

HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

January 30, 2023

5:30 pm. Open the Meeting and enter Executive Session in the Administration Building: Room 21

Public Portion will begin at 7:00 p.m in the Board Room

2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

CALL TO ORDER

Time: __5:34__pm

1. FLAG SALUTE

2. OPENING 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 at 7:00 p.m following the Executive Session (in room 21) which starts at 5:30 p.m. on January 30, 2023 at the Hopatcong Board of Education, Board meeting room in the Administration Building.

3. ROLL CALL

Absent	Scott Francis	Present	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Present	Philip DiStefano
Present	Joseph Falconi	Present	Gerard Gruenfelder	Absent	Jayna Gulan ^
Present	Jennifer Johnson	Present	Jackie Turkington	Absent	Jennifer Polowchena *

* Joined via phone at 5:40 pm. Joined in person at 5:49 pm.

^ Arrived at 6:15 pm

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion will be made that the Hopatcong Board of Education will enter Executive Session in room 21 to discuss personnel and attorney/client privilege, which are exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act. Any discussions held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at 7:00 p.m. following the executive session.

Motion to enter executive session:

(ACTION)Motion by Falconi-Shubert seconded by DiStefano.

Absent	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
Yes	Joseph Falconi	Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Absent	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Absent	Jennifer Polowchena

5. RECONVENE

Motion to Reconvene

(ACTION)Motion by Turkington, seconded by Polowchena

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Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- a. December 19, 2022 - Executive Meeting
- b. December 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- c. January 3, 2023–Special Meeting
- d. January 10, 2023 –Special Meeting

Motion to approve 6a-6d:

(ACTION)Motion by Turkington seconded by Polowchena

Absent	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
Yes	Joseph Falconi	Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson *	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

* Abstain A& B

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- a. Superintendent's Report – **Mr. Arthur DiBenedetto, Interim Superintendent of Schools**
 1. Fall 2022 Start Strong - Statewide Assessment Report – postponed until February 2023.
 2. Presentation: Ray Sarinelli, Nisivoccia – 2021/2022 Fiscal Audit – Mr. Sarinelli presented Schedule C-1 to the Board along with an overview of revenues, expenditures and reserve accounts. Mr. Gruenfelder had several questions and will put together a list of questions for the Board President to supply to the auditors for follow up. He also addressed accounts associated with the Cafeteria Fund and Transportation Fund. Mr. Sarinelli also discussed audit recommendations for the 21-22 school year.
 3. Presentation: Kathleen Helewa, New Jersey School Boards – Mrs. Helewa presented a training session on Ethics for School Officials.
- b. A second reading and approval of the Superintendent's HIB Report for December 2022 as presented to the Board at the December meeting on December 19, 2022. Approval of the Superintendent's HIB report for January 2023 for first reading and review as presented to the Board at the January meeting on January 30, 2023.

Motion to approve 7a – 7b:

(ACTION)Motion by Gulan seconded by Polowchena

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Yes	Jennifer Johnson *	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

* Abstain on item B

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

a. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School's Students of the Month** for their outstanding performance in December 2022:

Grade 8 – Natalia Gerena-Roman

Honorable Mention: Nicholas Hardman

Grade 9 – Antonio Sudak

Honorable Mention: Madelyn Ausmus

Grade 11 – Brenden Belar

Honorable Mention: Layla Gonzalez, Lizania Gonzalez,
Gabriel Houle, Gabriella Zammito

Grade 12 – Abdul Kareem Sheikh

Honorable Mention: Julia Santiago

b. The following students were chosen as **Hopatcong High School Scholar Athlete of the Month** for their outstanding performance in December 2022:

Bowling - Glyn Davies, Junior

Ice Hockey – Jack Luciani, Sophomore

c. Congratulations to the Durban Avenue Students who went above and beyond to Fill Buckets with **CARING** this month.

9. PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Harlem Wizards game in February tickets available online.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL DISCUSSION

Linda Padula – questions about stabilization aid and ROD grant application.

Julia Santiago – HS Student groups looking to do some beautification efforts around Earth Day.

11. FINANCE

a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that bills for the General Fund and Special Revenues (Grants) account, December 19, 2022 through January 30, 2023 be approved in the following amounts:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account - \$1,048,390.12

Cafeteria account - \$70,950.46

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- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month of December 2022.
- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Transfer Report for the month of December 2022.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022.
- e. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve to write-off the following uncashed checks from the High School Student Activity account:

DATE	CK#	AMOUNT
11/20/2014	4094	\$ 300.00
12/3/2014	4095	\$ 166.00
3/9/2015	4169	\$ 1,735.03
6/19/2015	4239	\$ 30.00
12/21/2017	5398	\$ 83.65
1/10/2018	5404	\$ 50.00
1/10/2018	5405	\$ 50.00
1/23/2018	5415	\$ 19.76
3/15/2018	5446	\$ 100.00
3/15/2008	5435	\$ 100.00
6/11/2018	5507	\$ 100.00
6/25/2018	5519	\$ 50.00
5/15/2019	5646	\$ 110.00
5/30/2019	5662	\$ 10.00
5/30/2019	5666	\$ 10.00
5/30/2019	5686	\$ 10.00
11/6/2019	5748	\$ 10.00
11/27/2019	5760	\$ 316.27
4/28/2020	5819	\$ 165.00
6/12/2020	5873	\$ 150.00
6/15/2020	5877	\$ 2.00
7/13/2020	5908	\$ 100.00
7/13/2020	5902	\$ 55.00
7/15/2020	5851	\$ 100.00
7/15/2020	5943	\$ 55.00
7/15/2020	5954	\$ 55.00

- f. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the following assets below be disposed because they have exceeded their useful life:

ASSET #	DESCRIPTION
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003668	Ice Cream Machine
000530	Kitchen Mixer
005937	Deli Slicer
003667	Kitchen Mixer

- g. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board accept and approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022.
- h. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board accept and approve the following Corrective Action Plan in response to the Fiscal Audit findings for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- i. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve to accept the \$750 grant from the Mental Health Association in NJ for the Teen Mental Health First Aid program to cover the cost of substitutes for teachers that attended mental health first aid training.
- j. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board accept the anonymous donation of \$50 from a community member to be applied to outstanding lunch account balances in the Middle School.

12. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items, **12a – 12r**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of employment of **Christian Sorbara** as Full-Time Custodian with a prorated salary of \$43,660 minus \$400 for not having a black seal, which represents step 1 of the custodian guide, per contract; pending background check.
- b. Approval to accept the resignation of **Christine Amella** from her position as Part-Time Custodian effective January 28, 2023.
- c. Approval to accept the resignation of **Eve Hind** from her position as Full-Time Custodian effective February 3, 2023.
- d. Approval to accept the resignation of **Ashely Miller** from her position as PSD Teacher at Durban Ave effective March 24, 2023 or sooner if a replacement is available.
- e. Approval to rescind the employment offer of **Jacob Little** as Part-Time Custodian.
- f. Approval of employment of **Shelby Ochs** as a Paraprofessional at Tulsa Trail effective January 3, 2023 at a rate of \$15.13/hour. Should toileting be required there will be an additional \$1 added to the hourly rate.
- g. Approval of employment of **Jamie Spague** as a Paraprofessional at Durban Ave effective February 1, 2023 at a rate of \$15.13/hour.
- h. Approval of employment of **Austin Brown**, as Physical Education Teacher for the Hopatcong High School with a prorated salary of \$70,895 which represents Level MA/Step 1 of the 2022-2023 HEA Salary Guide effective January 15, 2023.

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- i. Approval of the **Anna Voloshin** whom is recommended to receive tenure (effective 1/8/2023).
- j. Approval for **Employee #81057** to take 29 days paid sick leave beginning February 27, 2023 through April 6, 2023 followed by 12 consecutive weeks of unpaid FMLA/NJFLA leave, 12 weeks beginning April 17 through June 30, 2023.
- k. Approval to accept the resignation of **Employee #80144** for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2023.
- l. Approval of **Employee #81475** to take an unpaid leave of absence, under the Family Medical Leave Act, beginning January 25, 2023 for 4 weeks with an anticipated return date of February 21, 2023.
- m. Approval of **Employee #81462** to take 30 days paid sick leave beginning April 24, 2023 through June 2, 2023 followed by 2 consecutive weeks of unpaid FMLA/NJFLA leave beginning June 2 through the remainder of the school year.
- n. Approval of **Emily Paige Verbeke** to conduct her student teaching at Tulsa Trail.
- o. Approval of the following **Advisor/Coach Position** for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary
Jason O'Brien	Appoint	Volunteer Baseball Coach	-	-	-
Ryan Myslinski	Appoint	Asst. Baseball Coach	B	4	\$5,034

- p. Approval of the following staff for the **Extra Duty/Extra Pay Positions** the 2022 – 2023 school year in the Hopatcong School District on an as needed basis:

Name	Nature of Action	Duty/Position	Salary
Craig Vallaro	Appoint	Homework Club	\$28/hour
Nancy Stephens	Appoint	Homework Club	\$28/hour
Wilson Cusano	Appoint	Homework Club	\$28/hour
McKenzie Norris	Appoint	Homework Club	\$28/hour
Karen Cubberly	Appoint	After School Credit Recovery Coverage	\$35/hour
McKenzie Norris	Appoint	After School Credit Recovery Coverage	\$35/hour

- q. Approval of the following staff to take and receive tuition reimbursements*, as per contract, upon successful completion of the course and submission of paperwork:

Course Approval/Reimbursement Approval

Name	Course Title	Course Number	Credits	Cost
Siobhan Winkler	Understanding Moods I'm So Stressed I Could Scream	EDUC 710H	3	\$405
		EDUC 710B	3	\$405
Christina Nied	Understanding Moods I'm So Stressed I Could Scream	EDUC 710H	3	\$405
		EDUC 710B	3	\$405

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Emily Minervini	LETRS Volume 1	374361	6	\$1,569* *Updated cost amount. Previously approved course 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II)
Jennifer Bisignani	LETRS Volume 1	374361	6	\$1,569* *Updated cost amount. Previously approved course 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II)
Suzanne Annette	LETRS Volume 1	374361	6	\$1,569* *Updated cost amount. Previously approved course 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II)
Andrea Mancuso	LETRS Volume 1	374361	6	\$1,569* *Updated cost amount. Previously approved course 11/2022 for 3 credits (title II)
Melissa Kennedy	Field Supervision Internship 2	GED 671	3	\$1,293.90* *Updated cost amount. Previously approved course 11/2022 (title II)
Melissa Stein	Community Resources: Alcohol/Substance Abuse Counseling.	20266	3	\$2,381.01
	Family Seminar: Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling.	22655	3	\$2,381.01

****The maximum rate of reimbursement per credit is \$431.30 for the 22-23 school year. Anyone who requested a course approval in June will be reimbursed the rate for 22-23 school year if completed by June 2023.***

- r. Approval of substitute teachers & paraprofessional:
 - i. Nicole Finland, Substitute Paraprofessional
 - ii. Judith Antonelli, Substitute Teacher
 - iii. Viannys Reyes, Substitute Teacher
 - iv. Thomas Ferrara, Substitute Teacher

13. 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

Approval of the following staff to attend Professional Development/Conference*

Name	Title	Cost	Date
Michelle Minimi	Student Assistance Coordinator Endorsement	\$174.41	12/14/22
Austin Brown	Intro to Spot Games Introduction to Teaching Processes of Teaching and Learning	\$465 \$295 \$1,115	-
Carolyn Olsen	CTE CE EPP Stage IV	\$685	-
Stacey Montefusco	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children & Adolescents	\$119.99	3/23/23

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Kristine Kester	Recognizing and Understanding the Less Obvious Presentations of Autism (Hackettstown, NJ)	\$90 + mileage	5/22/23
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**Cost will be reimbursed upon completion of attendance and all documentation has been provided.*

14. **POLICY & REGULATIONS**

Approval of item **14a-14b**, 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:](#)

Policy/Regulation #

Title

P&R 5536

Random Testing for Student Alcohol or Drug Use

- 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:](#)

Policy/Regulation #

Title

P 5512
R 7510

Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
Use of School Facilities

15. **STUDENTS AND SERVICES**

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

- a. Approval for 10 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 13245. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour. 10 hours per week for tutoring and an additional 30 minutes per hour for lesson preparation and grading beginning December 13, 2022 until further notice.
- b. Approval for a total of 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 13243. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 12/15/22-1/31/23.
- c. Approval for a total of 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 13192. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 1/3/23-2/28/23.
- d. Approval for 10 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 14494. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour beginning January 10, 2023 until further notice.

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- e. Approval for 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no. 15058. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 1/3/23 for approximately 6 weeks.
- f. Approval for 5 hours of home instruction services per week for student no.15059. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective 1/11/23 for approximately 6 weeks.
- g. Approval for 6 hours of home instruction services for student no. 14549. Instruction will be provided by Hopatcong certificated staff at the Board approved rate of \$35.00 per hour from January 25, 2023 to January 27,2023.
- h. Approval of the following field trip requests:

School	Date	Trip
Middle School	3/17/23	The Growing Stage- The Lightning Thief

16. RESOLUTIONS

- a. As per policy 5111 it is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the attendance of the following students whose families are not domiciled in the district.
Student #14261, Student #14689. These students are seniors who would like to finish their High School career at Hopatcong High School.
- b. WHEREAS the District has sent out bids for the sale of the garage on Riverstyx Road and WHEREAS there were no bids submitted it is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the sale of the garage by contacting those who expressed an interest in it.
- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the scope of work agreement with Parette Somjenon Architects be approved to provide pre-referendum services for a potential bond referendum vote in September 2023. The cost of this contract, \$15,600, will be paid for from the general fund facilities budget.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Hopatcong Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Hopatcong Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

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WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hopatcong Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2023 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hopatcong Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

17. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

- a. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of bills** for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for December 20, 2022 through January 30, 2023 in the amount of \$420,538.58 for Regular bills and \$10,160,444.32 for Bus Contractors bills.
- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of enrollment** for Michelle Ketch in the Rutgers Transportation Supervisors Courses for the Spring Semester as follows:
ST-7001-SP23-1, Management and Supervisory Skills, \$853.00
ST-7006-SP23-1, Financial Operations, \$575.00
- c. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of enrollment** for Danielle Iadarola in the Rutgers Transportation Supervisors Courses for the Spring Semester as follows:

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ST-7001-SP23-1, Management and Supervisory Skills, \$853.00

ST-7006-SP23-1, Financial Operations, \$575.00

- d. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to hire** Christine Amella as a Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year effective February 1, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$28.00.
- e. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to hire** Brianna Norlander as a Substitute Bus Driver for the 2022-2023 school year effective February 1, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$28.00.
- f. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval to hire** Dorothy DeFranco as a Bus Aide for the 2022-2023 school year effective February 1, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$15.45.
- g. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation Recommend the approval of the following member district for the 2022-2023 school year:
Harrison Board of Education
- h. 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 30 - 31, 2023. 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 \$1,373.76 for the following staff: Janine Byrnes, Kathy Schwab.
- i. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **disposal** of the following
Sussex County Regional Cooperative School vehicle through GovDeals:

<u>Vehicle Id Number</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Description</u>
5FNRL5H29BB010600	S2S277	2011 HONDA ODYSSEY

- j.
 - 1. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations for Special Education Routes** for the 2022 - 2023 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** to the lowest, responsible and

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responsive bus contractor companies for the 2022 -2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

3. The Superintendent and Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of *Renewal Transportation Routes for the 2022-2023*** school year not to exceed CPI of 1.91% as listed on Exhibit A.
4. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of *route contract addendums*** for the 2022 – 2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
5. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations** for ***Athletic/Class/Field Trips*** for the 2022-2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
6. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation **quotations** for ***Athletic/Class/Field Trips*** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2022-2023 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

Motion to approve 11a through Addendum:

(ACTION) Motion by J. Falconi seconded by Gulan

Absent	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
Yes	Joseph Falconi	Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson*	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

* Abstain 11 a, b, c, d, g, h, 12a, 13, 14b, 15a and b.

18. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Gruenfelder appreciates the cordial nature of tonight's meeting and the work completed by the board.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

(ACTION) Motion by Gulan, seconded by Turkington

All in favor Yes Time: 8:56

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ADDENDUM

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- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the employment of **Reyna Soto** as a Paraprofessional at the Middle School at a rate of \$15.13/hour pending completion of new hire paperwork.
- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the resignation of **Mark Ulrich** from his position as full-time custodian effective February 28, 2023.
- c. WHEREAS, On June 30, 2022, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2022, c.18 which includes a direct appropriation of \$350 million to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) to provide funding for grant projects in Regular Operating Districts (ROD); and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education wishes to apply for and accept funding for capital roofing projects at Hopatcong High School if so awarded;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Administration to fully comply with the terms of the grant application process and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Administration to work with Parette Somjen Architects to submit all applications and documents necessary, including an amendment to the District's LRFP, to secure grant funding of 40% of eligible project costs based upon a successful award from the NJSDA with the understanding that the district share of project expenses will come from its existing capital reserve account.