

## **EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING on MAY 9, 2016**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown, NJ, held a regular meeting on Monday, MAY 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hightstown High School Cafeteria located at 25 Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ.

**Members Present:** Pete Bussone, Paul Connolly, Christine Harrington, Robert Laverty, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman

**Member(s) Absent:** Bertrand Fougnyes, Lilia Gobaira, Tracy Healy

**Also Present:** Dr. Richard Katz, Chief School Administrator  
Paul M. Todd, SBA/Board Secretary  
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

#### **1. WELCOME/SUNSHINE NOTICE**

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement: "Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are kept by the Board Secretary and are available to any member of the public requesting them at the Administration building, 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy." Ms. Weisman 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."

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **3. A. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

**Action:** Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Vote:** By a roll call poll of the Board, with all Board members present voting yes, Motion to approve carried unanimously.

#### **3. B RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Action:** Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the following resolution:

**"BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold two executive sessions during its Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016. These closed session's concern:

1. Personnel
2. Negotiations
3. Student Matters – Bullying Report

Minutes of these closed sessions will be available in accordance with board policy when the need for confidentiality no longer exists."

**Vote:** By a roll call poll of the Board, with all Board members present voting yes, Motion to approve carried unanimously.

#### 4. RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER: LILIA GOBAIRA, EAST WINDSOR

East Windsor resident board member, Lilia Gobaira, has submitted a letter of resignation from the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education, effective July 1, 2016. To fill this vacant seat, the Board of Education will advertise for East Windsor residents, to submit a letter to the Board Secretary a letter of interest for consideration. At the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting, the Board will interview the residents in open session who have applied to take this seat. After discussion in closed session, the Board President will move to appoint a new board member. This person will serve on the Board till the Board of Education annual reorganization in January, 2017.

**ACTION:**

Mr. Connolly: *"I move to approve the resignation of Ms. Lilia Gobaira from the Board of Education, and that the Board Secretary is authorized to advertise for interested applicants to fill the vacant seat from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 till the Board reorganizes in January, 2017."*

**Second:** Mr. Paul

**Discussion:** *The Board discussed moving the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to take place on July 11, 2016. It was agreed that the Board will approve this by resolution at the next meeting.*

**Vote:** On a roll call poll of the Board with all members present voting yes, motion to approve carried unanimously.

#### 5. PROCLAMATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK

Ms. Weisman read aloud the following proclamation:

***WHEREAS***, the public school districts and the private schools of New Jersey make a major contribution to the public welfare by preparing thousands of exceptional persons to participate as citizens of this state and as members of society; and

***WHEREAS***, New Jersey's special education programs produce success stories every day as children, with the guidance and support of dedicated teachers and parents, overcome obstacles to achieve to their fullest potential; and

***WHEREAS***, New Jersey has been a nationwide leader in providing services to students with physical and learning disabilities; and

***WHEREAS***, New Jersey's schools annually serve over 232,000 special education students; and

***WHEREAS***, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped have sponsored Special Education Week in New Jersey since 1985; and

***WHEREAS***, the theme of this year's state celebration is "Making Dreams Happen"; and

***WHEREAS***, our school district is fortunate to have dedicated teachers, child study team members, support staff and parents who work together for the benefit of our community's special education children,

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alice Weisman, President of the Board of Education, Do Hereby Proclaim May 8 through May 14, 2016, as Special Education Week in NJ and in East Windsor Regional School District.***

Mr. Connolly moved to accept the proclamation for EWRSD Sped week.

**SECOND:** Mr. Paul

**VOTE:** On a roll call poll of the Board with all present voting yes, motion to approve carried unanimously.

**6. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Bussone commented that he is pleased to see the 55 plus community interacting and participating with our students. There is a lot of talent they can offer and share; using this resource is a great idea

Mr. Lavery spoke about the resolution on graduation requirements for 2016 and the settlement with the NJDOE and Education Law Center. He shared some highlights of the agreement and language within the agreement that was used.

