

*EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, HIGHTSTOWN, NJ 08520*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 14, 2013**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown, NJ, held a Regular meeting on **Monday, October 14, 2013** at 7:30 p.m. in the Hightstown High School Cafeteria located at 25 Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ.

Members Present: Lisa Abel, Pete Bussone, Paul Connolly, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Christine Harrington, Robert Laverty, Kennedy Paul and Alice Weisman  
Members Absent: None  
Also Present: Dr. Edward J. Forsthoffer, Chief School Administrator  
Thaddeus Thompson, SBA/Board Secretary  
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

**ITEM 1. WELCOME**

Board President Robert Laverty 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." Mr. Laverty 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."

Fire Code Compliance: Mr. Laverty made the following announcement: "In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exits for this room, which are located...." (Mr. Laverty pointed to the emergency exits.)

**ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM 3.A APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, to approve the agenda with an addendum to staffing.

- On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3.B RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold two closed sessions during its regular meeting on October 14, 2013. These closed sessions concern:

1. Personnel Matters – Employee Matters
2. Student Matters – Bullying (BOE only)

Vote: On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**4. PRESENTATION: ETIENNE COSSART AND THE EAGLE SCOUT POOL PROJECT**

High school junior Etienne Cossart, gave a presentation on a project he completed to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Over the summer, he and his team of helpers sanded, repaired and repainted the bleachers and benches around the HHS pool. As a member of the varsity swim team, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 59, he decided on this project because it would increase school spirit, as well as provide a well needed upgrade to the pool area. Etienne detailed how all the planks were planed and/or sanded, primed, and painted. The end result is the entire pool area is painted in school colors. Etienne covered all costs through fundraisers which he organized.

Members of his troop, family, and friends provided the extra labor that he needed. He thanked all the individuals who helped him including Mr. Wetherill, high school woodshop teacher, Mr. Bushelli, Mr. Kalig, and Mr. Hewins. The project is now complete and he hopes to earn rank. He is glad that he was able to give back to the team, the school and community

- Dr. Forsthoffer and the Board thanked and expressed their appreciation to Ettienne for this admirable endeavor.

## **5. RECOGNITIONS: DONORS TO THE EWRSD**

Dr. Forsthoffer recognized and thanked the numerous donors for their generous donations as follows:

The FIRST Robotics Team of Hightstown High School received donations which help cover their expenses and competition fees. Vladimir St. Phard and Alexis Swart of Customized Benefit Solutions, Inc. of Hightstown have supported the club this year with a monetary donation. The Mid-Atlantic Robotics and the staff of the Grace N. Rogers School also donated in memory of former Robotics Team member Riley Branstrom.

One of the major events of the school year is the Hightstown High School orientation and picnic lunch for the incoming 9th graders. A barbeque lunch is provided and prizes are handed out. The following list of donors have helped support this event with their donations of food items, beverages, gift certificates, door prizes, plants, beauty supplies, appliances, backpacks, school supplies, lanyards, or made monetary donations:

Americana Diner – Constantine Satisfies and Chris Kakos  
BJ's Wholesale Club – Rich Nocerino and Alex Novatkoski  
Canal's Discount Liquor – Sam Patel  
CCL Label – Parmit Sen  
Charlie Browns Steakhouse – Emmanuel Gonzalez  
Chartwells Food Service – Diane Tomori  
Comisky's Greenhouses – Ed Comisky  
Conair Corp - John Mayoreck  
Costco Warehouse – Lauren LoPrimo  
Cream Ridge Winery – Eileen and Hector  
Dairy Queen – George Vardakis  
David Bradley Chocolatiers – David Bradley and Christina Hicks  
East Windsor Bowl and Recreation Center – Karen Kleber  
Fernando's American Cuisine – Fernando Suquilanda  
First Constitution Bank – Eva Teller  
Frogbridge Day Camp – Frank Pugliese  
Fulton Bank – George Fisher  
Hightstown Diner – Terry Parliaros  
Hightstown High School Football Team and Coach Pete Brescia  
Home Depot – Al Quinn  
Krackerjack Farm Market – James and Irena Krajcsouces  
Longhorn Steakhouse – Bill Behany  
McCaffery's Food Market – John Staszak  
Moe's Southwest Grill – Bhadrash Patel  
Outback Steakhouse – Jim Barbour  
Pechters Bread Company – Tommy Strickland  
Perkins Family Restaurant – Jon Bennett  
Rita's Italian Ice – Wayne and Roberta Barry  
RKM Enterprises – Dave Babcock  
Shiseido America – Edward Houlihan  
ShopRite of East Windsor – Mike McDonald  
South Pacific Flowers – Shelley Lightman

Staples – Mike Benci

Tavern on the Lake – Henry Palumbo and Joan McMahan

TGI Friday's – Matt Falcone

Wawa Food Market – Kathy Santucci

Wendy's Old Fashioned – Robert Cammarano

Wegman's Food Market – The Giving Circle / Kandie Johnson.

