

HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – Board Meeting Room
November 28, 2016

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on Monday, November 28, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room, 2 Windsor Ave., Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.
Mr. Fasano, President, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement:
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, this public body, the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby announces that The New Jersey Herald has been notified by mail that this Board of Education Regular meeting will take place in the Board Meeting Room at the Administration Office of the Board of Education, Hopatcong, NJ, at 7:00 p.m. on November 28, 2016.
4. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Anthony Fasano, President
Mrs. Carol Trumpore, Vice President
Mr. Frank Farruggia
Mr. Peter Karpiak
Mrs. Michele Perrotti
Dr. Sarah Schindelar
Mrs. Candice Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Philip DiStefano, Mr. Robert Nicholson

Also Present: Mrs. Cynthia Randina, Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Interim Business Administrator/
Board Secretary, Ms. Kerri Wright, Legal Counsel

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Karpiak to commence Public Session.
The motion carried with all in favor. Time 7:07 p.m.
6. **RECONVENE**
A motion was made by Mrs. Trumpore, seconded by Mrs. Smith to reconvene in Public Session.
The motion carried with all in favor. Time: 7:15 p.m.
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Approval of the minutes, as attached, of the following meetings, as reported by the Board Secretary and reviewed by the Board President and members of the Board:
 - a. **No minutes available**

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8. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School's Students of the Month** for their outstanding performance in **October 2016**:

Priscilla Ocasio, Junior	Scholastics (Spanish 4 Honors)
Anthony Christiana, Junior	Scholastics (Spanish 3 Honors)
Fernando Leyva, Freshman	Scholastics (French 2)
Nicole Schwarz, Senior	Specialty Area (Drama)
Amy Neidel, Senior	Athletics (Cross Country)
Andrea Fattorusso, Junior	Athletics (Tennis)

- b. **Hopatcong High School, Middle School and Durban Avenue Honor Roll Students** for the first marking period, as attached.
- c. **Amanda Corujo, Amanda Sutton, Jennifer Coulman, Anthony Christiana and Teresa Turnage** performed in the **Sussex County Honors Band** on November 16th to a sold out auditorium at Sparta High School. This is the first time in a very long time that 5 students from our district were accepted to the honors ensemble.
- d. Special recognition to **Amanda Corujo and Anthony Christiana** for placing first in their respective instruments. **Amanda for 1st Chair Flute, and Anthony for 1st Chair Trombone, receiving top chairs in the county.**
- e. **Anthony Christiana** was selected to participate in the Group 1 Cross country Championships due to his outstanding success throughout the Fall season. He finished 38th in the State for our Group placement. Both **Anthony and Claudia Luca** were selected to the 1st team All Colonial Division for Cross Country.
- f. **Natan Savage** was nominated to the 1st team All Colonial Division for Boys Soccer, and **Sierra Simon and Jessica Alvarez** were nominated to the 1st team All Colonial Division for Girls Soccer.
- g. Congratulations and special thanks to **Stephanie Martinez** (High School Science Teacher) for being selected as a recipient of a **FirstEnergy STEM Classroom Grant of \$675** which will be used for the High School Greenhouse.

All in favor Yes

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Randina reports that there was 1 HIB incident. Jesse Reuben "We Can" concert and visits to all elementary schools were wonderful. 11/8 Full In-Service day – STEM David Reis – Problem Based Learning. HMX/TT Blended Learning Grant kickoff. 11/1 Tallest perch for Harry the Bird. 11/18 Panasonic Foundation visit brought 20 Superintendents from around the state to visit.
- b. N.A.S.A Trip, Goddard Space Center - Presentation – **Kurt Zimmerman and students Michael Umholtz, Jennifer Coulman, Shannon O'Sullivan and Alyssa Alvarez**: reported on their field trip – clean rooms; bunny suits, James Webb Space telescope was being worked on in clean room while they were touring; ICE SAT 2, optical engineering, bending light of laser with glass. 80 students went on the trip and they loved it. Aside from transportation, the trip was free.

