

**LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION, 8 HUNTER STREET, LODI, NJ 07644**

**MINUTES** of the proceedings of the **REGULAR MEETING** held on **JANUARY 27, 2021** via ZOOM Broadcast at 7:00 pm. *Nancy Cardone, Board President, presided.*

**I. Flag Salute / Sunshine Statement / Call to Order / Roll Call**

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Bergen Record and Herald News and posting notice in the Board of Education Administration Building and filing notice with the Borough Clerk. I hereby call to order, via ZOOM Broadcast, the Regular Meeting of the Lodi Board of Education, Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X	
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X	
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X	
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X	
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X	
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X	
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X	
Ms. Delgado (Natalie), Vice President	X	
Ms. Cardone (Nancy), President	X	

**Attendance:**

Dr. Douglas J. Petty, Superintendent of Schools  
 Dr. Dennis R. Frohnafel, Interim SBA/Board Secretary  
 Mark Wenczel, Esq., Board Attorney

**II. Washington School Showcase for Success by Kevin Dowson, Principal**

Washington School community involvement in "Blessings in a Backpack" charity, and how that involvement translates into authentic social-emotional learning in the classroom.

Readers:     **1)** Brando Pereira, Grade 4; and **2)** Nimet Vural, Grade 4

Guests:     **1)** Roze Bakreski, Grade 4 Teacher; **2)** Louis Bernice, Grade 4 Teacher;  
**3)** Marie Sconzo, Grade 4 Teacher; and **4)** Bill Byrnes, SSO

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, approves the minutes of the following meetings, as submitted: **1)** Regular Meeting, December 16, 2020; **2)** Reorganization Meeting, January 6, 2021; **3)** Work Session, January 20, 2021.

*Trustee Cima motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; second by Trustee Cardone; carried by the following roll call vote: Trustees Anderson, Cima, Jimenez, Mastrofilipo, Ramos, Salvacion, Delgado and Cardone voting YES; Trustee Cortez ABSTAINING.*

**IV. Superintendent's Presentation****V. Public Comment****VI. Board Secretary's Report**

VII. Resolutions (Consent Agenda)

- A. Finance/Budget/Appropriations
- B. Personnel
- C. Curriculum/Instruction
- D. Policy
- E. Other Items

VIII. Superintendent's Report

IX. Adjournment

*Trustee Delgado motioned to adjourn at 7:43 pm; seconded by Trustee Anderson; carried by unanimous vote.*

RESOLUTIONS

A. Finance/Budget/Appropriations

**F/B-1 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 23A:16-10, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, accepts and approves the Board Secretary's Report and Cash Reconciliation Report for the month of November 2020 and the month of December 2020 (*Attachment F/B1*); and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board of Education and Board Secretary certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet District financial obligations for the 2020/21 school year.

**F/B-2 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/ Board Secretary, approves the payment of bills and claims for the month of December 2020, in the total amount of \$5,983,322.54 (*Attachment F/B2*):

Batch 51	Fund 10	\$134,457.16
Batch 52	Fund 10	\$2,007,504.93
Batch 52	Fund 20	\$59,848.38
Batch 53	Fund 11	\$1,109,763.30
Batch 64	Fund 60	\$32,946.84
Batch 65	Fund 60	\$11,014.75
Batch 76	Payroll Agency	\$786,905.10
Batch 80	Payroll	\$1,297,200.25
Misc	NJSHBP	\$543,681.83

**F/B-3 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approves the List of Budget Transfers #0195 thru #0216 for the month of December 2020, total \$74,910.68 (*Attachment F/B3*).

**F/B-4 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approves Change Order No. 1, Project No. 18129, EACM Corp, amount \$723.64.

**F/B-5 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 Emergency Contracts and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 Exceptions to requirement for advertising, to issue the following purchase orders to Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 W. Front St., Keyport, NJ 07735, for emergency work at TJ Middle School: 1) P/O#21-1515, amount \$40,526.74 per Proposal #2571, dated 01/15/2021; and 2) P/O #21-1516, amount \$7,803.36, per Proposal #2572, acct #11-000-261-420-09-000; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Interim SBA/Board Secretary is to forward a copy of this resolution to the Executive County Superintendent.

**F/B-6 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-5(f) Authority's powers, to discard the following equipment/materials that is of no further educational value:

<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Tag No.</i>	<i>Location</i>
Dell Vostro Laptop	7889	Wilson School
Dell Monitor	none	Columbus School
Dell Latitude D820 Laptop	6309	Washington School
Dell Optiplex 960 Desktop	7496	Washington School
HP Chromebook	9881	Washington School
Pearson Geometry (2011)	294 books	High School
Pearson Geometry Foundations (2011)	36 books	High School
Pearson Algebra 1 (2011)	280 books	High School
Pearson Algebra 1 Foundations (2011)	39 books	High School
Pearson Algebra 2 (2011)	290 books	High School
Pearson Algebra 2 Foundations (2011)	25 books	High School

**F/B-7 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the submission of the Lodi High School Science Lab, Project No. 03-2740-050-21-1000, to the NJ Dept of Education, as an "Other" Capital Project.