In addition, many individuals from the community donated their time to help serve the food to the incoming freshmen. This group included Dr. David Abalos; East Windsor Councilman John Zoller; Al Werner of the Hero's and Ladies' Mentoring Program; Mayor Steve Kirson of Hightstown; Mercer Chamber of Commerce Members Liz Tindal and Mary Lou Pizzullo; Mercer County Freeholders Samuel Firsby Sr., Ann Cannon, Pat Colavita, and Anthony Carabelli; and Wal-Mart employees Gene Engel and Manjit Sidhu.

*The Board of Education greatly appreciates the generosity and interest shown by these individuals and businesses to the students of the East Windsor Regional School District.*

## 6. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Horowitz, high school teacher, commented on the transfer of high school assistant principal, Dr. Diana Chase to the Drew school. She spoke on behalf of all the high school teachers to ask the Board to please reconsider this action. She detailed Dr. Chase's exemplary commitment to her students over the years. She noted that as well as also being bilingual, Dr. Chase has been extremely helpful with the implementation of the standardized testing and adds a calming and intellectual presence to her position. Ms. Horowitz presented to the Board a petition signed by the high school staff requesting keep Dr. Chase at the high school.

Debbie Scherholz, high school teacher, also spoke on behalf of retaining Dr. Chase as assistant principal at the high school. She spoke about the crucial role Dr. Chase plays in the coordination, processing and administration of the testing each year. Why bring in someone new when Dr. Chase already knows the procedure.

Donna Ratner, high school teacher, added her comments on Dr. Chase's transfer. As a language teacher, she stressed that Dr. Chase is very knowledgeable with world language teaching and offers a font of information to the language program. She is an integral resource to the language department.

John Dunn, high school teacher, commented on Dr. Chase's dedication and outstanding relationships with students and parents. He asked the Board to please keep Dr. Chase at the high school where she is needed.

Peggy Romans, high school teacher, noted that she feels it a privilege and honor to have known and worked with Dr. Chase. Dr. Chase has been instrumental in forming her as a teacher and she also serves as Mr. Roman's mentor for acquiring a Supervisor's Certificate. Her expertise is greatly needed. Please do not transfer her.

William Hernandez, high school teacher commented that in his conversations with parents, they are very upset and concerned about losing Dr. Chase at the high school. As a bilingual administrator, the Spanish student population especially needs Dr. Chase to remain at the high school. Please reconsider this transfer.

Jayne Gallagher, Chase House clerk, has worked for Dr. Chase for many years. She has always found Dr. Chase to be an excellent and caring administrator who has an open door policy to everyone. She is extremely devoted to the success of our students. She is a highly responsive to all issues and concerns brought to her. As Dr. Chase intended to retire in June, it would make sense for her to finish her career where she has spent the past 12 years. Why move her now? To transfer her to PLD at this time does not make sense.

Tracy Carroll of Hightstown, District parent, commented that she appears to be the only parent present at this meeting who will speak on behalf of retaining Dr. Chase. Why were we not made aware of this? She noted that this room would have been filled with supporters speaking on Dr. Chase's behalf. On a personal note, she described in detail how all her kids have benefitted from Dr. Chase's tremendous influence in getting through high school. She also noted that Dr. Chase is a wonderful, professional lady who gives off a calming presence to any situation. We will sorely miss her after she retires, but to switch her now in the middle of a school year is a mistake.

## 7. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Bussone reported on the information he received from attending three meetings in the community regarding drug and alcohol abuse in our schools. He shared a summary of the highlights and crucial points brought out at these meetings, some of which were:

- Prescription pills at the high school are quickly being replaced by heroin. Heroin is the cheapest drug in the State to acquire and its usage is epidemic in NJ.
- Gang influence is a growing concern and has been seen from Asbury Park in the delivering of drugs to our area.
- Bathrooms, locker rooms, anywhere there are no cameras, and large crowded areas or sporting events are prime venues for drug deals.
- Community groups like PAL, HEWBL, Methodist Madness, and Next Level Youth have served as huge resources to help us get drugs off the street.
- The DARE program at the elementary schools is not continued at the middle school. Drug use starts at the middle school level and is prevalent at Kreps.
- Alcohol usage starts at 12 years old, and is prevalent in our schools.
- Fifty per cent of high school students nationwide struggle with mental health/emotional issues/sexual activity/drug and alcohol issue.

Mr. Bussone added that the Board of Education is to be recognized for maintaining the Student Assistance Program and Counselors at the schools. Our guidance and SAC'S are working with our students on these issues and have made a huge difference. We have to determine what more can we do as a Board of Education and ask ourselves if we are doing enough to work with the community to help our students.

Ms. Fallon commented on cheerleading and sports concussions. Asked if cheerleading is added to the list of sports that are being evaluated for concussions.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded yes; although the NJSIA does not consider cheerleading a sport, our district policy does include it and consider it a sport.

Ms. Fallon also commented on evaluating Kreps athletes for pre testing for concussions as we do for high school students. Noted that pretesting of athletes for concussions should be done at both middle and high school levels.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded that currently assistant principal Matthew LaGrou is reaching out to other school districts to see if they do have such pretesting at the middle, and is there a reason why we are not doing it here. Dr. Forsthoffer added that he is under the impression what we are requiring at the middle school may be more stringent than the high school, because we make them go through a private physician. Will report back to the Board on his findings.

Ms. Fallon shared with the Board that Comcast currently has a program for furthering education by assisting in providing internet service to low income students. Ms. Fallon will research further and see if this is something that is available in our area.

Ms. Weisman commented on the high school parent teacher conferences; they were well organized and well attended.

Ms. Harrington agreed that the conferences went very well and also appreciated that they were held early in the school year.

## 8. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY

- **7520 – Loan of School Equipment – (Revised/Recommended)**

This policy is being revised by the School Business Administrator in order to centralize the loan of school district equipment.

- Vote: Mr. Paul moved seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve Policy 7520 on first reading. On roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Forsthoffer updated the Board on the following topics:

- District climate surveys are making progress. A November roll out looks good.
- The high school advisors are moving forward in seeking students interested in joining one of the township committees.
- The high school parent teacher conferences were the best attended in years. The scheduling also worked out real well for parents.
- Recently attended a supervisors conference; met a lot of interesting people and learned some new and innovative inroads coming down the pike in education, especially in technology area.

Ms. Weisman asked if we are all ready for the upcoming elections.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded yes, there will be voting at McKnight, PLD, and MHK only. The Hightstown residents now vote at the Hightstown firehouse.

Ms. Weisman asked if there would be a space on the climate survey for comments.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded yes, there will be one area for qualitative comments.

(A brief discussion on the climate survey ensued between the Board members and Dr. Forsthoffer.)

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into its first closed session of the meeting.

## 11. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

## 12. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Lavery commented on the issue of staff sharing their district passwords. Our email has been compromised and as a result blacklisted by some ISP's. He reminded all to never share their district password with anyone.

Mr. Lavery commented on the upcoming debate for Board nominees that will be held in the high school media room. It is sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

## 13. RESOLUTIONS FOR THE EXPULSION OF SIX STUDENTS

The Board held a Special meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 to conduct disciplinary hearings involving 6 District students. The Board, having considered the results of the hearings and on the recommendation given by the School Superintendent, will expel these students per resolution.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Student Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Student #402915 was invited to appear before the East Windsor Regional School Board on the evening of October 8, 2013, based on allegations that said student had been in violation of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and

**WHEREAS**, Student #402915 was given notice of these charges and the student's due process rights, including but not limited to, a list of witnesses who had given testimony and the gravamen of their testimony, pursuant to a letter from Dr. Edward Forsthoffer dated September 18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, a hearing as called for in Dr. Forsthoffer's letter of September 18, 2013 was held and testimony presented. Student #402915 did not choose to appear.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, East Windsor Regional School Board has determined that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, specifically subsections c, d, e, and k, were violated based upon the testimony of Jason Hart. Student # 402915 is hereby expelled from Hightstown High School.

This means that Student #402915 is forbidden under penalty of law from entering any of the lands and premises owned by the East Windsor Regional School District, and is not permitted to attend school sponsored events such as athletic activities, drama presentations, proms, graduation, or in effect any activities sponsored by the East Windsor Regional School District. The school district is responsible for locating and providing Student #402915 an educational placement so that if Student #402915 attends classes and meets the academic requirements of those classes, will be able to graduate high school and receive a high school diploma. This understanding is to be understood within the context of age and residential requirements of the New Jersey Statute and Regulatory law.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Student Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Student #402916 was invited to appear before the East Windsor Regional School Board on the evening of October 8, 2013, based on allegations that said student had been in violation of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and

**WHEREAS**, Student #402916 was given notice of these charges and the student's due process rights, including but not limited to, a list of witnesses who had given testimony and the gravamen of their testimony, pursuant to a letter from Dr. Edward Forsthoffer dated September 18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, a hearing as called for in Dr. Forsthoffer's letter of September 18, 2013 was held and testimony presented. Student #402916 did not choose to appear.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, East Windsor Regional School Board has determined that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, specifically subsections c, d, e, and k, were violated based upon the testimony of Jason Hart. Student # 402916 is hereby expelled from Hightstown High School. This means that Student #402916 is forbidden under penalty of law from entering any of the lands and premises owned by the East Windsor Regional School District, and is not permitted to attend school sponsored events such as athletic activities, drama presentations, proms, graduation, or in effect any activities sponsored by the East Windsor Regional School District. The school district is responsible for locating and providing Student #402916 an educational placement so that if Student #402916 attends classes and meets the academic requirements of those classes, will be able to graduate high school and receive a high school diploma. This understanding is to be understood within the context of age and residential requirements of the New Jersey Statute and Regulatory law.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Student Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Student #601051 did appear before the East Windsor Regional School Board on the evening of October 8, 2013, based on allegations that said student had been in violation of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and

**WHEREAS**, Student #601051 and parents were given notice of these charges and the student's due process rights, including but not limited to, a list of witnesses who had given testimony and the gravamen of their testimony, pursuant to a letter from Dr. Edward Forsthoffer dated September 18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, a hearing as called for in Dr. Forsthoffer's letter of September 18, 2013 was held and testimony presented and arguments, if any, considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, East Windsor Regional School Board has determined that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, specifically subsections c, d, e, and k, were violated based upon the testimony of Jason Hart. Student #601051 is hereby expelled from Hightstown High School. This means that Student #601051 is forbidden under penalty of law from entering any of the lands and premises owned by the East Windsor Regional School District, and is not permitted to attend school sponsored events such as athletic activities, drama presentations, proms, graduation, or in effect any activities sponsored by the East Windsor Regional School District. The school district is responsible for locating and providing Student #601051 an educational placement so that if Student #601051 attends classes and meets the academic requirements of those classes, will be able to graduate high school and receive a high school diploma. This understanding is to be understood within the context of age and residential requirements of the New Jersey Statute and Regulatory law.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Student Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Student #400398 did appear before the East Windsor Regional School Board on the evening of October 8, 2013, based on allegations that said student had been in violation of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and

**WHEREAS**, Student #400398 and mother were given notice of these charges and the student's due process rights, including but not limited to, a list of witnesses who had given testimony and the gravamen of their testimony, pursuant to a letter from Dr. Edward Forsthoffer dated September 18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, a hearing as called for in Dr. Forsthoffer's letter of September 18, 2013 was held and testimony presented and arguments, if any, considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, East Windsor Regional School Board has determined that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, specifically subsections c, d, e, and k, were violated based upon the testimony of Jason Hart. Student #400398 is hereby expelled from Hightstown High School.

This means that Student #400398 is forbidden under penalty of law from entering any of the lands and premises owned by the East Windsor Regional School District, and is not permitted to attend school sponsored events such as athletic activities, drama presentations, proms, graduation, or in effect any activities sponsored by the East Windsor Regional School District. The school district is responsible for locating and providing Student #400398 an educational placement so that if Student #400398 attends classes and meets the academic requirements of those classes, will be able to graduate high school and receive a high school diploma. This understanding is to be understood within the context of age and residential requirements of the New Jersey Statute and Regulatory law.

