

Notice is hereby given that the executive and regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 12:00 pm and 12:45 pm has been canceled.**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Harrison Board of Education, to be held at the Superintendents Conference Room, 501 Hamilton Street, Harrison, NJ. As follows:

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 12:00 pm Executive Meeting; Special Meeting 12:45 pm.

The Board requires attendees to follow any and all health and safety procedures. Formal action will be taken for any and all business.

In accordance with provisions of this Act, the Harrison Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be forwarded to the Jersey Journal, Star Ledger and Kearny Observer as official newspapers of the Harrison Board of Education and posted in the Board of Education Office, 517 Hamilton Street, Harrison, New Jersey and was also forwarded to the Town Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Feal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila.

In attendance: Daniel J. Choffo, School Business Administrator; Michael R. Pichowicz, Assistant School Business Administrator; Superintendent Maureen Kroog; Technology Director Peter Santana; Director of Personnel, James P. Doran; Karen Murray, Labor Counsel

Board President: May we have a motion for Executive Session to discuss matters, including: negotiations, litigation, personnel and other matters pursuant to NJSA10:4-12(b).

Motion by Commissioner Confessore, seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew that the Executive Session to discuss matters, including: negotiations, litigation, personnel and other matters pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12(b) be approved.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Feal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~, and President Vila.

Board President read the following:

WHEREAS, C.231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances; and WHEREAS, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF HARRISON:

1. That it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on March 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. to discuss matters, including: negotiations, litigation, personnel and other matters pursuant to NJ 10:4-12 (b).
2. That the matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

Board President: Call for motion to reconvene public session at 12:45 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew, seconded by Commissioner Confessore to reconvene the public session.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, Fernandes, Franco, Pettigrew, Feal, Wang, Woods and President Vila all voting aye

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President.
 Director of Personnel’s Report reviewed the following:**

Superintendent/Director of Personnel’s Report
Regular Meeting March 7, 2024 (Noon)

PUBLIC MEETING

- **Read across America Week** - March 4 to 8, 2024 (Activities to take place in all schools.)
- **February -Black History Month** - (Activities will take place in all schools)
- **Harrison High School Drama presents - Starmites** - March 21,22*,23 @ 7:30PM HHS Auditorium -Tickets–Students \$5 and Adults \$10
 (*Note: March 22 is family night–bring the family and pay what you can)
- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!** -Brittany Zelaya -Bustillo, Harrison High School Student who was selected as one of Hudson County’s Unsung Heroes for 2024.

NEW EMPLOYEES

- Kathleen Thompson, Part-Time Custodian, Washington Middle School
- Maria E. Sornoza Paredes, Part-Time Custodian, Lincoln Elementary School

HIB SUMMARY REPORTS:

- **HIB Incidents-January and February 2024**

<u>School</u>	<u># Incidents</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Early Childhood	0	
Kennedy Elementary School	1 Unsubstantiated	Parent/Guardian contacted, Student Counseling, Student and Parent Conference, Mediation, Referral to the Child Study Team for further evaluation
Lincoln Elementary School	0	
Hamilton Intermediate School	2 1-Substantiated 1-Unsubstantiated	Parent/Guardian contacted, Student Counseling, Student and Parent Conference, SRO Referral for Therapy
Washington Middle School	2 Unsubstantiated	Parent/Guardian Contacted, student & parent conference, detention in school setting
Harrison High School	1 Substantiated	Parent/Guardian contacted, student & Parent counseling, Out of school suspension

Board President: In accordance with Board policy, in order to ensure an orderly meeting and efficient flow of Board business, every person who wishes to speak during the public portion of the meeting must be first recognized by the president and shall address the president only. The person must state their name and address for the record. Upon direction and approval of the Board President, questions or comments may be directed to Board Members or other officers of the school district. The Board will not

permit unnecessary or undesirable identification of district pupils at a public meeting. Unless otherwise provided by law, members of the public shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes, which time limit shall include responses to questions, and may be reduced in order to provide all members of the public to participate. The total length of time for all speakers shall be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes. **Is there any member of the public who would like to be heard at this time on AGENDA ITEMS ONLY?** If so, please state your name and address for the record.

By Board President call for motion to approve the minutes of the:
Executive Meeting February 1, 2024
Special Meeting February 1, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew seconded by Commissioner Confessore that all of the minutes of the meeting(s) February 1, 2024 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Toal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila all voting aye.

