

HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2019

MINUTES

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The special board meeting of February 5, 2019 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the High School Media by Board President, Mr. Michael Herbst. Mr. Herbst 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 sending a notice of the time, date, location to Success Communications Group on January 10, 2019 and advertised in the "Express Times" on January 12, 2019 and the "Gazette on January 18, 2019. Copies of the meeting schedule have also been posted at each of our schools, the district website, the Board Office located at 315 Washington Street, and emailed to the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Hackettstown on January 31, 2019. 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. Shawn Burke
Ms. Jami Cavanagh
Ms. Amy Cochran
Mr. Michael Herbst
Ms. Malainie Hibler
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag
Mr. Robert Moore (left at 7:20 p.m.)
Dr. Bo Soobryan
Ms. Michele 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. John Morsillo, Technology Technician I
Mr. Kyle Sosnovik, High School Principal
Mrs. Sheena Delgaizo, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal
Mr. Jonathan Beyer, Willow Grove Principal

Members absent: Dr. Giovanni Cusmano
Ms. Lori Prymak

- Ms. Gail Woicekowski introduced Ms. Mary Lyons from Phoenix Advisors Financial Group and Mr. Anthony Gianforcaro, Architect of Record.
- Ms. Mary Lyons gave a presentation on “Issues to Consider When Planning for a Referendum” (a copy of this presentation is on the district website under “Broadcasts” and attached to the minutes)
- Ms. Woicekowski spoke about building projects that need to be addressed.
- There was a question and answer session with the Board Members and Ms. Lyons and Mr. Gianforcaro.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. John Egan – an Allamuchy resident asked what percentage of the \$4.5 million is for the High School.
- Mr. Herbst replied that there is no detailed list yet but early numbers look like approximately 1/3 of the \$4.5 million would be the High School.
- Ms. Strutton – an Allamuchy resident asked if the referendum would cover all the items at once and what would be the main 3 items needing done.
- Mr. Herbst replied 3 roofs.
- Ms. Woicekowski stated the needs of roofs being done is for Health and Safety issues.
- Mr. Jim Lambo, Town Council asked if we could just make the roofs leaner and better.
- Mr. Herbst replied that the roofs already have 4 and 5 layers on them.
- Mr. Hendrick, a Hackettstown resident, asked if new bonds can buy out old bonds.
- Ms. Lyons responded, no, bonds are not callable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Dr. Soobryan

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 7:55 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:

- Personnel

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 not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

