

EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, HIGHTSTOWN, NJ 08520

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 27, 2014**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown, NJ, met in the Hightstown High School Cafeteria located at 25 Leshin Lane on January 27, 2014.

Members Present: Pete Bussone, Paul Connolly, Suzann Fallon, Lilia Gobaira,
Christine Harrington, Robert Laverty, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman
Members Absent: Lisa Abel (with advance notice)
Also Present: Dr. Edward J. Forsthoffer, Chief School Administrator
Thaddeus Thompson, SBA/Board Secretary
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

1. WELCOME/SUNSHINE NOTICE

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as follows: "Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration building, 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy." Ms. Weisman asked "Are there any Board members present who believe this meeting to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act?" No one objected. "There being none, we may proceed."

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the agenda with an addendum to staffing, as submitted.

- On a roll call poll of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 yes votes.

B. RESOLUTION: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the following:

Be it Resolved, that the East Windsor Regional School District will hold two closed sessions during its meeting on January 27, 2014. These closed sessions concern:

- 1) Personnel matters
 - A. High School
 - B. Superintendent's Contract
- 2) Attorney client privilege
- 3) Student Matters – Bullying

Minutes of these closed sessions will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Vote: On a roll call poll of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 yes votes.

4. REPORT: Chemical Fume Incident at High School on Friday, January 17, 2014

Dr. Forsthoffer gave a detailed account of the events surrounding the chemical hazard incident that occurred at the high school on Friday January 17, 2014.

The following is a summary of Dr. Forsthoffer's remarks regarding the events and actions taken for the safety of our students and staff on that day.

Chemical fumes were released at about 9:00 am when a teacher opened the front cover of a fume hood and inhaled some residual fumes left from an experiment the previous day which involved hydrochloric acid and zinc. The Hightstown police and fire departments were contacted and the students and staff were evacuated from the building as they would during a fire drill. When the teacher began to feel light headed, a decision was made to call an ambulance so that he could be evaluated. In addition, people who had come in contact with the classroom were interviewed by paramedics, and two other teachers were sent to the hospital because they had mild headaches. A fourth staff member was also transported because she tripped and cut her lip. We basically followed the district crisis manual, which classified this incident as a chemical spill.

No students required medical care and none were transported to the hospital. The high school students are to be commended for acting maturely and well behaved throughout the event.

Chief Jenkins, of the Hightstown Fire Department, was in charge of the operation and brought in a Hazmat crew to inspect the building and classroom where the incident occurred. During the inspection the students were standing outside and as most did not have their jackets, we had school buses come so that the students would be kept warm. After about two hours it was decided to release the students for the day/go home. PARS Environmental Systems arrived on the scene quickly, and representatives of the DEP, EPA, and the Mercer County Health Department were on site, as well. In addition, the following week, a representative from PEOSHA came out to check the room.

At about 1:00 pm the various agencies cleared the high school for occupancy and declared the building as safe. Students were allowed to return to school the next day on Saturday to retrieve their belongings.

Each month we conduct one security and one fire drill in each school building for these types of emergencies, and for the most part everything went quite well due to this effort. Our transportation department and drivers are to be commended in assisting with the last minute transportation needs. Also thank you to our first responders; local and outside the community for their assistance; and our administrators and staff. Everyone involved helped bring a scary situation to a good resolve.

5. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Esra Kesci of East Windsor, spoke of her concern with the implementation of Board policy #5120: Assignment of Pupils. She had moved to a new address which was close to her former apartment. When she called Administration with the address change she was given two options; to change schools or provide transportation for her child. She asked why she has to change schools and drive her child when she is still on same exact bus route /bus number. Feels her situation meets the criteria for transportation services per this policy.

Ms. Weisman thanked the parent for her comments and noted that someone will respond to her regarding this matter.

6. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Ms. Harrington commented on the Business Symposium held at the high school. There was a terrific group of high school alumni who attended and the students really benefitted from the experience; she thanked the Business department and teacher Amy Kramer for setting this up.

Mr. Laverty commented on "high stakes testing," and parents allowing students to opt out. He noted that parents are starting to question the merit of all this testing. The students are aware that the test results can affect their teachers' tenure. If students opt out, what are the options? Having kids just sit while others take the test seems punitive and would be distracting to the students taking the test.

Ms. Fallon commented that she, Ms. Gobaira and Mr. Laverty had attended the County Board member meet up recently. They were able to meet lots of other district representatives and share what other districts are facing.

Ms. Fallon also commented she is pleased that NJSBA reinstated the weekend orientation for Board members. It is worthwhile to go and informative.

Ms. Weisman commented on the chemical fumes incident last Friday. The students behaved marvelously well and should be proud of themselves for acting maturely in this situation.

Ms. Weisman also commented that some Board members have still not gone online to complete the NJSBA self-evaluation form. She also spoke on the timeframe for the evaluations and the goals process.

At this point, a lengthy discussion ensued as to the timing and scheduling of evaluations and goals; should they be done in alignment with the calendar year in January around reorganization, or align it to the school year and do it in the Spring. There is a lot to be crammed into one time slot; how to approach this.

Ms. Weisman suggested the creation of an ad hoc committee to research any ideas and options the Board can consider.

Ms. Weisman asked the Board how they are doing with accessing items on Sharepoint.

Mr. Laverty suggested the Board Secretary or CSA can send a link to the exact location for these, as that would make it really simple.

Ms. Harrington commented that a parent has approached her with a concern that teachers take too long to give feedback on homework or test results. It should not take weeks. Timely feedback helps the students learn from their mistakes.

7. SECOND READING OF BOE BYLAW: 0000.02-INTRODUCTION (Mandated/Revised)

0000.02 – Introduction (M) (Revised) [For Districts with a Bylaw, Policy and Regulation Manual]

Bylaws 0000.01 and 0000.02 include definitions that are used throughout the school district's Policy and Regulation Manuals. New or updated titles and/or definitions may require policy or regulation revisions to reflect the new titles or definitions used in policies or regulations. For example, the title of County Superintendent is now Executive County Superintendent. When a title change like this is made all current statutes and codes that reference the former title are not revised to reflect the new title.

In order to efficiently address these types of issues within a district's Policy and Regulation Manual, the definition section of Bylaws 0000.01 and 0000.02 – Introduction can be revised to reflect new titles and/or definitions to avoid updating every policy or regulation just to update a title or definition with no other substantive change. In these Bylaws a title and definition have been revised for "County Superintendent" and "Parent", a new definition has been added for "Core Curriculum Content Standards" to include the new Common Core State Standards initiative, and the term "Collective Bargaining Agreement" has been added to the "Collective Bargaining" definition. The definition of "pupil" was revised to include "student" and a definition of "student" was added to include "pupil."

The statutes and administrative codes use these terms interchangeably. A district can revise and/or add other definitions and terms. Both versions of this Bylaw have been revised: one for districts with a Bylaw, Policy, and Regulation Manual and the second for districts with a Bylaw and Policy Manual. Bylaw 0000.02 is **MANDATED**

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve Bylaw 0000.02 on *second* reading.

Vote: On a roll call poll of the Board, Motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 yes votes.

8. SECOND READING OF BOE POLICIES

- A. 3232 – Tutoring Services – Suggested/New
- B. 5120 – Assignment of Pupils – Mandated/Revised
- C. 5300 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) – Mandated/Revised
- D. 5533 – Pupil Smoking – Mandated/Revised
- E. 7434 – Smoking in School Buildings and on School Grounds – Mandated/Revised

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the above list of Board Policies on Second Reading.

Dr. Forsthoffer commented that before the Board vote, a revision will be made to Policy 5120: Assignment of Pupils. The last sentence of the 2nd paragraph will be omitted. That sentence is not accurate and is confusing to the intent of the policy.

P3232 – Tutoring Services (New)

R3232 – Tutoring Services (Revised)

A new Policy Guide and a revised Regulation Guide have been developed concerning private tutoring services. The new Policy Guide makes a distinction between additional help provided in school by a staff member before, during, and after the school day as an extension of the staff member's district responsibilities and a parent hiring someone to provide private tutoring services to a pupil in excess of the additional help provided in school. The Policy Guide indicates any contract entered into by the parent of a pupil for tutoring services does not place any responsibility, liability, or obligations on the school district. The Policy Guide does not prohibit a school staff member from providing private tutoring services to pupils; however, the Policy Guide prohibits staff members from privately tutoring pupils enrolled in their classes. The existing Regulation Guide has been revised to be consistent with the new Policy Guide. There is no statute or administrative code that concerns tutoring services and a district that wants a Policy and Regulation on this topic may revise these Guides to meet local needs.

Policy Guide 3232 is **SUGGESTED** Regulation Guide 3232 is **SUGGESTED**

P5120 – Assignment of Pupils (M) (REVISED)

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-38 addresses classroom placement of twins or higher order multiples. Parents of twins or higher order multiples may request their children be placed in the same or separate classrooms. The placement shall be made in accordance with the written and timely parental request for pupils in grades Kindergarten through eight, while the placement for pupils in grades nine through twelve is at the discretion of the Principal in the best interest of the school and its pupils. The placement for all pupils may be changed by the Principal after the end of the initial grading period under certain circumstances. This law is required to be implemented and makes this Policy a mandated policy.

Policy 5120 is **MANDATED**

P5300 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED’s) (M) (Revised)

R5300 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED’s) (M) (New)

P.L. 212, Chapter 51 - Janet's Law was recently approved requiring public and non-public schools to have automated external defibrillators (AED) and to establish an Emergency Action Plan for responding to sudden cardiac events. The law takes effect September 1, 2014. Strauss Esmay’s existing Policy Guide 5300 for AEDs was developed based on guidance from the American Red Cross. However, P.L. 212, Chapter 51 provides some statutory guidance in this area. Although the new statute requires the State Board of Education and Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to develop administrative code, the new Policy and Regulation Guide are consistent with the provisions of the new law. The new law requires the district to establish and implement an Emergency Action Plan for each school in the school district for responding to a sudden cardiac event including, but not limited to, an event in which the use of an AED may be necessary. The new Guides provide the minimum requirements of an Emergency Action Plan as outlined in the new law, but districts will need to develop their own Emergency Action Plan applicable for each school in the district. A district may want to defer adoption of these Guides and compliance with the new law until its effective date of September 1, 2014. These Guides will be revised in the event new administrative code provides more detail than the current statute. This Policy and Regulation is not mandated until September 1, 2014. Policy 5300 is **MANDATED** Regulation 5300 is **MANDATED**

P5533 – Pupil Smoking (M) (Revised)

P7434 – Smoking in School Buildings and on School Grounds (M) (Revised)

The “New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act,” N.J.S.A. 26-3D-58 and N.J.A.C. 8:6-7.2, prohibits smoking in school buildings and on school grounds. A recent amendment to the Act defines “smoking” to include an “electronic smoking device.” Strauss Esmay has received recent inquiries from school districts concerning pupils using electronic smoking devices. Therefore, Policy Guides 5533 and 7434 have been revised to expand the definition of smoking to include electronic smoking devices. An additional revision also clarifies the definition of school grounds to include grandstands, support buildings, etc.

Policy Guide 5533 is **MANDATED** Policy Guide 7434 is **MANDATED**

Vote: On a roll call poll of the Board, Motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 yes votes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Forsthoffer spoke on the following topics:

- Attended the high school business symposium; it provided valuable information to the students.
- We had the 8th grade orientation and it went very well.
- Alice in Wonderland will be performed at MHK on Thursday.
- This week is the end of the second marking period.
- This Sunday is the FIRST Robotics Snow Day Showdown. Urges everyone to attend and view the talents of Mr. Gregory and his students who work very hard and are a very dedicated group.
- The District calendar revision is still not final as we may have more snow. Will wait till one of the February meetings to announce the changes.
- Regarding the District Climate Survey - we received a lot of data and will have our first presentation at the next meeting
- There was a water main break in Hightstown near the Walter C. Black school. Fortunately it was taken care of early in the morning before the opening of school that day.

- Regarding the topic of students opting out of taking tests, he has communicated with County office and as of now there is no specific procedure for this in place.
- The Finance and Literacy course will be offered online.
- The World History to 1500 course will be taught by our own staff.
- Need to meet with the Board re: capital projects and other budget related items.

At this point, Ms. Weisman asked the Board for their input and ideas on when/how to schedule a time to discuss budgetary related items. Various options were discussed. The general consensus was to have it during or before a scheduled Board meeting.

Dr. Forsthoffer commented regarding a church group using one of our facilities and how these groups advertise their events. It should not be implied that this is a District sponsored group or event when it isn't. He asked Mr. Coates, Board attorney to advise on this topic.

Mr. Coates commented that it becomes a constitutional issue; if we provide all these different groups and clubs usage of our facilities, we can't single out churches/tell a church group that they cannot. However, we can put into our policy the requirement of disclaimer language for all facility usage.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

11. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

12. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Harrington commented that she attended the Middlesex County Superintendent meeting. One of the issues discussed was the pressure put on teachers regarding their performance/accountability for student success. The point was made that teachers are opting to not have student teachers in their classroom. Teachers are concerned about not being able to reach their goals when a student teacher is in control of the lessons.

Ms. Fallon spoke on a recent newspaper article in the Trenton Times which dealt with the growing usage of prescription drugs among young people. This can in many instances lead to heroin addiction. There is currently legislation up for approval by the NJ Assembly to increase the penalties for distributing drugs and the monitoring of prescription drugs. The Board should make it known that it supports any legislation that strengthens the laws against drug abuse.

Mr. Connolly commented everyone did a great job in handling the high school chemical fumes incident; and hopefully lessons can be learned.

Ms. Harrington noted she is glad to see advancement in dual enrollment by our students for college credit. The concern is with online courses students may struggle more in an online environment without the support of a teacher.

Ms. Fallon asked about the capital improvements item on the agenda for doors and roofs and what if any work needs to be done at McKnight as it is new construction.

Mr. Thompson responded that the doors involved are the original ones located at the main entrances which will be the primary focus. For McKnight, the majority of the roof and door work would be for a protective coating.

Ms. Weisman commented that she always is grateful to our district donors, and thanked them all.

13. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the following routine agenda items by exception.

- A. Staffing
- B. Bullying Report from January 6, 2014
- C. Donation to HHS FIRST Robotics from J. Rupp Construction
- D. Field Trips
- E. Travel Related Expenses
- F. HHS Spring Sports Schedule (on SharePoint)
- G. MHK Spring Sports Schedule (on SharePoint)
- H. Approval to Offer "Sports & Entertainment Marketing" as an Elective at HHS for 2014-15 School Year
- I. Approval to Offer Dual-Enrollment Courses
 - MCCC Financial Literacy
 - International Relations,
 - World History to 1500
- J. Out of District Placement
- K. Mandatory Direct Deposit
- L. Tuition Contract for Non-Resident Student
- M. Resolution for the Execution and Delivery of the ROD Grant Agreement for Telecommunications Upgrade
- N. Approve NJDOE Office of School Facilities Preliminary Eligible Costs as Final Eligible Costs for Roof & Door Replacement Projects
- O. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Purchasing Cooperative
- P. Keystone Purchasing Network National Cooperative Purchasing Program
- Q. District Service Provider Contracts
 - 1. Integrity Consulting Group
 - 2. A+ Athlete Sports Medicine, LLC
 - 3. Appruzesse, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.
 - 4. David B. Rubin P.C.
 - 5. Parker McCay, P.A
 - 6. Turp, Coates, Essl & Driggers, P.C.
- R. Approval of Minutes
 - December 9, 2013 Regular Meeting
- S. Bill List for January 27, 2014 for the total amount of: **\$1,902,579.89**

Vote: On a roll call vote of the Board, Motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 yes votes.

A. Staffing

B. Bullying Report as discussed on January 6, 2014

C. Donation to HHS FIRST Robotics from J.Rupp Construction

Mr. John Rupp of J. Rupp Construction, 978 Windsor-Perrineville Rd., East Windsor, NJ 08520 would like to donate \$1,000.00 to the FIRST Robotics Team of Hightstown High School. These funds are to be used to cover expenses incurred by the team.

D. Field Trips

HHS ROBOTICS competition in January has been relocated from Bridgewater Raritan High School to: Bridgewater Raritan Middle School, 425 Foothill Rd., Bridgewater, NJ

E. Travel & Related Expenses

L. Stein F. Alexander	MHK	Feb 20-22, 2014	Attend Global Education Symposium, Washington DC	N/C	N/C
E. Halat	GNR	Feb 20-22, 2014	Registration to attend NJMEA Music Conference, East Brunswick, NJ	150.00	150.00
S. Schaible I. Reitano	Transp.	March 24-25, 2014	Two reg. for the 46th Annual NJ Pupil Transportation and Equip. Show, Atlantic City, NJ	325.00	650.00
N. Boccuti	MHK	Feb 20-22, 2014	Reg. for NJMEA Music Conference, E. Brunswick, NJ	150.00	150.00
Monthly Total					2754.99
YTD Total					23,235.19

F. HHS Spring Sports Schedule (as posted on SharePoint)

G. MHK Spring Sports Schedule (as posted on SharePoint)

H. “Sports & Entertainment Marketing” as an Elective at HHS for 2014-15 School Year

Grades: 10-12

Credits: 5 Pre-requisite: Introduction to Business or Marketing with a B average

The sports and entertainment market has evolved into a multi-billion dollar global industry and plays a major role in today's generation and culture. Sports and Entertainment Marketing is a course for students who would like to further their education in the sports or entertainment industry. The class will examine factors that have contributed to its growth, including public relations, promotion, ethics and legal issues. Students will plan a major sports or entertainment project during the semester and research career opportunities in this field. Curriculum will be written and approved upon sufficient enrollment.

I. Approval to Offer Dual-Enrollment Courses

- **MCCC Financial Literacy**
- **International Relations**
- **World History to 1500**

These are dual enrollment courses following the syllabus/curriculum from Mercer County Community College, will each be 2.5 high school credits and 3 college credit hours. Students will need to meet specific entrance criteria and pay \$150 per course for the MCCC transcript.

Course Descriptions:

- Financial Literacy – Basics of personal Financial management focusing on the development of short mid and long term financial goals and the tools available for achieving those goals. Additional emphasis on capital markets, housing, insurance, tax, and estate planning.
- International Relations – A broad based survey of international relations using a variety of theoretical perspectives that allow students to better understand and analyze current and past international behavior. Concepts include balance of power, economic interaction, diplomacy, the

roll of international organizations, leadership styles and public policy making in the international context.

- World History to 1500 – Survey of world history from pre-history to 1500, examining the development of ancient societies in Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas, and Oceania. Examines interactions among peoples of different societies including ancient Egypt and Nubia, India, classical Greece and Rome, the Islamic states, Han China, early Korea and Japan and Andean and Mesoamerican societies.

J. Out of District Placement in Public and Private Schools

East Mountain School - Tuition December 20, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Student: 401101 RSY \$ 56,734.20

K. Mandatory Direct Deposit

On March 12, 2013 the Senate and General Assembly of the State of NJ voted to pass legislation concerning the use of direct deposit for all State employees. Pursuant to P.C. 2013, Chapter 28 (attached) the District will require all staff to enroll in direct deposit effective July 1, 2014. The District will provide an online service for employees to view and print their paystubs as needed. This will allow the business office to have greater control over payroll while providing a timely and efficient payment/delivery of salaries/checks. It affords the advantage of reduced bookkeeping and reduces the risk of check fraud and/or lost or stolen checks.

L. Tuition Contract for Non-Resident Student

There is a regular education 3rd grade student who resides outside District boundaries and is enrolled in the EWRS. The initial tuition contract Board approved on Oct.14, 2013, only covered the time period ending with the first marking period. As the student has continued to attend the District as a nonresident, an updated contract/agreement is needed for the payment of tuition until such time the student's family establishes residency within the District boundaries or is withdrawn from the District. The family currently resides in Plainsboro, NJ. The annual board approved tuition rate for regular elementary students is \$13,175. for the 2013-14 school year, pro-rated monthly at \$1,317.50.

M. Resolution for the Execution & Delivery of the ROD Grant Agreements for Telecommunication System Replacement

At the July 15, 2013 meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved a Resolution to submit a Round 4 ROD Grant Application for various District projects. This was in order to better facilitate the funding of district construction projects which include new/upgraded phone system, and other identified projects. At the December 9, 2013 meeting, the Board approved the Preliminary Eligible Cost (PEC) calculations for each project as the Final Eligible Costs. In a letter dated January 6, 2014 the District was notified by the NJDOE's Office of School Facilities that as the District did not appeal the determination of the PEC amounts, these amounts officially became the FEC (Final Eligibility Costs) pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:7G-5 & N.J.A.C.6A:26-3.6. A Board Resolution to approve the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement from the State of NJ Department of Education is now requested from the NJDOE for these projects.

RESOLUTION for the Execution & Delivery of the ROD Grant Agreements for Telecommunication System Replacement

<u>For Project Number</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1245-050-14-1001-G04	Hightstown HS Telecommunications System Replacement
1245-055-14-1002-G04	McKnight ES Telecommunications System Replacement
1245-060-14-1003-G04	Rogers ES Telecommunications System Replacement

1245-070-14-1004-G04 Kreps MS Telecommunications System Replacement
1245-075-14-1005-G04 Drew ES Telecommunications System Replacement
1245-080-14-1006-G04 Black ES Telecommunications System Replacement

WHEREAS, the East Windsor Regional School District has applied for State funding through a Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant for a replacement telecommunications system and other identified projects within the District, and

WHEREAS, the District did not appeal the determination of the Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) amounts which were Board approved at the December 9, 2013 meeting, and

WHEREAS, these amounts become the FEC (Final Eligibility Costs) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.6 and,

WHEREAS, Final Eligible Cost calculations aid percentage as defined in Section 3 of the Act, N.J.S.A.18A:7G-3 for the project is 41.01654% and the State share will be equal to 100% of that percentage which exceeds the 40% anticipated in the form of one total grant amount of \$237,518.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education is Authorizing Execution and Delivery of the Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education approves the Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for Supervision of the School Facilities projects as listed.

N. Accept the Preliminary Eligible PEC Costs as Final Eligible Costs (FEC) for ROD Grant School Facilities Projects -Roof & Door Replacements

On January 21, 2014 the District received the ROD Grant Preliminary Eligible Costs for Roof and Door Replacements for each school. The application has been deemed complete by the NJDOE Office of School Facilities (see attached). The next step is for the Board to accept by Resolution, the Preliminary Eligible Costs as Final Eligible Costs after which the NJDOE will issue a FEC letter with "Grant" as the State funding source.

RESOLUTION: to Accept the Preliminary Eligible costs as Final Eligible Costs for Roof and Door Replacements ROD Grant Funding

<u>For Project Number</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1245-050-14-1007-G04	HHS Roof and Door Replacements
1245-055-14-1008-G04	EMK Elem. Roof and Door Replacements
1245-060-14-1009-G04	GNR Elem. Roof and Door Replacements
1245-070-14-1010-G04	Kreps Middle School Roof and Door Replacements
1245-075-14-1011-G04	PLD Elem. Roof and Door Replacements
1245-080-14-1012-G04	WCB Elem. Roof and Door Replacements

WHEREAS, the East Windsor regional School District has applied for Stae funding through a Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant for Roof and Door Replacements, for the six District schools, and

WHEREAS, the District is satisfied with the Preliminary Eligible Cost Calculations percentage for Roof and Door Replacements as defined in Section 3 of the Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-3 for the project which is 41.01654%; and the State share will be equal to 100% of that percentage which exceeds the 40% anticipated,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education accepts the Preliminary Eligible Cost Calculations for the District Roof and Door Replacements projects as Final Eligible Costs as submitted.

O. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Purchasing Cooperative

The State of NJ recently passed P.L. 2011, c.139, a regulation which allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procuring goods and services. The regulation mandates certain criteria and cooperative contract standards that must be adhered to before a new national cooperative contract option is considered by a government agency.

As the **Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission** contracts do meet all the criteria, it is in the best interest of the District to submit an application to join this cooperative as an additional means to purchase materials and supplies and offer more flexibility to seek competitive pricing.

P. Keystone Purchasing Network National Cooperative Purchasing Program

The State of NJ recently passed P.L. 2011, c.139, a regulation which allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procuring goods and services. The regulation mandates certain criteria and cooperative contract standards that must be adhered to before a new national cooperative contract option is considered by a government agency. As the Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts do meet all the criteria, it is in the best interest of the District to submit an application to join this cooperative as an additional means to purchase materials and supplies and offer more flexibility to seek competitive pricing.

Q. Renewal of District Service Provider Contracts (From Jan. 2014 to Jan. 2015)

1. Integrity Consulting Group as District Health Benefits Broker
2. A+ Athlete Sports Medicine, LLC, for high school Sports Physician
3. Appruzesse, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. as legal counsel for Association Negotiations
4. David B. Rubin P.C., as Board Labor Attorney
5. Parker McCay, P.A for legal matters related to Special Services
6. Turp, Coates, Essl & Driggers, P.C. as Board of Education legal counsel.

(As submitted - Contracts are kept on file in the Board Secretary's office).

R. Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2013 regular Meeting

(As submitted - minutes are posted on District website and on file in Board Secretary's office).

S. Bill List for January 27, 2014 – in the amount of \$1,902,579.89

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into closed session.

15. OPEN SESSION

16. ADJOURN

**As recorded by Thaddeus Thompson
Board Secretary**