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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Mr. Breitwieser called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

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. Murphy and Mr. Russo

Board Members Absent: Mr. Miraglia and Mrs. Verdi

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE- None

VI. MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Kribs and seconded by Mr. Russo the following motions 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- April 26, 2022

AYES: 6
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 2
ABSTAIN: 1 Mr. DeMarco

VII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – (**Limited to Agenda Items Only**)
On motion of Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the meeting was opened for public comment.
Since no, one wished to be heard,

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

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

VIII. PRESENTATION- None

IX. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Breitwieser expressed his appreciation and gratitude to all of our teachers! Happy Teacher's appreciation week! The play was a huge success ! Thank you to all involved! Board members will be getting an email to complete the superintendent evaluation.

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey L. Marinelli)
1. Superintendent's Report
Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:

- Enrollment School #1- 362, School #2- 344, and School #3- 195
- All mandatory drills have been performed in all three schools
- There are zero suspension and one confirmed HIB case
- The play was fabulous! Thank you and congratulations to all!
- I have submitted for my superintendent evaluation. An email will be sent to each Board member within forty-eight hours.
- The eighth grade activities are being planed
- Nurses appreciation week in next
- Teachers appreciation week is this week!

(Exhibit A)

On motion of Mrs. Kribs and seconded by Mr. Russo, the following motion was offered for approval.

A. TEACHER APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through education: and

WHEREAS, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling And coaching students and performing community service; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes and supports its teachers in educating the children of its Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Falls Board of Education proclaims May 2-6, 2022, to be **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK;** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little Falls Board of Education strongly encourage all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)
Mrs. Stevens advised the Board of the following:

- Anyone who has errors in their ethics filing have been notified
- Board training is scheduled for May 19th, for those who need to complete
- I am in the process of applying for Extraordinary Aide
- We had our first meeting for the new health benefits plan

D. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Mrs. Diana Kribs)
On motion of Mrs. Kribs and seconded by Mr. Russo, 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 May 3, 2022, Warrant No.'s #28397__thru #28405(Voided 1239, recut as 28405_(Current Account) totaling $;1,430,722.70_ $Warrant No. # 1010(Before and After Care Account) totaling $116.07_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. APPROVE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULES

MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education approves the schedule of tax payments from the municipality for the **2022-2023** School Year as follows in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:13-23 and Policy 6141:

Month	Taxes	Debt Service	Month	Taxes	Debt Service
July	$1,310,211.83	$105,540	January	$1,310,211.83	$105,539
August	$1,310,211.83		February	$1,310,211.83	
September	$1,310,211.83		March	$1,310,211.83	
October	$1,310,211.83		April	$1,310,211.83	
November	$1,310,211.83		May	$1,310,211.83	
December	$1,310,211.83		June	$1,310,211.83	

3. APPROVEAL OF EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR TUITION RATES FOR 2022-2023

RESOLVED, that the Little Falls School District Board of Education, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey approves the following tuition rates for non-resident pupils for events for 2022 – 2023 Extended School Year. Additional services at an hourly rate to be charged for occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavioral therapy, speech, 1:1 aides.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR		**2022-2023 School Year**
Grades K-8 non ABA		$ 1,200.00
Grades K-8 ABA		$ 2,000.00

4. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT - EIGHTH GRADE TRIP

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve payment to the Student Activities Account to offset the cost of the 8th Grade Trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for students experiencing financial hardship for a total amount not to exceed $636.60.

5. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT- EIGHTH GRADE TRIP

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve payment to the Student Activities Account for the cost of the 8th Grade Trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania , for two (2) administrators and (1) nurse for a total amount not to exceed $800.00.

6. APPROVAL OF CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM ENERGY SAVER PROGRAM-PSE&G

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the installation and payment agreement between Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) and the Little Falls Board of Education for the upgrades to the boilers at School #1, in the amount of $311,166.36, School #2, in the amount of $82,049.63, and School #3, in the amount of $130,135.61, to be funded through the ARP Grant.

