

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
of the  
MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

4:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to Order – Sunshine Law Opening Statement – Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Executive Session/Public Session
4. Approval of the March 9, 2021 Board Minutes
5. Bills to be Approved and Transfer Report
6. Board Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
7. Correspondence & Communications
8. Committee Reports - None
9. Superintendent’s Agenda
11. New Business

**SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA**

**NEW/SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

Recommend Board approve the following: none

**PERSONNEL:**

Recommend Board approve the following:

- Appointments, Resignations, Leaves, Retirements, etc. (Attachment 9-A)

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Recommend Board approve the following:

- Approval to submit grant application for “Indivisible, With Justice For All: Character Education That Spotlights Social Justice Grant Proposal. The purpose is a social-emotional learning program that teaches children to identify, understand, and handle different forms of discrimination”. Program is for all Mercer Elementary Students. If selected, recipient would receive \$2,000.00. Deadline for application is April 30, 2021. Grant application is being submitted by Suzanne Zabicki, teacher at Mercer Elementary School.
- Revised 2021-2022 MCSSSD School Year Calendar (previously approved 02/02/2021) (Attachment 9-B)
- Revised and/or New Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws - First Reading (Attachment 9-C)

**First Reading** -- Revised and/or New Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws

***BYLAWS***

B0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal (M)

***POLICIES***

P1643 Family Leave (M) – NEW

P2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M)

P2415.02 Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (M)

P2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M)

P2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M)

P5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (M)

P7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M)

P7440 School District Security (M)

P7510 Use of School Facilities (M)

P9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M)

***REGULATIONS***

R1642 Earned Sick Leave Law (M)

R2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M)

R5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (M)

R7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M)

R7440 School District Security (M)

R7510 Use of School Facilities (M)

**Second Reading** -- Revised and/or New Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws

***BYLAWS***

NONE

***POLICIES***

P4125 Employment of Support Staff Members (M)

P6360 Political Contributions (M)

P8330 Student Records (M)

P8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)

***REGULATIONS***

NONE

**Abolished** -- Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws  
NONE

- Approval to apply for CRRSA Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II) in the amount of \$149,746 for allowable costs incurred on or after March 13, 2020; obligated through September 30, 2023.

**REPORTS:**

Recommend Board approve the following:

- District marketing update and presentation (Attachment 9-D)
- Fire and Security Drill(s) for the month of March 2021: none
- Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying as of March 2021

<b>Month</b>	<b>Investigations</b>	<b>HIB</b>	<b>Non-HIB</b>
July	0	0	0
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
December	0	0	0
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	0	1

- Enrollment Data as of March 2021

	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>2019-2020</b>	497	498	548	546	546	551	544	559	563	561	561	560
<b>2020-2021</b>	428	428	496	501	503	505	506	502	501			

	<b>02/28/2021</b>	<b>03/31/2021</b>
Mercer High School	244	244
Mercer Elementary School	189	189
Regional Day	7	7
Joseph F. Cappello School	<u>62</u>	<u>61</u>
TOTAL:	<u>502</u>	<u>501</u>

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

Recommend Board approve the following:

- a. Approve to contract with Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission (M-OESC) for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 on an as needed basis for nursing services at a rate of \$62 per hour (Attachment 11-a).
- b. Approve to contract with Bayada Home Healthcare Incorporated for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 on an as needed basis for nursing services at a rate of \$55 per hour (Attachment 11-b).
- c. Approve the Resolution to adopt the 2021/2022 Mercer County Special Services School District Budget (Attachment 11-c).
- d. Approve the resolution between Mercer County Special Services School District and The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) for BCBA Services (Board Certified Behavior Analysts) (Attachment 11-d).
- e. Approve Lease Agreement between Mercer County Special Services School District and Allies, Inc for the 2021/2022 school year. (Attachment 11-e)
- f. Approve Lease Agreement between Mercer County Special Services School District and the ARC of Mercer County for the 2021/2022 school year. (Attachment 11-f).
- g. Approve the Lease agreement between Mercer County Special Services School District and the Special Parent Advocacy Group for After School Enrichment Classes (SPAG) for the 2021 Extended School Year (ESY) Program and the 2021/2022 school year being held at the Mercer High School (Attachment 11-g).
- h. Approve the Lease agreement between Mercer County Special Services School District and the Special Parent Advocacy Group for After School Enrichment Classes (SPAG) for the 2021 Extended School Year (ESY) Program and the 2021/2022 school year being held at the Mercer Elementary School (Attachment 11-h).

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- i. Approve the Parking Use Agreement between Mercer County Special Services School District and the Special Parent Advocacy Group (Attachment 11-i).
- j. Approve to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System Agreement NJSBA ACES CPS #E8801 (Attachment 11-j).
- k. Approve to accept the HRSA Year 2 funds for 2021-2022 Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Grant in the amount of \$33,233 for Mercer County SCHS to provide Case Management Services.
- l. Approve Heather Pyle Consultant to provide reporting services including State Reporting and Compliance Reporting to the district and training for the Supervisor of Student Services on an as needed basis at an hourly rate of \$50 effective March 29, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- m. Approve Consulting Service Fee Agreement with Connor Strong & Buckelew for Consulting Financial Reporting Services for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at an annual fee of \$17,400 (Attachment 11-m).
- n. Approve the Resolution to award the contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Health Plan for staff of Mercer County Special Services School District for the 2021/22 school year at the premium rates set forth in the attached renewal (Attachment 11-n).
- o. Approve the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Dental Plan for staff of Mercer County Special Services School District for the 2021/22 school year at the premium rates set forth in the attached renewal (Attachment 11-o).
- p. Approve to renew the Benecard Prescription Plan for staff for the 2021/22 school year (Attachment 11-p).
- q. Staff and Student Travel (Attachment 11-q).
- r. Approval of Transportation Contract(s), Bids, Renewals and Addendum (11-r).
- s. Miscellaneous Equipment Disposal List (Attachment 11-s).
- t. Use of Building and Grounds (Attachment 11-t).
- u. Approve to accept a donation from the Hamilton Township Knights of Columbus Council #6213 in the amount of \$627.30 for the students of the Mercer Elementary School.
- v. Approve the Model Written Indoor Air Quality Program complying with the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (POESH) Program, Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Standard (N.J.A.S. 12:100-13) (Attachment 11-v).
- w. Approve to award the Competitive Contracting Proposal CC 21-01 to Wiss & Company LLC.

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- x. Approve Young Audiences of NJ Inc. for the virtual performance titled “Donde esta Juana?” for the students of Mercer Elementary School to be held on 6/2/2021 and “The Amazing Junk Jam” to be held on 6/8/2021, both at no cost to the District (Attachment 11-x).
  - y. Approve Comegno Law Group as Special Counsel specializing in Special Education beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 on an as needed basis at the rate of \$185 an hour for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (Attachment 11-y).
- 12. Public Session
  - 13. Adjournment