

**HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
July 23, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on July 23, 2018 in the Board Meeting room, Administration Building, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 July 23, 2018.

4. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Anthony Fasano, President
Mr. Philip DiStefano
Mr. Scott Francis
Mr. Warren Gallagher
Ms. Erin Jacobus
Ms. Carol Trumpore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Alex McLean, Vice President, Dr. Sarah Schindelar, Mrs. Candice Smith

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Hopatcong Board of Education entered Executive Session prior to the opening of the public meeting.

6. **RECONVENE**

A motion to return to Public Session was made by Mr. DiStefano, seconded by Ms. Trumpore.
The motion carried with all in favor Time: 7:00 p.m.

Anthony Fasano, Board President informs public of change in Public Comment procedure. The three minute time allowance will be enforced, and Public Comment will be for one hour only. In addition, the Public Comment – General Discussion portion at meeting’s end has been eliminated.

7. **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. June 25, 2018 - Executive Session
- b. June 25, 2018 – Regular Meeting

**Motion to approve Minutes 7a-7b was made by Ms. Jacobus
and seconded by Ms. Trumpore:**

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Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	ABSENT	Sarah Schindelar	ABSENT
Candice Smith	ABSENT	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion to approve Finance 7a-7b passed.

8. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. Congratulations to the following students who are being recognized for earning perfect attendance for the 2017/2018 school year:

<p><u>Hopatcong High School</u></p> <p><i>Grade 12</i> Kevin Giordano</p> <p><i>Grade 11</i> Anthony Breiner Kayla O'Brien</p> <p><i>Grade 10</i> Bradley Jarrett Marisa Mejia Sharif Ramsey Amanda Sutton Teresa Turnage Roger White Alexandra Wied Faith Wood</p> <p><i>Grade 9</i> Emma Cameron Dawid Madej Madison Maniquis</p>
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<p><u>Hopatcong Middle School</u></p> <p><i>Grade 7</i> Julianne Fernandes Angel Feliciano</p> <p><u>Durban Avenue School</u></p> <p><i>Grade 5</i> Daniel Dykstra Megan Hinczynski Daniel Houle Danielle Martin-Conyers Adrianna Pisano</p> <p><i>Grade 4</i> Katie Colgan Joseph Costa Lucas Koenig Aydan Salayko Kieffer Shriner</p>

<p><u>Tulsa Trail School</u></p> <p><i>Grade 3</i> Annalise Dillenkofer Olivia Dillenkofer Timea Szabo Dylan Little Vincent Sudak</p> <p><i>Grade 2</i> Bradley Bogdan Foday Fofanah Mackenzie Roff Esperanza Segura Sofia Leybov Maliyah Terantino</p>
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<p><u>Hudson Maxim School</u></p> <p><i>Grade 1</i> Ava Cunningham Grace Jurgaitis Yadhira Martinez Kylee Ruiz</p> <p><i>Kindergarten</i> Fae La Kayla O'Brien Riley Stewart</p>

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- b. **Hopatcong High School, Middle School and Durban Avenue Honor Roll Students** for the fourth marking period.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent’s Report – **Mr. Paul Saxton** introduces Jamie Walker, Guidance Director.

b. Presentations:

1. HIB Self Assessments – **Jamie Walker, Director of Guidance/Anti-Bullying Coordinator:** HIB claims are investigated by vice principals at the High School and Middle School and by school counselors in the Elementary schools. Between September 2017 and June 2018 there were 31 Investigations: 7 determined as HIB; 19 as Code of Conduct; and 5 neither. There is a 10 day period to conduct and finalize investigations. Working with United Way – climate and culture. **See attached PowerPoint.**
2. Hopatcong Observatory – **Justin McCarthy, 2018 Hopatcong Grad, Eagle Scout:** Presented a **PowerPoint** regarding use of Observatory and recommendations for continued curriculum.

Anthony Fasano Board President moves to table Item 9c as the reports were not done due to Power outage today. Ms. Trumpore makes the motion to table item 9c which was seconded by Mr. DiStefano. All in favor.

- c. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent’s HIB Report for June, 2018 as presented to the Board at the June meeting on June 25, 2018. Approval of the HIB report for July, 2018 for first reading and review.
- d. Approval of the Superintendent’s review of the Self-Assessment Report in determining the **2017-2018 HIB Grades.**

Motion was made by Ms. Jacobus, seconded by Ms. Trumpore to accept items 9a, 9b, 9d:

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

Motion to approve items 9a, 9b, and 9d passed.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Curriculum, Technology, Special Education — **Chairperson, Candice Smith (absent), Erin Jacobus reports** – discussed ESEA 2019 entitlement grant from NJDOE; Perform Better Gym equipment has been moved to Finance for consideration.
- b. Community Relations – **Chairperson, Warren Gallagher III** – Media updates – 50th Anniversary next year; meeting with attorney regarding Facility & Fee structure.
- c. Finance, Facilities, Transportation – **Chairperson, Alex McLean, (absent), Carol Trumpore reports** – Committee met with Shannon Wilson, the new Director of Co-op; discussed Facility projects.
- d. Policy and Legislation – **Chairperson, Phil DiStefano** – Everything discussed is on agenda.

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- e. Negotiations – **Chairperson Sarah Schindelar (absent), Anthony Fasano reports** – Committee met with HEA; next meeting August 20; making progress.
- f. Personnel – **Chairperson, Carol Trumppore** – Recommendations are on the agenda.

**Ms. Jacobus made a motion to accept 10a – 10f seconded by Ms. Trumppore.
All in favor**

Anthony Fasano spoke regarding board policy regarding facility usage by Hopatcong residents. No fee to Hopatcong groups which will benefit our students.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Thank you to the board for their efforts but why are our grades so low; how did we lose so much in state funding. Previous flat budgets have left us vulnerable; should be cutting administrators; hearing that Superintendent is leaving is disheartening; Results of Special Education audit have never been made public; concern about possibility of closing HMX; Concern about school security; Concern about one principal managing HS and MS; Loss of state aid.

12. FINANCE

FINANCE - JUNE 30, 2018

A. FINANCE

Approval of the following Finance items, **A1-A5**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Finance Committee of the Board:

1. Approval of bills for the General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account and Cafeteria account, June 25, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account	\$631,357.28
Cafeteria account	<u>\$ 64,154.75</u>
	\$695,512.03
2. Approval of regular bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for June 25, 2018 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$ 17,810.01.
3. Approval of Bus Contractor bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Account for June 25, 2018 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$202,536.31.
4. Approval to rescind the five year contract with Maschio's Food Service, Inc. set to terminate on June 30, 2019.
5. Approval of the correction to the Food Service Management fee for Maschio's Food Services, Inc. which had been approved at \$25,500 on June 25, 2018 but should have been \$26,250 commencing on September 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2019. Maschio's guarantees a no cost or breakeven food service operation, including the management fee.

**Motion to approve Finance 12A1-12A5 was made by Ms. Trumppore
and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:**

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Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Not Present
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	ABSENT	Sarah Schindelar	ABSENT
Candice Smith	ABSENT	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion to approve Finance 12A1-12A5 passed.

FINANCE - JULY 23, 2018

12. FINANCE

Approval of the following finance items, **12a-12e** 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, July 1, 2018 through July 23, 2018, in the following amount:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account	-	\$ 849,222.91
Cafeteria account		\$ 0.00

- b.** Approval of regular bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for July 1, 2018 through July 23, 2018, in the amount of \$ 13,606.59.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approves the following resolution authorizing Contracts with Approved State Contract Vendors for Boards of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 School Year as follows:

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, intends to enter into contracts with the Referenced State Contract vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hopatcong Board of Education School Business Administrator shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Hopatcong Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendor shall be effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (school year).

