

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Newton, NJ
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 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, Mr. Fancher, Ms. Faye, Mr. Goldschmidt, Mr. Heckman, Ms. Larsen, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Greene.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Donna C. Snyder

Ms. Faye arrived at 7:07 PM.
Mr. Fancher arrived at 7:30 PM.

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Negotiations—Mr. Caffrey stated that the Negotiations Committee met and the full Board will discuss in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE RPTS.

Town Council—Police promotion ceremony for Scott King to Sergeant and concerns of business owners were discussed.

Andover—Mr. Fancher reported that Andover had a meeting on November 4th.

SENDING
DISTRICTS

Green—Ms. Cooke said that Green has not had a meeting since Newton's last meeting.

Halsted Summer Reading

SUPT.'S REPORT
ED. HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Greene introduced Jean Perrier and Erin Marmara who discussed "One Book, One School". Students Andrew Carlson and Ciara Peselli gave a presentation on the reading initiative.

New Board Member

Dr. Greene congratulated Ms. Guilene Ham on her election to the Board and introduced her to the other Board Members.

Field Hockey Team

Dr. Greene reported that the Newton High School Field Hockey Team won against Kittatinny Regional High School and will be playing Shore Regional High School on November 12th for Round 1 of the NJSIAA Group 1 Championships.

School Choice Program

The State has indicated that for next year, Newton can only have the same number of seats for choice students that are currently filled. There is a waiver request available for an 8th grader or sibling that wants to attend.

District Action Plan Progress Report

Dr. Greene reviewed the report and current status.

Educator of the Year

Each school will now select two people—a teacher and a certified support person. The District will no longer select a Teacher of the Year. Staff selected from the school level can apply directly to the State for the Teacher of the Year award.

QSAC

New District Performance Reports have been issued.

Veterans Day

Dr. Greene described the wonderful assembly at Newton High School.

State Broadband & Internet Initiative

Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission has confirmed successful bid responses in our area. Further information will be released at the end of the week.

Property Purchase

SBA/BS REPORT

Ms. Snyder reported that she has not heard from the State Division of Facilities.

Energy Savings

Ms. Snyder stated that she has been in contact with a company that cannot only analyze Newton's energy bills to determine savings, but can possibly suggest projects to create further savings.

Affordable Care Act

Ms. Snyder is continuing to research the implications and methods of collecting data for implementation in the most cost-effective manner.

Budget Calendar

The Business Administrator indicated that this has already been revised since the State has not posted the A41/A42 forms yet.

NJSBA Conference

Ms. Snyder reminded the Board Members that if they attended the conference, they need to keep receipts and provide a summary statement.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Approve the minutes of the following meeting:
Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014
- B. Approve the 2015 Reorganization Meeting date as January 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Board Office.
- C. Affirm the Superintendent's decisions regarding HIB incidents as reported to the Board of Education on October 24 & 31, 2014.

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

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

PROGRAM

- A. Approve the following trips for Halsted Middle School:

<u>Class/Club</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>
LLD Students	Field Trip	William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ
- B. Approve the following students for homebound instruction in accordance with N.J.A.C.6:14:

Student ID #3029	Grade 4	Effective 10/23/14
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- C. Approve the application through the Character Education Partnership for Merriam Avenue School to be a State School of Character.

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

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

D. Approve the following trips for Newton High School:

<u>Class/Club</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>
Choices & Challenges	Field Trip	Seton Hall University, So. Orange, NJ
Robotics	Field Trip	Bridgewater Raritan HS, Bridgewater, NJ
Robotics	Field Trip	NJIT, Newark, NJ

E. Approve the Newton Public Schools Nursing Plan per NJAC 6A:16-2.1 for the 2014-15 school year as per Attachment A.

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

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

PERSONNEL

- A. Approve Tyler Morris to do a 35 hr. Field Experience with Linda Sullivan, Grade 3, at Merriam Avenue School.
- B. Approve Jeorgi Smith to do a 35 hr. Field Experience with Blair Ellis, Grade 1, at Merriam Avenue School.
- C. Approve Gloria Zettel for a Field Experience placement with Kate Del Vecchio, Art Teacher at Halsted Middle School, from October 27, 2014 through December 11, 2014.
- D. Accept the resignation of Joy Ismajloski, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Halsted Middle School, effective November 20, 2014.
- E. Approve Tonianne Busattil as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Halsted Middle School, replacing Joy Ismajloski, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, Step 2, 83% to \$14,741, start date pending criminal history approval.
- F. Approve the following as Elementary Wrestling Volunteers for Winter, 2014:
 - C.J. Carroll, pending criminal history approval
 - Bill Childress
 - John Costa, pending criminal history approval
 - Rob Koroski
 - Dan Lombreglia
 - Joe Lotruglio, pending criminal history approval
 - Dennis Melillo, pending criminal history approval
- G. Approve Kathy Bottoni as Title I Extended Day After School Program Teacher at Halsted Middle School for 2014-15 @ \$30/hr., not to exceed \$25,500 collectively with personnel previously approved for same position.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 9 member Board with the following exceptions:
Mr. Morris abstained on Personnel Item A.

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

- H. Approve Mitchell Harper as a Substitute Bus Driver for the 2014-15 school year.
- I. Rescind the June 17, 2014 motion approving the following Science League Advisors at Newton High School for 2014-15:
 - Elizabeth Monaghan, Environmental Science Advisor
 - Jake Mull, Physics Advisor
- J. Approve the following as Science League Advisors at Newton High School for 2014-15 at Step 1, \$666 each:
 - Yvonne LaForge, Environmental Science Advisor
 - Chris Wannemacher, Physics Advisor

K. Approve the following substitutes for the 2014-15 school year:

Carolyn Bieganouski	Substitute Teacher
Nicole Kylis	Substitute Teacher
Katherine Stroh	Substitute Teacher

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

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Larsen, 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 Ed Svc Comm	Chapter 192/193 Services 2014-15	\$66,706.00

<u>Newton High School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Music Theatre International	Musical Rights/Rental Spring Musical	\$ 4,035.00

<u>Merriam Avenue School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brain Pop	Subscription Renewal	\$ 2,095.00
Follett Library Resource	Library Books	\$ 2,574.27

B. Approve district travel expenses as per Attachment B.

C. Approve Apex Learning as an online homebound instruction provider for 5 student seats at Newton High School.

D. Approve the disposal of one Everett Piano at Merriam Avenue School, #176991.

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

There was no Old Board Business.

OLD BD. BUSINESS

County Veterans Day—Mr. Caffrey said that it was nice to see that the band participated at the County Veterans' Day Program and also that a Halsted Middle School student won the essay contest.

NEW BD. BUSINESS
OPEN DISCUSSION

County Study—Mr. Heckman read a section of the article that described the Decline of student enrollment in Sussex County.

PRIDE 5K—Mr. Fancher said he attended and it was very well organized. Ms. Dunn said it was a great event. She also stated that we need to encourage community participation.

Legislative Meeting—Meeting will be held this month and Mr. Fancher will be attending.

NJSBA—The New Jersey School Boards Association will be holding a meeting at Newton High School on January 22, 2015.

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

There were no 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

Discussion of Facilities and Priorities

A detailed conversation took place regarding the needs of each facility. Dave Hughen was present to give more detailed information to the Board. The Board updated the annual spreadsheet that will be used for budget preparation.

Motion by Ms. Cooke, seconded by Ms. Larsen, that the meeting would adjourn to Executive Session at 9:10 PM to discuss legal matters regarding NESA Grievance and NEA Negotiations Proposals, not to reconvene. There was no opposition.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna C. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Donna C. Snyder
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary