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**HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2018
MINUTES**

The regular action board meeting of January 24, 2018 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 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: Mr. Gus Bordi
Mr. Shawn Burke
Mrs. Amy Cochran
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano
Mr. Michael Herbst
Ms. Malainie Hibler
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag (arrived at 8:12 p.m.)
Mr. Robert Moore
Ms. Lori Prymak
Dr. Bo Soobryan (arrived at 7:55 p.m.)
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. Douglas DeMatteo, Director of Buildings and Grounds
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: none

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MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the regular board meeting minutes and the executive session minutes of December 13, 2017 and the reorganization minutes of January 3, 2018 be approved.

Carried in a voice vote, Mr. Moore- abstain 12/13/17 only; Ms. Prymak – abstain 12/13/17 and 1/3/18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities – no report

Great Meadows – no report

Allamuchy – no report

Personnel– no report

Negotiations – no report

Policy – no report

Student Activities – no report

Curriculum – no report

HFEE Foundation – no report

Ad Hoc Shared Services – no report

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. David Mango

- Student of the Month were introduced by the Building Principals.
 - Hatchery Hill
 - January – Laura Testerman
 - Willow Grove
 - January – Owen Cooper
 - Middle School
 - January – Dorian Bishtriku
 - High School
 - January – Lynn Vonder Haar

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- none

BOARD COMMENT ON A SECTION AGENDA ITEMS

Motions are accepted by Ms. Wehmeyer and Mr. Bordi.

- Mr. Bordi thanked Hatchery Hill for the Box Tops collection in (A-8, Acceptance of Gifts)
- Mr. Herbst thanked the Frame Shop for their donations to Middle School.

APPROVAL OF THE CHECK REGISTER(S)

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the January 17, 2018 bill list in the amount of \$4,057,607.16 and further, that copies be attached to the minutes.

Carried in a roll call vote, Mr. Bordi and Mr. Burke – abstain ck#61076 only; Ms. Wehmeyer – abstain ck#61127; Dr. Cusmano and Ms. Prymak, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the Secretary and Treasurer Reports for the month ending November 30, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year as attached by reference.

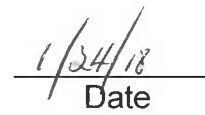
Carried in a roll call vote, Dr. Cusmano and Ms. Prymak, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFICATION

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, accept the certification of the Board Secretary.


Board Secretary


Date

and certify: in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c), that to the best of our knowledge as of November 30, 2017 no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds exist to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school years.

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the transfers for November 2017 in the amount of \$ 216,626.70, as attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF STUDENT(S) ON HOME INSTRUCTION

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve student(s) on home instruction for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF GENERAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT WITH LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve a general education send/receive tuition contract in the amount of \$13,500.00 from September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for a Livingston student to attend school at the Hackettstown High School.

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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT WITH LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve a special education tuition contract in the amount of \$7,862.40 (2.88 hours/day for 182 days at \$15/hour) for Resource and In Class Support Services from September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for a Livingston student to attend school at the Hackettstown High School.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, accept gift(s) as attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PARTICIPATION

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve participation in a coordinated transportation cooperative with Warren County Special Services School District for the 2018-2019 school year which includes a 4% administrative fee.

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

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS/PROPERTY

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

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 and Ms. Prymak, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

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

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

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 and Ms. Prymak, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

APPROVAL OF R.K. OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, INC. PROPOSAL

Motion: Ms. Wehmeyer Second: Mr. Bordi

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve R.K. Occupational and Environmental Analysis, Inc. proposal to provide assessment and remediation services as follows and attached by reference:

Hackettstown High School – “not to exceed” \$8,250.00

Hackettstown Middle School – “not to exceed” \$8,250.00

Hatchery Hill School – “not to exceed” \$12,500.00

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



BOARD COMMENT ON B SECTION AGENDA ITEMS

Motions are accepted by Mr. Moore and Ms. Wehmeyer as amended.

- Ms. Wehmeyer questioned why in B5 (Approval of 7th Teaching Block Assignments) that Digital Photography teaching block assignment is being approved in January but started in September.
- Mr. Sosnovik responded that initially in the summer the teaching block was assigned to a different teacher but was switched to Mr. John Scalera.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION(S)

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, accept the resignations for the 2017-2018 school year attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF NEW STAFF

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, appoint the new staff, for the 2017-2018 school year attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF ADVANCEMENT ON THE SALARY GUIDE

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve advancement on the salary guide, effective February 1, 2018, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF RESCISSION OF 7TH TEACHING BLOCK

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the rescission of Erin Tomasini for 7th teaching block of Video I for the 2017-2018 school year, effective immediately.

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

APPROVAL OF 7TH TEACHING BLOCK ASSIGNMENT(S)

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the 7th teaching block assignments effective September 6, 2017 and January 18, 2018, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISED 2017-2018 TIGER CLUB ADVISORS

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve revised Tiger Club Advisors for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISED CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve revised co-curricular appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL TO REVIEW AND REVISE CURRICULUM

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve staff to review and revise curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF TITLE I PROGRAMS/ADVISORS

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approve additional Title I programs/advisors for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PAYMENT FOR SUPERVISION OF SATURDAY
DETENTION**

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve payment to Jonathan Beyer to supervise Saturday Detention based on their per diem rate of \$404.74, on an as needed basis for the 2017-2018 school year, effective September 1, 2017.

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

BOARD COMMENT ON C SECTION AGENDA ITEMS

Motions are accepted by Mr. Moore and Ms. Wehmeyer as amended.

- none

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve workshop attendance for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve field trips for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF REVISED STUDENT LIST FOR CENTENARY UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S LITERATURE VISITS

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve revised student list for Centenary University Children's Literature visits to Hatchery Hill School's 2nd graders to share reading and related activities prepared by Centenary students, attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF 2ND READING OF DISTRICT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Ms. Wehmeyer

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the following District Policies and Regulations in a 2nd reading:

Video & Surveillance Policy

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

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Bordi mentioned that there will be a county New Jersey School Board Association meeting held at the High School on February 7, 2018.
- Mr. Herbst stated there will be a meeting scheduled with all newly formed committees on February 1, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Bill Vonder Haar, a parent questioned monies donated from Mr. Somers for the Robotics Team. He would like the monies donated to go into the Robotics Boosters Club and not the Operating Budget. He feels that having the money in the Operating Budget makes it too difficult for the Robotics Teams to purchase items needed to build the robots.
- Ms. Woicekowski stated that the donor is only allowed to donate into a 5013c, government entity. She said she spoke with Mr. O'Leary last year and reminded him to make sure Robotics Team spent all the donation. Ms. Woicekowski stated they bought a trailer out of the donation to transport the robot.
- Mr. Vonder Haar asked if they can buy supplies at Home Depot and Lowe's and put it on credit.
- Ms. Woicekowski replied that they can use an open purchase order process to purchase supplies for the robots.
- Mr. Vonder Haar questioned the Tuition Payment with Great Meadows and if the Board met to decide if they were not going to take a month's money for the pay back.
- Ms. Woicekowski replied the money was paid back at a quicker rate.
- Mylene Clarke, a high school student spoke about the district offering ASL (American Sign Language) classes next year. She state that her sister is already taking the

classes in High School now. Mylene wants the classes offered to herself and others so they can communicate better with her sister and other hearing impaired people.

- Mr. Herbst replied that the district is already into budget preparations and he does not feel ASL (American Sign Language) is on the list. He also stated to look outside the school to see if other groups offer ASL.
- Mrs. Grigoletti replied that ASL is offered as an Option 2 class but does not have an approved curriculum.
- Mr. Mango commended Mylene on her speech. He stated the district is looking into it but at this time it is available only through Option 2.

The Board took a break between 8:21 p.m. to 8:26 p.m.

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 8:26 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 WRN-L-11-18

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: Mr. Maciag

Be it resolved that the Board of Education reconvene into regular session at 8:44 p.m.
Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF HIB

Motion: Dr. Soobryan

Second: Ms. Maciag

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, Mr. Herbst – no; Dr. Cusmano- abstain.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved that the Board adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Woicekowski
Board Secretary



Michael Herbst
Board President