WHEREAS, there are students in the Union Township Public Schools who require special education services and are currently receiving their education in out-of-district placements; and

WHEREAS, the law requires special education students be educated in the least restrictive environment which is the Union Township Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Union Township Board of Education requires the services of a vendor to provide licensed therapeutic mental health services which will facilitate returning special education students from out-of-district placements to the Union Township Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Effective School Solutions, LLC has proposed to provide in-district licensed therapeutic mental health services for special education students; and

WHEREAS, the said licensed therapeutic mental health services are considered a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Union Township Board of Education approves entering into an Agreement with Effective School Solutions, LLC for the 2016-2017 school year to provide professional services in the form of licensed therapeutic mental health services, subject to approval of the Agreement by the Board Attorney.