RESIDENT TUITION

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 regular school non- resident tuition contract for student 2003537 in the amount of \$21,524.00.

14. APPROVAL OF ESEA CARRYOVER FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve to approve the receipt of ESEA 2024-2025 to include 2023-2024 carryover funds:

Title I	\$ 26,852.00
Title II	\$ 4,183.00
Title III Immigrant	\$ 11.00
Title IV	\$ 7,022.00

Be it further resolved to submit an amendment of the 2024-2025 ESEA application for the 2024-2025 carryover funds.

15. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION

"Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Little Falls Township School District in the county of Passaic, hereby approves the submission of these Educational Adequacy Projects and Capital Renovation Projects to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan for a proposed upcoming Referendum planned for September of 2025. The District will be seeking Debt Service Aid for the Projects as per the *Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act*, N.J.S.A. 1SA:7G-1 *et seq.*, effective July 18, 2000 ("EFCFA"). The projects will be submitted in separate applications for Educational Adequacy Review and Approval and for Capital Projects Review and Approval.

LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL NO. 1 - EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY COMPONENTS – DOE PROJECT #31-2700-050	
Classroom Upgrades/Renovations	
Fitness Room Renovations	
Cafeteria Upgrades/Renovations	
Administration Office Upgrades/Renovations	
Multi-Purpose Room Addition	
Site Work for Addition including Utilities & Drainage	
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL NO. 1 – CAPITAL RENOVATION COMPONENTS – DOE PROJECT #31-2700-050	
Roof Replacement	
Toilet Room Renovations	
New Building Fire Alarm System	
Repave Parking Lot & Playgrounds	
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL NO. 2 - EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY COMPONENTS – DOE PROJECT #31-2700-060	
Classroom Upgrades/Renovations	
Pre-K Addition	
Relocate/Renovate server as required for Addition	
Site Work for Addition including Utilities & Drainage	
Stair Tower Renovations	
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL NO. 2 – CAPITAL RENOVATION COMPONENTS – DOE PROJECT #31-2700-060	
Roof Replacement	
Masonry Repointing	
Repave Parking Lot and Playground	
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL NO. 3 - EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY COMPONENTS – DOE PROJECT #31-2700-070	
Classroom Upgrades/Renovations	
Multi-Purpose Room Renovations	
Auxiliary Cafeteria Addition	
Stage and Vestibule Renovations to Access Aux Cafeteria	
Classroom Addition and Egress Stair	
Stair Tower Renovations	
Site Work for Additions including Utilities & Drainage	
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL NO. 3 – CAPITAL RENOVATION COMPONENTS – DOE PROJECT #31-2700-070	
Repave Parking Lot and Playground	
Multi-Purpose Room Renovations	
Roof Replacement	

16. APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the submission of 2023-2024, corrective action plan to the Department of Agriculture.

AYES: 8

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 1

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – (Mrs. Nicole Smith)

On motion of Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the following motions were offered for approval.

1. APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTES SUPPLIED BY CONSORTIUM

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following new substitute applicants supplied to us by the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission Substitute Teacher Registry. All substitutes have filed Federal Form I-9, and are in possession of acceptable clearance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1/18A:39-10.1/18A:6-4.14: (Exhibit F)

2. APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve all Little Falls School District Certified Personnel to provide home instruction services to district students at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, to be paid out of account number 11-150-100-101-00-00.

3. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TRIPS -24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the field trips as attached. (Exhibit G)

4. APPROVAL OF GIFTED AND TALENTED SCHOOL TRIPS -24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the Gifted and Talented field trips as attached. (Exhibit H)

5. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –CONNECT FOR FREEDOM TRAINING

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requires public schools to equip school staff and students with the necessary knowledge and skills to identify, prevent, and respond effectively to human trafficking situations within the school community;

WHEREAS, Connect for Freedom Inc. (“CFF”) is a non-profit founded in 2023 with a mission to connect education stakeholders to join the fight for freedom from online exploitation and human trafficking in their schools and communities;

WHEREAS, CFF has offered to partner with the District to provide relevant professional development training materials, lesson plans for staff, parent presentations and resources, a response protocol, and other resources at no cost to the District;

WHEREAS, CFF's training resources are curated from the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign, developed in collaboration with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and aligned with the following New Jersey Student Learning Standards and State laws:

- Personal Safety- 2.3.8.PS.1.4.5.6.7;2.3.12.PS.2.5.7.8.9
- Community Health Services and Support- 2.1.2.CHSS.5;2.7.8.CJSS.2;2.1.8.CHSS.4
- Social and Sexual Health- 2.1.2.SSH.3;2.1.5.SSH.5;2.2.2.SSH.8
- Consent (N.J.S.A. 18A:35)
- Sexting (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.33)
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.5a)

WHEREAS, the District wishes to partner with CFF under a written agreement to implement the CFF program into the District's elementary and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, this partnership is in the best interests of the District and its students.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the partnership with Connect for Freedom Inc. for the 2024 and 2025 school years, at no cost to the district, and authorizes the Superintendent to take any action necessary to effectuate it.

