

**HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2017
MINUTES**

The special joint board meeting of November 21, 2017 of the Hackettstown Board of Education and the Great Meadows Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Great Meadows Middle School Gymnasium by Great Meadows Board President, Mr. Edward O'Melia. Mr. O'Melia 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*." This was a joint meeting for the sole purpose of the presentation of a feasibility study looking into the possibility of a reciprocal expansion of the send/receive relationship as it relates to 7th and 8th grade students currently attending Hackettstown Middle School.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Gus Bordi
Mr. Shawn Burke
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano
Mr. Michael Herbst
Ms. Malainie Hibler
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag
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. Guy Jorstad, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Robert Grauso, Director of Athletics
Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Shared Building & Grounds Director
Mr. John Morsillo, Technology Technician I
Mr. Kyle Sosnovik, High School Principal
Mr. Kevin O'Leary, High School Vice Principal
Ms. Lauren Thomas, High School Vice Principal
Mr. William Thompson, Middle School Principal
Mr. Jonathan Beyer, Middle School Vice Principal
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal
Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Willow Grove Principal
Mr. Timothy Havlusch, Great Meadows Business Administrator
Mr. Israel Marmolejos, Principal of Great Meadows Middle School

Mtg. Date: 11/21/17

Members absent: Mrs. Amy Cochran

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT (S)

- A statement was read by Edward O'Melia which thanked all in attendance for this meeting and encapsulated the protocol and process for tonight's meeting. A similar message was also then delivered by the Hackettstown Board President, Mr. Gus Bordi.

INTRODUCTIONS

- The Superintendent David Mango introduced the dignitaries and officials in attendance at this special joint meeting of the two boards of education. He then introduced David Hespe, Former Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey. Mr. Hespe is presenting an overview of the findings in his feasibility study for the first time this evening. It was also announced at this time that the final report would be available online to all members of the Board of Educations and the public by being posted on the district websites on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

PRESENTATION

- Mr. Hespe proceeded to provide the districts with an overview of his report to all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- At the conclusion of the presentation by Mr. Hespe the forum was open to public question/comment. At the conclusion of all public comment and questions, the public comment was closed at 9:42 p.m. so as to allow individual members of the respective boards of education to ask specific questions or to make specific comments directly to the presenter.

CLOSE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

- Individual Board Members from each body asked specific questions of Mr. Hespe or made specific comments relating to the presentation and the study.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Dr. Cusmano

Be it resolved that the Board adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Woicekowski
Board Secretary

Gus Bordi
Board President