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**HACKETTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**March 8, 2017**

**MINUTES**

The special board meeting of March 8, 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  
Ms. Amy Cochran  
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano  
Mr. Michael Herbst  
Ms. Mary Beth Maciag (arrived at 7:25 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. Douglas DeMatteo, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mr. Matthew Scanlon, High School Principal  
Mr. William Thompson, Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Marie Griffin, Hatchery Hill Principal  
Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Willlow Grove Principal  
Mr. Kevin O'Leary, High School Vice-Principal  
Mr. Kyle Sosnovik, High School Vice-Principal  
Mr. Jonathan Beyer, Middle School Vice-Principal  
Great Meadows School District Administrative representatives

Members absent: Mr. David Fair

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF ORDER**

Motion: Dr. Cusmano

Second: Mr. Burke

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves for the meeting to go out of Order. Carried in a roll call vote – unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

none

**BOARD COMMENT ON B SECTION AGENDA ITEMS**

Motions are accepted by Mr. Moore and Mr. Burke.

- Mr. Bordi acknowledged Ms. Nadia Inskeep's resignation and stated the district will be sorry to see her go.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION**

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Mr. Burke

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, accept the resignation of Nadia Inskeep, Shared Director of Curriculum and Instruction effective July 1, 2017, attached by reference. Carried in a roll call vote, Dr. Cusmano and Mr. O'Melia, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

**ACCEPTANCE OF HCA AGREEMENT**

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Mr. Burke

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, acceptance of the HCA Agreement effective July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020. Carried in a roll call vote, Dr. Cusmano and Mr. O'Melia, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS**

Motion: Mr. Moore

Second: Mr. Burke

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education, approve additional athletic appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference. Carried in a roll call vote, Ms. Wehmeyer – abstain; Dr. Cusmano and Mr. O'Melia, yes (as it pertains to the High School)

Mr. Bordi acknowledged the following people in the audience: St. Mary's -Father Percola; Allamuchy & WCSSSD Superintendent -Joe Flynn; Great Meadows Business Administrator -Tim Havlusch; Great Meadow Principals -Michael Mai; Jennifer Macones; Israel Marmolejas; Debra Grigoletti; Great Meadows Board Members -Susan Cullen; William Vonder Harr; Hackettstown Education Association President – Frank Rodgers; teachers and community.

Mr. David Mango, Superintendent gave a Facilities Presentation.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- none

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Steve Pennington, former Board Member questioned why there is not a more current demographic study for Hackettstown. The one we have is two years old and based upon the current numbers is outdated.
- Mr. DeCostanza questioned the cost of updated demographic study and how long it would take. Mr. Settembrino responded the cost is \$6,000 and the length of time to complete it is 1 to 2 months. He also questioned if Hackettstown and Great Meadows will regionalize.
- Mr. Toscano replied that the plan requires a study, Department of Education approval and then onto a vote by the taxpayers of all towns involved.
- Christine Galacio, PTA Treasurer stated that all the data shows that Hackettstown is growing. How much more data is needed?
- Heaven Sent Day Care representative questioned Mr. Mango's vision for PreK at St. Mary's School.
- Mrs. Lisa Strutton, an Allamuchy resident stated she is not OK with status quo.
- Mrs. Marie Griffin thanked Mr. Mango for his vision and listening for the past 3 years about the increase at Hatchery Hill from 250 students to 350 + students currently. Hatchery Hill is living with the spacing issues. Mrs. Griffin said students can't get the services they need on a daily basis. Hatchery Hill needs help now since class sizes are 25+ students.
- Mr. Joe Clarke stated that at one point excess kids went to school at the American Legion and churches around town due to over population. Mr. Clarke feels St. Mary's has quite a few steps.
- A hospital employee spoke about the Medical Office Building next to Hackettstown Hospital that will remain empty once all medical practices and dr.'s offices currently housed in that building will be moving into the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of Hackettstown Hospital. They felt this could be used for consideration for extra school space.

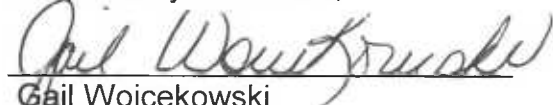
**ADJOURNMENT**

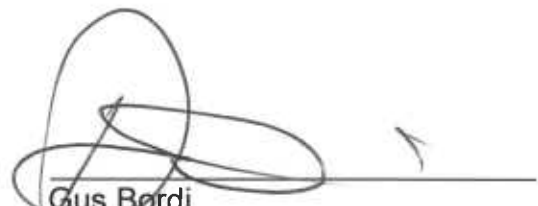
Motion: Mr. Herbst

Second: Mr. Moore

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Gail Woickowski  
 Board Secretary

  
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 Gus Berdi  
 Board President