

**HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
January 22, 2018**

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on January 22, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 and the Daily Record have been notified by mail that this Board of Education Regular meeting will take place in the Hopatcong Board of Education meeting room, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ, at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018.

4. **MEMBERS PRESENT:**
 - Mr. Anthony Fasano, President
 - Mr. Alex McLean, Vice President
 - Mr. Philip DiStefano
 - Mr. Scott Francis
 - Mr. Warren Gallagher
 - Ms. Erin Jacobus
 - Dr. Sarah Schindelar
 - Mrs. Candice Smith
 - Ms. Carol Trumpore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also Present: Mr. Paul Saxton, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary, Mr. David Disler, Esq.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Hopatcong Board of Education entered Executive Session.
6. **RECONVENE**
A motion to return to Public Session was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. McLean.
The motion carried with all in favor Time: 7:04 p.m.

7. **President Anthony Fasano read the Resolution recognizing School Board members:
SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to all code provisions, with the goal of providing an outstanding education to prepare all student for college and the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school

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district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey’s status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2018 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the contributions of our state’s local boards of education to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members of their local school boards.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the following meetings, as reported by the Board Secretary and reviewed by the Board President and members of the Board:

- a. December 6, 2017 – Special meeting - Executive Session
- b. December 18, 2017 – Executive Session
- c. December 18, 2017 – Regular meeting
- d. December 20, 2017 – Special meeting - Executive Session
- e. December 20, 2017 – Special meeting

Motion to approve 8a – 8e made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Dr. Schindelar

Philip DiStefano	Yes Abstain a	Scott Francis	Abstain All	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Abstain All	Alex McLean	Yes b, c Abstain a, d, e	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Approval of Minutes passed.

9. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Robbyn Sickles

WHEREAS, Robbyn has dedicated herself to the Hopatcong Borough School District for 18 years as a Paraprofessional; displaying an unselfish commitment to our children; exemplifying the ideals of professionalism and the standard of excellence, an

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Borough School District Board of Education, together with its

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citizens, wishes to acknowledge exemplary service that Robbyn has provided our children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hopatcong Borough School District Board of Education does hereby extend its appreciation and gratitude to Robbyn in recognition of exemplary service to our school district.

b. Nancy Barnard

WHEREAS, Nancy has dedicated herself to the Hopatcong Borough School District for 28 years as a Special Education Teacher; displaying an unselfish commitment to our children; exemplifying the ideals of professionalism and the standard of excellence, and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Borough School District Board of Education, together with its citizens, wishes to acknowledge exemplary service that Nancy has provided our children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hopatcong Borough School District Board of Education does hereby extend its appreciation and gratitude to Nancy in recognition of exemplary service to our school district.

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

Tori Burghoffer, Senior	Scholastics (AP Biology)
Abigail McDonough, Senior	Scholastics (Forensic Science CP)
Timothy Forst, Junior	Scholastics (AP Physics 1)
Christie Appel, Senior	Specialty Area (Wood Sculpture)

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

Ralph Cutler, Freshman	Athletics (Bowling)
Blake Corbett, Junior	Athletics (Ice Hockey)

**Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept 8a – 8d, seconded by Ms. Jacobus
All in favor**

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a.** Superintendent's Report – **Mr. Paul Saxton reports:** Has been 15 days in the district and is trying to meet with each teacher as he has already met with each Principal. Looking for the happiness quotient. Met with the mayor who is very excited and wants to tie in with the district. Also met with the Chief of Police and wants police to come in and meet with students. Would like students to have a sense of ownership and community – would like to develop a stronger community. Will be attending Techspo – we have 2 presenters from our staff: Todd Jensen and Dominick Schiavone who will be discussing Google Suite. Has an open door policy.
- b. Presentations –**
- 1) Warriors – Michelle Yarosz (15 years), Dave Parella (20 years) and John Young (35 years) –** Bill Sandford is Treasurer. In 1964 the Warriors were the Eagles and in the early 1970's they became the Warriors. Many improvements have been made on the Hilltop. This year they will be installing a flagpole and dedication bricks. The Hilltop parking lot has been lined. They expanded the field house for more storage. They fenced in the dumpster and are adding additional fencing. Have added lighting and handicapped parking.

