

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 23, 2023**

Minutes of a regular meeting stated session of the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg, in the County of Hudson, N.J., held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. local time for the Anna L. Klein School.

President Rogers led everyone present in the salute to the American Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following members were present, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Student Representative Pozo was absent.

Board Attorney, John Schettino was present.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Mrs. Karen Huebsch announced that this meeting is being called in conformance with the "Open Public Meeting Act," notices were mailed to newspapers, Town Clerk, and all members' two days prior to this meeting.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The previous regular Meeting minutes of July 26, 2023 were approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

- Workshops/Inservice Workshops
- Supplies

Requests approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**BUDGET/OPERATIONS REPORT**

-No Report

**COMMUNITY, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

-Trustee Montanez discussed her report for the month and a jazz concert would be held on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> on Blvd. East.

**CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

-No Report

**NORTH BERGEN LIAISON REPORT**

-No Report

**PTO LIAISON REPORT**

-No Report

**NEGOTIATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MISC. REPORTS**

-No Report

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

-Secretary Mantineo stated that the Budget Account Status Report has been prepared and on file for the month of July.

-Secretary Mantineo also certified that funds are available for payment of claims.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

##### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rosenberg presented her report for the month. Dr. Rosenberg discussed the Climate Survey with the board and only 40% of staff participated in the survey.

President Rogers questioned what was the method of collecting the information.

Dr. Rosenberg stated it was collected from a google survey.

John Schettino stated possibly giving the survey at the end of a faculty meeting.

Secretary Mantineo discussed a resolution that was on the agenda for tonight retaining a special independent non-partial company to assess special education. The consulting company is LMS.

Dr. Rosenberg stated the district doesn't have the expertise and this would be very helpful to see if some students could be brought back to the district.

A conversation took place concerning the Special Education tuition costs which were very expensive. Dr. Rosenberg continued to state that we wouldn't be able to accommodate all special education students but possibly some could be brought back. Dr. Rosenberg stated that there would need to be training for the aides.

Trustee Rodriguez questioned when this would take place?

Dr. Rosenberg stated sometime in September and this would be a fresh perspective.

Trustee Rodriguez stated the climate survey was a great sampling, however, we need a better response from the staff.

#### CLAIMS

P&L TRADING	COVID-19 RAPID TEST KITS	\$1,490.00
SCHOOL SPECIALITY	2 <sup>ND</sup> GRADE SUPPLIES	3,564.36
ELITE LOCK SERVICE	CYLINDERS & HANDLE REPLACEMENT	1,133.69
SCHOOL SPECIALITY	PRE-K	2,774.20
E-Z TEMP	REPAIR TO WALK IN FREEZER	2,465.55
MAZZANTI	AGREEMENT CSP LICENSING	752.40
ROYAL PRINTING SERVICE	REPORT CARD ENVELOPES	323.00
SAL ELECTRIC CO, INC.	FIRE ALARM MONITORING 2023/2024	475.00
KENCOR ELEVATOR	ELEVATOR SERVICE-JULY 2023	140.00
WILLIAM KATCHEN	ACCOUNTING CONSULTANT-AUGUST 2023	2,500.00
LAW OFFICE OF JOHN SCHETTINO	BOARD ATTORNEY-SEPTEMBER 2023	4,250.00
POWERSCHOOL GROUP, INC	SIS MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT/HOSTING	11,672.47
ONSITE FACILITIES CONSULTING	FACILITY CONSULTANT-AUGUST 2023	2,916.66
SUTHERLAND CONSULTING	E-RATE CONSULTING-JULY 2023	700.00
ASCD	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-I CRUZ-2023-2024	89.00
IMPERIAL DADE	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	2,162.40
ASCD	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-K PETRY-2023/2024	89.00
ASCD	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-R CORREGGIO-2023/2024	89.00
TOSHIBA FINANCIAL	COPIER LEASE	2,696.84
ESTATE OF ROSE RAFFAELE	RENT FOR BOE OFFICE-SEPT 2023	1,885.00
ISRAEL PAINT & HARDWARE	PAINT	1,074.96
PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH REPLENISHMENT	700.00
JERSEY JOURNAL	AD-GENERAL COUNSELING & AUDITOR	117.22
JERSEY JOURNAL	AD ARCHITECT OF RECORD	74.99
NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION	ANNUAL DUES-2023-2024 DR. ROSENBERG	2,735.00
NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION	ANNUAL DUES-2023-2024 J MANTINEO	2,360.00
GOVCONNECTION	TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES	1,143.00
ULINE.COM	KRAFT TINTED BAGS	147.77
B&H PHOTO & VIDEO	XYZ PRINTING 1.75 PLA FILAMENT	188.54
ASCD	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-2023-2024 DR. ROSENBERG	89.00
NJAEI	MEMBERSHIP-2023-2024-DR. ROSENBERG	585.00
EMS LINQ. INC	ONE VIEW ANNUAL (UP TO 8 FORMS)	4,000.00
HEARTLAND SOLUTIONS	ANNUAL SUPPORT/SUB RENEWAL 2023-2024	1,630.00
FRONTLINE EDUCATION	ABSENCE & SUB MANAGEMENT-2023-2024	8,639.50
FINAL SITE	REDESIGN OF SCHOOL WEBSITE	4,513.00
PEST BOYS TERMITE	EXTERMINATING SERVICES-JULY 2023	120.00
F&G MECHANICAL	VARIOUS HVAC REPAIRS	8,033.90
MCCARVILL, LLC	HIB MANAGER	1,691.38
JOSIE PEREZ	ESL/BILINGUAL COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	1,606.00
SILAS	STAFF CURRICULUM SOFTWARE	7,000.00



