

HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 16, 2016  
MINUTES

The regular action board meeting of November 16, 2016 of the Hackettstown Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 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  
Ms. Amy Cochran  
Mr. David Fair  
Mr. Michael Herbst  
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag  
Mr. Robert Moore  
Mr. Anthony Putignano

- Also present: Mr. David C. Mango, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Gail Woicekowski, Board Secretary  
Mr. Mark Toscano, Board Attorney  
Ms. Kathy Gesumaria, Director of Special Services  
Ms. Nadia Inskeep, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Robert Redmon, Director of Technology  
Mr. Matthew Scanlon, High School Principal  
Mr. Kyle Sosnovik, High School Vice-Principal  
Mr. William Thompson, Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal  
Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Willow Grove Principal  
Mrs. Jennifer Spuckes, High School SAC

- Members absent: Dr. Giovanni Cusmano  
Mr. Edward O'Melia  
Dr. Bo Soobryan

## **MINUTES**

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Mr. Herbst

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the regular board meeting and minutes of the executive session of October 19, 2016 be approved. Carried in a voice vote, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fair and Mr. Putignano – abstain.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and Facilities – no report

Great Meadows – no report

Allamuchy- no report

Personnel – no report

Policy – no report

Curriculum – reported by Ms. Inskeep

- Committee met prior to the 11/16/16 Board meeting. The committee discussed the instruction of civics standards, the High School student survey and AP science labs. Mr. Scanlon, Ms. Gorski and Mr. Ferrand gave an overview of courses that address the standards such as Political Science and Contemporary Social Issues. Additionally there are extra-curricular activities for students as well such as Student Government, political club and voting drives. The High Administration received about 500 responses to the student survey. The most popular items were digital photography, psychology and criminal justice. The students also expressed interest in world languages such as American Sign Language, Italian and Latin. Mr. Scanlon and his team have been working to expand the amount of time for AP science course to be able to run labs. A schedule has been created and feedback has been overwhelming. They may be able to start midyear if they have 100% participation. The program will be a part of the 17-18 schedule.

Negotiations – no report

Foundation for Educational Excellence – reported by Ms. Maciag

- Committee met on 11/2/16. Mr. Putignano is a new member of the HFEE. Next meeting to be held on December 6, 2016.

Shared Services – no report

Student Activities – no report

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. David Mango

- Athletic Hall of Fame – Committee met the first week of November and will have the next meeting on December 8, 2016 to develop laws and criteria. Committee will also visit other High Schools that have Hall of Fames.
- Mr. Mango said that five Great Meadows Board of Education members visited the Hatchery Hill's vestibule and that Settembrino Architects will be doing the vestibules in the three Great Meadow Schools.
- Mr. Mango said there will be a Tri Student Council meeting on 11/22/16. Coach Mike McDonagh will come and speak about a fundraiser at the meeting.
- Student of the Month were introduced by the Building Principals.
  - Hatchery Hill – Lisbet Chifla
  - Willow Grove – Norelys Arizabal
  - Middle School – Lena Lutcza
  - High School – Lorane Pia Bagug

- Innovative NJ/Bedtime Math – presented by Mr. Patrick McQueeney
- Every 15 Minutes – presented by Mr. Kyle Sosnovik and Mrs. Jennifer Spuckes

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ms. Susan Egan requested a copy of the “Every 15 Minutes” video presentation to review with her own children.
- Mr. Scanlon informed the audience that the video is on the school website.

**BOARD COMMENT ON A SECTION AGENDA ITEMS**

Motions are accepted by Ms. Maciag and Mr. Fair as amended.

- The Board had a discussion as to why resignations are on A-section versus B-Section.
- Ms. Woicekowski replied that A-section would have contractor resignations and B section would have employee resignations.
- Mr. Bordi thanked Mr. Somers and the other benefactors for their generous gifts in A-5 (Acceptance of Gifts).

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER(S)**

Motion: Ms. Maciag Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the November 16, 2016 bill list in the amount of \$1,810,297.46 and further, that copies be attached to the minutes.

Carried in a roll call vote, Mr. Bordi – abstain ck# 58173 and ck#58205.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion: Ms. Maciag Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the Secretary and Treasurer Reports for the month ending September 30, 2016 for the 2016-2017school year, as attached by reference.

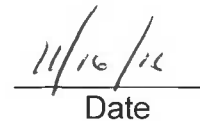
Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFICATION**

Motion: Ms. Maciag Second: Mr. Fair

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 September 30, 2016 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 2016-2017 school years.

Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.







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**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEMENT**

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, terminate employment of employee number H0001541 effective November 19, 2016.

Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.

**BOARD COMMENT ON C SECTION AGENDA ITEMS**

Motions are accepted by Ms. Maciag and Mr. Fair as amended.

none

**APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE**

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve workshop attendance for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve field trips for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULE**

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve the 2016-2017 Winter athletic schedule, attached by reference.

Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS**

Motion: Ms. Maciag

Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, adopt new textbooks for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference

Carried in a roll call vote– unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Mango stated that there are copies of articles in all the Board members packets. One is on referendums with building upgrades and the other article is on blended learning.
- Mr. Burke questioned why a facilities approval for the High School Tiger wrestling tournament was initially approved but then rescinded due to floors being refinished. Mr. Burke stated he will have Tiger Wrestling call Ms. Woickowski.
- Mr. Bordi wanted to know if there was any feedback from New Jersey School Board Association.
- Ms. Maciag replied that the keynote speaker was very good.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Mr. Moore

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 8:15 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
- Student Residency

**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. Moore

Second: Mr. Fair

Be it resolved that the Board of Education reconvene into regular session at 9:10 p.m. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF HIB**

Motion: Mr. Moore

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.



Mtg. Date: 11/16/16

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Mr. Putignano

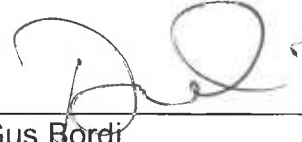
Second: Ms. Cochran

Be it resolved that the Board adjourn at 9:11 pm. Carried in a voice vote – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Woickowski  
Board Secretary



Gus Bordi  
Board President