

HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 12, 2017
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The special board meeting of April 12, 2017 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center by Board President, Mr. Gus Bordi. Mr. Bordi 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*. Copies of the notice have also been posted in each of our schools, the Board Office located at 315 Washington Street, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Hackettstown. 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
Mr. Gus Bordi (left at 7:47 p.m.)
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
Mr. David Fair
Mr. Michael Herbst (left at 8:32 p.m.)
Mr. Robert Moore
Mr. Anthony Putignano
Ms. Michele Wehmeyer

Also present: Mr. David C. Mango, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Gail Woicekowski, Board Secretary

Members absent: Ms. Amy Cochran
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag
Mr. Edward O'Melia

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Robert Stead, Chairman of Warren County Board of Elections stated that the High School is a designated polling place. The vestibules may have impact on the November election. He stated that Title 19:8-2, (Suggested list of available places selection) location of polling place and where to put a polling place is in code.
- Mr. Mango replied that there were issues with the last election with belligerent behavior of voters. He also stated that there was foul language and such in front of students. Mr. Mango said that voters will have to line up outside and come in orderly in June. Once vestibules are in place, there will have to be a change in practice with the elections. Mr. Mango said the district will look to possibly partner with the county.
- Mr. Bordi asked Mr. Stead if it is his concern that the vestibules will impede voting.
- Mr. Stead replied that voters cannot be prohibited from entering and exiting a voting place freely including ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Board of Elections chooses where the polling takes place. The school district cannot move them at will.
- Mr. Mango questioned if the district can change where the voting takes place within the building?
- Mr. Bordi asked Mr. Kevin Settembrino if this happens in other buildings and districts as well.
- Mr. Settembrino replied that other districts close school when elections take place so that no students are in the buildings. He also stated that push bars are dogged down so that people can come in and out freely. Additionally with this project, the curbs are modified to become depressed curbs in order to accommodate the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).
- Mr. Stead responded that after the completion of the project, the Warren County Board of Elections will be out to review the new vestibules in the location. He stated that they will work with the district.

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL VESTIBULES PRESENTATION – presented by Mr. Kevin Settembrino, Architect

BOARD COMMENT ON A SECTION AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Burke stated that he looked at the drawings of the vestibules today prior to the board meeting and said materials are missing.
- ***Mr. Bordi stated he needs to leave the meeting at 7:47 p.m. He gave Mr. Shawn Burke, Vice-President of the Board the option to take over the meeting or to pass it to a senior member of the board.***
- ***Mr. Bordi passed the meeting to Mr. Burke at 7:47 p.m.***
- Mr. Herbst called for a vote on the resolution.
- Ms. Wehmeyer had a question on the resolution.
- Mr. Herbst rescinds his call for the vote.
- Ms. Wehmeyer asked if Walkkill Group is the same contractor used for the elementary schools.
- Ms. Woicekowski responded, yes. Through the results of the competitive bidding process, Walkkill Group is the lowest bid and recommended contractor for the High School and Middle School vestibules. Bid was reviewed by counsel as well.
- Mr. Herbst call for a vote on the resolution.

