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**APRIL 26, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**In the event that a service provider will have regular contact with students, the service provider shall provide proof that all employees, agents and representatives have received a criminal background check and provide liability insurance. The service provider shall provide the district with all necessary documentation in a timely manner, prior to the commencement of any services by which the provider has contact with students.**

**A. Proposal to Approve the TCHS Finance/Marketing Virtual Guest Speakers.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the TCHS Finance/Marketing Virtual Guest Speakers. Finance and Marketing Students will learn important finance/marketing concepts, work skills, ethical practices from entrepreneurs and other professionals in their field of Business. Participants are: Consultants: Gary B. Lawery, III: Temple University, NAACP President • Robert L Wilborn, Jr.: Employee, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management • Thomas Peterson, Owner, PBN Outlet • Bruce Boyd, Owner, Building Our Youth Development • Kimme Carlos, Owner, Motivational Consulting. April 27, 2021 through June 25, 2021; Cost not to exceed \$1,250.00; GAAP code: 20-361-100-300-0000-21-05.

**B. Proposal to Approve the K-8 Enrichment and Acceleration Summer Program.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the K-8 Enrichment and Acceleration Summer Program. Students have been attending school remotely since March 2020. During this time, many students have lost out on enrichment opportunities, such as robotics, coding, music, dance, creative writing, and poetry. Additionally, while some students demonstrated growth on nationally normed assessments, other students demonstrated learning loss on those assessments. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following enrichment activities: robotics, coding, music, dance, Continental Math League, creative writing, and scientific literacy as well as acceleration activities in both literacy and mathematics. July 6, 2021 through August 13, 2021. Cost not to exceed \$358,318.00; GAAP codes:

20-235-100-101-0009-21-82 253,260.00  
20-235-200-101-0009-21-82 17,280.00  
20-285-100-101-4809-21-82 53,694.00  
20-285-200-101-4809-21-82 13,698.00  
20-285-100-610-0048-21-82 2,995  
20-285-100-101-3509-21-82 14,070.00  
20-285-200-101-3509-21-82 3,321.00

**C. Proposal to Approve Tilottama Bose - Dissertation at TCHS: Making the case for a Social and Emotional Learning platform in Trenton Central High School to inform best practices in instruction for a post Covid-19 learning environment.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve Tilottama Bose - Dissertation at TCHS: Making the case for a Social and Emotional Learning platform in Trenton Central High School to inform best practices in instruction for a post Covid-19 learning environment. The purpose of this research is to make the case for a robust SEL platform in Trenton Central High School to inform best practices in instruction for a post Covid-19 learning environment. It is important that schools within the district are cognizant of integrating a comprehensive approach to serving students' post pandemic SEL needs, along with providing interventions for academic gaps so as to ensure positive student adjustment, peer-to-peer interactions and student-teacher interactions when students return to fully on-site learning. CASEL, the pioneer of SEL research globally, continue to stress the positive effects of SEL intervention on academic performance, where school implementing SEL at schools nationwide exceeded the national average, and witnessed a decline in truancy and behavior problems. July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; No cost to the Board.

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**D. Proposal to Approve the Pear Deck Interactive Presentation Tool Add-on for Google Slides.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Pear Deck Interactive Presentation Tool Add-on for Google Slides. Pear Deck is a Virtual Learning Tool for K-12 as an interactive presentation tool used to actively engage students in individual and social learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Imagine if you could engage every student in your class, every day. What if you could instantly see who's confused and who's ready for more? That's the power of Pear Deck. And now, with the Pear Deck for Google Slides Add-on, you can add the magic of formative assessments and interactive questions to your presentations right from Google Slides. July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Cost not to exceed \$ \$27,820.00; GAAP code: 11-000-221-320-0000-00-81.

**E. Proposal to Approve the Standards Based Report Cards Development - Grades 1 and 2.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Standards Based Report Cards Development - Grades 1 and 2. Teachers will be able to provide meaningful grades to parents and guardians that are specific to every standard. By doing standards-based report cards, parents, guardians, and students will know where they are on every standard and exactly the areas they need to improve. Teachers will know the specific performance every student made on every standard the year before in order to prepare lessons that are geared towards building upon students' strengths and limiting their weaknesses. June 28, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Cost not to exceed \$6,480; GAAP code: 11-000-221-110-0009-00-81.

**F. Proposal to Approve the Gregory School Summer Program.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Gregory School Summer Program. Covid-19 has exacerbated the existing achievement gap. Recent STAR data has indicated that 86% of Gregory School students in grade 1-5 are reading grade level 89% are performing below grade level in math. The Summer program is designed to provide three hours of academic support during the morning and enrichment activities during the afternoon. Students will be provided with robust reading and math instruction from 8:30-11:30. The rest of the day they will be filled with arts, stem and sports activities. July 5, 2021 through August 13, 2021; No cost to the Board.

**G. Proposal to Approve the Columbus School AM/PM Supervision 2020-21 SY.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve Columbus School AM/PM Supervision 2020-21 SY. This programming is being implemented to ensure that the expectations of the federally funded breakfast program is fully implemented and students arrive and leave school in the most appropriate safe manner. May 3, 2021 through June 25, 2021; Cost not to exceed \$2,698.00; GAAP code: 15-421-200-110-0009-00-17.

**H. Proposal to Approve the 6th Grade STEAM Summer Enrichment Program.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve 6th Grade STEAM Summer Enrichment Program. There is a need to implement a learning program to not only close the learning gap that has been exacerbated due to a year of in person school closing, but also introduce students to the arts. This program will not only serve the former purpose, but also be an introduction to arts integration and STEAM. Teachers will provide summer enrichment to rising sixth grade students twice per week via virtual learning platforms (in person if applicable) to address cross curricula, arts integrated/enhanced enrichment in STEAM. July 6, 2021 through August 3, 2021; Cost not to exceed \$ \$12,896.00; GAAP codes: 20-231-100-101-1009-21-82, 20-231-100-610-2009-21-82.

**I. Proposal to Approve the Districtwide Donald O. Shelton Gifted, Talented, and Enrichment Program.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the purchases for the Donald O. Shelton Gifted, Talented, and Enrichment Program listed in the Donald O. Shelton Gifted, Talented, and Enrichment Proposal and in the Donald O. Shelton Gifted, Talented, and Enrichment Manual. July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Cost not to exceed \$ \$361,339.09; GAAP codes: 11-000-221-110-0009-00-81; 11-000-221-320-0000-00-81; 11-000-221-610-0000-00-81; 11-190-100-320-0000-00-81

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**J. Resolution to Approve the Frontline’s Teachscape Focus Renewal Agreement for 2021-22 SY.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Frontline’s Teachscape Focus Renewal Agreement for 2021-20 SY. Frontline Teachscape supplies online training, assessment, and certification in the Danielson observation and evaluation tool. Frontline solution is integral to the fulfillment of NJ State DOE/Achieve NJ’s requirements as well as to the provision of quality coaching and professional development. Renewal includes a five-pack license package for Frontline’s Teachscape Focus. August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Costs not to exceed \$1,670.00; GAAP code: 11-000-221-610-0000-00-81.

**K. Resolution to Approves the Resolution to Approve the Revised Donald O Shelton Gifted and Talented Manual.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution to Approve Revised Donald O Shelton Gifted and Talented Manual available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OHst9Szd4vpZRXRLR7KBvbBe8Y78e4Ah7rPW3PQxAKo/edit?usp=sharing>. No cost to the board.

**L. Resolution to Approve the Revisions to Grading Policy 2624 and Grading Regulation 2624**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the Resolution to approve the first reading of the Revisions to Grading Policy 2624 and Grading Regulation 2624 to be implemented during the 2022-23 school year. No cost to the board.

**M. Resolution to Approve the Resolution to Approve the Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County and Trenton Public Schools.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the Resolution to approve the Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County and Trenton Public Schools. Grantees must propose to serve students who attend: (1) schools implementing comprehensive or targeted support and improvement activities; or (2) schools eligible for school wide programs; (3) schools determined by the LEA to need intervention and support or (4) schools with a high percentage of students from low-income families. Schools that serve a high percentage of low-income families will be defined as those schools that have a minimum of 30% of its student population defined as low-income. Low income families are defined as those families whose children are eligible for free lunch and/or free milk as defined in the Application for State School Aid (ASSA). No cost to the board.

**N. Resolution to Approve the Collaboration with Mercer County Community College on the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (21st CCLC).**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the Resolution to approve the Continue Collaboration with Mercer County Community College on the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (21st CCLC). Mercer County Community College will submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education for Year 3 of 5 to serve students in a comprehensive summer program at Mercer County Community College servicing Trenton Center High School Main Campus and Trenton Central High School – 9th Grade Academy students. July 8, 2021 through August 6, 2021. No cost to the board.

**O. Resolution to Approve the Collaboration with Mercer County Community College on the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (21st CCLC).**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the Continued Collaboration with Mercer County Community College on the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (21st CCLC) for 2021-22. Mercer County Community College will submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education for Year 4 of 5 to serve students in a comprehensive afterschool program at Trenton Center High School Main Campus and Trenton Central High School – 9th Grade Academy in 2021- 2022. No cost to the board.

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**P. Resolution to Approve the College of New Jersey's Professional Development School Network (PDSN) Articulation Agreement for '21- '22 SY.**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the Quality professional development that is differentiated, on-going, and job-embedded critical to building teacher capacity and improving student achievement. Recruitment and retention of highly effective teachers is a necessity to improve student achievement and to attain district goals. Membership in The College of New Jersey's Professional Development School Network (PDSN) affords the following benefits to Trenton Public Schools: 1) TPS teachers' participation in TCNJ's Teachers as Scholars Seminars (18 offered each school year\*), which are taught by TCNJ faculty, improve articulation between K-12 schools and higher education, and provide teachers training in cutting-edge educational practices; 2) TPS teachers' opportunity to apply for teacher inquiry grants; 3) TPS priority consideration for student teacher placement and Professors-in-Residence. Costs not to exceed \$3,500.00; GAAP code: 11-000-221-320-0000-00-81.