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- d. Request for permission to apply for and accept the ESEA 2019 entitlement grant from the NJDOE in the following amounts:

Title I -	\$215,725	(Basic Skills)
Title II A -	\$ 39,668	(Class Size Reduction)
Title III -	\$ 3,635 *	(Bilingual Education)
Title IVA -	\$ 12,964	(Using Technology to Support Learning)

*(Refused as we do not meet the statutory minimum of \$10,000 to accept funds)

- e. Approval of the 2018/2019 Transportation Contract with Byram Bus with a CPI increase of 1.51% increase and a list of all routes.

Motion to approve Finance 12a – 12e, was made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Ms. Trumport:

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

Motion to approve Finance 12a – 12e passed.

13. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items **13a-13q**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Personnel Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of the employment of **Gina Vincente** as a Learning Disability Teacher Consultant in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$63,033 based upon the Salary Guide Level MA/Step 5, effective September 1, 2018. This salary is based upon the 2017-2018 HEA Salary Guide and may change based upon the outcome of negotiations.
11-000-219-104-01-
- b. Approval of the employment of **Shelton Bryant** as a Custodian in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$48,631 based upon the Custodial Salary Guide, effective August 7, 2018.
11-000-262-100-01
- c. Approval of the employment of **Christine Amella** as a part time Custodian in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$24,960, effective July 1,
11-000-262-100-01
- d. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Maureen Gallone** from her position as Mathematics Teacher at Hopatcong Middle School, effective September 4, 2018.
11-130-100-101-01
- e. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Angie Meyer-Pflug** from her position as School Nurse at Tulsa Trail School, effective September 4, 2018.
11-000-213-100-01
- f. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Elena Melekos**, from her position as Secretary to the Director of Guidance, effective September 1, 2018.
11-000-218-105-01

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- g. Acceptance of the resignation of **Michael Moschella**, from his position as Paraprofessional in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$12,285, effective June 30, 2018.
11-204-100-106-01
- h. Acceptance of the resignation of **Maryellen Jurewicz**, from her position as Paraprofessional in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$11,583, effective June 30, 2018.
11-204-100-106-01
- i. Acceptance of the resignation of **Scott Smith**, from his position as Custodian in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$39,937, effective July 12, 2018.
11-000-263-100-01
- j. As approved by the Superintendent, acceptance of the resignation of **Kenneth Doolittle** from his position of Elementary Teacher in the Hopatcong Borough School District, effective July 18, 2018.
- k. Approval of the change to the request of **Jill Mortenson** for a Maternity Leave of Absence from her position as a Physical Education Teacher of 40 Sick Days during the period of September 4, 2018 to October 29, 2018, followed by New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence for the period of October 30, 2018 to February 1, 2019.
11-140-100-101-01
- l. Approval of the request of **Ashley Miller** for a Maternity Leave of Absence from her position as a Special Education Teacher of 12 Sick Days during the period of November 13, 2018 to November 30, 2018, followed by New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence for the period of December 3, 2018 to March 15, 2019.
11-212-100-101-01
- m. Approval of the following Facilitators for the 2018-2019 school year, to be paid at the facilitator stipend as outlined in the 2014-2018 HEA Teacher Contract and may change based upon the outcome of negotiations.

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Stipend	Date Effective	Date Term
Christine Kalemba	Appoint	Career Internship Facilitator	\$6,064	9/1/2018	6/30/2019
Kathleen LaRosa	Appoint	Structured Learning Experience Facilitator	\$6,064	9/1/2018	6/30/2019

11-000-221-176-01

- n. Approval of the Fall 2018-2019 Athletic Coaches for the Hopatcong High School:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary	Date Effective	Date Terminated
Craig Vallaro	Adjust	Asst. Boys Soccer Coach	A	3	\$4,388.00	7/1/18	6/30/19
James Marino	Adjust	Asst. Football Coach	A	4	\$5,034.00	7/1/18	6/30/19

11-402-100-100-01

- o. **Extended School Year (ESY) Programs 2018**

NOTE: Programs and staffing recommendations are made in order to remain in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 14 (Special Education Code).

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Preschool Disabled (PSD) Programs:

.....July 30th through August 2nd, Monday through Thursday only, 3 ½ hours per day
 • Aide: Appoint Joan Cutchis \$154.00

Secondary Learning/Language Disabled (LLD) Program

.....July 2nd through August 9th, Monday through Thursday, 1 hour per day
 • Teacher: Adjust Loren Turner \$840.00

11-000-219-110-01

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

Student Name	School Year	University	Experience	School	Cooperating Staff Member
Jacqueline Henderson	2018-2019	Rowan University	Practicum	Middle School	Ms. Beere
Christopher Cantisano	2018-2018	William Paterson University	Student Teaching	Middle School	Mr. Campagna
Michael Kovach	2018-2019	Roxbury High School	Classroom Observations	Tulsa Trail	
Eika Vaughn	2018-2019	Mercy College	Fieldwork	District Wide	Ms. Hutchinson

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

Motion to approve Personnel 13a – 13q is made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Ms. Trumpore:

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

Personnel items 13a – 13q, passed.

14. STUDENTS & SERVICES

Approval of the following Students and Services items, **14a-14f**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Curriculum/Technology/Special Education Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval for the following three students from our district to receive educational services provided by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2018/2019 school year, effective September 1, 2018. Services will be based upon the student's previous assessment, functional vision, educational needs and skill development. Reimbursement shall be in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education.

Student No. 412016	\$1,900	Level 1
Student No. 408019	\$1,900	Level 1
Student No. 413052	\$1,900	Level 1

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- b. Approval for home instruction services for **Student No. 11552** for a total of 8 hours. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour, effective June 12, 2018.
- c. Approval for educational instruction services for **Student No. 11834** for up to 5 hours per week beginning June 20, 2018. Instruction will be provided by St. Clare’s Hospital at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
- d. Approval for educational instruction services for **Student No. 14185** for up to 5 hours per week beginning June 11, 2018. Instruction will be provided by St. Clare’s Hospital at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
- e. Approval for an out of district placement at Tinc Road School for **Student No.13796**. The pro-rated tuition is approximately \$1,690.09.
- f. Approval of the field trip requests, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion to approve Students and Services 14a – 14f made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Mr. DiStefano:

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

Students & Services items 14a – 14f passed.

15. CURRICULUM –

Approval of the following items, **NONE**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Curriculum/Technology/Special Education Committee of the Board:

16. 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 \$2,602.83.
is made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Ms. Trumpore:**

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

Item 16, Travel passed.

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17. 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**:

<u>Policy#</u> NONE	<u>Title</u>
<u>Regulation#</u> R 2624 R 5420	<u>Title</u> <i>Grading System (New)</i> <i>Reporting Pupil Progress (Mandatory, Revised)</i>

- 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**:

<u>Policy #</u> P 5111 P 5533	<u>Title</u> <i>Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (Mandatory, Revised)</i> <i>Student Smoking (Mandatory, Revised)</i>
<u>Regulation #</u> None	<u>Title</u>

Motion to approve Policies and Regulations items 17a and 17b was made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Mr. DiStefano:

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

Policy and Legislation items 17a and 17b passed

18. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Approval of **Project Graduation** for the 2018/2019 school year, as an official board-affiliated organization, through which it will be covered under the district's liability insurance policies.
- b. Approval of the request by the Hopatcong High School for an extension of our current **Co-op Program for Ice Hockey and Bowling with Mount Olive High School** through the 2018-2019 School Year. Mount Olive will serve as the lead program for Ice Hockey while Hopatcong would be the lead program in Bowling. All appropriate paperwork will be submitted to NJSIAA after BOE approval on both the Mount Olive and Hopatcong school district's board agendas.
- c. **WHEREAS**, the Hopatcong Borough Schools, as deemed necessary, sends students to out of district private schools for students with disabilities ("PSSD"); and

WHEREAS, Youth Consultation Service, Inc. ("YCS") operates PSSDs at various locations in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, District students placed at YCS PSSDs receive meals meeting the nutritional requirements of the Child Nutrition Program that is administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, the KYCS meals provided are discounted and/or free to the District students attending YCS PSSDs ; and

WHEREAS, the District does not require YCS to charge District students for the meals being provided.