6. APPROVAL OF STUDENT TEACHER OBSERVATIONS

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve fourteen hours of classroom observation student teacher observations for the following:

Morgan Vanak

AYES: 8

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 1

F. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
(Mrs. Lauren Verdi)

On motion of Mrs. Verdi and seconded by Mrs. Smith the following motions were offered for approval.

1. USE OF FACILITIES BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the use of district facilities by the following community groups who have filed the proper application form and have submitted proof of necessary insurance coverage:

School #1 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
4-2-2025	STEAM Fair	APR 6:30-8:00pm	Class Advisor	\$0.00
10-24-24	5 th Grade Movie Night	APR 7:00-9:00pm	Class Advisor	\$0.00
12-9,12-11,12-12-13, 12-18,12-19-2024 1-3,1-8,1-9,1-10-2025	Basketball	6:00-9:00pm APR	Little Falls Recreation	0.00
1-13,1-14,1-15,1-16,1-17 1-21,1-22,1-23,1-24, 1-27,1-28,1-31-25 2-3,2-4,2-5,2-6,2-7 2-12,2-13,2-18,2-19, 2-20,2-21,2-24,2-25, 2-26,2-27,2-28-25	Basketball	7:00-9:00pm APR	Little Falls Recreation	0.00

School #2 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
11-25 through 11-26-24 12-3 through 12-19-24 1-2 through 1-24-25	Cheering Practice	APR 6:30-8:00pm	Little Falls Competition Cheering	\$0.00
2-3-25 through 3-7-2025 **excluding single session days and holidays	Advanced Soccer Training	APR 6:15-8:15pm	Advanced Soccer Training	\$50.00/hr.on a weekday \$60.00 on weekends plus additional charges if applicable

School #3 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
12-2-2024 through 12-19-2024 1-6-2025 through 1-31-25 **excluding single session days and holidays	Advanced Soccer Training	APR 6:15-8:15pm	Advanced Soccer Training	\$50.00/hr.on a weekday \$60.00 on weekends plus additional charges if applicable
2-4,2-5,2-6,2-7,2-11, 2-12,2-13,2-18,2-19,2-20, 2-21,2-24,2-25,2-26,2-27, 2-28-25 3-3,3-4,3-5,3-6,3-7, 3-10,3-11,3-12,3-13, 3-14-25	Basket Ball	APR 6:30-9:00pm	Little Falls Recreation	0.00

AYES: 8
 NAYES: 0
 ABSENT: 1

- G. PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – (Mrs. Lauren Verdi)
 On motion of Mrs. Verdi and seconded by Mrs. Smith the following motions were offered for approval.

1. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/CONFERENCE EXPENSES

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve travel/conference expenses as noted for the following district employees/board members: (Exhibit I)

2. APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE OF LUNCH AIDES/PLAYGROUND AIDES 24/25
 AS PER THE RECOMMENDATION of the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education employ the following substitute Lunchroom/ Playground Aides for the 2024-2025 school year at hourly salaries as indicated to be paid out of Food Service account number 60-910-310-100-10-00, subject to all background checks.

Staff Member	School	Hrs. Per Day	Rate of pay
Enisa Yilmaz	School #3	Per 24/25 contract	\$18.00 per hour

3. APPROVAL OF THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL- 24-25
 RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the attached Standard Operating Procedures Manual (SOP) for the Little Falls Public School District.

4. RESCIND APPROVAL OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 24/25 SY
 RECOMMENDED ACTION of the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education rescind the following Extra Curricular Activities Stipends for the 2024-2025 School Year.

School #1

Employee	Extra-curricular Activity	Amount
Owen Davitt	Select Band	\$ 871.00
Owen Davitt	Band Director	\$1,793.00

5. APPROVAL OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 24/25 SY
 RECOMMENDED ACTION of the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Extra Curricular Activities Stipends for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Employee	Extra-curricular Activity	Amount
Stephanie Bush	Select Choir	\$871.00

6. AMEND APPROVAL OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 24/25 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION of the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Extra Curricular Activities Stipends for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Employee	Extra-curricular Activity	Amount
Emily Conti	Anti-Bullying Specialist Sch #1	\$700.00
Jessica Prawetz Lindsey Enchelmaier	Anti-Bullying Specialist Sch #2	\$700.00 (Split)
Cathy Truono	Anti-Bullying Specialist Sch #3	\$700.00

