



**Lopatcong Township Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 31, 2021 Minutes**

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE by Mrs. Lance, Board President

Mrs. Lance called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. OPENING STATEMENT by Mr. Ruane, Board Vice President

Adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Lopatcong Township Board of Education has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the annual notice in the Express Times, NJ Zone and Star Gazette. A copy of the agenda has been filed with the Township Clerk and posted at both school locations.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER by Mr. Arifaj

Mr. Arifaj Oath of Office for Mr. Bustos.

C. ROLL CALL by Mr. Arifaj, Business Administrator

Present: Juan Bustos, Ernest Gallant, Sandra Moore, Pamela Thomas, Stephen Ruane, Barbara Lance

Absent: Matthew Herzer, Shawn Leahy, Tia Steinhardt

Also Present: John Comegno

D. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT by Dr. Mercora, Superintendent

The Lopatcong School District, a diverse learning community, is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment that challenges each student to achieve academic excellence. Through the collaboration of dedicated staff, families and the community, the district will prepare students for success in high-school, college and careers in the 21st century.

E. PRESENTATIONS

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

June 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2021 – Executive Session Minutes

July 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021 – Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Dr. Moore, *all motions carried.*

Against: None Abstained: Mr. Bustos Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Steinhardt

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education- Dr. Moore
 - b. Operations- Mr. Ruane
 - c. Personnel- Mrs. Lance
 - d. Policy- Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Gallant
- Mrs. Thomas talked about policies up for a second reading.

J. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Mercora the school reopening plan, PPE, desk shield, face masks, block scheduling in MS, new teachers, will discuss increase in special education and enrollment at Septembers meeting.

K. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Phillipsburg BOE Rep & Reporter- Mr. Herzer
 - b. Town Council Rep- Mr. Herzer
 - c. PTA Rep- Dr. Moore
- Dr. Moore talked about the meetings scheduled for the upcoming year and will be virtual.
- d. Warren County SBA Representative- Mr. Gallant

L. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

M. NJSBA LEGISLATIVE DELAGATE

N. FINANCE

Resolutions R-021-22 through R-021-22 will be moved in one roll call

R-021-22 Authorization for Payment of Bills (Attachment)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the School Business Administrator, approve the bill’s list as submitted for the dates between July 12, 2021 through August 29, 2021.

Fund 10 – Current Expense	\$ 649,769.86
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	\$ 56,829.74
Fund 40 - Debt Service	\$ 898,410.88
Fund 60 – Food Service	
Fund 62 - Enterprise (After Care)	
Grand Total	\$ 1,605,010.48

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Ruane, *all motions carried.*

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Steinhardt

O. EDUCATION

Resolutions R-022-22 through R-059-22 will be moved in one roll call and Addendum R-061-22 through R-066-22 will be moved in one roll call

Resolutions Addendum R-068-22 through R-068-22 will be moved in one roll call

R-022-22 Approve Stipend Positions for the 2021-2022 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the following stipends for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Position	
Student Council	Ms. Micayla Pisani	Stipends to be split 50/50
	Ms. Nicole Berger	
Band	Mr. Rudy Crevani	
Choir	Mr. Rudy Crevani	
Yearbook	Ms. Janice Fantuzzi	Stipend to be split 50/50
	Ms. Stacy Conner	
Morning Monitor (ES)	Ms. Kelsey Sessions	
Morning Monitor (MS)	Ms. Kim Jinks	
Morning Monitor (MS)	Ms. Maria Barna	
Lighthouse Coordinator (ES)	Ms. Angela Sodtaltbers	
Lighthouse Coordinator (MS)	Ms. Stacy Conner	Stipend to be split 50/50
	Ms. Janet Fantuzzi	
Drama	Ms. Donna Belfy	
Green Team (ES)	Ms. Hannah Marshall	
Activity Zone	Ms. Heather Burke	
STEAM Club	Ms. Angela Nassi	
Newscast Club	Ms. Stefanie Albiani	
Green Team (MS)	Ms Angela Nassi	

R-023-22 Board Committee Assignments updated

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Board Committees be established with the members appointed to each committee as attached:

R-024-22 Appointment of Legislative Delegates updated

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education make the following appointments for legislative delegates as attached:

R-025-22 Approve IDEA Grant Submission for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves IDEA grant submission for the 2021-2022 school year.

R-026-22 Approve ESEA Grant Submission for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant submission for the 2021-2022 school year.

