

**HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
September 24, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on September 24, 2018 in the Hopatcong High School Cafeteria, 2A Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 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 September 24, 2018. Meeting was subsequently moved to the High School Cafeteria to accommodate the number of community members in attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Sarah Schindelar – attended via telephone

Also Present: Dr. Joanne Mullane, Acting Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary, Richard Bauch, 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 Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Jacobus.
The motion carried with all in favor Time: 7:15 p.m.

Board President Anthony Fasano apologizes for late meeting start due to mold remediation and school calendar discussion in Executive Session.

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. July 30, 2018 – Special Meeting – Executive Session
- b. July 30, 2018 – Special Meeting
- c. August 7, 2018 – Special Meeting: Personnel - Executive Session
- d. August 13, 2018 – Special Meeting: Personnel - Executive Session
- e. August 21, 2018 - Special Meeting: Superintendent Interviews – Executive Session
- f. August 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting - Executive Session
- g. August 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting

**Motion to approve Minutes 7a-7g was made by Mrs. Smith
and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:**

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Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes f, g Abstain a-e	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion to approve Finance 7a-7g passed.

8. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

The Hopatcong School Board, Acting Superintendent Dr. Joanne Mullane, and the Administration would like to welcome our new teachers, kindergarteners, new families to our district, and all returning staff and students to the 2018/2019 school year!

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

a. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Joanne Mullane, Acting Superintendent: Discussed Back to School Nights, Family Appreciation Night; The Hopatcong Music Department and students being used in advertisements. Honoring Jennifer Neu, Alison Ibaceta and Danielle Kovach November 9, 2018 in a Celebration of Excellence at the NJEA convention. Tracey Hensz and Christina Munoz applying for \$200,000 grant for Cinema Science.

**b. Presentations: Additional presentation added tonight:
Tracey Hensz, Principal of Durban Avenue School shows video of students interacting with the new School Resource Officer – Officer Michael Luciani**

1) **Servpro** – John Blehl – Mold remediation: Mr. Blehl shared that every room in the MS was affected. The library had the least damage due to air conditioning year round. HMX had 7 classrooms affected; TT 6 or 7; DA 2 classrooms; and the HS 2 classrooms. They used Benefect to clean which is safe but does leave an odor. Questions from members of the community included the determination of the cause of the mold. Mr. Blehl responded that the cause was this past summer: unprecedented high humidity and constant rain.

2) **PARCC Overview** – Dr. Olga Edgerton reviewed the Spring 2018 PAARC Assessment.

c. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent’s HIB Report for July, 2018 as presented to the Board at the August meeting on August 27, 2018. No HIB reports in August or September.

Dr. Mullane reported that there had been 2 incidents reported in July: one at HMX and one at TT; the TT incident was designated as an HIB.

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Trumpore to approve items 9a – 9c:

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

Motion to approve items 9a – 9c passed.

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10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Student Achievement – Community Relations, Curriculum, Personnel and Special Education:
Chairperson - Candice Smith – discussed their meeting held on 9/10 regarding Curriculum, Policy, Personnel, Community Relations; excitement for upcoming events; need for more communication.
- b. Operations – Finance, Facilities, Security and Transportation:
Chairperson - Alex McLean – discussed their meeting held on 9/17 during which the team from **ServPro** reported on their progress with mold remediation. Financials through 7/31/18 were discussed including Title I and Title II salaries and the Co-op.
- c. Negotiations: Chairperson - Sarah Schindelar – on hold pending Superintendent position.

**Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept 10a – 10c, seconded by Ms. Jacobus.
All in favor**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public discussed Dr. Mullane's term as Acting Superintendent and her presence in the schools during that time; concerns regarding teachers being notified if mold had been found in their classrooms; poor communication of mold crisis; concerns for potential policy violation by allowing PBA to hold Food Truck Festival on district property; some disapproval of Superintendent choice and the issuance of a 5 year contract; Facility Usage requirements too stringent for certain events; the exorbitant cost to send students OOD; Summer/seasonal custodial personnel cuts.