7. ACCEPTANCE OF NEW SUBSTITUTES
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following new substitute applicants all substitutes have filed Federal Form I-9, and are in possession of acceptable clearance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1/18A:39-10.1/18A:6-4.14

Barry McCann

8. AMEND ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- MUSIC/BAND TEACHER
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Owen Davitt, music/band teacher, last day of work **September 24, 2024.**
9. APPROVE/RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- PARAPROFESSIONAL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Silva Nozinic, paraprofessional, effective September 27, 2024.
10. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- PARAPROFESSIONAL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Courtney Palmieri, paraprofessional, effective October 11, 2024.
11. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- ABA PARAPROFESSIONAL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Emily Mercedes, ABA paraprofessional, effective November 13, 2024.
12. APPROVE/RATIFY APPOINTMENT –LONG TERM LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER 24-25 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Barry McCann, long-term leave replacement teacher, effective September 25, 2024 through December 20, 2024. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1, prorated, no benefits.

13. AMEND APPROVAL OF OT SERVICES FOR THE 24-25 ESY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Performance Pediatrics, 142 Totowa Road, Totowa, NJ/ 156 North Lafayette NJ for **OT therapy services**, for the 2024-2025 Extended School Year, at a rate of **\$75.00 per hour**.
14. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES-NJSBA CONFERENCE-OCTOBER 21-24, 2024
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve travel expenses as noted for the following district employees and Board Members for the NJSBA Conference being held OCTOBER 21-24, 2024:
- | <u>NAME</u> | <u>WORKSHOP/LOCATION</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
<u>(Mileage/Meal Conference)</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| Dr. Rachel Capizzi | NJSBA Workshop | 10/21-10/24/2024 | \$14.14 Tolls \$123.14 mileage
\$ 1,650.00 Group Registration
Atlantic City, NJ |
| | | 10/21-10/24/2024 | \$68.00 Meals Overnight Stay
\$51.00 Meals 1 st & Last day of travel
for each |
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- | <u>NAME</u> | <u>WORKSHOP/LOCATION</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
<u>Mileage/Meals Conference</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| Dr. Rachel Capizzi | NJSBA Workshop | 10/21-10/24/2024 | \$99.00 Hotel Accommodations
per night, each Attendee
+ applicable taxes & fees |
| | | 10/21-10/24/2024 | |
15. RESCIND REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES-NJSBA CONFERENCE-OCTOBER 21-24, 2024
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education rescind travel expenses for Melissa Sanzari-Steven for the NJSBA Conference being held October 21-24, 2024.
16. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER WORK
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Meghan Loveman as a volunteer choreographer for the School #1 play pending all background checks, at no charge to the district.
17. APPROVE/RATIFY PAYMENT TO STAFF – PLAY SUPERVISION
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve payment to Jai Sathyamurthi for play audition, extracurricular supervision at the contractual chaperone rate of \$25.00 per hour.
18. APPROVE/RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALIST
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Charles Smith as School Safety Specialist for the 2024/2025 school year effective July 1, 2024.

19. APPROVE/RATIFY OF APPOINTMENT OF ABA PARAPROFESSIONAL 24-25 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Cvetanka Davchevska as an ABA paraprofessional, no earlier than October 21, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The rate of pay will be Step 1 as per the 2022-2025 LFEA collective negotiation agreement, paraprofessional salary guidelines, pending all background checks.

20. APPROVE/RATIFY PAYMENT TO STAFF –SCHOOL #1 HORNET REFLECTION COVERAGE 24/25 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following employees for coverage of Hornet Reflection at the contractual rate of \$35.00 per hour, prorated. To be paid out of Title IV, account number 20-280-100-101-10-00.

Hope Lachman

21. APPROVAL OF STAFFING POSITIONS FOR 2024-2025 ZERO PERIOD REMEDIATION PROGRAM
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff listing for the 2024-2025 Zero Period Remediation Program. Remuneration for each staff member will be \$40.00, which will be funded through the Title I ESEA Grant. Program to run October 21, 2024 through December 20, 2024.
(Exhibit J)

21. APPROVAL OF PARAPROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff placements effective October 15, 2025.

Kelly Ann Keller- LLD2 School #1
Emely Mercedes- Full Day Pre-School School #2
Jackie Zipoy- School #3 LLD1

22. APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE 24/25 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following maternity leave of absence:
24/25 SY

Name	Position/ Location	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick days Applied	FMLA Start date	NJFLA Date	EXTENDEND LEAVE Unpaid leave/no benefits	Date of Return (Anticipated)
5142	Sch. 2	10/28/2024	10/28/24- 11/1/24 (5 days)		11/03/2024 through 02/02/2025		02/03/2025

23. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT- BOOKEEPER/PAYROLL

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Ariana Avdija, bookkeeper/payroll, effective November 4, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Rate of pay will be 72,000, prorated, pending all background checks.

