

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

Minutes

**REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, January 5, 2021 Agenda
Immediately following the Reorganization Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Russo called the meeting to order at 6:39pm

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, and Mrs. Verdi

Also Present- Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent and Mr. Christopher Jones
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

V. CORRESPONDENCE- None

VI. MINUTES

On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Breitwieser 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 8, 2020

AYES: 9

NAYES: 0

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

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

Since no, one wished to be heard,

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

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. PRESENTATION - None

IX. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Russo wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone back. He asked that the Board members email him with their committee requests. He also asked Mr. Jones to set up any training that is required for the Board members.

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

1. Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:

- Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone!
- For anyone who selected in person classes, classes will resume on January 11th. It has been amazing to see what has been accomplished virtually.
- All of our nurses have been vaccinated. We are also working with the Clifton health department to have the faculty and staff vaccinated, if they so choose.
- The Little Falls Education Foundation grants will be less this year due to the situation. The administration will be submitting a grant for an outdoor screen and speaker.
- Mrs. Marinelli is now the Treasurer of the Passaic County Superintendent Association. This is an honor for our district.
- Welcome Mr. Kahaty!
- We will be spending the rest of January working on any updates for the Referendum
- Ed Curriculum will meet this week

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT- (Christopher Jones)

Mr. Jones advised the Board of the following:

- School #2 bathrooms will be complete for the return on January 11th
- The ionization project has begun
- A finance Committee meeting will need to be set up for February for the budget.

D. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

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

1. APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the transfer of \$285,000.00 from the district's Capital Reserve Fund into the current 2020-2021 budget for the purchase of Biopolar Needlepoint Ionization Project.

2. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION

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 Cares Emergency Relief Grant in the amount of \$ 107,714.00.

3. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION

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 Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant in the amount of \$ 46,451.00.

4. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION

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 to FEMA for COVID 19 expenses in the amount of \$39,899.00.

5. APPROVAL OF ESEA 2019-2020 CARRYOVER FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve to approve the receipt of ESEA 2019-2020 carryover funds:

Title I \$ 12,503.00
Title II \$ 4,154.00
Title III \$ 2,867.00

Be it further resolved to submit an amendment to the 2020-2021 ESEA application to request reimbursement for the 2019-2020 carryover funds.

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

1. APPROVAL 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

Katusca Rivadeneira Blunt
Michelle Handal

2. APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following out of district placement and extraordinary services for student 2001524 at Chancellor Academy for the 2020-2021 School Year in the amount of \$43,179.00, prorated. (Exhibit A)

3. APPROVE/RATIFY OF OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following out of district placement and extraordinary services for the 20-21 extended school year, student 2002121, at The Washington South in the amount of \$7,800.00.

AYES: 9
NAYES: 0

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

G. PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

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

1. GRANTING OF TENURE

RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education grant tenure to Kimberly DeLia, Behaviorist, effective January 4, 2021.

2. AMEND/APPROVE FFCRA LEAVE OF ABSENCE 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR
 RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent move that the Little Falls Board of Education, approve the following Families First Corona Response Act leave of absence:

20/21 School Year

Name	Position/ Location	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick days Applied	FFCR Start date	FFCR End Date	EXTENDEND LEAVE (Unpaid without benefits)	Date of Return (Anticipated)
4985	Sch 2	09/08/20		09/08/20	12/22/20		12/23/20

AYES: 9
 NAYES: 0

H. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE - None

I. POLICY COMMITTEE - None

J. REFERENDUM COMMITTEE - None

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. DeMarco advised the Board that at the last Referendum committee meeting changes to the auditorium for School #1 were reviewed.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

XI. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

On motion of Mrs. Verdi 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. DeMaro moved that the Little Falls Board of Education close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 9
 NAYES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XII. NEW BUSINESS- None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. DeMarco and seconded by Mr. Miraglia the meeting was adjourned 6:59pm.

AYES: 9

NAYES: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Jones
Business Administrator/Board Secretary