

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

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday September 17, 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, Mr. Jandoli, Mrs. Lijoi, Mr. Miraglia, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Tullo, Mrs. Verdi, and Mrs. Zurbruegg

Also, Present. Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent, Mrs. Melissa Sanzari-Stevens, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE-None
- VI. MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Tullo and seconded by Mr. Miraglia 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. Minutes – August 20, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - 2. Minutes – August 20, 2024 Executive Meeting

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

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

Since no one wished to be heard,

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

AYES: 9

NAYES:0

ABSENT: 0

VIII. PRESENTATION

1. Mrs. Marinelli presented the Hornets of the month with a certificate
Kindergarten – Molly Brundage, First Grade – Dione Diaw,
Second Grade- Nicolina Slactchev
Third Grade- Lana Beck, Fourth Grade- Ian Kim
Fifth Grade-Ahmet Kaya, Sixth Grade- Lengyan Xiao,
Seventh Grade- Liliana Palmieri, Eighth Grade- Elara Knezevich
2. Mrs. Verdi and Mrs. Marinelli, along with the Board of Education presented Dr. Sherri Glassman with a gift for her retirement.
3. A presentation of the Link It Parent Portal was given by Mrs. Castrovinci
4. A presentation of the NJSLA scores was given by Mrs. Marinelli and Mrs. Castrovinci

IX. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Rachel Capizzi

Dr. Capizzi thanked everyone for their hard work in preparation for school opening.

Dr. Capizzi also congratulated and thanked staff and teachers for all of their work on the test scores.

Dr. Capizzi congratulated Dr. Glassman on her retirement.

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

1. Superintendent’s Report. (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:

- Zero HIB and zero suspensions
- Enrollment will be reported at the October meeting
- Mrs. Marinelli stated that the School Self-Assessment for HIB grades is on the agenda for approval. Mrs. Marinelli also explained the grades to the Board. School 1 received 77 out of 78, School #2 77 out of 78 and School #3 received 78 out of 78.
- Mr. Rohlf has created a HIB guide video to be placed on our website
- Amazing ribbon cutting for our Imagination Station. Mrs. Marinelli thanked Danker, Steelcase, Smithsystems and our Little Falls Education

Foundation for this fabulous space. She also congratulated Jill Castaldo and Shana Opdenburg for winning the grant.

- Our portrait of a Hornet is underway and is being woven into the inner fabric of our district
- Mrs. Marinelli congratulated all students, math staff, and administration on the significant math gains we saw on the 2024 NJSLA
- Mrs. Marinelli gave a huge thank you to Mr. Smith and all of the custodial staff for their tremendous efforts this summer as we transitioned from old furniture to new.
- Mrs. Marinelli commended Stephanie Bush for not only teaching choir zero period but for also preparing our students and enrolling them to perform at American Young Voices, the largest choir concert in the world.
- Mrs. Marinelli addressed an email received regarding the 4th grade class size. Currently there are only ten full size classrooms at School #3. Because of departmentalization, we must have an even number of sections. There are ten more 3rd graders than 4th graders, so the 3rd grade has six sections and the 4th grade has four sections. Next year, the current 4th grade will have five sections as 5th graders. Currently, the largest class size for core subjects is twenty-six.
- Mrs. Marinelli expressed her concern about misinformation circling around the music department. A parent is sending erroneous emails to the newspapers and members of the community. With more jobs out there than candidates to fill them, no one would want to work in a place depicted in this untrue negative light. Additionally, this requires me to respond, which takes me away from working on a solution on this.

Mrs. Marinelli stated with certainty that no one is tearing apart the music program. We have developed a plan that will still provide students the opportunity to take choir at zero period. This situation has nothing to do with budget. There were no cuts to the program and teachers left to pursue other endeavors. No money from salaries or performing arts were used to pay architects. A second play was added because of student interest not as a result of zero period. Mr. Davitt asked to no longer offer 4th grade band during the school year for valid reasons, as explained by him. No money is being given from music to athletics. We do not have athletics. There are no motives or secretes. What there is a superintendent who cares a great deal about performing arts and even more about students of Little falls who will continue to provide the guidance, staff, and resources needed to promote and create an exemplary school district.

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

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Falls Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations (SC1-011-06-19-24-LFD-023) for the reason set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to affected students' parents.

AYES: 9

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)

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

On motion of Mr. Miraglia and seconded by Mrs. Di Buono 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 September 17, 2024, Warrant No.'s #30739 thru #30881 (Current Account) totaling \$1,889,366.97; Wire Transfer #9102024 (Health Insurance) totaling \$250,773.48 \$Warrant No. #1310 thru #1312 (Cafeteria Account) totaling \$4,080.00; Warrant #1059 (Before & After Care Account) totaling \$ 375.00 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 – AUGUST 31, 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 August 31, 2024 Transfer Report.

(Exhibit B-1)

3. TREASURER AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS – AUGUST 31, 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 August 31, 2024.

(Exhibit C)

4. TEMPORARY PURCHASING AGENT 2024-2025 SY

WHEREAS, Melissa Sanzari- Stevens School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at present does not possess a qualified purchasing agent (QPA) certificate;

The Little Fall Board of Education establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$32,000.00 and a \$4,800.00 quote threshold for the board of education, and furthermore, the board authorizes Melissa Sanzari- Stevens to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate the newly established quote and bid threshold amount.

AYES: 9

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – (Mrs. Nicole Smith)

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

1. DANIELSON RUBRIC MODEL EVALUATION FOR THE 24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve that all Teachers, other certified staff, and Paraprofessionals are being evaluated using the Danielson Rubric Evaluation Tool.

2. DANIELSON RUBRIC MODEL EVALUATION EVALUATOR TRAINING 24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve that all Administrators have been trained on evaluating staff using the Danielson Rubric Evaluation Tool.

3. NJ PRINCIPAL EVALUATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OBSERVATION INSTRUMENT FOR THE 24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve that all Administrators are being evaluated using the NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Observation Instrument.

4. NJ PRINCIPAL EVALUATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OBSERVATION INSTRUMENT TRAINING FOR THE 24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve that all Administrators have been trained on the NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Observation Instrument.

5. SUBMISSION OF THE STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE REGARDING THE PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE 24/25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the submission the district's Statement of Assurance Regarding the Paraprofessional Staff for the academic year 2024-2025 to the county office.

6. APPROVAL OF CAPSTONE RESEARCH

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education, approve Sarah Viterito to conduct Capstone Research Project September 18, 2024 through June 20, 2024.

7. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TRIPS -24/25 SCHOOL YEAR

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following field trips:

(Exhibit D)

8. APPROVAL OF PVHS STUDENT INTERNSHIP 24-25 SY

MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Passaic Valley Regional High School Student to read twice a week at School #2 for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Leah Guardaramma

9. APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 SCHOOL NURSING PLANS

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the School Nursing Services Plans for School #1, #2 and #3 for the 2024-2025 School Year, as circulated.

10. APPROVAL OF BOARD GOALS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the Little Falls Board of Education Board Goals and Objectives.

11. APPROVAL OF LLD FIELD TRIPS – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve weekly community field trips to local area merchants as part of the class and Life Skills curriculum for district LLD classes for the 2024-2025 academic year. Field trips will be scheduled to further develop and reinforce life skills; introduce and prepare for early prevocational goals. Field trips will be centered around the Tri-Boro area of Woodland Park, Totowa Borough and Little Falls, but may extend to neighboring towns.

Some locations may include but not limited to:

ShopRite of Little Falls
Little Falls Library
Little Falls Dunkin' Donuts
Little Falls Recycling Center
Rita's Ice
Applebee's
Petco
Walgreens
A Taco Affair
Carvel of Woodland Park

Little Falls Police Department
TD Bank
Valley Bank
Little Falls Post Office
Little Falls Quick Check
Hair Say Haircutters
Wilmore Road Memorial Park
Palace Laundromat of Woodland Park
Bagels Unlimited

Little Falls Fire Department
Fairfield Farms & Greenhouses
Passaic County Courthouse
Paterson Morris Canal Walkway
Lakeland Bank
The UPS Store
Little Falls Municipal Court

The Falls Kitchen
Ethan & The Bean
Hanover Lanes
Fairfield Target
The Dollar Store

- * Additional places of interest may be added with Superintendent approval.
- * Transportation, when needed, to be provided by district buses.
- * No anticipated per pupil cost for trips. Parents provide spending money as needed for service trips to salons etc.

12. AMEND APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PANEL

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff members to the SciP Committee for the 2024-2025 school year.

School #2

Kathleen Rich
Kerianne Brown
Briana Nesheiwat
Shana Opdenberg
Jill Castaldo

School #3

Jessica Purn
Mary Healy
Leslie Della Pesca
Emily Young
Kristyn Toohey
Elba Castrovinci

School #1

Lynn Donovan
Beth Billig
Melissa Natale
Kristy Gregory
Ed Cronin
Lyndsey Enchelmaier
Jessica Prawetz

13. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Self Assessments for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Schools #1, #2, and #3 be approved for the 2023-2024 School Year and that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following School Self-Assessment to the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 0

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
10/03/24	Fashion Show Interest Meeting	Cafeteria 7:00pm- 8:00pm	School #1 PTA	\$0.00
9/18,10/10,11/20/2024 1/15,2/19,3/19, 5/21,6/18/2025	Little Falls Education Foundation Meeting	Room 107 6:30-8:30pm	LFEF	\$0.00
12/19/2024 5/22/2025	TREPS	APR/Café 5-10:30pm	School #1 Advisor	\$0.00
9/17-12/6/24	School #1 Fall Musical rehearsals/play	APR/Café/107 3-9:00pm	Play Advisors	\$0.00
1/13-5/2/25	Spring Musical Rehearsals/play	APR/Café/107 3-9:00pm	Play Advisors	\$0.00
10/2/24	LFEA Meeting	Room 211 4-6:00pm	LFEA	\$0.00

School #2 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
9/21/24	Clothing Drive	Parking Lot 9:00am-3:00pm	PTA 2/3	\$0.00
10/15,11/19, 12/17/2024 1/21,2/18,3/18,4/15,5/20, 6/10/2025	Girl Scout Meeting	Cafeteria 6:30-7:30pm	Girl Scouts	\$0.00
10/16,11/20,12/18/24 1/15,2/19,3/19,4/16,5/21/25	Girl Scouts	APR 3:40-4:15pm	Girl Scouts	\$0.00

2. APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL

RESOLVED, to approve the disposal of the attached equipment found to be obsolete.
(Exhibit E)

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 0

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 F)

2. SALARY GUIDE ADVANCEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve, pursuant to Article XVII of the contract between the Little Falls Board of Education and the Little Falls Education Association, the following salary guide advancement effective September 1, 2024.

Kristy Gregory	
From: MA 30	Step 15
To: MA 45	Step 15

3. APPROVE/RATIFY OF APPOINTMENT OF PARAPROFESSIONAL 24-25 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Courtney Palmieri as a paraprofessional, effective September 1, 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.

4. APPROVE/RATIFY OF PAYMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve payment to Shana Opdenberg, or any appointed staff member, to attend monthly Library meetings as a liaison, at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

5. APPROVAL OF BUS AIDE COVERAGE

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve all paraprofessionals as substitute bus aides for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$15.50 per hour.

6. APPROVAL OF NURSE SUBSTITUTE PAY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education amend the established nurse substitute pay for the 2023–2024 School Year, at a

rate of \$200.00 per diem (equivalent to five or more hours) for a substitute school nurse and a rate of \$100.00 per diem, for a district nurse to provide coverage for field trips and or school coverage, if no substitute is secured.

7. 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>
Melissa Sanzari-Stevens	NJSBA Workshop	10/21-10/24/2024	\$14.14 Tolls \$123.14 mileage
Tracey Marinelli			\$ 1,650.00 Group Registration
Charles Smith			Atlantic City, NJ
		10/21-10/24/2024	\$68.00 Meals Overnight Stay
			\$51.00 Meals 1 st & Last day of travel for each

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WORKSHOP/LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u> <u>Mileage/Meals Conference</u>
Melissa Sanzari-Stevens	NJSBA Workshop	10/21-10/24/2024	\$99.00 Hotel Accommodations
Tracey Marinelli			per night, each Attendee
Charles Smith		10/21-10/24/2024	+ applicable taxes & fees

8. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- LUNCH AIDE SCHOOL #3

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Enisa Yilmaz, lunch aide School 3, effective September 13, 2024.

9. APPROVE/RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- SCHOOL 2 TEACHER

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Mariel Enright, teacher School 2, effective August 19, 2024.

10. RESCIND MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE 24/25 SCHOOL YEAR

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 without benefits)	Date of Return (Anticipated)
5084	Sch. 2	09/02/2024		9/2/2024 thru 11/24/2024 (12 weeks)			11/25/2024

11. 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, effective November 27, 2024.
12. PAYMENT FOR UNUSED SICK DAYS
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education authorize the payment for unused sick days pursuant to the contractual agreement between the Little Falls Board of Education employee #4088, in the amount of \$15,000.00.
13. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL WORKER SCHOOL #2
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Martha Kochanowski, Social Worker School #2, effective September 23, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Rate of pay will be MA step 1, prorated, pending all background checks.
14. AMEND JOB DESCRIPTION- BOOKEEPER/PAYROLL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education amend the job descriptions for bookkeeper/payroll.
(Exhibit H)
15. GRANTING OF TENURE
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education grant tenure to the following employee, effective October 7, 2024.

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens – Business Administrator/Board Secretary

16. 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
Natalie Vendola	Culinary	\$871.00

17. 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
Melissa Natale	Culinary	\$871.00

18. REAPPOINTMENT OF STAFF 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the reappointment of staff as per the attached exhibit for the 2024/2025 School year.

(Exhibit G)

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0
ABSENT:0

Mrs. Marinelli congratulated Mrs. Stevens on receiving tenure.

- H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – (Mr. Doug Jandoli)
On motion of Mr. Jandoli and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the following motions were offered for approval.

1. APPROVE/RATIFY MEDICAL/PRESCRIPTION HEALTH BENEFITS – 07/1/2024-12/31/2024
WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education has received an offer for medical/prescription coverage for the period July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 from New Jersey Direct Pensions and Benefits (NJDPB) Costs are as follows:

<u>AETNA PLAN</u>	
<u>Freedom 10 PPO w/ \$10 primary care copayment</u>	
Single	\$1,295.14
Employee/Spouse	\$2,590.29
Parent/Child	\$2,408.96
Family	\$3,704.10

<u>Freedom 15 PPO Plan w/ \$15 Primary Copayment</u>	
Single	\$1,242.26
Employee/Spouse	\$2,484.53
Parent/Child	\$2,310.61
Family	\$3,552.88

<u>NJ EDUCATORS HEALTH PLAN – PPO \$10 PRIMARY/\$15 SPECIALIST COPAY</u>	
Single	\$1,053.59
Employee/Spouse	\$2,107.18
Parent/Child	\$1,959.67
Family	\$3,013.26

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PLAN

Single	\$929.34
Employee/Spouse	\$1,858.67
Parent/Child	\$1,728.56
Family	\$2,657.90

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 July 1, 2024.

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0
ABSENT:0

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

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

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

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education hold a first 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 I)

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 # 2002430

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0
ABSENT:0

J. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (Mrs. Shannon Zurbruegg)

Mrs. Zurbruegg stated that it is exciting to see the Strategic Plan being implemented.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Capizzi stated that an Education and Curriculum meeting was held this evening and an email will be going out to the Board members with the details.

Dr. Capizzi read the Board Goals into the minutes.

1. To provide policy and funding to support district goals.
2. Work together as a Board with internal and external stakeholders to communicate the necessity of passing the upcoming referendum to move the district forward.
3. Support each School's Portrait of a Hornet initiative.

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

Mrs. Zurbruegg stated that the next 2/3 PTA meeting will be held on October 7, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Mrs. Smith informed the Board that the 8th grade Fashion Show will be held on March 13, 2025 and urged everyone to continue to support the PTA fundraisers.

N. LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION LIASON -(Desiree DiBuono)

Mrs. DiBuono informed the Board that Oktoberfest will be held on October 11, 2024 and tickets are on sale.

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.

Mrs. Mugleston, spoke about the choir program and hiring of a new choir teacher.

Mrs. Wheat, stated that zero period for all students is not an option.

Since no one else wished to be heard,

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

AYES: 9
NAYES:0
ABSENT: 0

XII. NEW BUSINESS- None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Jandoli and seconded by Mrs. Smith the meeting was adjourned 7:38 pm.

AYES: 9

ABSENT: 0

NAYES: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens

Melissa Sanzari- Stevens
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

