

**The Board of Education of the Borough of Lodi, New Jersey,
Regular Meeting, 16 December 2020, via ZOOM broadcast at 6:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Mrs. Nancy Cardone, Board President who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Sunshine Law

The following statement was read by Mrs. Cardone:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Lodi Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof sent and/or published in the Herald News, Bergen Record, Office of the Borough Clerk, and the entrance to the Board of Education Meeting Room."

IV. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Anderson		X
Cima	X	
Delgado	X	
K.Mastrofilipo	X	
Ramos	X	
Salvacion	X	
Scorzetti	X	
Telep	X	
Cardone	X	
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Douglas J. Petty	X	
Board Secretary James R. Sekelsky	X	

Board Attorney: Joe Garcia

Staff Member(s) Present: Mr. Roberto Mendez, Supervisor of Special Services, Mr. Anthony Luna, Jr., Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

V. Showcase for Success

None

VI. Approval of Minutes

1. Closed Session October 21, 2020

Motion of adopt: Salvacion Seconded By: Cima

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti			X
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

2. Work Session November 18, 2020

Motion of adopt: Telep Seconded By: Ramos

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti			X
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

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3. Closed Session November 18, 2020

Motion of adopt: Cima Seconded By: Telep

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti			X
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

4. Regular Meeting November 24, 2020

Motion of adopt: Mastrofilipo Seconded By: Cima

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

VII. Communications

General Election-School Board Election Results- November 3, 2020
** Due to changes in this election, results were not provided by district**

CANDIDATE	TOTAL	ELECTION DAY	ABSENTEE BY MAIL	PROVISIONAL
Alfonso Mastrofilipo, Jr.	3352	1	2943	408
George Panagiotou	3119	1	2763	355
Paula G. Cortez	3588	0	3084	504
Sharon Salvacion	3410	0	3079	331
John Cannnizzaro	3405	0	3068	337
Yadiria Jimenez	3571	0	3149	422
Joseph Bigica	813	1	686	126

The Report shows that **Paula G. Cortez, Sharon Salvacion, and Yadiria Jimenez** were elected for a term of 3 years each.

(Received and Filed)

VIII. Superintendents Presentation

- Reminder that all school and offices will be closed on December 17, 2020 due to inclement weather conditions. Remote instruction will not take place.
- Dr. Petty expressed his gratitude in working with the two Board Members who are not returning to the Board, and congratulated Sharon Salvacion, Paula Cortez, and Yadiria Jimenez on their election win and welcomed them to the Board.
- Dr. Petty wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, and blessed New Year!

IX. Executive Session *(if needed)*

None

X. Return to Public Session *(if needed)*

None

XI. Hearing of Citizens *(on Agenda Items only)*

In Person ? None Written? None

XII. Resolutions

LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION
LODI, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION# 71-2020

RESOLUTION RE: APPOINT INTERIM SCHOOL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of Dr. Dennis R. Frohnappfel as the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's (SBA/Board Secretary), for the period January 4, 2021 thru June 30, 2021, pending contract approval of the Executive County Superintendent.

ACTION ITEM: Resolution 71-2020

Motion to adopt: Mastrofilipo Seconded By: Telep

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION
LODI, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION# 72-2020

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SHARED SERVICE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF LODI AND
THE LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of New Jersey has encouraged municipalities to enter into shared services agreements in order to be more efficient and realize greater financial savings; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act encourages government efficiency through shared services, regionalization or consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Board of Education (Board) and the Borough of Lodi (Borough) are aware that protecting our most vulnerable citizens, our children, during a time and place where they should feel most secure, is paramount. With community support and cooperation the Board and the Borough intend to make the public schools in the Borough a safe and secure environment for all students, teachers, administrators, employees, parents, and permitted visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough through its Police Department has employed one (1) police officer to serve primarily in the capacity of School Resource Officer (“SRO’s”) whose primary duty is to patrol the high school operated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, through the Lodi Police department has established a school security officer (“SSO”) program to provide additional security within the public elementary schools in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the Borough continuing to provide the services of the SRO and the SSO’s to the Board, the Board is desirous of partially contributing to the cost associated with the employment of the SRO and SSO’s for patrolling the public schools operated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has invested approximately \$700,000.00 for the installation of security cameras and a security card entry system in the public schools in the Borough at the sole cost and expense of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board previously entered into a Shared Service Agreement covering this subject matter for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, and for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, and for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020, and desire to renew and modify the terms of that agreement as indicated in the Agreement attached hereto for a two year period which shall commence on September 1, 2020 and terminate on August 31, 2022: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi Board of Education hereby authorizes the entering into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Lodi which form of Agreement is attached hereto, made part hereof and incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi Board of Education shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Agreement upon the terms and conditions stated therein.

ACTION ITEM: Resolution 72-2020

Motion to adopt: Telep Seconded By: Cima

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION
LODI, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION# 73-2020

RESOLUTION RE: **ADDING AFLAC AS A PROVIDER FOR
SHORT TERM DISABILITY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi Board of Education of the Borough of Lodi, New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Lodi Board of Education by resolution offers fringe benefits to our employees, as no cost to the board, through authorized payroll deductions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi Board of Education hereby authorizes AFLAC to offer short term disability benefits paid through authorized payroll deductions.

ACTION ITEM: Resolution 73-2020

Motion to adopt: Cima Seconded By: Ramos

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

XIII. Board Secretary’s Report

FINANCE

F-1

Motion to approve the transfers for the month of October 2020 and November 2020.

F-2

Motion to approve the bills list for the month of December 2020

F-3

Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial report for the month ending October 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education regulation N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3 require local school districts to file a monthly certification of budgetary line item status,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges that James Sekelsky, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, James Sekelsky, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are over-appropriated nor over-expended for the period ending October 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the board of Education certifies that as of after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district officials, to the best of our knowledge, 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.

F-4

Motion to approve the Cash Report for October 2020.

F-5

Motion to approve payment application #5 to EACM Construction, for the Wilson School HVAC and Boiler Project, in the amount of \$55,183.80.

ACTION ITEM(S): F-1 to F-5

Motion to adopt: Telep

Seconded By: Mastrofilipo

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motions Passed: [X] Yes [] No

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

F/O-1

Motion to confirm/approve the discarding of the following items:

- A. A Dell Latitude Laptop TAG# 8872 as requested by Frank D’Amico, Principal of Lodi High School in accordance with a memo dated November 17, 2020.
- B. The following list of items as requested by Michael Cardone, Principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, in accordance with a memo dated November 18, 2020:

1	Smart Board TAG# 6430
1	Dell Vostro Laptop 1720 TAG# 7228
1	Smart Board TAG# 7050
1	Smart Board Projector TAG# 7095
1	Smart Board Projector TAG# 7599
1	Smart Board TAG# 7600

- C. 33 -A survey of Mathematics with Applications books as requested by Frank D’Amico, Principal of Lodi High School, in accordance with a memo dated November 30, 2020.

ACTION ITEM(S): F/O-1

Motion to adopt: Ramos Seconded By: Delgado

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motions Passed: [X] Yes [] No

XIV. Superintendent's Report

PERSONNEL

(All Personnel resolutions are based on the recommendation of the Superintendent)

P-1

Motion to approve the appointment of **Renee DeGondea**, Lodi High School 10-Month Clerk/Typist, to Lodi High School 12-Month Clerk/Typist effective January 4, 2021. Salary shall be Step 3 in accordance with the labor agreement between the Lodi Secretarial Association and the Lodi Board of Education Letter of recommendation from Frank D'Amico, Principal, and resume are attached.

P-2

Motion to approve an extension of an unpaid child-rearing leave for **Michelle Jacoby**, Hilltop School Teacher, from January 4, 2021 to March 5, 2021.

P-3

Motion to approve an extension of an unpaid child-rearing leave for **Nicole Lucchesi**, Hilltop School Teacher, from February 1, 2020 to June 22, 2021.

P-4

Motion to approve a paid maternity leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Lauren Giammanco**, Thomas Jefferson Middle School Special Education/Language Arts Teacher, from January 4, 2021 to February 1, 2021. She further requests an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act from February 2, 2021 to May 31, 2021.

P-5

Motion of approval for **Kristen Davis-McCrimlisk**, Thomas Jefferson Middle Special Education Teacher, to resume her duties effective December 1, 2020. The Board of Education originally approved a child-care leave of absence under the Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA) from October 5, 2020 to December 16, 2020.

P-6

Motion to approve an extension of a paid sick leave for **Scott Kohrherr**, Thomas Jefferson Middle School Music Teacher, from December 7, 2020 to January 1, 2021.

P-7

Motion to approve an extension of a paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Shannon Woods-Cappadonna**, Thomas Jefferson Middle School Guidance Counselor, from December 7, 2020 to December 23, 2020.

P-8

Motion of approval for **Virginia Fasulo**, Lodi High School Science Teacher, to resume her duties effective November 10, 2020. (Originally approved to resume her duties November 10, 2020 to December 11, 2020, then utilize her accumulated sick days under EFMLEA from December 14, 2020 to December 23, 2020).

P-9

Motion to revise the paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Elisa Halperin-Benguia**, Lodi High School Art Teacher, from October 23, 2020 to February 5, 2021. She will resume her duties February 8, 2021 (originally approved from October 23, 2020 to February 28, 2021).

ACTION ITEM(S): P-1 to P-9

Motion to adopt: Telep Seconded By: Cima

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	Absent		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		P-1
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motions Passed: [X] Yes [] No

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

C/I-1

Motion of approval to establish a Special Education Program or Service of a Self-Contained Multiple Disabilities (SC-MD) Classroom/Program at the secondary level/Lodi High School.

C/I-2

Motion to approve the contract for services with **Bergen County Special Services** for Summer 2020 for the following students:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a. #01-01	\$2,188.00	Educational Enterprises Division	7-6-20 to 8-28-20

***Home Programming to be provided for a maximum of (3) three hours weekly;
Coordination to be provided for a maximum of (1) one hour monthly.

C/I-3

Motion to approve the contract for services with **Bergen County Special Services** for Summer 2020 for the following students:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
b. #01-02	\$8,276.00	Educational Enterprises Division	7-6-20 to 8-28-20 _____

***Direct Instruction to be provided for a maximum of (10) ten hours weekly;
Coordination to be provided for a maximum of (7) seven hour monthly.

C/I-4

Motion to approve the *revised* annual contract for services with **Bergen County Special Services** for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a. #01-01	\$10,940.00	Educational Enterprises Division	9-8-20 to 6-25-21

***Home Programming to be provided for a maximum of (3) three hours monthly;
Coordination to be provided for a maximum of (1) one hour monthly. Services to be provided from 9/8/20 to 6/25/21.

***Revised 10/12/20: Increased Home Programming services to a maximum of (3) three hours weekly.

C/I-5

Motion to approve the *revised* annual contract for services with **Bergen County Special Services** for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a. #01-04	\$6,750.00	Physical Therapy Services	Educational Enterprises Division	9-8-20 to 6-25-21

***PT Services to be provided for a maximum of (2) hours weekly during the 2020-2021 school year. An additional (2) two hours have been added for Progress Report Writing.

***Revised 11/17/20: Services to be provided from 9/8/20 to 6/25/21.

***Revised 11/19/20: Services reduced to a maximum of (1) one hour weekly.

C/I-6

Motion to approve the student tuition contract from **Bergen County Special Services** for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Tuition Cost</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a. #03-22	\$61,740.00	Visions Emerson	11-23-20 to 6-30-21

C/I-7

Motion to approve the student tuition contract from the **CTC Academy, Inc.** for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a.#05-19	\$57,211.50	12-3-20

C/I-8

Motion to approve the student tuition contracts from the **South Bergen Jointure Commission** for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a. #03-01	\$44,400.00	PS Full Day	11-30-20 to 6-25-21
b. #12-16	\$44,400.00	PS Full Day	11-30-20 to 6-25-21

C/I-9

Motion to approve the contracted service agreement with **St. Joseph's School for the Blind** effective November 12, 2020 to December 12, 2020.

<u>Student Code</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Service</u>
a. #26-20	\$150.00 per hour	Functional Vision Assessment (one-time evaluation and/or assessment)

ACTION ITEM(S): C/I-1 to C/I-9

Motion to adopt: Ramos Seconded By: Mastrofilipo

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	X		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motions Passed: [X] Yes [] No

OTHER ITEMS

O/I-1

Motion to approve the attached domicile investigations that have been conducted by Thomas Gervasi, School Safety Investigator during the months of October and November.

ACTION ITEM(S): O/I-1

Motion to adopt: Ramos Seconded By: Delgado

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	X		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	X		
Ramos	X		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	X		
Telep	X		
Cardone	X		

Motions Passed: [X] Yes [] No

XV. Report of the President**XVI. Report of Committees****XVII. Unfinished Business**

Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 6, 2021 @ 6:00pm via Zoom Broadcast

XVIII. New Business

- Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 6, 2021 @ revised time 7:00pm via Zoom Broadcast
- The topic of the attendance of a Board Attorney at all meetings was discussed.

XIX. Hearing of Citizens (*on all matters*)

In Person ? None

Written? None

XX. Executive Session (*if needed*)

None

XXI. Return to Public Session (*if needed*)

None

XIX. Adjournment**Time: 7:05 pm**Motion to adopt: ScorzettiSeconded By: Telep

Vote was by voice and unanimous.

THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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