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- c. Presentation of each school's activities:
- 1) High School –Liaisons: **Anthony Christiana, Jessica Alvarez – Mastroeni's** doing great in wrestling; Blake Corbett scoring 100 goals in hockey. Boys Basketball tournament. Pep band is playing at basketball games.
 - 2) Middle School – **Emil Binotto, Principal** – Jan. 9, Northern Highlands visited the DA Makerspace & Innovation lab. March 8 is the Design Challenge.
 - 3) Durban Avenue –**Tracey Hensz, Principal** – Students are rotating through Makerspace, studio, coding and writing. 4th graders dissected cow eyes. January 9 Achieve 3000 came out to work with teachers. HEPTO assembly on anti-bullying.
 - 4) Tulsa Trail – **Brian Byrne, Principal** – Began Great Kindness Challenge today, offering random acts of kindness. Love of Reading week with Dr. Seuss which encourages literacy. Brian and Tracey will be playing basketball when the Wizards come. 2nd Family Science night was January 18 – Danielle Kovach, Alison Ibaceta and Jen Neu got the grant and are going above and beyond. Books and Beyond is ongoing. And on January 26 – Jump Rope for Heart – students learn about health and wellness.
 - 5) Hudson Maxim - **Katherine McFadden, Principal** – Books and Beyond, Kindness Challenge. St. Judes Mathathon – grade appropriate math problems book. Talked about childhood cancer and giving back. Preschool learning about Fitness. 65 Perfect attendance awards for students and kindergarten registration will be March 5.
- d. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent's HIB Report for December, 2017 as presented to the Board at the December meeting on December 18, 2017. Approval of the HIB report for January, 2018 for first reading and review.

Mr. Saxton reports 1 HIB for first reading.

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Schindelar to accept Superintendent's HIB report 9d:

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Abstain	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Abstain	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion 9d to approve Superintendent's HIB report passed.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Curriculum, Technology, Special Education — **Chairperson, Candice Smith** Potential Yellowstone Park field trip.
- b. Community Relations – **Chairperson, Warren Gallagher III** – Use website for purchases; we receive \$1000 for hosting this on our website. Wants to promote Spring Musical
- c. Finance, Facilities, Transportation – **Alex McLean reports** – committee meeting was held on January 8 at which they discussed our current financials, RFP for architectural firm, Maschio's contract and COOP. Facilities reports that HS windows are complete and 5 of 7 Univents at HMX are complete.
- d. Policy and Legislation – **Chairperson, Phil DiStefano** – 2 Policies and 1 Regulation for 1st reading.
- e. Personnel – **Chairperson, Carol Trumpore (absent)** – Anthony Fasano reports that everything discussed in committee is on the agenda.
- f. HHSPTSO – Karen Solimando – Planning Tricky Tray in March
- g. MSPTSO – Kerry Thompson, **Melissa Forrester** – Co-Presidents – Melissa is new President; In November they sponsored sending holiday cards to soldiers; Decorating door contests; Coffee Hour – Art Gallery.

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- h. HEPTO – Jennifer Colgan – Wizards game is this Thursday; 20 teachers play on the Hopatcong Pride team; 40 people volunteered to help out that night and many donated drinks and snacks for concession stand. Gertrude Heart chocolates.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public discussed school performance report and concerns; Kudos to teachers and principals since they don't get the recognition they deserve.

13. FINANCE

Approval of the following finance items, **13a-13k**, 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) accounts, and Cafeteria account, December 18, 2017, through January 22, 2018 in the following amounts:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account	-	\$1,375,769.79
Cafeteria account		\$ 99,070.00

- b. Approval of Regular bills for December 18, 2017, through January 22, 2018 for the SCRT Cooperative Operating Account in the amount of \$18,137.27
- c. Approval of Bus Contractor bills for January 15, 2018 for the SCRT Cooperative Operating Account, in the amount of \$3,387,620.76 and approval of Bus Contractor bills for February 15, 2018, in the amount of \$3,346,858.65.
- d. Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of October 2017.
- e. Approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of October 2017.
- f. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2017.
- g. Approval of the designation of Carolyn B. Joseph, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O).
- h. Approval of the Amended and Restated License Agreement with the Hopatcong Warriors from January 22, 2018 and terminating on the five (5) year anniversary of the Effective Date ("Initial Expiration Date") January 22, 2023.
- i. Approval of the acceptance of three donations made in the amount of \$1,000 each from Mr. and Mrs. David Carpenter to the High School classes of Mrs. Julie Wilson, Mrs. Michele Culcasi and Mrs. Sharon Haggerty.
- j. Approval by the Board for the transfer of funds from Capital Reserve to General Fund in the amount of \$6,250 for the payment of architect fees on the High School boiler replacement project.
- k. Approval for authorization to initiate a Request for Proposal for an architectural firm to include educational planner to assist in the Hopatcong Borough School District's Long Range Facilities Plan.

**Motion to approve Finance 13a-13k, less 13h was made by Mrs. Smith
and seconded by Mr. Gallagher:**

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Erin Jacobus	Abstain d, e, f	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion to approve Finance item 13h was made by Mr. Fasano and seconded by Mr. McLean:

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion 13h passed unanimously.

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 employment contract for the position of Facilities Manager for **Matthew Geary** for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
11-000-261-100-01-
- b. Approval of the employment of **Neil Piro** on a per diem basis at a daily rate of \$167.21, effective January 2, 2018 until such time that the Facilities Manager begins employment.
11-000-261-100-01-
- c. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Nancy Barnard** from her position as Special Education Teacher at Hudson Maxim School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2018.
11-213-100-101-01-
- d. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Robbyn Sickles**, from her position as Paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, effective January 13, 2018.
11-110-100-106-01
- e. Approval of the employment of **Amie Robertson**, as a Paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, plus \$1.00 differential for toileting if applicable, effective January 23, 2018.
11-110-100-106-01
- f. Approval of the employment of **Ashlee Campbell** as a full time Custodian at a salary of \$38,438 based upon the 2017/2018 Salary Guide Step 1, based upon Step 1, with \$400 salary increase for Black Seal License, when attained, effective February 1, 2018.
11-000-263-100-01
- g. Approval of the employment of **Leonard Chase** as a part time Custodian at a salary of \$19,219 based upon the 2017/2018 Salary Guide Step 1, based upon Step 1, with \$200 salary increase for Black Seal License, when attained, effective February 1, 2018.
11-000-263-100-01

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- h. Approval of the following for the Extra Duty/Extra Pay positions for the 2017-2018 school year at the Hopatcong Middle School, on an as needed basis:

Detention \$20.00 per hour	Homework Club \$28.00 per hour
Craig Vallaro	Maureen Gallone
	Alana Benninger
	Craig Vallaro

11-401-100-100-01-02

- i. Approval of the following staff members for District Athletic Event coverage for the 2017-2018 school year.

Gary Andolena	Mike Juskus	Mike Moschella
Donna Annett	Lisa Kenny	Ken Olsen
Dave Campagna	Mike Landshof	Craig Vallaro
Heather DelBagno	Kathy LaRosa	Katarina Visha
Hank Fattorusso	Anna Marrazzo	Marilyn Volpe
Brook Ganguzza	Stephanie Martinez	Kathy Ward
Melissa Gordon-Sant	Jim McDonald	Julie Wilson
Todd Jensen	Elena Melekos	Stacy Yanko
Brittney Juskus	Doug Merkler	

11-401-100-100-01-02

- j. Approval of payment of the District Athletic Event staff as listed by position.
- k. Approval of **Pamela Brennan** as High School ELA Portfolio teacher at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, for 3 hours of instructional time and 5 hours of preparation time per week, for a total of 8 hours per week, effective February 1, 2018 to May 15, 2018.
11-401-100-100-01-02
- l. Approval of **Douglas Merkler** as High School Math Portfolio teacher at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, for 3 hours of instructional time and 5 hours of preparation time per week, for a total of 8 hours per week, effective February 1, 2018 to May 15, 2018.
11-401-100-100-01-02

- m. Approval of the employment of the following **Day Plus Co-Coordinators** for the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year, effective January 2, 2018.

Name	Nature Action	of Position	Rate
Jodi Callaghan	Resign	Instructor	\$11.25/hr
Tracey Talmadge	Appoint	Coordinator	\$10,000/yr
Kathy Schwab	Resign	Coordinator	\$10,000/yr
Kathy Ward	Adjust	Coordinator	\$10,000/yr

- n. Approval of the **Assistant to Facilities Manager** job description.

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- o.** Approval for the following Education students to conduct a field experience in the Hopatcong School District during the 2017-2018 school year:

Student Name	Semester	University	Experience	School	Cooperating Staff Member
Nicholas Falkham	Spring 2018	William Paterson University	Student Teaching	High School	Mr. Canzone
Sophie Kohler	Spring 2018	Caldwell Univ	300 hr. Internship	DA/MS	Mrs. Kennedy Mrs. Manisa
Emily Wisneski	Spring 2018	Ramapo College	Student Teaching	Middle School	Mrs. Spano

- p.** Approval of **substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians and van drivers.**

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve Personnel 14a-14p and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Abstain	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Personnel items 14a – 14p passed.

15. STUDENTS & SERVICES

Approval of the following Students and Services items, **15a-15t** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Curriculum/Technology/Special Education Committee of the Board:

- a.** Approval to submit a group size waiver to the Sussex County Department of Education for a PM Preschool Disabled Class as a result of a new student enrollment.
- b.** Approval for educational instruction services for **Student no. 11616** for up to 10 hours per week beginning December 4, 2017. Instruction will be provided by Professional Education Services, Inc. at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- c.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11766**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- d.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11872**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- e.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11762**, currently a 8th grade student at Sussex County Charter School, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- f.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11774**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the

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Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.

- g.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 12098**, currently a 8th grade student at Byram Middle School, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- h.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11713**, currently a 8th grade student at Sussex County Charter School, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- i.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 12356**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- j.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11522**, currently a 9th grade High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- k.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11812**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- l.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11798**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- m.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11825**, currently a 8th grade Sussex County Charter School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- n.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 12767**, currently a 8th grade Sussex County Charter School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- o.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 12096**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- p.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 11760**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- q.** Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 13511**, currently a 8th grade Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the

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Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.

- r. Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 12549**, currently a 6th grade Sussex County Charter School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Roxbury School District, Roxbury, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- s. Approval of the request by the parent of **Student No. 13744**, currently a preschool student at Hudson Maxim School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Byram School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2018, if accepted into their program.
- t. Approval of the field trip requests, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion to approve Students and Services 15a – 15t made by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Philip DiStefano	Abstain	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Students & Services items 15a – 15t passed.

16. CURRICULUM – NONE

17. TRAVEL

Resolved, that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve travel costs as related in this resolution, 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 in the amount of \$3,759.95 is made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Dr. Schindelar:

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Item 16, Travel, passed.

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**:

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Policy #
P 5330.04
P 7424

Title
Administering an Opioid Antidote (New, Suggested)
Bed Bugs (New, Suggested)

Regulation #
R 7424

Title
Bed Bugs (New, Suggested)

- 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**:

NONE

Motion to approve Policies and Regulations items 18a and 18b is made by Mr. DiStefano and seconded by Mr. McLean:

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Policy and Legislation items 18a and 18b passed

19. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

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

- a. The Superintendent recommends the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for Special Education Routes for the 2017-18 school year as listed on Exhibit A.
- b. The Superintendent recommends the **award** of student transportation contracts for **quoted** Special Education Routes to the lowest responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2017-18 school year as listed on Exhibit A.
- c. The Superintendent recommends the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for Athletic/Class/Field Trips for the 2017-18 school year as listed on Exhibit A.
- d. The Superintendent recommends the **award** of student transportation contracts for **quoted** Athletic/Class/Field Trips to the lowest responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2017-18 school year as listed on Exhibit A.
- e. The Superintendent recommends the **acceptance** of student transportation bids submitted on November 28, 2017 for Special Education Routes for the 2017-18 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- f. The Superintendent recommends the **rejection** of student transportation bids due to non-compliance issues or route terminations submitted on November 28, 2017 for Special Education Routes for the 2017-18 School as listed on Exhibit A.

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- g. The Superintendent recommends the **award** of student transportation contracts to the lowest responsible and responsive bus contractor company bidders for the November 28, 2017 Special Education Routes for the 2017-18 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- h. The Superintendent recommends, based upon the advice and consent of the Director of Transportation of the SCRTC, to **approve** a \$5,000 pro-rated stipend for Margaret Byrnes due to newly assigned job duties responsibilities for the 2017-2018 school year effective January 1, 2018.
- i. The Superintendent recommends, based upon the advice and consent of the Director of Transportation of the SCRTC, to **approve** the resignation with regrets of Lisa Dolan from her position as School Bus Aide effective January 1, 2018.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve 19a-19i which was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Abstain
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Sussex Regional Cooperative items 19a – 19i passed.

20. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments included enthusiasm about our new Interim Superintendent and hopes that Hopatcong students' scores improve; Benefits of the Municipal Alliance; concern that 16 students are transferring out of Hopatcong – Mr. Saxton offers that we should implement exit interviews to discern reasons for transfers; Mr. Saxton adds that we have to get our brand out there – our scores are low because a lot of students are opting out of the tests. It is not a credible score. Concerns about inaccurate information in the Operational Efficiency Audit; Wall in auxiliary gym; upcoming MS play.

21. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Anthony Fasano reports that the Board of Education meeting scheduled for February 20th is rescheduled for February 26, 2018.

- Erin Jacobus– New to town; appreciates the presentation by the Warriors and gives thanks for all they do. Erin is learning every day and gives credit to every person who sits on our board. Has attended the new board member training as required.
- Scott Francis – Thanks to Warriors. Wants to work toward changing the perception of our town. Very pleased with Mr. Saxton.
- Candice Smith– Loves the newly revised Books and Beyond program.
- Warren Gallagher– Warriors are Hopatcong. Board discusses how to keep our students in Hopatcong.
- Alex McLean – Thank you to Warriors and for their patience through this process. Thank you to PTO organization. The Board has a high level of confidence in Mr. Saxton.
- Phil DiStefano– There is a difference between student achievement and academic achievement. Mr. DiStefano feels that Hopatcong is a really special place to grow up.
- Sarah Schindelar – Kudos to Mr. Binotto for being instrumental in helping make sure that 10 families that were having trouble with their heat were taken care of. Mr. Saxton is a very welcome addition.

