

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

February 24, 2020

5:30 pm. (Administration building Room 41 – Open the meeting and enter Executive Session)

7:00 p.m. (Board of Education Meeting Room)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on February 24, 2020 in the Board Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

Mr. McLean, 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 February 24, 2020.

4. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott Francis, Vice-President
Mr. Warren Gallagher
Ms. Erin Jacobus
Mr. Alex McLean, Board President
Ms. Michele Perrotti
Dr. Sarah Schindelar
Mrs. Nicole Falconi-Shubert
Mrs. Candice Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Carol Trumpore

Also Present: Mr. Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Piccirillo, Assistant 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. Perrotti. The motion carried with all in favor

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. January 02, 2020 – Reorganization Meeting
- b. January 20, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- c. January 20, 2020 – Executive Session

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

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes a, ABSTAIN b,c	Candice Smith	Yes b, c ABSTAIN a	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT

Motion to approve Minutes 7a – 7c passed.

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8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Congratulations to the **Hopatcong Middle School Students** who made High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2019 – 2020 school year.
- b. Congratulations to the **Hopatcong High School Students** who made High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2019 – 2020 school year.
- c. Congratulations to each school in the Hopatcong School District on becoming **Kindness Certified**. Each school will be presented with a certificate recognizing their commitment to creating a culture of kindness in their building. Thank you **Mrs. Lisa Schuffenhauer**, Durban Avenue School Counselor, for all of her hard work on this project!
- d. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School’s Students of the Month** for their outstanding performance in February 2020:

Isabel Feliciano, Sophomore	Scholastics (Music Instrumental)
Dawid Madej, Junior	Scholastics (Piano 1)
Naomi Baez, Sophomore	Specialty Area (Sculpture)

- e. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School Scholar Athlete of the Month** for their outstanding performance in February 2020:

Ian Yori, Junior	Boys Ice Hockey
Ralph Cutler, Junior	Bowling

Motion to accept Acknowledgments/Correspondence was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Perrotti.

The motion carried with all in favor.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent’s Report – Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent of Schools –
Superintendent DiBenedetto reports that Teresa Turnage was chosen for the Superintendent’s Roundtable Award and will attend a luncheon with Mr. D. Mr. D. also reports that eight different groups have shown interest in Hudson Maxim School but only two have expressed true interest and made proposals. Mr. D. recommends that the board approve a Resolution to accept the offer from Wish NJ, Inc. for 772,000.

Be it Resolved that the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby authorize the acceptance of the offer to purchase the Hudson Maxim School property from Wish NJ, Inc. for the purchase price of \$772,000. The sale is contingent upon further negotiations of additional transaction and contract terms and conditions satisfactory to the board.

Motion to approve the Resolution to accept Wish NJ’s offer was made by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	No	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	ABSENT

The Resolution was approved.

The Superintendent added a second Resolution to change the date of the March Regular Board Meeting from March 30, 2020 to March 16, 2020 to comply with the state budget submission calendar.

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Motion to approve rescheduling the March Regular Board meeting from March 30, 2020 to March 16, 2020 was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Ms. Perrotti:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

The motion was approved.

- b. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent’s HIB Report for January, 2020 as presented to the Board at the January meeting on January 20, 2020. Approval of the HIB report for February, 2020 for first reading and review.

Motion to approve Superintendent’s Report and HIB 9a – 9b was made by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Gallagher:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Superintendent’s report and HIB report were approved.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Student Achievement – Community Relations, Curriculum, Personnel and Special Education: **Chairperson - Candice Smith** – The committee met on February 18, 2020. CTE programs were approved by the State and thanks to Asst. Superintendent, Joe Piccirillo, the district will be receiving over \$12,000 in Perkins grant money. The Committee was updated on the budget and QSAC.
- b. Operations – Finance, Facilities, Security and Transportation: **Chairperson – Warren Gallagher** Met on February 18, 2020. Hard work on the budget. Making an investment and installing LED lighting.
- c. Negotiations - **Chairperson - Sarah Schindelar** – Nothing to report.
- d. Parent/Teacher Organization Representatives – Mrs. Wendy Sutton reminds everyone that March 27, 2020 is the Tricky Tray. Mr. McLean thanked Mrs. Sutton and all PTO staff for all that they do.

**Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept 10a – 10d, seconded by Dr. Schindelar:
The motion carried with all in favor.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two students in the audience addressed the board regarding a few issues that concerned them: the first involved the elimination of Honors classes – students were considering leaving Hopatcong for other districts that would provide the honors classes they request; 8th graders in the High School are not feeling comfortable. Mr. P and Mr. both responded and assured the students that the Honors classes are not being removed and this is the first they had heard about issues with the 8th graders which will now be addressed.

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 Revenues (Grants) account, January 21, 2020 through February 24, 2020 in the following amounts:

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General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account - \$1,302,688.87
Cafeteria account - \$ 106,160.98

- b. Approval of the Board Secretary’s Report for December 2019.
- c. Approval of the Transfer Report for the month of December 2019.
- d. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2019.
- e. Approval of the designation of Carolyn B. Joseph, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.).
- f. Approval of the 2019/2020 transportation contract with Byram Bus.
- g. Approval of the Resolution to “Limit the Medical Plans Offered under SEHBP” (this replaces Resolution 13h on the January 20, 2020 Board of Education Meeting agenda). This resolution states that the following plans will be available to employees under SEHBP:

NJ Direct 0	NJ Direct 10
NJ Direct 15	NJ Direct 1525
NJ Direct 2030	NJ Direct 2035
NJ Direct HD1500	

- h. Acceptance of a donation of \$50.00 (check 10204) to be applied to delinquent student lunch balances.

Motion to approve Finance 12a -12h made by Ms. Perrotti and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes all ABSTAIN g	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Finance motions 12a -12h passed.

13. PERSONNEL

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

- a. Approval of the following Spring 2019-2020 Athletic Coach for the Hopatcong High School:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary	Date Effective	Date Terminated
Christian Ammiano	Appoint	Assistant Baseball Coach	A	1	\$3,187.00	3/1/2020	6/30/2020

- b. Approval of the resignation of **Crystal Mastroeni**, from her position as Paraprofessional at Durban Avenue School, effective January 21, 2020.
- c. Approval of the transfer of **Bruce Dunn** from his position as Custodian to Durban Day Lead Custodian, and to include the \$900 prorated day lead stipend in his salary effective March 2, 2020.
- d. Approval of the employment of **Lisa Siegrist** 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 February 25, 2020
- e. Approval of the employment of **Elissa Rizzo** as Media Specialist in the Hopatcong School District at an annual salary of \$73,223 prorated based upon the Salary Guide Level MA+30/Step 8, effective April 15, 2020. This salary is based up on the 2019 - 2020 HEA Salary Guide.

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- f. Approval of the request of **Terry Trivento** to retroactively extend her medical leave of absence from her position as Classroom Nurse from February 7, 2020 through February 27, 2020 or until medically cleared by her physician.
- g. Approval of **Aimee Landrud** to extend her employment as Classroom Nurse through February 28, 2020 at a per diem rate of \$250, retroactively effective February 7, 2020.
- h. Approval of **Employee #81449** for a medical leave of absence retroactively effective Feb 5, 2020 until medically cleared by their physician.
- i. Approval of **Employee #80265** for a medical leave of absence retroactively effective January 27, 2020 until medically cleared by their physician.
- j. Approval of the request of **Joseph Longo** for a New Jersey Family Leave of Absence/Federal Leave of Absence from his position as Middle School Social Studies Teacher retroactive to February 11, 2020 through March 2, 2020.
- k. Approval of the following education students to conduct field experience in the Hopatcong School District during the 2019 – 2020 school year:

Student Name	Date(s)	University	Experience	School	Staff Member
Heather Sutton	2/1/20 – 6/30/20	SCCC	Practicum	Tulsa Trail	Kelly Pappas
Erica Savioli	2/1/20 – 6/30/20	Centenary University	Observation	Durban Avenue	Various
Kayla Dora	2/1/20 – 6/30/20	SCCC	Observation	High School	Various
Victoria Waleck	2/1/20 – 6/30/20	Caldwell University	Observation	High School	Karen Cubberly

- l. Approval of the following education student to conduct field experience in the Hopatcong School District during the 2020 – 2021 school year:

Student Name	Date(s)	University	Experience	School	Staff Member
Elizabeth Rutan	10/19/20 – 12/18/20	Ithaca College	Student Teaching	Middle School	Albert Cerulo
Nicole Murr	1/4/21 – 5/7/21	Rutgers University	Student Teaching	High School	Kurt Zimmermann

- m. Approval of **Craig Vallaro** to be a detention monitor at the Hopatcong High School for the 2019 – 2020 school year at a rate of \$20 per hour.
- n. Approval of the following 2019 – 2020 advisors at the Hopatcong Middle School:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary	Date Effective	Date Terminated
Donald Dippel	Appoint	Middle School Intramural (.5)	C	4	\$1,429 Prorated	2/1/20	6/30/20
Joseph Bitteto	Resign	Middle School Intramural (.5)	C	1	\$706.50	10/1/19	1/31/20

- o. Approval for the following staff to receive tuition **and conference (bold text added by Superintendent during meeting)** reimbursements, as per contract, upon successful completion of the course and submission of paperwork:

Name	Course Title	Credit(s)	Cost
Lindsay Amelio	Teacher Leadership	3	\$825
Healthier DelBagno	Making Connections for Engaged Learning	3	\$375
Nancy Duffy	Making Connections for Engaged Learning	3	\$375

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Cheryl Gramp	Mindfulness for Betting Teaching and Learning	3	\$449
Matt McKowen	Athletic Body In Balance	N/A	\$49.95
Megan Nardone	Making Connections for Engaged Learning	3	\$375
Joseph Piccirillo	Quantitative and Qualitative Research	3	\$2,215
Dominick Spuckes	Psychology of Sports and Exercise	3	\$375
Anna Voloshin	School Nurse Practicum	3	\$2,193

p. **Approval of substitutes, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians and van drivers.**

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve Personnel 13a – 13p.

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	ABSTAIN	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Personnel items 13a – 13p were approved.

14. STUDENTS & SERVICES

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

- a. Approval for a change of placement for an out of district student who has been placed at Lakeland Andover School, Lafayette, NJ student No. 12031. The effective date is January 7, 2020 at a prorated tuition cost of \$310.00 per diem.
- b. Approval for educational instruction services for student no. 14466 for five hours per week beginning February 11, 2020. Instruction will be provided by Saint Clare’s Hospital at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
- c. Approval of field trips, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Field Trips

Name	Class/Activity	Date	Trip Location	Cost*
Albert Cerulo	MS Instrumental Music	5/30/20	NJPAC	\$0
Ashley Miller	Pre-K	3/31/20	Tagalongs	\$0
Christina Munoz	Grade 4/5 Gifted and Talented	5/21/20	MindFit USA	\$1,040
Barbara Parichuk	7 th Grade Class	5/22/20	Medieval Times	\$0
Julie Wilson	HS M.D.	2/27/20	Sussex County YMCA	\$21
Kurt Zimmermann	Music	6/3/20	US Marine Barracks	\$2,000
Kurt Zimmermann	Music	5/26/20	Eugene O’Neill Theatre	\$0

*cost to district

Motion to approve Students and Services, 14a – 14c, was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

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Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Students and Services item 14a – 14c were approved.

15. CURRICULUM

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

- a. Acceptance of the NJDOE Office of Career Readiness approval of Cosmetology CTE program to begin September 2020.
- b. Acceptance of the NJDOE Office of Career Readiness approval of Child Care Provider/Assistant CTE program to begin September 2020.
- c. Acceptance of the NJDOE Office of Career Readiness approval of Radio & Television CTE program to begin September 2020.

Motion to approve Curriculum 15a – 15c, was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Motion to approve Curriculum items 15a – 15c passed.

16. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Approval of item **16a – 16b**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement and Operations Committees of the Board:

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

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Title</u>
P 1110	<i>Organizational Chart (Revised)</i>

<u>Regulation #</u>	<u>Title</u>
R 5850	<i>Social Events and Class Trips (Adopt)</i>

- b. Approval of modifications and additions to the policies and regulations of the Hopatcong Board of Education in accordance with statutory and regulatory changes for approval, as revise, for SECOND READING:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Title</u>
P 8600	<i>Student Transportation (M) (Revised)</i>
P 8630	<i>Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (Revised)</i>
P 8670	<i>Transportation of Special Needs Students (M) (Revised)</i>
P 9210	<i>Parent Organizations (Revised)</i>

<u>Regulation #</u>	<u>Title</u>
R 8600	<i>Student Transportation (Revised)</i>
R 8630	<i>Emergency School Bus Procedures (M) (Revised)</i>

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Ms. Perrotti made a motion to approve Policies and Regulations, 16a and 16b that was seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Policies and Regulations were approved.

17. TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

Conferences/Professional Development

Name	Conference	Date	Location	Cost	Travel Cost
Gary Andolena	National Wing-T Clinic	1/24 – 1/25/20	Pittsburgh, PA	\$0	\$0
Maryanne Bourdett	FMLA Compliance Training	2/24/20	Saddle Brook, NJ	\$199	\$26.46
Maryanne Bourdett	Payroll and More	3/12/20	Fairfield, NJ	\$125	\$25.18
Karen Cubberly	What's New in Young Adult Literature	3/9/20	Newark NJ	\$279	\$9.10
Edric Debos	iSTEAM 2020	1/14/20	Ramapo College	\$75	\$28
Tracey Hensz	Handle with Care	5/29/20	Newton, NJ	\$450	\$0
Matt McKowen	NATA Dues	N/A	N/A	\$269	\$0
Jason Mulvihill	What's New in Young Adult Literature	3/9/20	Newark, NJ	\$279	\$9.10
Katie Schwab	FMLA Compliance Training	2/24/20	Saddle Brook, NJ	\$199	\$26.46
Chelsea Trump	SCSCA Meeting	2/11/20	Sussex Vo-Tech	\$0	\$35.60
Julie Wilson	NJCEC	2/16/20	Ramapo College	\$115	\$35
Dana Jones MaryAnn Roe Diane Scanlon Kathy Schwab Nick Terantino Shannon Wilson	Annual N.J. Pupil Transportation Conference & Exhibit Show	3/26 – 3/27/20	Atlantic City, NJ	\$2,342	\$525

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Professional Meetings

Name	Meeting Type	Date	Location	Travel Cost
Mary Dinnocenzo	Testing	3/13/20	Little Learners Academy	\$9.87
Stacey Montefusco	Observation	1/31/20	Little Learners Academy	\$10.01
Susan Pallotta	IEP	12/6/19	Windsor School	\$21.98

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve Travel and Professional Development, item 17 which was seconded by Ms. Perrotti:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Travel item 17 was approved.

18. RESOLUTIONS

Approval of the following item, **18a**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Committees of the Board:

- a. Approval of a revision of the January 20, 2020 Board of Education minutes to include **Theresa Davis** as a Substitute Nurse.

Ms. Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution item 18a, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Resolution item 18a was approved.

19. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

Approval of the following items, **19a – 19e6**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Operatives committee of the Board:

- a. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the approval of bills for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for January 21, 2020 through February 24, 2020 in the amount of \$39,791.22 for Regular bills and \$3,229,083.43 for Bus Contractor bills.
- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** of one (1) **new Member District**, Bergen County Region V, for the 2019-2020 school year.
- c. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of Participation in Coordinated Transportation** for the 2020-2021 school year with Warren County Special Services School District in consideration of pro-rated contract costs plus a 2% administrative fee.
- d. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to extend the school vehicle service contract 2019-01-01 with Byram Bus, Inc.** for an additional one year term starting on March 1, 2020. In accordance with 18A:18A-42 and the CPI as listed in

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USDL-20-0044 (Department of Labor) dated January 14, 2020 current pricing will be extended at an increase of 2.3%.

e.

1. The Superintendent and the Director of 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.
3. 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 **corrected contract renewals** for 2019-20 School Year Routes as listed on Exhibit A.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve Sussex County Regional Cooperative, items 19a – 19e6, which was seconded by Ms. Jacobus:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

Sussex County Regional Cooperative items 19a – 19e6 were approved.

20. BOARD OF EDUCATION - MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Perrotti asked the board if they would approve waiving the facilities rental fee for a group that she represents, Dark Hills Gaming, which has planned a fundraiser for Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and will be utilizing the High School gyms for an overnight function.

Be it Resolved that the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby authorized the waiver of the facility usage fee for the fundraiser event hosted by Dark Hills Gaming on 9/12 and 9/13/2020. The board only waives the facility usage fee. All other terms and conditions of facility usage apply including insurance coverage provisions and reimbursement of the costs of District personnel required as a result of such facilities usage.

Dr. Schindelar made a motion to approve the waiver of facilities usage, which was seconded by Mr. Gallagher:

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	RECUSE
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumppore	ABSENT

ADDENDUM a – f were introduced for approval:

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- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the updated federal mandatory 403B and 457B Tax Shelter Plan Documents.
- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve merit pay for Joseph Piccirillo as per contract for securing New Jersey Department of Education approvals for the following Career Technical Education programs.

CTE Program	Merit Pay
Cosmetology	\$1,500
Radio/TV	\$1,500
Child Care	\$1,500
Total	\$4,500

- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the educational instruction services for student no. 12734 for ten hours per week beginning February 15, 2020. Instruction will be provided by Learn Well at a rate of \$38.00 per hour plus an additional 33% billed for administrative charges.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the following professional development opportunities:

Danielle Kovach	NJCEC, SEL	Ramapo	3/16/20
Patricia Pietrzak	"	"	"

Both professionals from our district are presenting at this state-wide workshop.

- e. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the following personnel hiring for the 19-20 school year:

William Kubik - Electrician- rpl. Will	Step 16, 58,967+Trade Cert + CDL
Kaitlyn Czubkowski - Math- med.leave Replacement, HMS	Pro-rated MA, Step One, \$323 per diem

- f. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve an adjustment in hours for custodian Matt Handy from five days per week to four days per week as per the employee's request with support from the note of a physician.

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

Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes
Erin Jacobus	Yes	Alex McLean	ABSTAIN	Michele Perrotti	Yes
Sarah Schindelar	Yes	Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumfore	ABSENT

ADDENDUM a – f were approved.

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

February 24, 2020

5:30 pm. (Administration building Room 41 – Open the meeting and enter Executive Session)

7:00 p.m. (Board of Education Meeting Room)

- Nicole Falconi-Shubert – Thanked Mr. Piccirillo for starting ski club.
- Michele Perrotti – Thanked everyone for coming and commended the students who spoke during Public Comment.
- Erin Jacobus – Thanked everyone for coming out and appreciates all that Art and Joe do for our district.
- Candice Smith – Mrs. Smith was told by a parent who had transferred her son to a choice school after 8th grade that she is keeping her daughter in Hopatcong for High School because of the positive changes she sees being implemented.
- Scott Francis – Noted that Art and Joe are the right people to be here. Committee meetings are open to public except for Personnel or Negotiation discussions.
- Warren Gallagher – Had a nice call from a woman asking about our district and he shared how hard Art and Joe have been working.
- Sarah Schindelar – Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Alex McLean – Thanked all for coming and his colleagues on the board. People are pleased with the progress in the district.

21. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor

Time: 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph

Board Secretary