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BERGENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BERGENFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07621  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

October 16, 2023

To: Bergenfield Board of Education  
From: Christopher Tully  
RE: Consent Personnel Recommendations for the Board of Education Meeting Monday, October 16, 2023

**Retirements/Resignations:**

Tracy Pruestel, Paraprofessional at Lincoln School has resigned effective October 3, 2023.

Nelson Perez, Part-Time Custodian has resigned effective October 3, 2023.

Jennifer Sant Anna, English Teacher at Bergenfield High School has resigned effective October 6, 2023.

Anna Stretovych, Paraprofessional at Washington School has resigned effective October 28, 2023.

John Rosado is resigning from the Assistant Basketball Coach position at Bergenfield High School effective October 9, 2023.

Katherine McGarril, Nurse at Washington School is resigning effective January 1, 2024.

Frederick McGarril, Residency Officer is resigning effective January 1, 2024.

Edmund Leuck III, Bus Driver is retiring effective July 1, 2024.

Joseph Merkle, Transportation Foreman is retiring effective July 1, 2024.

Jesse Martinez, part time Bus Driver has resigned effective October 12, 2023.

The following people after being appointed to the positions indicated, have not completed the required employment documents including fingerprint clearance and/or have not responded to emails or phone calls and are considered to have declined the offer:

George Vera PT Bus Driver

Katy Alvarez PT Bus Aide

**Family/Medical Leaves:**

Marie Noble, Resource Teacher at Bergenfield High School is requesting an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA from October 2, 2023 through December 22, 2023. Ms. Noble plans on returning January 2, 2024.

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Dan Edwards, District Maintenance is requesting an extension to his unpaid leave of absence through November 19, 2023. Mr. Edwards plans on returning November 20, 2023.

Sarah Martin, Teacher at Franklin School is requesting an unpaid leave of absence from October 18, 2023 through Friday, October 20, 2023.

**Appointments:**

Cintya Morales, Paraprofessional at Washington School starting on or after October 17, 2023 at a salary of \$21,636.00 (step 1) prorated for length of the assignment pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

Irena Pedraza, Paraprofessional at Roy W. Brown Middle School starting on or after October 17, 2023 at a salary of \$21,636.00 (step 1) prorated for length of the assignment pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

Ellisse Steeley, Paraprofessional at Franklin School starting on or after October 17, 2023 at a salary of \$21,636.00 (step 1) prorated for length of the assignment pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

Majaleth Santos, Paraprofessional at Jefferson School starting on or after October 17, 2023 at a salary of \$21,636.00 (step 1) prorated for length of the assignment pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

Jose Peralta, substitute Bus Aide at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year. Not to exceed a combined total of 29.5 hours per week.

Lidia Ventura, part time Bus Aide at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year not to exceed 29.5 hours per week pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

Florette Robinson-Boudrot, Part Time Lunch Aide at Hoover School at a rate of \$15.38 per hour not to exceed 29.5 hours per week pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

Bhawna Joseph from Long Term Substitute .5 Basic Skills Teacher at Hoover School payable through Title IA to Long Term Substitute for Jennifer Bocanegra pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1 effective September 21, 2023 through December 1, 2023 at a salary of \$63,967.00 (MA step 1). Salary to be prorated to length of assignment. Ms. Joseph will return to her .5 Basic Skills position as Long Term Substitute for Heather Alonso Utsch pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1 effective December 4, 2023 through approximately March 2024 at a salary of \$31,983.50 payable through Title IA. Salary to be prorated to length of assignment.

Jordyn Rifkin, .5 Long Term Substitute Basic Skills teacher at Hoover School for Heather Alonso Utsch pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1 effective October 9, 2023 through December 1, 2023 at a salary of \$31,129 (.5 MA step 1) pending transcripts payable through Title IA. Salary to be prorated to length of assignment.

Joe Bargallo, Part Time Security Officer at Hoover School starting on or after October 17, 2023 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour not to exceed 29.5 hours per week pending fingerprint clearance and P.L. 2018, c.5.

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The following Extra Pay for Extra Services for the 2023-2024 school year:

Jeannine Babino	Lincoln School	Safety Patrol Advisor	\$1,387
Alyssa Tunick	Hoover School	AM Supervisor	\$16.20 per day
Elena Bonifazio	Hoover School	Breakfast Supervisor	\$21.00 per day
Barbara Plikaitis	Hoover School	Preschool Expansion Extended Day Substitute	\$40.00 per hour
Elizabeth Campbell Jesse Biggins Jessica Salogiannis Jayne Fabian-Biggins	Bergenfield High School	CPR Training Presenters on Sept 6th PD Day	\$40.00 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours each staff member
Lisa Cooper Rich Conboy Chris Weninger Kevin Manning Darlene Johannessen Joe Ippolito Rich Lustig Debbie Calle	Roy W. Brown Middle School	DASH Advisor	\$40.00 per hour, 1 staff member daily on a rotating basis
Rachel Farmer Estefania Valera	Bergenfield High School	Freshman Orientation 9/12/2023	\$40.00 per hour for up to 2 hours each
Lauren LaPorta Dana Massey Estefania Valera Melissa Yoskowitz	Bergenfield High School	Senior Parent Night 9/27/2023	\$40.00 per hour for up to 2 hours each
Lauren LaPorta Dana Massey Estefania Valera Melissa Yoskowitz	Bergenfield High School	Financial Aide Night 12/5/2023	\$40.00 per hour for up to 2 hours each
Lauren LaPorta Dana Massey Estefania Valera Melissa Yoskowitz	Bergenfield High School	Junior Parent Night 1/11/2024	\$40.00 per hour for up to 2 hours each
Rachel Farmer Lauren LaPorta Dana Massey Estefania Valera Melissa Yoskowitz	Bergenfield High School	College Fair 03/06/2024	\$40.00 per hour for up to 3 hours each
Rachel Farmer Estefania Valera	Bergenfield High School	8th Grade Parent Night (Tentative)	\$40.00 per hour for up to 2 hours each

Lauren LaPorta Dana Massey Estefania Valera Melissa Yoskowitz	Bergenfield High School	Senior Awards Night 6/3/2024	\$40.00 per hour for up to 3 hours each
William Nociti	Bergenfield High School	Coding Club Advisor	\$1,521.00 stipend
Amber Hilburn	Bergenfield High School	Writing Center Sept. 19th - June 10th	\$40.00 per hour 1 hour per session not to exceed 4 sessions per week combined with previously approved staff. Payable through Title 1A
Kathryn Osborne	Bergenfield High School	HS Musical Director	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$4000
Elaine Thoman	Bergenfield High School	HS Musical Music Director	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$4000
Joe Dubbiosi	Bergenfield High School	HS Musical Technical Director	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$1000
Brian Timmons	Bergenfield High School	Musical Pit Director	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$1500
Omar Melendez Song Hong	Bergenfield High School	eSports Club Coach	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed a combined total of \$2080
John Magaraci	Bergenfield High School	Safe Drives Club Advisor	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$1300
Mairaj Ahmed	Alternative High School	Chess Club Advisor	\$1486 Stipend payable through Title 1A Funds
Howard Steng	Alternative High School	Art Club Advisor	\$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$1300 payable through Title 1A Funds
Nicolette Kling-Martin	Washington School	Grade 5 STEM	\$40.00 per hour 1 hour session = ½ hr prep not to exceed 10 session Payable through Title IV A
Sherry Manning	Franklin School		
Alyssa Tunick	Hoover School		
JoAnn Ruiz-Vazquez Leslie Zapata	Bergenfield High School	Project Welcome 9 sessions, each	\$40.00 per hour 1.5 hr instruction = 1.5

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Estefania Valera Malak Fakhry		session = 1.5 hrs	hr prep Payable through Title III funds
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Kathleen Driscoll, Lunch Supervisor at Franklin School at a rate of \$20.00 per day.

Jordyn Rifkin, Lunch Supervisor at Hoover at a rate of \$15.38 per day. Total combined hours not to exceed 29.5 hours per week.

Charlene Taveras to be paid \$40.00 per hour for an additional 30 minutes to complete the translation of the Bergenfield Program of Studies.

Sasha Leon to be paid \$40.00 per hour for up to an additional 4 hours to complete the translation of the BHS, RWB and Elementary student handbooks.

**Salary Changes** (Salaries to be prorated to effective date):

**Correction (see bold)**

Howie Conklin to receive an additional 1/6th salary effective September 7, 2023, to cover an additional Math class at Alternative High School. Total salary \$115,259.16 (BA+32/MA step 22-24 plus \$16,094.16 (1/6th)) including longevity stipend. **1/6th salary and applicable benefits are Payable through Title IA**

Elizabeth Campbell to receive her per diem 1/6th rate, to cover an additional PE class at BHS for 30 days during the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$77.14 per day for a total of \$2,314.20

Marcelo Galindo from \$87,965.00 (MA + 16 step 15) to \$91,965.00 (MA+32 step 15) effective September 1, 2023.

**Substitutes** (pending the completion of all paperwork including criminal history background check):

Asil Pamir, Alejandra Zelasco, Erin Ryan,