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- c. Presentation of each school's activities:
- 1) High School –Liaisons: **Michael Umholtz, Dontese Cocchio, Kelly Maegerlein, Sierra Simon** discussed:
Stockings stuffed with supplies for soldiers; Dec. 15 – HS and MS Winter Concert; Dec. 8, 9, 10,11 Production of the play “The Little Women”
 - 2) Middle School – reported: 11/7 – Open House; 11/9 MS orientation with tours of the school; 11/18 Panasonic visit; 11/23 Food Drive
 - 3) Durban Avenue - **Tracey Hensz, Principal** reported: School wide voting on Chromebooks and Donald Trump won the election. Veterans Day activities; Holiday boutique.
 - 4) Tulsa Trail –
 - 5) Hudson Maxim – **Katherine McFadden, Principal** reported: Books and Beyond began; they had a “Read-In;” donations of new “used” books.
- d. District Goals – Quarterly Update
- 1) Olga Edgerton – Renaissance Star Math; documenting 2016/2017 data; general math scores are pretty low but will be used as base line. Reading scores
 - 2) Joanne Mullane – Technology Goal – supporting academics with technology infusion: Chromebooks, online assessment tools, high speed internet connection – lightpath, Freshdesk
 - 3) Jaime Walker – Public Relations – Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter. District magazine coming up.
 - 4) Neil Piro – Facilities – Existing grounds/buildings remain suitable for educating students. Long Range Facilities Plan; Comprehensive Maintenance Plan; Budget
 - 5) Carolyn Joseph – Finance – Every transaction checked; every month the board approves the Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s report.
- e. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent’s HIB Report for October, 2016 as presented to the Board at the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2016. Approval of the HIB report for November, 2016 for first reading and review.

Motion to approve Superintendent’s HIB report 9e:

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Perrotti

All in favor.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Curriculum, Technology, Special Education – **Chairperson, Candice Smith** reported: Child Development 1 and II which is on agenda. Professional Development for Problem Based Learning; Defined STEM – Blended Learning
- b. Community Relations – **Anthony Fasano**– District magazine being developed to alter the perception issue in our town of the schools. We will get the word out by sending to every home in Hopatcong.
- c. Finance, Facilities, Transportation – **Frank Farruggia** – Transportation Co-op; discussed Board Secretary Report and Long Range Facilities Plan through 2021.
- d. Policy and Legislation – **Chairperson, Carol Trumpore** – Equal Educational Opportunities; and management of head lice to go as written. December meeting will be brief summary of what the committee has accomplished this year.
- e. Negotiations – **Anthony Fasano** – HOPA – good news and it was a collaborative effort
- f. Personnel – **Chairperson, Peter Karpiak** – All of Section 13
- g. HHSPTSO – **Karen Solimando, President** – They are trying to engage the students. They held a “Homecoming Under the Stars” after the Homecoming game for the students with a big tent. The organization will be giving approximately \$17,000 in scholarships.
- h. Middle School PTO- **Kelly Csengeto, President** – They sponsored a movie night on the back of the Middle School building and showed “Hairspray.” Fall fundraiser- Winter Dance on 12/16

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- i. HEPTO – **Carolyn Segura**, were added to the agenda at the last minute; please don't forget them.

Mrs. Smith makes a motion to accept 10a-10i, Mrs. Perrotti seconds the motion.
All in favor

11. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No audience member wished to speak at this time.

12. FINANCE

Approval of the following finance items, **12a-12n**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Finance Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of bills for the General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account ,
October 20, 2016 through November 28, 2016, in the following amount:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account	-	\$2,910,555.30
Cafeteria account	-	\$59,915.97

- b. Approval of bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for October 20, 2016 through November 28, 2016, in the amount of : \$3,083,445.04
- c. Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of September 2016.
- d. Approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of September 2016.
- e. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2016.
- f. Approval of the certification by the Board Secretary pursuant to N.J.A.C. that no budgetary line item has been overexpended in the 2016-2017 budget in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:202.12(a).
- g. Approval to amend earlier authorization to proceed with conversion of Middle School lighting to LED using services of SODARO Global Services at a cost of \$16,500 for materials and utilization of short term seasonal help for labor. Estimated total cost \$26,000.
- h. Approval to purchase used Terex Model TX760B backhoe from Ultra Equipment along with a 14' snow pusher for the sum of \$26,800, delivered to Hopatcong. Two quotes were received.
- i. Authorization to upgrade the main switch gear at the Durban Avenue School at a cost of \$20,500. Two quotes were received.
- j. Approval to accept the proposal from Anthony Gianforcaro, architect, to complete analysis of the hilltop roadway and provide recommended course of action as to repair. Fee \$3,000. Two quotes were received.
- k. Approval to accept a Young Audiences Arts for Learning of NJ & PA grant offered by the Geraldine Dodge Foundation and the FEA for the services of a teaching artist, for a total of 8 days with a value of \$10,000.
- l. Approval to accept a FirstEnergy STEM Classroom Grant of \$675 by Stephanie Martinez, to use for the High School greenhouse.
- m. Approval of the HOPA (Hopatcong Office Personnel Association) negotiated Memorandum of Agreement effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. (corrected date from June 30, 2018 kjw)
- n. Approval of the HOPA (Hopatcong Office Personnel Association) negotiated contract effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. (corrected date from June 30, 2018 kjw)

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Motion to table item 12j and send back to Finance committee:

Motion by Mr. Farruggia, seconded by Mrs. Perrotti

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Motion to table Finance 12j carries.

Motion to add the following items to Finance Agenda made by Mr. Farruggia, seconded by Dr. Schindelar

- o.** Approval of the HEA (Hopatcong Education Association) negotiated Agreement effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.
- p.** Approval of the HEA (Hopatcong Education Association) negotiated Memorandum of Agreement effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Motion to approve 12o made by Mr. Farruggia and seconded by Dr. Schindelar.

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Abstain	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Item 12o passes

Motion to approve 12p made by Mr. Farruggia and seconded by Dr. Schindelar.

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Abstain	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Item 12p passes

Motion to approve Finance items 12a -12n made by Mr. Farruggia seconded by Mrs. Perrotti

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

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Mrs. Perrotti recuses herself from item 12a due to a reimbursement check.

Items 12a through 12n passed

13. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items **13a – 13i**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Personnel Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of the request of **Jennifer Bisignani** for a Maternity Leave of Absence from her position as a Kindergarten Teacher of 34 Sick Days during the period of March 1, 2017 to April 25, 2017, followed by New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence for the period of April 26, 2017 to June 30, 2017.
- b. Approval of the request of **Diana Fratangelo** for a Maternity Leave of Absence from her position as a Grade 1 Teacher of 40 Sick Days during the period of February 15, 2017 to April 23, 2017, followed by New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence for the period of April 24, 2017 to December 1, 2017.
- c. Approval of the employment of **Christine Miller** as Grade 4 Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher in the Hopatcong School District at the salary of \$110.00 per day, effective January 3, 2017 through March 1, 2017. Effective March 2, 2017, salary will be \$53,528, prorated, based upon Level BA/Step 2, through May 31, 2017. This is the replacement for Allyson McConnell, whose 2016-2017 salary is \$64,310.
- d. Acceptance of the resignation of **Edie Grant** from her position as paraprofessional at Hopatcong High School, at a salary of \$12,130, effective November 3, 2016.
- e. Approval of the employment of **Karen White** as a paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, plus \$1.00 differential for toileting if applicable, for not more than 29.25 hours per week, effective November 29, 2016. Ms. White is replacing Edie Grant whose salary is \$12,130.
- f. Acceptance of the resignation of **Karen Rosado** from her position as paraprofessional at Hopatcong High School, at a salary of \$13,478, effective November 12, 2016.
- g. Approval of the employment of **Theresa Weber** as a paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, plus \$1.00 differential for toileting if applicable, for not more than 29.25 hours per week, effective November 29, 2016. Ms. Weber is replacing Karen Rosado whose salary is \$13,478.
- h. Approval of the following 2016-2017 Advisors for the Hopatcong High School:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary	Date Effective	Date Terminated
Kurt Zimmermann	Appoint	High School Chorus	C	1	\$1,413	9/1/16	6/30/17
Luis Mendez	Appoint	Pop Band Advisor	D	2	\$1,119	9/1/16	6/30/17

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i. Approval of the following 2016-2017 Technology Leaders for the Hopatcong School District:

Name	Nature of Action	School	Rate per hour	Hours not to exceed	Date Effective	Date Terminated
Danielle Kovach	Appoint	Tulsa Trail	\$28	50	12/5/2016	5/30/2017
Ruth DeSalvia	Appoint	Durban Avenue	\$28	50	12/5/2016	5/30/2017
McKenzie Norris	Appoint	Middle School	\$28	100	12/5/2016	5/30/2017
Victor Jimenez	Appoint	High School	\$28	100	12/5/2016	5/30/2017

j. Approval of the employment of the following **Day Plus** employees for the 2016/2017 school year.

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Rate
Michael Sickles	Appoint	Instructor	\$11.25/hr

k. Approval for the following Education students to conduct a field experience in the Hopatcong School District during the 2016-2017 school year:

Student Name	Semester	University	Experience	School	Cooperating Staff Member
Michael Scannelli	Spring 2017	Kutztown	Guidance Internship	High School	Ms. Dunmyer
Lori Welcome	Spring 2017	William Paterson	Internship	Hudson Maxim	Ms. Blazier
Samantha Hansen	Spring 2017	William Paterson	Internship	Tulsa Trail	Ms. Barroqueiro
Sarah Castillo	Spring 2017	William Paterson	Internship	Middle School	Ms. Veres
Julia Booth	Spring 2017	William Paterson	Internship	Durban Avenue	Ms. Moschella
Samantha Rush	Spring 2017	William Paterson	Internship	Tulsa Trail	Ms. Douglas
Nicole Bais	Spring 2017	William Paterson	Internship	Durban Avenue	Ms. Strzepek

l. Approval of **substitute teachers, aides, custodians and van driver lists.**

Motion to approve Personnel 13a-13l by Mr. Karpiak and seconded by Dr. Schindelar

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Personnel items 13a-13l passed.

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14. STUDENTS & SERVICES

- a. Approval to use the services of **J & B Agency** (we currently use for OT services in our district) for district physical therapy services due to the anticipated absences of our district physical therapist. The services will be up to 13.5 hours per week at a rate of \$90.50 per hour for approximately 8 to 10 weeks. Effective date: November 21, 2016.
- b. Approval for educational instruction services for **Student No. 10411**, a ninth grade student under medical supervision at Saint Clare’s Hospital, Boonton, NJ. Tutoring services are arranged through Saint Clare’s Hospital at the rate of \$55.00 per hour for a maximum of five hours per week. The effective date is October 26, 2016.
- c. Approval for home instruction for **Student No. 10163**, a twelfth grade student under the care of Dr. Sandy P. Warah, NJ, who is requesting home instruction due to student’s absences. Instruction will be five hours per week at the Board approved rate of \$35.00. The effective date is November 18, 2016.
- d. Approval for home instruction for **Student No. 10200**, a twelfth grade student under the care of Dr. Steven Stecker, Dover, NJ. The doctor is requesting home instruction to assist with academic progression due to absences. Five hours of instruction will be provided at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour. Effective date: 11/18/16.
- e. Approval of the attached field trip requests, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion to approve Students and Services 14a through 14e:

Motion made by Mr. Farruggia, seconded by Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Items 14a – 14e passed.

15. CURRICULUM

Approval of the following items, 15a – 15b, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Curriculum Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of the following curriculum revisions as requested by the Curriculum Committee in the following subject areas:
 - Child Development 1
 - Child Development 2
 - Health, K-5
- b. Approval to have students, with parental permission, participate in an interview as part of the “**NJ K-3 Research and Professional Development Study**” being conducted by Rutgers University and The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER.)

Motion to approve Curriculum 15a – 15b:

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore

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Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Items 15a and 15b passed.

16. TRAVEL

Resolved, that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve travel costs as related in this resolution and attached, which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with the state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1. seq.

Motion to approve Travel item 16:

Motion by Mrs. Perrotti, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Motion 16 carried with a roll call vote.

17. POLICIES & REGULATIONS

a. Approval of modifications and additions to the policies and regulations of the Hopatcong Board of Education in accordance with statutory and regulatory changes for approval, as revised, for **FIRST READING**:

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Title</u>
P 5750	Equal Educational Opportunity (Rev) (M)
P 8454	Management of Pediculosis (New) (Rec)

b. Approval of modifications and additions to the policies and regulations of the Hopatcong Board of Education in accordance with statutory and regulatory changes for approval, as revised, for **SECOND READING**:

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Title</u>
P 5339	Screening for Dyslexia (Rev) (M)
P 5755	Equity in Educational Programs and Services (Rev) (M)

Motion to approve Policies and Regulations 17a – 17b:

Motion by Mrs. Trumpore, seconded by Dr. Schindelar

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Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Items 17a – 17b passed with a roll call vote.

18. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Approval of the **Nursing Services Plans for the 2016/2017 School Year**, as required by NJQSAC and as attached, and assignment plan for certified nurses assigned to the school respectively during those hours when school is in session to complete duties outlined in N.J.A.A. 6A:16-2.1 (e) 1, as follows:

Certified Nurse	School
Lillian MacRae	High School
Jacqueline Henderson	Middle School
Pamela Cavallo	Durban Ave.
Angela Meyer-Pflug	Tulsa Trail School
Nancy Pascarella	Hudson Maxim School

Motion to approve Resolution 18a:

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Schindelar

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak		Philip DiStefano	Yes	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Yes	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Resolution 18a passed.

19. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, **19a–19n**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- a. The Superintendent recommends approval of new members to the Co-Op: Hamilton, Kearny, Sandyston and Walpack.
- b. The Superintendent recommends approval of the acceptance of quotations for the 2016-17 school year.
- c. The Superintendent recommends approval of the award of quoted routes to the lowest company quotes for the 2016-17 school year.
- d. The Superintendent recommends approval of the acceptance of school related activities/trip quotations for the 2016-17 school year.
- e. The Superintendent recommends the award of school related activities/trip quotations to the lowest company quotes for the 2016-17 school year.

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- f. The Superintendent recommends approval of the jointure routes for the 2016-17 school year.
- g. The Superintendent recommends approval of corrections to a quotation and bid as listed for the 2016-17 school year.
- h. The Superintendent recommends approval of the renewal corrections to quotations awards as listed for the 2016-17 school year.
- i. The Superintendent recommends approval of corrections to award of route to lowest quotations for the 2016-2017 School year.
- j. The Superintendent recommends approval of the re-listing of the items awarded at the April 25, 2016 Board Meeting to better present the list as per county office request.
- k. The Superintendent recommends approval of the re-listing of the items awarded at the June 27, 2016 Board Meeting to better present the list as per county office request.
- l. The Superintendent recommends approval of the corrected bid awards from the April 14, 2016 bid opening.
- m. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following resolution for joint student transportation:

WHEREAS the Hopatcong Board of Education, dba: Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative, wishes to enter into a transportation jointure agreement with the Sparta Board of Education for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2016-17 school year and

WHEREAS the service to be provided is for the coordinated transportation is for non-public students to be transported to Pope John from Hardyston and Jefferson townships, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopatcong Board of Education, dba: Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative, approves the transportation jointure agreement with the Sparta Board of Education for the 2016-17 school year.

- n. The Superintendent recommends, based on the agreement of the Director of Transportation, that **Ms. Dana Jones**, the Non-Public Transportation Coordinator, be awarded a \$5,000 stipend, to be pro-rated from August 11, 2016 to June 30, 2017, for administering all facets of the North Caldwell Subscription Bussing Program. (This dollar amount will be reimbursed by North Caldwell.)

Motion to approve items 19a-19n:

Motion by Mr. Farruggia, seconded by Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Candice Smith	Yes	Frank Farruggia	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes
Peter Karpiak	Yes	Philip DiStefano	Absent	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes
Robert Nicholson	Absent	Dr. S. Schindelar	Yes	Mrs. M. Perrotti	Yes

Motion to approve 19a through 19n passed.

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20. PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL DISCUSSION

David Barrella – Warriors would like to get on board calendar. Anthony said he will make it happen.

Ruth Fouda – any results from testing at HMX? Anthony replies that we have no results yet. Results of Special Education audit? Anthony replies that we won't have results until June. Ruth informed the board that the students are accessing social media on the Chromebooks and there is some cyber bullying going on. Insurance on the Chromebooks?

Sue Hill – Sue reports that the rumors circulating that the teachers are not teaching to the curriculum are false. Mrs. Randina supports this statement.

Carolyn Segura– cost of accidental damage to Chromebooks. What is under warranty? Should put on website

Warren Gallagher – Mr. McLean was sorry he could not attend the meeting tonight; prior commitment.

Henry Schmit – Is receiving the district news reports, but please send to home address. Thank you. In February or March would love a teacher from the STEAM program to come and speak to the seniors.

21. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Frank Farruggia – Presentations were excellent. The Night of Hope was a very special event.
- Michele Perrotti - Hopatcong residents need to defend our schools more. Some people are still spreading negative information.
- Candice Smith – At the MS Open House/HS Open House she was super impressed. As a parent, board member and community member she sees such an incredible educational foundation.
- Carol Trumpore – Thank you to everyone for their work. She appreciates all of audience and staff and hopes everyone is blessed with family and friends.
- Dr. Schindelar- Thanks to the everyone at the table for their support with her dad.
- Anthony Fasano- Presentations were great. We are making a lot of progress.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

(ACTION) Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Perrotti

All in favor

Time: 9:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary