

**RAHWAY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CAUCUS MEETING AGENDA  
RAHWAY 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
  
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
  
- III. **ROLL CALL**  
Ms. Allen  
Mr. Garay  
Mrs. Giacobbe  
Ms. Macaluso  
Mrs. Raysick  
Mr. Toma  
Mr. White  
Ms. Moteiro  
Mr. Robson
  
- IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as practicable. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session.
  
- V. **RECONVENING ROLL CALL:**
  
- VI. **STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:**  
Public notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by the Board Secretary on January 31, 2022 by sending notices to the Home News Tribune, The Union County LocalSource, the City Clerk of Rahway, the Rahway Public Library, and by posting the notices on the Bulletin Board outside the Board of Education office on the second floor of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy.
  
- VII. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

VIII. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS & ASSIGNMENTS

Schools:

High School: Mrs. Giacobbe	7-8 Gr. Academy: Ms. Moteiro
Cleveland: Mr. White	Franklin: Ms. Macaluso
Madison: Mr. Garay	Roosevelt: Mrs. Raysick
ACE: Ms. Allen	Preschool: Mr. Toma

Affirmative Action: Mrs. Raysick

City Council: Ms. Allen

State and County Boards:

Union County:	Mr. Robson
New Jersey:	Mr. Robson

Union County Educational Services Comm.: Ms. Moteiro

Great Schools NJ: Ms. Allen

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Report of Student Services, September, 2022

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Pre-referral Meetings	0	0
Referrals Received	27	27 + (47) pending
Preschool	(15)	11+ (12) pending
Referrals Completed	55	55
Non-classifications	7	7
Classifications	42	42
No Evaluation	6	6
Referrals Pending		19
Preschool		(9)
Reevaluations Completed	10	10
Declassifications	0	0
Continuations	10	10
Annual Reviews	39	39
Transfers Received	21	21
Transfers Out	31	31
Residency Checks	10	10
Residency Drops	7	7
Truancy Drops	1	1
Surveillances	10	10
Consultations	3	3
Public Transport Checks	1	1
Meetings with Counselors	3	3

2. Report of Student Representatives

3. Report of 2021-2022 Student Safety Data.
4. District Testing Report – October 18 Meeting

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

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**XII. MINUTES**

Motion to approve of the following minutes:

September 6, 2022 Caucus Meeting and private session  
September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting and private session

**XIII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Chair – Najah Allen

Members – Bernard Robson, Joseph Toma, Alt.: Jennifer Moteiro

**XIV. PERSONNEL**

Chair – Joanna Macaluso  
Members – Shanna Raysick

**The Superintendent recommends:**

1. Motion to accept the resignation of Kelli Crisafi, High School Secretary, effective October 21, 2022.
2. Motion to appoint Daa'iyah Harris as a Full-Time Paraprofessional (Common Area) assigned to Rahway High School effective October 17, 2022, for the 2022-23 school year, Step 2 of the Assoc. Degree Paraprofessional Salary Guide, 8 hours per day, at the interim rate of \$16.71, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements. (Replaces Adams Issaka)
- ~~3. Motion to appoint Patricia Salvato as a District Board Certified Behavior Analyst effective December 5, 2022, or sooner, for the 2022-2023 school year, Master's Degree, Step 5 of the Teachers Salary Guide at an interim annual salary of \$70,721.00, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements. (New position)~~
4. Motion to add the following name(s) to the 2022-23 Substitute Teacher List pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements:

Kristen Bonomo

Tiffany Sosa

Kailyn Kennedy

5. Motion to appoint the following staff to Extra Service positions for the 2022-2023 school year; stipend pending negotiations:

Roosevelt School

Chris Delloiacono	Grade Advisor – Kindergarten
Paul Pizzano	Grade Advisor – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Amy Bradley	Grade Advisor – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chris Moran	Grade Advisor – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tara Del Sordi	Grade Advisor – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Megan Paul	Grade Advisor – 5 <sup>th</sup>
William Pear	F.O.S.S. Kit Replenisher

Franklin School

Mary Jane Dunn	Grade Advisor – Kindergarten
Loraine Buitrago	Grade Advisor – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Alicia Scipioni	Grade Advisor – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Lisa Gattozzi	Grade Advisor – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Edwina Suarez	Grade Advisor - 4 <sup>th</sup>
Venisha Jordan	Grade Advisor – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jerriann Litterer	Grade Advisor – 6 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Jimenez	Student Gov't Club Co-Advisor
Stephanny Ramos	Student Gov't Club Co-Advisor

6. Motion to move Giseia Dixon-Lashley from Paraprofessional Non-Degree Guide, at an interim rate of \$14.54 an hour to the Paraprofessional Associate's Degree Guide, at an interim rate of \$16.34 an hour effective October 1, 2022.
7. Motion to appoint Aileen Rahim as a Full-time Paraprofessional assigned to the Preschool Program, Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, effective October 18, 2022, or sooner, for the 2022-2023 school year, Step 1 of the Associate's Degree Paraprofessional Salary Guide, 6 hours per day at the interim hourly rate of \$16.34, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements; funded through Preschool Funds. (Replaces A. Castro)
8. Motion to appoint Laura Ahmed as a School Social Worker effective November 1, 2022, or sooner, for the 2022-2023 school year, Master's Degree, Step 3 of the Teachers Salary Guide, at an interim annual salary of \$69,921.00, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements. (Replaces M. Schiffman)
9. Motion to approve the fulfillment of the 2021-2022 Merit Goals of Dr. Patricia Camp, Superintendent of Schools, in the amount of \$10,682.00, and to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for payment authorization.
10. Motion to approve 2022-2023 Merit Goals for Dr. Patricia Camp, Superintendent of Schools, and submit same to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval.
11. Motion to accept the resignation of Olivia Garcia de Cardenas, Preschool Paraprofessional, effective October 15, 2022.
12. Motion to approve revisions to the Job Description for IT Manager.
13. Motion to accept the retirement resignation of Shannon Barnes, High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, effective December 1, 2022.
14. Motion to designate the following staff to serve as noted during the 2022-2023 school year:

Affirmative Action Officer	Stephen Fried
Affirmative Action Officer	Tiffany Beer
Custodian of Records	Stephen Fried
PACO (Public Agency Compliance)	Stephen Fried
School Safety Specialist	Stephen Fried
504 Compliance Officer	Larry Abramowitz
Right to Know Officer	Edward Kuspha
Title IX Coordinator	Kim Hall

**XV. EDUCATION/CURRICULUM**

Chair – Shanna Raysick

Members – Jennifer Moteiro, Joseph Toma

**The Superintendent recommends:**

1. Motion to approve the following out-of-state trips:  
High School Performing Arts students to attend a clinic workshop and perform at Carnegie Hall, New York, on November 27, 28, and 29, 2022, at a cost to the Board in the amount of \$1475.00 per event for transportation.
2. Motion to approve the following fundraiser activities, no door-to-door selling, subject to adherence to the COVID-19 State-mandated restrictions in effect at the time of the fundraiser:

High School

Spanish Honor Society to collect monetary donations and non-perishable goods from October 6, 2022 through October 20, 2022, for Puerto Rico hurricane relief.

Classes of 2023 and 2024 to sell tickets and snacks for a Powder Puff Game to be held at Veteran's Field, October 24, 2022; proceeds to support Class activities.

MECC Empanada Sale during the 2022-23 school year. Proceeds to be used for MECC activities.

MECC Empanada, Dessert, and Hispanic Soda Sale on February 9, 2023 during Parent Teacher Conferences. Proceeds to be used for MECC activities.

Yearbook Sale from during the 2022-23 school year. Proceeds to be used to cover the purchase of yearbooks.

Class of 2024 Boo Grams Sale from October 10, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards prom and class activities.

Theater Snack Sale from November 17, 2022 through November 19, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards future theater productions.

National English Honor Society Poem-a-grams from November 14, 2022 through December 16, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards graduation honor cords and trips.

CLAW Homecoming Dance Food Sale on October 13, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards CLAW and LLD Program students.

Chef's Club Bake Sale on October 27, 2022. Proceeds to be used to support the activities for ingredients and activities of the Chef Club.

### Academy

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Snack and School Items Sales during the 2022-23 school year. Proceeds to be used towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip and carnival day.

PBSIS App Box Top Collection Fundraiser throughout the 2022-23 school year. Proceeds to be used towards prizes for PBSIS drawings.

Yearbook Boo Grams Lollipop Sale from October 17, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards Yearbook Club.

PBSIS Masquerade Dance & Mask Sale from October 5, 2022 through October 28, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards PBSIS and student activities.

PBSIS Half Day & After School Event Snack Sales during the 2022-23 school year. Proceeds to be used towards PBSIS and student activities.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Candy Jar Guessing Game Fundraiser from October 5, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Proceeds to be used towards class trips.

### Roosevelt

Birthday Sign Fundraiser throughout the 2022-23 school year. Proceeds to be used towards student activities.

3. Motion to rescind the Agreement with Home & Hospital Personnel to provide individual nursing services to Student #18355, at Children's Center of Monmouth, effective immediately.
4. Motion to approve the residential placement of Student #15555 at Bonnie Brae, Somerset County, NJ, effective September 7, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year, at a yearly tuition rate of \$78,260.00.
5. Motion to approve the full-time placement of Student #16325 at Hackensack Meridian JFK Johnson Rehabilitation, Edison, NJ, effective September 12, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year, at a yearly tuition rate of \$36,550.00, prorated, plus an estimated transportation cost of \$40.46 per day.
6. Motion to amend the tuition contract to include a one-to-one aide for student #20180003158 at Center for Lifelong Learning, located in Piscataway, NJ or the 2022 Extended School Year at a cost of \$3,770.00 effective date of June 27, 2022 through August 5, 2022.
7. Motion to rescind the placement of Student #14199 at Hackensack Meridian JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute effective September 29, 2022; student moved out of District.

8. Motion to increase the tuition contract from \$49,500.00 to \$61,020.00 for special education student #20180000410 at Bright Beginnings Learning Center, located in Piscataway, NJ, for the 2022-23 school year, effective September 2, 2022.
9. Motion to approve placement, related services and transportation for student #20948 at Future Foundations Academy, located in Piscataway, NJ, for the 2022-23 school year at a yearly tuition rate of \$61,020.00, effective September 2, 2022, plus an estimated transportation cost of \$168.75 per day.

**XVI. FINANCE/FACILITIES**

Chair – Carlos Garay

Members – Laura Giacobbe, Sean White

**The Superintendent recommends:**

1. Motion to approve the following resolution regarding the bid award for the Electrical Upgrades at Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Franklin, Grover Cleveland, Madison and Roosevelt Elementary Schools Project:

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Rahway Board of Education (“Board”) publicly advertised the Electrical Upgrades at Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Franklin, Grover Cleveland, Madison and Roosevelt Elementary Schools Project (“Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2022, the Board held a public bid opening for the award of a contract for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board received one (1) bid which was opened at the public bid opening; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest numerical bid was submitted from TSUJ Corporation, in the base bid amount of one million nine hundred and eight thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$1,908,477.00), with “No Change” for all three (3) alternates: AA-01, FES-01 and GCES-01. TSUJ’s bid amount also included various allowances to be used for unforeseen conditions and for other work the Board deems appropriate for this Project with the requirement that all unused allowance money will be credited back to the Board at the conclusion of the Project; and.

**WHEREAS**, the Board Architect has reviewed the bid submissions and has recommended that it is in the best interest of the Board to award a contract for the base bid amount as well to accept all of the alternates (AA-01, FES-01 and GCES-01); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that TSUJ Corporation, P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, NJ 07474 to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq.*, the Board hereby awards the contract for the Electrical Upgrades at Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Franklin, Grover Cleveland, Madison and Roosevelt Elementary Schools Project to TSUJ Corporation, P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, NJ 07474 in the total amount of one million nine hundred and eight thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$1,908,477.00) which includes various project allowances as specified in the Project Manual to be used for unforeseen conditions and for other work the Board deems appropriate for this Project with the requirement that all unused allowance money will be credited back to the Board at the conclusion of the Project and to accept all alternates (AA-01, FES-01 and GCES-01) contained in the Bid and the Project Manual; and



with the requirement that all unused allowance money will be credited back to the Board at the conclusion of the Project and to accept all alternates (AA-01, FES-01 and GCES-01) contained in the Bid and the Project Manual; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Administrator is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board to TSUJ Corporation, P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, NJ 07474 in the total amount of one million nine hundred and eight thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$1,908,477.00) for the Project.

2. **Motion to approve Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$274,226.27 to Tekcon Construction, Inc., Somerset, NJ, for the Site Improvements at Franklin and Roosevelt Elementary Schools Project.**
3. **Motion to approve Payment Application #5 in the amount of \$502,632.20 to Pravco, Inc., Rahway, NJ, for the Roof Replacement and Repairs Project at Franklin, Madison, Roosevelt and Rahway High Schools.**
4. **Motion to charge the following salaries to Title I (20-231-100-101-01-000) for the 2021-22 school year:**

Jennifer Jimenez	\$66,374
Jacqueline Nieves	\$69,921
Tamara Cortese	\$82,632
5. **Motion to approve a five year lease agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc., in the amount of \$597,560.87 for Cisco Core Router, Switches and Wireless Controller Upgrade through Aspire Technology Partners, LLC.**

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**XVIII. GENERAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**XIX. BOARD MEETING DATES**

Regular Meeting: October 18, 2022 6:00 p.m. Executive, 7:00 p.m. Public Session

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting.