

**HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES**

January 28, 2019

5:30 p.m. (Administration Building Room 41 - Open the meeting and enter Executive Session)

7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting room - Public Session)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on January 28, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room, Administration Building, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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 email that this Board of Education Regular meeting will take place in the Hopatcong Board of Education Meeting Room, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ, at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2019.

4. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Anthony Fasano, President
Mr. Scott Francis
Ms. Erin Jacobus
Mr. Warren Gallagher
Ms. Michele Perrotti
Dr. Sarah Schindelar
Mrs. Candice Smith
Ms. Carol Trumppore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Alex McLean, Vice President

Also Present: Mr. Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary, Mr. 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 Dr. Schindelar. The motion carried with all in favor Time: 7:10 p.m.

7. **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION**

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

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

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

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

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2019 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

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

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

Motion to approve Resolution to Recognize our School Board was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Trumpore:

All in favor Yes

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- a. December 17, 2018 – Executive Session
- b. December 17, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- c. January 2, 2019 - Reorganization Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes 8a - 8c was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes	Erin Jacobus	Yes
Alex McLean	ABSENT	Michele Perrotti	Yes c. ABSTAIN a & b	Sarah Schindelar	Yes a & b ABSTAIN c
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion to approve Minutes passed.

9. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School’s Students of the Month** for their outstanding performance in January, 2019:

Anthony Marinaro, Senior	Scholastics (Probability & Statistics)
Jennifer Coulman, Senior	Scholastics (AP Calculus BC)
Alexandra Waal, Junior	Specialty Area (Art 1)
Lily Christiana, Junior	Specialty Area (AP Studio Art Portfolio)

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- b. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School’s Scholar Athletes of the Month** for their outstanding performance in January 2019:

Ryan Latella, Senior Athletics (Boys Basketball)
Christy Brennan, Freshman Athletics (Girls Basketball)

- c. Congratulations to the following teachers and educational support staff members who have been named **2018-19 Governor’s Teacher and Educational Services Professional Recipients of the year**:

Hudson Maxim School

Teacher of the Year: **Dayna Monro**

Educational Services Professional of the Year: **Stacey Montefusco**

Tulsa Trail School

Teacher of the Year: **Donna Cerrato**

Educational Services Professional of the Year: **Stacey Christiano**

Durban Avenue School

Teacher of the Year: **Kimberly Boucher**

Educational Services Professional of the Year: **Melissa Ferrer**

Hopatcong Middle School

Teacher of the Year: **Barbara Parichuk**

Educational Services Professional of the Year: **Barbara Beere**

Hopatcong High School

Teacher of the Year: **Michael Juskus**

Educational Services Professional of the Year: **Matt McKowen**

Motion to accept Acknowledgments 9a-9c was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Perrotti.

All in favor Yes

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent’s Report – **Mr. Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent of Schools reported that Teresa Turnage (Trombone) and Jennifer Coulman (Trumpet) made All Area Band – congratulations to them both; Sees teachers and support staff working on behalf of the children of this district; as far as the closing of Hudson Maxim, Mr. DiBenedetto was fearful that the steam delivery system would fail or there could be an incident that might harm the children. With the help of this community, we did what few districts could do in moving Hudson Maxim School in four days.**
- b. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent’s HIB Report for December 2018, as presented to the Board at the December meeting on December 17, 2018. Approval of the HIB report for January, 2019 for first reading and review.

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Schindelar to approve items 10a – 10b:

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

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Motion to approve items 10a – 10b passed.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Student Achievement – Community Relations, Curriculum, Personnel and Special Education:
Chairperson - Candice Smith – Met on 1/14/19. Everything discussed is on agenda for approval.
- b. Operations – Finance, Facilities, Security and Transportation:
Chairperson - Alex McLean (absent) Vice Chairperson Scott Francis – Co-op is doing fine; discussed personnel matters that will affect budget.
- c. Negotiations - Chairperson - Sarah Schindelar – Were scheduled to meet on 12/20; filed for impasse; waiting for mediation in about 2 weeks.
- d. Parent/Teacher Organization Representatives – Wendy Sutton – Don't forget Frank's Pizza for heart shaped pizzas for Valentine's Day.

**Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept 11a – 11d, seconded by Dr. Schindelar.
All in favor**

Board President Anthony Fasano, inserts Addendums a – d into tonight's agenda with an adjustment to Addendum b. –

**ADDENDUM
January 28, 2019**

- a. It is recommended by the superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Whereas the school district is facing a 1.1 million dollar cut in state aid;

And whereas the district has previously cut teaching positions to deal with state aid reduction;

And whereas the district administrative cost per pupil is \$514 per student above administrative costs for similar districts;

Be it resolved that the board approve reorganization of the district administrative team abolishing the Director of Pupil Personnel Services position, Mrs. Walker; the Director of STEAM position, Dr. Edgerton and the Director of Humanities position, Dr. Mullane.

Be it further resolved that the Hopatcong Board of Education create the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools as an alternative to the three positions listed above. It is understood that properly certified administrators listed above can apply for the new position.

- b. It is recommended by the superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Whereas the school district is facing a 1.1 million dollar cut in state aid;

And whereas the district must put forth improvements at Hopatcong High School so as to be on a competitive level with neighboring schools;

Be it resolved that the board approve the firm of Porzio Bromberg and Newman, P.C. create required bid specs for the sale of board property currently housing a cell tower leased by SBA.

Furthermore it is required that the bid specs include a minimum bid of \$1,750,000, free services to the school district for cell use and additional payment for legal and related costs to the district.

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ADDENDUM b. REVISED BY ATTORNEY DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- b. It is recommended by the superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the following resolution:**

Whereas the school district is facing a 1.1 million dollar cut in state aid;

And whereas the district must put forth improvements at HHS so as to be on a competitive level with neighboring schools;

Be it resolved that the board approve the firm of Porzio Bromberg and Newman P.C. create required bid specs for the sale of the Board's interest as landlord under that certain ground lease with SBA communications, as Tenant, regarding a parcel of land more particularly described in the ground lease together with easement rights in and to the parcel of land described in said ground lease.

Furthermore it is required that the bid specs include a minimum bid of \$1,750,000, free services to the school district for cell use and additional payment for legal and related costs to the district.

- c. Whereas the district has arranged for a cooperative venture with Rutgers University, pending BOE approval;**

And whereas this arrangement evolved out of the North Jersey Health Collaborative;

And whereas the Rutgers University School of Nursing has arranged to have nursing students visit numerous Sussex County districts for the purpose of establishing Wellness Committees to deal with the topic of obesity;

Therefore be it resolved that the board approve the visits of Rutgers University Nursing students, all of whom have gone through background checks successfully, on the following dates 3/12, 3/26, 4/9 and 4/16, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- d. Approval for the following education student to conduct a field experience in the Hopatcong School District during the Spring 2019 semester:**

Student Name	University	Experience	School	Cooperating Staff Member
Janice Hero	Grand Canyon University	Student Teacher	Tulsa Trail	Mrs. Pappas

Motion to approve Addendum a, b, c, d was made by Dr. Schindelar and seconded by Ms. Perrotti:

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

Addendums a, b, c, d were approved.

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Mr. Gallagher submits that the only reason he voted “yes” on addendum a. was because of the state budget cuts and the feeling that the board was being forced to do so.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public and staff discussed the emergency closing of Hudson Maxim school and the move to the High School and Middle School within 4 days. Katherine McFadden, the HMX principal applauded the maintenance and custodial crews for their efforts in making the move possible. She had never seen a group come together along with the staff and community to ensure a move like this happened so swiftly. Mrs. McFadden also thanked the Board for their support. Patty Houterman spoke on behalf of the custodial and maintenance staff to thank Frank’s Pizza, The Grotto and Knot Just Pizza for the donation of pizzas. Other staff members also thanked the community for all their assistance and support with the HMX move.

13. FINANCE

Approval of the following finance items, **13a-13f**, 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, December 17, 2018 through January 28, 2019, in the following amounts:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account	-	\$2,607,397.30
Cafeteria account	-	\$ 51,137.63

- b. Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of November 2018.
- c. Approval of the Board Secretary’s Report for the month of November 2018.
- d. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2018.
- e. Approval of the designation of Carolyn B. Joseph, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O).
- f. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the placement of Recycling Bins (5’ x 5’ x 6’) at each school location by the L Foundation and the district to receive a monthly payment of \$100 per month per bin.

Motion was made by Mrs.Smith and seconded by Dr. Schindelar to approve Finance 13a – 13f:

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

Motion to approve Finance 13a – 13f was approved.

14. PERSONNEL

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

- a. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Lucian Costanzo** from his position as Music Teacher in the Hopatcong School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Costanzo has served the district for 33 years. *11-120-100-101-01*
- b. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Linda Ellicott** from her position as Mathematics Teacher at Hopatcong High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2019. Mrs. Ellicott has served the district for 32 years. *11-140-100-101-01*
- c. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Michael Juskus** from his position as Industrial Arts Teacher at Hopatcong High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Juskus has served the district for 37 years. *11-140-100-101-01*

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- d. Acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of **Ruth Katona** from her position as Speech/Language Specialist at Hopatcong School District, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2019. Ms. Katona has served the district for 30 years. *11-000-216-100-01-*
- e. Acceptance of the resignation of **Kimberly Clark** from her position as Paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, effective January 9, 2019. *11-212-100-106-01*
- f. Approval of the employment of **Hugh Heagney**, as Mathematics Teacher at the Hopatcong High School, at an annual salary of \$89,885 based upon the Salary Guide Level MA/Step 15, effective January 10, 2019. This salary is based upon the 2017-2018 HEA Salary Guide and may change based upon the outcome of negotiations. *11-140-100-101-01*
- g. Approval of the employment of **Brian DeBoer** as Durban Avenue Grade 4 Long Term Substitute Teacher at the salary of \$110.00 per day, effective January 10, 2019 through March 6, 2019. Effective March 7, 2019, salary will be \$66,133, prorated, based upon Level MA+30/Step 3, through April 15, 2019 or until such time that the regular teacher returns from a Medical Leave of Absence. *11-130-100-101-02*
- h. Approval of the employment of **Rebecca Tooker** as Hudson Maxim Grade 1 Long Term Substitute Teacher at the salary of \$110.00 per day, effective February 7, 2019 through April 3, 2019. Effective April 4, 2019, salary will be \$55,783, prorated, based upon Level BA/Step 3, through June 30, 2019. *11-130-100-101-02*
- i. Approval of the employment of **Matthew Shaw** as a paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, as a rate of \$11.00 per hour, plus \$1.00 differential for toileting if applicable, effective January 29, 2019. *11-204-100-106-01*
- j. Approval of the employment of **Nicole Gerena** as a paraprofessional in the Hopatcong School District, as a rate of \$11.00 per hour, plus \$1.00 differential for toileting if applicable, effective January 29, 2019. *11-212-100-106-01*
- k. Approval of the employment of **Jamie Douglas** as Lunch Duty teacher at Tulsa Trail School at the stipend rate of \$2,850 for the 2018-2019 school year. *11-401-100-100-01-02*
- l. Approval of the request of **Dana DeMetro** for a Maternity Leave of Absence from her position as a Grade 1 Teacher of 40 Sick Days during the period of February 11, 2019 to April 5, 2019, followed by New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence for the period of April 8, 2019 to June 30, 2019. *11-120-100-101-01*
- m. Approval of the request of **Ashley Miller** to extend her Maternity Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence, from her position as a Special Education Teacher to include the period from March 16, 2019 to April 18, 2019.
- n. Approval of the request of **Jill Mortenson** to extend her Maternity Leave of Absence/New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence, from her position as a Physical Education Teacher to include the period from February 2, 2019 to September 2, 2019.
- o. Approval of the transfer of **Kurt Mueller** from his position as Paraprofessional at Durban Avenue School to the position of Paraprofessional at Hopatcong Middle School, effective January 3, 2019.
- p. Approval for the following education students to conduct a field experience in the Hopatcong School District during the 2018-2019 school year:

Student Name	Semester	University	Experience	School	Cooperating Staff Member
Danbi Kim	Winter, Spring, Fall 2019	William Paterson University	Student Teacher	District Wide	Mrs. Villani Ms. Douglas

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Victoria Waleck	Spring 2019	Caldwell University	Observation	DA, MS, HS	Mr. Kulik, Mr. Debos, Mr. Rischawy
Hebah Arain	Spring 2019	Rutgers University School of Nursing	Clinical Rotation	District Wide	District Nurses
Seojin Chang	Spring 2019	Rutgers University School of Nursing	Clinical Rotation	District Wide	District Nurses
Kristina Lopez	Spring 2019	Rutgers University School of Nursing	Clinical Rotation	District Wide	District Nurses
Kathleen Mislang	Spring 2019	Rutgers University School of Nursing	Clinical Rotation	District Wide	District Nurses
Samira Yeasmin	Spring 2019	Rutgers University School of Nursing	Clinical Rotation	District Wide	District Nurses
Damu Sherpa	Spring 2019	Rutgers University School of Nursing	Clinical Rotation	District Wide	District Nurses

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jacobus to approve Personnel 14a – 14q:

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

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Personnel items 14a – 14q were approved.

Mrs. Smith thanked the teachers who are retiring and who have served our district honorably for decades. Dr. Schindelar added that every staff member who leaves is a loss deeply felt.

15. STUDENTS & SERVICES

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

- a. Approval for home instruction services for Student No. 13794 for 1 hour per week. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour starting January 2019.
- b. Approval for home instruction services to be extended to January 22, 2019 for Student No. 10985 for 5 hours per week. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- c. Approval for educational instruction services for Student No. 411972 for up to 5 hours per week beginning January 4, 2019. Instruction will be provided by Saint Clare’s Hospital at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
- d. Approval for home instruction services for Student No. 14244 for 5 hours per week. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective January 8, 2019 through March 31, 2019.
- e. Approval of field trip requests, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion to approve Students and Services, 15a – 15e was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

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

Students and Services items 15a – 15e were approved.

16. CURRICULUM

Approval of the following items, **NONE** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

17. TRAVEL

Resolved, that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve travel costs as related in this resolution, which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee’s current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with the state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1. seq.

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Motion to approve Travel in the amount of \$1,704.35 was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

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

Item 17. Travel was approved.

18. POLICIES & REGULATIONS

- a. Approval of modifications and additions to the policies and regulations of the Hopatcong Board of Education in accordance with statutory and regulatory changes for approval, as revised, for **FIRST READING:**

<u>Policy#</u> NONE	<u>Title</u>
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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 5460	<u>Title</u> High School Graduation (Community Service Requirement)(M)(Revised)
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Motion to approve Policies and Regulations item 18b was made by Ms. Jacobus and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes	Erin Jacobus	Yes
Alex McLean	ABSENT	Michele Perrotti	ABSTAIN	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Policy and Regulation item 18b was approved.

19. RESOLUTION

Approval of the *2018-19 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (MOA)* in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b)13 through 14 as provided by the NJ Attorney General and NJ Commissioner of Education.

Ms. Jacobus made a motion to approve Item 19, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith:

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

The Board approved the 2018-19 MOA Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

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20. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, **20a –20g9**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Operations Committee of the Board:

The attorney made a revision to the last two paragraphs of the Resolution item a. (see strikethrough followed by bold revision:

a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative/Hopatcong Board of Education, approve the following resolution to disqualify, New Camden Community Development (“New Camden”) as a bidder for an indefinite period of time:

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4* allows the Hopatcong Board of Education (“Board”) to disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the Board finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder within the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4* defines prior negative experience as, among other things, the bidder defaulting on a contract that required the Board to utilize the services of another contractor to perform the services or to complete the contract; and

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the Board, through the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative (“SCRTC”), contracted with New Camden Community Development (“New Camden”) to provide transportation services; and

WHEREAS, New Camden defaulted on the contract with the Board by not employing properly licensed drivers and other failures under the bid specifications of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board provided New Camden with written notice that: (1) the Board is considering disqualifying New Camden; (2) the reasons for disqualification; and (3) that New Camden has the right to a hearing before the Board; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the reasons for the disqualification outlined in the written notice provided to New Camden, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Hopatcong School District and SCRTC to disqualify New Camden from being awarded future contracts with the Board or SCRTC, ~~indefinitely~~ **for a period of five years**; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, after due consideration and for the reasons set forth above, the Board finds that New Camden Community Development is hereby disqualified from being awarded contracts with the Board or SCRTC, ~~indefinitely~~ **for a period of five years**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4*.

**Mr. Fasano made a motion to approve the revision to 20a, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith:
All in favor – Yes
Motion to approve revision to Resolution passed.**

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Mrs. Smith made the motion to approve the revised Resolution 20a, which was seconded by Jacobus:

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Alex McLean	ABSENT	Michele Perrotti	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Resolution 20a was approved.

- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of bills** for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for December 18, 2018 through January 28, 2019, in the amount of \$3,021,338.45 for Bus Contractors and \$27,600.85 for Regular bills.

- c. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to change the daily hours** for the following bus drivers/bus aides effective February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019:

Tina McGrath, Driver	8 hours per day (increase of 1 hour/day)
Kelly Dennis, Driver	7.5 hours per day (increase of .5 hour/day)
Theresa Gould, Bus Aide	7 hours per day (increase of .5 hour/day)

- d. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of a stipend** for additional responsibilities retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as follows:

Endora Molisso – 5 additional Districts	\$2,400.00
Dana Jones – 5 additional Districts	\$2,400.00

- e. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to contract** with Accountemps, a temporary employment agency, for specific job assignments as needed.

- f. 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 28th-29th, 2019. 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 \$2,552.00 for the following staff: Shannon Wilson, Kathy Schwab, Diane Scanlon, Mary Anne Roe, and Marisa Broesder.

- g.
 1. 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.
 2. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation **quotations** for **Special Education Routes** for the **2018-19 School Year** as listed on Exhibit A.
 3. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** 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.

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4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance of contract for the 2018-19 ESY Routes** as listed on Exhibit A.
7. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of 2017-2018 routes be renewed for the 2018-19 School Year** at or below the state issued CPI increase of 1.51% as listed on Exhibit A.
8. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of a **revision** to a previously approved quoted route as listed on Exhibit A. (All quotes were responsive and compliant in accordance with the specifications.)
9. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of a **Joint Transportation Agreement** with Vernon Township Board of Education for the 2018-19 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve 20b – 20g9, which was seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

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

Sussex County Regional Cooperative items 20a – 20g9 passed.

Superintendent DiBenedetto added another personnel item to the agenda as follows:

ADDENDUM E:

As per the Board of Education and the Hopatcong Office Personnel Association contract, Mrs. Stacey Yanko is deserving of longevity back-pay in the following amounts:

- \$575.00
- \$575.00
- \$1000.00

Ms. Jacobus made a motion to approve Addendum E. which was seconded by Mrs. Smith:

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

Addendum E. was approved.

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21. BOARD OF EDUCATION - MEMBER COMMENTS

- Michele Perrotti – Thank you to the community for helping HMX get up and running. Many difficult decisions have to be made as a board member as evidenced tonight. Thank you to all.
- Scott Francis – This weekend was a really cool thing. The kids helping with the move...seeing inside HMX brought to light that we are making the right decision. Thank you.
- Erin Jacobus – Forced to make a hard decision tonight. Three wonderful individuals...Huge thank you to Mr. D for foresight and direction.
- Candice Smith – Thank you for coming. And thank you to the three administrators for your service. Thank you for teaching me so much about education. Wishes only the best for those attached to our district.
- Carol Trumppore – Hopatcong comes together as a community...their hearts are big. Heavy hearted that we have to let go of administrators. We love this town and the children.
- Warren Gallagher – Our town really came through in a horrible situation. We don't want to lose anybody but the state put us in this position. Our town is wonderful! Keep helping each other!
- Sarah Schindelar – Pretty tragic to lose these three administrators. This decision was not made lightly. Hope we can use this as a jumping off point. We are all here in this town for the same reason – we love it. Why does it have to be a crisis that brings us together. Art, you are a rock star. Thank you for leading us through this potential disaster!
- Anthony Fasano – Being that this is Board of Education recognition month, let it be known that the Hopatcong Board had to transform itself over the past few months due to crises. Many tough decisions had to be made and it was necessary to communicate and come together. Let's have a good second first day of school Mrs. McFadden!

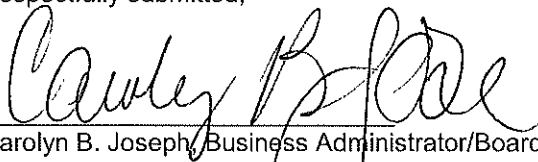
22. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor

Time: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn B. Joseph, Business Administrator/Board Secretary