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED, the Hopatcong Board of Education resolves that it does not require YCS PSSDs to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals.

Motion to approve Resolutions 18a – 18c is made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Ms. Trumpore.

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

Resolution numbers 18a – 18c passed.

19. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, **19a – 19v**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- a. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for Special Education Routes for the 2017-18 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend 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 and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for Special Education Routes for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- d. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation contracts for **quoted** Special Education Routes to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- e. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for Athletic/Class/Field Trips for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- f. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation contracts for **quoted** Athletic/Class/Field Trips to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- g. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation bids submitted on June 25, 2018 for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

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- h. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation contracts to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company bidders for the June 25, 2018 bid for Routes for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- i. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **rejection** of student transportation bids for non-compliance issues or route terminations submitted on June 25, 2018 for Routes for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- j. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of Athletic transportation bids submitted on May 15, 2018 for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- k. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of Athletic transportation contracts to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company bidders on May 15, 2018 for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- l. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of Athletic transportation bids submitted on July 10, 2018 for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- m. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of Athletic transportation contracts to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company bidders on July 10, 2018 for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- n. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **rejection** of student transportation bids for non-compliance issues or route terminations submitted on July 10, 2018 for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- o. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** to renew 2017-18 Routes for the 2018-19 School Year at the State issued CPI increase of 1.51% as listed on Exhibit A.
- p. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of contract addendums for the 2018-19 Extended School Year Routes as listed on Exhibit A.
- q. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of Parental Contracts for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- r. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of Joint Transportation Agreements for the 2018-19 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- s. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of corrections to previously approved bids/quotes and/or contract numbers as listed on Exhibit A. (All quotes/bids were responsive and compliant in accordance with the specifications however; the corrections are necessary due to minor clerical/typographical errors to correct the board minutes for county approval of the contracts.)

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- t. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of the Hawthorne School District as a New Member of the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the 2018-19 School Year.
- u. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of the resignation, with regret, of Danielle Whritenour from her position as School Bus Driver for personal reasons effective August 9, 2018.
- v. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** to hire Melissa Martucci for the 2018-19 Extended Year for the position of Bus Aide for 5 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour effective July 2, 2018.

Ms. Jacobus made a motion to approve 19a – 19v, which was seconded by Ms. Trumpore:

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

Sussex Regional Cooperative items 19a – 19v passed.

20. BOARD OF EDUCATION - MEMBER COMMENTS

- Scott Francis – Thank you to all for coming. Gave personal history of move to Hopatcong; was told our schools were bad but has 3 children in the district who will graduate from Hopatcong. A lot going on in the district – need to have people run for the board that will think of students and not taxes.
- Erin Jacobus– Thanks to all for coming. Erin is liaison with the Municipal Alliance in town. They offer a lot, have a Facebook page, installed clothing collection bin, suicide training. Justin McCarthy’s Observatory was a great gift, many thanks to him. Attended HS and MS graduation ceremonies and they were fantastic; Write to Trenton and tell them your feeling regarding state aid cut to Hopatcong; 3 open seats on the Board for November vote; run for board – we have a very passionate town.
- Warren Gallagher – Missed MS graduation but was at HS. Does feel Community Relations committee should meet more with the public. Restructure of committees was good idea. Write Trenton regarding state aid cuts – we have to do this together or Hopatcong schools will disappear. Need a full time Superintendent.
- Phil DiStefano – Funding cut – we are in trouble. Write to governor. There will be more changes to public comment policy.
- Sarah Schindelar – Absent.
- Carol Trumpore – Agrees it is an emotional and sad time. There are a lot of things the board wants to do to make things better in this town. Missed graduations due to a personal emergency. Will continue to try and will work with the board. Thank you for coming.
- Candice Smith – Absent.
- Alex McLean - Absent
- Anthony Fasano – Congratulations to the Class of 2018. Please contact the board if you have questions, comments. You will see some changes in how this board operates. Thank you for coming and being part of this. Go Chiefs!

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21. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Jacobus, seconded by
Ms. Trumpore.**

All in favor

Time: 9: 11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary