# Regular Meeting Minutes – Board Meeting Room

February 22, 2017

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room, 2 Windsor Ave., Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Fasano, President, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

#### **2**. FLAG SALUTE

#### OPENING 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 <u>The New Jersey Herald</u> 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 February 22, 2017.

4. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Anthony Fasano, President

Mrs. Carol Trumpore, Vice President

Mr. Philip DiStefano Mr. Warren Gallagher Mr. Peter Karpiak Mr. Robert Nicholson Mrs. Candice Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Alex McLean, Dr. Sarah Schindelar

Also Present: Mrs. Cynthia Randina, Superintendent, Mr. David Disler, Legal Counsel

Approximately 46 staff and/or community members attended.

#### 5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore to commence Executive Session. The motion carried with all in favor.

Time 5:40 p.m.

#### 6. RECONVENE

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mrs.Smith to reconvene in Public Session. The motion carried with all in favor.

Time: 7:05 p.m.

#### 7. PRESENTATIONS

a. Durban Avenue Defined STEM projects – Tracey Hensz, Principal
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jazmine Quintero, Layla Gonzalez, Baylee Smith, Kevin Gallagher
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Patience Cooper, Samara Ibrahim

#### 8. 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. January 03, 2017 Reorganization meeting
- b. January 18, 2017 Special meeting Sussex County Community College, M.O.U.
- c. January 30, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- d. January 30, 2017 Regular meeting

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### Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve Minutes 8a – 8d, which was seconded by Mrs. Trumpore

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

Motion to approve Minutes 8a - 8d passed.

#### 9. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School's** *Students of the Month* for their outstanding performance in **January 2017**:

Anthony Christiana, JuniorScholastics (Biology Honors)Emily Martinez, SeniorScholastics (Probability Statistics)Rachel Esteves, JuniorSpecialty Area (Photography)Kate Correa, SeniorSpecialty Area (AP Studio Art)

**b.** The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School's Scholar Athletes of the Month** for their outstanding performance in **January 2017**:

**Benjamin Bibeault, Sophomore Jessica Alvarez, Junior**Athletics (Boys Basketball)
Athletics (Girls Basketball)

c. Hopatcong High School, Middle School and Durban Avenue Honor Roll Students for the second marking period. (Please see each school's website for list).

Mrs. Trumpore made a motion for the acknowledgments; Mrs. Smith seconded. All in favor – Motion passed.

#### 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent's Report Cynthia M. Randina Acceptance of \$100,000 arts integration grant from NJDOE. We will serve as a model for the rest of the state. May 22 will have Gallery Walk were members of the DOE will see projects from K-12. Zero HIB incidents for February 2017.
- **b.** Presentation of each school's activities:
  - High School –Liaisons: Michael Umholtz, Dontese Cocchio, Kelly Maegerlein, Sierra Simon - Kelly reports that Senior night for basketball and wrestling just occurred. Competition cheerleading in Ocean City 2/23-2/26. Amanda Sutton – Junior Regents honor band. 2/27 Marching Chiefs performing in Prudential Center during Devils game.
  - 2) Middle School Emil Binotto, Principal Fire drills conducted. Games Night on 2/3 promoting logical sequential thinking. STEAM workshop 2/16 Shubert School of Art. Grade 8 went to MAYO Performing Arts Center to see Harriet Tubman.
  - 3) Durban Avenue- Tracey Hensz, Principal Harlem Wizards Assembly; NED show anti-bullying assembly
  - **4)** Tulsa Trail **Katherine McFadden for Brian Byrne, Principal** Books and Beyond completed; problem based learning activities; Dr. Seuss for Read Across America Week.
  - Hudson Maxim **Katherine McFadden**, **Principal** 100<sup>th</sup> day of school was 2/13. Love of Literacy; Kindergarten registration is next week expecting 100 students in kindergarten

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#### 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT (continued)

**c.** A second reading and approval of the Superintendent's HIB Report for January, 2017 as presented to the Board at the Regular Meeting on January 30, 2017. Approval of the HIB report for February, 2017 for first reading and review.

#### Motion to approve Superintendent's HIB report 10c: Motion made by Mr. Karpiak, seconded by Mr. Nicholson

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

Motion to approve 10c passed.

#### 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Curriculum, Technology, Special Education **Chairperson, Candice Smith** *AP course for HS on the agenda.* She, Kurt Zimmerman and Mrs. Randina met with the seniors at the community center in Feb. and were well received. County Superintendent and staff were impressed when they visited for QSAC.
- **b.** Community Relations **Chairperson, Warren Gallagher** *Working on better communication with the public.*
- **c.** Finance, Facilities, Transportation **Chairperson, Carol Trumpore** *discussed Title 1 Arts Integration Grant.*
- d. Policy and Legislation Chairperson, Phil DiStefano Discussed policies mandated by the state.
- e. Negotiations Chairperson, Rob Nicholson Nothing to speak of.
- f. Personnel Chairperson, Peter Karpiak Everything discussed in committee is on the agenda.
- **g.** High School HHSPTSO **Karen Solimando**, **President** plans for Tricky Tray March 24. Presale tickets on sale Feb. 28 at Dunkin Donuts; please support Project Grad 2017;
- h. Middle School PTO Kelly Csengeto, President not in attendance.
- i. Elementary PTO **Jennifer Caban** *Looking for HEPTO members; HMX needs President and Vice President*

Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept 11a-11i, Mr. DiStefano seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### 12. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

<u>Michele Perrotti</u>—Policy can't be viewed until after 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, is not fair; Tracey Talmadge position in Business Office; Salt enclosure – has the ground been tested? Was told by Olga that policies are online after First Reading.

<u>Joe Bongiorno-</u> Meeting date changes for March. Need to keep public informed and advertise.

<u>Ruth Fouda – Thanked Board for the STEAM initiative; very pleased.</u> Sustainable schools will give us more chances to apply for grants.

<u>Frank Farruggia – Should amend acknowledgments to include wrestlers that won; Have bills been audited; has makerspace at DA been budgeted for?</u>

Robin Calandriello - avid fan of STEAM program

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#### 13. FINANCE

Approval of the following finance items, **13a-13I**, 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, January 31, 2017 through February 22, 2017, in the following amount:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account - \$556,571.46

Cafeteria account - \$55,177.27

- **b.** Approval of bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for January 31, 2017 through February 22, 2017, in the amount of: \$3,150,432.47
- **c.** Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of December 2016.
- **d.** Approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of December 2016.
- e. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 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 accept a \$1,000 donation from a Sussex County based charity, Sojihuggles, for disadvantaged students at each school and \$250 in gift cards for Kohl's and \$250 for Wal-Mart for miscellaneous items to socio-economically disadvantaged students.
- **h.** Approval to accept the Title I Arts Integration Pilot Program in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2016/2017 school year.
- i. Approval of contracts for Anthony Gianforcaro, Architect, for completed work or current work:
  - 1) Completed analysis of all schools to determine suitability for Early Childhood Learning Center/DOE application as per board resolution.
  - Completed plans and specifications for the Handicapped Ramp Hopatcong High School (completed).
  - 3) To review boring samples and make recommendations as to appropriate method of repair/rebuild Hilltop Roadway/Driveway. (TABLED)
  - 4) The design of "Makerspace" area at Durban Avenue School.
- **j.** Approval of the award of bid for uniform rental/laundering to Unifirst, the lowest bidder, for \$19,630.
- Approval of the award of contract to Dynamic Engineering Earth Survey for soil borings at Hilltop Roadway for \$4,950. (TABLED)
- **I.** As per the recommendation of our auditor, approval of membership in the following Purchasing Cooperatives and the products/materials to be purchased from each.
  - 1) MCCPC Morris County Purchasing Cooperative Fuel Oil
  - 2) Sussex County Road Department Piggy Back Contracts Bulk Rock Salt
  - 3) U.S. Communities (Graybar) Electric Supplies and Equipment
  - 4) ED Data Copy Paper/Office Supplies
  - 5) MCRESC Miscellaneous Services and Equipment Paving, Concrete, Vehicles
  - 6) Grainger State Contract Miscellaneous Hardware

Mrs. Trumpore made a motion to table Finance items 13i-3 and 13k. so they may be reviewed again by Finance committee. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion.

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Alex McLean		Robert Nicholson	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion passed: Finance items 13i-3, and 13k. were tabled.

Motion to approve Finance 13a-13f: Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Nicholson

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to approve Finance item13g: Motion made by Mr. Nicholson; seconded by Mrs. Smith.

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to approve Finance item 13h-13l: Motion made by Mrs. Smith; seconded by Mr. DiStefano.

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

Motion passed.

#### 14. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items **14a – 14p**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Personnel Committee of the Board:

- **a.** Approval of the request of **Rosary Cramer** for an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence from her position as a Paraprofessional during the period of February 16, 2017 to March 3, 2017.
- **b.** Approval of the voluntary transfer of **Tracey Talmadge** from the position of Confidential Secretary/Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper at a salary of \$35,000, to the position of Assistant to the School Business Administrator at the prorated salary of \$50,000, effective February 23, 2017.
- c. Approval of the request of **Diana Fratangelo** for a sabbatical leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year.
- d. Approval of the following Arts Integration Grant Project ("S+M(ART)=S2: Student Motivation through the Art, Reasoning and Technology for Sustainable success") Leadership Team Members will be paid at a grant funded stipend of \$28.00 per hour for 2.5 hours per week, for 24 weeks (\$1,680 per person).
  Melissa Dean, Kristine Mendyk, Carolyn Moschella, Christina Munoz, Hilary Wolf.

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- **e.** Approval of the employment of **Joanne Mullane** as Arts Integration Grant Director at a grant funded stipend of \$3,000.
- **f.** Approval of the employment of **Tracey Hensz** as Arts Integration after-school/Saturday activities administrator at a grant funded stipend of \$70 per hour, 2 hours per week, for 10 weeks (\$1,400).
- **g.** Approval of the employment of **Edric Debos** for the Arts Workshop class preparation and arts session for a total of 8 hours at \$28.00 per hour.
- **h.** Approval of the following Title I funded salaries for the 2016-17 school year:

Alison Ibaceta – Tulsa Trail School -\$54,277 Gina Samara – Hudson Maxim School - \$49,311 Hilary Wolf – Durban Avenue School - \$52,414

i. Approval of the following Title II funded salary for the 2016-17 school year: Allyson McConnell – Durban Avenue School - \$36,229

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 excee d	Date Effectiv e	Date Terminated
Melanie Rowbotham	Appoint	Hudson Maxim	\$28	30	2/23/2017	5/30/2017

**k.** Approval of the following 2016-2017 Coaches for the Hopatcong High School:

Name	Nature of Actio	Position			Date Effec tive	Date Termin ated	
Julianne Brennan	Appoint	Assistant Softball Coach	А	1	\$3,187	3/1/2017	6/30/17
Ray Annett	Appoint	Assistant Baseball Coach	Α	1	\$3,187	3/1/2017	6/30/2017

**I.** 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
Julia Cokelet-Kenny	Spring 2017	Thomas Edison State University	50 Clinical Nursing	High Scho ol	Mrs. MacRae
Amber Livas	Spring 2017	County College of Morris	20 hour observati on	Hudson Maxi m	Mrs. Blazier
Sarah Castillo	Spring 2017	William Paterson University	Student Teachin g	Durban Aven ue	Mrs. Dean

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m. Approval of the employment of the following Day Plus employees for the 2016/2017 school year:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Rate
Kristy Tobar	Appoint	Art Teacher	\$11.00/hr

- n. Approval of the Accounts Payable/Purchasing Coordinator job description.
- o. Approval of the revised Assistant to the School Business Administrator job description.
- p. Approval of substitute teachers, aides, custodians and van driver lists.

Motion to approve Personnel 14a -14p: Motion made by Mrs. Smith; seconded by Mr. Nicholson

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

Motion passed.

#### 15. <u>STUDENTS & SERVICES</u>

- a. Approval for educational instruction services for Student No. 11116, a tenth grade student under medical supervision at Immediate Care Children's Psychiatric Center, Parsippany, NJ. Tutoring services are arranged through American Tutor, Inc. at the rate of \$40 per hour for a maximum of ten hours per week. The effective date was January 3, 2017.
- **b.** Approval for a change in out of district placement for **Student No. 11207**, who had been attending Willowglen Academy in Newton, NJ, and is now placed at Chestnut Avenue Group Home, Marlton, NJ. Student No. 11207 is attending Burlington County Special Services School district Westampton Campus. The tuition for approximately 139 days is \$32,202.34. The effective date was November 14, 2016.
- c. Approval for educational instruction services for Student No. 11552, a seventh 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 per hour for a maximum of five hours per week. The effective date was February 2, 2017.
- **d.** Approval for the out of district placement for **Student No. 13821**, a tenth grade student who attends the OPUS Program at Roxbury High School, NJ. The tuition is \$18,381.10. The effective date was January 23, 2017.
- e. Approval of the attached field trip requests, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion to approve Students and Services 15a – 15e: Motion made by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

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

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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#### 16. CURRICULUM

Approval of the following items, **16a and 16b**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Curriculum Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of the AP Calculus BC course to be added to the High School Curriculum.
- **b.** Approval of the following resolution approving participation in "Sustainable NJ for Schools" program:

**RESOLVED** that the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby approves the participation of the Hopatcong Borough Schools in the "Sustainable NJ for Schools" Program;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution for participation in the "Sustainable NJ for Schools" Program was approved at the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2017.

# Motion to approve Curriculum 16a-16b: Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fasano

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

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

#### 17. 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: Motion made by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore

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

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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#### 18. 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**:

1)	P 0155	Board Committees Policy	( <b>B</b> <sup>1</sup> ) (Revised)	
2)	P 1510	Americans with Disabilities Act	(M) (Revised)	
3)	R 1510	Americans with Disabilities Act	(M) (Revised)	
4)	P 2415.30	Title I - Educational Stability for Child	ren in Foster Care	(M) (New)
5)	P 2418	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of	1973 Students	( <b>M</b> ) (New)
6)	R 2418	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of	1973 Students	<b>(M)</b> (New)

7) P 5116 Education of Homeless Children (Revised)

8) R 5116 Education of Homeless Children (New)

**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**:

1) P 0164	<b>Board Meeting</b>	( <b>B</b> ) (Revised)
2) P 8330	Student Records	(M) (Revised)
3) R 8330	Student Records	( <b>M</b> ) (Revised)

**c.** Approval of the purchase of a comprehensive board management solution, BoardDocs Pro, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, pending legal review of End User Agreement and Formal Proposal.

#### Motion to approve Policies and Regulations 18a – 18b: Motion made by Mr. DiStefano, seconded by Mr. Nicholson

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (B) Board Initiated change.

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Motion to approve Policies and Regulations 18c: Motion made by Mr. DiStefano, seconded by Mr. Nicholson

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

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### 19. REVISION TO 2017/ 2018 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Approval of the following items, 19a-19b, at the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- a. Removal from the Board Meeting Calendar of the March 13, 2017 date for Preliminary Budget Approval.
- **b.** Approval of the March Regular meeting date change from March 27, 2017 to March 20, 2017 for the Regular meeting and Preliminary Budget Approval.

