

**HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2018
MINUTES**

The regular action board meeting of February 21, 2018 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria 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 5, 2018 and advertised in the "*Express Times*" on January 8, 2018 and the "*Gazette*" on January 12, 2018. 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 18, 2018. 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: Mrs. Amy Cochran
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano
Mr. Michael Herbst
Ms. Malainie Hibler
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)
Mr. Robert Moore
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. John Morsillo, Technology Technician I
Mr. Kyle Sosnovik, High School Principal
Mr. William Thompson, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal
Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Willow Grove Principal

Members absent: Mr. Gus Bordi
Mr. Shawn Burke
Ms. Lori Prymak

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stated they met on 2/20/18 with the Tri-Council and met with Mr. Mango again on 2/21/18 to discuss National Day Walk Out on March 14, 2018 to honor the students killed in Florida. Ethan and Caitlyn stated that sometime in March students will gather in a safe manor to discuss their concerns over the recent shootings. They also thanked the district, Mr. Speirs and the security team.

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Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Moore

Be it resolved, that the regular board meeting minutes and the executive session minutes of January 24, 2018 be approved.

Carried in a voice vote, Dr. Soobryan- abstain

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Herbst stated that on February 1, 2018 a meeting was held with all the committees for the purpose of discussing Grade Based Schools. The committee was looking for pro and cons and discussed challenges.

- 1) Study with Great Meadows still on the table
- 2) Grade Based vs Neighborhood schools
- 3) Looking at renovations by the architect
- 4) NOTHING OR MOVING THE LINE ARE NOT AN OPTION

Finance and Facilities – reported by Ms. Wehmeyer

- The district would be in need of extra custodial staff if we went to grade based schools. She spoke about renovations for the bathrooms and possibly refinancing the debt. Ms. Wehmeyer said the committee discussed going out for RFP (Request for Proposal) for architectural and custodial staff services. She stated the committee discussed looking into adding pre-K classes to bring in extra income.

Great Meadows – no report

Allamuchy – no report

Personnel/Negotiations– reported by Mr. Herbst

- Mr. Herbst stated there will be no RIF this year and the district would probably have to add four (4) more positions to the staff.

Policy – reported by Ms. Cochran

- Ms. Cochran said the committee will meet on March 1, 2018. She said there is no impact on going to grade based schools.

Curriculum/Student Activities – reported by Ms. Hibler

- Ms. Hibler stated there is no impact for curriculum but there will be an increase in activities. She said the committee met prior to the February 23, 2018 board meeting and discussed Option#2 offerings for the High School to take classes off premise such as Warren County Community College, Centenary College or taking online courses.
- Mr. Mango replied that the district is also looking to change the schedule in the High School to nine (9) periods and possibly increase electives and add languages. He also stated that the district will look into interlocal agreements (sharing) to add staff to both Hackettstown and Great Meadows.

HFEE Foundation – reported by Ms. Maciag

- The committee is sending out letters to teachers for the grants.

Ad Hoc Shared Services – no report

APPROVAL OF FY18 (ESEA) GRANT AMENDMENT

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the FY18 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I-A, Title II-A, and Title III Grant Amendments.

<u>Title I-A</u>	<u>Title II-A</u>	<u>Title III</u>
100-100 - \$181,187	200-300 - \$ 8,000	100-100 - \$18,900
100-600 - \$ 500	<u>200-500 - \$22,436</u>	100-600 - \$ 8,265
<u>200-500 - \$ 5,258</u>		<u>200-500 - \$ 2,109</u>
Total - \$186,945	Total - \$30,436	Total - \$29,274

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE ESSEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (ERESC)

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve a contract with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) to provide adult education programs and ESL classes for qualified parents of migrant children in the Hackettstown School District from February 22, 2018 through June 30, 2018, as attached by reference.

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

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS/PROPERTY

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, in accordance with Board Policy #7300 (Regulations 7300.1-4) authorizes the disposal of personal property/assets, as attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISED CST CONSULTANT SERVICES HOURS

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve additional Behavior Analyst Consulting Services by Lisa Searls, Board Certified Behavior Analyst for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF J AND B THERAPY, LLC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2018-2019

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve J and B Therapy, LLC to provide Child Study Team Professional Services for 2018-2019 school year, as attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF USE OF FACILITIES FOR EXTRA & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve use of Facilities for Extra & Co-Curricular Activities for 2017-2018 school year, as attached by reference.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Dr. Soobryan

Second: Ms. Maciag

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

Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically:

- Docket Number- 3:18-cr-02365

- Docket Number- A-2425-1G

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.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

Carried in a roll call vote- unanimous.

RECONVENE

Motion: Dr. Soobryan

Second: Dr. Cusmano

Be it resolved that the Board of Education reconvene into regular session at 9:13 p.m.

Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF HIB

Motion: Dr. Soobryan

Second: Mr. Moore

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education adopt and approve the verbal HIB reports and finding as presented in Executive Session.

Carried in a voice vote, Dr. Cusmano- abstain.

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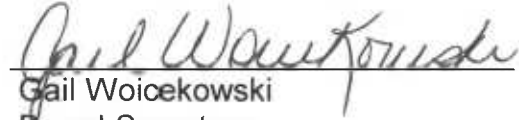
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Dr. Cusmano

Be it resolved that the Board adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Woickowski
Board Secretary



Michael Herbst
Board President