**F/B-8 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), to revise and add the Lodi High School Science Lab, Project No. 03-2740-050-21-1000, for submission to the NJ Dept of Education for approval.

**F/B-9 Whereas**, the South Bergen Jointure Commission ("SBJC") and the Lodi Board of Education ("the Board") are parties to a 2020/21 agreement for SBJC, an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, to coordinate transportation services for the Board's students; and

**Whereas**, due to the current public health emergency, a number of school districts were required to close for health-related reasons, with several of those school districts continuing to remain closed until further notice; and

**Whereas**, under N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, if a school district is subject to a health-related closure for a period longer than three consecutive school days as a result of the current public health emergency, a jointure commission shall continue to make payments under the terms of a contract with a contracted service provider as if the school facilities remained open, and

**Whereas**, because of school closures as a result of the public health emergency, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, the SBJC is obligated to continue payments to its transportation service providers during the 2020/21 school year; and

**Whereas**, SBJC's commitment to continue payment to those contracted transportation service providers is contingent upon the Board's continued payment to SBJC; and

**Whereas**, the SBJC is desirous of amending the terms of the Agreement to memorialize the Board's responsibility to continue its payment obligations to the SBJC to ensure full compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9; now

**Be It Resolved**, for the term of the 2020/21 school year, if schools are closed and/or operating under virtual or remote instruction as a result of the current public health emergency, thereby not requiring transportation services for the Board's students, the Board shall continue to make payments under its Agreement with SBJC, as if the school facilities remained open, for SBJC to pay its contracted transportation service providers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement not addressed herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Finance/Budget/Appropriations resolutions F/B-1 thru F/B-9				
<b>MOTION:</b> Trustee Delgado		<b>SECOND:</b> Trustee Anderson		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

**B. Personnel**

- P-1**    *Adopted at Work Session on January 20, 2021*
- P-2**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the appointment of **Kerim Dere**, Technology Support Specialist, salary \$45,000, prorated, effective February 22 thru June 30, 2021; pending release from current employment and receipt of background check. Resume attached
- P-3**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the resignation of **Katherine Papas**, Elementary Speech/ Language Teacher, effective March 12, 2021.
- P-4**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the transfer of **Andrew Kaider**, Media Specialist, from Hilltop School to Columbus and Roosevelt Schools, effective January 28, 2021.
- P-5**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves that **Susan Catalano**, Washington School Teacher, resume her duties, effective January 18, 2021; the Board originally approved a paid sick leave of absence from October 30, 2020 to January 25, 2021 and an unpaid sick leave of absence from January 26, 2021 to February 28, 2021, at its regular meeting held on November 24, 2020 (Doctor’s note on file).
- P-6**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the revised paid maternity leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Lauren Giammanco**, TJ Middle School Sp Ed/Language Arts Teacher, from December 17, 2020 thru January 25, 2021; paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days from January 26 thru April 20, 2021; unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the NJFMLA from April 21 thru June 22, 2021.
- P-7**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an extension of paid sick leave of absence for **Karen Tempio**, Roosevelt School Teacher, from January 8, 2021 to March 31, 2021.
- P-8**    **Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an extension of a paid sick leave of absence for **Scott Kohrherr**, TJ Middle School Music Teacher, from January 4, 2021 to January 29, 2021.
- P-9**    *Adopted at Work Session on January 20, 2021*

- P-10 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an increase to the per diem rate for Substitute Teachers, from \$90.00 to \$100.00, effective February 1, 2021; and **Be It Further Resolved**, the Board approves the per diem rate of a substitute teacher who has been employed in the same position for twenty (20) days be increased from \$100.00 to \$110.00, commencing with the twenty-first day of service in that position, effective February 1, 2021.
- P-11 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Lindy Gelber**, Washington School Nurse, effective January 18 thru 25, 2021.
- P-12 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an extension of a paid sick leave for **Debra Kwapniewski**, Washington School Teacher, from January 4 thru March 9, 2021.
- P-13 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with NJFMLA for **Mark Morici**, Washington School Teacher, from March 8 thru April 2, 2021.
- P-14 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Danielle Carafa**, TJ Middle School Mathematics Teacher, from January 6 thru February 3, 2021.
- P-15 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Jill Levesque**, TJ Middle School Mathematics Teacher, from January 18 thru February 12, 2021.
- P-16 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with NJFMLA for **Shannon Woods-Cappadonna**, TJ Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective January 18, 2021.
- P-17 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves **Geoffrey Barone** and **Daniel Rotondo** to the Lodi School District List of Substitute Custodians for the 2020/21 school year, at \$17.00 per hour, as needed, employment pending criminal history review.

Personnel actions P-2 thru P-8 and P-10 thru P-17				
<b>MOTION:</b> Trustee Cardone	<b>SECOND:</b> Trustee Delgado			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

C. Curriculum/Instruction

- C-1 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Agreement with Staff Development Workshops, to provide Professional Development services, in the amount of \$39,600 (\$1800 per day/22 days), for the 2020/21 school year.
- C-2 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the submission of the 2021/22 Preschool Program Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education, and the Department of Education, Bergen County Office (copy on file in Superintendent's Office).
- C-3 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the updated Chapters 192/193 Funding Statement Report of Non-Public Auxiliary and Handicapped Services for the 2020/21 school year:

Chapter 192	Compensatory Education	\$37,325
Chapter 193	Initial Examination/Classification	\$10,397
Chapter 193	Annual Examination/Classification	\$7,076
Chapter 193	Corrective Speech	\$2,552
Chapter 193	Supplemental Instruction	\$22,665

- C-4 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following tuition contracts from the South Bergen Jointure Commission, for the 2020/21 school year as listed below:

<i>Student</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Effective Date(s)</i>
23-04	\$23,400	PS (Half-Day)	12/04/20 to 06/25/21
10-08	\$69,100	PS Autism	01/0-5/21 to 06/25/21
06-08	\$44,400	PS MD	01/04/21 to 06/25/21
13-1	\$69,100	PS Autism	01-11-21 to 06-25-21

- C-5 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an Agreement with Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC), to provide hospital-based instruction services:

<i>Student</i>	<i>Instruction Rate</i>	<i>Facility</i>	<i>Effective Date(s)</i>
E.P.	\$70.00 per hour	Trinitas Regional Medical Center	12/29/2020

- C-6 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves student tuition contract from **Bergen County Special Services** for the 2020/21 school year:

<i>Student</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Effective Date(s)</i>
01-19	\$64,980	BCSS	01/19/21 thru 06/30/21

- C-7 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2020/21 school year for the provision of 1:1 Aide:

<i>Student</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Effective Date(s)</i>
16-13-02	\$44,000 prorated	1:1 Aide	01/05/21 thru 06/30/21

Curriculum/Instruction resolutions C-1 thru C-7				
<b>MOTION:</b> Trustee Anderson		<b>SECOND:</b> Trustee Cima		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

**D. Policy**

**P/R-1 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the first reading of **New Policies and Regulations**:

Policy 7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students  
 Reg 5513 Care of School Property  
 Reg 7610 Vandalism

**P/R-2 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves first reading of **Revised Bylaws and Policies**:

Bylaw 0164 Conduct of Board Meetings (In-person and Virtual Meetings)  
 Policy 5513 Care of School Property  
 Policy 7610 Vandalism

**P/R-3 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached domicile investigations that have been conducted by Thomas Gervasi, School Safety Investigator, during the months of November and December 2020 and January 2021.

**P/R-4 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Lodi High School's acceptance of the 2020 BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant, in the amount of \$1000.

**P/R-5** Adopted at Work Session on January 20, 2021

**P/R-6** Adopted at Work Session on January 20, 2021

**P/R-7 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the second reading of **New Policies and Regulations**:

Policy 7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students  
 Reg 5513 Care of School Property  
 Reg 7610 Vandalism

**P/R-8 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves second reading of **Revised Bylaws and Policies**:

Bylaw 0164 Conduct of Board Meetings (In-person and Virtual Meetings)  
 Policy 5513 Care of School Property  
 Policy 7610 Vandalism

**P/R-9 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, approves the following Ad Hoc committee appointments, in accordance with Bylaw No. 0155, for the 2021 calendar year:

**Negotiations**

Natalie Delgado, Chair  
Nancy Cardone  
Jocelyn Anderson  
Laura Cima

Policy resolutions P/R-1 thru P/R-4 and P/R-7 thru P/R-9				
<b>MOTION:</b> Trustee Delgado	<b>SECOND:</b> Trustee Cortez			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X		P/R-9	
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X	P/R-9		
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X	*P/R-9		
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

\* Trustee Ramos "I disagree with the practice of dissolving an active member of the LEA committee."

**E. Other Items**

**OI-1 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, approves the domicile investigation that has been conducted by Thomas Gervasi, School Safety Investigator, during the month of January 2021.

**OI-2 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, the acceptance of \$15,000.00 in equipment and prize money for Lodi High School's Robotics Team, who was selected as National Semi-Finalist in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge.

Other resolutions OI-1 and OI-2				
<b>MOTION:</b> Trustee Delgado	<b>SECOND:</b> Trustee Cardone			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

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,



Dr. Dennis R. Frohnappfel  
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator