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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Agenda
Immediately following the Reorganization Meeting
Mr. Breitwieser called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

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
Board Members Present: Mr. Breitwieser, Dr. Capizzi, Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Jandoli, Mrs. Kribs, Mr. Miraglia, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Russo

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Verdi

Also Present- Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent, Mrs. Melissa Sanzari-Stevens Business Administrator/Board Secretary (virtual), and Mrs. Lynette Fata Assistant to the Business Administrator

V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VI. MINUTES

On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Russo 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 – December 7, 2021
    2. Executive Minutes- December 7, 2021

AYES: 8
ABSENT: 1
NAYES: 0

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

On motion of Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. DeMarco, the meeting was opened for public comment.
Since no, one wished to be heard,

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

AYES: 8
ABSENT: 1
NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. PRESENTATION- None

IX. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Breitwieser thanked everyone for their support throughout the pamdemic.

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli)

1. Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:

- All drill have been performed in all three schools
- Enrollment School #1-365, School #2-341, and School #3-193
- No HIBs and zero suspensions
- Approving the School Safety Data System on this evening's agenda. We received a perfect score of 78 out of 78
- Employees must use sick time when quarantining, since the executive order expired December 31, 2020
- Non vaccinated employees continue to do weekly testing
- We have given a lot of accommodations to the staff to help create a positive atmosphere
- Looking into options for compensating those who worked through their preps
- As long as school is physically in session Board Meetings must also be in person
- Schools can go virtual only if there is a staff shortage or an outbreak. Parent choice is not an option
- Safety and security will always be our number one priority
- An energy auditor from PSE&G presented us with an option for replacement of the boilers, air handlers, and HVAC units. PSE&G would cover eighty percent of the cost. Referendum committee will review once estimate is received.

- In order to use state funding for the referendum, the vote must be within the year. We have a choice of March, April, or September dates to revisit the referendum.
- More community meeting will be scheduled

(Exhibit A)

A Board discussion ensued on virtual options.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Falls Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigation Sc-002-11-08-21-LFD-004 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.

Mr. Russo left the meeting at 7:19pm

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)- None

D. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE - None

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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 B)

2. AMEND APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve home instruction services to district student #2002870. Home instruction not to exceed 10 hours per week retroactive to September 20, 2021 through **June 17, 2022**.

3. 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

Emily Young
Ulrich Michael Schumacher

4. APPROVAL OF KEAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHER INTERNSHIP SPRING 2021/2022 SEMESTER

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve student teacher internship for the following Kean University student effective January 04, 2022 through June 2022.

Amanda Palardy

5. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION - STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM (SSDS)

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve in accordance with the law approve the mid-year submission of the SSDS, (Student Safety Data System).

AYES: 7
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 2

F. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE –None

G. PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

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

1. AMEND APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE 21/22 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education, approve the following leave of absence without pay.

21/22 School Year

Name	Position/ Location	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick days Applied	FMLA Start date	NJFLA Date	EXTENDEND LEAVE (Unpaid without benefits)	Date of Return (Anticipated)
4281	Sch 2	*09/01/21			09/01/2021-11/19/2021 (12 weeks)	11/22/2021 Through **06/30/2022**	**09/01/2022**

2. AMEND 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 Jamie Christopher as a long term maternity leave replacement teacher (non-tenure track) effective September 1, 2021 through **June 30, 2022,** or the return of the teacher. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1.

3. AMEND APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION
RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve Michelle Generelli, Marissa Bariso, and Marissa Natale to provide home instruction services to district student 2002870 at a rate of $30.00 per hour. Home instruction not to exceed ten (10) hours per week, effective September 20, 2021 through **June 17, 2022.**

AYES: 7
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 2

H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – None

I. POLICY COMMITTEE
On motion of Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Kribs, the following motions were offered for approval.

1. SECOND READING OF POLICY
As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education hold a second 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)

AYES: 7
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 2

I. REFERENDUM COMMITTEE
Mr. DeMarco thanked Mrs. Marinelli for all of her hard work on the referendum. Mr. DeMarco stated that the referendum committee would like to remain the same in order to move forward on the referendum.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mr. Breitwieser asked for Board members to email himself and Dr. Capizzi with their committee requests.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC
On motion of Mr. Jandoli and seconded by Mr. DeMarco, the meeting was opened for public comment.
Since no, one wished to be heard,

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

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XII. NEW BUSINESS -None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Dr. Capizzi and seconded by Mrs. Kribs the meeting was adjourned 7:19pm.

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens

Melissa Sanzari- Stevens
Business Administrator/Board Secretary