

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Newton, NJ  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2014

Ms. Dunn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Board Office at 57 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ, noting in the opening statement that the notice of this meeting was sent to the New Jersey Herald, the Star Ledger, and the Town Clerk of Newton on January 9, 2014, and appropriately posted. The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. OPENING

Members Present: Mr. Caffrey, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Egner, Ms. Faye, Mr. Goldschmidt, Mr. Heckman, Ms. Larsen, Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Greene. ROLL CALL

Members Absent: Mr. Fancher and Mr. Morris.

Also Present: Donna C. Snyder, Mary Decker.

There were no public comments. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed. Services Commission—Ms. Faye said they are moving forward with negotiations and working with districts to prepare for PARCC. She also reported that the audit was started. COMMITTEE RPTS.

Negotiations—First meeting with NEA is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Finance—Meeting is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Town Council—Dr. Greene said that he attended the Tree Lighting. Some Newton students sang, played music and decorated the tree before Santa arrived. Dr. Greene also attended the Town Council Meeting and reported that the Free Clinic violations are being resolved.

The Town will be reaching out to set up the annual joint meeting. Dr. Greene spoke about shared services, growing enrollment, and student services.

Andover—No report as Mr. Fancher was not present. SENDING DISTRICTS

Green—Ms. Cooke reported that Green had a meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Enrollment Report—Dr. Greene presented a report which shows that in contrast to the rest of the county schools, Newton Public Schools are experiencing enrollment growth. The graduation rate is almost 90%, and 91% of the graduates went on to higher education. SUPT.'S REPORT ED. HIGHLIGHTS

Property—Ms. Snyder reported that we have received approval from the State and are now awaiting the Town's Master Plan amendments. SBA/BS REPORT

State Regional Broadband Initiative—Ms. Snyder stated that she attended the Northwest Regional Meeting today and that the Board would be discussing various options during the Committee of the Whole discussion.

Budget—Ms. Snyder said that all the salaries are in and budgets are due next Monday. A41/A42 is complete and will be forwarded to sending district Business Administrators tomorrow.

Motion made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, to approve the following: BOARD BUSINESS

A. Approve the minutes of the following meetings:  
Regular Meeting of November 25, 2014  
Executive Sessions of November 25, 2014

B. Authorize the secretary to pay bills and warrants Nos. 041347 to 041472 (#041436-041439 Spoiled) as per bill list dated December 9, 2014, in the amount of \$1,056,046.77, as per Attachment A.

C. Approve the draft financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of November, 2014 as on file in the Business Office.

D. Accept the Board Secretary's certification, as attached, (pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.12(d)) that as of November 30, 2014, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education pursuant to NJSA 18A-22-8 & 18A-22-8.1.

- E. Pursuant to NJAC 6:23-2.11, certify that as of November 30, 2014, after review of the secretary's financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.12(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- F. Approve the line item transfers and 10% report as per Attachment B.
- G. Approve Food Service checks from November, 2014 as per Attachment C.
- H. Affirm the Superintendent's decisions regarding HIB incidents as reported to the Board of Education on November 21, 2014.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board with the following exceptions:

- Ms. Cooke abstained on Board Business Item A.
- Ms. Faye abstained on Board Business Item A
- Mr. Goldschmidt abstained on Board Business Items A & G.
- Mr. Heckman abstained on Executive Session Minutes regarding NEA.

Motion made by Mr. Caffrey, seconded by Ms. Larsen, to approve the following:

PROGRAM

- A. Approve the following student for homebound instruction in accordance with N.J.A.C.6:14:

Student ID #3029	Grade 4	Effective 12/1/14
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- B. Approve the following student teacher at Halsted Middle School from January 20, 2015 to May 1, 2015:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Joshua Bastin	Patrick Brennan

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 9 member Board.

Motion made by Ms. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Heckman, to approve the following:

- C. Approve the following trips for Newton High School:

<u>Class/Club</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>
Technology	Field Trip	New Providence HS, New Providence, NJ

- D. Approve the following new, revised and abolished policies and regulations for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

Policy 1522	School Level Planning (Abolish)
Policy 2622	Student Assessments (Revised)
Policy 5305	Health Services Personnel (Revised)
Policy 5306	Health Services to Nonpublic Schools (Revised)
Policy 5308	Student Health Records (Revised & Renamed)
Policy 5310	Health Services (Revised)
Policy 5339	Screening for Dyslexia (New)
Policy 5530	Substance Abuse (Revised)
Policy 5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (Revised)
Policy 8505	Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods (Revised)
Regulation 5306	Health Services to Nonpublic Schools (New)
Regulation 5308	Student Health Records (New)
Regulation 5310	Health Services (New)
Regulation 5330	Substance Abuse (Revised)
Regulation 5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (Revised)

- E. Approve evaluation instruments for Instructional Coaches as per Attachment D.

- F. Approve the following revised curricula per Attachment E:

- ASIP Math 11
- ASIP Math 9

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board.

Motion made by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, to approve the following:

PERSONNEL

- A. Accept the resignation for purposes of retirement of Timothy Hartmann, Custodian at Halsted Middle School, effective January 1, 2015.
- B. Accept the resignation of Liane Grice, Paraprofessional at Merriam Avenue School, effective December 12, 2014.
- C. Approve Jacquie Ferdenzi as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Merriam Avenue School (replacing Liane Grice), for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step 1, \$17,660 prorated 83% to \$14,658. Start date pending criminal history approval.
- D. Approve the following winter coaches for 2014-15:

Middle School Boys Basketball Coach—Sue Desautels, Step 3, \$3,745  
 Middle School Girls Basketball Coach—Kyle Grzymko, Step 1, \$3,381  
 Middle School Girls Basketball Volunteers—Megan O’Mara and Meg Waldron

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 9 member Board.

Motion by Mr. Heckman, seconded by Ms. Larsen, to approve the following:

- E. Approve the voluntary transfer of Paul Kays, Custodian, to Halsted Middle School effective January 1, 2015.
- F. Approve the following substitutes and home instructors for the 2014-15 school year:
  - Lauren Jones-Rabbitt Substitute Teacher
  - Deborah Dewey Homebound Instructor
  - Mark Edgerton Homebound Instructor
  - Claire Mazan Homebound Instructor
  - Karen Mitchell Homebound Instructor
- G. Approve Angela Dunbar, Special Education Teacher at Newton High School, for a combination of paid and unpaid leave effective on or about January 29, 2015, through on or about April 13, 2015 as per contract and FMLA.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board.

Motion by Mr. Caffrey, seconded by Ms. Larsen, to approve the following:

BUSINESS

- A. Approve district travel expenses as per Attachment F.
- B. Approve the amendment of the 2014-15 NCLB Title 2 Grant to transfer \$22,000 from Professional Development to Salaries and Benefits in order to fund a new Part-Time (3/5) Reading Teacher/Coach for class size reduction and enhanced Professional Development in literacy instruction for Grades K-8.
- C. Approve Integrity Consulting to assist with implementation of the Affordable Care Act and Negotiations at a rate of \$5,000 as per Attachment G.
- D. Approve the following district purchases for the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Newton Board of Education</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
E-Rate Consulting	Professional Services 2013-14	\$ 3,425.96
Lakeland Andover School	Audited Tuition 2013-14	\$12,777.00
Sussex County Regional Co-op	Transportation 2013-14	\$ 4,663.84
Sussex County Tech. School	Bus Maintenance	\$ 3,920.00
<u>Newton High School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
VEX Robotics	Robotics Superkit	\$ 2,999.97
<u>Merriam Avenue School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Newmind Group Inc.	Chromebooks	\$ 7,470.00

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board.

Ms. Dunn presented Mr. Goldschmidt with a certificate and thanked him for his three years of service to the Newton Board of Education.

OLD BD. BUSINESS

New Board Member Orientation—Dr. Greene stated that he, Ms. Dunn and Ms. Snyder met with Guilene Ham and went through the process of preparing her to take on her new role as a member of the Board of Education.

NEW BD. BUSINESS/  
OPEN DISCUSSION

SID—Mr. Caffrey stated there is an opening on the new committee.

Town Parade—Ms. Dunn said she attended and it was nice to see the Newton High School Band marching.

County SBA Officer—Ms. Dunn asked that people consider running for County Office.

Ms. Dunn thanked the Andover and Green representatives for their service.

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on issues for Board consideration. By law, the Board of Education is under no obligation to respond to public comment. If the Board of Education chooses to respond, it does not waive its right thereafter not to respond. Please identify yourself and spell your last name.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This public committee meeting is designed for the Board of Education to discuss issues that may appear on future board agendas. Please consider that an individual employee's terms and conditions of employment cannot be discussed prior to that employee being given proper notice.

COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE

### Broadband Initiative

#### Business (Cont'd)

Motion by Mr. Caffrey, seconded by Ms. Egner, to approve the following:

- E. WHEREAS the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) is acting as the lead agency for the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT), and

WHEREAS the MRESC operates the State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS for the provision of services to its members, and

WHEREAS the MRESC has developed RFP specifications, for the New Jersey Digital Readiness Learning & Assessment Broadband Component, Wide Area Network & Internet Cooperative Purchasing Initiative (DRLAP) in accordance with E-Rate guidelines, and

WHEREAS the MRESC, used a competitive contracting format as approved by the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS the MRESC posted a 470 form listing all districts submitting a letter or intent to participate in DRLAP and those public school district members of the MRESC Cooperative Pricing System not submitting a letter of intent to participate, and

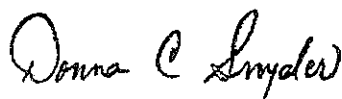
WHEREAS the MRESC advertised this bid in accordance with 18A:18A-21 and publicly opened and read the DRLAP bid on September 17, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newton Board of Education intends to participate pending further discussion with the DRLAP selected vendor, Affinity.

- F. Approve participation in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT) in order to participate in the Cooperative Purchasing of Broadband, Wide Area Network Services, and Internet Access (DRLAP), as per Attachment H.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna C. Snyder  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary