

**HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2017
MINUTES**

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The regular action board meeting of October 18, 2017 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria by Board President, Mr. Gus Bordi. Mr. Bordi read the following statement followed by the pledge of allegiance: "In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice of the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting, to the *Warren Reporter* and the *Express Times*." Copies of the notice have also been posted in each of our schools, the Board Office located at 315 Washington Street, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Hackettstown. And further, please be advised that, meetings of the Hackettstown Board of Education are videotaped for next day posting on the District website. The Board of Education reserves the right to edit the videotaped record of its meetings in order to protect student or staff member privacy."

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Gus Bordi
Mr. Shawn Burke
Mrs. Amy Cochran
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano
Mr. Michael Herbst (arrived at 7:18 p.m.)
Ms. Malainie Hibler
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Mr. Robert Moore
Ms. Lori Prymak
Dr. Bo Soobryan
Ms. Wehmeyer

Also present: Mr. David C. Mango, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Gail Woicekowski, Board Secretary
Mr. Mark Toscano, Board Attorney
Mrs. Kathy Gesumaria, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Debra Grigoletti, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. John Morsillo, Technology Technician I
Mr. Kyle Sosnovik, High School Principal
Mr. Kevin O'Leary, High School Vice Principal
Mrs. Lauren Thomas, High School Vice Principal
Mr. Anthony Daly, Middle School Teacher
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal
Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Willow Grove Principal
Mrs. Jennifer Spuckes, High School SAC Counselor

Members absent: none

MINUTES

Motion: Dr. Soobryan

Second: Mrs. Cochran

Be it resolved, that the regular board meeting minutes and the executive session minutes of September 20, 2017 be approved.

Carried in a voice vote – Ms. Prymak and Ms. Wehmeyer – abstain

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities – reported by Ms. Woicekowski

- Ms. Woicekowski reported there was a meeting on October 4, 2017. She stated there is a matrix showing projects as either 1) high need 2) need 3) medium need. The “high need” projects are a roof at Hatchery Hill, finishing roofs at Middle School and High School, electrical upgrades at all buildings and upgrade bathrooms at elementary schools.
- Ms. Woicekowski reiterated that the Feasibility Study will be presented at a joint board meeting between Hackettstown and Great Meadows boards on November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Great Meadows Middle School.
- Ms. Woicekowski gave an update regarding all the schools air quality testing. All updates are on the district website.
- There was a discussion regarding the replacement of the Middle School doors. Mr. Burke stated the doors are not what was agreed to. He feels the doors are not aesthetically fitting to a historical building. There was much discussion regarding color of doors and recessed panel of door. Ms. Woicekowski stated the architect quoted \$3,000 additional charge for a recessed panel and change of paint color. Ms. Wehmeyer agreed that this was not presented to the board. Ms. Wehmeyer questioned why the district would be responsible for the change in color and recessed panel. The committee will need to schedule another Finance and Facilities meeting before the November 15, 2017 Board Meeting. Final numbers are also needed from Kevin Settembrino.

Great Meadows – no report

Allamuchy – no report

Personnel – no report

Negotiations – reported by Mr. Moore

- Mr. Moore stated he is waiting on dates to meet with committee and HEA.

Policy – no report

Student Activities – no report

Curriculum – no report

HFEE Foundation – reported by Ms. Maciag

- The meeting on October 16, 2017 was cancelled.

Ad Hoc Shared Services – reported by Mr. Herbst

- There was a shared Finance and Facilities meeting with Great Meadows Board Members. Tuition adjustment was \$1.9 and is now down to \$944K and projected to be paid off before 2021.

- Mr. Mango stated that all committee meetings will be held on November 12, 2017 at the Board Office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. David Mango

- Student of the Month were introduced by the Building Principals.
 - Hatchery Hill
 - September – Luke Dodge
 - October – Michael Hodiernne
 - Willow Grove
 - September – Kyle Larga
 - October – Naia Deithorn
 - Middle School
 - September – Srivalli Valluri
 - October – Melvin Tunstall
 - High School
 - September – Aditi Pillai
 - October – Jason Russack
- Mrs. Grigoletti passed out the Path Report (which is attached to the minutes). Mrs. Grigoletti stated that High School students need to pass the standardized tests in order to graduate High School. The report shows what avenues students took to pass last school year. There will be an amendment to the C Section, Resolution C7. Ms. Hibler asked if there is a program for students who do not pass. Mrs. Grigoletti replied that the district is working on that currently.
- Hall of Fame – Mr. Mango stated Hall of Fame ribbon cutting ceremony will be 10/27/17 and on the evening of October 28, 2017 the Hall of Fame ceremony will be held at Panther Valley.
- Student Council – Tri Council meeting will be 11/16/17. There will be discussion regarding team building and Sr. Citizen Prom. The committee will also discuss electives, HIB, school discipline and code of conduct.
- Security Specialist – Mr. Mango stated the District is required to have a Security Specialist as of 1/1/2018; statue # PL2017. The State Department is not permitting Directors of Security to the position. Employees will be trained annually. Mr. Mango also stated that Dr. Rossi from Sparta School District visited Hackettstown last week to see our security initiatives.
- Inter-district School Security Committee – A meeting of PTO, staff and Administrators will be held on November 16, 2017.
- Shared Director of Security – A job description for Director of Security to be shared with Great Meadows will be approved in November and the start date will be January 1, 2018. Great Meadows currently doesn't have any security personnel.
- Did You Know – 2028 video – A video was shown looking at electives and where the world is heading in the future. The video referenced what our students will need to know to be contributing society members.
- Special Education District Review – presented by Mrs. Kathy Gesumaria (a copy of the presentation will be attached to the minutes).

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. Carla Weimer, a community member commented that the administration is doing a good job with the Willow Grove remediation issue. She stated that ServePro is a good company.

- R 7300.2 Disposition of Land (Revised)
- R 7300.3 Disposition of Personal Property (Revised)
- R 7300.4 Disposition of Federal Property (Revised)

Carried in a roll call vote, Dr. Cusmano, yes (as it pertains to the High School); Ms. Prymak abstain.

APPROVAL OF GRADUATION PATH REPORT

Motion: Dr. Soobryan Second: Mr. Moore

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the Hackettstown High School Graduation Path Report for the 2016-2017 school year.

Carried in a roll call vote, Dr. Cusmano, yes (as it pertains to the High School); Ms. Prymak abstain.

OTHER BUSINESS

- none

PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

The Board took a break between 8:45 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Cochran

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session at 8:50 pm;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hackettstown Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically:

- HIB
- Student Discipline Matter

Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically'

- Personnel (Ms. Prymak left at 10:10 p.m. prior to CSA evaluation)
- CSA Evaluation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will

