CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT

The Agenda Session of the Old Bridge Township Board of Education was held on February 07, 2017 and was called to order at 7:31 pm.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-10, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by advertising such notice in the Home News Tribune, the Asbury Park Press, the Board office, the schools, and on Cablevision Channel 118 and Verizon Fios Channel 24, and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk.

This meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7, 2017.** The Board will take formal action on **payment of bills** and other **agenda items.**

STATEMENT REGARDING RECORDING OF MEETINGS BY BOARD SECRETARY

The Old Bridge Township Board of Education acknowledges that the law of this state establishes that members of the public, including members of the board, have the right to record public board meetings, using audio or video recording devices, provided that the act of recording does not interfere with the business of this public board meeting. Therefore, the board makes it known that any such recording is to be considered the private recording of the individual and in no manner represents the official record of this board. The Board, therefore, takes no responsibility for such private recording and completely disavows any future use.

ROLL CALL BY BOARD SECRETARY

	Present	Absent
Andriani, Donna	✓	
Cali, Jill	✓	
Dunn, Richard	✓	
Dynof, Jeffrey	✓	
Ellis-Foster, Kelly	✓	
Reed, Walter arrived		✓
Singh, Balwinder		✓
Weber, Frank		✓
DiPrima, Sal	✓	

Also Present:		
David Cittadino	Superintendent	✓
Kathleen Hoeker, Ed.D.	Asst. Superintendent	✓
Joseph J. Marra	SBA / Board Secretary	✓
Rosanne Moran	Director of Technology	✓
James Tuohy, Ed.D.	Director of Special Services	✓
Chris Parton	Board Counsel arrived	✓
Carylee Johnson	Asst. School Business Administrator	✓

Quorum Exists

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS

HEARING OF RESIDENTS (Agenda Items Only)

The Board encourages questions, feedback and viewpoints. School Boards are strengthened by diversity of viewpoints to foster dialogue in a spirit of school-community partnership that builds effective policy and problem-solving.

XXIII FINANCE

1 Move the following bill lists dated February 3, 2017 be approved:

Batch #	Amount	Batch #	Amount	Batch #	Amount
1	$1,467,164.79	2	$945,252.41	3	$4,603.08
5	$9,599.52	PRE-PAYMENT	$4,538,190.28		

2 Move the Old Bridge Board of Education amend the following resolution which was approved on the September 20, 2016 agenda under Finance Resolution #7 regarding the **Authorization for Sale/Disposal of Surplus Vehicles** which extends the dates of the Interlocal Vehicle Sale Agreement**:**

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2016, the Old Bridge Board of Education ("OBBOE") entered into an Interlocal Vehicle Sale Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission ("HCESC") Cooperative Purchasing System for the period October 14, 2016 through January 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS the Old Bridge Board of Education and the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission desire to extend the Interlocal Vehicle Sale Agreement through the remainder of the 2016-17 school year; and

SO BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 18A:6-51, et. seq., the Old Bridge Board of Education extends the Inter-Local Vehicle Sale Agreement with the HCESC for the following remaining vehicles, which are no longer of service to the District and/or which have outlived their useful life;

32	1GDDJ7TC41J509882	2002 GMC/BB 54-pass. Bus
39	4DRBRABM03A951426	2004 International 54-pass. Bus
31	4DRBUAAP88B642539	2008 International 54-pass. Bus

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as per this agreement, the Old Bridge Board of Education does agree to pay a 10% commission to the HCESC, which will handle all legal advertisements, bid documentation, promotion and warehousing of above-listed vehicles; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any offers to purchase subject vehicles will be presented by the HCESC to the Old Bridge Board of Education, which will have the right to authorize acceptance, counter, or decline each offer.

FINANCE **Resolutions 1 and 2**			
Motion: Cali	**Second: Andriani**		
Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
Andriani, Donna	✓		
Cali, Jill	✓		
Dunn, Richard	✓		
Dynof, Jeffrey	✓		
Ellis-Foster, Kelly	✓		
Reed, Walter			ABSENT
Singh, Balwinder			ABSENT
Weber, Frank			ABSENT
DiPrima, Salvatore	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	6	0	

XXII NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OTHER

1 Move the Board **reassign** the following Noonhour Supervisors from **Substitute** to **Regular**:

Name	School	Effective
Shehla Akhtar	Shepard	2/8/17

2 Move the Board **reassign** the following Noonhour Supervisors, from **1-hour** Noonhour Supervisor positions to **2-hour** Noonhour Supervisor positions:

Name	From	To	Effective
Linda Donnamaria	Cheesequake	Miller	2/8/17

3 Move the Board **employ** the following Regular Noonhours for the 2016-2017 school year at a rate of $15.11 per hour:

Name	School	Effective
Lauri Matera	Southwood	2/8/17

4 Move the Board approve the following Noonhour Supervisor **leave of absence**:

Name	School	Type	Unpaid
Devyani Patel	Shepard	Personal	1/12/17-2/1/17

5 Move the Board accept the following Noonhour Supervisor **resignation**:

Name	School	Effective
Tracey Wallace	Voorhees	2/7/17
Pakiza Siddique	Cheesequake	1/24/17

NCP – Other **Resolutions 1 through 5**			
Motion: DYNOF	**Second: ANDRIANI**		
Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
Cali, Jill	✓		
Dunn, Richard	✓		
Dynof, Jeffrey	✓		
Ellis-Foster, Kelly	✓		
Reed, Walter			ABSENT
Singh, Balwinder			ABSENT
Weber, Frank			ABSENT
Andriani, Donna	✓		
DiPrima, Salvatore	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	9	0	

XXIII CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

1 Move the Board approve the retirement of the following staff member(s) with deep appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the District.

	Name	School	Years of Service (Approximate)	Effective
A	Jeanine Sieber (retirement D)	Miller Elementary	12	03/01/17

2 Move the Board employ the following personnel as long-term substitute(s) for the 2016-2017 school year, and approve submission of an application to the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools for Authorization for Emergent Hiring, where necessary. (Including authorization for employment in the Title I, NCLB or IDEA Federal Programs):

	Name	Position	Degree/Step	Salary	Effective
A	Jennifer Parnagian Repl. K. Bonner 17-217	McDivitt Grade K Teacher 11-110-100-101-11-000 Certification(s):Elem School Tchr in Grs. K-6	MA/Step 1	$51,917 (prorated)	1/20/17-5/31/17
B	Antoinette Larkin Repl. L. Reach 17-220	Shepard Grade K Teacher 11-110-100-101-15-000 Certification(s):Elementary School Teacher	**BA/Step 4**	**$49,443** **(prorated)**	2/08/17-03/14/17

CERTIFICATED **Resolution 1 & 2**			
Motion: ANDRIANI	**Second:**		**ELLIS-FOSTER**
Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
Dunn, Richard	✓		
Dynof, Jeffrey	✓		
Ellis-Foster, Kelly	✓		
Reed, Walter			ABSENT
Singh, Balwinder			ABSENT
Weber, Frank			ABSENT
Andriani, Donna	✓		
Cali, Jill	✓		
DiPrima, Salvatore	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	6	0	

XXV SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

1 Move the Board Move the Board approve the professional services agreement for Nursing Services, Child Study Team Diagnostic Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Counseling, and Speech Therapy beginning February 8, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2017, with General Healthcare Resources, Inc. a State Approved Clinic/Agency. (Per Diem Hourly Rates: Nursing Services - RN $52.00, LPN $42.00, Occupational Therapy $74.00, Physical Therapy $74.00, Speech Language Pathologist $78.00). Contract on file in the Business Office.

2 Move the Board approve the professional services agreement for home instruction for a special education student beginning February 15, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2017, with Oxford Consulting Services, Inc. Hourly rate $75.00. Contract on file in the Business Office.

3 Move the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Old Bridge Board of Education approves the application of an 'other capital project' to the NJDOE Office of School Facilities for all necessary approvals as follows:

Description	State Project #
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at the Board of Education Building	3845-X01-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Carpenter ES	3845-133-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Cheesequake ES	3845-105-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Cooper ES	3845-113-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Glenn ES	3845-X03-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Grissom ES	3845-163-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Madison Park ES	3845-120-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at McDivitt ES	3845-108-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Memorial ES	3845-130-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Miller ES	3845-170-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at the Nike Base	3845-X04-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Old Bridge HS	3845-040-17-2000

Description	State Project #
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Old Bridge HS – Grade Nine Center	3845-040-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Salk MS	3845-110-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Sandburg Field House	3845-103-17-2000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Sandburg MS	3845-103-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Schirra ES	3845-165-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Shepard ES	3845-082-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Southwood ES	3845-150-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Voorhees ES	3845-140-17-1000

4 Move the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Old Bridge Board of Education approves the amendment to the District's Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP to include the following:

Description	State Project #
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at the Board of Education Building	3845-X01-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Carpenter ES	3845-133-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Cheesequake ES	3845-105-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Cooper ES	3845-113-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Glenn ES	3845-X03-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Grissom ES	3845-163-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Madison Park ES	3845-120-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at McDivitt ES	3845-108-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Memorial ES	3845-130-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Miller ES	3845-170-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at the Nike Base	3845-X04-17-1000
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Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Old Bridge HS – Grade Nine Center	3845-040-17-1000
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Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Shepard ES	3845-082-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Southwood ES	3845-150-17-1000
Energy Savings Improvement Plan at Voorhees ES	3845-140-17-1000

SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & SERVICES Resolutions 1 through 4			
Motion: ANDRIANI	**Second: DUNN**		
Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
Cali, Jill	✓		
Dunn, Richard	✓		
Dynof, Jeffrey	✓		
Ellis-Foster, Kelly	✓		
Reed, Walter			ABSENT
Singh, Balwinder			ABSENT
Weber, Frank			ABSENT
Andriani, Donna	✓		
DiPrima, Salvatore	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	6	0	

XXVII MISCELLANEOUS

1 Move the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION CALLING

FOR A MORATORIUM ON NEW CHARTER SCHOOL SEATS IN MIDDLESEX

AND SOMERSET COUNTIES, CREATED THROUGH THE APPROVAL OF

NEW FACILITIES AND/OR THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Charter School Program Act of 1995 (the "Act") authorizes the creation of charter schools to service students whose respective communities have identified a desire for alternatives to traditional public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that individuals interested in creating a new charter school include parents and/or other stakeholders of the community in which the proposed charter school will be located; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires that all charter schools have an approved district or region of residence made up of public school districts, which district/region of residence represents the community that the charter school was created to serve; and

WHEREAS, there are currently five charter schools in Middlesex and Somerset Counties, with a sixth having been approved in October 2016 with tentative opening of September 2018, which schools serve the following communities pursuant to their approved district/region of residence:

a. Hatikvah International Academy Charter School ("Hatikvah"): East Brunswick;

b. Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School ("TEECS"): Franklin, North Brunswick, and South Brunswick;

c. Central Jersey College Prep Charter School ("CJCP"): Franklin, North Brunswick, and New Brunswick;

d. Greater Brunswick Charter School: New Brunswick, Edison, and Highland Park;

e. Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School: Perth Amboy;

WHEREAS, a number of these charter schools have applied to the NJDOE seeking to expand their current programs, enrollment and locations; and

WHEREAS, a new charter school, Albert Einstein EnergySmart Charter School ("AEESCS"), a sister school to TEECS, currently has an unwarranted, unwanted, and flawed phase II application before the NJDOE for a 360 student facility in Old Bridge;

WHEREAS, a sixth charter school, Ailanthus Charter School, was approved by the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") in October 2016 to serve students in Franklin and New Brunswick beginning in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, the current number of seats across existing charter schools in Middlesex and Somerset counties for the 2016-2017 school year, according to available public records, is 2,316; and

WHEREAS, the number of charter school seats throughout Middlesex and Somerset counties, according to available public records, will increase by 128% to 5,283 if all of the outstanding expansion applications are granted and Ailanthus is granted a final charter by the NJDOE; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the districts of residence pay the charter schools for each student from their respective communities enrolled in those schools, thereby draining funds and diminishing money available to serve students in the traditional public schools; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has interpreted the Act to require all public school districts statewide to pay charter schools for students enrolled in those schools regardless as to whether the charter serves that district's community as part of the charter's approved district or region of residence; and

WHEREAS, any increase in charter seats will have a negative impact on public school district funding, with the proposed 128% increase in such seats in Middlesex and Somerset counties likely to lead to drastic and debilitating cuts throughout the public school districts in those counties; and