### Motion to approve items 19a-19b: Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### 20. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, 20a-20j, at the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- a. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following district(s) as a new member(s) of the Transportation Cooperative for the 2016-17 school year:
  Weehawken Board of Education, Hudson County
- **b.** The Superintendent recommends the *acceptance* of student transportation quotations for Special Education Routes for the 2016-17 school year.
- **c.** The Superintendent recommends the *award* of student transportation contracts for quoted Special Education Routes to the lowest responsible bus contractor companies for the 2016-17 school year.
- **d.** The Superintendent recommends the *acceptance* of student transportation quotations for Athletic/Class/Field Trips for the 2016-17 school year.
- **e.** The Superintendent recommends the *award* of student transportation contracts for quoted Athletic/Class/Field Trips to the lowest responsible bus contractor companies for the 2016-17 school year.
- **f.** The Superintendent recommends the *acceptance* of student transportation bids submitted for Special Education Routes for the 2016-17 school year.

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- **g.** The Superintendent recommends the *award* of student transportation contracts to the lowest responsible and compliant bus contractor company bidders for Special Education Routes for the 2016-17 school year.
- **h.** The Superintendent recommends the *rejection* of non-compliant student transportation bids submitted for Special Education Routes for the 2016-17 school year.
- i. The Superintendent recommends the *correction* of quotation(s) and bid(s) as listed for the 2016-17 school year.
- **j.** The Superintendent recommends the *approval* of an employment contract for Mr. Kenneth Edwards as a part-time Compliance Officer at the hourly rate of \$20.00, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective February 23, 2017 to June 30, 2017, contingent upon completion of required district paperwork and successful clearance of the state mandated criminal history background check.

# Motion to approve items 20a-20j: Motion made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Trumpore

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

Motion carried.

## 21. PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ruth Fouda – discussed makerspace sustainability; Special Ed Audit results in yet? HMX report results? Anthony replied that the Special Ed audit will not be ready till early to mid-summer and the HMX environmental study indicates the there is nothing negative to be concerned about.

Michele Perrotti (former board member) Does the Board have an idea regarding the budget – increase or no increase. 6 Board members are now of the Concerned Citizens faction; bring budget vote back to April and let the town vote on the budget.

<u>Frank Farruggia (former board member)</u>— commented on the passing of Mr. Doug Spencer who was a Math teacher in our district. Queried whether Board training had been scheduled and the status of the Warrior agreement. Mentioned that the Board should go to cap with the budget this year for the students of this district. Makerspaces should be in every school. Anthony Fasano says board training will be scheduled soon and we are working on finalizing plans for makerspaces in TT and MS. The Board has been in communication with our attorneys regarding the Warriors and has given the Warriors a new proposal which they are pondering at the present time.

<u>Joe Bongiorno</u> – Follow up to what we would like to see in three years question: A lot of great things going on; can't close schools.

Robin Calandriello— is excited about the SCCC classes being offered at the HS but is worried that the cost might be prohibitive to some students in the district.

Norma Sudak – 5:30 every 3'd Tuesday of the month are the Municipal Alliance meetings.

<u>Nicole Shubert –</u> commented that her son loves the new enrichment programs at Day Plus. Is interested in policy on like.

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#### 22. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- <u>Pete Karpiak</u>- Great to hear everyone's opinion. Gives the Board a lot to think about. Tonight everyone voted yes on every item; investments for the future.
- <u>Candice Smith</u> Writers Workshops; Durban Science Fair; HS Musical 3/30-4/2; Recommendation from County Superintendent is to go to Cap with budget.
- Rob Nicholson Thank you all and deepest condolences to the Spencer family.
- Warren Gallagher Have a good evening. RIP Mr. Spencer
- <u>Carol Trumpore Doug Spencer will be missed. The board is working very hard on the budget it is all about the children; please remember the box tops and soda tabs.</u>
- Phil DiStefano Get home safely. Budget will be difficult.
- <u>Anthony Fasano</u> Mr. Spencer was well respected. Thank you to administration for dealing with the board/ budget prep. Very proud of this BOE trying to be fiscally prudent.

#### 23. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Motion made I	oy Mr. Nicholson, s	seconded by Mrs. Smith
	All in favor	Time: 9:30 p.m.
Respectfully su	bmitted,	
Carolyn B. Jose Board Secretar	•	_