



Board of Education Meeting Highlights January 23, 2012

Mr. Neil Piro, Facilities Supervisor, gave the Board an update on the Solar Project. **Ms. Gina Cinotti**, Director of Guidance, made a presentation regarding a Facilities Study and **Dr. Maranzano** made a presentation of the Semi-Annual Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Students of the Month for December 2011; **Sarah Indano, Scholastic; Laura Wills, Scholastic, Gearht VanVoorhis, Athletics and Nikki-Anne Rosando, Athletics** were acknowledged as Students of the Month for January 2012. Voice of Democracy contest winners, **Brooke O'Donnell, First Place, Yalixsa Delgado, Second Place and Sarah Indano, Third Place** were presented their awards. **Staff members, students, Hopatcong Borough, Lake Hopatcong Rotary Club, Weichert Realtors and local church and community groups and members** were acknowledged for giving to those less fortunate during the holiday season. **School Board Members and School Board Secretary** were acknowledged and thanked for their hard work and dedication in honor of School Board Recognition Month. **Johnson Dodge of Boonton** was acknowledged for their donation to the Hopatcong Golf Team. **Joanne Canizaro**, a Language Arts Teacher at the Hopatcong Middle School, was acknowledged on her selection as the **District 2012/2013 Teacher of the Year**. The following students in **Mrs. Procter's class at Tulsa Trail** were acknowledged for being selected to be published in A Celebration of Poets where less than 50% of the poems submitted are selected to be published. The school will be recognized in the anthology as receiving a "Poetic Achievement Award" which is an honor given to the top 10% of the schools who entered the contest: **Joey Appel, Michelle Arana, Kylie Brown, Nicholas Coats, Shelby Cole, Casey Coolican, Brian Dome, Jorell Gomez, Thomas Hardman, Sheley Heins, Emily Krip, Justin Lios, Alex Nelson, Samantha Sanchez, Adrianna Sterling and Haylee Verdetto**. The **Bobby DeRose Scholarship Fund** was acknowledged by the Board for its donation to the Hopatcong Golf Parents' Association of \$6,000 for the 2011/2012 golf season depleting the scholarship fund in its entirety.

The Board accepted the resignations, with regret, of **Valerie Boas Starkey** from her position as a Teacher in the Hopatcong School District and **Camille Zicoello** from her position as a Cafeteria Worker in the District for the purpose of retirement. The Board approved the employment of **John Costanzo** as an Educational Support Personnel (Aide), **Kelly Bodnar** as a Maternity Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor, **Laura Antonello** as a Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher of the Handicapped and **Norman Sutton** as an Elementary Teacher in the district. The Board approved the request of **Lisa Schuffenhauer** for a Maternity Leave of Absence. **Leah Moylen** was approved as a Homebound Instructor in the district and **Courtney Kranz** was approved to complete a 15 hour observation in the district for her Masters program. **Extra Duty/Extra Pay Spring Coaching positions as well as High School cafeteria supervision, Saturday and Central Detention Monitors and Homework Club supervision monitors** were approved by the Board. **June Williams** as a Clerical/Substitute Driver and **Luis Figueroa** as a Full Time Bus Driver for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative were approved by the Board. The request of Tracey Grochulski for an unpaid medical leave of absence from her position as an Educational Support Personnel (Aide) was approved by the Board. A number of **substitutes** were also approved by the Board.



A number of **field trip requests** and **bedside or homebound instruction** for students and an out-of-district placement were approved by the Board. The Board approved for the **Senior Class** to research and compile information for a Senior Class Trip.

Travel related expenses for Board Members and district staff, as required by State travel guidelines and guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget, were approved by the Board.

A number of **modifications and additions to the policies and regulations** of the Board were approved for second reading and adoption.

The Board approved the **proposed 2012/2013 school calendar**, as attached.

The Board approved a number of resolutions including agreements in connection with the solar power and **Solar Services Agreement**, **increased tuition for students attending Sussex County Vocational School**, **increased tuition for students attending Private Schools for Special Education students**, an **easement agreement** between the Board of Ed and Jersey Central Power & Light Company, A FirstEnergy Company and Verizon of New Jersey, Inc. and moving the **School Board election** to November.

HOPATCONG BOROUGH SCHOOLS
2012-2013 CALENDAR

September	3	Monday	Labor Day	
	4	Tuesday	Teacher In-Service	
	5	Wednesday	Teacher In-Service	
	6	Thursday	School Re-Opens	17 Days
October	8	Monday	Columbus Day (School Closed for Students)	
			Teacher In-Service	22 Days
November	8 & 9	Thursday & Friday	NJEA Convention	
	22 & 23	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Recess	18 Days
December	24 - 31	Monday-Monday	Holiday Recess	15 Days
January 2013	1	Tuesday	New Year's Day	
	2	Wednesday	School Reopens	
	21	Monday	Martin Luther King/ (School Closed for Students)	
			Teacher In-Service	21 Days
February	15 & 18	Friday & Monday	Winter Recess	18 Days
March	29	Friday	Spring Recess	20 Days
April	1-5	Monday-Friday	Spring Recess	17 Days
	8	Monday	School Reopens	
May	27	Monday	Memorial Day	22 Days
June	14	Friday	Last Day for Students	10 Days
	17	Monday	Teacher In-Service	
				180 Days

There is no allowance for emergency closing days. The schedule is subject to adjustment for inclement weather days. Parents and district staff members are asked not to make any vacation plans, etc., through the end of the permissible school or contract year of June 30th.