WHEREAS, unlike charter schools, public school districts are consistently underfunded by the State despite the requirements of the School Funding Reform Act and are also subject to a mandatory 2% cap on increases to its local tax levy, which prevents public school districts from raising funds to cover the damage caused by increased charter school seats; and

WHEREAS, the existing charter schools located in Middlesex and Somerset counties are already lacking in demand in their own designated communities and the expansion of these schools will only exacerbate this issue; and

WHEREAS, in direct contradiction to the letter and spirit of the Act, many charter schools are seeking to expand in order to enroll additional students from districts outside of the charter schools' approved districts or regions of residence due to a lack of interest from students who live in the very communities for which the charters were created to serve; and

WHEREAS, TEECS, CJCP and Hatikvah have all filed applications seeking to expand their enrollment despite the fact, according to data available for the 2016-2017 school year, that only 96% of the students enrolled in TEECS reside in that school's region of residence, only 87% of the students enrolled in CJCP reside in that school's region of residence, and only 48% of the students enrolled in Hatikvah reside in that school's district of residence; and

WHEREAS, TEECS and Hatikvah enroll a significantly more segregated student body than any of the resident or non-resident sending districts with respect to race, socioeconomic status, and need for special education; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the Courts have repeatedly determined that the practice of segregating students must be ended, not perpetuated under the guise of parental choice or "free-market" competition; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear as to whether the NJDOE gives due consideration to the increased segregation of students caused by expanding charter schools; and

WHEREAS, it is also unclear as to whether the NJDOE gives due weight to the financial burden on districts of residence and other public school districts impacted by increasing charter school enrollment when considering applications for new or expanded charter schools; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of publicly available studies and/or statistical analyses conducted by the NJDOE with respect to the segregative and financial impact of charter school expansions on the vast majority of students remaining in the traditional public setting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby implores the New Jersey Department of Education to conduct a full, open and thorough analysis of the potential impact that the expansion and addition of charter schools in Middlesex and Somerset counties will have on each public school district throughout the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a moratorium be imposed on the approval of any application to expand or create any charter school in Middlesex and/or Somerset county until such time as the NJDOE analysis can be properly completed and the results of which can be shared and discussed with the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby requests the assistance of its local and State representatives in ensuring that the NJDOE conducts the necessary charter school impact analysis and that the public school districts of Middlesex and Somerset counties receive their fair share of funds so that they can continue to provide a thorough and efficient public education to all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Acting Commissioner of Education, the Acting Director of the Office of Charter Schools, State Senator Teresa Ruiz and the Senate Education Committee, Assemblywoman Marlene Caride and the Assembly Education Committee, State Senate President Stephen Sweeney, and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARTER EXPANSION MORATORIUM RESOLUTION #1			
Motion: DYNOF	**Second: CALI**		
Roll Call Vote:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain / Pass**
Dynof, Jeffrey	✓		
Ellis-Foster, Kelly	✓		
Reed, Walter			ABSENT
Singh, Balwinder			ABSENT
Weber, Frank			ABSENT
Andriani, Donna	✓		
Cali, Jill	✓		
Dunn, Richard	✓		
DiPrima, Salvatore	✓		
RESOLUTIONS PASSED:	6	0	

HEARING OF RESIDENTS (Any school district issue)
The meeting was open to the hearing of residents. That portion of the meeting was closed.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Ellis-Foster and seconded by Dynof the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session to discuss matters of personnel and attorney-client privilege, for discussions of ongoing litigation with a teaching staff member, personnel/staffing impact of federal funding changes, and a proposed special education settlement (8:25 pm).

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 13 the Old Bridge Township Board of Education will hereby go into closed session and exclude the public discuss matters of personnel and attorney-client privilege, for discussions of ongoing litigation with a teaching staff member, personnel/staffing impact of federal funding changes, and a proposed special education settlement matters which pursuant to the applicable law, are confidential.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minutes be taken of the closed session and that such matters be released promptly to the extent that making such matters public is not inconsistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Upon motion duly made by Dynof and seconded by Ellis-Foster, the board unanimously voted to come out of closed session. (9:05 pm).

Upon motion duly made by Dynof and seconded by Ellis-Foster, the board unanimously voted to come out of closed session. (9:06 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Marra
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Certified as to legality only
Chris Parton, Esq.