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**HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2017
MINUTES**

The regular action board meeting of January 18, 2017 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 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. Gus Bordi
Mr. Shawn Burke (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Ms. Amy Cochran
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano
Mr. David Fair
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
Mr. Robert Moore
Mr. Edward O'Melia
Mr. Anthony Putignano
Ms. Michele 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
Ms. Nadia Inskeep, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Robert Redmon, Director of Technology
Mr. Guy Jorstad, Director of Student Personnel Services
Mr. Matthew Scanlon, High School Principal
Mr. William Thompson, Middle School Principal
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal
Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Willow Grove Principal

Members absent: Mr. Michael Herbst

MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Cochran

Second: Dr. Cusmano

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the regular board meeting and minutes of the executive session of December 14, 2016 be approved and the reorganization meeting minutes of January 4, 2017 be approved. Carried in a voice vote, Mr. Fair, Mr. Putignano and Ms. Wehmeyer – abstain December 14, 2016 minutes; Dr. Cusmano, Mr. Moore and Mr. O'Melia – abstain January 4, 2017 minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. David Mango

- Student of the Month were introduced by the Building Principals.
 - Hatchery Hill – Maris Van Pelt
 - Willow Grove – Jaelen Patel
 - Middle School – Adriana Di Lillo
 - High School - Paul DeConstanza
- Robotics Team – Rick Russell and High School student, Lynn Vonder Haar presented the Board of Education with a plaque for all their assistance and support for the Robotics Team for the 2015-2016 school year. The Hackettstown Board of Education are considered “honorary members” of the Robotics Team. Next competition is scheduled for March 11th -12th, 2017 at Mount Olive High School. Mr. Bordi also acknowledged Mr. Steve Somers contributions to the team.
- County Wide Security Initiative – Digital DXP. Mr. Steve Speirs, Director of Security has provided the county office the necessary plans of our six (6) facilities. On the February agenda, there will be a Memorandum of Agreement and the costs associated with the initiative.
- Shared Services Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Position Update – Mr. Tim Havlusch and Ms. Gail Woicekowski conducted the first round of eight (8) interviews. Three (3) finalists will be interviewed for a second round by Mr. Mango. On February 15, 2017, prior to the Board of Education meeting, the Shared Services Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. to meet the finalist.
- Hall of Fame – Meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of January 19, 2017 to confirm bylaws and nomination process.
- Evolution Labs – Dr. Bozza and representatives from the company that produces web based designs for HIB will meet with the Student Council from Great Meadows, Hackettstown Middle School and Hackettstown High School on January 27, 2017.
- HIB Report Card Presentation – Mr. Guy Jorstad, Director of Student Personnel Services, presented the mid-year HIB Report Card. It is posted on the district website as required by law. Overall, the district is doing very well.
- Mr. Mango thanked Dr. Cusmano for meeting with Ms. Inskeep, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mr. Mango on a site visit to Belleville High School to review their adult alternative program. Ms. Inskeep and Mrs. Gesumaria will present the adult alternative program to the Board of Education at the February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bordi read a letter Ms. Woicekowski received on January 11, 2017 from Mr. Shawn Burke, resigning from the Board of Education.

- Other building projects to be discussed at future meetings include, High School toilets, HVAC, generator and High School parking lots. DIY lighting at Middle School, Hatchery Hill and Willow Grove.
- Possible referendum for 2017-2018 – extending current debt service which will need voter approval. Would make available monies in debt service. For this portion, the debt service tax liability would not increase, just the payment duration. Discussion was also held regarding a Building referendum. Referendums are typically submitted to the state six (6) months prior to a vote by taxpayers.
- District wide telephone system upgrade. The current PBX system is approximately 20 years old. Replacement parts are at the end of life and any parts available are refurbished. The process of looking to upgrade/replace this antiquated system has begun. A comparative matrix will be available for committee to review soon.
- Mr. Bordi sent an email to the Board of Education about the Committee of the Whole meetings to discuss the ballot question for the 2017-2018 budget. Mr. Bordi would like to bring the taxpayers into the meeting to explain the needs and monies associated with the needs. Mr. Bordi stated there will be a series of meetings to engage the community. The Board will also work with the Hackettstown Education Association to engage the town with the increase in staffing. The meeting dates will be in March and April and the Board will use all resources to advertise what is being done.
- Mr. Mango clarified that the question is for the budget in November. The district will live with two budgets. If the question/ballot fails, those positions will be a RIF (Reduction in Force). With the facilities referendum, it is inclusive of all buildings, multi-purpose fields, and state of art classrooms.
- Mr. Bordi stated all the Board of Education members need to attend the meetings and are looking to the town and Hackettstown Education Association for their help.

Great Meadows – reported by Mr. O'Melia

- Great Meadows Board is working on Reorganization. Mr. O'Melia is President and Mr. Mailloux is Vice-President. At next meeting, Great Meadows Board will appoint shared services committees. There was no turnover in the Board of Education.

Allamuchy – reported by Dr. Cusmano

- Allamuchy had no changes on the Board. They still have the same President and Vice President.

Personnel – no report

Policy – no report

Curriculum – no report

Negotiations – no report

Foundation for Educational Excellence – no report

Shared Services – no report

Student Activities – no report

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

none

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APPROVAL OF STUDENT(S) ON HOME INSTRUCTION

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve student(s) on home instruction for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

Carried in a roll call vote, Mr. O'Melia – abstain; 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 2016-2017, as attached by reference.

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

APPROVAL OF IDEA GRANT AMENDMENT

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve an amendment to FY17 IDEA – Preschool portion grant reallocation as follows:

200-100 – Support Services – Salaries - \$11,150

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR SUMMER 2017 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the proposal for Settembrino Architects to provide the design and construction administration of the following capital projects as attached by reference: High School and Middle School New Security Vestibules – added services \$7,500 and Media Center Renovations (including furniture) & Video CLR upgrade \$55,000.

Carried in a roll call vote, Mr. Burke – No; Dr. Cusmano and Mr. O'Melia, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

APPROVAL OF (ROD) GRANT CONSULTANT

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Summit Management Solutions, LLC for consultant work on ROD grant projects at a rate of \$75/hour for the 2016-2017 school year as attached by referenced.

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

APPROVAL OF (REVISED) CHECK REGISTER(S)

Motion: Mr. Moore Second: Ms. Maciag

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the (revised) December 14, 2016 bill list in the amount of \$2,935,810.05. Check # N1207 was recorded in error as \$120,969.84 when the correct amount was \$120,909.84. The revised bill list is attached for reference.

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

- Mr. Bordi replied that the Board will look to area mayors to help support the ballot question and referendum.
- Mr. DeTombeur said there was a discussion at last meeting about busing. He stated that Hackettstown and Great Meadows had school, yet Allamuchy was closed.
- Mr. Mango replied that with seven (7) schools across two districts, the calendars were not amended.

The Board took a break between 8:15 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Mr. Fair

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 8:20 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 Reports

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.

RECONVENE

Motion: Mr. Fair

Second: Mr. Moore

Be it resolved that the Board of Education reconvene into regular session at 8:32 p.m. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF HIB

Motion: Ms. Cochran

Second: Mr. Fair

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 and Mr. O'Melia - abstain.

Mtg. Date: 1/18/17

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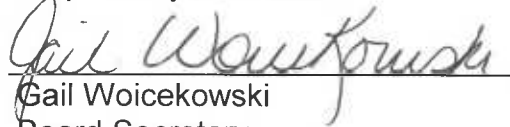
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Ms. Cochran

Be it resolved that the Board adjourn at 8:33 pm. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Woicekowski
Board Secretary



Gus Borri
Board President