BOARD OF EDUCATION
LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Public Meetings Act, the Little Falls Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by notifying the Board's official newspaper, the local parent-teacher associations, and posting same on the Community Bulletin Board and the District's Website.

IV. ROLL CALL

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the Minutes of the following meetings.
    1. August 3, 2021- Regular Meeting

VII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – (**Limited to Agenda Items Only**)

VIII. PRESENTATION

IX. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
B. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli)
    1. Superintendent's Report.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT- (Joseph Abate, Jr.)

D. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Mrs. Diana Kribs)

1. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the list of bills dated August 17, 2021, Warrant No.'s #27668 thru #27746 (Current Account) totaling $;1,269,781.17 Warrant No. # 1220 thru 1222 (Cafeteria Account) totaling $40,583.12; and (Debt Service) #7282021 wire transfer totaling $381,055.00 be paid if, properly sworn to and funds are available in accordance with Board of Education Policy and to be appended to the minutes of this meeting. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11I3, certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) and the Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, certifies that after review of the Board Secretary's & Treasurer's --monthly financial reports that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). Further, the Board of Education and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that major accounts/fund balances have not been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

(Exhibit A)

2. TRANSFERS – July 31, 2021

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move that the Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's action of making transfers prior to the Board Meeting as per the attached July 31, 2021 Transfer Report.

(Exhibit B)

3. TREASURER AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS – July 31, 2021

RECOMMEDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, moved that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the Treasurer and Secretary's Reports for the month ending July 31, 2021.

(Exhibit C)

4. APPROVAL OF WEBSITE

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve JAM Graphics, 502 Hamburg Turnpike Wayne NJ 07470, for fees services for the district' website, at fee of $4,990.20.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHERN REGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT-21-22 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the Northern Region Educational Services commission transportation services agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.

SCHOOL	CONTRACTOR	# OF STUDENTS	EST. COST PER ROUTE (incl.surcharge)	DATE
Windsor Learning Center	Trans Ed Route# 846	5	$11,8562.00 + $462.48	7/6/20-6/21

6. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES
WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education ("the Board") has a need to retain the professional services of Behavioral Healthcare Services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and
WHEREAS, the Board solicited Requests for Proposals ("RFP") for Behavioral Healthcare Services; and
WHEREAS, CarePlus, submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Behavioral Healthcare Services for the Board in accordance with the RFP and proposal; and
WHEREAS, the Board finds that the proposal submitted by CarePlus is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CarePlus shall be appointed as the Board's Behavioral Healthcare Service provider and that a contract for such services shall be awarded for the following reasons:

1. Overall knowledge and familiarity of the firm with the specific needs and operations of the District and similarly situated public school districts

2. Competitive price structure and options for the services, including options for highly qualified and specially trained staff

3. Demonstrated success in the field of Behavioral Healthcare Services

4. Demonstrated quality in the provision of well-trained, knowledgeable and experienced Behavioral Healthcare professionals who can meet the needs of the district and its students

5. Demonstrated ability of the firm to exceed the minimum requirements of the District, including through the provision of staff exceeding the minimum level of training and certification required by the RFP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Board hereby appoints CarePlus as Behavioral Healthcare Service provider , for the period covering 12 months from the date of this Resolution.

2. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.
4. A notice of award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Board.

7. RESCIND APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education rescind the following out of district placement and extraordinary services for student 2001657 at Windsor Learning Center for the 2021-2022 School Year for $69,930.00.

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Dr. Rachel Capizzi)

1. DISTRICT CURRICULUM RE-ADOPTION
MOVE that the Little Falls School District Board of Education approve the re-adoption of all District Curriculum.

F. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Mr. Thomas Breitwieser)

1. DISPOSAL OF TECH EQUIPMENT
RESOLVED, to approve the disposal of the following equipment through UPCYCLE LLC.
(Exhibit D)

G. PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE (Mrs. Lauren Verdi)

1. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/CONFERENCE EXPENSES
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve travel/conference expenses as noted for the following district employees/board members: (Exhibit E)

2. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY FOR THE 2021-2022 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Melissa Sanzari- Stevens as Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective October 4, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Rate of pay will be $145,000.00 pro-rated.

3. APPROVAL OF BEFORE AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM- THE HIVE -TUITION FOR THE 2021-2022 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the HIVE, Before and After School program tuition rate in the amount of $200.00 monthly, for After Care, with a ten percent discount reduction for the second and third sibling and a twenty percent discount reduction for the fourth sibling.

4. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT –TEACHER
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Alyssa Mauro, teacher, effective September 1, 2021through June 30, 2022. Rate of pay will be MA Step 1, pending all background checks.

5. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT –LONG TERM MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER 21-22 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Alexis M. Zammataro-Cust, teacher, effective September 1, 2021through June 30, 2022. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1, pending all background checks.

6. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT- DIRECTOR -BEFORE AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM- THE HIVE FOR THE 2021-2022 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Jill Castaldo as the Director of The Hive for the 2021-2022 school Year at a stipend of $10,000.00 per year.

7. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT-TEACHER BEFORE CARE AND AFTER CARE FOR THE 2021-2022 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following teachers for the Before and After Care- The Hive at a rate of $ 20.00 per hour.

Paula Agens
Margaret Castaneda (.5)
Leamarie Pronesti (.5)

8. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT- SITE DIRECTOR -BEFORE AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM- THE HIVE FOR THE 2021-2022 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Michael Rossi as the Site Director of The Hive for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of $25.00 per hour, pending all background checks.

9. GRANTING OF TENURE
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education grant tenure to the following teachers, effective September 2, 2021.

Kelly Davis- School # 2 Teacher

Linda Teese-School # 1 Teacher

Kelly Sutherland-School # 1 Teacher

Cortney Brown-School # 2 Teacher

Marissa Bariso-School # 3 Teacher

Brianna Parella- School# 2 Teacher

10. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT –LONG TERM MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER 21-22 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Matthew DiMarco, teacher, effective September 1, 2021through June 30, 2022. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1, pending all background checks.

H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE (Mr. Doug Jandoli)

1. APPROVE/RATIFY MEDICAL/PRESCRIPTION HEALTH BENEFITS – 2021-2022
WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education has received an offer of renewal for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 from Cigna for NJEHP medical benefits.

	NJEHP
Single	$1,033.16
Employee/Spouse	$2,481.65
EE/Child	$1,963.00
Family	$3,409.32

I. POLICY COMMITTEE (Mr. Michael Murphy)

1. FIRST READING OF POLICY
As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education hold a first reading of the following policy:

P 0131	Bylaws Policies and Regulations(Revised)
P 1521	Educational Improvement Plans (M)(Abolished)
P1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M)(Abolished)
P2421	Career and Technical Education (Revised)
R2421	Vocational Technical Education (Abolished)
P3134	Assignment of Extra Duties(Revised)
P & R 3142	Nonrenewal of Non-tenured Teaching Staff Members, excluding teachers and administrators (M)(Revised)
P & R 3221	Evaluation of Teachers (M)(Revised)
P & R 3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators(M)(Revised)
P & R3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals(M)(Revised)
P & R 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)(Revised)
P & R 4146	Nonrenewal of Non-tenured Support Staff Members (Revised)
P & R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M)(New)
P & R 6471	School District Travel (M)(Revised)
P8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)(Revised)

(Exhibit F)

2. AMEND ADOPTION OF SAFE RETURN PLAN
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education suspend the rules of bylaw 0131 and adopt the following list of policies and regulations.

- SAFE RETURN PLAN*

*Inclusive Of All Policies And Procedures

3. ADOPTION OF POLICY ALERT 224
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education suspend the rules of bylaw 0131 and adopt the following list of policies and regulations. (Exhibit G)

- P 1648.11 The Road Forward- Covod-19- Health and Safety
- P 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls- Allowability of Costs (M)(New)
- P 6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls- Mandatory Disclosures (M)(New)
- P 6115.03 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Conflict of Interest (M)(New)
- P 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M)(Revised)
- P 1648 Restart and Recovery Plan (M)(Abolished)
- P 1648.02 Remote Learning Options for Families (M)(Abolished)
- P 1648.03 Restart and Recovery Plan _ Full Time Remote Instruction (M)(Abolished)
- P 5114 Children Displaced by Domestic Violence(Abolished)
- P 8810 Religious Holidays (Abolished)

J. REFERENDUM COMMITTEE (Mr. Fred DeMarco)

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT