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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on December 16, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

#### 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

# 2. FLAG SALUTE

# 3. <u>NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT</u>

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 December 16, 2019.

# 4. <u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>

Mr. Anthony Fasano, President Mr. Alex McLean, Vice President Mr. Scott Francis Mr. Warren Gallagher Ms. Erin Jacobus Ms. Michele Perrotti Dr. Sarah Schindelar Mrs. Candice Smith Ms. Carol Trumpore

# MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Also Present:** Mr. Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Piccirillo, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary, Richard Bauch, Esq.

## 5. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

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

## 6. <u>RECONVENE</u>

A motion to return to Public Session was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Perrotti. The motion carried with all in favor

# 7. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

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. November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. November 25, 2019 Executive Session

### Motion to approve Minutes 7a – 7b was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Perrotti:

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

### Motion to approve Minutes 7a – 7b passed.

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### 8. <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE</u>

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

Michael Hartman, Freshman	Scholastics (Biology Honors)
Sierra Ostman, Senior	Scholastics (Anatomy/Physiology)
Serena Rawle, Senior	Scholastics (Anatomy/Physiology)
Veronica Carreras, Senior	Specialty Area (Digital Arts)
Bronson Percy, Senior	Specialty Area (Design Process)

b. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School Scholar Athlete of the Month** for their outstanding performance in October 2019:

Roger White, Senior	Football
Christine Fasano, Junior	Cheerleading

Motion to accept Acknowledgments/Correspondence was made by Mr. Fasano, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

All board members voted in favor.

### 9. <u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT</u>

- a. Superintendent's Report Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent of Schools –
  Superintendent DiBenedetto reports that we are in QSAC prep mode for our February,
  2020 review. Asst. Superintendent Piccirillo has taken the lead on this endeavor.
  There were 2 incidents investigated; neither were HIB or Code of Conduct.
- b. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent's HIB Report for November 2019 as presented to the Board at the November meeting on November 25, 2019. Approval of the Superintendent's HIB report for December 2019 for first reading and review as presented to the Board at the December meeting on December 16, 2019.

# Motion to approve Superintendent's Report and HIB 9a – 9b was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Dr. Schindelar:

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

Superintendent's report and HIB report were approved.

## 10. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

- <u>Student Achievement</u> Community Relations, Curriculum, Personnel and Special Education:
  <u>Chairperson Candice Smith</u> Carol Trumpore reported as Mrs. Smith had attended her sons' performance in the Holiday Ensemble that evening. Ms. Trumpore reports that everything discussed at the committee meeting is on the agenda for approval.
- b. <u>Operations</u> Finance, Facilities, Security and Transportation: Chairperson Alex McLean What was discussed is on the agenda. Also discussed options for the High School track and the sale of Hudson Maxim School.
- **c.** <u>Negotiations</u> **Chairperson Sarah Schindelar** Dr. Schindelar reported that the Negotiations committee and the HEA are "almost there."
- d. <u>Parent/Teacher Organization Representatives</u> None present.

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Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept 10a – 10c, seconded by Dr. Schindelar: All board members voted in favor.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

## 12. FINANCE

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

- Approval of bills for the General Fund and Special Revenues (Grants) account, November 26, 2019 through December 19, 2019 in the following amounts: General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account - \$607,176.89 Cafeteria account - \$0.00
- Cafeteria account \$ 0 b. Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of October 2019.
- c. Approval of the Board Secretary's Report for October 2019.
- d. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2019

### Motion to approve Finance 12a -12d made by Mr. McLean and seconded by Dr. Schindelar:

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

Finance motions 12a – 12d passed.

## 13. PERSONNEL

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

- a. Approval of the amendment to the employment of **Dannette Swanson** as a long-term substitute for Middle School Physical Education Teacher at a salary of \$110.00 per day, retroactively effective to November 18, 2019 through December 16. Effective December 17, 2019, salary will be \$55,783 prorated, based upon BA/Step 3, until February 19, 2020 or until the employee is medically cleared by their physician.
- Approval of Concetta Spano to be a substitute monitor, as needed, for Homework Club at the Hopatcong Middle School for the 2019 – 2020 school year as needed at a rate of \$28 per hour.
- c. Approval of the following **Lynn Masterson** to be an Athletic Event Staff Member for 2019-2020 athletic events, to be paid at the Board Approved rate of pay per position.
- d. Approval of an additional 5 hours per work for **Sandra Hornick**, Part-Time Facilities Secretary, retroactively effective starting July 11, 2019.
- e. Approval of **Maureen Warden** as Substitute Nurse at Hopatcong High School pending a search for a full-time replacement retroactively effective December 4, 2019 until further notice at a rate of \$210 per day.
- f. Approval of the employment of **Crystal Mastroeni** 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 January 2, 2020.
- g. Approval of the following salary guide movement, retroactively effective September 1, 2019. Salaries are based upon the 2017 – 2018 HEA Salary Guide and may change based upon the outcome of negotiations:

Name	From	То	Effective Date
Kathleen Brennan	BA	BA + 15	9/1/2019

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### h. Approval of substitutes, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians and van drivers.

# Motion was made by Mr. Francis and seconded by Dr. Schindelar to approve Personnel 13a – 13h:

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

Personnel items 13a – 13h were approved.

## 14. <u>STUDENTS & SERVICES</u>

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

a. Approval to extend home instruction services for student no. 13871 for 5 hours per week. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour through December 20, 2019.

# Motion to approve Students and Services, 14a, and Curriculum items 15a – 15x, was made by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Perrotti:

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

Students and Services item 14a, and Curriculum items 15a -15x were approved.

### 15. <u>CURRICULUM</u>

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

- a. Approval of Pre-Calculus Honors as a concurrent Seton Hall University Course through the Project Acceleration Program beginning in September 2020.
- b. Approval of the submission of the Child Care CTE program to the New Jersey Department of Education.
- c. Approval of the submission of Digital Communications and Multimedia CTE program to the New Jersey Department of Education.
- d. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 413068, currently a third grade Tulsa Trail Elementary School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Byram Township School District, Byram Township, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- e. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12863, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey or the Roxbury Township School District, Succasunna, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- f. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12222, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.

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- g. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 11749, formally a tenth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at Morris Hills Regional School District, Rockaway, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program. \*Student transferred out of Hopatcong High School on November 7, 2019 and continues to reside within the Hopatcong Borough School District.
- h. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12263, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- i. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 13525, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at either the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- j. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12559, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- k. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12247, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- I. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12273, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- m. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12255, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- n. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 13606, currently a sixth grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Byram Township School District, Byram Township, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- o. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 14014, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey or Roxbury Township School District, Succasunna, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- p. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12726, currently a sixth grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Roxbury Township School District, Succasunna, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- q. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 12923, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- r. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 14467, currently a fifth grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Netcong Elementary School, Netcong, New Jersey or Byram

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Township School District, Byram Township, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.

- s. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 13310, currently a fifth grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Byram Township School District, Byram Township, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- t. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 13447, currently a fourth grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Byram Township School District, Byram Township, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- u. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 412032, currently a seventh grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Byram Township School District, Byram Township, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- v. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 14204, currently a seventh grade Hopatcong Middle School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Roxbury Township School District, Succasunna, New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- w. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 412010, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.
- x. Approval of the request by the parent of Student No. 13281, currently an eighth grade Hopatcong High School student, to allow the student to participate in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program at the Lenape Valley Regional School District, Stanhope New Jersey for September 2020, if accepted into their program.

# SEE ITEM 14 FOR ROLL CALL VOTE

## 16. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

- 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: NONE
- 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 revise, for SECOND READING: NONE

## 17. <u>TRAVEL</u>

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

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Field Trips	Field Trips					
Name	Class/Activity	Date	Trip Location			
Olsen, Ken	FIT Trip	2/27/2020	Camelback Lodge			
DelBagno, Heather	Academic Competition	2/19/2020- 2/25/2020	Jefferson High School			
Villani, Martina	ELL	12//5/2019	NYC			
Zimmermann, Kurt	Holiday Ensemble	12/5/2019	Hopatcong Seniors Inc.			
Mulvihill, Jason	FIT Trip	12/12/2019	NYC			
Wilson, Julie	High School MD	12/13/2019	SWAP, Lafayette, NJ			

Professional Meetings					
Name	Meeting Type	Date	Location		vel Cost
Anthes, Leticia	IEP	12/11/2019	Lakeland Andover	\$	12.39
Anthes, Leticia	IEP	1/15/2010	Roxbury HS	\$	4.27
Anthes, Leticia	IEP	1/8/2020	Midland School	\$	20.86
Stephens, Nancy	Evaluation	12/11/2019	Chapel Hill Academy	\$	18.90
Pallotta, Susan	IEP	12/13/2019	Lakeland Andover	\$	12.67
Total				\$	69.09

Conferences							
Name	Conference	Date	Location	Co	st	Trav	vel Cost
Weber, Rebecca	Conquer Math	2/27/2020	Pompton Lakes, NJ	\$	160.00	\$	11.90
Fata, Mary Ellen	Suicide Prevention	12/5/2019	Piscataway, NJ	\$	95.00	\$	-
Total				\$	255.00	\$	11.90

Course Approval				
Name Course		Cost		
Amelio, Lindsay	Digital Educator 5023	\$ 825.00		

# Ms. Perrotti made a motion to approve Travel, item 17, and table Calendar item 18, which was seconded by Dr. Schindelar:

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

Item 17 was approved and the Calendar, item 18 was tabled.

## 18. CALENDAR

Approval of the revised 180-day school calendar for the <del>2019/20</del> school year due to weather related closings. (Amended to 2020/2021 during meeting)

## SEE ITEM 17 ROLL CALL VOTE

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# 19. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, **19a – 19e7**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Operatives committee of the Board:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative/Hopatcong Board of Education, approve to exclude DFK Transportation from bidding on student transportation routes for the Irvington School District due to prior negative experience.
- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval* of bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for November 26, 2019 through December 16, 2019, in the amount of \$48,399.67 for Regular bills and \$3,806,559.27 for Bus Contractor bills.
- c. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval to increase the hourly rate of Jennifer Fox and Theresa Gould, Bus Aides,* to \$11.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020.
- d. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval of an emergent purchase of a 2019 Dodge Caravan* at a cost of \$27,797.50 as a replacement for the 2015 Dodge Caravan Vehicle #16.
- e.
- 1. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *acceptance* of student transportation *quotations* for *Special Education Routes* for the 2019-20 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 2019-20 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the acceptance of student transportation quotations for Athletic/Class/Field Trips for the 2019-20 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- 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 2019-20 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- 5. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *acceptance* of *contract addendums* for 2019-20 School Year Routes as listed on Exhibit A.
- 6. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval* of *Joint* Transportation Agreements with High Point Regional High School and Sparta Township Board of Education for the 2019-20 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
- 7. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the *approval of a Transportation Services Agreement with Northern Region Educational Service Commission* as listed on Exhibit A.

### Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve 19a – 19e7, which was seconded by Dr. Schindelar:

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

### Sussex County Regional Cooperative items 19a – 19e7 were approved.

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### Board President Anthony Fasano introduces Addendum for approval:

20.

ADDENDUM

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- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education accept the resignation of Carolyn Joseph, with regret, for the purpose of retirement from her position as Business Administrator in the Hopatcong School District effective August 1, 2020.
- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve merit pay for Joseph Piccirillo as per contract for the following grants:

NWAC Ski Grant	-	\$ 784.00
Pell Grant	-	\$1,730.00
Play Unified Grant	-	\$ 133.00

- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve tuition reimbursement for Joseph Piccirillo, as per contract, in the amount of \$4,430 for courses EDU 917 and EDU 945.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve conference for Amanda Maliszewski at High Point Regional on January 11, 2020 on the topic of Social-Emotional Learning for the BD Class at a cost to the district of \$18.20.
- e. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the track reconditioning project for July 2020 with ATT Sports, Inc. Cooperative Purchasing Network, Sourcewell in the amount of \$438,180.00.
- f. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the MOA with Family Resource Network for an aftercare program for MD and Autistic in-district students.
- g. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the a paid personal leave of absence for employee number 80054 effective December 17, 2019 for a time to be determined.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve Addendum items 20a – 20e, 20g and table 20f which was seconded by Mr. Gallagher:

Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes	Erin Jacobus	Yes
Alex McLean	Yes a - e Abstain g	Michele Perrotti	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	Yes
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Addendum Items 20a – 20e, 20g were approved and item 20f was tabled.

# 21. BOARD OF EDUCATION - MEMBER COMMENTS

- <u>Michele Perrotti</u> Thanked Anthony Fasano for his many years of service. Merry Christmas!
- <u>Scott Francis</u> Night of Hope was awesome. Commended Anthony Fasano on doing a great job and appreciates what he has accomplished here.
- <u>Erin Jacobus</u> Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Carolyn Joseph and congratulated Ms. Joseph on her planned retirement. Mr. Fasano served the district well and Ms. Jacobus appreciated his calm level-headedness and availability to listen. Happy Holidays!
- <u>Candice Smith –</u> Thanked Anthony for his service; wished him continued success.
- <u>Alex McLean</u> Congratulated Anthony on the job he has done here. Merry Christmas.

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- <u>Warren Gallagher</u> Pleased to note an investment in a new track; thanked Carolyn and Anthony for their work in the district. Merry Christmas!
- <u>Carol Trumpore</u> Thanked everyone for coming and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Addressed Mr. Fasano and told him he was one of a kind and it had been a privilege and honor for her to watch him grow.
- <u>Sarah Schindelar</u> Thanked Ms. Joseph for the great job she had done for our district and wished her well. Commended Anthony as well for getting the district to a better place.
- <u>Anthony Fasano –</u> Very proud of the progress that has been made in this district and with Art and Joe at the helm, the future looks very positive as well. The last six years as President of the Hopatcong Board of Education he had the honor to be part of something special – to look back and see how far we have come; Full day kindergarten, Chromebooks for all, STEAM education and the recognition the district has earned due to our fantastic programs. We have enhanced security; integrated Lake Hopatcong into our curriculum; overhauled Professional Services at less of an expense; managed state aid cuts; built a school district we can be proud of. It has been an honor to serve with these board members and they have made a lot of progress together. Mr. Fasano thanked everyone for the trust placed in him and thanked the hard working Hopatcong Borough Schools staff who embrace the challenge to make our district great.

# 22. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Carolyn B. Joseph</u>

Board Secretary