Board President: May we have a motion to approve all correspondence for the month(s) of February 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew seconded by Commissioner Franco that all correspondence for the month(s) of February 2024 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Toal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila all voting aye.

Board President: May we have a motion to approve all the Board Secretary's Report, which is in balance with Treasurer Report (A149) for the month(s) of February 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew seconded by Commissioner Confessore that the Secretary's Report for the month(s) of February 2024 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Toal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila-all voting aye.

Board President: May we have a motion to approve all the Treasurer of School Monies Reports, which is in balance with the Secretary's report for the month(s) of February 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Franco seconded by Commissioner Confessore that the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month(s) of February 2024.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Toal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila all voting aye.

Board President: May we have a motion to approve the Bill list, as submitted for the month(s) February 2024.

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Special Meeting
March 7, 2024

Bd. Of Ed. –Harrison -	Soc.Sec. 001-002	\$	29,599.91
Payroll Agency Account	2/01/24 – 2/15/23		
		001	\$ 24,606.91
		002	\$ 4,993.00
Town Share of Disability		\$	1,297.92
Bd. Of Ed. – Harrison -	Soc.Sec.	002	\$ 64,466.33
Payroll Agency Account	State Share FICA		
	2/01/24 – 2/15/24		
Bd. Of Ed. –Harrison -	Soc.Sec. 001-002	\$	25,630.62
Payroll Agency Account	2/16/24 – 2/29/24		
		001	\$ 21,722.83
		002	\$ 3,907.79
Town Share of Disability		\$	1,232.63
Bd. Of Ed. – Harrison -	Soc.Sec.	002	\$ 64,443.38
Payroll Agency Account	State Share FICA		
	2/16/24 – 2/29/24		

February 2024 BILL LIST

<u>Check#</u>	<u>PO Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>PO Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
800463	12/1/2023	5 Hands LLC	PO-24-01319	\$1,819.65
800608	12/15/2023	Abc Learning Center	PO-24-01375	\$130,000.00
800612	11/20/2023	Action Data	PO-24-01241	\$1,729.21
800612	12/6/2023	Action Data	PO-24-01339	\$1,786.10
800612	12/8/2023	Action Data	PO-24-01345	\$1,613.88
800613	10/6/2023	Agi Repair Inc	PO-24-00915	\$2,671.00
800614	12/1/2023	American Red Cross	PO-24-01318	\$252.00
800615	12/12/2023	Ap Certified Testing	PO-24-01365	\$210.00
800658	12/19/2023	Ashley Cappiello	PO-24-01423	\$3,588.19
800616	11/16/2023	Booksource	PO-24-01200	\$620.81
800617	11/3/2023	Browne Supply Company Llc	PO-24-01153	\$4,074.60
800618	11/30/2023	Bureau Of Education & Research	PO-24-01305	\$279.00
800619	11/20/2023	Cascade School Supplies	PO-24-01236	\$76.48
800620	7/24/2023	Conquer Mathematics	PO-24-00170	\$1,440.00
800621	12/4/2023	Data Network Solutions	PO-24-01322	\$3,020.20
800622	12/4/2023	Deron School Of Nj, Inc.	PO-24-01326	\$88,792.40
800623	10/13/2023	Driscoll Foods	PO-24-00957	\$8.25
800624	9/26/2023	Gopher Performance	PO-24-00713	\$2,714.99
800624	12/12/2023	Gopher Performance	PO-24-01366	\$100.69

800626	9/22/2023	Great Schools Of New Jersey	PO-24-00691	\$1,819.65
800627	12/12/2023	Hammerhead Construction	PO-24-01362	\$450.00
800628	11/30/2023	Hudl	PO-24-01302	\$8,000.00
800629	12/15/2023	Jennifer Bonardi	PO-24-01391	\$37.05
800630	11/2/2023	Kean University/NJ DECA	PO-24-01149	\$280.00
800631	12/11/2023	Kimberly Lovejoy	PO-24-01353	\$180.73
800632	11/29/2023	Lakeshore Learning Materials	PO-24-01276	\$205.15
800633	12/6/2023	M & T Bank	PO-24-01338	\$3,410.34
800634	7/24/2023	MD Buying Group, LLC	PO-24-00145	\$19.32
800635	11/6/2023	Music And Arts	PO-24-01163	\$504.00
800636	11/16/2023	Natural Languages, Llc	PO-24-01209	\$303.48
800637	12/12/2023	New Beginnings	PO-24-01368	\$397,311.96
800638	9/29/2023	NJAGC	PO-24-00827	\$15.00
800639	12/11/2023	Njahperd	PO-24-01361	\$275.00
800640	10/4/2023	Njic	PO-24-00876	\$4,500.00
800641	12/8/2023	Paul Wong	PO-24-01346	\$550.00
800642	10/2/2023	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	PO-24-00854	\$206.97
800642	10/11/2023	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	PO-24-00944	\$202.98
800642	12/6/2023	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	PO-24-01340	\$227.97
800642	12/6/2023	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	PO-24-01341	\$242.70
800643	11/2/2023	Ready Refresh	PO-24-01131	\$47.44
800643	12/4/2023	Ready Refresh	PO-24-01323	\$866.80
800606	11/20/2023	Ridgefield Board Of Education	PO-24-01214	\$2,610.00
800606	11/20/2023	Ridgefield Board Of Education	PO-24-01216	\$13,680.00
800606	11/20/2023	Ridgefield Board Of Education	PO-24-01214	\$85,173.00
800606	11/20/2023	Ridgefield Board Of Education	PO-24-01216	\$211,596.83
800644	10/13/2023	Robert Brooke & Associats	PO-24-00976	\$1,243.08
800645	9/22/2023	Scarinci / Hollenbeck Attorneys At Law	PO-24-00700	\$852.50
800646	9/25/2023	School Specialty	PO-24-00702	\$23.50
800647	12/4/2023	Schuyler Printing Company	PO-24-01324	\$1,985.00
800648	10/6/2023	Shar Music	PO-24-00905	\$178.50
800649	10/6/2023	Signs By Lynn	PO-24-00912	\$1,595.00
800650	11/2/2023	Special Needs Toys	PO-24-01151	\$763.00
800651	12/18/2023	Stans Sport Center	PO-24-01401	\$379.00
800651	12/18/2023	Stans Sport Center	PO-24-01401	\$3,816.00
800651	11/29/2023	Stans Sport Center	PO-24-01272	\$25.00
800652	7/24/2023	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL LLC	PO-24-00166	\$26.56
800652	7/26/2023	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL LLC	PO-24-00201	\$267.00
800652	8/30/2023	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL LLC	PO-24-00523	\$457.92
800652	12/4/2023	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL LLC	PO-24-01327	\$231.10
800609	12/15/2023	The Children'S Studio	PO-24-01374	\$113,400.00
800625	12/12/2023	THE GRAMON SCHOOL	PO-24-01369	\$34,908.76
800610	12/15/2023	The Harrison Learning Center	PO-24-01373	\$93,885.00
800607	12/13/2023	The Murray Law Firm, Llc	PO-24-01371	\$7,720.00
800611	12/15/2023	The Study Hall	PO-24-01372	\$113,400.00
800653	12/18/2023	Town Of Harrison - Current Fund	PO-24-01403	\$6,037.91
800653	12/18/2023	Town Of Harrison - Current Fund	PO-24-01404	\$6,193.16
800659	12/19/2023	TRISTEN CRESPO	PO-24-01422	\$1,167.01
800660	12/19/2023	WAGNER RIBEIRO	PO-24-01424	\$280.00
800654	7/31/2023	Wb Mason	PO-24-00275	\$140.88
800654	7/31/2023	Wb Mason	PO-24-00276	\$340.70
800655	9/27/2023	Wb Mason Co Inc	PO-24-00760	\$168.48
800656	12/6/2023	Western Pest Services	PO-24-01342	\$714.00

Total **\$1,367,712.88**

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew, seconded by Commissioner Confessore that those bills recommended for payment be hereby ordered paid.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, Fernandes, Franco, Pettigrew, Teal, Wang, Woods and President Vila all voting aye.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.C. 6:20-2.3, sections ©, (d) and (e), we the undersigned acknowledge that we have received and inspected the attached “Statement of Accounts: dated and certified by Daniel J. Choffo, Secretary of the Harrison Board of Education. Said “Statement of Accounts” indicates that none of the major line items of the School District Budget are over-drawn of this date.

Frederick G. Confessore
~~Carla Fernandes~~
Vincent L. Franco
Arthur Pettigrew
~~Brian Teal~~
Lily Wang
~~Kimberly Woods~~
Maria J. Vila

BOARD MEMBERS

CERTIFICATION

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL
ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

Board President: May we have a motion to approve The Monthly “Statement of Accounts”.

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew seconded by Commissioner Confessore that the Monthly “Statement of Accounts” be approved.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Teal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila all voting aye.

I hereby report the following payrolls have been processed since the last meeting of the Board and are hereby submitted for your approval and ratification”.

**Secretary’s Report
of Payrolls:**

PR	2/01/24 – 2/15/24	\$	1,393,324.39
PR	2/16/24 – 2/29/24	\$	1,337,452.23

Board President: May we have a motion to approve the Secretary’s Report of Payrolls.

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew seconded by Commissioner Confessore that the secretary’s report of Payroll be approved.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Teal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila all voting aye.

Board President: Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to the Commissioners for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Board with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Board action and placed on the Regular Agenda under New Business.

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Recommendation to approve/ratify the following District Facilities requests:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
A.	Harrison Police Department ERT Training	Kennedy Elementary School	February 21, 2024 4:00PM - 9:00PM
B.	Harrison Recreation Swimming Lessons (Revised)	Washington Middle School Pool	March 4, 2024 to April 10, 2024 5:30PM - 8:30PM
C.	PMT De-escalation Training	Kennedy Elementary School Gymnasium	March 5, 2024 9AM-4PM (Initial training) 9AM-4PM (refresher training)
D.	Town of Harrison Food Distribution	Harrison High School Parking Lot	February 10, 2024 (Saturday) 9:30AM - 11:30AM
E.	NJEA Retirement Workshop	Harrison High School Library	March 5, 2024 2:15PM - 4:00PM
F.	Early Childhood Training	Harrison High School Either: Aud, Library or Cafeteria	March 5, 2024 9:00AM-2:00PM
G.	Wax Museum	Hamilton Intermediate School	April 10-12, 2024 1:00 to 3:00 PM
H.	HEA Retirement Workshop	Washington Middle School Cafeteria	March 5, 2024 2:15-4PM (after Teacher In-Service)
I.	Lincoln School Students Spring Concert	Kennedy Elementary School Cafetorium	May 30, 2024 9:30AM and 1:30AM
J.	National School Breakfast Week Gathering	Washington School Cafe	March 6, 2024 7:30AM-9:00AM

2. Recommendation to approve/ratify the appointment of the following individual(s) as Curriculum Revision Assistants for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. *(Not to exceed 10 hours per subject unless approved by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the Superintendent of Schools)*

A) Jamie DellaVecchia, Language Arts (2nd Grade)

3. Recommendation to designate March 4 to 8, 2024, as READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK, a national celebration of reading and activities for the Harrison School District will take place that week.

4. Recommendation to designate the month of February 2024, as Black History Month, a national celebration of activities for the Harrison School District that will take place throughout the month.

5. Recommendation to approve/ratify an agreement between the Harrison Board of Education/Harrison High School and Northern Region Educational Services Commission to provide an in-person summer school program from June 24, 2024, to August 1, 2024, (Excluding Fridays and July 4, 2024) at a cost of \$350.00 for each remedial course (pro-rated).

6. Recommendation to approve/ratify a planning agreement for Schools & School Districts for the AIE Program Grant between the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs/Tourism Development (HCOCHA/TD) and The Harrison School District/Harrison Board of Education (HBOE) for a Poetry Workshop with Kevin Powell, Local Poet.
7. Recommendation to approve/ratify a \$1,000.00 stipend to be pro-rated over 24 pay periods from February 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2024, at \$41.66 per pay period for the following "Head" custodian position for their respective schools.
 - A) Luis Olivera - Kennedy Elementary School
 - B) John Silva - Lincoln Elementary School
 - C) Steve Portnjamer - Hamilton Intermediate School
 - D) Carlos Abrantes - Washington Middle School
 - E) Mark Tortorello - Harrison High School
8. Recommendation to approve/ratify the appointment of the following teacher for the Harrison High School Academic and Behavioral Support After School at-risk intervention program for the month of February and March 2024, for 1 or 2 days as needed.
 - A) Danielle Sharpe