The Board and Administrators then proceeded to discuss the topic at length and noted that all our students have met the portfolio requirements for graduation.

**7. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – no one spoke.**

**8. PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF 2016-2017 BUDGET**

Mr. Todd noted we received county approval of the 2016-2017 tentative budget. There were no changes or revisions. Ms. Weisman asked as if this is a public hearing, if the Board or public had any questions on the Budget. As there were none, the Board proceeded to the next item.

**9. APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 BUDGET AND MAXIMUM TRAVEL RELATED EXPENDITURE**

Mr. Connolly moved seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget for the East Windsor Regional School District was presented to the Board of Education and approved for submittal to the County Superintendent at the March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 meeting, and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received official approval by the County Superintendent of the tentative 2016-17 budget up for approval this evening, and

**WHEREAS**, the budget has been published for public review in the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 edition of the Times of Trenton;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Windsor Regional Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 proposed budget as the *final* 2016-2017 budget, and authorizes the Chief School Administrator and Business Administrator to submit to the Mercer County Superintendent of Schools the 2016-2017 budget which includes:

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Revenues</i>	<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>2016-2017 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$83,343,926</b>	<b>\$2,026,561</b>	<b>\$3,241,125</b>	<b>\$88,611,612</b>
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>20,630,560</b>	<b>2,026,561</b>	<b>116,251</b>	<b>22,773,372</b>
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$62,713,366</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,124,874</b>	<b>\$65,838,240</b>

- **Travel Expense Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Regional Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their responsibilities and for travel that promotes delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to approve these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members receive prior approval of these expenses by the School Superintendent of Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 - June 30); and

**WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Board approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$ 109,965. for all staff and Board members.

***VOTE: On a roll call poll of the Board, with all members present voting yes, motion to approve the 2016-2017 District Budget and maximum travel resolution was carried unanimously.***

**10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Katz spoke about the need to revise the upcoming Board meeting dates. The proposed changes would be: June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to be on June 22; July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held on July 11, and for the August meeting date to align with Board retreat and take place on August 22. Meeting date in August to align with the Board retreat tentatively scheduled for August 22. These changes will be Board approved at the next meeting. Dr. Katz also spoke about the upcoming 3 parent nights scheduled, at MHK HHS, and at GNR for K-5 parents.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:02 P.M.**

- Return to Open Session: 8:55 p.m.

**12. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Weisman thanked Debbie Feaster, who is retiring from her position as Assistant Superintendent, for her service to the District.

**13. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - No one spoke.**

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

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the following routine items:

**A. Staffing**

Basmagy, Jonathan	Appoint	School Counselor	WCB	4-MA	\$60,722	9/1/16	6/30/17	School Counselor (Stand) Elem. Tchr. (Stand) Elem. Teach w/Sub Spec. LA (Stand) - Repl: E. Gertel - pending clearance
Benjamin, Stephanie	Appoint	Teacher-Elem.	WCB	2 MA+15	\$60,092	9/1/16	6/30/17	Elementary Teacher (Prov) - from a LOAR to permanent-new position
Morris, Evan	Appoint	Teacher-H&PE	MHK	3 BA	\$58,492	9/1/16	6/30/17	Teacher of H&PE (CEAS) -Repl: J. Hackworth - pending clearance
Springsteen, Kaitlyn	Appoint	Teacher-Elem.	WCB	1 BA	\$57,492	9/1/16	6/30/17	Elem. Teacher (CEAS) Teacher of English (Prov) new position - pending clearance
Wish, Amy	Appoint	Teacher Elem.	WCB	10-MA	\$70,712	9/1/16	6/30/17	Elem. Teacher (Stand) Supv. (Stand) Repl: B. Russell - pending clearance

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Becerra, Blanca	Appoint	Café. Monitor	GNR		\$12.16/hr	TBD	6/30/16	Pending clearance
Borg, Jennifer	Appoint	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	CS/WCB	1	\$19.20	4/27/16	6/30/16	<i>Revised start date</i>
Alford, Rickey	Appoint	Kidcare Student Instr.	PLD		\$8.38/hr	9/1/16	6/30/17	
Johnson, Oslene	Appoint	Kidcare Student Inst.	GNR		\$8.38/hr	9/1/16	6/30/17	
Lewis, Allyson	Appoint	Kidcare Student Instr.	EMK		\$8.38/hr	9/1/16	6/30/17	
Lewis, Michael	Appoint	Kidcare Student Inst.	EMK		\$8.38/hr	9/1/16	6/30/17	
Rodriguez, Sarah	Appoint	Kidcare Student Instr	WCB		\$8.38/hr	9/1/16	6/30/17	
Baniowski, Christine	Appoint/LOAR	Teacher - Elem.	PLD	1-BA	\$57,492	5/2/16	6/30/16	<i>Revised start date</i>
Small, Sandy	Extra pay	Supervisor	Admin		\$549.48 per diem		6/30/16	Sell back 4 vacation days
Beckman, Mark	Extra pay	Supervisor	SS		\$505.58 per diem		6/30/16	Sell back 4 vacation days
Griffin, Maree	Extra pay	Supervisor	Admin		\$501.37 per diem		6/30/16	Sell back 4 vacation days
Hoefener, Allison	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Emison, Robert	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Mullen, Marion	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Belgira, Melissa	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Goff, Karen	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Woods, Lynne	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Bacher, Christina	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Lenarski, Melissa	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Weintraub, Helene	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Muscatello, Christine	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Motgomery, Ashley	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
McCafferty, Thomas	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Luczak, Alice	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Kamaras, Dana	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Horta, Theresa	Extra pay	Portfolio & Assessment Supp	HHS		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Kisko, Taryn	Extra pay	Alternative Prof Assessment	HHS		\$100		6/30/16	\$50 per subject
Lentine, Lauren	Extra pay	Alternative Prof Assessment	WCB		\$50		6/30/16	\$50 per subject
Mosca, Laura	Extra pay	Alternative Prof Assessment	EMK		\$100		6/30/16	\$50 per subject

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Pressman, Megan	Extra pay	Alternative Prof Assessment	PLD		\$350		6/30/16	\$50 per subject
Bernstein, Patricia	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Devaney, Mary	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Diamond, Melanie	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
McCabe, Mary	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
McDonald, Adrienne	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
McGivney, Megan	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Murphy, Dominique	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Nitti, Kristin	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Pattik, Mora	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Rodriguez, Maria	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Smith, Kristie	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Such, Jennifer	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Zdziarski, Kaitlin	Extra Pay	K-2 Curriculum Writers			\$37/hr	4/26/16	6/30/16	
Brown, Edward	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
DaSilva, Jennifer	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Diaz, Tamika	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Gibbins, Ian	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Hendricks, Donna	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Lagnese, Danielle	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Nittoso, Leah	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Parry, Stefanie	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Reilly, Brianna	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Salvemini, Gabriella	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Vogel, Jennifer	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Wertheimer, Brittany	Extra pay	Parent Night Presenters	MHK		\$37/hr		6/30/16	
Employee # 4456	Donated days					TBD	TBD	Approval for donated days
Employee #4312	LOA					9/1/16	11/25/16	SD 9/1-9/23, NJLA 9/26-11/25/16

Employee #4319	LOA					9/23/16	1/6/17	SD 9/26-11/18, NJLA 11/21-1/6/17
Employee #5616	LOA					9/30/16	2/28/17	SD 10/5-12/2, NJLA 12/5-2/28/17
Employee #6044	LOA					5/9/16	6/30/16	Revised dates: SD 5/9-6/8, PD 6/9-6/13/16 SD minus sub pay 6/14-6/22
Ezewuiro, Channon	Resigned	Nurse	MHK				6/30/16	Reason: Child care
Friel Norbut, Lisa	Resigned	Teacher-Spec. Ed.	MHK				6/30/16	Resignation w/anticipated retirement effect. 6/30/16 (Yrs: 27)
Gonzalez, Michelle	Resigned	Teacher-Bilingual	PLD				6/30/16	
Kaminsky, Samantha	Resigned	Supervisor	Admin				6/30/16	
Paladino, Vanessa	Resigned	Teacher - LA	MHK				6/30/16	
Simmons, Tanisha	Resigned	Kidcare Instructor	CS				5/20/16	
Henderson, Angela	RIF	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	GNR				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Grillo, Lisa	RIF	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	EMK				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Strzepek, Debbie	RIF	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	EMK				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Frischman, Melanie	RIF	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	PLD				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Handel, Rachel	RIF	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	PLD				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Borg, Jennifer	RIF	Turning Pt. Lead Instructor	WCB				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Hupfl, Michele	RIF	Turning Pt Instructor	WCB				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Malave, Madison	RIF	LEPK Instructor	PLD				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Elgolany, Jennifer	RIF	LEPK Instructor	GNR				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Acevedo, Tiffany	RIF	LEPK Instructor	GNR				6/30/16	Position eliminated
DeLaRosa, Teresa	RIF	LEPK Instructor	PLD				6/30/16	Position eliminated
Roux, Milagros	Salary adj.	Teacher - ESL	GNR/WCB	13MA+30	\$77,862	1/1/16	6/30/16	From 13 MA @ \$77,112
Reed, Elmer	Salary adj.	Custodian-Black Seal	B&G		\$1,000	9/1/15	6/30/16	Longevity amt adj from \$800
Wilson, John	Salary adj.	Custodian-Black Seal	B&G		\$1,000	9/1/15	6/30/16	Longevity amt adj from \$800
Employee #6008	Non-renew						6/30/16	
Employee #5911	Non-renew						6/30/16	
<i>Attached Job Description: Data Analyst &amp; Accountant- on file in Personnel office</i>								

**B. Bullying Report from April 25, 2016**

**C. Travel and Related Expenses**

					2015-16
BALANCE FORWARD					\$ 73,765.31
NAME	DEPT/ SCHOOL	DATE	EVENT	PER PERSON/ EVENT	TOTAL
G. Santolieri	HHS	May 25-26, 2016	Registration to attend 2016 Anti-Bullying & School Safety Conference, Galloway, NJ	189.00	189.00
G. Santolieri	HHS	May 25-26, 2016	Anticipated expenses to attend 2016 Anti-Bullying & School Safety Conference, Galloway, NJ	46.13	46.13
D. Buchwald	HHS	June 3, 2016	Additional expenses to attend TESOL, New Brunswick, NJ	18.58	18.58
M. Falter N. Gandi B. Ferst S. Kopec J. Petruso	WCB	May 18, 19, 20, 2016	Anticipated expenses to attend Masonic Training in Burlington, NJ (no charge to attend training)	Varies	200.00
N. Foulks E. Servillo	EMK Admin	July 7, 12, 14, 20, 2016	Two registrations to attend TEPES/ESEPES and LEPES Training, Piscataway, NJ	596.00	1192.00
P. Pisano P. Todd	Business Office	June 8 & 9, 2016 June 8, 2016	Room reservations to attend NJASBO Conference, Atlantic City, NJ	<a href="#">1@230.00</a> <a href="#">1@115.00</a>	345.00

5/9/2016 Total	\$ 1990.71
Sub Total	\$ 75,765.02
Adjustments	-194.36
YTD Total	\$ 75,561.66
Maximum expenditure for 2015-16	\$ 85,359.00

**D. Donation from Exxon/Mobil Corporation to HHS**

An Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance program would like to donate \$500 to the Math and Science Depts. of Hightstown High School. The grant was facilitated by Gasoline Sales Manager Joseph A. Hooven of the Consumers Oil Corp., 1473 Lambertson Road, Trenton, NJ 08611.

**E. Approve Scholarships/Awards for Hightstown HS and Kreps Middle School**

Submitted for approval are scholarships/awards donated by the East Windsor Education Association Philanthropic Fund for Hightstown, High School and the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School.

**F. Approve Offering “Robotics” as an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective for 2016-17 School Year**

The proposed Robotics elective is for 8th grade students at the Kreps Middle School. Students will design, build, and program robots to solve specific problems. Curriculum to be written/approved upon sufficient enrollment.

**G. Adoption of Updated Middle School Science Text with Premium Online Access for 6-8 Science**

In 2008, the Board approved a science resource for middle school science classes, *Science Explorers*, (2009). This text was bought in class sets with an online resource portal for teachers, as well as on line student access for each student. In 2014, the online purchase expired, leaving teachers and students with limited text access. The original online platform is no longer maintained. This leaves the teachers without resources required to fully engage students in the course material and extend learning in a digital platform. Additionally, the text reflected alignment to the NJ Science Standards from (2007) and (2011). This new purchase will provide a



resource fully aligned to the NGSS standards, compatible with Google classroom activities and assessments, and enhanced features to integrate STEM. The digital curriculum, virtual labs, hands-on activities, and write-in science textbook develop important critical-thinking skills that prepare students for success in future science courses and in the workplace. Starting in November, a group of teachers looked at 3 different science programs that use the Next Generation Science Standards. These teachers were the same teachers who upgraded the science practices and imbedded them in course CPIs last summer. In April, this group of teachers evaluated the resource in comparison with two other finalists: The Pierson Science program was eliminated due to its lack of correlation to the Next Gen grade level content (i.e.: Introductory Human Body was taught in MS and is no longer a concentration at that level, moving to the elementary level). McGraw Hill was eliminated next. Despite having comprehensive text passages on aligned science concepts, it did not possess a digital presence which supported students in accessing real-life applications and flipped learning. It was also weak in the infusion of argumentative literacy experiences expressed in the cross-cutting standards of Next Gen Science. There was also the noticeable absence of integrated STEM experiences. They did include links to online resources but these were on the web, not a part of the purchase. The third text previewed was the Science Fusion, with an upgrade to Science Dimensions in the 2017 school year. Overall, this text was supported by a panel of teachers representing each grade level due to multiple features: strong alignment to DCI performance indicators, crosscutting concepts included in each unit, strong digital support for both enrichment opportunities and scaffolding. In addition, 21st century technology enhanced the infusion of STEM through partnerships with NSTA, Sciencasaurus, Sci Links, and Google. All of these are included in the price quote and are upgraded each year at no additional cost. While there were some concerns expressed regarding the magazine like lay out, this is a feature of the text which supports evaluation of infographics, inclusion of higher order questions, simulations for evaluation, and opportunities to extend the learning to “real world” vignettes. In addition, lab manuals include guided inquiry, independent inquiry, quick labs, field labs, and specific STEM labs. On 25 April, 2016 the entire MS science department was invited for an overview of the Fusion and Dimensions upgrade. Response was positive and teachers were invited to share commentary on the presentation. This update is needed in order to implement the NGSS Science standards as mandated by the NJDOE as well as enhance opportunities for digital integration of learning and research. The online access provides teachers with rich multimedia resources in a practical and motivational approach to help students think critically and reflectively. To complement the text, teachers will continue to use simulations, teacher-created labs, and argumentative literacy supports. Consumables materials will be budgeted for to ensure all labs can be adapted and enriched as needed. Curriculum writers will work to update curriculum maps and ensure these resources support and enhance the progress indicators. Additionally, professional development will be offered to teachers to support infusion of new core resources effectively in all classrooms. It is recommended that the Board approve the adoption of a new primary Middle School Science resource, Houghton **Mifflin Harcourt Fusion/ Dimensions (2017)** to fully implement the NGSS Science Standards as mandated by the NJ DOE for September 2016.

