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1. FLAG SALUTE

2. **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 The New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record have been notified by email that this Board of Education Regular Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m following the Executive Session (in room 21) which starts at 5:30 p.m. on January 30, 2023 at the Hopatcong Board of Education, Board meeting room in the Administration Building.

3. ROLL CALL

| Scott Francis | Nicole Falconi- Shubert | Philip DiStefano |
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| Joseph Falconi | Gerard Gruenfelder | Jayna Gulan |
| Jennifer Johnson | Jackie Turkington | Jennifer Polowchena |

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion will be made that the Hopatcong Board of Education will enter Executive Session in room 21 to discuss <u>personnel and attorney/client privilege</u>, which are exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act. Any discussions held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at 7:00 p.m. following the executive session.

Motion to enter executive session:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item..

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5. RECONVENE

Motion to Reconvene

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- a. December 19, 2022 Executive Meeting
- b. December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
- c. January 3, 2023-Special Meeting
- d. January 10, 2023 Special Meeting

Motion to approve 6a-6d:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

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7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent's Report Mr. Arthur DiBenedetto, Interim Superintendent of Schools
 - 1. Fall 2022 Start Strong Statewide Assessment Report
 - 2. Presentation: Ray Sarinelli, Nisivoccia 2021/2022 Fiscal Audit
 - 3. Presentation: Kathleen Helewa, New Jersey School Boards
- b. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent's HIB Report for December 2022 as presented to the Board at the December meeting on December 19, 2022. Approval of the Superintendent's HIB report for January 2023 for first reading and review as presented to the Board at the January meeting on January 30, 2023.

Motion to approve 7a - 7b:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

| Scott Francis | Nicole Falconi- Shubert | Philip DiStefano |
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| Joseph Falconi | Gerard Gruenfelder | Jayna Gulan |
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8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School's Students of the Month** for their outstanding performance in December 2022:

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Grade 8 - Natalia Gerena-Roman

Honorable Mention: Nicholas Hardman

Grade 9 – Antonio Sudak

Honorable Mention: Madelyn Ausmus

Grade 11 - Brenden Belar

Honorable Mention: Layla Gonzalez, Lizania Gonzalez,

Gabriel Houle, Gabriella Zammito

Grade 12 – Abdul Kareem Sheikh **Honorable Mention**: Julia Santiago

b. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School Scholar Athlete of the Month** for their outstanding performance in December 2022:

Bowling - Glyn Davies, Junior

Ice Hockey - Jack Luciani, Sophomore

c. Congratulations to the Durban Avenue Students who went above and beyond to Fill Buckets with **CARING** this month.

9. PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION REPRESENATIVES

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL DISCUSSION

11. FINANCE

- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that bills for the General Fund and Special Revenues (Grants) account, December 19, 2022 through January 30, 2023 be approved in the following amounts:
 - General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account \$1,048,390.12 Cafeteria account - \$70,950.46
- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month of December 2022.
- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Transfer Report for the month of December 2022.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022.
- e. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve to write-off the following uncashed checks from the High School Student Activity account:

| DATE | CK# | AMOUNT |
|------------|------|-------------|
| 11/20/2014 | 4094 | \$ 300.00 |
| 12/3/2014 | 4095 | \$ 166.00 |
| 3/9/2015 | 4169 | \$ 1,735.03 |
| 6/19/2015 | 4239 | \$ 30.00 |
| 12/21/2017 | 5398 | \$ 83.65 |

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| 5404 | \$ | 50.00 |
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| 5405 | \$ | 50.00 |
| 5415 | \$ | 19.76 |
| 5446 | \$ | 100.00 |
| 5435 | \$ | 100.00 |
| 5507 | \$ | 100.00 |
| 5519 | \$ | 50.00 |
| 5646 | \$ | 110.00 |
| 5662 | \$ | 10.00 |
| 5666 | \$ | 10.00 |
| 5686 | \$ | 10.00 |
| 5748 | \$ | 10.00 |
| 5760 | \$ | 316.27 |
| 5819 | \$ | 165.00 |
| 5873 | \$ | 150.00 |
| 5877 | \$ | 2.00 |
| 5908 | \$ | 100.00 |
| 5902 | \$ | 55.00 |
| 5851 | \$ | 100.00 |
| 5943 | \$ | 55.00 |
| 5954 | \$ | 55.00 |
| | 5415 5446 5435 5507 5519 5646 5662 5666 5748 5760 5819 5873 5877 5908 5902 5851 5943 | 5405 \$ 5415 \$ 5446 \$ 5435 \$ 5507 \$ 5519 \$ 5646 \$ 5662 \$ 5686 \$ 5748 \$ 5760 \$ 5819 \$ 5873 \$ 5908 \$ 5902 \$ 5851 \$ 5943 \$ |

f. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the following assets below be disposed because they have exceeded their useful life:

| ASSET # | DESCRIPTION |
|---------|-------------------|
| 003668 | Ice Cream Machine |
| 000530 | Kitchen Mixer |
| 005937 | Deli Slicer |
| 003667 | Kitchen Mixer |

- g. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board accept and approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022.
- h. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board accept and approve the following Corrective Action Plan in response to the Fiscal Audit findings for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- i. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve to accept the \$750 grant from the Mental Health Association in NJ for the Teen Mental Health

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First Aid program to cover the cost of substitutes for teachers that attended mental health first aid training.

j. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board accept the anonymous donation of \$50 from a community member to be applied to outstanding lunch account balances in the Middle School.

Motion to approve 11a - 11j:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

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12. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items, **12a – 12r**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of employment of **Christian Sorbara** as Full-Time Custodian with a prorated salary of \$43,660 minus \$400 for not having a black seal, which represents step 1 of the custodian guide, per contract; pending background check.
- b. Approval to accept the resignation of **Christine Amella** from her position as Part-Time Custodian effective January 28, 2023.
- c. Approval to accept the resignation of **Eve Hind** from her position as Full-Time Custodian effective February 3, 2023.
- d. Approval to accept the resignation of **Ashely Miller** from her position as PSD Teacher at Durban Ave effective March 24, 2023 or sooner if a replacement is available.
- e. Approval to rescind the employment offer of **Jacob Little** as Part-Time Custodian.
- f. Approval of employment of **Shelby Ochs** as a Paraprofessional at Tulsa Trail effective January 3, 2023 at a rate of \$15.13/hour. Should toileting be required there will be an additional \$1 added to the hourly rate.
- g. Approval of employment of **Jamie Spague** as a Paraprofessional at Durban Ave effective February 1, 2023 at a rate of \$15.13/hour.
- h. Approval of employment of **Austin Brown**, as Physical Education Teacher for the Hopatcong High School with a prorated salary of \$70,895 which represents Level MA/Step 1 of the 2022-2023 HEA Salary Guide effective January 15, 2023.
- i. Approval of the **Anna Voloshin** whom is recommended to receive tenure (effective 1/8/2023).
- j. Approval for Employee #81057 to take 29 days paid sick leave beginning February 27, 2023 through April 6, 2023 followed by 12 consecutive weeks of unpaid FMLA/NJFLA leave, 12 weeks beginning April 17 through June 30, 2023.

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- k. Approval to accept the resignation of **Employee #80144** for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2023.
- I. Approval of **Employee #81475** to take an unpaid leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave Act, beginning January 25, 2023 for 4 weeks with an anticipated return date of February 21, 2023.
- m. Approval of **Employee #81462** to take 30 days paid sick leave beginning April 24, 2023 through June 2, 2023 followed by 2 consecutive weeks of unpaid FMLA/NJFLA leave beginning June 2 through the remainder of the school year.
- n. Approval of Emily Paige Verbeke to conduct her student teaching at Tulsa Trail.
- o. Approval of the following **Advisor/Coach Position** for the 2022-2023 school year:

| Name | Nature of Action | Position | Class | Level | Salary |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Jason O'Brien | Appoint | Volunteer Baseball Coach | - | - | - |
| Ryan Myslinski | Appoint | Asst. Baseball Coach | В | 4 | \$5,034 |

p. Approval of the following staff for the **Extra Duty/Extra Pay Positions** the 2022 – 2023 school year in the Hopatcong School District on an as needed basis:

| Name | Nature of Action | Duty/Position | Salary |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|-----------|
| Craig Vallaro | Appoint | Homework Club | \$28/hour |
| Nancy Stephens | Appoint | Homework Club | \$28/hour |
| Wilson Cusano | Appoint | Homework Club | \$28/hour |
| McKenzie Norris | Appoint | Homework Club | \$28/hour |
| Karen Cubberly | Appoint | After School Credit Recovery Coverage | \$35/hour |
| McKenzie Norris | Appoint | After School Credit Recovery Coverage | \$35/hour |

q. Approval of the following staff to take and receive tuition reimbursements*, as per contract, upon successful completion of the course and submission of paperwork:

Course Approval/Reimbursement Approval

| Nama | Course Title | Course | Cuadita | Coot |
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| Name | Course Title | Number | Credits | Cost |
| Siobhan Winkler | Understanding Moods | EDUC 710H | 3 | \$405 |
| | I'm So Stressed I Could | EDUC 710B | 3 | \$405 |
| | Scream | | | |
| Christina Nied | Understanding Moods | EDUC 710H | 3 | \$405 |
| | I'm So Stressed I Could | EDUC 710B | 3 | \$405 |
| | Scream | | | |
| Emily Minervini | LETRS Volume 1 | 374361 | 6 | \$1,569* |
| | | | | *Updated cost amount. |
| | | | | Previously approved course |
| | | | | 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II) |
| Jennifer Bisignani | LETRS Volume 1 | 374361 | 6 | \$1,569* |
| | | | | *Updated cost amount. |
| | | | | Previously approved course |
| | | | | 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II) |

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| Suzanne Annette | LETRS Volume 1 | 374361 | 6 | \$1,569* |
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| | | | | *Updated cost amount. |
| | | | | Previously approved course |
| | | | | 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II) |
| Andrea Mancuso | LETRS Volume 1 | 374361 | 6 | \$1,569* |
| | | | | *Updated cost amount. |
| | | | | Previously approved course |
| | | | | 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II) |
| Melissa Kennedy | Field Supervision Internship 2 | GED 671 | 3 | \$1,293.90* |
| • | | | | *Updated cost amount. |
| | | | | Previously approved course |
| | | | | 11/2022 (title II) |
| Melissa Stein | Community Resources: | 20266 | 3 | \$2,381.01 |
| | Alcohol/Substance Abuse | | | |
| | Counseling. | | | |
| | J | 22655 | 3 | \$2,381.01 |
| | Family Seminar: Alcohol and | 22000 | 3 | φ2,301.01 |
| | Substance Abuse Counseling. | | | |

^{*}The maximum rate of reimbursement per credit is \$431.30 for the 22-23 school year. Anyone who requested a course approval in June will be reimbursed the rate for 22-23 school year if completed by June 2023.

- r. Approval of substitute teachers & paraprofessional:
 - i. Nicole Finland, Substitute Paraprofessional
 - ii. Judith Antonelli, Substitute Teacher
 - iii. Viannys Reyes, Substitute Teacher
 - iv. Thomas Ferrara, Substitute Teacher

Motion to approve 12a - 12r:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

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13. TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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 reimbursement listed in this resolution are in compliance with the state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1. seq

Approval of the following staff to attend Professional Development/Conference*

| Name | Title | Cost | Date | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Michelle Minimi | Student Assistance Coo | dinator | \$174.41 | 12/14/22 |
| | Endorsement | | | |
| Austin Brown | Intro to Spot Games | \$465 | - | |
| | Introduction to Teaching | \$295 | | |
| | Processes of Teaching and Lear | \$1,115 | | |

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| Carolyn Olsen | CTE CE EPP Stage IV | \$685 | - |
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| Stacey Montefusco | Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children & Adolescents | \$119.99 | 3/23/23 |
| Kristine Kester | Recognizing and Understanding the Less Obvious Presentations of Autism (Hackettstown, NJ) | \$90 + mileage | 5/22/23 |

^{*}Cost will be reimbursed upon completion of attendance and all documentation has been provided.

Motion to approve Travel and Professional Development:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

| Scott Francis | Nicole Falconi- Shubert | Philip DiStefano |
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14. POLICY & REGULATIONS

Approval of item **14a-14b**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement and Operations Committees of the Board:

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**:

Policy/Regulation # Title

P&R 5536 Random Testing for Student Alcohol or Drug Use

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:

Policy/Regulation # Title

P 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying

R 7510 Use of School Facilities

Motion to approve 14a-14b:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

| Scott Francis | Nicole Falconi- Shubert | Philip DiStefano |
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15. <u>STUDENTS AND SERVICES</u>

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Approval of the following items, 15a-15h as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval for 10 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 13245. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour. 10 hours per week for tutoring and an additional 30 minutes per hour for lesson preparation and grading beginning December 13, 2022 until further notice.
- b. Approval for a total of 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 13243. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 12/15/22-1/31/23.
- c. Approval for a total of 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 13192. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 1/3/23-2/28/23.
- d. Approval for 10 hours of home instruction services per week for student no.
 14494. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour beginning January 10, 2023 until further notice.
- e. Approval for 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 15058. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 1/3/23 for approximately 6 weeks.
- f. Approval for 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no.15059. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 1/11/23 for approximately 6 weeks.
- g. Approval for 6 hours of home instruction services for student no. 14549. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour from January 25, 2023 to January 27,2023.
- h. Approval of the following field trip requests:

| School | Date | Trip |
|---------------|---------|--|
| Middle School | 3/17/23 | The Growing Stage- The Lightning Thief |

Motion to approve 15a-15h:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

| Scott Francis | Nicole Falconi- | Philip DiStefano |
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| | Shubert | |
| Joseph Falconi | Gerard Gruenfelder | Jayna Gulan |
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| Jennifer Johnson | Jackie Turkington | Jennifer Polowchena |

16. RESOLUTIONS

a. As per policy 5111 it is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the attendance of the following students whose families are not domiciled in the district.

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Student #14261, **Student #14689**. These students are seniors who would like to finish their High School career at Hopatcong High School.

- b. WHEREAS the District has sent out bids for the sale of the garage on Riverstyx Road and WHEREAS there were no bids submitted it is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the sale of the garage by contacting those who expressed an interest in it.
- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the scope of work agreement with Parette Somjenon Architects be approved to provide pre-referendum services for a potential bond referendum vote in September 2023. The cost of this contract, \$15,600, will be paid for from the general fund facilities budget.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey:
- WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and
- WHEREAS, The Hopatcong Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Hopatcong Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and
- WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and
- **WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and
- WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and
- WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED,** That the Hopatcong Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join

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communities statewide in observing January 2023 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hopatcong Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

Motion to approve 16a-16d:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

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17. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

- a. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the approval of bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for December 20, 2022 through January 30, 2023 in the amount of \$420,538.58 for Regular bills and \$10,160,444.32 for Bus Contractors bills.
- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the approval of enrollment for Michelle Ketch in the Rutgers Transportation Supervisors Courses for the Spring Semester as follows:

ST-7001-SP23-1, Management and Supervisory Skills, \$853.00 ST-7006-SP23-1, Financial Operations, \$575.00

c. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the approval of enrollment for Danielle Iadarola in the Rutgers Transportation Supervisors Courses for the Spring Semester as follows:

ST-7001-SP23-1, Management and Supervisory Skills, \$853.00 ST-7006-SP23-1, Financial Operations, \$575.00

- d. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval to hire* Christine Amella as a Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year effective February 1, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$28.00.
- **e.** The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval to hire* Brianna Norlander as a Substitute Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year effective February 1, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$28.00.

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- **f.** The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval to hire* Dorothy DeFranco as a Bus Aide for the 2022-2023 school year effective February 1, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$15.45.
- **g.** The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation Recommend the approval of the following member district for the 2022-2023 school year:

Harrison Board of Education

- h. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval* of *travel* to attend the Annual NJ Pupil Transportation Conference and Exhibit Show in Atlantic City, NJ, March 30 31, 2023. The conference costs are in compliance with the state travel reimbursement guidelines/state waiver. Total cost of conference registration, lodging and mileage not to exceed \$1,373.76 for the following staff: Janine Byrnes, Kathy Schwab.
- i. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *disposal* of the following Sussex County Regional Cooperative School vehicle through GovDeals:

| Vehicle Id Number | <u>Plate</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 5FNRL5H29BB010600 | S2S277 | 2011 HONDA ODYSSEY |

j.

- The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the acceptance of student transportation quotations for Special Education Routes for the 2022 - 2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- 2. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *award* of student transportation *quotations* for *Special Education Routes* to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2022 -2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- The Superintendent and Director of Transportation recommend the approval of Renewal Transportation Routes for the 2022-2023 school year not to exceed CPI of 1.91% as listed on Exhibit A.
- 4. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval of route contract addendums* for the 2022 2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

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- 5. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *acceptance* of student transportation *quotations* for *Athletic/Class/Field Trips* for the 2022-2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *award* of student transportation *quotations* for *Athletic/Class/Field Trips* to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2022-2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

Motion to approve:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

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| Joseph Falconi | Gerard Gruenfelder | Jayna Gulan |
| Jennifer Johnson | Jackie Turkington | Jennifer Polowchena |

18. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item., seconded by Choose an item.

All in favor Choose an item. Time:

REGULAR MEETING January 30, 2023

5:30 pm. Open the Meeting and enter Executive Session in the Administration Building: Room 21 **Public Portion will begin at 7:00 p.m in the Board Room**2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

ADDENDUM

January 30, 2022 Regular Meeting

- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the employment of **Reyna Soto** as a Paraprofessional at the Middle School at a rate of \$15.13/hour pending completion of new hire paperwork.
- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the resignation of **Mark Ulrich** from his position as full-time custodian effective February 28, 2023.
- WHEREAS, On June 30, 2022, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2022, c.18 which
 includes a direct appropriation of \$350 million to the New Jersey Schools
 Development Authority (NJSDA) to provide funding for grant projects in Regular
 Operating Districts (ROD); and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education wishes to apply for and accept funding for capital roofing projects at Hopatcong High School if so awarded;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Administration to fully comply with the terms of the grant application process and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Administration to work with Parette Somjen Architects to submit all applications and documents necessary, including an amendment to the District's LRFP, to secure grant funding of 40% of eligible project costs based upon a successful award from the NJSDA with the understanding that the district share of project expenses will come from its existing capital reserve account.

Motion to approve Addendum item a-c:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose an item. seconded by Choose an item.

| Scott Francis | Nicole Falconi- Shubert | Philip DiStefano |
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| Joseph Falconi | Gerard Gruenfelder | Jayna Gulan |
| Jennifer Johnson | Jackie Turkington | Jennifer Polowchena |