

**Lakewood Board of Education
Lakewood, New Jersey**

ADDITIONS TO THE BODY OF THE AGENDA

July 30, 2021

X. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/ BOARD SECRETARY:

XI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Superintendent Items

38. Approve the Academic and Behavioral Intervention Program for students in Grades 6 through 12.

The Program will address:

- Address Academic Deficiencies
- Address Mental Health Concerns (Depression, Anxiety, Self-harm/self-injury, etc.)
- Increase self-esteem and self-confidence
- Give students the skills needed to be productive, self-sufficient members of society
- Teach students to become independent thinkers
- Enhance social skills
- Provide alcohol/drug education & counseling
- Provide smoking/vaping/e-cigarette education & counseling
- Teach students how to handle anger and frustration & how to walk away from potential conflicts
- Teach students coping skills

The Academic & Behavioral Intervention Program will include:

- Two (2) Substance Abuse Counselors (SAC)
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Dr. Michael Selbst, Behavior Therapy Associates (Psychologist/BCBA-D)
- Social Worker
- Teachers

Students:

- Will continue their Academic Program/Schedule

- With an IEP will continue to receive any and all services, as per their IEP

Paid for using IDEA Funds.

39. Approve the LHS Vocational Program.

The purpose of the program is to provide students the opportunity to learn a variety of life skills.

Activities and tasks will be based on the needs of each individual student.

The program will include:

- Job Coach
- Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Therapists
- Farm Staff

The program:

- Will be two hours a day, three days a week at Care from the Heart in Howell, New Jersey
- Transportation will be provided

40. Approve the following Lakewood High School staff member to take temperatures as students and staff enter the building for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$1,800.00 per year:

- Peter Evan Baubles

41. Approve the following teachers as Mentors for the 2021-2022 School Year:

- Stacy Moses- CAGS
- Henny Yoffe- LHS
- Jessica Stone- LMS
- Rachel Erreich- PINER
- Danielle Milon- SPRUCE
- Marisa Moses- SPRUCE
- Trisha King- SPRUCE
- Natasha Wilson- SPRUCE

42. **Be it Hereby Resolved** that in the student matter captioned *R.Y. o/b/o N.Y. v the Lakewood Board of Education Docket No.: EDS 10377-2020S*; Agency Ref: 2021-32169, subject to OAL Approval, Final Review, Superintendent Approval and State Monitor Approval; the Board of Education agrees that student N.Y.

currently in the 9th grade with a classification of Multiply Disabled (Intellectual Disability- Mild, Communication Impaired). N.Y. has completed the 8th grade during the 2020-2021 school year at a nonpublic school of the parent's choice. The District will reimburse the parent in the amount of \$25,000 based solely on the fact that the most current IEP recommended an aide and related services that would not have exceeded that amount. The District does not and did not support the program that NY attended for the 2020-2021 school year. For the 2021-2022 school year, (9th grade) the parent must immediately participate in reviewing NJDOE approved placements. This would mean allowing the District to send records to NJDOE approved private schools for the disabled and schedule "intakes". The District's Child Study Team with input from the parents will determine NJDOE approved schools that may be appropriate for placement consideration. If the parent has any suggestions, the District will send records there immediately for consideration as long as it is a NJDOE approved placement located in Ocean, Monmouth or Mercer counties. Parents also agree to sign consent to complete an updated educational evaluation, psychiatric evaluation and neurodevelopmental evaluation. It is understood that the aforementioned evaluations will not be completed before the 2021-2022 school year begins. Parents have a choice to either have N.Y. attend a NJDOE approved placement at District expense with District providing transportation **OR** select a nonpublic program (that the District does not recommend and will not be held responsible for). If parent selects a nonpublic program, the District's total contribution will not exceed \$35,000 for non-sectarian education cost and related services, but only if the program provides, in part, much needed: one to one aide instruction by a trained professional who holds a special education credential, functional life skills are taught, as well as functional academics and a description of the program is provided and certified to. In addition, the District will render payment for related services recommended in the most recent IEP at District rates. (Speech therapy, 1 time per week for 30 mins at a rate of \$70/hr; Occupational Therapy, 1 time per week for 30 mins at a rate of \$70/hr; Social Skills, 1 time per week at a rate of \$40/hr and Counseling, 1 time per week for 30 mins at a rate of \$40/hr). Payment can be made to approved vendors and therapists or reimbursement to the parent and will require attendance documents, schedules, reporting, etc. in accordance with District requests and practices. If parents choose a nonpublic school of their choice, NO transportation or reimbursement for transportation will be provided other than what is available to N.Y. as a nonpublic student through the LSTA. This Agreement can be renewed for 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 school years (10th, 11th & 12th grades) should an evaluator selected by the District observe and report on a yearly basis that NY is making meaningful progress at the program selected by the parents. If it is determined that meaningful progress is not made, or if the parents opt to re-register NY in the public school district, then the IEP team will meet and consider all public options, with the District's then offer being "stay put". Parents understand that they must reside in Lakewood, NJ in order for the

agreement to be in effect. If they move out of the Lakewood School District, the agreement becomes null and void. Parents understand that if for any reason the student does not attend the school she is currently attending, during the term of this agreement, the agreement becomes null and void. After the completion of the 2024-2025 school year, whether NY completes the 12th grade or not, the District will not be responsible for any future services other than, should the same be applicable public programming. Specifically, if for some reason NY does not graduate in June 2025, NY can re-register as a public school student and if it is determined that additional education and services are required, the District will offer a public program and placement. The only rights NY and the family will have are: 1) if the District determines no further services are required the parents can challenge that determination and 2) if it is agreed and/or proven that NY requires additional services that the only right will be to dispute programming such as amount of services, etc, but not placement. For ESY 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the parent will have the right to reimbursement or payment made to state approved therapists and/or vendors for no more than \$3,000 for academic instruction plus related services recommended in the most current IEP at District rates. No other and/or additional cost, fees, etc. will be paid or reimbursed other than what is specifically stated in the agreement. No compensatory education for any period of time that services have not and / or should they not be provided. Services will continue for a period not to exceed 40 weeks for the school year and 6 weeks for ESY. **(Student ID 906888)**

43. **Be it Hereby Resolved** that in the student matter captioned ***J.J. and B.J. o/b/o A.J. v the Lakewood Board of Education, Docket No.: EDS-09098-2020; Agency Ref No.: 2021-32017***; subject to *OAL Approval, Final Review, State Monitor Approval and Superintendent Approval*, District extend the prior settlement agreement for A.J. who is chronologically in the 4th Grade. Last IEP dated 7/29/2020 recommended SCHI with the classification of Other Health Impairment. The following changes shall be made to prior settlement agreement as follows: Reimburse parent and/or render payment to a third party designated by the parents on a monthly basis provided attendance reports and progress reports are received from nonpublic school and the One to One aide(s) in the months of November, April and June for the entirety of the agreement, and whatever other documentation reasonably required by the District is provided as a condition precedent to the satisfaction of the Board are provided from September 2021 (4th grade) - June 2023 (5th grade) : One to One Aide (as recommended IEP dated 7/29/2020) at the rate not to exceed \$3,750 per month for 11 months, not to exceed \$41,250 per school year (September 2021 through June 2023) and ESY 2022 (6 weeks) provided the aide is fingerprinted (or has an application to be fingerprinted) and has a high school diploma and that one of the aides is a special education teacher and/or has a special education degree/certification; Prior to any related services and/or nursing to be paid by the District, parents must apply to their insurance

company to receive same and provide to the District a written denial letter. (Occupational Therapy 3 times per week, 30 min per session at a rate of \$80/hr, Physical Therapy 3 times per week, 30 min session at a rate of \$80/hr, Speech Therapy 2 times per week, 30 min sessions at a rate of \$70/hr; Feeding Therapy 2 times per week, 30 min sessions at a rate of \$125/hr.) Due to a hospitalization at CHOP on 5/25/21 with complications from existing conditions, the District will consider a nurse for the student with proper medical documentation, if applicable. No other related services will be paid or reimbursed. It is specifically understood that the District has no obligation to identify nor locate nor provide neither Aide (s) nor providers. No other fees and/or cost will be paid nor reimbursed to the parents. No other services, education, etc. will be paid for the period in question. No compensatory education for any period of time that services have not and / or should they not be provided. Services will continue for a period not to exceed 40 weeks for the school year and 6 weeks for ESY provided the nonpublic school selected by the parent is in session; No other fees and/or cost. No Transportation or reimbursement for transportation. Student can however, receive transportation through the LSTA, if the parent choses. No Stay Put. No IEP. No Tuition. Parents understand that they must reside in Lakewood, NJ in order for the agreement to be in effect. If they move, the agreement becomes null and void. Parents understand that if for any reason the student does not attend the nonpublic school chosen by the parent at the time of the agreement, during the term of this agreement, the agreement becomes null and void. Upon agreement expiring or the student no longer attends the nonpublic school chosen by the parent at the time of the agreement, should the parents seek a Public placement, the parent shall request a meeting, in writing to the Superintendent and the Supervisor of Special Services via email and certified mail, by March 2023 or sooner, if applicable, at which time the District will consider Eligibility and if appropriate offer a Public program and placement. As recommended by the Supervisor of Special Education and the Child Study Team **(Student ID 915076)**

B. PERSONNEL

1. CERTIFICATED

f. Appointments

14. *HAYDEN, Drennan

Teacher:	Art- LMS
Effective:	September 1, 2021
Terminating:	June 30, 2022
Salary:	Step 7, BA- \$52,971.00
(Replacement for L. Ambrozaitis- Resigned)	
(Budget Account #15-130-100-101-04-0004)	

15. *HOMNICK, Avigail

Teacher: K/1 DIR Autistic- PINER
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 3, MA- \$54,671.00
(New Position- IEP Mandate- Increase in Students)
(Budget Account #15-214-100-101-10-0010)

16. *PASSAFARO, Thomas

Teacher: Business Teacher- LHS
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 9, MA- \$57,321.00
(Replacement for S. Lowery- Non-Renewed)
(Budget Account #15-140-100-101-03-0003)

17. *ONNEMBO, Lauren

Teacher: Math/Science- LMS
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 5, BA- \$52,471.00
(Replacement for S. Badum- Resigned)
(Budget Account #15-130-100-101-04-0004)

18. *VELEZ, Lisa

Interventionist: Preschool- SPRUCE
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 4, BA- \$52,071.00
(Replacement for L. Babiak- Transferred)
(Budget Account #20-218-100-101-00-1211)

19. *VALLO, Brynn

Teacher: 1st Grade- PINER
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 5, BA+15- \$53,471.00
(Replacement for M. Moser- Resigned)
(Budget Account #15-120-100-101-10-0010)

2. NON-CERTIFICATED

f. Appointments

2. *DIMITRI, Sherine
Paraprofessional: OAK
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 10, 90 Credits- \$21,324.00
(Replacement for D. Pysniak- Resigned)
(Budget Account #11-000-217-106-09-0009)
3. *NIELSEN, Bailey
Paraprofessional: Preschool- PINER
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 7, 60 Credits- \$20,099.00
(Replacement for L. Velez- Transferred)
(Budget Account #20-218-100-106-00-1211)
4. *ORELLANA, Angel
Paraprofessional: 3:1, LLD Program, 1st Grade- PINER
Effective: September 1, 2021
Terminating: June 30, 2022
Salary: Step 11, 90 Credits- \$21,524.00
(New Position- IEP Mandate- Due to increase of Special Ed. Students)
(Budget Account #11-000-217-106-10-0010)