



Regular Meeting & Public Budget Hearing, March 24, 2021, (continued)

Board Secretary read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of this act the Cliffside Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the offices of the Borough Clerk, the Borough Library, the Borough Recreation Department, the office of the Board of Education, and the offices of Schools Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and the High School on March 9, 2021 and notices were forwarded to reporters of The Record on March 9, 2021. This is an official meeting.”

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Romagnino introduced the Business Administrator, Mr. Louis Alfano who gave an overview of the 2021-2022 Budget.
- User Friendly Budget posted on website.
- Volleyball, Wrestling and Indoor Track has been reinstated. Baseball, Softball and Outdoor Track to start in April.
- Mr. Romagnino thanked Alyce Cusano, Director of Guidance for holding a virtual “College Information Night” on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Pre-K registration will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact school #5 for information.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, (Continued)**

- Kindergarten registration for new students will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> thru April 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact school #4 for information.
- Middle School and High School newspapers are posted on the website.
- Mr. Romagnino announced many of the staff have been getting their vaccines.
- Mr. Romagnino advised the Board Members that in their folders were a copy of a Draft Budget regarding ESSER II funds in which the district is expected to receive approximately two million dollars to be used for specific reasons such as addressing learning laws for students, ventilation upgrades for buildings, mental health

counseling for students, etc. Mr. Romagnino asked the Board Members to review it and submit any suggestions for future discussion.

- Mr. Romagnino reminded the Board Members to complete the Board Self Evaluations.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Fogarty gave an overview of the School Ethics Report.

**PERSONNEL**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following staff professional development and reimbursement, through voucher for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

<i><b>NAME</b></i>	<i><b>DESCRIPTION</b></i>	<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>Estimated \$AMOUNT</b></i>
Candice Rowan	AP Summer Institute for US Government and Politics	6/07/2021 thru 6/10/2021	\$700.00

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve unpaid family leave for Emma Brooks-Lee, ESL Teacher-High School to commence on February 26, 2021 through April 12, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve unpaid leave for Anna Accetta, Teacher-School #4 on March 31, 2021 and April 1, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement of Brenda Mollinedo, Spanish Teacher-Middle School, effective June 1, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to transfer Greta Lengerke from Lunch Aide-School #5 to Teacher Aide-PreK Special Education class, School #5 effective March 22, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$16.00 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. (Account#-11-216-100-106-05-00-0000-070)

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**PERSONNEL, (Continued)**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to reinstate Elizabeth Leighton, Title I Teacher-School #3 from an unpaid leave of absence effective April 12, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Therese Rembecky, LLD Teacher-School #6/MS effective March 11, 2021 through May 21, 2021 with a return back to work date of May 24, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve unpaid leave of absence for Donna Murtagh-Secretary, School #6/MS from March 18, 2021 through March 26, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kayley Liso, as a Teacher Aide in the Preschool Disabilities Program at School #5 effective March 23, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$16.00 for 2020-2021 school year. (Account#-11-216-100-106-05-00-0000-070)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve medical leave for Carmela Tufano, High School Social Studies Teacher, utilizing twenty (20) sick days before due date beginning May 13, 2021 through June 11, 2021 and twenty (20) sick days after due date (anticipated due date June 12, 2021) beginning June 14, 2021 through June 21, 2021 and September 1, 2021 through September 22, 2021. Unpaid NJ Family leave to begin on September 23, 2021 through December 15, 2021 with an anticipated return back to work date of January 3, 2022.

**PERSONNEL, (Continued)**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appropriate the following amount from Title IIA Salaries for the following teacher effective February 16, 2021:

Name	Appropriated Amount	Account #
Nadine Grant	\$60,940	Title IIA Salaries 20-270-100-101-03-09-0000-050

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve medical leave for Krystal Mirkovic, Teacher-School #6/MS utilizing twenty (20) sick days after birth (anticipated due date July 25, 2021) beginning September 1, 2021 through September 30,

2021. Unpaid NJ Family leave to begin October 1, 2021 with an anticipated return back to work date of September 1, 2022.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tamara Wiener, as School Psychologist-High School at MA+30 Step-1 \$59,190 (pro-rated) with benefits, effective March 24, 2021 for the 2020-2021 school year. (Account#-11-000-219-104-02-00-0000-030)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Klaudia Matmuja, Teacher Aide-High School effective March 22, 2021.

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### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the Nurses' reports and Fire Drill reports for all schools, for the month of February 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following minutes:

Work Session – February 17, 2021

Regular Meeting & Executive Closed Session Meeting – February 24, 2021

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**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the agreement for a Cooperative Football and Wrestling Sports Program between the Cliffside Park High School and Ridgefield High School for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. This agreement is subject to approval by the NJSIAA Executive Committee after prior board approval by the Cliffside Park Board of Education and the Ridgefield Board of Education.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES:	8
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Cliffside Park Board of Education by a majority vote at its meeting on March 24, 2021.

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Louis Alfano  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: March 25, 202

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to confirm the review and instruction on the School Ethics Act, including the signing by all Board Members on March 24, 2021 the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form – ‘Code of Ethics for School Board Members’.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES:	8
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Cliffside Park Board of Education by a majority vote at its duly authorized meeting on March 24, 2021.

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LOUIS ALFANO  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2021

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**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to permit the use of the following facilities for the 2020-2021 school year:

SCHOOL	FACILITY	DATES REQUESTED	TIME	PURPOSE	REQUESTED BY
High School	Field	June 22,2021-July 16, 2021	3:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Summer League	Carmin Cambareri
High School	Driveway	March 20, 2021	9:00a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Food collection/NHS	Lawrence Pinto



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**FINANCE**

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the **Revised** Tuition Contract between the Cliffside Park Board of Education (sending district) and Bancroft NeuroHealth (an approved private school) for **one student** for the 2020-2021 school year. Educational Services will commence on December 2, 2020, therefore the total billable days will be 123 at a per diem rate of \$391.96 for a tentative tuition charge of \$48,211.08 and for Extraordinary Services at a per diem rate of \$208.00 for an additional tentative charge of \$25,584.00.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Tuition Contract between the Cliffside Park Board of Education (sending district) and New Beginnings (an approved private school) for **one student** for the 2021-2022 school year. Educational Services will commence on July 6, 2021, therefore the total billable days will be 212 at a per diem rate of \$402.68 for a tentative tuition charge of \$85,368.16.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve February 26, 2021 payroll in the amount of \$1,535,185.38.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transfer of monies from the Payroll Agency Account to the General Account, Reference Number H800015, in the amount of \$72,709.92 to cover Health Benefits Contributions from Employees to Reimburse Employer for the covered period of February 16, 2021 through February 28, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transfer of monies from the Payroll Agency Account to the General Account, Reference Number ACA900011 in the amount of \$229.40 to cover Affordable Care Act Health Benefits Contributions from Employees to Reimburse Employer for the covered period of February 16, 2021 through February 28, 2021.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the interim checks and internal transfers from the General Account *to the Cafeteria Account, the Payroll Account and the Payroll Agency Account for the month of February 2021* as follows:

700048	February 26 <sup>th</sup> Salary	\$883,334.82
700049	February 26 <sup>th</sup> Agency	567,859.23
700050	February 26 <sup>th</sup> Agency-FICA	83,991.33

**FINANCE, (Continued)**

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve February 26, 2021, Cafeteria payroll in the amount of \$8,456.98 as follows:

600024	February 26 <sup>th</sup> Salary	\$6,037.45
600025	February 26 <sup>th</sup> Agency	2,419.53

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve Athletic Association bills for the month February 2021 in the amount of \$2,631.75 as follows:

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve March 15, 2021 payroll in the amount of \$1,627,911.11.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transfer of monies from the Payroll Agency Account to the General Account, Reference Number H800016, in the amount of \$72,344.76 to cover Health Benefits Contributions from Employees to Reimburse Employer for the covered period of March 1, 2021 through March 15, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transfer of monies from the Payroll Agency Account to the General Account, Reference Number ACA900012 in the amount of \$229.40 to cover Affordable Care Act Health Benefits Contributions from Employees to Reimburse Employer for the covered period of March 1, 2021 through March 15, 2021.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the interim checks and internal transfers from the General Account *to the Cafeteria Account, the Payroll Account and the Payroll Agency Account for the* month of March 2021 as follows:

700051	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Salary	\$950,767.25
700052	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Agency	593,789.06
700053	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Agency-FICA	83,354.80
NJHB900008	NJ State Educators Health Benefits Program (March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021)	586,409.65

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**FINANCE, (Continued)**

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve March 15, 2021, Cafeteria payroll in the amount of \$34,616.02 as follows:

600026	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Salary	\$27,183.94
600027	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Agency	7,432.08

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the bill list for March 2021 in the amount of \$1,619,264.34 as follows:

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the donation of \$3,361.47 from the High School Class of 2020 account with the approval of class advisors, Lynda Donato and Jill Fucci to be used to purchase outdoor seating for the Cliffside Park High School.

The Board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Louis Alfano, Business Administration/Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the purchase of Year: 2022 IC Bus LLC Model PB105 (41) Passenger School Bus with 4 Wheelchairs, Contract #ESCNJ 20/21-33, attention Eric Marelo, quote dated 1/28/2021, quote #: EM012821 in the amount of \$137,314.96.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>0</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Cliffside Park Board of Education by a majority vote at its meeting on March 24, 2021.

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Louis Alfano  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve Joint Transportation Agreement between South Bergen Jointure Commission (Host District) and Cliffside Park Board of Education (Joiner District) for the 2021-2022 School Year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Cliffside Park Board of Education by a majority vote at its meeting on March 24, 2021.

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JAMES SHELLEY  
Board President

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LOUIS ALFANO  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the submission of the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program Continuation Grant (NJDOE-22-EK59-H05) in the amount of \$500,000 for the project period September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

**CERTIFICATION**

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LOUIS ALFANO  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2021

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Cliffside Park School District Budget for the FY 2021-2022 School Year for submission to the voters in the amount of \$58,841,970 as follows:

General Fund	\$56,461,625
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,380,345
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Cliffside Park School District General Fund **Local Tax Levy** for the FY 2021-2022 School Year for submission to the voters in the amount of \$36,995,583 and **\$0 to support Debt Service for the 2021-2022 School Year budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Cliffside Park School District Capital Reserve Withdrawal as follows:

### **Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects.**

Recap of Balances, Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – includes: ‘Other’ Capital Projects, is:

\$1,100,000 costs for High School Gymnasium Upgrade that includes: installation of NEW FLOORING, NEW WINDOWS and NEW HVAC System, **State Project# 0890-030-21-1000.**

\$75,000 costs for installation of new PUBLIC ADDRESS System at #4 school, that includes, wiring, cabling, labor, and phones in classrooms. **NOTE:** If budget allows: phones to be added to High School and #5 school. **State Project#: 0890-060-21-1000.**

\$25,000 costs for district-wide construction services projects that will include classroom expansion, new labs, other instructional space expansion, and office expansion projects (example: NEW LABS at High School, etc.). The expansion will include demolition, as well as partitioning of the spaces.

\$50,000 cost for remodeling of bathrooms and replacement of classroom floors, throughout the district;

\$150,000 cost for Architectural/Engineering services.

The total costs of these projects is \$1,400,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

**Adjustment for increases in healthcare costs – NONE – 0\$.**

Tax Levy Cap Calculation, **Adjustment for increases in healthcare costs:**

**Adjustment for increases in enrollment costs: \$0.**

Tax Levy Cap Calculation, **Adjustment for increases in enrollment costs:**

**Use of Banked-Cap – \$0:**

Tax Levy Cap Calculation, Use of Banked Cap:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

CERTIFICATION

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LOUIS ALFANO  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2021