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## Watchung Borough Board of Education

Watchung, NJ 07069

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### VISION: *EXCELLENCE ON THE HILL*

#### MISSION OF BAYBERRY SCHOOL

The mission of Bayberry School is to introduce the young child to formal learning by building a foundation of knowledge and skills (NJSL) within a nurturing environment that promotes self-confidence, encourages love of learning, and celebrates the uniqueness of each child.

#### MISSION OF VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL

The mission of Valley View School is to enhance and further develop the academic and social competencies of every student (NJSL) by providing varied experiences that promote self-reliance, self-motivation, and community awareness.

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – JULY 11, 2018

7:30 PM

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Welcome

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Watchung. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act: (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Watchung at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda at points in the meeting provided for the public to address the Board.

D. Roll Call

E. Presentation of Test Results

F. Communications and Correspondence

G. Comments – Board Members

H. Remarks from the Superintendent

I. Announcements – Board President

J. Comments from the Public – Agenda Items

**Statement**

We very much welcome input from the public. There are two times during the meeting when the public is invited to speak. The first opportunity to comment on agenda items only, is now.

The second opportunity for public comment on any topic is towards the end of the meeting. Total time allotted for public comment is 30 minutes each time.

Before you make your comment, please state your name and address. There is a 3 minute

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time limit per speaker. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as a question and answer session, but rather are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent will address the comment. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate.

There may be times when a member of the public makes a comment or asks a question about personnel or hiring decisions. New Jersey Statutes do not permit the Board to discuss personnel issues in Public Session. In addition, names of students should not be used.

**K. Operations - Tina Kelly, James Rhyner, Thomas Sicola**

**I. Finance**

Action

1. Payment of Bills

(Attach. #1)

Resolution

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has presented a check register dated June 29, 2018, covering check #s 40665-40667 and EFTs 9999225-9999226 in the amount of \$388,409.32 to the Board of Education with the recommendation that it be paid,

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED that the following bills be paid and an itemized list be filed with the minutes of this meeting:

| <b>Fund</b>                | <b>Amount</b>       |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| (10) General Fund          | \$386,970.46        |
| (20) Special Revenue Fund  | \$1,406.15          |
| (30) Capital Projects Fund |                     |
| (40) Debt Service Fund     |                     |
| (60) Milk Fund             | \$32.71             |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$388,409.32</b> |

Action

2. Travel Expense Approval

(Attach. #2)

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Watchung Borough Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the following educational training programs by teachers requires school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and are in compliance with State travel guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to that of the New Jersey State OMB circular mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.31 per mile is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the following educational training programs are in compliance with the district policy on travel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of teachers at the listed educational training sessions and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that

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such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Watchung Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at the educational training programs listed on the attachment.

**II. Facilities**

**III. Long Range Planning**

**L. Human Resources and Management - Ellyn Margulies, Georgia Glasser-Nehls, Dennis Bakos**

**I. Personnel**

All personnel action is on the recommendation of the Superintendent unless otherwise specified.

Action

1. Appointment of Interim Principal

Resolution

RESOLVED that Thomas DiGanci be appointed Interim Principal of Bayberry School effective July 1, 2018 at an hourly rate of \$64.29 up to 20 hours per week.

Action

2. Appointment of Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Director of Special Services

Resolution

RESOLVED that Mrs. Stephanie Bilenker be appointed Interim Assistant Superintendent of fSchools/Director of Special Services effective July 12, 2018 as per the terms and conditions of the current contract approved by the Executive Somerset County Superintendent of Schools.

Action

3. Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools/Director of Special Services

Resolution

RESOLVED that Mrs. Stephanie Bilenker be appointed Interim Superintendent of Schools/Director of Special Services effective October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, as per the terms and conditions of the contract approved by the Executive Somerset County Superintendent of Schools.

4. Establish Principal Search Committee

RESOLVED to establish an elementary principal search committee during the 2018-19 school year to include Board of Education members Tina Kelly and Ellyn Margulies

5. Administrative Leave of Superintendent/Director of Special Services

RESOLVED to place Dr. Barbara A. Resko on administrative leave with full pay and benefits for personal reasons effective July 16, 2018 through her retirement date of October 1, 2018. Dr. Resko will remain available to assist district personnel during the transition while on leave.

6. Approval of Legal Service Contract Sciarrillo Cornell-Negotiations Counsel

RESOLVED that the Watchung Borough Board of Education hereby approves a legal service contract with Sciarrillo Cornell for labor/negotiations services at an hourly rate of \$160 per hour for the 2018-2019 school year.

7. Approval of Legal Service Contract Sciarrillo Cornell-General/Special Education Counsel

RESOLVED that the Watchung Borough Board of Education hereby approves a legal service contract with Sciarrillo Cornell for General/Special Education services at an hourly rate of \$160 per hour for the 2018-2019 school year.

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**II. Technology**

**M. Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology - Georgia Glasser-Nehls, George Colonias, Ellyn Margulies**

**I. Curriculum**

**1. Establish Ad Hoc Committee-Safety, Security, and Academic Excellence**

RESOLVED to establish an Ad Hoc Committee-Safety, Security and Academic Excellence during the 2018-19 school year to include Board of Education members Dennis Bakos and Margo Langer.

**II. Instruction**

**III. Instructional Technology**

**N. Discretionary Committees**

**I. Policy – Tina Kelly, George Colonias, Joseph Mattiassi**

**II. Budget - James Rhyner, Ellyn Margulies, Thomas Sicola**

**III. Negotiations - George Colonias, Dennis Bakos, Thomas Sicola**

**O. Supplementary Matters**

**Discussion**

Legislative Liaison

Continuing Education Liaison

**I. Community Engagement**

**Discussion**

Suggestion Box

**P. Comments from the Public**

**Q. Executive Session**

**Action**

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

**Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- 1. a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
- 2. a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
- 3. material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
- 4. a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
- 5. a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds
- 6. protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
- 7. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege

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- 8. specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
- 9. deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

This closed session may be followed by an open session where action may be taken.

**R. Adjournment**