7. APPROVE/RATIFY OF NJSDA SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT SUBMISSION
Be it resolved that the Little Falls Board of Education hereby authorized the submission of the School Security Grant Application. The grant allowance was $44,853. The project costs for compliance with Alyssa's Law ($72,582) exceeded the grant allowance. The difference was funded through local funds that were available at the time to complete the project.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF NJSDA SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the acceptance of School Security Grant in the amount of $44,853.00, for the Alyssa's Law compliance.

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
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 C)

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:

Juma Aktar
Cara Ogulin

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 D)

4. APPROVAL WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY LDTC TEACHER INTERNSHIP SUMMER 2022/2023 SEMESTER

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve LDTC teacher internship for the following William Paterson University student for the 2022-2023 school year.

Carla Glavan

Motion #1 was stricken Motions #2- #4 AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

F. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
(Mr. Michael Russo)

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

1. 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:
*April 30, 2022	LFEA Meeting	Cafe 3:30pm	LFEA
June 5, 2022	Recital	APR and Café 1:00pm- 7:00pm	Stephanie Bush- Music Studio
May 25, 2022	NJHS Induction	APR 7:00-9:00pm	NJHS
May 9, 2022	Parent Meeting	Café 7:00pm	8th Grade Advisors

School #2

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:
June 16, 2022	St. George Festival parking	Parking Lot 5:00pm-10:00pm	St George Church
June 17, 2022	St. George Festival parking	Parking Lot 5:00pm-10:00pm	St George Church
June 18, 2022	St. George Festival parking	Parking Lot 3:00pm-10:00pm	St George Church

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

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

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. REAPPOINTMENT OF STAFF 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the reappointment of staff as per the attached exhibit for the 2022/2023 School year. (Exhibit F)

3. APPROVE LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONTRACT 2022- 23; 2023-24; & 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education and the Little Falls Education Association ("Association") have negotiated a successor collective negotiations agreement ("Successor CNA") for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Successor CNA for the for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute on behalf of the Board, the Agreement by and between the Board and the Association. (Exhibit G)

4. APPROVAL OF 8TH GRADE HERSHEY PARK TRIP CHAPERONES
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff chaperones for the 8th grade Hershey Park, Pennsylvania trip June 2, 2022

Sue Eckrote	Nurse (Julie Abboud)
Tiffany Studzinski	Dave Farrell
Rebecca Calderone	Marc Perniciaro
Kristy Gregory	Briana Cruz
James Delfino	Edward Cronin
Vincent Plateroti	Sara Friedland
Christine Fiorendino	James Schoenich
Tracey Marinelli	Dana Sprague

5. APPROVAL OF 8TH GRADE PHILADELPHIA PA TRIP CHAPERONES
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent, move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff chaperones for the 8th grade Philadelphia, Pennsylvania trip May 20, 2022

Sue Eckrote	Nurse (Julie Abboud)
Tiffany Studzinski	Dave Farrell
Rebecca Calderone	Marc Perniciaro
Kristy Gregory	Briana Cruz
James Delfino	Edward Cronin
Vincent Plateroti	Sara Friedland
Christine Fiorendino	James Schoenich
Tracey Marinelli	Dana Sprague

6. HEALTH INSURANCE AGENT FOR THE 22/23 SY
MOVE that the Little Falls School District Board of Education designates Mr. Anthony Ciardella of Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as the Health Insurance Consultant of Record at a fee of $36,000.00 per year, for the 2022-2023 school year.

7. APPROVAL OF CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT
WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education and the Little Falls Custodial Association ("Association") have negotiated a successor collective negotiations agreement ("Successor CNA") for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

WHEREAS, the Association has, by a majority vote of its membership, ratified the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the Successor CNA for the for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute on behalf of the Board, the Agreement by and between the Board and the Association.

