

Regular Public Meeting - March 18, 2024

LITTLE FERRY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 130 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643

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A G E N D A

I. Flag Salute

II. Sunshine Statement/Call to Order

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 Record and posting notice of this meeting in Borough Hall and the Superintendent’s Office. I hereby call to order the Public Meeting of the Little Ferry Board of Education, Monday, March 18, 2024, at _____pm.

III. Roll Call

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Brattoli (Michele)		
Mrs. Patel (Purna)		
Mr. Fytros (Nicholas)		
Mrs. Gottlieb (Leslie)		
Mr. Mele (Frank)		
Ms. Villasuso (Lourdes)		
Mr. Vorisek (Raymond)		
Mr. Bonelli (Brian) <i>Vice President</i>		
Mrs. Bradley (Victoria) <i>President</i>		
Vatsal Upadhyay - Student Representative		

Attendance:

Mr. Matthew Perrapato, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. John A. Gomez, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IV. Approval of Minutes

Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Public meeting held on February 15, 2024.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Second:</i>			
<i>Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Brattoli (Michelle)				
Mrs. Patel (Purna)				
Mr. Fytros (Nicholas)				
Mrs. Gottlieb (Leslie)				
Mr. Mele (Frank)				
Ms. Villasuso (Lourdes)				
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<i>President</i>				
<i>Mrs. Bradley (Victoria) President</i>				

V. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Perrapato to give an update.

Students of the Month February 2024

5th Grade - Matteo Prestigiacommo

6th Grade - Derrick Rowe

7th Grade - Gabriel Carrillo

8th Grade - Myla Carter

HIB report 0 Washington 0 Memorial

Board Secretary’s Report - Mr. Gomez to give an update on Preliminary Budget

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Personnel - Mrs. Brattoli to provide an update
- B. Education – Mrs. Villasuso provide update
- C. Finance - Mr. Bonelli to provide update
- D. Policy – Mr. Mele to provide update
- E. Transportation - Mrs. Patel. to provide update
- F. Expansion - Mrs. Bradley to provide update

VII. Communications

- A. Borough Liaison Report – Mr. Vorisek to provide update
- B. Ridgefield Park Liaison Report – Mr. Fytros to provide update
- C. NJSBA Delegate Report – Mrs. Brattoli to provide update

VIII. Public Comment (Agenda ONLY)

Each member of the public will have 5 minutes to speak during the comment period. Time cannot be transferred to other individuals. The public comment period will be one hour for agenda items. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

IX. Business Agenda – Resolution Items

Resolutions:

A. Finance

F08 **Be It Resolved** that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the certification of funds, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations of the 2023/2024 school year; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Education approves the payroll and the

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payment of bills and claims (Attachment #F1) as follows:

Bills and Claims #F1	\$2,284,244.38
Payroll 2-29-24	\$499,256.52
Payroll 3-15-24	\$527,423.26
Total	\$3,310,924.16

F09 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following financial reports (*Unaudited*):

February 1, 2024 – February 29, 2024 - A148 Board Secretary’s Report and A149 Treasurer’s Report for 2023-2024 school year.

F10 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Budget Transfers for February 2024 (**#F2**).

F11 Resolution to Adopt Preliminary 2024/25 School Year Budget

Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the submission of the *Preliminary 2024/25 School Year Budget* as follows:

Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$ 28,508,854
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 561,282
Transfer to Charter Schools (Fund 10)	\$ <u>27,824</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 29,097,960

Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ <u>3,512,385</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 32,610,345

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2024-2025 Total Expenditures	\$29,097,960	\$ 3,512,385	\$ 0	\$32,610,345
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$7,050,988	\$ 3,512,385	\$ 0	\$10,563,373
Taxes to be Raised (Local Tax Levy)	\$22,046,972	- 0 -	\$ 0	\$22,046,972

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Be It Further Resolved included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$250,000 for other capital projects to purchase solar array final payments due to contractual obligation or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the CCCS.

Be It Further Resolved that the 2024/25 school year budget includes a withdrawal from the Tuition Reserve account in the amount of \$475,000 for tuition adjustments from prior years.

Be It Further Resolved that the GENERAL FUND tax levy \$22,046,972 is approved to support the 2024/25 school year budget.

B. District Operations

DO25 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following 23-24 tuition contract for SID# 6695187515 - Bergen County Special Services, Venture Program from February 21, 2024 thru June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$92,160.00 prorated. Paid out of State Aide Funds.

DO26 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following 23-24 tuition contract for SID# 2117681545 - Bergen County Special Services, Gateway School from February 22, 2024 thru June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$64,800.00 prorated. Paid out of State Aide Funds.

DO27 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following 23-24 tuition contract for SID# 3967709375 - Holmstead School from February 29, 2024 thru June 30, 2024 at a prorated cost of \$24,926.68. Account Line# 11-000-100-566-00-000.

DO28 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Joint Transportation Agreement, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2024-25 school year; the services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of non-public, out-of-district special education, vocational and summer Programs.

Be It Further Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution.

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DO29 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Contracted Services (OT, PT, Speech and Behaviorist with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2024-2025 school year.

DO30 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the \$700 donation to the student activity fund. The donation was made on February 27, 2024.

DO31 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following vendor, Ghenet Myrthil, 130 Massachusetts Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06824

Description: Author Assembly - PTA

DO32 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following vendor, Royal Printing Service, PO Box 1000, West New York, NJ 07093 - Printing Services.

DO33 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Computer Solutions, Inc. annual contract agreement for the 2024/2025 school year, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, annual fee \$13,308

Account Line #11-000-251-330-00-000

DO34 WHEREAS, the Little Ferry Board of Education policy #6471 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2024-2025 school year.

WHEREAS, the Little Ferry Board of Education appropriated \$11,509.42 for travel during the 2023-2024 school year and has spent \$5,545.31 as of March 18, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Ferry Board of Education hereby establishes the school district general fund travel maximum for the 2024-2025 school year at the sum of \$20,000 and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

DO35 Be it resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of schools, approves the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

DO36 Be it resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of schools, approves the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) Budget Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

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DO37 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the change orders to the contract with Yannuzzi Group for the demolition of Washington School.

Contract Change Order #1- \$60,000 additional asbestos found 1,600 linear feet of transite pipe above the floor ceiling and glue dots containing asbestos behind all of the blackboards in the building.

Contract Change Order #2- \$44,600 for additional asbestos found as non-friable mastic below the foundation (Concrete Slab) of the Gymnasium at the former Washington School.

1. Original Contract Amount	\$ 598,500
2. Change Order #1	\$ 60,000
3. Change Order #2	\$ 44,600
Contract Sum to Date	\$ 703,100

DO38 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, approves the withdrawal of an additional \$43,100 from the Capital Reserve for the additional costs incurred by Change orders #1 and Change order # 2 for 104,600. Original Capital Reserve was for \$ 660,000.

DO39 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the corrective action plan for addressing chronic absenteeism.

DO40 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following vendor, Infrared Predictive Surveys, Inc PO Box 66305, St.Pete Beach Fl

Description : Roof Scan Audit

DO41 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the

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Superintendent of Schools, approves A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE Little Ferry Board of Education) TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2024 the governing body of the Little Ferry Board of Education, County of Bergen), State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Little Ferry Board of Education

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Superintendent is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Personnel

P16 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following pool of teachers to be used as needed for the Learning Academy at a rate of \$50.00 per hour; from March 21, 2023 to May 31, 2024

Jill Arrigo
Gayle Smith
Karen Lavery
Elisa Gonzalez
Joanna Trawiniski

Paid for with TITLE I funds 20-231-100-101-00-000

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- P17 Be It Resolved** that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the resignation of Jose Romero, Part-Time Custodian, effective March 15, 2024.
- P18 Be It Resolved**, that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following medical leave for employee #39314950. The leave will be starting on March 4, 2024 through April 26, 2024 with a return to work date of April 29, 2024. The employee will be paid using 33 sick days. A medical clearance is required to return to work.
- P19 Be It Resolved** that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following unpaid leave of absence for employee #59739029 from February 19, 2024 through March 1, 2024 with a return to work date of March 4, 2024.
- P20 Be It Resolved** that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following staff to be used as needed for the Learning Academy at a rate of \$50.00 per hour; from March 18, 2024 to May 31, 2024

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Mike Luterzo

Gina Rizzi

Curriculum

- C04 Be It Resolved**, that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following **Professional Development** :
1. Dongeun Lee - Heinemann & BCPSA - West Brook Middle School, Paramus, NJ - Supporting Multilingual Learners in K - 12 Classrooms - March 26, 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
 2. James Dunn - BCCC - Paramus, NJ - Curricular Professional Development - March 12, 2024 - 11 am - 3 pm - at no cost to the district.
 3. Jillian Calocino - Conquer Mathematics - Pompton Plains, NJ - Building our Financial Literacy Curriculum in Grades 5 - 8 - March 1, 2024- 8:15 am - 3 pm - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
 4. Joselyn Miller & Ariel Stanziale - High Leverage Practices - NJ CEC Conference - Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ - Workshop focusing on current Special Education Practices - March 18, 2024 - 8 am - 3 pm - cost to the district is \$320.00, inclusive of mileage.
 5. Joselyn Miller - BCSS - Paramus, NJ - Annual review and observation for OOD student - April 30, 2024 - 12:30 - 3 pm - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
 6. Ariel Stanziale & Ed Londono - Bergen County Special Services - OOD Student's IEP Meetings - March 19, 2024 - 8:30 - 11:30 am - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
 7. Ariel Stanziale - Lincoln School - Ridgefield Park, NJ - OOD Meeting for a Little Ferry Student - March 11, 2024 - 8:15 - 10 00 am- at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
 8. Sabrina Decio, Sue Guidera, Carol Ward, Mike Luterzo & James Dunn - Palisades Park, NJ - Seeing a Fourth Grade Classroom using the investigations Math Program -March 25, 2024 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.

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9. Kate Atwell - 95% Phonics - Virtual - 95 Reading Achievement - April 11, 2024 - 8 am - 3 pm - at no cost to the district.
10. Kerry Bager - DOE - Office of Preschool Education - Session 3 North - Belleville - Will present information on identifying multilingual preschool children - April 9, 2024 - 10:00 am - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
11. Jessica Leone - Bergen County School Counselor Association - Westwood Regional Middle School - Share & gather school counseling programming with other school counselors in the county - March 15, 2024 - 9 - 11 am - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.
12. Jessica Leone - Bergen County School Counselor Association - Dismus Middle School Englewood, NJ - Share & gather school counseling programming with other school counselors in the county - May 31, 2024 - 9 - 11 am - at no cost to the district, inclusive of mileage.

D. Facilities

FA03 Be It Resolved, that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following facilities requests:

1. **Boy's Club JS Football League - Memorial School Gym - Football Weigh Ins -Saturday - September 14, 2024 - 7:30 am - 12 pm**
2. **Little Ferry Police Department - Memorial - New Cafeteria - Teen Safety Driver Presentation- March 27, 2024 - 6 - 10 pm.**
3. **Wolves Basketball/Allstar Spotlight LLC - Memorial School Gym - AAU Travel Basketball Practices- Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday (March Only) - 5 - 9:30 pm - Monday (April & May) - 5 - 9:30 pm - Will pay \$100.00 per month for 3 months (March, April & May). Total of \$300.00 to be paid to the Little Ferry Board of Education**

E. Policy -

PO01 Be It Resolved that the Little Ferry Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following policies and regulations for 1st read:

Recommendations

P3211 Code of Ethics
P5440 Honoring Student Achievement
P5570 Sportsmanship
P5842 Equal Access of Student Organizations

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**P5841 Secret Societies
P7610 Vandalism
R7610 Vandalism
P9323 Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Description**

Mandatory

**P 1140 Educational Equity Policies/ Affirmative Action
P 1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan
P 1530 Equal Employment Opportunities
R 1530 Equal Employment Opportunities Complaint Procedure
P1550 Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices
R 2200 Curriculum Content
P 2260 Equity in School Classroom Practices
R 2260 Equity in School Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure
P 2411 Guidance Counseling
P 5750 Equitable Educational Programs and Services
P 5755 Equity in Educational Programs and Services
P 2423 Bilingual Education
R2423 Bilingual Education
P 2431.4 Prevention and treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
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Block Vote: F08-F11; DO25-DO41; P16-P20; C04 FA03 PO01-				
Motion:	Second:			
Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Brattoli (Michelle)				
Mrs. Patel (Purna)				
Mr. Fytros (Nicholas)				
Mrs. Gottlieb (Leslie)				
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- X. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**
- XI. Unfinished Business**
- XII. New Business**
- XIII. Executive Session**

Be It Resolved, that the Little Ferry Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on **Monday, March 18, 2024**, at _____pm to discuss matters of personnel, negotiations, and litigation; and

Be It Further Resolved, that these matters will be made public when confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to adjourn: _____ Time: _____

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XIV. Adjournment

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Second:</i>			
<i>Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Brattoli (Michelle)				
Mrs. Patel (Purna)				
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Time of Adjournment: _____ pm