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BOARD MEETING

AGENDA – February 23, 2021

7:00 p.m. - Audio Conference Call

Board: Mr. Ortiz, Mrs. Sadowski, Mrs. Seawood, Ms. Sevilla, Mrs. Shukaitis, Mr. Spencer, Ms. Varela, Dr. Caldwell, Mrs. Solis.

Special Announcement: Please be advised that due to the current state of emergency and public health emergency declared by Governor Phil Murphy pursuant to executive orders 103,104, Bill A3850 and in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19, the Board of Education Meeting will be revised from attending this Board of Education Meeting in person to telephonic conferencing for this public Board of Education Meeting. Members of the public will be able to give public comments during the public comment portion of the meeting through telephonic conferencing.

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The Regular Scheduled Monthly Board of Education Meeting will start at 7:05 p.m. in order to allow participants' time to access the meeting.

Opening Announcement: Adequate public notice of this meeting was provided by the Secretary of the Board on February 16, 2021 to The Home News Tribune, Star Ledger and the Clerk of the City of New Brunswick. The time and location of this meeting and all meetings of this body are posted in City Hall, 78 Bayard Street, New Brunswick

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Flag Salute**

Reminder: The Preliminary Budget Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM** via telephonic conference call. The Public Hearing on Budget Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM** via telephonic conference call. The Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021, immediately following Budget Hearing** via telephonic conference call.

3. Minutes

- *January 19, 2021 – Monthly Board Meeting Minutes*

4. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Aubrey A. Johnson

- Suspension and Attendance Report – *January 2021*
- HIB Report – Resolution- The New Brunswick Board of Education accepts and affirms the Superintendent’s Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Incident Report

5. Student Representative Report – Miss Kellanie Nembhard

6. Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Edward Spencer, Chairperson

7. Athletic Committee Report – Mrs. Patricia Sadowski, Chairperson

- *January 2021 Athletic Report*

8. Curriculum/Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Emra L. Seawood, Chairperson

9. Educational Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) – Dr. Dale G. Caldwell, Representative

10. President’s Report – Mrs. Diana Solis

11. Public Comments

12. Consent Agenda (Resolutions “a – r”)

- a. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the Director of Bilingual/ESL Education, Supervisor of ESL/World Languages, two (2) Specialist and twenty (20) District ESL & Bilingual Teachers to attend the 2021 NJTESOL/NJBE Virtual Spring Conference on May 25, 2021 through May 27, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$6,877.
- b. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education approves the New Brunswick High School students to virtually participate in the Innovation, Design, & Entrepreneurship Academy at Rutgers University for the 2020-2021 SY, at no cost to the district.
- c. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the grant application for Addressing Learning Loss under the CARES Act and ESSER Fund, at a cost not to exceed \$156,425.

- d. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the grant application in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Cigna Healthier Kids for our Future in partnership with New Brunswick Tomorrow to support student’s mental health.
- e. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the following revision and adoption of Policies and Regulations be presented and adopted on the first reading:
 - P & R 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) Revised
- f. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the Child Wellness Institute of NJ to present a “Healing Hearts” workshop for parents in English and Spanish to support children’s mental health at home, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.
- g. Revised Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education authorizes the purchase of a District Site License Scholastic First (K-2) and Scholastic Literacy Pro (K-8) for the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$70,480 (*previously approved at \$64,000*).
- h. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves New Brunswick Public Schools to participate in the Trauma Transformation Initiative through Prevent Child Abuse-NJ at no cost to the district.
- i. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves students in Kindergarten to participate in the Early Literacy & Arts program presented by the State Theater at no cost to the district.
- j. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the additional Out-of-District Tuition Contracts for the 2020-2021 SY.
- k. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves Rutgers/School of Social Work to provide webinars to the child study team for the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$8,100.
- l. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves Rutgers University Behavioral Healthcare (UBHC) to provide child/adolescent inpatient tutoring services for special education children for the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.
- m. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education authorizes Brookfield Academy “For Keeps Program” at St. Peters’ Hospital to provide tutoring services for the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.
- n. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves American Process Lettering, Inc. dba Ampro for athletic purchases for the New Brunswick High School Athletics for the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- o. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves Trane U.S. Inc., for the HVAC System services for the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

- p. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the Compliance Officer’s attendance for the FMLA Seminar offered by Califon Consultants at Fred Pryor Seminars, at a cost not to exceed \$159.

- q. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves New Brunswick Public School’s Administrators to receive professional development from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School to build awareness on behavioral health resources at no cost to the district.

- r. Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education hereby approves the purchase of TalkingPoints, a multilingual family engagement platform for our schools to communicate with all families during the 2020-2021 SY, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

13. Finance Committee Report – Dr. Dale G. Caldwell, Chairperson

- *Approval of February 23, 2021 Finance Report*

14. Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Benito Ortiz, Chairperson

Resolution – The New Brunswick Board of Education approves the February 23, 2021 Personnel Report.

15. Adjournment