(Staffing and hours to be determined accordingly to budgetary constraints by the Superintendent of schools and the Director of Personnel/Human Resources/Compliance and Crisis Management)
9. Recommendation to approve/ratify Kathleen Thompson for appointment to the position of Part-Time Custodian, assigned to Washington Middle School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 School Year, 5 days per week, 4 hours per day, 4:00PM to 8:00PM @\$15.13 per hour.
10. Recommendation to grant permission to apply for the School Climate Change Pilot Grant for \$31,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Recommendation to approve/ratify the attached Esports Operating Agreement for Harrison High School After School Program for the 2023-2024 school year.
(There is no charge for the 23-24 school year)
12. Recommendation to approve/ratify the following applicant(s) for use as a substitute teacher(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, effective upon criminal history approval and results of state statute (P.L. 2018, c.5)
 - A) Skylar Anthony
 - B) Devi Surisetty
13. Recommendation to request permission to void outstanding checks from the Harrison Board of Education's main banking account that are 18 months and older as per the attached request from the Superintendent of Schools dated March 5, 2024. (Resolution required)
14. Recommendation to approve/ratify the attached agreement with Infinite Therapy Solutions, LLP for Special Education related services from February 12, 2024, until June 30, 2025.
15. Recommendation for submission of the proposed 2024-2025 School District Budget as follows:

Fund 10 - Total General Fund	\$47,325,517
Fund 20-Total Grants and Entitlements	\$10,241,674
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$57,567,191
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$11,346,957

16. Recommendation to approve/ratify Cap Adjustment increase on the Pre Budget Year Levy to include weighted increases for enrollment, inflated by 2% as a recommendation of the State of New Jersey Department of Education, whereas increasing the tax levy to \$11,346,957.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.
17. Recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Yuliana Chipoco, Secretary, assigned to the Child Study Team with March 19, 2024, as the last day of work.
18. Recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Oscar Sanchez, Bus Driver/Custodian assigned to Harrison High School with March 21, 2024, as the last day of work.
19. Recommendation to request permission to accept the donation of NJ/NY Red Bull Tickets for the upcoming Red Bull “vs” Dallas Soccer Game on March 9, 2024, at Red Bull Stadium for the students and families of Hamilton Intermediate School, Washington Middle School, and Harrison High School.
20. Resolution for the Harrison Board of Education to establish the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 school year at the sum of \$13,000.00 and that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.
21. Recommendation to approve/ratify the District’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) from Samuel Klein and Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented by the School Business Administrator.
22. Recommendation to approve/ratify ongoing Professional Development Conference, Workshop, and or Training for the 2023-2024 school year as per the attached.
23. Recommendation to approve/ratify Yesenia R. Reyes De Cruz for appointment to the position of Full Time Custodian, assigned to Washington Middle School 2023-2024 school year, effective’ March 4, 2024. Further, recommendation to approve/ratify Ms. Reyes De Cruz’s salary at Step 6, \$33,132.00 (pro-rated) of the Custodian Salary Guide.
24. Recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Lorena Meadows, Long Term Substitute Teacher-School Counselor assigned to Washington Middle School with March 14, 2024, as the last day of work.
25. Recommendation to approve/ratify Maria E. Sornoza Paredes appointed to the position of Part-Time Custodian, assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, 5 days per week, 4 hours per day, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, from 2:00PM to 6:00PM @ \$15.13 per hour.
26. Recommendation to approve/ratify the revised school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, with following changes:
 - A) March 29, 2024-School Closed (Good Friday)
 - B) June 19, 2024-1:11PM Dismissal for Students (Juneteenth)
27. Recommendation to approve the Mediation Agreement, o/b/o A.F. Vs. Harrison Town Board of Education, State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Office of Special Education. (Resolution Required).
28. Recommendation to approve/ratify the following applicants appointed as Substitute Aides for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year @ \$15.13 per hour.
 - A) Benita German, Substitute Bus Aide
 - B) Yona Oster, Substitute Teacher Aide
29. Recommendation to approve an agreement between Harrison Board of Education and Employee #82905217.

REPORTS- (Fundraisers/Field trips/Accident /Fire/ Security Drill)

1. Approval of ongoing school year reports as follows:

- A) District Accident Reports
- B) District Field Trips Report
- C) District Fundraisers Report
- D) Fire and Security Drills

2. HIB Incidents- January and February 2024

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

1. Recommendation to approve/ratify the following applicant(s) for volunteer services, contingent upon criminal history approval for the 2023 season:

- A) Keith Thornton - WMS Girls Basketball

2. Recommendation to approve/ratify the following staff for the After School Program as follows at the contractual rate for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

- A) Jacquelyn Garrison, Part Time After School Nurse, Kennedy Elementary School

3. Recommendation to approve/ratify the attached agreement with Balanced Kids, LLC for a Preschool Parenting Workshop called Tools for BIG Feelings via Zoom at a cost of \$500.00. *(Zoom Workshop is scheduled for March 12, 2024, from 7 to 8PM)*

(Call to Order)

Board President: Would the Chairperson or someone from the School Government Committee please move item(s) #1 through #29 and Report(s) #1 through #2 on the Action Items under the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Commissioner Franco that item(s) #1 through #29 and Report(s) #1 through #2 be approved.

Board President: May we have someone from the School Government Committee second the motion.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew that item(s) #1 through #29 and Report(s) #1 through #2 be approved.

Board President: Will the Secretary please call the roll.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, Fernandes, Franco, Pettigrew, Teal, Wang, Woods and President Vila-all voting aye.

Board President: Would the Chairperson or someone from the School Government Committee please move item(s) #1 through #3 on the Action Items under School Government Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Franco that item(s) #1 through #3 be approved.

Board President: May we have someone from the School Government Committee second the motion.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew that item(s) #1 through #3 be approved.

Board President: Will the Secretary please call the roll.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, Franco, Pettigrew, Teal, Wang, Woods and President Vila all voting aye.

(RESOLUTIONS)

**Approved
District Facilities
CW1**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the following District Facilities requests:

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E.	NJEA Retirement Workshop	Harrison High School Library	March 5, 2024 2:15PM - 4:00PM
F.	Early Childhood Training	Harrison High School Either: Aud, Library or Cafeteria	March 5, 2024 9:00AM-2:00PM
G.	Wax Museum	Hamilton Intermediate School	April 10-12, 2024 1:00 to 3:00 PM
H.	HEA Retirement Workshop	Washington Middle School Cafeteria	March 5, 2024 2:15-4PM (after Teacher In-Service)
I.	Lincoln School Students Spring Concert	Kennedy Elementary School Cafetorium	May 30, 2024 9:30AM and 1:30AM

J.	National School Breakfast Week Gathering	Washington School Cafe	March 6, 2024 7:30AM-9:00AM
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Approved Curriculum Revision Assistant 2023-2024 SY CW2

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the appointment of the following individual(s) as Curriculum Revision Assistants for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. *(Not to exceed 10 hours per subject unless approved by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the Superintendent of Schools)*

- A) Jamie DellaVecchia, Language Arts (2nd Grade)

Approved Read Across America Week March 4 to 8 2024 CW3

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to designate March 4 to 8, 2024, as READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK, a national celebration of reading and activities for the Harrison School District will take place that week.

Approved February Black History Month CW4

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to designate the month of February 2024, as Black History Month, a national celebration of activities for the Harrison School District that will take place throughout the month.

Approved agreement HBOE/HHS and Northern Regional Services Commission CW5

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify an agreement between the Harrison Board of Education/Harrison High School and Northern Region Educational Services Commission to provide an in-person summer school program from June 24, 2024, to August 1, 2024, (Excluding Fridays and July 4, 2024) at a cost of \$350.00 for each remedial course (pro-rated).

**Approved
planning
agreement
Schools &
School District
AIE Program
Grant
CW6**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify a planning agreement for Schools & School Districts for the AIE Program Grant between the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs/Tourism Development (HCOCHA/TD) and The Harrison School District/Harrison Board of Education (HBOE) for a Poetry Workshop with Kevin Powell, Local Poet.

**Approved
stipend HEAD
custodian
position
CW7**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify a \$1,000.00 stipend to be pro-rated over 24 pay periods from February 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2024, at \$41.66 per pay period for the following "Head" custodian position for their respective schools.

- A) Luis Olivera - Kennedy Elementary School
- B) John Silva - Lincoln Elementary School
- C) Steve Portnjamer - Hamilton Intermediate School
- D) Carlos Abrantes - Washington Middle School
- E) Mark Tortorello - Harrison High School

**Approved
teacher for
HHS Academic
and Behavioral
Support After
School
CW8**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the appointment of the following teacher for the Harrison High School Academic and Behavioral Support After School at-risk intervention program for the month of February and March 2024, for 1 or 2 days as needed.

- A) Danielle Sharpe

(Staffing and hours to be determined accordingly to budgetary constraints by the Superintendent of schools and the Director of Personnel/Human Resources/Compliance and Crisis Management)

**Approved
Kathleen
Thompson PT
Custodian
WMS
CW9**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify Kathleen Thompson for appointment to the position of Part-Time Custodian, assigned to Washington Middle School for the remainder of the

2023-2024 School Year, 5 days per week, 4 hours per day,
4:00PM to 8:00PM @\$15.13 per hour.

Approved permission to apply School Climate Change Pilot Grant 2024-2025 SY CW10

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to grant permission to apply for the School Climate Change Pilot Grant for \$31,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Approved Esports Operating Agreement HHS 2023-2024 SY CW11

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the attached Esports Operating Agreement for Harrison High School After School Program for the 2023-2024 school year. *(There is no charge for the 23-24 school year)*

Approved applicants substitute teacher 2023-2024 SY CW12

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the following applicant(s) for use as a substitute teacher(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, effective upon criminal history approval and results of state statute (P.L. 2018, c.5)

- A) Skylar Anthony
- B) Devi Surisetty

Approved permission to void outstanding checks from HBOE main bank acct CW13

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to request permission to void outstanding checks from the Harrison Board of Education's main banking account that are 18 months and older as per the attached request from the Superintendent of Schools dated March 5, 2024. (Resolution required)

**Approved agreement
Infinite
Therapy
Solutions
CW14**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the attached agreement with Infinite Therapy Solutions, LLP for Special Education related services from February 12, 2024, until June 30, 2025.

**Approved
proposed 2024-
2025 School
District Budget
CW15**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation for submission of the proposed 2024-2025 School District Budget as follows:

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Fund 10 - Total General Fund	\$47,325,517
Fund 20-Total Grants and Entitlements	\$10,241,674
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$57,567,191
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$11,346,957

By:

**Daniel J. Choffo
Board
Secretary/School
Business
Administrator**

**Approved Cap
Adjustment
increase on Pre
Budget Year
Levy 2024-2025
SY
CW16**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify Cap Adjustment increase on the Pre Budget Year Levy to include weighted increases for enrollment, inflated by 2% as a recommendation of the State of New Jersey Department of Education, whereas increasing the tax levy to \$11,346,957.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

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By:

**Daniel J. Choffo
Board
Secretary/School
Business
Administrator**

**Accept letter of
resignation
Yuliana
Chipoco
CW17**

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Yuliana Chipoco, Secretary, assigned to the Child Study Team with March 19, 2024, as the last day of work.

Accept letter of resignation Oscar Sanchez CW18

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Oscar Sanchez, Bus Driver/Custodian assigned to Harrison High School with March 21, 2024, as the last day of work.

Accepted donation of NJ/NY Red Bull Tickets March 9 HAM, WMS and HHS CW19

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to request permission to accept the donation of NJ/NY Red Bull Tickets for the upcoming Red Bull “vs” Dallas Soccer Game on March 9, 2024, at Red Bull Stadium for the students and families of Hamilton Intermediate School, Washington Middle School, and Harrison High School.

Approved resolution for HBOE school district travel maximum 2023-2024 SY CW20

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: WHEREAS, the Harrison Board of Education policy # 9250 and NJAC 6A:23A-7.3(a) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2023-2024 school year.

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WHEREAS, the Harrison Board of Education appropriated \$13,000 for travel during the 2023-2024 school year and has spent \$8,145 as of March 7, 2023.

By:

**Daniel J. Choffo
Board
Secretary/School
Business
Administrator**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrison Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 school year at the sum of \$13,000, and

BE IT RESLOVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these cost to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

- Approved ACFR Samuel Klein and Co. CW21**
- RESOLVED:** By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,
- That:** Recommendation to approve/ratify the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) from Samuel Klein and Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented by the School Business Administrator.
- Approved Professional Development Conference, Workshop and Training 2023-2024 SY CW22**
- RESOLVED:** By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,
- That:** Recommendation to approve/ratify ongoing Professional Development Conference, Workshop, and or Training for the 2023-2024 school year as per the attached.
- Approved Yesenia R. Reyes De Cruz FT Custodian WMS CW23**
- RESOLVED:** By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,
- That:** Recommendation to approve/ratify Yesenia R. Reyes De Cruz for appointment to the position of Full Time Custodian, assigned to Washington Middle School 2023-2024 school year, effective' March 4, 2024. Further, recommendation to approve/ratify Ms. Reyes De Cruz's salary at Step 6, \$33,132.00 (pro-rated) of the Custodian Salary Guide.
- Approved letter of resignation Lorena Meadows CW24**
- RESOLVED:** By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,
- That:** Recommendation to accept a letter of resignation from Lorena Meadows, Long Term Substitute Teacher-School Counselor assigned to Washington Middle School with March 14, 2024, as the last day of work.
- Approved Maria E. Sornoza Paredes PT Custodian Lincoln CW25**
- RESOLVED:** By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,
- That:** Recommendation to approve/ratify Maria E. Sornoza Paredes appointed to the position of Part-Time Custodian, assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, 5 days per week, 4 hours per day, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, from 2:00PM to 6:00PM @ \$15.13 per hour.

Approved revised calendar SY CW26 RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the revised school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, with following changes:

- A) March 29, 2024-School Closed (Good Friday)
- B) June 19, 2024-1:11PM Dismissal for Students (Juneteenth)

Approved Mediation Agreement CW27 RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve the Mediation Agreement, o/b/o A.F. Vs. Harrison Town Board of Education, State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Office of Special Education. (Resolution Required).

Approved applicants Sub Aides 2023-2024 SY CW28 RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the following applicants appointed as Substitute Aides for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year @ \$15.13 per hour.

- A) Benita German, Substitute Bus Aide
- B) Yona Oster, Substitute Teacher Aide

Approved agreement between HBOE and employee #82905217 CW29 RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve an agreement between Harrison Board of Education and Employee #82905217.

Approved application volunteer services SG1 RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the following applicant(s) for volunteer services, contingent upon criminal history approval for the 2023 season:

A) Keith Thornton - WMS Girls Basketball

Approved
Jacquelyn
Garrison PT
After School
Nurse KES
SG2

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the following staff for the After School Program as follows at the contractual rate for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

- A) Jacquelyn Garrison, Part Time After School Nurse, Kennedy Elementary School

Approved
agreement
Balanced Kids
LLC
SG3

RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of the Town of Harrison, County of Hudson and concurring with the recommendation of the Superintendent of School,

That: Recommendation to approve/ratify the attached agreement with Balanced Kids, LLC for a Preschool Parenting Workshop called Tools for BIG Feelings via Zoom at a cost of \$500.00. *(Zoom Workshop is scheduled for March 12, 2024, from 7 to 8PM)*

Board President: Call for any **Old Business** from Board Members. **None**

Board President: Call for **New Business** from Board Members. **None**

Board President: **Call for Public Comments – General Items: None**

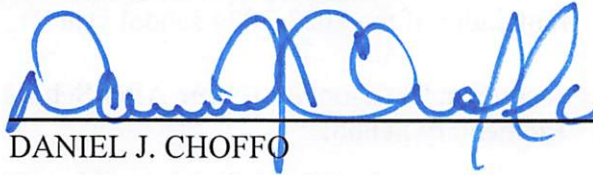
Assistant School Business Administrator: In accordance with Board Policy, in order to ensure an orderly meeting and efficient flow of board business, every person who wishes to speak during the public portion of the meeting must be first recognized by the President and shall address the president only. The person must state their name and address for the record. Upon direction and approval of the board president, questions or comments may be directed to Board Members or other officers of the school district. The Board will not permit unnecessary or undesirable identification of district pupils at a public meeting. Unless otherwise provide by law, members of the public shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes, which time limit shall include responses to questions, and may be reduced in order to provide all members of the public to participate. The total length of time for all speakers shall be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes. Is there any member of the public who would like to be heard at this time? If so, please state your name and address for the record.

Board President: May we have a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Pettigrew seconded by Commissioner Confessore that the meeting is adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Confessore, ~~Fernandes~~, Franco, Pettigrew, ~~Toal~~, Wang, ~~Woods~~ and President Vila all voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



DANIEL J. CHOFFO

Board Secretary/School Business Admn.

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