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Roll Call
The Monthly Caucus Meeting of the Rahway Board of Education was called to order by President Ray Lopez at 7:09 p.m. in Room 105 of the 7th and 8th Grade Academy, and upon Roll Call, the following Board Members were present:

Ms. Deborah Bridges, Mr. John Da Silva, Mr. Carlos Garay, Ms. Brittany Hale, Mrs. Lori Kennedy, Mr. Darren Lesinski, Mr. Ray Lopez, Mr. Eric Miles and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Also Present: Dr. Patricia Camp, Mr. Albert Di Giorgio and Margaret Miller, Esq.

Public Notice Announcement:

Public notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by the Board Secretary on January 18, 2018 by sending notices to The Union County LocalSource, the Home News Tribune, the Rahway Public Library, and the City Clerk of Rahway, and by posting notices on the Bulletin Board outside the Board office in the 7th and 8th Grade Academy.

The items on the Public Caucus Agenda were reviewed and discussed and will appear on the Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda.

Mrs. Sandy Sep commented on the Referendum, HVAC for Academy locker rooms, and testing for mercury in the gym floor.

A. MOTIONS:

1. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Mr. Lesinski, to approve the following resolution regarding the proposed bond referendum:

   RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Rahway in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby), seeks to submit school facilities projects to the voters consisting of the projects set forth below (collectively, the "Project");

- Various Rehabilitation Projects-Rahway HS
  (FVHD #5152A1/DOE #4290-050-19-2000)

- Renovations at Rahway HS
  (FVHD #5152A2 / DOE #4290-050-19-1000)

- HVAC Improvements at Rahway HS – (Question #2)
  (FVHD #5152A3 / DOE #4290-050-19-3000)

- Various Rehabilitation Projects at Rahway 7th & 8th Grade Academy
  (FVHD #5152B1/DOE #4290-060-19-2000)

- Various Rehabilitation Projects at Grover Cleveland ES
  (FVHD #5152C1/DOE #4290-090-19-2000)
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- HVAC Improvements at Grover Cleveland ES—(Question #2)
  [FVHD #5152C2 / DOE #4290-090-19-1000]

- Various Rehabilitation Projects at Franklin ES
  [FVHD #5152D1/DOE #4290-080-19-3000]

- Renovations to Franklin ES
  [FVHD #5152D2 / DOE #4290-080-19-2000]

- HVAC Improvements at Franklin ES—(Question #2)
  [FVHD #5152D3 / DOE #4290-080-19-1000]

- Various Rehabilitation Projects at Madison ES
  [FVHD #5152E1/DOE #4290-110-19-2000]

- HVAC Improvements at Madison ES—(Question #2)
  [FVHD #5152E2 / DOE #4290-110-19-1000]

- Various Rehabilitation Projects at Roosevelt ES
  [FVHD #5152F1 / DOE #4290-120-19-2000]

- Renovations at Roosevelt ES
  [FVHD #5152F2 / DOE #4290-120-19-1000]

- HVAC Improvements at Roosevelt ES—(Question #2)
  [FVHD #5152F3 / DOE #4290-120-19-3000]; and

WHEREAS, the School District will seek Debt Service Aid with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of (i) the Project and (ii) a special election at which a bond referendum authorizing the Project shall be presented to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board, approves the preparation of Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications, if applicable, by Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie, P.C. (the “Architect”) in connection with the Project and Board further authorizes and directs the Architect to submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Union County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Rahway Planning Board for its review, to the extent required.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Project and approves the submission of such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves the Project applications, the Architect is hereby directed to submit such application to the New Jersey Department of Education seeking debt service aid for the Project.
Section 4. With respect to the Project, the Board authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, if applicable, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Project cost estimate sheets and all related project documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Architect and Bond Counsel, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present all or a portion of the Project to the voters via a bond referendum at the annual School District Election to be held on September 24, 2019.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call: 9 Ayes.

2. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Mr. Lesinski, to enter into a Shared Service Agreement between the Rahway Board of Education and the City of Rahway for the purpose of constructing a Physical Education Station/Recreational Facility on the grounds of Rahway High School, for the estimated total cost of $250,000.

Roll Call: 9 Ayes.

B. RECESS:

1. Motion by Mr. Lesinski, seconded by Ms. Hale, to recess to private session.

Roll Call: 9 Ayes

The Public Caucus Meeting was recessed to Private Session at 7:55 p.m.

C. RECONVENING ROLL CALL:

The Caucus Meeting was reconvened at 8:23 p.m. and upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

Mr. John Da Silva, Mr. Carlos Garay, Mrs. Lori Kennedy, Mr. Darren Lesinski, Mr. Ray Lopez, Mr. Eric Miles and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Members Absent: Ms. Deborah Bridges and Ms. Brittany Hale

Also Present: Dr. Camp, Mr. Di Giorgio, and Ms. Miller
D. MOTIONS:

1. Motion by Mr. Lesinski, seconded by Mr. Da Silva, to approve the following:
   
a. to appoint Shannon Hellem as a Teacher of Physical Education/Health at Rahway High School effective March 18, 2019 for the 2018-19 school year, degree, Step 1 of the Teachers Salary Guide, at the annual salary of $63,239.00, prorated, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements. (replaces M. Hennessy)
   
b. to appoint Lissette Marchica as a 3/5th Preschool Intervention and Referral Team (PIRT) Specialist, effective March 18, 2019, Step 7 of the MA+30, Teachers Salary Guide, at the annual salary $69,590.00, prorated, funded through the PEAA Grant.
   
c. to approve a Side-Bar Agreement with the Rahway Education Association regarding the donation of 36 sick days for Employee #4475.
   
d. to approve an extended unpaid medical leave of absence for Patricia Juliano, Roosevelt School Paraprofessional, for the period February 16, 2019 through May 31, 2019.
   
e. to approve the voluntary transfer of Pearl Searight, Paraprofessional, from Roosevelt School to Madison School, effective March 11, 2019.
   
f. to appoint Kevin Rose to the Extra Service position of IT Intern Coordinator for the 2018-19 school year, at the negotiated stipend of $6,000.
   
g. to add the following names to the 2018-19 Substitute Custodian List pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements:
      Carmen Ramirez Perez    Eliodeli Contillo Luis
   
h. to add the following names to the 2018-19 Substitute Teacher List pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements:
      Lauren Goldman            Joseph Francisco
      Sara Medina                Leon Chou (Intern)
      Samantha Czapik (Intern)  

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 2 Absent: Ms. Bridges and Ms. Hale

2. Motion by Mr. Da Silva, seconded by Mr. Garay, to enter into a contract with the Health Insurance Fund for medical insurance and Remedy RX Plan for prescription insurance for the period 5/1/2019 6/30/2020:
   
   Medical Insurance Premium $10,878,591.
   $13,736,001.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 2 Absent: Ms. Bridges and Ms. Hale
E. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Da Silva, seconded by Mr. Lesinski, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Oral, all present in favor.

The Monthly Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Albert Di Giorgio, Board Secretary