HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION / REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, July 8, 2024

1. OPENING OF MEETING - 6:30 PM

Required Notice of Open Public Meeting

Being duly posted at the following locations: High Bridge Middle School and Elementary School main offices, High Bridge Borough Hall Office; and advertised, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, in the following newspaper: Hunterdon County Democrat, this meeting will convene in the Library of the High Bridge Elementary School, 40 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, NJ 08829, alternatively the meeting will be available for listening purposes only on Google Meet. The Board will only accept public participation from those who are physically in attendance, as per Policy 0168. Please notify the board if you intend to record this meeting.

Date: Monday, July 8, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Formal action will be taken.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL by Karolina Cywa, SBA / Board Secretary

Benjamin Bolger

Erin Delgado

Robert Imhoff

Michael McCasland

Colleen Poles

Cynthia Sharkey

Karyn Gove

Additional Members Present: Dr. Gregory Hobaugh, Superintendent

Karolina Cywa, SBA / Board Secretary

4. PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION ITEMS

4.1. Superintendent's Report

- **4.1.1.** Staff Attendance for June 2024 (Attachment: June 2024 Staff Attendance)
- **4.1.2.** Staff Attendance for 2023-2024 School Year (*Attachment: 2023-2024 Staff Attendance*)
- **4.1.3.** Monthly Report on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Incidents/Suspensions and Security Drills

	Drills			;	Suspensions HIB							
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Month	Fire	Security	Fire	Security	In	Out	In	Out	Investigated	Affirmed	Investigated	Affirmed

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4.1.4. Superintendent Update

4.1.5. Public Hearing

4.1.5.1. The Board President requests a motion to open a Public Hearing In accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) (P.L. 2010, c.122), a public hearing is being held to report all incidents of violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, and bullying for the reporting period January 1 through June 30, 2024. This information is also being reported to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) through the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) and the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying-Investigations, Training & Programs Report (HIB-ITP). (Attachment: 2023-24 SSDS EVVRS Report - Period 2)

4.1.5.2. Public Comments

4.1.5.3. The Board President requests a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene regular business.

5. REVIEW OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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(Attachment Szeliga Correspondence 6 16 24)

Samantha Henrick 6/21/2024 Resignation

(Attachment: Henrick Resignation)

Nicole Locorotondo 07/01/2024 Request for Maternity Leave

(Attachment: Locorotondo Leave Request 7 1 24)

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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three (3) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. While all comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate, School Board members will not respond to the speakers during the public comment portion of the meeting. Speakers with questions are encouraged to contact the Superintendent directly before or after the meeting.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

8. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- **8.1.** Board President's Report
 - **8.1.1.** Policy Audit
 - **8.1.2.** Student Achievement
 - **8.1.3.** Sustainability Committee Update Karyn Gove
 - **8.1.4.** Negotiations Committee Update
 - **8.1.5.** School Security Committee Update
 - **8.1.6.** Hunterdon County School Boards Association Meeting Update Robert Imhoff

9. HIB REPORTS

None to Report

10. ACTION ITEMS

- 10.1. Student Achievement Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Policy
 - **10.1.1. Motion to authorize** the Superintendent in conjunction with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve line item transfers as necessary between board meetings and such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1
 - **10.1.2. Motion to approve** Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric (MPPR) as the district observation tool for Principals for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - **10.1.3. Motion to approve** Multidimensional Leader Performance Rubric (MLPR) as the district observation tool for the Director of Special Services. Facilities Manager and Business Administrator for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - **10.1.4. Motion to approve** Danielson 2013 as the district observation tool for teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - **10.1.5. Motion to approve** the following new policy. (Attachment: Policy 0143.2)
 - **10.1.5.1.** P0143.2 Middle School Student Representative to the Board of Education
- **10.2. Human Resources** Personnel, Management & Community Relations
 - **10.2.1. Motion to approve** staffing for the 2024 2025 Extended School Year. (Attachment: ESY & ESSR Staffing 2024-25)
 - **10.2.2. Motion to approve** movement on the salary guide as of September 1, 2024 for Kimberly Sandorff from BA+15 to BA+30, pending required paperwork, step and salary to be determined once a new agreement is signed between the HBBOE and the HBEA.

- **10.2.3. Motion to approve** movement on the salary guide as of September 1, 2024 for Kayla Turner from BA+15 to BA+30, pending required paperwork, step, and salary to be determined once a new agreement is signed between the HBBOE and the HBEA.
- Motion to approve Melissa Betz, Katie Franks, and Megan Gulevski for SEL/ Morning Meeting curriculum updates and enhancements at the contracted hourly rate of \$32.00 for a total of 186 hours, not to exceed a combined amount of \$5,952.00 (62 hours each / \$1,984.00 each) to be funded by Title IV Grant Funds. (Attachment: 2024-25 SEL Proposal)
- **10.2.5. Motion to approve** Courtney Bursztyn for up to eight (8) hours compensation at the contracted hourly rate of \$32.00 to establish elementary school student technology accounts, not to exceed \$256.00.
- **10.2.6. Motion to rescind** the resignation of a preschool teacher, Carley Marookian, effective August 5, 2024.
- **10.2.7. Motion to approve** the resignation of a preschool teacher, Carley Marookian, effective June 30, 2024.
- **10.2.8. Motion to approve** the resignation of an ERI teacher, Samantha Henrick, effective August 20, 2024.
- **10.2.9. Motion to approve** the employment of Erin Wert as part-time (60%) LCSW for the High Bridge School District at a level of MA Step 2 at an annual salary of \$39,756.00 for the 2024-2025 school year based on the 2021-2024 negotiated agreement, effective August 26, 2024, salary to be redetermined once a new agreement is signed between the HBBOE and the HBEA.
- **10.2.10. Motion to approve** the employment of Andrea Anderson-Miller as part-time (80%) Resource Teacher for the High Bridge School District at a level of MA Step 2 at an annual salary of \$53,008.00 for the 2024-2025 school year based on the 2021-2024 negotiated agreement, effective August 26, 2024, salary to be redetermined once a new agreement is signed between the HBBOE and the HBEA.
- **10.2.11. Motion to approve** the employment of Heidi Johnston as full-time District BCBA for the High Bridge School District at a level of MA+15 Step 9 at an annual salary of \$76,645.00 for the 2024-2025 school year based on the 2021-2024 negotiated agreement, effective August 26, 2024, step and salary to be redetermined once a new agreement is signed between the HBBOE and the HBEA.
- **10.2.12. Motion to approve** Centenary University student Josephine Tracey to complete her clinical practicum beginning on or about August 26, 2024 and ending on or about December 13, 2024 and her clinical internship (student teaching) beginning on or about January 13, 2025 and ending on or about May 2, 2025 with preschool teacher Julia Monge.
- **10.2.13. Motion to approve** the following staff for SBT/FCT training at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour for up to a total of 75 hours not to exceed a total of \$2,400.00, to be funded through the IDEA Grant. Specific hours are listed below.
 - Emma Alparone 15 hours for a total not to exceed \$480.00.
 - Jana Brown 10 hours for a total not to exceed \$320.00.

- Heidi Johnston 19 hours for a total not to exceed \$608.00.
- Marisa Monaco 10 hours for a total not to exceed \$320.00.
- TBD New ERI Hire 10 hours for a total not to exceed \$320.00.
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- **10.2.14. Motion to approve** the following staff for PEAK training at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour for up to fifteen (15) hours, not to exceed \$480.00 each for a total of \$960.00, to be funded through the IDEA Grant.
 - TBD New ERI Hire
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- **10.2.15. Motion to approve** the following paraprofessionals for RBT training through the Autism Foundation at the contracted rate of \$19.00 per hour for up to forty (40) hours, not to exceed \$760.00, to be funded through the IDEA Grant.
 - Barbara Cavalla-Glasberg
 - Aimee Markey
 - TBD
 - TBD
- **10.2.16. Motion to approve** leave for Christina Harding beginning on/or about August 26, 2024 with a tentative return date of December 16, 2024. She will utilize sick days followed by unpaid days in accordance with FMLA.
- **10.2.17. Motion to approve** leave for Nicole Locorotondo beginning on/or about October 2, 2024 with a tentative return date of February 2, 2025. She will utilize sick days followed by unpaid days in accordance with FMLA.
- **10.2.18. Motion to approve** Lisa Kerr and Sherry Kerr thirty (30) hours each at the contracted rate of \$32 per hour for a total not to exceed \$960 each to develop state mandated KEA to utilize with students.
- **10.2.19. Motion to approve** Lisa Kerr and Sherry Kerr to conduct Kindergarten Assessments at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour not to exceed ten (10) hours each for a total of \$320.00 per person.
- **10.2.20. Motion to approve** Lisa Kerr and Sherry Kerr to conduct a Kindergarten Playdate/Meet and Greet at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour not to exceed two (2) hours each for a total of \$64.00 per person.
- **10.2.21. Motion to approve** the following staff members for Preschool Meet and Greet at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour not to exceed one hour each for a total of \$32.00 per person to be funded through PEA Grant.
 - Daniela Cleveland
 - Maurica Hash
 - Julia Monge
 - Jacky Remaly
 - TBD
- **10.2.22. Motion to approve** the following staff members as Teachers in Charge at the contracted rate of \$115.00 per day, on an as-needed basis.
 - Melissa Betz

- Katherine Franks
- Alyssa Oliver
- Danielle Weber
- **10.2.23. Motion to approve** the following staff members to share the Middle School Central Detention stipend position for 2 hours per week at \$32.00 per hour for 38 weeks, not to exceed \$2,432.00 total.
 - Melissa Betz
 - Katherine Franks
 - Judy LaGreca
 - Amy Miller
 - Sharon Tryon
 - Kayla Turner
 - Danielle Weber
- **10.2.24. Motion to approve** the following staff members as homebound instructors at the contracted rate of \$35.42 per hour.
 - Melissa Betz
 - Amy Miller
 - Marisa Monaco

10.2.25. Motion to rescind course reimbursement for:

Staff	Course	College/University	Semester	Tuition
Daniela	GED 607 - Assessment for	Centenary University	June - Aug,	\$2,068.95
Cleveland	Instruction in Special Education		2024	

10.2.26. Motion to approve course reimbursement for:

Staff	Course	College/University	Semester	Tuition
Kimberly	GED 627 - Action	Centenary University	Aug 26 - Oct	\$2,110.95
Sandorff	Research-Based Thesis		20, 2024	
	Proposal			
Kimberly	GED 638 - Action	Centenary University	Oct 21 - Dec 15,	\$2,110.95
Sandorff	Research-Based Thesis		2024	
	Implementation			
Amy Miller	GED 504 - Behavior	Centenary University	June 24 - Aug	\$2,068.96
	Management		18, 2024	
Judy LaGreca	GED 606 - Approaches to	Centenary University	Aug 29 - Dec	\$2,110.95
	Instruction for Special		12, 2024	
	Education			

10.2.27. USE OF FACILITIES

Motion to approve the following use of facilities request:

Organization	Dates	Time	Location
High Bridge PTO	12/20/24, 01/10/25,	5 pm - 9 pm	MS - Gym/Cafe
Kids Night Out	02/21/25 & 03/07/25		
(Pending COLI)			

High Bridge PTO	January 24, 2025	5 pm - 9 pm	MS - Cafe
Family Bingo Night			
(Pending COLI)			
Girl Scouts - Brownies	9/09/24, 9/30/24,	3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	ES - Art Room
(Pending COLI)	10/21/24, 11/11/24,		
	12,02/24, 1/06/25,		
	1/27/25, 2/24/25, 3/17/25,		
	4/07/25, 4/28/25, 5/19/25		
	& 6/09/25		

10.2.28. STUDENT RECORDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes certified school personnel to collect and maintain pupil records as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1-6A:32-8.3 and Board of Education Policy 8330 "Student Records".

10.3. Educational Resources - Finance and Facilities

10.3.1. Motion to accept a donation from goHunterdon to the middle school science program in the approximate amount of \$250.00 to be used for electric car supplies

10.3.2. Motion to rescind the following travel expenditure for workshops:

Staff/Bd Member	Workshop	Date	Registration Fee	Mileage	Other	Total
Christina Harding	Centenary	June 7,	\$95.00	N/A	N/A	\$95.00
	University 2024	2024				
	Literary					
	Conference					

10.3.3. Motion to approve the following travel expenditure for workshops:

Staff/Bd	Workshop	Date	Registration	Other	Mileage	Total
Member			Fee			
Gregory	HCASA Northern	September	\$232.00	\$3.00	\$26.88	\$261.88
Hobaugh	Region Superintendent's	26-27, 2024		(Toll)		
	Conference					
Christina	Centenary University	June 7, 2024	\$99.00	N/A	N/A	\$99.00
Harding	2024 Literary					
	Conference					

10.3.4. Motion to approve the submission of the 2024 -2025 IDEA Grants for the following amounts:

IDEA Basic	\$ 102,171.00
IDEA Preschool	\$ 4,367.00

10.3.5. Motion to approve the digital submission of the 2024 - 2025 ESEA Grants and accept the grant award upon subsequent approval of the NJ State DOE in the following amounts:

Title IA	\$32,433.00
Title IIA	\$6,061.00
Title III	\$1,357.00
Title IVA	\$10,000.00

10.3.6. Payment of Bills

Audit of Invoices (Attachment: 6 28 24 bill list)

Approve invoices for Current Expenses in the following amounts:

Check Register	June 13, 2024 - June 28, 2024	\$325,661.01
Payroll	June 13, 2024	\$209,351.68
Payroll	June 28, 2024	<u>\$ 61,825.85</u>
	Total	\$596.838.54

Payment of Bills Cafeteria account:

Vendor	Date	Check #	Amount
Uline, INC.	June 28, 2024	1629	\$ 381.93
Grainger	June 28, 2024	1630	\$ 461.02
Maschio's	June 17, 2024	1628	\$ <u>15,081.74</u>
		Total:	\$ 15,924.69

10.3.7. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Administration desires to cancel outstanding Current Account checks totaling \$56.70 as of June 30th, 2023.

WHEREAS, the High Bridge School District has made multiple attempts to contact payees of requested checks to be canceled;

WHEREAS, the payees contacted on multiple occasions have not responded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the High Bridge Board of Education authorizes the Administration to cancel the outstanding Current Account checks and keep the funds in the Current Account.

Ch#19310 2/21/2023 \$56.70

- **10.3.8. Line Item Transfers for June 2024** (Attachment: June 2024 Transfer Report Signed) **Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve the budget transfers as listed in the Attachment.
- **10.3.9. Financial Reports** (Attachments: May 2024 Board Secretary Signed Fund 10, 20, 40 and May 2024 Treasurer's Report Signed)

Report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for May 2024

Resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Financial Reports for the months of May 2024 as per the procedure instituted by the

State Department of Education, wherein the required certification by the Board Secretary is adhered to in the attachment.

Certification of Fund Balances

Resolved, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b), the Board of Education certify for the months of May 2024, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, shall certify in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16:10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

July 03, 2024

Karolina Cywa

Karolina Cywa Business Administrator

10.3.10. ART TEACHER & PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL COACH SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 permits local government units to enter into shared services agreements; and

WHEREAS, the High Bridge Board of Education, Hunterdon County, NJ; and the Hampton Board of Education, Hunterdon County, NJ ("the parties"), have determined that it is in their mutual interest to enter into an Agreement for Shared Services ("Agreement") for the purpose of sharing the professional services of a certified art teacher and a preschool instructional coach.

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement shall be for one year, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025, subject to annual renewal by the parties; and WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, no shared services agreement shall take effect until and unless authorized by each of the respective governing bodies of the local units; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the required resolution need not set forth all of the details of the Agreement, which instead may be incorporated by reference; and WHEREAS, the subject Agreement between the parties is hereby incorporated by

reference and shall also be included in the official minutes of this meeting of the High Bridge Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the High Bridge Board of Education in the Borough of High Bridge, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement and authorizes and directs the President of the Board to execute it on behalf of the Board. The Superintendent and Business Administrator are further authorized to implement the terms and conditions of the Agreement, subject to receipt of a certified copy of the authorizing resolution of the Hampton Board of Education and its execution of the Agreement. The Business Administrator is further directed to file a copy of this Resolution and the fully executed

Agreement with the New Jersey Division of Governmental Affairs, Department of Community Affairs. (*Attachment: 24-25 Art Teacher HB Hampton Shared Services Agreement, 24-25 Preschool Instructional Coach HB Hampton Shared Services Agreement*)

10.3.11. DENTAL INSURANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Guardian Life Insurance as the dental, vision, long-term disability, and life insurance provider for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

10.3.12. RENEWAL OF PROPERTY, LIABILITY & WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that the record, be noted, that the quotation submitted by the Board's Insurance Agent of Record, Brown & Brown Metro Inc. ("B&BM") on behalf of the assessment levied by the School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF), be hereby approved in the amount of \$203,447. This represents a 6.7% increase for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

10.3.13. AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING

RESOLVED: Whereas the High Bridge Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the division and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the High Bridge Board of Education has the need on timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the High Bridge Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the High Bridge Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contract between the High Bridge Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. (*Attachment: State Contractors*)

10.3.14. BEFORE & AFTERCARE PROGRAMS

Work-Family Connections, Inc. to operate Before and After School Programs at High Bridge Elementary School for the 2024 - 2025 school year in accordance with the Use and Occupancy Agreement as presented. (*Attachment: 2024 - 2025 Use and Occupancy Agreement*)

10.3.15. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Motion to approve the following appointments:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for auditing services, architectural services, legal services, occupational services, physical therapy services, speech services, and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the High Bridge Board of Education as follows:

- **10.3.15.1.** Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph. D., Parsippany, New Jersey, as The Bilingual Child Study Team from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, billed:
 - \$1,100 per evaluation
 - \$80 per page translation in Spanish, French, Creole, Russian, Ukrainian, Mandarin, and Arabic.
- **10.3.16. Motion to approve** a shared World Language teacher agreement with Califon Borough School for the 2024 2025 school year. (*Attachment: HBSD CBSD Agreement*)
- **10.3.17. Motion to approve** Zumu, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, as web hosting software at the cost of \$2,000 per year.

The Board President calls for a motion and a second to approve 10.1-10.3.17:

Motion:		Second:		
Name:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Benjamin Bolger				
Erin Delgado				
Robert Imhoff				
Michael McCasland				
Colleen Poles				
Cynthia Sharkey				
Karyn Gove				

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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