AYES: 8

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 1

H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – (Mr. Doug Jandoli)

On motion of Mrs. DiBuono and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the following motions were offered for approval.

1. BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

MOVED that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the Bus Evacuation Drills Report, as circulated for the first part of the 2024/2025 School Year. Bus Evacuation Drills took place on September 24, 2024 at Schools #1, #2, and #3. (Exhibit K)

2. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL/PRESCRIPTION HEALTH BENEFITS – 01/1/2025-12/31/2025

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education has received an offer for medical/prescription coverage for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 from New Jersey Direct Pensions and Benefits (NJDPB) Costs are as follows:

NJ DIRECT 10-PPO PLAN

\$10 COPAY AETNA/HORIZON

Single	\$1,584.24
Employee/Spouse	\$3,168.48
Parent/Child	\$2,946.68
Family	\$4,530.92
Adult Child Rate	TBD

NJ DIRECT 15-PPO PLAN

\$15 COPAY AETNA/HORIZON

Single	\$1,520.31
Employee/Spouse	\$3,040.63
Parent/Child	\$2,827.78
Family	\$4,348.09
Adult Child Rate	TBD

**NJ EDUCATORS HEALTH PLAN –
PPO \$10 PRIMARY/\$15 SPECIALIST
COPAY AETNA/HORIZON**

Single	\$1,146.37
Employee/Spouse	\$2,292.73
Parent/Child	\$2,132.24
Family	\$3,278.61
Adult Child Rate	\$1,005.59

GARDENSTATE HEALTH PLAN

AETNA

Single	\$1,014.92
Employee/Spouse	\$2,029.84
Parent/Child	\$1,887.75
Family	\$2,902.67
Adult Child Rate	TBD

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Falls Board of Education does hereby approve New Jersey Direct Pension and Benefits (NJDPB) to provide medical/prescription benefits for all covered employees effective January 1, 2025.

AYES: 8

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 1

I. **POLICY COMMITTEE (Mrs. Desiree DiBuono)**

On motion of Mrs. DiBuono and seconded by Mrs. Zurbruegg the following motions were offered for approval.

1. **SECOND READING OF POLICY-ALERT 233**

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education hold a second reading of the following policy:

P	0141	Board Member Number and Term (Revised)
P	0164.6	Remote Public Board Meeting During a Declared Emergency (M)(Abolished)
P	2200	Curriculum Content (M)(Revised)
P&R	3160	Physical Examination (M)(Revised)
P&R	4160	Physical Examination (M)(Revised)
R	5200	Attendance (M)(Revised)
P	5337	Service Animals (Revised)
P	5350	Student Suicide Prevention (M)(Revised)
P	7231	Gifts From Vendors (M)(Abolished)
P	8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)(Revised)
P&R	8467	Firearms and Weapons (M)(Revised)
P	9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisor/Assistants (Revised)
		(Exhibit L)

2. WAIVER OF TRANSPORTATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following transportation waivers in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:391c and District Policy number 8613.

Student ID # 2002927

Student ID # 2003322

Student ID # 2003524

AYES: 8

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 1

J. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – (Mrs. Shannon Zurbruegg)-None

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS-None

L. PTA LIAISONS -(2/3 PTA Mrs. Shannon Zurbruegg/S#1 Mrs. Nicole Smith)

Mrs. Zurbruegg advised the Board of the following

- Trunk or Treat will be on October 25th at School #2
- November 14th is the Tricky Tray. Donations are still needed

Mrs. Smith advised the Board that the spirit wear apparel sale has begun.

M. LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION LIASON -(Mrs. Desiree DiBuono)

Mrs. DiBuono thanked all that attended and contributed to the Little Falls Education Foundation Octoberfest.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

XI. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

On motion of Mrs. Zurbruegg and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the meeting was opened for public comment.

On motion of Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Tullo moved that the Little Falls Board of Education close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 8

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 1

XII. NEW BUSINESS-None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Miraglia and seconded by Mrs. Smith move that the Little Falls Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss three HIB issue, (Sc1-001-09-20-24-LFD-001, Sc3-001-09-20-24-LFD-002, Sc1-002-09-27-24-LFD-003). Action will not be taken.

Approximate time (5) five minutes

AYES: 8

ABSENT: 1

NAYES: 0 (6:50 PM)

On motion of Mrs. Smith and seconded by Dr. Capizzi move that the Little Falls Board of Education return from Executive Session.

AYES: 8

ABSENT: 1

NAYES: 0 (6:56 PM)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Verdi and seconded by Mrs. Smith the meeting was adjourned 6:57 pm.

AYES: 8

ABSENT: 1

NAYES: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary