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

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 Minutes

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. ELECTION RESULTS -**COUNTY OF PASSAIC CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS**

The results of the election held on November 2, 2021 were as follows:

Three (3) people filed petitions for three (3) three-year terms.

The results of the election, in order in which they appeared on the ballot are as follows:

THREE-YEAR TERM	TOTAL VOTES
Fred DeMarco	2,223
Douglas Jandoli	2,116
Lauren Verdi	2,228
Write – in	48

V. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Breitwieser, Dr. Capizzi, Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Miraglia, and Mr. Russo

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Kribs, Mr. Jandoli, Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Verdi

Also Present- Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent and Mrs. Melissa Sanzari-Stevens Business Administrator/Board Secretary

VI. CORRESPONDENCE –None

VII. MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. DeMarco the following minutes were offered for approval:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the Minutes of the following meetings.
   1. Regular Meeting – November 9, 2021
   2. Executive Meeting- November 9, 2021

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

VIII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – (**Limited to Agenda Items Only**)
On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. DeMarco, the meeting was opened for public comment.
Since no one wished to be heard,
On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. DeMarco moved that the Little Falls Board of Education close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

IX. PRESENTATION- None

X. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mrs. Russo advised the Board of the following:
- Thank you to everyone who supported our Referendum!
- It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Board President
- Thank you to all of the Board members for your support
- Thank you to Mrs. Marineli, staff, and administrators for all of your hard work
- If you have not complete your training please do so
- Vote on December 14th!

Mr. Breitwieser thanked Mr. Russo for his endless commitment!

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli)
1. Superintendent's Report.
Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:
- All mandatory drills have been performed in all three schools
- Enrollment School #1- 367- School #2- 340, and School #3- 193
- There were zero suspensions and one HIB in School #2 which was unfounded

- Thank you to all who supported the referendum! I am proud and excited!

(Exhibit A)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Falls Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigation Sc-001-10-13-21-LFD-002 and Sc-001-10-14-21-LFD-003 for the reason set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to affect students' parents.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT- (Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)

Mrs. Stevens advised the Board of the following:

- If you have not completed your Board training please do so
- Final payment to Askari has been made. We deducted $500.00 per day for a total of $8,000.00 and deducted the retainage from the final bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Miraglia and seconded by Mr. Breitwieser the following motions were offered for approval.

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 December 7, 2021, Warrant No.'s # 28027 thru #28113 (Current Account) totaling $; 1,726,416.05 Warrant No. # 1233 (Cafeteria Account) totaling $33,548.96, and Warrant No. #1005 thru Warrant # 1007 (Before and After Care Account) totaling $417.64 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 B)

2. TRANSFERS – NOVEMBER 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 November 30, 2021 Transfer Report.

(Exhibit B-1)

3. TREASURER AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS – NOVEMBER 30, 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 November 30, 2021. (Exhibit C)

4. APPROVAL OF REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE

MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education will hereby hold and advertise their Reorganization Meeting for the 2021 Calendar Year in the All Purpose Room of School No. 1 on Tuesday January 4, 2022.

5. APPROVE/RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHERN REGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT-20/21

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, for shared aide.

Route #	School	Contractor	# of Students	Est. Cost	Start Date
851	Chancellor Academy	Sami Peadia, Inc.	1	$26,488.62 +1,059.54	9/27/21- 6/2022

6. AMEND 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.

Route#	School	Contractor	# Of Students	Est. Cost Per Route (Incl.Surcharge)	Start Date
846	Windsor Learning Center	Trans Ed	5	**$69,373.80** + **$**2,774.95	9/8/2021-6/2022

7. APPROVAL OF CAREPLUS SERVICE AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve CarePlus NJ, INC., for behavioral health care services to students and families, in the amount of $72,420.00, to be paid out of the 2021-2022 Title I and Title IV, effective November 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Dr. Rachel Capizzi)

On motion of Dr. Capizzi and seconded by Mr. DeMarco the following motions were offered for approval.

1. APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTES SUPPLIED BY CONSORTIUM
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following new substitute applicants supplied to us by the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission Substitute Teacher Registry. All substitutes have filed Federal Form I-9, and are in possession of acceptable clearance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1/18A:39-10.1/18A:6-4.14: (Exhibit D)

2. APPLICATION FOR COUNTY SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the filing of an application with the Passaic County Superintendent of Schools for a Passaic County Substitute Certificate for the following applicant:

Julia Marchesani
Julia Hoyt

3 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TRIPS -21/21 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following field trips: (Exhibit E)

4. APPROVE/RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF NEW SUBSTITUTES
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following new substitute applicants all substitutes have filed Federal Form I-9, and are in possession of acceptable clearance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1/18A:39-10.1/18A:6-4.14

Julia Marchesani
Julia Hoyt
Robert Becker

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

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

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the following motions were offered for approval.

1. USE OF FACILITIES BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the use of district facilities by the following community groups who

have filed the proper application form and have submitted proof of necessary insurance coverage:

School #1 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:
*11/17/2021 *11/18/2021	Girl Scouts	GYM 6:30-8:00pm	Girl Scouts
*12/2/2021 12/8/2021 12/15/2021 12/16/2021	Girl Scouts	GYM 5:30-7:00pm GYM 3-4pm GYM 5-7pm GYM 6:30-7:30pm	Girl Scouts
1/12/2022 1/19/2022 1/06/2022 1/20/2022	Girl Scouts	GYM 3-4 pm 6:30-8:00pm GYM 5-7pm GYM 5:30-9pm GYM 6:30-7pm	Girl Scouts
2/23/2022 2/16/2022 2/10/2022 2/17/2022 2/9/2022 2/24/2022	Girl Scouts	GYM 6:30-8:00pm GYM 5-7pm GYM 5:30-7PM GYM 6:30-7pm GYM 3-4pm GYM 5:30-7pm	Girl Scouts
3/23/2022 3/16/2022 3/17/2022 3/9/2022	Girl Scouts	GYM 6:30-8:00pm GYM 5-7pm GYM 6:30-7pm GYM 3-4pm	Girl Scouts
4/6/2022 5/11/2022	Girl Scouts	GYM 3-4pm GYM 3-4pm	Girl Scouts
January – March 25, 2022 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)	Play Rehearsals	GYM/Rm 107 3:00pm-5:30pm	School #1
March 28- April 8, 2022	Play Rehearsals	GYM/Rm 107 3:00pm-6:30pm	School #1
April 11-14, 2022	Play Rehearsals	GYM/Rm 107 3:00pm-7:00pm	School #1
April 25-29, 2022	Play	3:00pm-9:00pm	School #1
*11/22/2021 *11/29/2021 *12/03/2021 *12/06/2021 12/09/2021 12/10/2021	Cheering	6:00-8:00pm	Cheering

12/13/2021,12/14/2021, 12/15/2021	Holiday Gift Shop	GYM 4:30-8:30pm	School 2/3PTA
January 2022 3,5,7,10,14,21,24,26,28,31 February 2022 2,4,7,11,14,25 March 2022 2,4,7,11,14,18,25	Basketball	GYM 6:30-9:00pm	Basketball
January 2022 11,13,25,27 February 2022 1,3,8,22 March 2022 1,3,8,10,22,24	Basketball	GYM 6:00-9:00pm	Basketball
December 9, 2021	Election Training	GYM/5:00pm-9:00pm	County Elections

Mr. Breitwieser inquired on the mask mandates for the players practicing.
Mrs. Marinelli explained that all players are required to wear a mask even when practicing. All have been advised of this.

Mrs. Marinell also mentioned that the School #2 gift shop will be here at School #1.

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

G. PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE (Mrs. Lauren Verdi)
On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the following motions were offered for approval.

1. AMEND/APPROVE MENTORING ASSIGNMENTS
RECOMMENDED ACTION of the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff member and rate (for seven weeks), November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mentor	Provisional Teacher	School	Certificate	Rate
Shana Opdenberg	Blake Spingarn	School #2	**CE**	**$1,000.00**

2 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- ART TEACHER
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Kelly Henneberry, art teacher, effective January 13, 2022.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION –MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Matthew DiMarco, maternity leave replacement teacher, effective January 10, 2022.

4. APPROVE/RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF ABA PARAPROFESSIONAL 21-22 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Jacqueline Toledo as an ABA paraprofessional, effective December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.The rate of pay will be Step 1 as per the 2019- 2021 LFEA collective negotiation agreement, paraprofessional salary guidelines. Pending all background checks.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- ABA PARAPROFESSIONAL
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Tanesha McKinnon, ABA paraprofessional, effective December 3, 2021.

6. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF LONG TERM MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT (NON-TENURE TRACK) 21/22 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Robert Becker as a long-term maternity leave replacement teacher (non-tenure track) effective January 11, 2021 through June 30, 2022**,** or the return of the teacher. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1. Upon approval of all background checks.

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE (Mr. Doug Jandoli) - None

I. POLICY COMMITTEE (Mr. Michael Murphy)

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the following motions were offered for approval.

1. FIRST READING OF POLICY-ALERT 225
As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education hold a first reading of the following policy:

P 1648.14 Safety plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings-COVID-19 (M)(New)
P&R 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students (M)(Revised)
(Exhibit F)

AYES: 5
ABSENT 4
NAYES: 0

J. REFERENDUM COMMITTEE (Mr. Fred DeMarco)
Mr. DeMarco thanked everyone for their hard work and urged all to vote on December 14th!

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mrs. Marinelli stated that the policies approved were all state mandated policies.
Mrs. Marinelli also stated that for other committee meetings, we are waiting until the reorganization meeting when the new committees members will assigned.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

XII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. Demarco, the meeting was opened for public comment.

Al Kahwaty- congratulated everyone for their work on the referendum. He also congratulated and thanked Mr. Russo for his dedication and hard work as Board President.

Since no one wished to be heard,

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. DeMarco, moved that the Little Falls Board of Education; close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 5
ABSENT 4
NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XIII. NEW BUSINESS- None

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. DeMarco move that the Little Falls Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss an HIB issues (Sc-002-11-08-21-LFD-004). Approximate time (10) ten minutes. Action will not be taken.

AYES: 5
ABSENT 4
NAYES: 0 (7:15 PM)

On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Breitwieser move that the Little Falls Board of Education return from Executive Session.
AYES: 5
ABSENT 4
NAYES: 0 (7:16 PM)

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Breitwieser and seconded by Mr. DeMarco the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

AYES: 5
ABSENT: 4
NAYES: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens
Business Administrator/Board Secretary