

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAY 6, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Vocational Schools in the County of Essex will be called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024, by President, Rev. Edwin Leahy, OSB.

OPENING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Star Ledger on November 7, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- Dr. Pernell

ROLL CALL – Board Secretary, Lori Tanner

Present: Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, President
Adrienne Davis, Vice President
Dr. Chris T. Pernell
LeeSandra Medina
Reginald Bledsoe

Absent: Salvatore Carnovale
Jennifer M. Carrillo-Perez

Also Present: Dr. James M. Pedersen, Superintendent
Bernetta Davis, Business, Administrator
Lori Tanner, Board Secretary
Gregory F. Kotchik, Esq. Board Attorney
Mary Ann Sweeney, Sr. Administrative Assistant to the Board

COMMUNICATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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2023-24 Student Council Presidents

Rchin Bari and Maya Ratzan, Newark Tech
 Babajide Hamzat, Payne Tech
 Elaija Rodriguez and Amatullah Benjamin, West Caldwell Tech

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

HIB Monthly Report – April, 2024

School	Allegations			Verified	
	April	23-24 cumulative		April	23-24 cumulative
Newark Tech	0	4	-	0	1
Payne Tech	2	5	-	1	3
West Caldwell	0	7	-	0	2
Total	2	16	-	1	6

(Discussion of any HIB incident is restricted to closed session.)

POINTS OF PRIDE

Newark Tech

Congratulations to Newark Tech’s Teacher of the Month for March, 2024, Mr. Marques Bragg, Dean of Students, Assistant Track & Head Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Bragg is a great asset to the Newark Tech Family, and he consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty in support of our scholars and the Administration.

National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week was in April. Students and staff are proud to acknowledge the hard work of Assistant Principal Ms. Sheyla Janna. Thank you for all that you do in support of Newark Tech’s Mission, Vision, and School-Wide Goals.

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Payne Tech

Congratulations to our Payne Tech senior Jayden Hollaway for being honored for the Essex County School Boards Association award for “Unsung Hero”.

Congratulations to Payne Tech students for their outstanding performance at this year's SkillsUSA competition. Several of our students will be representing New Jersey at the national SkillsUSA competition this June. Thank you to all of the CTE teachers and SkillsUSA advisers who prepared our students for success.

West Caldwell Tech

Graphic Design students participated in the ACTSO competition for the first time, and they truly shined. West Caldwell Tech students brought home two gold medals and one bronze. Senior Tatyana Gordon captured gold in the Poetry Contest, while Sophomore Heisha Francisco earned her gold for her painting. Sophomore Alessandra Huapaya rounded out our success with a bronze in photography. It's an incredible achievement that speaks volumes about the talent and dedication of our students.

The 2024 SkillsUSA State Championship Events came to an end on Sunday, April 28th in a grand award ceremony at Cure Arena in Trenton, NJ. West Caldwell Tech was once again recognized through the National SkillsUSA Chapter Recognition Program as a *National Quality Chapter Award*.

FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-523: Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024 (enclosure)

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2024.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Bledsoe
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-524: Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024 (enclosure)

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2024.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Abstain: Mr. Bledsoe
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-525: Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the Period Ending 2/29/24 (enclosure)

On the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, the Board acknowledges receipt of the Certification from the Business Administrator that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C.:6A23-2.11(a) and (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District Board of Education's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and that therefore upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools it is recommended that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending February 29, 2024, showing a cash balance of \$24,815,105.16, be approved, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-526: Transfer of Funds, February, 2024 (enclosure)

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has determined that it is in the best interest of the District if certain inter-district fund transfers occur for the month of February, 2024, so as to prevent certain line item accounts going into a deficit. Ms. Davis has advised the Superintendent of Schools that these transfers are appropriate and in accordance with the appropriate statute governing same; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the transfer of accounts pursuant to the attached Reports of Transfers for the month of February, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

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Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-527: Authorize Payment of Bills – May 3, 2024 (enclosure)

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for the District, has reviewed bills presented to the District for payment in the amount of \$4,096,116.24, through May 3, 2024, and has determined that the bills on the enclosed bills list are required to be paid by the District and that same are in accordance with contracts and/or agreements entered into by the District. Ms. Davis hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District to make these payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the payment of the May 3, 2024 bill's list, in the sum of \$4,096,116.24, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution#24-528: Amend Resolution #24-495 to Reflect Increased Not to Exceed Amount

WHEREAS, at the regular Board meeting held on April 15, 2024, the Board passed Resolution #24-495 which, in part, approved travel and related expense reimbursements for the 2024-25 school year in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00; and

WHEREAS subsequent to the passage of Resolution #24-495, it was determined that the not-to-exceed amount should match the travel and related expenses reimbursement as stated in Resolution #24-489 (Adoption of Budget) and be set at \$75,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the amendment of Resolution #24-495 to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000.00 for travel and related expense reimbursement for the 2024-25 school year. All other provisions of Resolution #24-495 are unaffected by this resolution and shall remain in full force and effect.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-529: Renewal of Food Service Agreement between Maschio’s Food Services, Inc. Year 4 Option and the District from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, the Board entered into a Base Year Management Food Services Agreement with Maschio’s Food Services, Inc. (“Maschio’s) wherein Maschio’s shall provide food service within the District for the 2020- 2021 school year. That Agreement sets forth in Article I F. 1. an option for yearly renewals not to exceed four additional years; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, has determined that Maschio’s has continued to provide food services in an effective and efficient manner and recommends that the Agreement be renewed for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$1,732,505.54; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall pay Maschio’s an annual management fee in the amount of \$93,860.00. The renewal shall be on the same terms and conditions as set forth herein. The management fee shall be payable in monthly installments of \$9,386.00 per month commencing on September 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Maschio’s guarantees a return to the Board in the amount of \$40,000.00. In the event the actual bottom line of the operational report (total revenue from all sources less program costs, including the management fee) is below this amount, Maschio’s shall be responsible for any shortfall and a guarantee to the District in the amount of \$40,000.00 year as based on the terms and conditions outlined in the Contract; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the renewal term of the Food Service Agreement between the Board and Maschio’s effective July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025 for the Management Fee of \$93,860.00 and that Maschio’s guarantees a return to the Board in the amount of \$40,000.00. The total amount of the 2024-2025 renewal cost is \$1,732,505.54. No payments are to be made to Maschio’s without the District’s receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel and approved by the appropriate State agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required and ensure that the District has obtained the appropriate political disclosure forms.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-530: Authorization to Apply for the 2024 New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Grant Program of \$8,540.00 and to Purchase Two Display Screens and Three Cameras from JCT Solutions and Student ID Cards from CDW in an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,538.69, Grant and Capital Funds

WHEREAS, the District is a member of the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) and the Educational Risk Insurance Consortium – North (ERIC-North), a subfund of NJSIG. NJSIG, a non-profit school insurance pool, announced the creation of a Safety Grant Program to provide funds toward plant safety, building security, safety equipment and training, and

WHEREAS, the Safety Grant Program will support the Districts' loss prevention efforts and strengthen the overall ERIC North subfund and

WHEREAS, NJSIG has determined that the District will qualify for a Safety Grant for \$8,540.00; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, the Business Administrator, and Gabe Rispoli, Director of Security/Transportation/Safety, have identified a need to continue the enhancement of security measures. This includes the purchase of two display screens for the Payne Tech security office, three security cameras, and district student ID cards for Payne Tech, Newark Tech, and West Caldwell Tech. These items, totaling \$8,538.69 are to be paid through the Safety Grant Program, and will continue to strengthen the district's security infrastructure and student safety; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator recommends the District apply for the \$8,538.69 Safety Grant and

BE IT RESOLVED that on the motion of Ms. Medina, seconded by Dr. Pernell, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to apply for a 2024 New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Grant in the amount of \$8,540.00 and to purchase two display screens, three security cameras, and District student ID cards using Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed \$8,540.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-531: Acceptance of Fourth Year Option (Year Five of Contract) of Core Facility Services, LLC. for Facility Management Services for Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology for Renewal Term of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, in an Amount Not Exceed \$700,469.82, Local Funds

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020 the Board entered into an agreement with Core Facility Services, LLC. (“Core”), wherein Core shall provide facility management services for Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology for services from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in a sum not to exceed \$413,919.49; and

WHEREAS the above-referenced agreement sets forth in Article One, that the Board, in its sole discretion shall have an option to renew this Agreement as set forth in the General Conditions of the Bid Proposal submitted by Core. The Fourth-Year option (year five of contract) for services from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 will be set at an amount not to exceed \$700,469.82. The renewal increase for the 2024/2025 school year is \$21,016.69. All of the original terms will remain in effect during the extended renewal period, and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that Core has provided overall satisfactory service in accordance with the Contract as referenced above and that it would be in the best interest of the District if the District were to exercise the Fourth Year option as referenced above wherein the District will enter into a one (1) year contract with Core in the sum not to exceed \$700,469.82 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current contract; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fund all payments fully and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; and

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby authorizes the District to exercise a one (1) year option with Core Facility Services, LLC in accordance with the contract as referenced above, which contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$700,469.82; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate documentation on behalf of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Core has submitted the appropriate political contribution disclosure forms pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby directed to ensure that the appropriate insurance certificates are obtained prior to the commencement of the renewal term in accordance with the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

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This contract is subject to the availability of funds as may be required to meet the extended obligation. If sufficient funds are not appropriated, the Board of Education may cancel the contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale

Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-532: Renewal of Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Plan with Bollinger Specialty Group, at an Annual Premium Not to Exceed \$49,236.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, has reviewed the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Plan with Joseph Maurillo of IMAC Insurance, the District's insurance consultant and broker of record. After consulting with Mr. Maurillo, Ms. Davis has determined that the policy provides the appropriate levels of voluntary student accident insurance coverage to offer parents/guardians for purchase. Ms. Davis has further reviewed the renewal premiums for this policy with Mr. Maurillo, and Mr. Maurillo has represented to Ms. Davis that the premium is competitive within the industry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis reviewed the above with the Superintendent of Schools, who concurred that it would be in the District's best interest to renew the current policies as set forth above with an annual premium amount not to exceed \$49,236.00; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the renewal of the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Plan for the 2024-2025 school year with Bollinger Specialty through IMAC, Insurance Management & Consulting, 540 Mill Street, Belleville, New Jersey 07109, as our broker of record, at an annual premium of \$49,236.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator to execute any and all documentation legally required to effectuate the involved renewals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of the Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, advised the Superintendent of Schools that the renewal of the insurance policies is not required to be competitively bid and that same is exempt, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-533: Approve Recording and Transcription for Board Meetings, Lynann Dragone 2024/ 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District to satisfy all payments due hereunder and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves Lynann Dragone to provide Court Reporting Services of Board Meetings, for the 2023-2024 school year per the attached quote, dated April 19, 2024, at a cost of \$250.00 for an Appearance Fee and \$6.60 per page, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Audio-Digital Transcription Service, L.L.C has submitted or will submit within ten (10) days of the passage of this resolution proof of insurance coverage in the amounts required by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that political contribution disclosure forms are not required of Lynn Dragone, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005, in that the contract is under the statutory threshold; and

BE IT RESOLVED, this Contract is being awarded without competitive bidding in that same does not exceed the statutory threshold of \$17,500.00 as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution#24-534: Resolution Awarding a Five (5) Year Contract to Sterling Securities for School Security Officer Services: Unarmed Perimeter at the Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology for \$419,400.00 per year starting July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2029

WHEREAS, based on the report issued by Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 (d), the Board of Education hereby awards a five (5) year contract for School Security Officer Services; Unarmed Perimeter—Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology to Sterling Securities 155 Pompton Avenue Verona, New Jersey 07044; and

WHEREAS, the contract was procured through the Competitive Contracting Request for proposal process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.1 et seq.