R-027-22 Approve Refusal of ESEA Title III Funds for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the refusal of ESEA Title III funds in the amount of \$1,001 for the 2021-2022 school year.

R-028-22 Approve ESEA Title I Salary Proportions for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the following salary proportions for Title I staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

	Title I Teacher Name	Position	Total Salary	Amount Federal Funding	Amount Local Funding
1	Lynette Stone	Title I In-class Support Teacher, upper school, math	\$77,543	\$20,000	\$57,543
2	Krista Wayne	Title I In-class Support Teacher, upper school, ELA	\$78,866	\$20,000	\$58,866

R-029-22 Approve SY Behavioral Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Penny Torcivia as the SY Behavioral for Meetings, Evaluations and Reports, on an as needed basis not to exceed \$19,200.00 from September 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

R-030-22 Approve SY Child Study Team Supervisor for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves to renew the contract for Laura Newman, from Newman Associates, beginning September 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2022 as a SY Program Supervisor for at the rate of \$75.00 per hour not to exceed \$96,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

R-031-22 Approve Contract for SY OT Services for Karen Pereira for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Karen Pereira, as a contractor for SY OT services from September 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 at the rate of \$77.00 per hour not to exceed \$48,500.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

R-032-22 Approve Dr. Claire Gallagher Contract 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the contract for professional development and STEAM coaching services, not to exceed 11 In-person days with the rate of \$2,500.00 per day and not to exceed 4 Virtual days with the rate of \$2,000.00 per day, not to exceed \$35,500.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. (EII III)

R-033-22 Approve AB Educational Consultant LLC Contract 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the contract for Ann Ball, from AB Educational Consultant LLC, for professional development and math coaching services, not to exceed 6 days with the rate of \$1,500.00 per day, not to exceed \$9000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

R-034-22 Approve Horizontal Salary Guide Movement:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Horizontal Salary Guide Movement, effective September 1, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement as follows:

Name	Old Locator	New Locator
Micayla Pisani	BA Step X	BA+15 Step X

R-035-22 Approve Employee Travel and Expense Reimbursements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves employee travel and expense reimbursement as follows:

Travel Reimbursement Requests						
Name	Date(s)	Purpose	Mileage, Parking & Tolls	Lodging	Registration Fee	Total
Robert Gomes	9/10/2021	IPM training session	\$ 34.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.09
Janice Fantuzzi	8/26/2021	Virtual Renewal NCI Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,199.00	\$ 1,199.00

R-036-22 Approve Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Lopatcong Board of Education and Lopatcong Education Association the CNA for the 2021-2024 school year.

R-037-22 Approve Substitute Teachers for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the following substitutes for 2021-2022. (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5).

- Kelly Cullen – teacher, aide
- Jodi Kranes – teacher, aide
- Christine Rush – teacher, aide
- Rachel Sillib – teacher, aide
- Victoria Kinney – teacher, aide
- Matthew Minutaglio – teacher, aide

R-038-22 Approve Teacher Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the resignation of Megan Migliore, Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

R-039-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the resignation of Sharon Orth, Part-Time Paraprofessional, effective August 7, 2021.

R-040-22 Approve Teacher Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the resignation of Amanda Wayne, Teacher, effective July 31, 2021.

R-041-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Kaitlyn Wambold as a Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 30, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year.

R-042-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Kim Tezlaf as a Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 30, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5)

R-043-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Dolores Guerrero as a Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 30, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5)

R-044-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Maryann Turdo as a Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 30, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5)

R-045-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Lauren Moore as a Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 30, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5)

R-046-22 Approve Part-Time Paraprofessional Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Teresa Klapper as a Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 30, 2021 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5)

R-047-22 Approve Elementary School Teacher Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Jamie Sieka, as a Teacher beginning August 30, 2021 at BA/U and at a salary as per the 2021-2022 Collective Negotiations Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5).

R-048-22 Approve Elementary School Teacher Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Anthony Parisi, as a Teacher beginning August 30, 2021 at MA/V and at a salary as per the 2021-2022 Collective Negotiations Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5).

R-049-22 Approve Elementary School Teacher Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Ellen Papazian as a Teacher beginning August 30, 2021 at MA/V and at a salary as per the 2021-2022 Collective Negotiations Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year (Employment contingent upon satisfying necessary components of employment history as per P.L. 2018, c.5).

R-050-22 Approve Substitute Caller Stipend

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the substitute caller stipend for Debra Winters in the amount of \$4,000 for 2021-2222 school year.

R-051-22 Approve DRTRS Stipend

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the DRTRS (District Report of Transported Resident Students) stipend for Christine Ferri in the amount of \$2,000 for 2021-2022 school year.

R-052-22 Approve COVID-19 Stipend

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the COVID-19 stipend for Adam Boyer in the amount of \$3,000 for 2021-2022 school year. (EIII)

R-053-22 Approve Teacher Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the retirement of Julie Duffy, Middle School Science Teacher, effective October 31, 2021.

R-054-22 Approve Part-Time Summer Custodians Extension

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the following Part-Time Summer Custodians extension, from 8/28/21 – 9/2/21 at a rate of \$15/hour, Monday through Thursday 8:00-2:30.

Kim Koslowski

R-055-22 Approve Summer Curriculum Work for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the Summer Curriculum work hours for the teachers as listed below, not to exceed 6 hours and as paid per hour per the 2021-2022 Collective Negotiations Agreement. (EIII)

Julie Duffy	Not to exceed 6 hours	Science Curriculum
Hannah Marshall	Not to exceed 6 hours	2 nd Grade Curriculum
Anthony Parisi	Not to exceed 6 hours	3 rd Grade Curriculum
Krystal Labar	Not to exceed 6 hours	Spanish Curriculum
Kevin Osifchin	Not to exceed 6 hours	Social Studies Curriculum
Rene Fernandez	Not to exceed 6 hours	Social Studies Curriculum
Jessica Read	Not to exceed 6 hours	Math Curriculum
Kim Jinx	Not to exceed 6 hours	Math Curriculum
Lendy Gayan	Not to exceed 6 hours	Math Curriculum
Krista Wayne	Additional 10 hours	K-4 Curriculum
Lynette Stone	Additional 10 hours	5-8 ELA Curriculum

R-056-22 Approve Sidebar Agreement Amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the Sidebar Agreement between Lopatcong Board of Education and Lopatcong Education Association the CNA for the 2018-2021 school year.

R-057-22 Approve Updated LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the District’s updated LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity.

R-058-22 Approve the Re-Employment of Aftercare Staff for 2021-2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the re-employment of the following aftercare staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

NAME	POSITION	FTE	21-22 RATE
Judith Eriksen	Supervisor	4hr/day	\$22/hr
Donna Tedesko	Aide (4 days/wk)	3.5hr/day	\$14/hr
Kelsey Sessions	Aide Sub (1 day/wk)	3.5hr/day	\$14/hr

R-059-22 Approve Part-Time Secretary Hiring

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the hiring of Jessica Garcia as a Part-Time Secretary, 8 hours/week effective August 30, 2021 at a rate of \$16.13 for the 2021-2022 school year. (EIII)

Addendum R-061-22 Approve Part-Time Aides Work Hour Increase for 2021-2022 (Amendment)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves to increase the work hours for the following Aide Staff from 17.5 to 20 hours effective August 30, 2021 and ending June 17, 2022.

Mary Stumpf

Addendum R-062-22 Approve Part-Time Aides Work Hour Increase for 2021-2022 (Amendment)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves to increase the work hours for the following Aide Staff from 17.5 to 28 hours effective August 30, 2021 and ending June 17, 2022.

Rebecca Brinkoski
Cheryl Doerfer
David Fortin
Jessica Garcia
Andrea Hartman
Cynthia Hoernlein
Kathleen Horsch
Annie Lazorchak
Stephanie Parmese
Elizabeth Reilly
Angela Schappert
Jessica Smart
Tami Stucker
Sara Wanisko

Addendum R-063-22 Approve Part-Time Aides Work Hour Increase for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves to increase the work hours for the following Aide Staff to 28 hours Aide effective August 30, 2021 and ending June 17, 2022.

Dolores Guerrero
Teresa Klapper
Lauren Moore
Kim Tezlaf
Maryann Turdo
Kaitlyn Wambold

Addendum R-064-22 Approve Contact with Epic Health Services dba Aveanna Helathcare

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the contact with Epic Health Services dba Aveanna Healthcare for student state ID#6650211297 for healthcare services from September 7, 2021 thru June 17, 2022, at the rate of \$50 per hour for 3 days a week, 5 hrs per day not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Addendum R-065-22 Approve Contact with Res-Care New Jersey Inc. dba All Ways Caring Home Care

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the contact with Res-Care New Jersey Inc. dba All Ways Caring Home Care for student state ID#6650211297 for nursing services from September 7, 2021 thru June 17, 2022, at the rate of \$65 per hour for 1 day a week, 5 hrs per day not to exceed \$13,000.00 for the 2021-2222 school year.

Addendum R-066-22 Approve Substitute Nursing Contact with Bayada Home Healthcare Inc.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the contact with Bayada Home Healthcare Inc. for substitute nursing services from September 7, 2021 thru June 17, 2022, at the rate of for \$63/hour for RN and \$53/hour for LPN for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, second by Mr. Ruane, *all motions carried.*
Against: None Abstained: Ruane 036-22,056-22 Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Steinhardt

Mrs. Thomas questions and answers about NCI training fee.
Mrs. Lance questions and answers about part time aides hours increase to 28 hours and part time secretary hiring for 8 hours.
Dr. Moore questions and answers about a teacher and years of service.

Addendum R-068-22 Approve the authorization to reinstate employee.
BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and subject to ratification and adoption of a settlement agreement, to authorize the reinstatement of employee id number 15580426 to full time status effective August 24, 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, second by Mr. Gallant, *all motions carried.*
Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Ruane, Ms. Steinhardt

P. OPERATIONS

Resolutions R-060-22 through R-060-22 will be moved in one roll call

R-060-22 Approve Anticipated Facility Use Forms
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon recommendation by the Superintendent approves the Anticipated Facility Use Forms for the alternate method of compliance in lieu of individual toilet rooms in room 111 and room 114 at the Lopatcong Township Elementary School in the 2021-2022 school year which will be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for approval.

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mrs. Thomas, *all motions carried.*
Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Steinhardt

Q. POLICY

Resolutions Addendum R-067-22 through R-067-22 will be moved in one roll call

Addendum R-067-22 Approve SECOND Reading of New or Revised Policies and Regulations
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Policy Committee, approves the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

- P 0145 - Board member resignation and removal
- P 1643 - Family leave
- P 2415 - Every student succeeds act

- P 2415.02 - Title I fiscal responsibilities
- P 2415.20 - Every student succeeds act complaints
- P 5330.0 - Administration of medical cannabis
- R 2415.20 - Every student succeeds act complaints
- R 5330.01 - Administration of medical cannabis

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, second by Mr. Gallant, *all motions carried.*

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Steinhardt

R. OTHER ITEMS OF EMERGENT NATURE

Dr. Mercora mentioned back to school night in September

S. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board has set aside two portions of this meeting for public comment. Specifically, during both the “Public Comment on Agenda Items” and the “Other Public Comments” sections noted on the agenda, this meeting will be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on agenda items or a school district issue that may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Lopatcong. In that respect, please limit your comments or questions during the “Public Comment on Agenda Items” to agenda items only, and save any other questions or comments that you may have for the “Other Public Comments” portion of the meeting.

During both portions of the meeting, the Board requests that the following procedures be observed:

1. Any person who wishes to speak must wait until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer;
2. Before beginning, each speaker must state their name and address and, if speaking on behalf of an organization, the name of that organization;
3. Each speaker is limited to one (1) opportunity to speak during each of the two (2) portions that have been set aside;
4. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes in length so that other members of the public who wish to speak may have an opportunity to do so. Additional time may be afforded to a speaker at the sole discretion of the presiding Board Officer;
5. The presiding Board Officer will advise each speaker when the three (3) minute period has expired;
6. Out of respect for other members of the public that may wish to speak, the Board requests that each speaker cede the floor to the next member of the public as soon as they finished making their respective comment(s) and/or when their allotted time has expired; and
7. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel matters, the Board asks that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

Kim Tezlaf questions and answers about the safe return to school plan and make masks optional.

Richard M questions and answers about district decision to make masks optional, now Governors mask mandate, 504 plan and concerns about kids with respiratory problems.

Cara Salaki question and answer about administration of medical cannabis policy.

T. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lopatcong Township Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion by Mr. Gallant and second by Mr. Ruane to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Steinhardt

Mr. Ruane left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

U. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Thomas and second by Mr. Gallant to leave executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Ruane, Ms. Steinhardt

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gallant and second by Mr. Bustos to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Ruane, Ms. Steinhardt

Bert Arifaj, Board Secretary

Barbara Lance, President of the Board