ISRAEL PAINT & HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	1,959.25
P&L TRADING	HVAC AIR FILTERS	2,415.60
LOUIS GARGUILO COMPANY, LLC	REMOVE INSTALL AND PAINT DOORS	2,250.00
AAA FACILITY SOLUTIONS	JANITORIAL SERVICES-JULY 2023 & SUMMER CLEAN	33,816.00
ELITE LOCK SERVICE	REPLACEMENT OF DOOR LOCK/HANDLE	263.00
HEMA TECHWANI	EYEGLASS REIMBURSEMENT	150.00
HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE	DENTAL PLAN:AUGUST 2023	7,898.51
LOWE'S	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	345.29
PSE&G CO	ELECTRIC-JULY 2023	7,533.44
TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER LEASE-8/1/-8/31/2023	2,845.50
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS FUND	306.00
MICHELLE ROSENBERG	DISABILITY REIMB-AUGUST 2023	191.10
VERIZON WIRELESS	SCHOOL CELL PHONES & IPAD	173.84
SCHOOL ALLIANCE INSURANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	140,869.00
READY REFRESH	DRINKING WATER-7/19-8/18/2023	105.93
VEOLIA	WATER SERVICE-7/13/-8/15/2023	1,008.73
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL #03,8/15/2023	111,459.60
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT	PAYROLL #03,8/15/2023	54,733.68
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL #04,8/30/2023	79,918.02
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT	PAYROLL #04,8/30/2023	46,098.58
		\$582,958.90

#### HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

President Rogers announced that any citizen wishing to address the board with a comment or question will be allotted a three-minute timeframe per citizen.

A motion was made to open the hearing of the citizens to the public by Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Fundora. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

No citizens addressed the board.

A motion was made to close the hearing of the citizens by Trustee Montanez and seconded by Trustee Acosta. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS LIST

August23-23-9.01

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg has reviewed the claims made against the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary certifies that funds are available to pay said claims.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said claims be accepted and payment be made as follows:

August claims	\$582,958.90
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Total claims for approval	\$582,958.90
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CLAIMS LIST Resolution approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

#### POLICY AND LEGISLATION

August23-23-10.01

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Mr. Keith Petry, Principal, it is necessary to approve the First Reading of the 2023-2024 Anna L. Klein School Student Uniform procedure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the First Reading of the 2023-2024 Anna L. Klein School Student Uniform procedure as attached hereto.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

#### **FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**August23-23-11.01**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg is anticipating the local tax levy for the months of **August and September 2023 in the amount of \$1,924,709.66**;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Board requests the months of **August and September 2023** tax levy from the Town of Guttenberg in the amount of **\$1,924,709.66**.

**August23-23-11.02**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally approve the Secretary's report for the month of July 2023; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Mantineo stated the Secretary's report is on file and in agreement and certified for the month of July 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the formal adoption of the Secretary's report for the month of July 2023.

**FINANCIAL Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.**

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**August23-23-12.01**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally accept the resignation of Mr. Gonzalo E. Perez as Board Trustee effective immediately; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the resignation of Mr. Gonzalo E. Perez as attached hereto.

**August23-23-12.02**

WHEREAS, it is requested that permission be granted to accept a blanket permission to advertise for anticipated vacancies during the course of the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, this would permit the administration to place newspaper ads for vacancies that might occur.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and grants permission for a blanket resolution to advertise for anticipated vacancies during the course of the 2023-2024 school year.

**August23-23-12.03**

WHEREAS, it is requested that permission be granted to approve an ALK Staff Blanket Dress Down Day for various fundraising events during the 2023-2024 school year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of an ALK Staff Blanket Dress Down Day for various fundraising events during the 2023-2024 school year.

**August23-23-12.04**



WHEREAS, it is requested that permission be granted to approve various 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraisers for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cohn has compiled a listing of various fundraisers to be held during the course of the 2023-2024 school year and all funds collected will be utilized for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the blanket approval for the various 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising events to be held during the course of the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

**August23-23-12.05**

WHEREAS, it is requested that permission be granted to permit Mrs. Megan Cohn and Mr. Richard Geissler to sponsor various Junior National Honor Society Fundraisers during the course of the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, all monies collected would benefit the Junior National Honor Society.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of various Junior National Honor Society fundraisers during the course of the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

**August23-23-12.06**

WHEREAS, it is requested that permission be granted to permit Mrs. Leigh Ann Petry and Ms. Dawn DiPaolo to sponsor various fundraisers for the Mr. Raymond Hvizdos Scholarship during the course of the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, all monies collected would benefit the Mr. Raymond Hvizdos Scholarship to be awarded to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of various Mr. Raymond Hvizdos Scholarship fundraisers during the course of the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

**August23-23-12.07**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Mr. Keith Petry, School Principal, concerning a request granted to accept a trombone donation from Sergeant Erick Regojo with the Guttenberg Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Regojo has donated the instrument which is in mint condition and will be utilized for the music department and the students of the Anna L. Klein School.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the donation of a trombone to the music department from Sergeant Regojo with the Guttenberg Police Department as attached hereto.

**GENERAL Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Acosta. Nayes, none.**

**PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES**

**August23-23-13.01**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally approve the resignation letter submitted by Ms. Jenderly Hiciano, School Nurse effective July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hiciano will be relocating with her family to Florida.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the resignation letter submitted by Ms. Jenderly Hiciano as attached hereto.

**August23-23-13.02**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally approve the resignation letter submitted by Ms. Maria Vargas, Special Education Aide effective September 1, 2023; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the resignation letter submitted by Ms. Maria Vargas as attached hereto.

**August23-23-13.03**

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2023, it was necessary to approve a maternity leave letter request submitted by Ms. Jocelyn Rodriguez, Principal's Secretary effective September 1, 2023 through November 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to approve a revised maternity leave request submitted by Ms. Jocelyn Rodriguez, Secretary effective August 14, 2023 through November 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez plans to return to the district November 13, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves the revised maternity leave request submitted by Ms. Jocelyn Rodriguez as attached hereto.

**August23-23-13.04**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent is recommending Ms. Yvette Perez, for the extra pay position of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team Leader for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perez will be paid \$1,200 for this stipend position as per the current teachers contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of Ms. Yvette Perez as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team Leader for the 2023-2024 school year.

**August23-23-13.05**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Ms. Lucy Di Maulo, Supervisor of the Special Education, the Superintendent is recommending Ms. Beatriz Sanchez, Social Worker for additional Child Study Team summer hours; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanchez will be paid \$55.00 per hour and not to exceed 10 hours as per the current teachers contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the additional Child Study Team summer hours for Ms. Beatriz Sanchez, Social Worker.

**August23-23-13.06**



WHEREAS, after receiving Ms. Ashley La Rocca's paperwork for a step increment after completing teacher course enrollments, it is now necessary to approve her step increment and salary increase; and

WHEREAS, the step increment will move Ms. La Rocca from BA+15 Step 5 to MA Step 5 in the amount of a \$4,500.00 salary increase total for a new salary in the amount of \$64,181.00 effective September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after receiving Ms. Johanna Toomey's paperwork for a step increment after completing teacher course enrollments, it is now necessary to approve her step increment and salary increase; and

WHEREAS, the step increment will move Ms. Toomey from BA Step 14 to BA+15 Step 14 in the amount of a \$750.00 salary increase total for a new salary in the amount of \$72,506.00 effective September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after receiving Ms. Stephanie Spivey's paperwork for a step increment after completing teacher course enrollments, it is now necessary to approve her step increment and salary increase; and

WHEREAS, the step increment will move Ms. Spivey from BA Step 14 to BA+15 Step 14 in the amount of a \$750.00 salary increase total for a new salary in the amount of \$72,506.00 effective September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after receiving Ms. Gianna La Banca's paperwork for a step increment after completing teacher course enrollments, it is now necessary to approve her step increment and salary increase; and

WHEREAS, the step increment will move Ms. La Banca from BA+15 Step 10-11 to BA+30 Step 10-11 in the amount of a \$1,300.00 salary increase total for a new salary in the amount of \$67,231.00 effective September 1, 2023; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the step increment and salary increase effective September 1, 2023 for the above mentioned individuals as attached hereto.

**August 23-23-13.07**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent is recommending the hiring of the following individuals to be employed as hourly Lunch Aides/Hallway Monitors for the 2023-2024 school year:

Lunch Aide Coordinator  
Vilma Cordova

Lunch Aides  
Natali Sannabria  
Monica Ruffine  
Piedad Sinning  
Barbara Moro  
Jennifer Brito  
Fany Medina  
Grismaldy Espinal  
Flor Portillo  
Myra Vianansaca  
Yadira Montilla de Perez

WHEREAS, the lunch aides/hallway monitors will be paid the hourly rate of \$14.13 per hour and not to exceed 29.75 hours per week and Ms. Vilma Cordova will receive \$17.00 per hour to serve as lunch aide coordinator.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the employment of the above mentioned individuals as Lunch Aides/Hallway Monitors for the 2023-2024 school year.

**August23-23-13.08**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Ms. Lucy Di Maulo, Supervisor of Special Education, the Superintendent is recommending the hiring of Ms. Megan Kelly as a part-time Special Education Aide for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelly will be paid the salary of \$27,160.00 Step 8 not to exceed 29.75 hours as per the current teachers contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the hiring of Ms. Megan Kelly as a part-time Special Education Aide for the 2023-2024 school year.

**PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nayes, none.**

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTIONS  
August23-23-14.01**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Ms. Lucy DiMaulo, Supervisor of Special Education, it is necessary to enter into a special education tuition contract agreement with Terranova Group, Inc. t/a Chapel Hill Academy for one student for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$74,160.00 commencing September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of entering into a tuition contract agreement with Terranova Group, Inc. t/a Chapel Hill Academy for one student as attached hereto.

**August23-23-14.02**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Ms. Lucy DiMaulo, Supervisor of Special Education, it is necessary to enter into special education tuition contract agreements with Bergen County Special Services for three (3) students for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of tuition will be the following breakdown:

Student 1- Transition Center at Wood-Ridge	\$63,900.00
Student 2- New Bridges Middle/High School	82,620.00
Student 3- HIP-MP Highland	81,360.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of entering into a tuition contract agreements with Bergen County Special Services for three (3) students as attached hereto.

**August23-23-14.03**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve a Special Education tuition contract agreement with Ridgefield Board of Education for five (5) students for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of contract dates and tuition are listed below:

Student 1- July 5, 2023- June 24, 2024-Extended Year Services	\$65,028.00
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OT/PT Services-\$90.00 per 30 minute session  
Student 2- July 5, 2023- June 24, 2024-Extended Year  
Services \$50,703.00  
OT/PT Services-\$90.00 per 30 minute session  
Student 3- September 5, 2023-June 24,2024-Extended Year  
\$50,703.00  
OT/PT Services-\$90.00 per 30 minute session  
Student 4- September 5, 2023-June 24,2024-Extended Year  
\$50,703.00  
OT/PT Services-\$90.00 per 30 minute session  
Student 5- September 5, 2023-June 24,2024-Extended Year  
\$50,703.00  
OT/PT Services-\$90.00 per 30 minute session

WHEREAS, if full time individual aides are required the following amounts will be utilized:

Full-time including ESY- \$48,870.00  
Full-time for 10 months-\$45,030.00  
Part-time, 4.5 hours a day-\$26.90

WHEREAS, the above mentioned students may receive OT/PT services at \$90.00 per 30 minute session.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of a Special Education contract with Ridgefield Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

#### **August23-23-14.04**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve Special Education tuition contracts with North Hudson Academy for four (4) students for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the contracts will be in effect from July 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at the tuition cost of \$61,980.36 for each student. (\$185,941.08 for 3 students) and one contract will be in effect from September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at the tuition cost of \$56,121.52.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of a Special Education contract with North Hudson Academy for the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

#### **August23-23-14.05**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from the Superintendent, it is necessary to approve the Anna L. Klein School Emergency Remote/Virtual Learning Plan for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Remote/Virtual checklist is also included in this plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the Anna L. Klein School Emergency Remote/Virtual Learning Plan for the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

#### **August23-23-14.06**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from the Superintendent, it is necessary to retain the services LMS Educational Consulting for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, LMS Educational Consulting submitted a proposal including the following items which will be provided to the district:  
Preparation & planning of MTSS comprehensive needs assessment  
Preparation & planning of specialized programs analysis

Special Education programming, curriculum, instruction and analysis assessment  
Professional Development & Coaching

WHEREAS, the cost of this proposal will not exceed \$26,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of retaining the services of LMS Educational Consulting for the 2023-2024 school year.

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.**

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS  
August 23-23-15.01**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Mr. Anthony Mennella, it is necessary to retain the emergency services of Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc. for the furnishing and labor of vision kits for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc provided a quote with the following scope of work to be performed:

Removal of doors #241 and 350

Cut doors to receive new vision kits

Furnish and install two (2) new vision kits with safety glass

Rehang doors, painting and reattach closers

WHEREAS, the cost of this emergency service will not exceed \$2,250.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of retaining the emergency services of Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc as attached hereto.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.**

**CONFLICTED RESOLUTIONS  
August 23-23-16.01**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Ms. Lucy Di Maulo, Supervisor of Special Education, the Superintendent is recommending teachers and staff to attend a two (2) day Handle with Care Crisis Management training sessions to be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the following teachers will be attending the crisis management training:

Ms. Stephanie Spivey

Ms. Karla Flores

Mr. Carlos Yepez- School Psychologist

Ms. Colleen Tamburo

WHEREAS, the above mentioned individuals will be paid \$55.00 per hour as per the current teachers contract.

WHEREAS, the following aides and paraprofessionals will be attending the crisis management training:

Ms. Annette Rogers

Ms. Kimberly Capodaglia



Ms. Yohaira Sanchez  
Ms. Ingrid Ramos  
Ms. Madison Quiones  
Ms. Gina Perdomo  
Ms. Dina Gonzalez  
Mr. Lenny Hernandez  
Ms. Hiba Harb  
Ms. Paola Sanchez  
Ms. Damarik Cardenas  
Ms. Evelyn Tejada  
Ms. Maria Puma

WHEREAS, the above mentioned individuals will be paid \$18.85 per hour based upon the current teachers contract.

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart Kennedy, Security will be attending the training and will be paid \$29.49 per hour.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the Handle with Care Crisis Management training teachers and staff.

**CONFLICTED Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and Vice President Acosta. Recusal vote, President Rogers. Nayes, none.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**-None**

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**August23-23-18.01**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Mr. Anthony Mennella, it is necessary to approve of retaining the services of Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc. for the maintenance and inspection of the basketball hoops and bleachers for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc. submitted a quote in the amount of \$1,950.00 to perform said services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of retaining the services of Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc as attached hereto.

**August23-23-18.02**

WHEREAS, after completing the annual NFPA Fire Alarm inspections, Sal Electric Co, Inc. found various issues that need to be addressed in order to remain in compliance under codes for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Sal Electric Co, Inc submitted a proposal which was reviewed by Mr. Anthony Mennella including the following issues:

Install horn strobe guard in new gym  
Replace CO power supply batteries  
In split Rm 336, install horn strobes in 336A  
Replace broken pull station on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by Rm 211  
Replace broken smoke detector in original building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by elevator  
Add heat detector in original building kitchen above ceiling  
Replace broken pull station in original building main entrance  
Replace non-working horn strobes in basement boys & girls restrooms

Troubleshoot basement zones in Rm 013 area

WHEREAS, the total cost for these services will not exceed \$7,061.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of retaining the services of Sal Electric Co, Inc for various fire code repairs as attached hereto.

**August23-23-18.03**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Mr. Anthony Mennella, it is necessary to approve of retaining the emergency services of Garden State Gutter Cleaning for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Gutter Cleaning has submitted an estimate in the amount not to exceed \$4,621.69.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of retaining the emergency services of Garden State Gutter Cleaning as attached hereto.

**August23-23-18.04**

WHEREAS, after receiving a communication from Mr. Anthony Mennella, it is necessary to retain the services of Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc for the furnishing and installation of retrofit handles and keepers for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc will furnish and install (100) retrofit handles and keepers in the amount not to exceed \$7,785.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of retaining Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc for the furnishing and installation of retrofit handles and keepers as attached hereto.

**NEW BUSINESS** Resolution approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.

At this time, Vice President Acosta announced the September 13th meeting would be her last and that she was resigning from the BOE.

President Rogers thanked Vice President Acosta for her service.

President Rogers requested a motion for Ms. Jeanne Sosnowski to serve as Vice President to the board after September 13th.

A motion was made by President Rogers and seconded by Trustee Montanez for Jeanne Sosnowski to be Vice President. Roll call, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers.

President Rogers stated the board would be entering into a closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

A motion was made by Vice President Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez to enter into a closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.



At this time, President Rogers and Trustee Fundora left the closed session.

Dr. Rosenberg, Secretary Mantineo and Mrs. Huebsch left the closed session.

A motion was made by Vice President Acosta and seconded by Trustee Montanez to reopen the meeting. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and Vice President Acosta. Nays, none.

President Rogers and Trustee Fundora returned to the meeting.

Vice President Acosta stated that a committee would be formulated to consist of BOE members to discuss various goals and objectives which could be successfully achieved and completed by the Superintendent. John Schettino stated this would be a work session.

President Rogers stated the committees would be revised and the committee would be entitled the Superintendent Report Committee and that he was recommending the following members:

Jeanne Sosnowski  
Blanca Garcia-Popiel  
Henry Rodriguez  
Marisol Montanez  
Rita Copeland

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of President Rogers and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski the Board of Education Meeting was adjourned. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jolene Mantineo  
Board Secretary