

**CLIFFSIDE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Cliffside Park Board of Education with the Board Members in attendance was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the Board Secretary presiding.

The assemblage saluted the flag

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Abreu, Mr. Capano, Mrs. Frato,
Mr. Garciga, Dr. Pantoliano, Mr. Raincourt,
Mr. Russo, Mr. Shelley, Mr. Tarabokija

Mr. Michael J. Romagnino, Superintendent of Schools, was in attendance.

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 January 6, 2021 and notices were forwarded to reporters of The Record on January 6, 2021. This is an official meeting.”

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- On Tuesday, January 19th the Hybrid Students returned to class and after six weeks, all staff returned to school.
- Monday, January 11th was the start of an abbreviated Winter Sports Season for both High School Boys and Girls Basketball along with Bowling.
- Indoor Track begins February 1st and Wrestling and Volleyball March 1st.
- Need to provide a program for Boys Basketball in the Middle School. There was not enough interest in the Middle School for Girls Basketball and Cheering.

- Since there has been a decrease in Football enrollment, Cliffside Park is considering to Co-op Football with the Ridgefield Board of Education. Our attorney, Steve Fogarty is drawing up a contract between Cliffside Park and Ridgefield. Mr. Romagnino will share a decision with The Board by the March Meeting.
- A draft of the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year was distributed to the Board Members in their folders.
- Mr. Capano gave a brief update on Buildings and Grounds stating that the steam trap issues at Schools #3 and #5 have been rectified.
- Mr. Pinto, Principal of the High School joined the meeting from his office. He presented to The Board “MP1-2020-2021 Marking Period Lost Learning Analysis”. He gave an Overview of all of the parts included in the report. Board Member, Dr. Pantoliano had several questions and offered her opinion regarding scores and assessment of students. A lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Pinto, Superintendent, Mr. Romagnino and Board President, Mr. Shelley addressing Dr. Pantoliano’s concerns.

Mr. Romagnino reviewed the Consent Agenda with the Board Members.

On the motion of Mr. Tarabokija, seconded by Mr. Capano all ayes by roll call vote, with the exception of Mr. Tarabokija who abstained on Frank Tarabokija the following was approved:

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>NAME</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>Estimated \$AMOUNT</i>
Marqueritha Clarke	AP Computer Science Principles	1/26/2021-2/02/2021	\$175.00
Julie O’Connor	NJTESOL/NJBE Virtual Spring Conference	5/25/2021 & 5/26/2021	\$299.00
David Porfido	LTC 506: Legal Issues II (Title IX & Sexual Harassment) - Virtual	3/15/2021	\$125.00

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Ilsa Pena Delacruz, as Part-Time Bus Driver, effective January 11, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$24.00 pending fingerprinting and criminal history check for the 2020-2021 school year. (Account#-11-000-270-161-01-00)

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PERSONNEL, (Continued)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Yomara Singh, Part-Time Bus Driver effective January 15, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Jacairy Cortorreal Bello, Part-Time Bus Driver effective January 14, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the termination of employee #5962 of the Cliffside Park School District, whose name is on file with the Superintendent of Schools' office effective December 23, 2020.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve unpaid leave for Allen Yelegen, Part-Time Custodian-School #6 effective 12/21/2020-1/11/2021 with a return back to work date of 1/19/2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to rescind the unpaid leave of absence request for Robert Venezia, High School-Social Studies Teacher for the week of January 4, 2021 through January 8, 2021.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Frank Tarabokija, Custodian-School #6 from January 4, 2021 through January 13, 2021 with a return back to work date of Thursday, January 14, 2021.

PERSONNEL, (Continued)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Athletic position for the following staff member for the 2020-2021 school year, as per negotiated contract.

		2020-2021 Athletics	
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION-HIGH SCHOOL	COMPENSATION
Russo	Kenneth	Weight-Room & Intramural Supervision	\$10.00/hr

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to rescind appointment of Athletic positions for the following staff members for the 2020-2021 school year.

		2020-2021 Athletics	
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	COMPENSATION
Bucco	Victoria	MS-Basketball-Girls, Head Coach	\$4,350
Pesa	Suzana	Cheering Advisor (Winter)	\$4,350

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Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Health Insurance Waiver Cash Incentive for staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

		PAYABLE	PAYABLE	
NAME	COVERAGE	DEC 2020	JUNE 2021	TOTAL
LISO, KELLY	FAMILY	2,500	0.00	\$2,500
LOMBARDI, MEGAN	SINGLE	988	0.00	\$988
MANGIACAPRA CEMELLI, MARISSA	FAMILY	2,500	2,500	\$5,000
MATESIC, AMY	FAMILY	1,500	0.00	\$1,500

PERSONNEL, (Continued)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve unused sick leave compensation for the following staff:

Name	Title	\$ Amount
Atilla Balkanli	Bus Driver	\$3,500 – payable January 2021
Donna Dorsett	Teacher	\$4,275 – payable January 2021

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve retirement compensation in the amount of \$2,696.70 payable to the Estate of Danielle Feher, former Bus Aide.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Lunch Aide hourly rate of \$12.00 effective January 1, 2021 as per N.J.S.A. 34:11 56a4(a) minimum hourly rate.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
Akcicek	Tuba
Armijos	Manuela
Ali	Cheryl
Alvarez	Vivian
Ayala	Nereida
Cebalo	Neli
Chesny	Anne
Debes	Ghada
DiPinto	Nancy
Dominguez	Martha
Garcia	Evangelista
Gliniecki	Maria
Grave de Peralta	Rosa
Hardigan	Caridad
Henao	Maria

Kerl	Donna
Kola	Violeta
Lengerke	Gretta
Lopez-Arroyave	Jessica
Lopez-Torres	Zoila
Lozano Hernandez	Miriam
Luna	Rosalynn
Martinez	Carmita
Medina	Yosenni
Morin	Anna
Nazir	Eda
Noriega	Lilian
Omar	Mona
Pelaez	Luz
Pichiya	Maria
Rentezelas	Penelope
Rodas	Gladys
Russo	Judy
Sahin	Cemile
Sculco	Lisa
Tobon	Ana
Vallecillo	Maria
Yeniler	Ummu
Zea de Cardenas	Luz

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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 December 2020.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Violence and Vandalism Reports for the Reporting Period 1 – July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Programs Report for Reporting Period 1 – Ranging from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following minutes: December 16, 2020 – Work Session & Regular Meeting Agenda

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
NONE					

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FINANCE

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Tuition Contract between the Cliffside Park Board of Education (sending district) and ECLC of New Jersey (an approved private school) for **one student** at a rate of \$62,114.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Educational Services will commence on October 22, 2020, therefore the total billable days will be 148 at a per diem rate of \$310.57 for a tentative tuition charge of \$45,964.36.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Tuition Contract between the Cliffside Park Board of Education (sending district) and Terranova Group, Inc. t/a Chapel Hill Academy (an approved private school) for **one student** at a rate of \$73,920.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. Educational Services will commence on December 18, 2020, therefore the total billable days will be 112 at a per diem rate of \$352.00 for a tentative tuition charge of \$39,424.00.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the **Revised** Tuition Contract between the Cliffside Park Board of Education (sending district) and the South Bergen Jointure Commission Board of Education (receiving district) for **one student** at a tentative tuition rate of \$58,950 for the 2020-2021 school year commencing on January 4, 2021 and ending June 25, 2021.

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve Athletic Association bills for the month November 2020 in the amount of \$834.99 as follows:

FINANCE, (Continued)

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve December 23, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$31,125.78 which includes the After School/Enrichment Program December 23, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$3,300.00.

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 December 2020 as follows:

700037	December 23 rd Salary	\$24,803.57
700038	December 23 rd Agency	6,322.21

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Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve December 23, 2020, Cafeteria payroll in the amount of \$396.15 as follows:

600016	December 23 rd Salary	\$332.17
600017	December 23 rd Agency	63.98

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve January 15, 2021 payroll in the amount of \$1,567,571.70.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transfer of monies from the Payroll Agency Account to the General Account, Reference Number H800012, in the amount of \$72,870.77 to cover Health Benefits Contributions from Employees to Reimburse Employer for the covered period of January 1, 2021 through January 15, 2021.

FINANCE, (Continued)

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the transfer of monies from the Payroll Agency Account to the General Account, Reference Number ACA90008 in the amount of \$229.40 to cover Affordable Care Act Health Benefits Contributions from Employees to Reimburse Employer for the covered period of January 1, 2021 through January 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 January 2021* as follows:

700039	January 15 th Salary	\$907,531.10
700040	January 15 th Agency	575,180.99
700041	January 15 th Agency-FICA	84,859.61
NJHB900006	NJ State Educators Health Benefits Program (January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021)	584,223.02

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve January 15, 2021, Cafeteria payroll in the amount of \$40,283.44 as follows:

600018	January 15 th Salary	\$31,728.13
600019	January 15 th Agency	8,555.31

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FINANCE, (Continued)

Resolution recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the bill list for January 2021 in the amount of \$724,249.34 as follows:

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Treasurer of School Monies financial report for the month of November 2020.

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Board Secretary's financial report for the month of November 2020.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d)*, the Business Administrator certifies that as of November 30 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8-1.

Resolution to approve the Monthly Transfer Report for the month of November 2020.

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

Louis Alfano, Business Administration/Board Secretary

RESOLUTION

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cliffside Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Synopsis of Audit (Fiscal year end June 2020) for Cliffside Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 9

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 January 20, 2021.

Louis Alfano
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: January 21, 2021

Michael J. Romagnino
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cliffside Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Corrective Action Plan (Fiscal year end June 2020) for Cliffside Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 9
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 January 20, 2021.

Louis Alfano
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: January 21, 2021

Michael J. Romagnino
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to approve the attached Certification of Implementation of Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:	9
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 January 20, 2021.

Louis Alfano
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: January 21, 2021

Michael J. Romagnino
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cliffside Park Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to Accept the Audit and Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal year end June 2020 for Cliffside Park in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:	9
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 January 20, 2021.

Louis Alfano
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dated: January 21, 2021

Michael J. Romagnino
Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION

Resolution, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for the Cliffside Park Board of Education to approve the submission of the Gymnasium Renovation project at the High School (**State Project #0890-030-21-1000**) by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will not be seeking a Grant for this project as part of the submission. This project is not in the current Long Range Facilities Plan and the Cliffside Park Board of Education authorizes amending the District's Long Range Facilities Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:	9
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

CERTIFICATION

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Louis Alfano
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