## H. Field Trip Locations

- **May 25, 2016**

*HHS American History & Government Classes- approx. 90 students  
S. Wexler, R. Gary, P. D’Alessandro, S. Kaplan*

Washington DC tour of Congress/Lobby including:

1. Cannon Office Building - 27 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003
2. Rayburn Building & Cannon Building  
Between South Capitol Street and First Street, Washington, DC 2051
3. D.C. Mall - Independence & Constitution Avenues from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial  
Headquarters: 900 Ohio Dr. SW
4. Smithsonian - 10th and Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C., 20560
5. Capitol Hill - 1st St. SE, Washington D.C. 20510

Lobbying for national law, Smithsonian (how artifacts reflect continuity/change).
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**I. RESOLUTION: to Purchase One (1) New 2017 Model Year 24 Passenger School Bus through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission**

**Whereas**, the East Windsor Regional School District is a member of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) Cooperative Bid program, and **Whereas**, MRESC goes out to bid on school district's behalf for the best possible pricing on purchases; **Whereas**, the EWRSD will be purchasing 1 new 24 passenger school bus for the 2016-17 school year, and **Whereas**, the Wolfington Body Company, Inc. of Mount Holly NJ has won the MRESC bid for providing the cheapest quotes on the pricing for the purchase of 24 passenger school buses (Bid 15/16-37); **Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to purchase one (1) 2017 model year 24 passenger school bus at the cost of \$70,248. from Wolfington Body Company, Inc.

- *Acct. # 12-000-270-733-00-27-07 - PO # 16-03446*

**J. Transportation Contracts for 2016-2017 school year**  
**1. Mercer County Special Services School District**

The school district belongs to "The Mercer Cooperative Transportation System" (M.C.T.S) for the purpose of sharing transportation expenses of special education students sent to private and other schools located outside of the school district. The MCSSSD District is the lead agency for the system. Each year the school district approves a transportation agreement to remain part of the cooperative system.

**2. Interlocal Services Agreement with Robbinsville School District for Vehicle Maintenance**

The N.J.S.A authorizes that NJ School Districts may enter into joint agreements for goods and services. The Robbinsville Board of Ed. desires to enter into a joint agreement with the EWRSD for the provision of transportation equipment, maintenance, repair and training services.

**K. Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for March 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received the report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of MARCH, 2016 submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:17-9, and **WHEREAS**, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 (d) the Board Secretary has certified that, as of the date of the reports, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education; and **WHEREAS**, the report of the Treasurer is in agreement with the Report of the Secretary; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certifications, and certifies that after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (appropriation section), and Treasurer's Report, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation on N.J.A.C.6:20-2A.10 (a) (1), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

**L. Transfer Report for MARCH, 2016**

The EWRSD Board of Education certifies to the best of its knowledge that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education ratifies the attached transfers between budget line items that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools and reported to them pursuant to Board policy and State regulation.

**M. Application for Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program**

Board approval is requested for the application to PEI Kids for FY 16-17 Child Assault Prevention (CAP) funding. CAP seeks to integrate the best resources of a community in an effort to reduce a child or young person's vulnerability to verbal, physical, and sexual assault by working closely with the local school districts, parent/teacher associations, home school groups and other community groups. CAP has a threefold educational approach to prevention which includes training in the following areas: staff in-service, parent program, and individual classroom workshops for children and teens. All four elementary schools have applied for a total of 19 classroom presentations and one parent workshop. The total cost for all workshops is \$2638.00 of which EWRSD's contribution is 30% or \$795. A state grant will cover all but \$795.00 of the total cost. The cost to the district for the 2016-17 school year will be \$795.00

**N. Bill List for May 9, 2016 in the amount of \$8,490,743.70**

**Vote:** on a roll call poll of the Board with all members voting yes, Motion to approve the routine agenda items was carried unanimously

**Adjourn:** 9:07 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Paul M. Todd, BA/Board Secretary*

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