12. FINANCE

Approval of the following finance items, **12a-12h**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Operations Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of bills for the General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account, August 27, 2018 through September 24, 2018, in the following amount:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account	-	\$1,506,989.44
Cafeteria account		\$ 0.00

- b. Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of July, 2018.
- c. Approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of July, 2018.
- d. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2018.
- e. Approval for disposal of the following vehicle, bus 13 VIN number 1BAHBCPH7YF091300 (beyond repair).
- f. Approval by the Board for the transfer of funds from 2018-2019 Capital Reserve Account to General Fund in the amount of \$103,358.04 for the purpose of mold remediation expenses.
- g. Approval for the payment of mold remediation by Servpro in the amount of \$103,358.04.
- h. Approval to utilize the Title I Basic Skills Grant and the Title II A Grant for portions of teacher salaries as indicated below:

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Title I Basic Skills Full Year Teacher Salaries (Benefits Included)						
Staff member	18-19 Salary	% Grant	\$ Grant	% Local	\$ Local	Salary Total
Gambuzza, Jaime	\$ 69,915.00	25%	\$ 17,478.00	75%	\$ 52,437.00	\$ 69,915.45
Christiano, Stacey	\$ 93,385.00	25%	\$ 23,346.00	75%	\$ 70,039.00	\$ 93,385.10
Wolf, Hilary	\$ 74,215.00	75%	\$ 55,661.00	25%	\$ 18,554.00	\$ 74,215.10
Brennan, Kathleen	\$ 83,835.00	75%	\$ 62,876.00	25%	\$ 20,959.00	\$ 83,835.00
Sub Total	\$ 321,350.00		\$ 159,361.00		\$ 161,989.00	\$ 321,350.65
Benefits Required			\$ 49,600.00			
Grant Total			\$ 208,961.00			
Title II A Full Year Teacher Salary (Benefits Included)						
Staff member	18-19 Salary	% Grant	\$ Grant	% Local	\$ Local	Salary Total
McConnell, Allyson	\$ 67,365.00	45%	\$ 30,281.00	55%	\$ 37,084.00	\$ 67,365.00
Benefits Required			\$ 9,387.00			
Grant Total			\$ 39,668.00			

Motion was made by Mr. McLean and seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept 12a – 12h

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

Motion to approve Finance 12a – 12h passed.

13. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items, **13a – 13t**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. WHEREAS**, the Board desires to appoint Arthur DiBenedetto as Superintendent of Schools of the Hopatcong Public School District for the period of September 25, 2018 to June 30, 2023 pursuant to the terms and conditions of a contract entered into by and between the Board and Mr. DiBenedetto; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the Board and Mr. DiBenedetto has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent for Sussex County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. DiBenedetto is hereby appointed as Superintendent of Schools beginning on September 25, 2018 and subject to the terms and conditions of an employment contract and State law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the employment contract, previously approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for Sussex County, with Mr. DiBenedetto setting forth an initial annual salary of \$174,689.00.

- b. Approval of the employment of **Melissa Gordon Sant** as part time 0.5 Facilities Secretary, effective September 25, 2018, at the prorated salary of \$20,913.
- c. Acceptance of the resignation of **Karin Guard** from her position as a Paraprofessional at Tulsa Trail School, effective September 20, 2018.
- d. Approval of the employment of **Adrienne Bliebdry** 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 September 25, 2018.
11-216-100-106-01
- e. Approval of the employment of **Manal Kanaa** 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 September 25, 2018.
11-216-100-106-01
- f. Approval of the employment of **Margaret Davenport** 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 September 25, 2018.
11-216-100-106-01
- g. Approval of the employment of **Jennifer Fox** 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 September 25, 2018.
11-216-100-106-01
- h. Adjustment of the employment of **Kathryn Gallagher** as Middle School Mathematics Teacher at a pro-rated salary of \$63,033, salary guide level MA/Step 5, effective October 29, 2018 or sooner. This salary is based upon the 2017-2018 HEA Salary Guide and may change based upon the outcome of negotiations.
11-130-100-101-01
- i. Approval of the employment of **George Kately** as Safety/Attendance Officer for the Hopatcong School District for the 2018-2019 school year, at a pro-rated salary of \$32,000 per year, effective July 1, 2018 until such time that his employment begins with the Hopatcong Police Department.
11-000-266-100-01
- j. Approval of the following **transfer recommendation** effective August 27, 2018:

Name	Transfer From	Transfer To
Donna Annett	Facilities Secretary	Child Study Team Secretary

- k. Approval of the employment of **Josh Aiello** as a Custodian in the Hopatcong Borough School District, at an annual salary of \$39,937 based upon Step 1 of the Custodial Salary Guide, effective September 25, 2018.
11-000-262-100-01

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- i. Approval of the following 2018-2019 Advisors for the Hopatcong Middle School:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary	Date Effective	Date Terminated
Mike Sickles	Rescind	MS Drama Club	E	3	\$1224.00	9/1/18	6/30/19

11-401-100-100-01-02

- m. Approval of the following as Athletic Event Staff Members for 2018-2019 athletic events, to be paid at the Board Approved rate of pay per position:

Linda Tappen	Marilyn Volpe	Rocco Passerini
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- n. Approval of **Lana Robertson** to provide clerical assistance at Durban Avenue School for the period of August 27, 2018 to September 13, 2018, at her regular negotiated hourly rate of pay.

11-190-106-01-02

- o. Approval of the following Guidance Counselors for emergency hours on September 11 and 12, 2018 at a rate of \$35.00 per hour for no more than 6 hours per day:

Danielle Manisa **Jacqueline Tillson**

11-140-100-101-01-02

- p. Approval of the following for the Extra Duty/Extra Pay positions for the 2018-2019 school year at the Hopatcong High School, on an as needed basis:

Central Detention \$20.00 per hour	Long Central Detention \$100.00 per day	Saturday Detention \$100.00 per day	Homework Club \$28.00 per hour
Kathy LaRosa	Stephanie Martinez	Stephanie Martinez	Kathy LaRosa
Stephanie Martinez	Sharon Haggerty	Lisa Kenny	Stephanie Martinez
Sharon Haggerty	Ken Olsen	Ken Olsen	Sharon Haggerty
Lisa Kenny	Linda Padula	Dominick Spuckes	Lisa Kenny
Ken Olsen	James Marino	James Marino	Ken Olsen
Linda Padula	James McDonald	James McDonald	Linda Padula
Dominick Spuckes	Heather DelBagno	Heather DelBagno	James Marino
James Marino	Michael Juskus		James McDonald
James McDonald			Heather DelBagno
Heather DelBagno			Julie Wilson
Julie Wilson			

11-401-100-100-01-02

- q. Approval of the following for the Extra Duty/Extra Pay positions for the 2018-2019 school year at the Hopatcong Middle School, on an as needed basis:

Detention \$20.00 per hour	Homework Club \$28.00 per hour
Eric Shramko	Eric Shramko
Jacqueline Tillson	Jacqueline Tillson
Craig Vallaro	Craig Vallaro
	Joanne Canizaro

11-401-100-100-01-02

- r. Amendment of all previously approved Facilitator positions to reflect the stipend amount of \$6,367. This salary is based upon the 2017-2018 HEA Salary Guide and may change based upon the outcome of negotiations.

11-000-221-176-01

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- s. Approval for the following Education students to conduct a field experience in the Hopatcong School District:

Student Name	School Year	University	Experience	School	Cooperating Staff Member
Eryn Ammiano	2018-2019	Centenary University	Practicum	District Wide	Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Takacs

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

Discussion among board members regarding separating the vote for appointment of Superintendent of Schools 13a, from the vote for 13b – 13t.

Motion to approve Personnel 13a is made by Dr. Schindelar and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

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

Personnel item 13a passed.

Motion to approve Personnel 13b – 13t is made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

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

Personnel items 13b – 13t passed.

14. STUDENTS & SERVICES

Approval of the following items, **14a – 14f**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval to continue to use all Hopatcong Certificated Staff as home instruction tutors for the 2018/2019 school year at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour on an as needed basis.
- b. Approval of the following list of out of district students for the 2018/2019 school year:

STDT #	SCHOOL	LOCATION	ANNUAL TUITION	E/S	TOTAL AMT.
13566	Calais School	Private	\$63,189.00	\$0.00	\$63,189.00
13566	Harbor Haven (ESY)	Private	\$9,050.00	\$0.00	\$9,050.00
14259	Chapel Hill	Private	\$38,325.00	\$0.00	\$38,325.00
11327	DCCF/Celebrate the Children	Private	\$77,035.00	\$29,295.00	\$106,330.00
13700	DCCF/Celebrate the Children	Private	\$77,035.00	\$0.00	\$77,035.00
411931	DCCF/Celebrate the Children	Private	\$77,035.00	\$29,295.00	\$106,330.00
406919	Lakeland Andover	Private	\$55,800.00	\$0.00	\$55,800.00
14030	Lakeland Andover	Private	\$55,800.00	\$0.00	\$55,800.00

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11942	Midland School	Private	\$69,094.20	\$0.00	\$69,094.20
14259	Morris County Vo—Tech	Public	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
999009	Mt. Lakes Board of Education	Public	\$74,970.00	\$0.00	\$74,970.00
14189	Mt. Olive Twp. Schools Chester Steph	Public	\$49,302.90	\$51,125.20	\$100,428.10
13796	Mt. Olive Twp. Schools Mt. View Elem.	Public	\$42,691.90	\$0.00	\$42,691.90
411965	New Beginnings	Private	\$76,071.96	\$41,988.00	\$118,059.96
999992	PG Chambers	Private	\$74,953.80	\$0.00	\$74,953.80
12591	Roxbury Twp. Schools/High School	Public	\$53,907.00	\$3,445.00	\$57,352.00
11116	Roxbury Twp. Schools/High School	Public	\$45,079.74	\$0.00	\$45,079.74
11702	Roxbury Twp. Schools/High School	Public	\$45,079.74	\$0.00	\$45,079.74
13821	Roxbury Twp. Schools/High School	Public	\$44,063.34	\$0.00	\$44,063.34
11837	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$58,409.00	\$15,756.50	\$74,165.50
413091	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$58,409.00	\$15,757.50	\$74,166.50
13516	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$58,409.00	\$0.00	\$58,409.00
13935	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$63,495.00	\$34,578.22	\$98,073.22
411988	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$58,409.00	\$15,756.50	\$74,165.50
13944	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$48,873.00	\$0.00	\$48,873.00
13160	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$66,303.00	\$31,513.00	\$97,816.00
13542	SCESC-Northern Hills Academy	Public	\$57,451.00	\$15,756.50	\$73,207.50
11953	Shepard Prep High School	Private	\$61,382.35	\$0.00	\$61,382.35
11933	Shepard Prep High School	Private	\$52,736.90	\$0.00	\$52,736.90
411922	The Windsor School	Private	\$74,550.00	\$0.00	\$74,550.00
13763	Windsor Learning Center	Private	\$65,100.00	\$0.00	\$65,100.00
412021	YCS – George Washington	Private	\$61,898.76	\$0.00	\$61,898.76
TOTAL			\$1,821,409.59	\$281,278.42	\$2,102,688.01

- c.** Approval for the following student 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 # 14201 \$1,900.00 Level 1

- d.** Approval for home instruction services for **Student # 11837** for 10 hours per week. Instruction will be provided by SCESC at the rate of \$44.00 per hour plus mileage and a 3% administrative fee. The effective date is July 26, 2018.

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- e. Approval for contract for conducting Post-School Outcomes Survey of Student with Disabilities, Cohort II: 2016-2017 Student Exiters.
- f. Approval of the field trip requests, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

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

Students and Services items 14a – 14f passed.

15. CURRICULUM

Approval of the following items, **15a – 15d**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Mathematics Curriculum Grades K – 5.
- b. Science Curriculum Grade 6.
- c. Approval to submit to the Sussex County Office of the New Jersey Department of Education for a group size waiver for a pull-out resource center language arts class – grade 8.
- d. Approval to submit to the Sussex County Office of the New Jersey Department of Education for a group size waiver for a pull-out resource center math class – grade 8.

Motion to approve Curriculum items 15a – 15d is made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

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

Curriculum items 15a – 15d passed.

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 \$5,083.99.
is made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:**

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	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> P 5561	<u>Title</u> Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Student with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
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<u>Regulation #</u> R 5561	<u>Title</u> Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Student with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
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- 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 0155 P 0164 P 0167 P 1613 P 2431 P 2431.8	<u>Title</u> Board Committees (Revised) Conduct of Board Meeting (Revised) Public Participation in Board Meetings (Revised) Disclosure and Review of Applicant’s Employment History (M) (Revised) Athletic Competition (M) (Revised) Varsity Letters for Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities (M) (New)
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<u>Regulation #</u> R 1613 R 2431.2	<u>Title</u> Disclosure and Review of Applicant’s Employment History (M) (Revised) Medical Examination Prior to Participation on a School-Sponsored Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad (M) (Revised)
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Motion to approve Policies and Regulations items 17a and 17b was made by Mr. DiStefano and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Philip DiStefano	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes No P0164, P 0167	Alex McLean	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Policy and Legislation items 17a and 17b passed

18. CALENDAR

- a. Approval of the Revised 180 day School Calendar for the 2018/2019 school year:

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September	17	Monday	Teacher In-Service	
	18	Tuesday	Schools Re-Opens for Students	9 Days
October	8	Monday	Early Dismissal Students/Teacher In-Service	23 Days
November	8	Thursday	NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)	
	9	Friday	NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)	
	21	Wednesday	Early Dismissal	
	22 & 23	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Recess (District Closed)	18 Days
December	21	Friday	Early Dismissal	
	24 - 31	Monday-Monday	Holiday Recess (District Closed)	15 Days
January 2019	1	Tuesday	New Year's Day (District Closed)	
	2	Wednesday	School Resumes	
	21	Monday	Early Dismissal Students/Teacher In-Service	22 Days
February				20 Days
March	11	Monday	Early Dismissal Students/Teacher In-Service	21 Days
April	19-26	Friday - Friday	Spring Recess (Schools Closed)	16 Days
May	27	Monday	Memorial Day (District Closed)	22 Days
June	18	Tuesday	Early Dismissal Students/ Teacher In-Service	
	19	Wednesday	Early Dismissal Students/Teacher In-Service	
	20	Thursday	Early Dismissal/Last Day for Students	<u>14 Days</u>
				180 Days

Ms. Jacobus made a motion to approve 18a, which was seconded by Ms. Trumppore:

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

Calendar item 18a passed.

19. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, **191 –193m**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Operations Committee of the Board.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative/Hopatcong Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as SCRTC/Hopatcong, approve a Professional Service Agreement for assistance with the completion and submission of the District Report of Transported Students (DRTRS) with the Morris Hills Board of Education. SCRTC will provide services to Morris Hills Board of Education as described in the agreement. This agreement shall be effective September 24, 2018.

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2. Approval of bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for August 28, 2018 through September 24, 2018, in the amount of \$84,839.73 for Bus Contractors and \$41,477.70 for Regular Bills.
3. a. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for **Special Education Routes** for the **2018-19 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 **2018-19 Extended School Year** as listed on Exhibit A.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **Bids submitted on August 14, 2018** 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 to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company **Bidders for the August 14, 2108 bid for Routes for the 2018-19 School Year** as listed on Exhibit A.
- g. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **rejection** of student transportation bids for non-compliance issues or route terminations submitted on August 14, 2018 for Routes for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- h. 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.
- i. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of contract **addendums for the 2018-19 School Year Routes** as listed on Exhibit A.
- j. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of corrections** to previously approved quotes as listed on Exhibit A. (The quotes were responsive and compliant in accordance with the specifications. However, the corrections are necessary due to clerical errors to correct the board minutes for county approval of the contracts.)
- k. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to renew 2017-18 Trips for the 2018-19 School Year** at the State issued CPI increase of 1.51% as listed on Exhibit A.

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- l. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of 1 New School District**, Fairfield Board of Education, as a **New Member** of the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for the 2018-19 School Year.
- m. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of the following **Bus Drivers and Bus Aides Hours Per Day** for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Last Name	First Name	2018-2019 Hours Per Day
Arnone	Tracey	6
Camacho	Maria	6
Dennis	Kelly	6.5
Dolan	Christopher	7
Fox	Jennifer	6
Gould	Theresa	6.5
Harrison	Lori	7
Hashagen	Barbara	6.5
Hompesch	Christine	5
Jones	Jaime	7.5
Judkins	Paula	7
Kriscunas	Mary	6.5
Leach	Joan	6.5
Marshall	Joan	7.5
McGrath	Tina	7
Modafferi	Leesa	6
Moss	Lorraine	5.75
Padgett	Dawn	6
Pollison	Sara	6
Reynolds	Hillary	6
Ridner	Deborah	6.5
Ridner	Garry	6.5
Urban	Michelle	6
Van Horn	Bobbie	7.5

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Mr. McLean made a motion to approve 191 – 193m, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith:

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

Sussex County Regional Cooperative items 191 – 193m passed.

20. BOARD OF EDUCATION - MEMBER COMMENTS

Board President, Anthony Fasano responds to questions posed by community during Public Comments:

- * **Communication regarding mold crisis – When we had information to share we would send out a notification. We will try to be more forthcoming in the future.**
- * **Facility usage - We were told by Fire Marshal that insurance COI and Fire permit were needed every time. That process will be verified.**
- * **OOD students – We will make it a priority to investigate how to offer those programs in district.**
- * **Summer Seasonal and summer cleaning schedule – we will revisit process for getting schools ready during the summer to ensure mold does not happen again.**

**Anthony offers opportunity for our new Superintendent, Mr. Art DiBenedetto to speak.
Motion made by Mr. Fasano, seconded by Mrs. Smith.
All in favor**

Superintendent DiBenedetto addresses audience:

Mr. DiBenedetto respects what everyone has said here. He is honored to be standing here and will work with dignity and honor. We will be starting programs to bring OOD students back into the district. Looks forward to serving this community with all his heart.

- Carol Trumppore – Thank you for your passion and staying through the meeting. And thank you to Dr. Mullane; she has done a wonderful job with Camp Innovate. Addresses Mr. DiBenedetto and says she hopes that he will help the administration make our district become what we were meant to be. Thank you to the Police Officers on duty tonight.
- Warren Gallagher – Mold is fixed. Has no further concerns. Matt Geary did a phenomenal job. Thank you to Dr. Mullane and good luck to Mr. DiBenedetto. Mr. Gallagher loves Hopatcong!
- Scott Francis – This guy deserves a chance. Spend some time with him. People come to these meetings and say things that aren't true. The children, principals, teachers, custodians and district deserve your support.
- Erin Jacobus – Thank you to ServPro and to Dr. Mullane for her service to the district. Welcome to Mr. DiBenedetto.
- Candice Smith – You don't know what you are missing if you have never been to a football game. We have wonderful grant writers. Teachers had one day to put their classrooms together. Thank you to Dr. Mullane for once again going above and beyond. Picking a new Superintendent was a huge decision and we have done our work. Looks forward to working with Mr. DiBenedetto.
- Phil DiStefano – Looks forward to working with Mr. DiBenedetto as his 45 years of experience will be very valuable to us. Our buildings are amazingly maintained. Will be discussing Citizens Council at the next committee meeting. Thank you to Dr. Mullane.

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- Alex McLean – Thanks to Joanne Mullane for stepping in again and going above and beyond. ServPro noticed the incredible jobs our custodial and maintenance staff do. Looks forward to working with Mr. DiBenedetto.
- Sarah Schindelar – No comment
- Anthony Fasano – This district is the biggest employer in this town. Every decision the board makes is for the advancement of our 1500 students. Not sure why people think the board is split. Congratulations to Mr. DiBenedetto.

21. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor

Time: 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary