

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Newton, NJ
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2015

Ms. Dunn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:14 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 December 18, 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, Mr. Fancher, Ms. Faye, Ms. Ham, Mr. Heckman, Ms. Larsen, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Thomas. ROLL CALL

Members Absent: Dr. Greene.

Also Present: Donna C. Snyder, Kevin Stanton, and Kristi Greene.

There were no public comments. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Negotiations—Mr. Caffrey reported that the committee met on December 10, 2014. COMMITTEE RPTS.

Andover—Board met December 16, 2014 and ratified union agreement. There has been a lot of conversation about send/receive at Newton High School. Andover intends to pursue a study on regionalization. SENDING DISTRICTS

Green—Ms. Cooke reported that Green had a meeting on December 17th. Reorganization Meeting will be on Thursday at 7:30 pm.

Parent Academy Presentation—Ms. Salerno explained the Academy’s purpose and how it has developed. Ms. Fritzky talked about teaching parents how their children learn math. Ms. Smith spoke about working with our Spanish families, and parents spoke about how this has helped them. SUPT.’S REPORT ED. HIGHLIGHTS

Flipped Classroom Presentation—Ms. Enrica Spronz gave a presentation. Kristi Greene spoke about blended learning in the district and explained the integration of technology.

Ethics Training—Ms. Robynn Meehan of the NJSBA was moved to the end of the agenda so that the tuition discussion could be held prior to Mr. Fancher leaving for the Andover meeting. Ms. Meehan was unable to stay, so the Ethics Training will be rescheduled. SBA/BS REPORT

Town Council/BOE Meeting—Ms. Snyder said that she received an email asking for annual meeting end of January/beginning of February.

National Honor Society Induction has been postponed to end January.

Breakfast at Merriam Avenue School—Mr. Stanton, Ms. Brigham, and Ms. Snyder worked on an initiative to increase participation in the breakfast program. Serving times will be lengthened to coincide with the start of the school day.

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

A. Approve the minutes of the following meeting:

Regular Meeting of December 9, 2014
Executive Sessions of December 9, 2014

B. Affirm the Superintendent’s decisions regarding HIB incidents as reported to the Board of Education on December 19, 2014.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board with the following exceptions:
Mr. Morris abstained on Board Business Item A.

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

PROGRAM

- A. Approve the receipt of the following homeless students. The district of residence will be billed for their tuition and services:

Student ID #11304 (Sussex-Wantage) Grade K Effective 9/4/14

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 9 member Board with the following exceptions:
Ms. Ham abstained on Program A.

Motion made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Egner, to approve the following:

- B. Approve the receipt of the following homeless students. The district of residence will be billed for their tuition and services:

Student ID #11376 (Elizabeth) Grade 11 Effective 12/3/14

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

<u>Class/Club</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>
Region Chorus	Field Trip	Paramus High School, Paramus, NJ
Science League	Field Trip	Jefferson High School, Jefferson, NJ

- D. Approve the following course level changes and additions at Newton High School (no new curriculum):

- Introduction to Business CP
- Forensic Science Honors
- Spanish I CP
- Algebra I-A CP
- Algebra I-A CP ICS
- Algebra I-B CP
- Algebra I-B CP ICS
- Course name change from Marketing II to Advanced Business Concepts

- E. Approve the following student teacher at Newton High School from January 26, 2015 to May 8, 2015:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Jack Kane, Drew University	Brendan Scullin, Social Studies

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

Motion made by Mr. Heckman, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, to approve the following:

PERSONNEL

- A. Approve Danielle Bicher as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Halsted Middle School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step 2, \$17,760 prorated 83% to \$14,741, effective January 7, 2015.
- B. Approve Ludmila Grant as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Halsted Middle School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step 2, \$17,760 prorated 83% to \$14,741, effective January 7, 2015.
- C. Approve Joanne Nieman as Title I Extended Day Teacher at Halsted Middle School, \$30/hr., not to exceed \$25,500 collectively.
- D. Accept the resignation of Toni Busuttil, Teacher Assistant at Halsted Middle School, effective December 15, 2014.

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

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

- E. Approve Larissa Roman as LDTC, replacing Dolores Colalillo, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step C-8, \$64,030 prorated, effective March 1, 2015 or upon release from prior district.

F. Approve the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year:

Maximiliano Allegretti	Substitute Teacher
Carolyn Wajtusiak	Substitute Teacher
Alexandra Straulina	Substitute Teacher Assistant

G. Approve Trudie Lehman as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Newton High School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step 2, \$17,760 prorated 67% to \$11,899. Start date pending criminal history approval.

H. Approve Antonina Baguley as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Newton High School for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step 1, \$17,660 prorated 83% to \$14,658. Start date pending criminal history approval.

I. Approve Kenneth Teets as an Athletic Paraprofessional for Newton High School Boys Basketball for the 2014-15 school year.

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

Motion by Ms. Faye, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, to approve the following:

BUSINESS

A. Approve the following district purchases for the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Newton Board of Education</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sussex County Tech. School	Bus Maintenance	\$ 3,200.00
Town of Newton	Gas & Diesel Usage June-Dec. 14	\$16,112.64
<u>Newton High School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B&H Photo	Camcorder	\$ 2,480.90
CDWG, Inc.	Computer & Accessories	\$ 3,055.45
Sussex County Reg. Co-op	Winter Athletics Transportation	\$ 3,500.00
<u>Special Services</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Warren Cty. Spec. Svc. Schl.	Social Worker Sept.-Dec. 14	\$20,485.00

B. Approve district travel expenses as per Attachment A.

C. Approve a 5-year lease agreement with Ricoh Americas Corporation for 12 Savin copiers under State Contract A51464 at a total annual cost of \$51,487.22, yielding an annual savings of \$6,374.20, as per Attachment B.

D. Approve the out-of-district tuition contract with Lakeland-Andover School for student #5002940503 the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board with the following exceptions:
Mr. Fancher abstained on Business Item C.

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

Finance—Sending District Tuition

The Finance Committee reported on the tuition options they discussed and came to a consensus that although the gap between estimated and actual has been an issue, proposed legislation creates a need to remedy the situation now. A lengthy discussion ensued with all 11 Board Members indicating the rate should be \$14,886. The Board also expressed a desire for the Superintendent and School Business Administrator to meet with the sending district representatives to review the situation and offer payment options.

Mr. Fancher left the meeting at 8:57 PM.

There was discussion on offering the Brave News in Spanish as well as on the Newton Schools website.

OLD BD. BUSINESS

Property—Ms. Snyder reported that the Town will introduce the ordinance on January 12th and have a second reading on January 26th.

Broadband—Ms. Snyder stated that we are still waiting to meet with Affinity.

Ms. Faye reported that the band concert at Halsted Middle School was fabulous.

NEW BD. BUSINESS/
OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Larsen congratulated the new choir director at Newton High School on a great concert as well.

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.

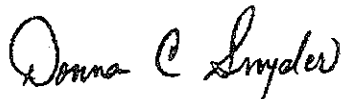
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Fox and John O’Gorman of Green Township introduced themselves.

Motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:33 PM to discuss NEA Negotiations, not to reconvene. There was no opposition.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



Donna C. Snyder
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary