

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Special Meeting
June 1, 2021 – 6:00pm**

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Call to order President Steele called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Roll call Mr. Advena, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Byard, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Devlin, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Steele.

Also present Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Morris, Ms. Yahn, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Brown and Ms. Wallace.

Statement of Notice

A notice of the special meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on May 29, 2021.

Flag Salute Mrs. Brown led those assembled in the flag salute.

Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: The Atlantic City District recognizes the urgency to provide resources to improve instruction through exemplary and diverse practices which are monitored and analyzed through student achievement data. The District has the expectation that all students will achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels.

Mission: In order to meet the needs of all students, the District is committed to increasing student learning and improving teaching in the core academic subjects by using instructional strategies aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels. Parents will be active partners and key stakeholders with the Atlantic City School District to support their student's intellectual, emotional, physical and social growth.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Barry S. Caldwell – Superintendent

Mr. Caldwell congratulated the Class of 2021 for an exceptional prom held at the iconic Steele Pier. Students were able to dress formal, casual, shorts and enjoy the rides and sites. Thanks were extended to the Prom committee and administrators who coordinated the event. Mr. Caldwell asked Claire Lowe, Press of Atlantic City why no photos were published for the Atlantic City Prom and surrounding areas had photo coverage.

Public Comments - None

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PERSONNEL 1 - 1

On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Steele, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve personnel #1 the Employment pending completion of the employment process and verification of prior employment history. The approved salary will be prorated for 12-month employees who do not start July 1st and 10-month employees who do not start on September 1st. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Advena-yes; Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of eight members present, eight voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Employee	Position & Location		Tentative Start Date	Salary	Replacing	Account#
a.Jennifer Potishnak	Secretary: Accounts Payable	Business Office	6/15/2021	\$41,302 Secretary Step 7 Includes College Credits	New Position	11-000-251-105-015-00-105

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION 1 - 3

1. Amend and ratify the May 18th agenda item number 19 in C & I for the Equipment & Supplies Total Line item to read \$3,990.75 not \$1,372.80 and to increase the not to exceed amount from \$6,468.90 to \$9,086.85.

Original Resolution 5/18/21: Approve the attendance and pay the cost of the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) professional development for Frank Calletta, Math Teacher from June 21st to July 2nd, to support the instruction of the Computer Science Essentials class at ACHS. Mr. Calletta will be paid the CTS (Compensable Training Sessions) amount per ACEA contract. The training will be virtual.

Professional Development Registration		\$2,400.00	
Equipment & Supplies		\$3,990.75	
CTS	\$132.00 x 10 (for 1st 5 hours x 10 days) = \$1,320 45.87 x 3 = (hours over 5) =137.61 x 10 days = \$1,376.10	\$2,696.10	
	Account #20-239-200-104-010-00-104	CTS Total	\$2,696.10
	Account #20-239-200-600-010-00-600	Equipment & Supplies	\$1,372.80

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		Total	
	Account #20-239-200-500-010-00-500	Professional Development Registration	\$2,400.00
			Approximate Cost: \$6,468.90

2. Amend and ratify the May 18, 2021 board agenda item number 21 on page 20 to read as follows: Approve the attendance and pay the cost of the William & Mary AP Summer Institute Online hosted by William & Mary College for Mausum Shah, Math Teacher from July 5 through July 9, to support the instruction of the AP Calculus AB/BC AP classes at ACHS. Ms. Shah will be paid the CTS (Compensable Training Sessions) amount per ACEA contract. The training will be virtual.

AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration		\$750.00	
CTS	\$132.00 x 5 (for 1st 5 hours x 5 days) = \$660.00 45.87 x 3 = (hours over 5) = 137.61 x 5 days = \$688.05	\$1348.05	
	Account #20-239-200-104-010-00-104	CTS Total	\$1,348.05
	Account #20-239-200-500-010-00-500	AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration	\$750.00
			Approximate Cost: \$2,098.05

Not to exceed amount: **\$2,098.05**. Ms. Shah will no longer be attending the TCU virtual Training but now will attend the William and Mary AP Training.

Original resolution 5/18/21: Approve the attendance and pay the cost of the Texas Christian University (TCU) AP Summer Institute Online hosted by the TCU with Dixie Ross for Mausum Shah, Math Teacher from June 28th through July 2nd, to support the instruction of the AP Calculus AB/BC classes at ACHS. Ms. Shah will be paid the CTS (Compensable Training Sessions) amount per ACEA contract. The training will be virtual.

AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration		\$600.00	
CTS	\$132.00 x 5 (for 1st 5 hours x 5 days) = \$660.00 45.87 x 3 = (hours over 5) = 137.61 x 5 days = \$688.05	\$1348.05	
	Account #20-239-200-104-010-00-104	CTS Total	\$1,348.05

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	Account #20-239-200-500-010-00-500	AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration	\$600.00
		Approximate Cost:	\$1,948.05

Not to exceed amount: \$1,948.05

- 3.** Amend and ratify the May 18, 2021 board resolutions in C & I on pages 21 through page 23 item numbers 22, 24 and 25 for the AP Summer Institute Registration for Jennifer Off, Frank Calletta and Julio Torres hosted by William & Mary from \$625 to \$750 and to increase the not to exceed amount from \$1,973.05 to \$2,098.05.

Original resolution 5/18/2021 Approve the attendance and pay the cost of the William & Mary AP Summer Institute Online hosted by William & Mary College for Jennifer Off, Math Teacher from July 5 through July 9, to support the instruction of the AP Calculus AB/BC AP classes at ACHS. Ms. Off will be paid the CTS (Compensable Training Sessions) amount per ACEA contract. The training will be virtual.

AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration		\$625.00	
CTS	\$132.00 x 5 (for 1st 5 hours x 5 days) = \$660.00 45.87 x 3 = (hours over 5) = 137.61 x 5 days = \$688.05	\$1348.05	
	Account #20-239-200-104-010-00-104	CTS Total	\$1,348.05
	Account #20-239-200-500-010-00-500	AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration	\$625.00
		Approximate Cost:	\$1,973.05

Not to exceed amount: **\$1,973.05**

Approve the attendance and pay the cost of the William & Mary AP Summer Institute Online hosted by William & Mary College for Frank Calletta, Math Teacher from July 5 through July 9, to support the instruction of the AP Calculus AB/BC AP classes at ACHS. Mr. Calletta will be paid the CTS (Compensable Training Sessions) amount per ACEA contract. The training will be virtual.

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CTS	\$132.00 x 5 (for 1st 5 hours x 5 days) = \$660.00 45.87 x 3 = (hours over 5) = 137.61 x 5 days = \$688.05	\$1348.05	
	Account #20-239-200-104-010-00-104	CTS Total	\$1,348.05
	Account #20-239-200-500-010-00-500	AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration	\$625.00

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			Approximate Cost: \$1,973.05
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Not to exceed amount: **\$1,973.05**

Approve the attendance and pay the cost of the William & Mary AP Summer Institute Online hosted by William & Mary College for Julio Torres, Math Teacher from July 5 through July 9, to support the instruction of the AP Calculus AB/BC AP classes at ACHS. Mr. Torres will be paid the CTS (Compensable Training Sessions) amount per ACEA contract. The training will be virtual.

AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration		\$625.00	
CTS	\$132.00 x 5 (for 1st 5 hours x 5 days) = \$660.00 45.87 x 3 = (hours over 5) = 137.61 x 5 days = \$688.05	\$1348.05	
	Account #20-239-200-104-010-00-104	CTS Total	\$1,348.05
	Account #20-239-200-500-010-00-500	AP Summer Institute (APSI) Registration	\$625.00
		Approximate Cost:	\$1,973.05

Not to exceed amount: **\$1,973.05**

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION 1 - 3

On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Advena, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Curriculum & Instruction 1 – 3. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Advena-yes sending-abstain elementary; Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of eight members present, seven voted in the affirmative on all and one abstained on elementary. The motion carried.

GOODS & SERVICES 1 - 2

1. Approve the application for the Safety Grant in the amount of \$13,411 with the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

2. Approve the following Doctrine of Necessity:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic City Board of Education (“Board”), County of Atlantic in the State of New Jersey that:

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WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act (“SEA”), *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-21 et seq. was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators, and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission (“SEC”) has provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98, regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a board of education has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, the opinion set forth that, when necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the SEC by resolution dated February 25, 2003, clarified and required a Board of Education invoking the Doctrine of Necessity to adopt a resolution setting forth that they are invoking the doctrine, the reason for doing so, and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the SEC further directed Boards of Education that invoke the Doctrine of Necessity to read the resolution at the regularly scheduled public meeting, post it where it posts public notices for thirty days, and provide the Commission with a copy; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education promulgated *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-6.2, which places additional standards and restrictions and restrictions upon the ability of a board member to vote on a particular issue; and

WHEREAS, the five board members’ conflicts are as follows:

- (1) Board Member Mrs. Ruth Byard’s daughter is a Board approved teacher; and
- (2) Board Member Ms. Patricia Bailey’s son is a Board approved truancy officer; and
- (3) Board Member Mr. Walter Johnson’s spouse is employed by the Board as a teacher; and
- (4) Board Member Mr. Shay Steele’s spouse is employed by the Board a teacher; and
- (5) Board Member Mr. Albert Herbert’s sister-in-law is employed by the Board as a teacher.

WHEREAS, the inability of the aforementioned Board members to participate in the start of a new superintendent search, hire a company to start a new superintendent search, to allow Barry Caldwell to remain as superintendent on a month to month basis until a new superintendent is selected. as directed by the SEA will result in a lack of a quorum necessary to approve the start of a new superintendent search, hire a company to start a new superintendent search, to allow Barry Caldwell to remain as superintendent on a month to month basis until a new superintendent is selected, . and

WHEREAS, as required by law, the Board desires to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity in accordance with Procedures established by the Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic City Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned Board Members are prohibited from the start of a new superintendent search, hire a company to start a new superintendent search, to allow Barry Caldwell to remain as superintendent on a month to month basis until a new superintendent is selected.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board invokes the Doctrine of Necessity in order to allow the full body of the Board to vote on the start of a new superintendent search, hire a company to start a new

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superintendent search, to allow Barry Caldwell to remain as superintendent on a month to month basis until a new superintendent is selected. in accordance with State law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be read at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and be publicly posted by the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the School Ethics Commission.

GOODS & SERVICES 1 – 2

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Advena, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Goods & Services 1 – 2. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Advena-yes sending-abstain elementary; Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of eight members present, seven voted in the affirmative and one abstained on elementary. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Advena, the meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown
Board Secretary