(Exhibit H)

8. PAYMENT TO STAFF –SCHOOL #1 PLAY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve payment to the following individuals for chaperoning the School #1 play on April 27th, April 28th, and April 29th, 2022 at the contractual chaperone rate of $34 per hour for three hours.

Employee	Date	# of Hours	Amount
Jessica DeSimone	April 27, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Marc Perniciaro	April 27, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Bethanne Strippoli	April 27, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Mary Budd	April 27, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Megan Cammarata	April 28, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Monica Heaney	April 28, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
David Farrell	April 28, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Kristy Gregory	April 28, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Briana Cruz	April 29, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Jim Simmons	April 29, 2022	3 hours	$102.00
Maribel Bayo	April 29, 2022	3 hours	$102.00

9. APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE 22/23 SY

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

22/23 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)
4831	Sch 2	09/08/2022		9/08/2022-11/27-2022			11/28/2022

10. AMEND APPROVAL OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 21/22 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION of the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Extra Curricular Activities Stipends for the 2021-2022 School Year.

School #1

Employee	Extra-curricular Activity	Amount
Marisa Kolarovic	Community Liaison	**$435.50**

11. REAPPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT- CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF 2022-2023 SY

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the re-employment of the Central Office Staff, effective July 1, 2022 for the 2022/2023 school year. (Exhibit I)

12. APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM WRITING
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff members for summer curriculum writing, not to exceed 40 hours each, at the rate stipulated in the LFEA contract .

Kerianne Brown
Felicia Hartmann
Linda Teese

13. REAPPOINTMENT AND APPROVALOF AGREEMENT-BUILDING AND GROUNDS MANAGER-2022/2023 SY
RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Building and Grounds Manager effective, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Exhibit J)

Mr. Jandoli inquired about the Brown and Brown agreement. Mrs. Stevens explained.

Mrs. Marinelli expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the Personnel Committee, Teachers Association, Custodial Association, and Mrs. Stevens for their hard work on reaching an agreement to their contracts.

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE (Mr. Vincent Miraglia)
On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Russo, the following motions were offered for approval.

1. APPLICATION FOR 2022 SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM –NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP (Eric West Sub-Fund)
As per the recommendation of the Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary moved that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the submission of the Grant Application for the 2022 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's Eric West Sub-Fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of $6,300.00 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

2. BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

MOVED that the Little Falls Board of Education accept the Bus Evacuation Drills Report, as circulated for out of district placements of the 2021/2022 School Year. Bus Evacuation Drills took place on the following dates:

October 18, 2021
April 26, 2022
April 27, 2022 (Exhibit K)

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

I. POLICY COMMITTEE (Mr. Doug Jandoli)- None

J. REFERENDUM COMMITTEE (Mr. Fred DeMarco)

Mrs. Marinelli stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the architect for Thursday May 5, 2022.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Curriculum committee meeting will need to be scheduled.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XI. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

Mr. Al Kahwaty, Little Falls, expressed his appreciation to all of the teachers for their dedication and hard work.

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

Mrs. Marinelli stated that the July Board of Education meeting will be canceled. The August 16th meeting will be rescheduled for August 9, 2022. The August meeting will take place at 6:00pm. If needed an August 23, 2022 meeting will be scheduled.

Mrs. Marinelli also stated that school will be closed May 31, 2022 for the unused snow day.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. DeMarco move that the Little Falls Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss an HIB issue (Sc3-002-02-28-22--LFD-007). Approximate time (15) fifteen minutes. Action will not be taken.

AYES: 7
ABS7NT: 2
NAYES: 0 (7:32 PM)

On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Russo move that the Little Falls Board of Education return from Executive Session.

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0 (7:40 PM)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Kribs and seconded by Mr. Russo the meeting was adjourned 7:41 pm.

AYES: 7
ABSENT: 2
NAYES: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens

Melissa Sanzari- Stevens
Business Administrator/Board Secretary