WHEREAS, CC/RFP #01-2024/2025 for School Security Officer Services; Unarmed Perimeter was advertised for proposals to be received on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. On that day and time, the Board received one (1) proposal from Sterling Securities (“Sterling”), 155 Pompton Avenue. Verona, New Jersey 07044; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Sterling was evaluated in accordance with the model Technical, Management, and Cost criteria as noted in N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.2 and from the guidance of the New Jersey State Comptroller’s Office with their following publication issued in 2010: *Best Practices in Awarding Service Contracts*; and

WHEREAS, the Board prepared an Evaluation Scoring assigning points to the criteria based on importance. This form is to be based upon a value of one hundred (100) points. The Competitive Contracting proposal was evaluated based on the following factors: Technical Criteria (30 points), Management Criteria (30 points), and Cost Criteria (40 points); and

WHEREAS, it was further noted in the RFP that the evaluation process would include, but will not be limited to the following: Experience of the Firm and Key Staff; Experience with Similar Projects and Minority Participation; and

WHEREAS, a committee was selected by Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, to assist in the evaluation process. The committee members were as follows: Bernetta Davis, School Business Administrator, Lori A. Tanner, Board Secretary, Gabriel Rispoli, Director of Security, Safety, and Transportation; and James Shoop Technical Advisor; and

WHEREAS the proposal from Sterling Securities was evaluated and scored. The results of the scoring are hereby provided.

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- **Technical Criterion 30 points**
Sterling Securities received thirty (30) points
- **Management Criterion 30 points**
Sterling Securities received thirty (30) points.
- **Cost Criterion 40 points**
Sterling Securities received forty (40) points

A total of one hundred (100) points was earned by Sterling of Verona, New Jersey.

Cost of the Five (5) Year Contract

**Year One (1) through Year Five (5)
July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029**

Tour of Duty	Per Shift Hourly Rate Time of Shift	Per Officer
Shift A	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	\$ 27.00 per hour
Shift B	3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	\$ 27.00 per hour
Shift C	11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	\$ 27.00 per hour
Special Shift	As Scheduled	\$ 27.00 per hour

Roaming Small SUV	Vehicle Monthly Rate
Security Vehicle; 24 hours; 7 days a week \$1,050.00 per vehicle x 2 vehicles	\$2,100.00 per month

Total Five (5) Year Contract Cost

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Total Estimated Cost Year 1	\$419,400*
Total Estimated Cost Year 2	\$419,400*
Total Estimated Cost Year 3	\$419,400*
Total Estimated Cost Year 4	\$419,400*
Total Estimated Cost Year 5	\$419,400*
Total Five (5) Year Contract	\$2,097,000

*The total annual estimated cost may increase if personnel are needed to cover special occasion events.

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fund all payments fully and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

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On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the appointment of Sterling Securities for School Security Officer Services: Unarmed Perimeter at the Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. School of Technology for a five (5) year contract in the amount not to exceed \$2,097,000.00 with the first-year contract cost of year one July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 of \$419,400.00, a copy of which is appended hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth. No payments are to be made to Sterling without the District's receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Sterling has submitted the appropriate political contribution disclosure forms pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby directed to ensure that the appropriate insurance certificates are obtained prior to the commencement of the renewal term in accordance with the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

This contract is subject to the availability of funds as may be required to meet the extended obligation. If sufficient funds are not appropriated, the Board of Education may cancel the contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-535: Approval of Solid Waste Disposal Services Three (3) Year Contract to Direct Waste Services, Inc. of Newark, New Jersey 07114, for \$201,119.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, the Board requested bid proposals relative to Solid Waste Disposal Services for three (3) years beginning on or about July 1, 2024, and bid proposals were required to be submitted in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications as outlined in the Specifications and bid documents for Solid Waste Disposal Services (“hereinafter referred to as “Specifications”); and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2024, the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.4, published the appropriate notices to solicit proposals regarding Bid #01SW-2024/2025 Solid Waste Disposal Services;

In response to this notice and in accordance with the time frame as set forth therein, on April 30, 2024, the Board received the following proposal:

Contractor	Total Bid Price for Three (3) Years
Direct Waste Services Newark, New Jersey 07114	Total Bid Price for Year One (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) \$64,906.00 Total Bid Price for Year Two (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) \$67,100.00 Total Bid Price for Year Three (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027) \$69,113.00 Total Bid Price for Three (3) Years \$201,119.00

WHEREAS, the Board referred the above-identified bids to the Director of Facilities, Bruce Scrivo, and Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator for review evaluation and recommendations and thereafter did receive such recommendations and recommends that the Board accept the bid submitted by Direct Waste Services, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Direct”) to be the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder based on the lowest total bid pricing for the three (3) year contract, and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, further represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District’s Local Funds to fully fund the award of this Contract without adverse effect to the District’s financial stability and

WHEREAS, Direct has submitted the appropriate political contribution disclosure forms pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005 and

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WHEREAS, Direct has submitted proof of insurance coverage in the amounts required by the Board; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves Direct Waste Services, Inc. for the solid waste disposal for a three (3) year contract in an amount not to exceed \$201,119.00 with the first year contract cost from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$64,906.00. No payments are to be made to Direct without the District's receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Davis, Business Administrator, is hereby authorized by the Board to execute the above-referenced Contract on behalf of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of the Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

This contract is subject to the availability of funds as may be required to meet the extended obligation. If sufficient funds are not appropriated, the Board of Education may cancel the contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-536 Approval of Newark Alliance, Inc, as a Consultant for Various Programs, 2023-2024 School Year, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, Grant Funded

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan, Jr., Perkins Grant Administrator, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the Carl D. Perkins Grant requires and/or encourages the District to utilize various external entities as professional service consultants in the 16 cluster areas of Career and Technical Education. Mr. Dolan has further advised the Superintendent that the highly-qualified Newark Alliance, Inc, will provide this service to the District for student support and professional consultation in the area of Work Based Learning (WBL).

WHEREAS, John P. Dolan, Jr., Perkins Grant Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds available within the Perkins Secondary Grant to fully fund all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the District to enter into an Agreement with Newark Alliance, Inc. as a Consultant for various Programs for the 2023-24 school year in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, Perkins Grant Funds. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth. All payments pursuant to this agreement are to be made through Perkins Grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the appropriate Agreement as referenced above, subject to Board Counsel's review and approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding, in that said contract is for professional services and is exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-537: Approve Professional Day Requests

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following Professional Day Requests. If the cost of a Professional Day is funded by a Grant the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

Date of Event	Workshop/Conference	Staff Member(s) Participating	Mileage Reimbursement , if Applicable	Cost to Board/Registration Fee
1/9/2024 – 5/23/2024	Certificate of Eligibility Educator Preparation Program (CTE CE EPP) Brookdale Community College Virtual	Mark Guerrieri	N/A	\$685.00 Funded by ARP/ESSER
2/15/2024	Math Center – First Educational Math Summit Virtual	Kevin Agnew	N/A	\$299.00 Funded by ESEA
5/14- 5/17/2024	Educators Workshop 2024 (US Marine Corps) Parris Island, SC	Joe Recine	\$0.47/MI	No Cost
5/29/2024	2024 NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference New Brunswick, NJ	Anibal Ponce	\$0.47/MI	\$390.00 Funded by Title IIA/ESEA
6/5/2024	Preventing Mass Attacks in Our Community Virtual	James Chaffee	N/A	No Cost
7/9- 7/12/2024	SRBE School Improvement-Making Schools Work Nashville, TN	Jenabu Williams	\$0.47/MI	\$995.00 Funded by Local Funds

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7/30/2024	Using AI Tools to Increase English/Lang Arts Learning Virtual	Jacqueline Shoop	N/A	\$279.00 Funded by Title IIA/ESEA
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Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-537A: Approval of Agreement by and Between the District and Home Care Therapies LLC dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that there is a need within the District to hire a nurse staffing company to meet the District’s needs. Dr. Jeter has further advised the Superintendent of Schools that the best entity to provide these services is Home Care Therapies LLC dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing and that their fees are ordinary and customary within the industry; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District to fully fund all payments pursuant to the Agreement without adversely affecting the District’s financial stability; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves an agreement with Home Care Therapies LLC dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing to provide nursing and other staffing services for the balance of the 2023-2024 school year in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00, pursuant to an Agreement which is to be reviewed and approved by Board Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without competitive bid in that same does not exceed the statutory threshold in a one-year period, as set forth in the N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate Agreement as referenced above, subject to Board Counsel’s review and approval.

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Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-538: Resolution for a Closed Session

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ p.m., the Board hereby approves the following resolution:

~~BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education shall at this time recess this meeting and conduct a closed meeting concerning personnel issues and other matters which involve exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act, and are matters which this Body hereby determines are of such a nature that they cannot be discussed at an open meeting. This Body is at this time unable to determine when the matters under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this Body will make such a disclosure when circumstances permit.~~

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Bledsoe	=====	Dr. Pernell	=====
	Mr. Carnovale	=====	Ms. Davis	=====
	Ms. Carrillo-Perez	=====	Fr. Leahy	=====
	Ms. Medina	=====		

Resolution #24-539: Return to a Regular Session

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ p.m., the Board returned to the regular session meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Bledsoe	=====	Dr. Pernell	=====
	Mr. Carnovale	=====	Ms. Davis	=====
	Ms. Carrillo-Perez	=====	Fr. Leahy	=====
	Ms. Medina	=====		

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PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-540: Resignation/Retirements of Employee(s)

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby accepts the resignation/retirement of the following employees(s), effective:

Employee	Reason	Position	Location	Date
Christian Tanion	Resignation	Teacher of Mathematics	WCT	06/30/2024
Viviana Rojas	Resignation	Teacher of Spanish	PT	06/30/2024

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-541: Appoint New Employee(s), 2023-2024 School Year, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Mike Venezia, Human Resources Director hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds with the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following individual(s) for the 2023-2024 school year contingent upon the submission of all appropriate paperwork, New Jersey certification in the instructional area (if applicable), a successful criminal history check and passing the medical physical examination.

Name/Position	Type of Position	Location	Level/Step	Salary	Effective Date
Austin Caceres, Teacher of English	10-Months	West Caldwell Tech	Level 1, Step 11	\$67,646.00	05/16/2024

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* On April 26, 2024, Mary Ann Sweeney, at the direction of the Board Secretary, polled the Board via email and recorded that five (5) of the seven (7) Board members consented to this resolution being on the Agenda.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-542: Appoint New Employee(s), 2024-2025 School Year, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Mike Venezia, Human Resources Director hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds with the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following individual(s) for the 2024-2025 school year contingent upon the submission of all appropriate paperwork, New Jersey certification in the instructional area (if applicable), a successful criminal history check and passing the medical physical examination.

Name/Position	Type of Position	Location	Level/Step	Salary	Effective Date
Robert King, Teacher of Mathematics	10-Months	Newark Tech	Level 1, Step 11	\$67,646.00	09/01/2024
Christine Merritt, School Nurse*	10-Months	Newark Tech	Level 3, Step D	\$95,044.00	09/01/2024

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-543 Approve Family Leave Absence

WHEREAS, the following Employee has requested a leave of absence in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and the New Jersey Family Leave Act of 1989. These Employee qualifies for the involved leave in accordance with both statutes; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves a Family Leave of Absence for Employees, with benefits, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.

Employee Number	Location	Dates of Leave
6581	Newark Tech	09/01/2024-11/27/2024
6417	West Caldwell Tech	05/02/2024-10/31/2024

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-544: Amend Resolution #24-506 Approving Substitute/Long Term Replacement, for the period of May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, on April 15 2024, the Board passed Resolution #24-506 which in part approved Substitute/ Long Term Replacements for the time period of May 1, 2024 through June 30 2024; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passing of Resolution #24-506, it was determined that “in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00” be stricken from the resolution paragraph; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby amends Resolution #24- 506 to strike “in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00” from the resolution paragraph. All other provisions of Resolution #24-506 remain in full force and effect.

* On April 26, 2024, Mary Ann Sweeney, at the direction of the Board Secretary, polled the Board via email and recorded that five (5) of the seven (7) Board members consented to this resolution being on the Agenda.

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Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-545: Amend Resolution No. 287 Appointing SY 2023-2024 Work Study Students for CTE programs in an Amount Not to Exceed \$82,000 Local Funds

WHEREAS, at the regular Board meeting held on November 13, 2023, the Board passed the Resolution #24-287 approving work study students to assist with CTE programs; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the passage of Resolution #24-287, it was determined that additional work study students would be needed in order to sufficiently cover the program; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of CTE Academies, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fund all payments fully and that said payments will not adversely affect the District's financial position; and now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following students to participate in the 2023-2024 CTE Work Study Program at the rate of \$14.13 per hour (2023) increasing to \$15.13(2024) as the current minimum wage as determined by the State of New Jersey's Department of Labor. The extent of staffing, length and duration of employment for the various assignments will depend on the needs of any given program as well as funding.

Assignment for the following students will run from November 16, 2023-June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed 120 hours each.

<p><u>Animal Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Smith <p><u>Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imani Richardson Green • Moutar Sampil • Jennifer Sandoval • Jocelyn Huerta • Magwrantz Lubin <p><u>Digital Filmmaking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Alas 	<p><u>Graphic Arts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miguel Gomez • Joshua Rosler • Heisha Francisco • Alessandra Huapaya • Gwen Ocasio • Jonathan Martinez • Paulette Montesino • Ailin Rosario
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desiree Vazquez • Nicolas Zaque • Sarah Monteiro • Luisa Santos • Tiana Nicholson-Caldwell • Dezire Hayward • Brianna Barnett • James Leon • Al-Jaleel Jenkins • Jayce Bailey <p><u>Farm to Table</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatima Boundy • Christopher Martinez • Camila Quispe • Khaleyn Robinson • Nicole Correa <p><u>Fashion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Coira • Marrick Williams 	<p><u>Music/AV Technology Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zion Rosembert • Louise Gomes • Samuel Charris • Ashley Valdez • Zyera Spencer • Shakiy McClinton <p><u>Web Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josselyn Narvaez • Maryanne Afemikhe • Anyelo Seaz <p><u>Culinary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel Leon • Jamileth Serrano
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Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-546: Approval of Mrs. Sondra Lubertazzi as Perkins Grant Compliance Coordinator for the 2023-2024 School Year, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, Grant Funded.

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that a Perkins Grant Compliance Coordinator position is needed to ensure accurate submissions for reimbursements and reconciliation of grant expenditures. Dr. DelaPaz has further advised the Superintendent of schools that a Perkins Grant Compliance Coordinator will assist with annual fiscal reports, grant amendments, and final reports for the Carl D. Perkins Grant (Secondary and Post-Secondary); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathleen DelaPaz, Director of Career and Technical Education Academies, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the Perkins Grant to fully fund all payments and that said payments are an appropriate expenditure of grant funds ; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves Mrs. Sondra Lubertazzi for the 2023-2024 school year, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,000. The amount of \$6,000.00 is to be funded through the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-547: Substitute/Long Term Replacement, not to exceed \$6,800.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, a Paraprofessional in the District is out on Family Leave reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to maintain the consistency of instruction by certified long-term replacement (substitute) for the paraprofessional; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously hired long-term content area certified replacements at a per diem rate of \$170.00, equal to the per diem rate of the Paraprofessional who is out on family leave; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff as substitute/long-term replacement paraprofessional at a rate of \$170.00 per day beginning on May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Priscilla Nadesan

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-548: Appoint Staff to Conduct Evening Virtual Student Interviews for Admission in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00 Local Funds

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that certain eligible District Child Study Team members are needed to conduct virtual student interviews in the evenings of potential incoming 2024-2025 9th grade students; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Dr. Patricia Clark Jeter, Director of Student Related Services, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District ; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Suzanne Sabatino and Stephanie Dias to conduct virtual student interviews for incoming 9th graders for a maximum of thirty (30) hours each from March 1, 2024, to May 15, 2024, at the rate of \$39.38 per hour, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,181.40 per person.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-549: Appoint Administrators to Conduct Evening Virtual Student Interviews for Admission in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools certain eligible District Child Study Team members are needed to conduct virtual student interviews in the evenings of potential incoming 2024-2025 9th grade students; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Patricia Schaffer to conduct virtual student interviews of incoming 9th graders for a maximum of thirty (30) hours from March 1, 2024, to May 15, 2024, at the rate of \$68.00 per hour, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, in an amount not exceed \$1,400.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-550: Appoint instructors to “Academics in CTE Enrichment Academy” 2023-24 not to exceed \$1,000.00, Grant Funded

WHEREAS, Mr. John Dolan, Perkins Grant Supervisor has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the District would benefit from an “Academics in CTE Enrichment Academy” Program for currently enrolled CTE students. Academic and CTE teachers design and implement lessons targeting academic, technical, and career readiness skills in specific CTE programs (Ex. Math in Culinary Arts, Construction Trades, Engineering and Language Arts Literacy in Law and Public Safety, Business etc.). Lessons will be embedded during class or in an after-school Academics in CTE Enrichment Academy.

WHEREAS, John Dolan, Perkins Grant Supervisor, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within Perkins Secondary Grant for all payment and that said payment is an appropriate expenditure of grant funds; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following Instructors to participate in the “Academics in CTE Enrichment Academy” program for a maximum of twenty (20) hours total, at the rate of \$47.00 per hour in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, Perkins Grant Funded:

Instructor’s Name
Robert Hebenstreit
Brian Johnson

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-551: Appoint Additional Coaches for Spring Sports for the 2023-2024 School Year Not to Exceed \$28,560.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Gerhard Sanchez, Director of Athletics, recommends to the Superintendent of Schools that additional coaches are needed for the Spring season of the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Gerhard Sanchez, Director of Athletics, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds with the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following individuals for the Spring season of the 2023-2024 School Year in an amount not to exceed \$28,560.00, local funds

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as a condition of this appointment, the District must receive documentation evidencing that the volunteers have successfully completed background checks.

Name	Position	Sport	Location	Stipend	Replaces
Christine Aletras	Volunteer	Boys Volleyball	West Caldwell	N/A	N/A
Jorge Tuesta	Assistant Coach	Boys Volleyball	West Caldwell	\$ 9,180.00	Natasha Batista
Natasha Batista	Head Coach	Boys Volleyball	West Caldwell	\$10,200.00	Maurice Washington
Jessica Gonzalez	Assistant Coach	Softball	Payne Tech	\$ 9,180.00	N/A

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-552: Rescind Resolutions #24-513 and #24-243

WHEREAS, at the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting, the Board passed Resolution #24-513 which amended Resolution #24-243 that was approved at the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting approving instructors for extra teaching assignments for the 2023-2024 school year; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby rescinds its action at the April 15, 2024 Board meeting of the approval of Resolution #24-513 and at the February 26, 2024 Board meeting of the approval of Resolution #24-243.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-553: Appoint Instructors to Teach an Extra Class for the 2023-2024 School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,510.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Ayisha Ingram-Robinson, Principal of West Caldwell Tech, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that it is necessary for teachers to provide instruction and assessment for students in certain classes and periods to implement the instructional programs for the school; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following instructors to extra teaching assignments during the 2023-24 school year which appointment will be for a maximum of 80 minutes every other day, as referenced below, at the rate of \$47.00 per hour in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, in a total amount not to exceed \$15,510.00.

School: West Caldwell						
Name	Course #	Course	Period	Extra Time	Amount	Funding Source
Jacqueline Shoop	LAL122	English Lit Survey	8-9 (A/B)	80 Minutes <u>every day</u> 1/31/24-5/15/24	66 Days \$6,204.00	Local
Araceli Livano	LAL322	British Literature	1-2 (B day)	80 Minutes <u>every other day</u> 1/31/24-5/15/24	33 Days \$3,102.00	Local
Maria Pallis	LAL122	English Lit Survey	3-4 (A/B)	80 Minutes <u>every day</u> 1/31/24-5/15/24	66 Days \$6,204.00	Local

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-554: Authorization for the District to Hire Karla Rios, Temporary Teacher of Spanish at West Caldwell Tech, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,830.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, a Teacher of Spanish within the District will be out on maternity leave from the District. The Superintendent of Schools has determined that it would be in the best interest of the District to appoint a Temporary Teacher to oversee the functions and responsibilities of said position effective May 7, 2024 thru June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has determined that the best person to temporarily replace the Teacher is Karla Rios. Ms. Rios is currently employed by the District as an ESL Paraprofessional. Ms. Rios has advised the Superintendent of Schools that she has agreed to accept the appointment; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Ayisha Ingram-Robinson, Principal of West Caldwell Tech, hereby represent to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the Local Funds and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial stability of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the appointment of Karla Rios as the Long-Term Replacement for the Teacher of Spanish at West Caldwell Tech, from May 7, 2024 thru June 30, 2024 at the per diem rate of \$61.00, in an amount not to exceed \$1,830.00, Local Funds.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-555: Reappointments of Employees 2024-2025 School Year

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby verifies that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the attached reappointment lists of employees for the 2024-2025 school year, salary pursuant to the respective current Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Tenured Teachers/Educational Services Personnel	Exhibit A
Non-Tenured Teachers/Educational Services Personnel	Exhibit B
Support Staff	Exhibit C
Administrators and Supervisors	Exhibit D
Confidential/Non-Union Unit	Exhibit E

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-556: Withholding of Increments

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as per New Jersey Statute 18A:29-14, the Board hereby approves the withholding of the employment increment and adjustment increment for the following staff members for the 2024-2025 school year.

Employee ID # 5756 Reason

Excessive Absences for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #-556A: Appoint Instructors to Teach an Extra Class for the 2023-2024 School Year in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,516.00, Local Funds

WHEREAS, Ayisha Ingram-Robinson, Principal of West Caldwell Tech, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that it is necessary for teachers to provide instruction and assessment for students in certain classes and periods to implement the instructional programs for the school; and

WHEREAS, Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, and Michael Venezia, Director of Human Resources, hereby verify that there are sufficient funds within the District’s local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payment will not adversely affect the financial position of the District; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following instructors to extra teaching assignments during the 2023-24 school year which appointment will be for a maximum of 80 minutes every other day, as referenced below, at the rate of \$47.00 per hour in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,516.00.

Name	Course #	Course	Period	Extra Time	Amount	Funding Source
Sachel Bise	LAL406	WORLD LIT	3-4A	80 Min Adays only; Q3 - prorated 3/15/24, all of Q4	\$ 2,681.00	Local

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Lisa Albano	HPE124	PE1: FITNESS AND COND 1	3-4B	80 min B days	\$ 1,835.00	Local
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Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #-556B Authorization for Four (4) District Employees to Participate in a Focus Group with Essex County Division of Community Health Services and Public Consulting Group at No Cost to the District

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Clark-Jeter, Director of Student-Related Services, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that it would be beneficial to the District if certain of its District Social Workers participate in a focus group session with the Essex County Division of Community Health Services and Public Consulting Group. After review, the Superintendent of Schools agrees with Dr. Jeter’s assessment; now

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes four (4) of the District’s Social Workers to participate in a focus group session with the Essex County Division of Community Health Services and Public Consulting Group during school hours at no additional compensation. The four (4) District Social Workers who shall be participating in the focus group session shall be selected by the Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-557: Field Trips

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval by Carmen Morales, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, the Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends that the Board approve the following Field Trips. If the cost of a Field Trip is funded by a Grant, the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payments will not affect the financial position of the District.

Person In Charge	Date/Time	Trip	Cohort/Campus	# Students	Cost to Board
GUIDANCE SERVICES (ACADEMIC PROGRAM)					
Araceli Livano (1Chaperone)	5/9/2024	Statue of Liberty New York, NY	WC	ESL Spanish AP	
Jennifer Guevara (2 Chaperones)	5/10/2024	Dollar Tree Fairfield, NJ	WC	Transition Center	6 No Cost
Carmen Marquez (2 Chaperones)	5/20/2024	Pax Amicus Budd Lake, NJ	PT	Freshmen	16 \$360.00 Funded by Local Funds
Jennifer Guevara (2 Chaperones)	5/20/2024	Jersey Garden Mall Elizabeth, NJ	WC	Transition Center	6 No Cost
Jennifer Preziotto (1 Chaperone)	6/3/2024	Shoprite West Caldwell	WC	Transition Center	6 No Cost
Benita Negron (1Chaperone)	6/5/2024	Essex County Donald M. Payne Sr. Schools of Technology Newark, NJ	NT	National Honor Society	9 No Cost
Jennifer Preziotti (2 Chaperones)	6/14/2024	One Garden State Plaza Paramus, NJ	PT	Fashion	12 No Cost

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CO-CURRICULAR (NON-ATHLETIC)						
Taharia Fong	5/22/2024	Stop 1-Harlem International Museum of Black History Stop 2 – The Museum at FIT and Stop 3- Melba Restaurant New York, NY	WC	Black Student Union	10	\$60.00 Funded by Local Funds
Dan Delcher Amarilys Ollivo	5/22- 5/24/2024	State FFA Convention Perkasie, PA	WC	FFA	14	\$3,115.00 Funded by CTE CTSO
Taharia Fong (5 Chaperones)	5/24/2024	Camelback Resort Tannersville, PA	WC	Senior Class	75	No Cost
Taharia Fong (6 Chaperones)	6/7/2024	Great Adventure Jackson, NJ	WC	Senior Class	70	No Cost
Taharia Fong (7 Chaperones)	6/12/2024	IL Tulipano Cedar Grove NJ	WC	Senior Class	80	No Cost
Ikechukwu Onyema (2 Chaperones)	6/14/2024	Artehouse Museum New York, NY	PT	Black Student Union	28	No Cost
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (STRUCTURED LEARNING EXPERIENCES)						
Amarilys Olivo Mockabee (1 Chaperone)	5/4/2024	Newark Vocational High School Newark, NJ	PT	ACTSO	5	No Cost
Bernard Gomes (1 Chaperone)	5/9/2024	Sheila Oliver Center Newark, NJ	NT	CTE	20	No Cost
Anjanette White (2 Chaperones)	5/21 & 5/28/2024	Gregg’s Beauty Supply Linden, NJ	PT	CTE	30	No Cost
Robert Lorenzo (1 Chaperone)	5/22/2024	ECC Soccer Field West Caldwell, NJ	WC	Robotics	12	No Cost
Jason Schnitzer	5/23/2024	Bloomfield Fire Station 3	NT	EMT	8	No Cost
Dan Delcher (1 Chaperone)	5/28 & 5/29/2024	Turtleback Zoo West Orange, NJ	WC	Animal Science	19	No Cost
Taharia Fong (1 Chaperone)	5/29/2024	Salon Centric Parsippany, NJ	WC	Cosmetology	24	No Cost
Robert Lorenzo (1 Chaperone)	5/30/2024	ECC Soccer Field West Caldwell, NJ	WC	Robotics	12	No Cost

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Bernard Gomes (20 for NT and for PT 20)	5/30/2024	Essex County Job Fair Newark, NJ	NT & PT Seniors	NT – 220 PT - 250	No Cost
Brett Boon	6/10/2024	New Jersey Shore Highlands, NJ	WC Culinary Arts	7	No Cost
Sandi Romaniello (1Chaperone)	6/12/2024	Sandy Land Nursey Belleville, NJ	WC Business & DECA	15	No Cost
Jennifer Preziotti (1 Chaperone)	6/14/2024	One Garden State Plaza Paramus, NJ	PT Fashion Design	19	No Cost

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #-557A: Field Trips

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the review and approval by Carmen Morales, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, the Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends that the Board approve the following Field Trips. If the cost of a Field Trip is funded by a Grant, the respective Grant Supervisor represents to the Board that these costs are an appropriate expenditure of Grant funds and that there are sufficient funds within the Grant to fully fund same. If the cost is from local funds Bernetta Davis, Business Administrator, hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds for the payment and that said payments will not affect the financial position of the District.

CO-CURRICULAR (NON-ATHLETIC)

Sheena Chapman (2 Chaperones)	5/6/2024	NYCP 1 st Career Exploration Newark, NJ	NT Business	20	No Cost
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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (STRUCTURED LEARNIING EXPERIENCES)

Dan Delcher	5/10/2024	Hunterdon County – Poly Tech Califon, NJ	WC Animal Science	10	No Cost
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Jennifer Guevara (2 Chaperones)	5/15, 5/22, 5/16 and 5/23/2024	Spectrum Works Secaucus, NJ	WC Transition Center	6	No Cost
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Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-558: Authorization for the District to Amend Date or Cancel Event as a Result of the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Essex County Schools of Technology Board of Education, “the Board”, hereby authorizes the District to amend any date as set forth in any resolution referenced above or cancel any activity and/or event as a result of the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
 Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-559: Fire/Security Drill Reports, April, 2024 (enclosure)

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board accepts the attached Fire Drill Reports submitted by the Principals of each school within the District for the month of April, 2024.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-560: Authorize Amendment 5 and Submission of the ARP Safe Return Plan to In-Person Instruction for the 2023-24 school year

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Board hereby approves Amendment 5 and submission of the District's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Safe Return Plan to In-Person Instruction in the 2023-24 school year and make it available on the district's website. The ARP Act requires that the Safe Return Plan and assurances must be agreed to every six months by the district.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-561: Authorize Blood Drive at West Caldwell Tech Campus Gymnasium

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the West Caldwell DECA students to hold a blood drive, through Vitalant Health, at the West Caldwell Tech Campus gymnasium, on June 14, 2024, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, to be overseen by Mrs. Sandra Romaniello, DECA Advisor, at no cost to the Board.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

Resolution #24-562: Authorize the use of Newark Tech Gymnasium by The Essex County Schools of Technology Parent Teacher Student Association to host a fundraiser on May 18, 2024

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by , BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes the use of the Payne Tech gymnasium by the Parent Teacher Student Association (“PTSA”) on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for a fundraiser basketball game between the student basketball team and officers from the Essex County Sheriff’s Department. Practices are scheduled for May 7, 13, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and May 16, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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Resolution #24-563: Accept Donation of Baseball Equipment to be used by the Essex County Schools of Technology Baseball Teams.

WHEREAS, Newark Academy, has offered to donate new and used baseball equipment to be used by the District's baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, Gerhard Sanchez, Director of Athletics, has advised the Superintendent of Schools that the equipment can be utilized by the District baseball teams, and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the equipment and uniforms is approximately \$500.00; now

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the acceptance of the donation of the new and used baseball equipment from Newark Academy which is to be used by the District's baseball teams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a condition of the Board's acceptance of the donation as set forth above and that prior to any of the donated items being utilized by the District that said donated items be inspected by the appropriate personnel so as to ensure that same is functionable in a safe and un-hazardous manner.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez

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Resolution #24-564: Approve District Fundraiser Requests

On the motion of Mr. Bledsoe, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby authorizes students to hold fundraisers on the following dates to raise funds to help pay for various student events for the 2023-24 school year:

Person in Charge	Anticipated Date(s)	Fundraiser	Organization/ School	Funds to be Used Towards
Natasha Batista	3-1 – 5-1, 2024	Sale of BSN Sports (online store) items	Volleyball team West Caldwell Tech	Various events/activities for team members
Claudia Valdez	5-3-24	Dress-down day	Latin X Club West Caldwell Tech	Latin X Club members events/activities

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
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OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

PUBLIC COMMENT Parent - Yamilka Dabady, Brian Ametekpor, Aminah Augustin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in the Board Room, Administrative Offices, LeRoy Smith, Jr. Public Safety Building, 60 Nelson Place, 14th floor, Sheila Oliver Conference Center, Newark, New Jersey, at **6:00 p.m., on Monday, June 10, 2024.**

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #24-565: Adjournment

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dr. Pernell, Ms. Medina, Mr. Bledsoe, Ms. Davis, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Salvatore Carnovale
Ms. Jennifer Carrillo-Perez