#### **5th Student Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Student #602458 did appear before the East Windsor Regional School Board on the evening of October 8, 2013, based on allegations that said student had been in violation of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and

**WHEREAS**, Student #602458 and mother were given notice of these charges and the student's due process rights, including but not limited to, a list of witnesses who had given testimony and the gravamen of their testimony, pursuant to a letter from Dr. Edward Forsthoffer dated September 18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, a hearing as called for in Dr. Forsthoffer's letter of September 18, 2013 was held and testimony presented and arguments, if any, considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, East Windsor Regional School Board has determined that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, specifically subsections c, d, e, and k, were violated based upon the testimony of Jason Hart. Student #602458 is hereby expelled from Hightstown High School. This means that Student #602458 is forbidden under penalty of law from entering any of the lands and premises owned by the East Windsor Regional School District, and is not permitted to attend school sponsored events such as athletic activities, drama presentations, proms, graduation, or in effect any activities sponsored by the East Windsor Regional School District. The school district is responsible for locating and providing Student #602458 an educational placement so that if Student #602458 attends classes and meets the academic requirements of those classes, will be able to graduate high school and receive a high school diploma. This understanding is to be understood within the context of age and residential requirements of the New Jersey Statute and Regulatory law.

#### **6th Student Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Student #600565 did appear before the East Windsor Regional School Board on the evening of October 8, 2013, based on allegations that said student had been in violation of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and

**WHEREAS**, Student #600565 and mother were given notice of these charges and the student's due process rights, including but not limited to, a list of witnesses who had given testimony and the gravamen of their testimony, pursuant to a letter from Dr. Edward Forsthoffer dated September 18, 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2013, a hearing as called for in Dr. Forsthoffer's letter of September 18, 2013 was held and testimony presented and arguments, if any, considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, East Windsor Regional School Board has determined that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, specifically subsections c, d, e, and k, were violated based upon the testimony of Jason Hart. Student #600565 is hereby expelled from Hightstown High School. This means that Student #600565 is forbidden under penalty of law from entering any of the lands and premises owned by the East Windsor Regional School District, and is not permitted to attend school sponsored events such as athletic activities, drama presentations, proms, graduation, or in effect any activities sponsored by the East Windsor Regional School District. The school district is responsible for locating and providing Student #600565 an educational placement so that if Student #600565 attends classes and meets the academic requirements of those classes, will be able to graduate high school and receive a high school diploma. This understanding is to be understood within the context of age and residential requirements of the New Jersey Statute and Regulatory law.

- **Vote**: Mr. Paul moved seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the resolutions to expel six high school students as submitted. On a role call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

#### 14. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the routine agenda items as follows:

- A. Staffing (*not including addendum*)
- B. Termination of Employee #4336
- C. Bullying Report – September 30, 2013
- D. Field Trips
- E. Donation to HHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation and Picnic from Wal-Mart
- F. New Advisors for Non-Paid Club at HHS
  1. Future Medical Leaders of America
  2. Ultimate Frisbee Club
- ~~G. Travel & Related Expenses (to be voted on separately)~~
- H. Annual Review of Policy 2415.04-Title I District-Wide Parental Involvement
- I. Out of District Placement
- J. Professional Services for Students
- K. Joint Transportation Agreements
  1. Roosevelt Public School District
  2. West Windsor – Plainsboro School District
- L. Tuition Contract for Non-Resident Student
- M. Hess Energy Marketing, LLC as District Provider for Natural Gas Supply
- N. Bill List for October 14, 2013

**A. Staffing** (not including addendum) as submitted.

**B. Termination of Employee #4336**

**C. Bullying Report - 9/30/13** – as discussed by the Board at the last meeting.

#### **D. Field Trips**

- Hispanic National College Fair – HHS Guidance Dept. for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders to:  
Bordentown High School  
50 Duns Mill Road, Bordentown, NJ
- All Kidcare Classes – on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> (NJEA Convention date) to:  
Adventure Aquarium  
1 Riverside Dr., Camden, NJ
- HHS Marching Band Competition to:  
Monroe Township High School  
200 School house Rd., Monroe Township, NJ
- HHS and MHK Life Skills Classes to:  
YMCA Child Daycare, Mercer Street, Hightstown, NJ (then to Hightstown Diner or Perkins Restaurant for lunch).

#### **E. Donations**

Mr. Manjit Sidhu, General Manager, Wal-Mart, 839 Rte. 130, NJ 08520 would like to donate \$400.00 to the annual 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation and Picnic at Hightstown High School. The donation will be used to provide food, refreshments, and needed supplies for the event.

#### **F. New Advisors for Non Paid Club at HHS**

##### 1. Future Medical Leaders of America

Future Medical Leaders of America is a BOE approved non-paid extra-curricular activity at Hightstown High School; however, the current advisor is no longer able to continue in that position. Another HHS science teacher, Carl Buonafede, has agreed to assume the responsibilities.

**2. Ultimate Frisbee Club**

Ultimate Frisbee is a BOE approved non-paid extra-curricular activity at Hightstown High School; however, the current advisor is no longer able to continue in that position. Another HHS science teacher, Graham Heilweil, has agreed to assume the responsibilities.

**G. Travel & Related Expenses**

T. Sherrod M. Beckman M. Dzwonar	Student Services/ Curriculum	Oct. 28, 2013	Three registrations to attend “SGO’s for Special Ed Workshop”, Monroe Twp. NJ	149.00	447.00
M. Beckman	Student Services	Jan. 22, 2014	Reg.to attend “Session 3: Build a Sense of Community Workshop” Monroe Twp. NJ	149.00	149.00
M. Beckman	Student Services	Feb. 12, 2014	Reg. to attend “Session 4: Legal One Presents Understanding the Link Between School Climate & Legal Liability” Monroe Township, NJ	149.00	149.00
R. Rodriguez N. Barakat	Student Services	Oct. 22, 2013	Two registrations to attend “Handle With Care Behavior Workshop” Vineland, NJ	300.00	600.00
M. Beckman	Student Services	Oct. 22, 23, 2013	Hotel Accommodations to attend NJSBA Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ	212.00	212.00
M. Beckman	Student Services	October 22, 23,24	Registration to attend NJSBA Annual Conf. In Atlantic City, NJ	00.00	00.00
A. Weisman	BOE	Oct. 23, 2013	Hotel Accommodations to attend NJSBA Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ	106.00	106.00
Monthly Total					1663.00
YTD Total					12768.20

**H. Annual Review of Policy 2415.04-Title I District-Wide Parental Involvement**

- The East Windsor Regional School District is required to have a written parent involvement policy, developed in collaboration with parents of participating Title 1 students and evaluated annually.
- Title I Schools in the East Windsor Regional School District are required to have a written parent involvement policy, developed in collaboration with parents of participating Title 1 students and evaluated annually. For 2013-14, the Title 1 school in the East Windsor Regional School District is the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School
- The East Windsor Regional School District sponsored two separate Title 1 Parent Meetings at the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School. Copies of the policy were distributed. No changes were recommended to Policy 2415.04.

Therefore, Policy 2415.04 – Title I - District-Wide Parental Involvement is submitted to the Board for annual review, and approval.

**I. Out of District Placement**

(Revised) - Piscataway Regional Day School

Tuition September 4, 2013 through June 27, 2014

1. Student: # 102996 RSY \$ 39,420.00

Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Board of Education - John Dawes Early Learning Center

Tuition July 8, 2013 through June 23, 2014

1. Student: #101002  
 ESY \$ 1,624.72  
 RSY \$ 29,922.58

Thomas J. Rubino Academy

(Revised Dates) Tuition September 9, 2013 through June 30, 2014

1. Student: #602336 RSY. \$ 17,175.00

(Revised Dates) Tuition September 11, 2013 through June 30, 2014

2. Student: #850602 RSY. \$ 17,175.00

**J. Professional Services for Students**

The Office of Student Services requires services of consultants to provide students with disabilities and staff assigned to these students, services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

Name	Type of Service	Rate
The Arc of New Jersey	Transition Services provided by the Division for Developmental Disabilities	No Fee
U.S.HealthWorks	Student Testing	Per Fee Schedule

**K. Joint Transportation Agreements**

1. Roosevelt Public District

The Roosevelt Public School District in Monmouth County, is requesting transportation services for its 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who attend the East Windsor Regional School District for the 2013-14 school year. The Roosevelt District Transportation cost for 2013-14 school year (which includes HHS, MHK, and Sypek Shuttles: is \$44,856.04 The Roosevelt District Transportation cost for 2013-14 the Activity Routes (HS, MHK and HS/MHK) is: \$16,8648.80

2. West Windsor –Plainsboro School District

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education approves the following joint transportation agreements for the 2013-14 school year with the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District (Host District) as indicated below.

East Windsor will be the “JOINER District” for the following routes (destinations):

Host District’s Route #	# EWRSD Students	Destination	Joiner District Annual Cost
<b>YALECH</b>	1	<b>Y.A.L.E.</b>	<b>\$420.00</b>

**L. Tuition Contract for Non Resident Student**

There is a regular education 3rd grade student who resides outside District boundaries and the parents/guardians are requesting to have this student attend school in our district until they find housing in the District community. The family currently resides in Plainsboro, NJ. The parents/guardians have agreed to pay the District the 2013-14 Board approved annual tuition rate of \$13,175 pro rated for the time/days the student attends our district as a nonresident per agreement below submitted for board approval.

**AGREEMENT** dated *October 14, 2013* between the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, hereafter referred to as “District” and S.K. residing in *Plainsboro, NJ*, Parent/Guardian of non-resident student, I.K. also residing in *Plainsboro, NJ*.

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of parent/guardian to enroll their non-resident child in the District, in the third grade for the 1st marking period of the 2013-2014 school year and child is currently domiciled with the family **outside** District boundaries, and, **WHEREAS**, parent/guardian acknowledges that they are required to pay tuition to the District for their child to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the 1st marking period of the 2013-2014 school year as a non-resident student;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT UNDERSTOOD**, the both parties agree to the following terms:

The District agrees to provide educational services to the non -resident student in accordance with the applicable New Jersey Statutes and the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Education. The parent/guardian agrees to pay the District tuition based upon the Board approved *2013-2014* tuition rate for *3<sup>rd</sup> grade* students of \$13,175 per student for the school year. The parents/guardians agree that the amount of \$1,317.50 is due and owing to the District on *October 14, 2013*. *(The tuition is calculated by dividing \$ 13,175 by the number of days school is in session (180) and multiplying by the days the student will be attending (18).)* The parent/guardian (or student) will be responsible for student's transportation to and from the school. In the event it becomes necessary for the Parent/Guardian to request that the County Superintendent waive the payment schedule due to hardship, they are to immediately notify the District of such request. In the event any dispute arises out of this agreement, the parties will seek to resolve the dispute as expeditiously as possible, except as may be set forth herein, the interests of the pupil(s) shall be of the foremost concern in resolving such disputes. All tuition contracts must be approved by the District Board of Education.

**M. Hess Energy Marketing, LLC as District Provider for Natural Gas Supply**

The District receives its natural gas supply service from Hess Corporation, through competitive bidding by ACES (Alliance for Competitive Energy Services). The Hess Corporation has been acquired by Direct Energy Business, LLC. The combined businesses will enhance and expand the offerings to its customers with access to a full suite of electricity natural gas and energy solutions. As a result of this merge, Hess Corporation will transfer and assign its rights and obligations under its existing contracts to HEM (Hess Energy Marketing, LLC.) All initial terms and conditions of its contracts including price will remain the same. It is recommended that the Board acknowledges by board action the name change of the District's natural gas supplier from Hess Corporation to Hess Energy Marketing, LLC.

**N. Bill List for October 14, 2013**

Board approval requested for the payments of bills and claims for a total amount of \$4,815,342.13

**Vote On Routine Agenda Items:**

On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve the routine agenda items with original staffing item that does not include the addendum, and omitting Item G (Travel) for a separate vote, was carried as follows: Members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Ms. Harrington, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman.

Voting no: Ms. Abel, Mr. Bussone. Abstaining: no one.

- Motion to approve was carried with 7 yes votes.

**Action on Addendum to Staffing:**

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the addendum to staffing as submitted.

On a roll call vote of the Board, members voting yes: Ms. Abel, Mr. Connolly, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Ms. Harrington, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Paul and Ms. Weisman.

Voting no: no one Abstaining: Mr. Bussone.

- Motion to approve was carried with 8 yes votes.

**Action on Item Routine Agenda Item 14.G: Travel and Related Expenses**

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve Item 14.G as submitted.

On a roll call vote of the Board, members voting yes: Ms. Abel, Mr. Bussone, Mr. Connolly, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Ms. Harrington, Mr. Lavery, and Mr. Paul.

Voting no: no one Abstaining: Ms. Weisman

- Motion to approve was carried with 8 yes votes.

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A second closed session was not needed.

**16. OPEN SESSION**

**17. ADJOURN**

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As recorded by Thaddeus Thompson, Board Secretary

*(Transcribed by C. Jablonski, Secretarial Assistant)*