

**Regular Public Meeting
April 20, 2021**

I. Flag Salute / Sunshine Statement / Call to Order / Roll Call

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*), adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the **Star Ledger** and **Westfield Leader** and posting notice on the front door of Lincoln School and filing notice with the Borough Clerk. I hereby call to order the Regular Public Meeting, via Google Meet, Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Barnes (Adrienne)		
Mr. DelConte (Albert)		
Miss Guerriero (Christine)		
Dr. Kjetsaa (Mary Ann)		
Mrs. Ridente (Denise)		
Ms. Roland (Tracey)		
Mr. Ryan (Timothy)		
Mrs. Scepkowski (Maureen)		
Mr. Trentacosta (Ralph)		

Administration:

Dr. Teresa Quigley, Chief School Administrator
 Dr. Dennis R. Frohnafel, Interim SBA/Board Secretary
 John G. Geppert, Jr., Esq., Board Attorney

II. Executive Session

Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, to discuss **Legal** and **Personnel** matters; and **Be It Further Resolved**, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____
 Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting . . .
 Motion: _____ Second: _____ Time: _____

III. Approval of Minutes

Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on March 16, 2021

<i>Motion:</i>				<i>Second:</i>					
<i>Roll Call</i>		<i>Mrs. Barnes</i>		<i>Mr. DelConte</i>		<i>Miss Guerriero</i>		<i>Dr. Kjetsaa</i>	
<i>Mrs. Ridente</i>		<i>Ms. Roland</i>		<i>Mr. Ryan</i>		<i>Mrs. Scepkowski</i>		<i>Mr. Trentacosta</i>	

Y= Yes N = No A = Abstain

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IV. Presentation by Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Field Service Rep

V. Committee Reports

- A. Budget/Finance/Facilities
- B. Education/Personnel
- C. Strategic Planning/Policy
- D. Website Committee

VI. Liaison Reports

A	Clark Board of Education	Christine Guerriero
B	Garwood Educational Foundation	Maureen Scepkowski/Mary Ann Kjetsaa
C	Garwood PTA	Andrienne Barnes
D	Garwood Borough Council Representative	Albert DelConte
E	Union County Ed Services Commission	Maureen Scepkowski
F	Union County School Boards Association	Timothy Ryan
G	Union County Vo-Tech	Timothy Ryan
H	Garwood Seniors Association	Mary Ann Kjetsaa
I	New Jersey School Boards Association	Christine Guerriero

VII. Superintendent's Report

VIII. Public Comment (Bylaw 9322)

Public Participation Meetings of the Garwood Board of Education are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to attend. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules: **1)** A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable; **2)** Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration; **3)** No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; **4)** All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member; **5)** the presiding officer may interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy.

IX. Resolutions

- A. Budget/Finance/Facilities
- B. Education/Personnel
- C. Strategic Planning/Policy

X. Board Comments

XI. Adjournment

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A. Finance/Budget/Facilities

A1 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approve the A148 (Board Secretary's) and A149 (Treasurer's) reports for the month March 1-31, 2021; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education and Board Secretary certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet District financial obligations for the 2020/21 school year.

A2 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approve the payment of bills and claims.

March 12 thru April 15, 2021	\$899,965.26
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A3 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approve the following budget transfers for the month of March 2021:

<i>FROM Account</i>	<i>TO Account</i>	<i>\$ Amount \$</i>
Tuition/private Schools NJ 11-000-100-566-000	Purchase Prof-Ed Services 11-000-216-320-000	\$10,000.00
Cleaning/Repair/Maintenance 11-000-261-420-000	Salaries/Paraprofessionals 11-190-100-106-000	\$5,000.00
Cleaning/Repair/Maintenance 11-000-261-420-000	Other Salaries/Substitutes 11-190-100-106-001	\$5,000.00
Unemployment 11-000-291-241-000	Other Retirement PERS 11-000-291-250-000	\$2,737.29

A4 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the submission and subsequent acceptance of the 2021 NJSBIG Safety Grant, amount of \$2,843.00.

A5 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, authorizes the Interim SBA/Board Secretary to close the Athletics Account and transfer the balance to the General Operating Account and contra the balance to line acct #11-402-100-100-000.

A6 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the Use of School Facilities:

Armando Gonzalez, use of Art Room, April 13 and 14 (3:00 pm to 4:30 pm), April 15 (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm), April 19, 20 and 21 (3:00 pm to 5:00pm),

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Budget/Finance/Facilities resolutions A1 thru A6				
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Mr. DelConte (Albert)				
Miss Guerriero (Christine)				
Dr. Kjetsaa (Mary Ann)				
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B. Education/Personnel

Education

- B1 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School, approve the findings and decisions presented at the March 16, 2021 regular meeting regarding bullying incidents J-3 and J-4.
- B2 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School, approve the revised school calendar for 2020/21.
- B3 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School, approve the revised preliminary school calendar for 2021/22.
- B4 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the 8th grade trip to Great Adventure, June 4, 2021.

Personnel

- B5 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the following **Leaves of Absence**:
 1. Employee No.11504, medical leave, unpaid, from April 14 thru June 30, 2021, full cost of benefits payable to Garwood BOE, from April 14 thru June 30, 2021.
- B6 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the following extra-curricular assignments, for the 2020/21 school year, compensation in accordance with negotiated agreement:
 1. Play Production (4 positions, total cost not to exceed \$3,264
 2. Tamara Benc (1 position)
 3. Heather Linken (1 position)
 4. Carol DelConte (2 positions)

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B7 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the following certificated staff, for the Special Education Summer Program, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement:

1. Janine Murray and Nicole Bosco, Sp Ed Teacher, \$30.00 per hour
2. Tara Ridente, Speech Teacher, \$30.00 per hour
3. Stacie Curraro, Mireya Kolfenbach, Tracey Kornik, Imperio Mormile, Gavin Parkhill, Paraprofessionals, \$15.00 per hour

B8 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the assignment of Jennifer Woodruff, to provide ABA services for the Special Education Summer Program, total cost not to exceed \$6,500.

Education/Personnel B1 thru B8				
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C. Strategic Planning/Policy

C1 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the **second reading** of revised Policies:

- Policy 6142.2 English as a Second Language; Bilingual Programs
- Policy 6142.4 Physical Education and Health
- Policy 6142.6 Basic Skills
- Policy 6142.9 Arts
- Policy 6142.10 Internet Safety and Technology
- Policy 6142.12 Career and Technical Education

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C2 Be It Resolved, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the ***first reading*** of revised Policies:

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| Policy 6142.13 | HIV Prevention Education |
| Policy 6143 | Curriculum Guides |
| Policy 6143.1 | Lesson Plans |
| Policy 6144 | Controversial Issues |
| Policy 6145 | Extra Curricular Activities |
| Policy 6145.1/6145.2 | Intramural Competition: Interscholastic Competition |

Strategic Planning/Policy resolutions C1 and C2				
Motion:	Second:			
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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