HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING FOR SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE M.O.U. MINUTES January 18, 2017

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

- **1.** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2. FLAG SALUTE
- **3.** Mr. Fasano, Board President, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

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 Special meeting will take place in the Hopatcong High School cafeteria, 2A Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ, at 7:00 p.m. January 18, 2017.

4. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Anthony Fasano, President Mr. Philip DiStefano Mr. Warren Gallagher Mr. Alex McLean Mr. Robert Nicholson Dr. Sarah Schindelar Mrs. Candice Smith Mrs. Carol Trumpore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Peter Karpiak

Also Present: Mrs. Cynthia Randina, Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Interim Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, Kerri A. Wright, Legal Counsel, Dr. John Connolly, President, Sussex County Community College

Mrs. Carol Trumpore makes a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the legality of the Memorandum of Understanding; Dr. Schindelar seconded the motion.

RECONVENE

Motion to Reconvene made by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mrs. Smith

All in favor Time: 7:45pm

5. <u>SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING</u>

A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Sussex County Community College.

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes	Peter Karpiak	Absent
Alex McLean	Yes	Robert Nicholson	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Mrs. Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

The motion carried with a roll call vote.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- <u>Joe Bongiorno</u> Wishes this partnership with SCCC had been available when his kids were here. It is a great thing. We should also try to coordinate the BOE calendar with the town calendar to avoid conflicts.
- <u>Stacy Yanko</u> Great opportunity for our students. Thank you.
- <u>Jackie Turkington</u> Sounds very good. What are the downsides? There has been a lot of hoopla. Anthony Fasano answered that there really aren't any downsides.
- <u>Dr. Connolly, President of SCCC</u> this is about what Hopatcong wants. Not what SCCC wants. Mrs. Randina worked very hard on this partnership.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- <u>Rob Nicholson</u> Thanks to everyone, Dr. Connolly, Sherry Fitzgerald, Mrs. Randina, for putting this together. To graduate with an associates degree and High School Diploma is amazing.
- <u>Candice Smith</u> Thank you. Apologizes for the delay. Thanks to Dr. Connolly, she had worked with him on Apple Pie & Arts. Let's try to be more aware when we are scheduling meetings that there are no conflicts.
- <u>Warren Gallagher</u> Apologizes for the delay. Addressing Dr. Connolly states that he thinks this is the beginning of a long and beautiful relationship. Security will be handled, there are no losses to our taxpayers; thinks we can market and grow with this; this is the start of something great.
- <u>Alex McLean</u> Apologizes for the delay. This is the first of many positive developments that the board will bring to Hopatcong.
- <u>Carol Trumpore-</u> Thank you Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Randina; happy to see something positive happening for Hopatcong.
- <u>Philip DiStefano</u> Thank you. Is excited about the classes offered. Hopes to see the number of classes and diversity of subjects offered expanded.
- <u>Sarah Schindelar</u> Thinks this is pretty great.
- <u>Anthony Fasano</u> Thank you all for coming.

8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mrs. Smith All in favor Time: 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary