

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Newton, NJ
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 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. Dunn, Ms. Egner, Mr. Fancher, Mr. Heckman, Ms. Larsen, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Greene.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: Ms. Cooke, Ms. Faye and Mr. Goldschmidt

Also Present: Donna C. Snyder

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Negotiations—The Negotiations Committee met and will discuss in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE RPTS.

Legislative—Elected officers. Resolution #1 on ethics passed. Tuition and Send/Receive Resolution was passed with an amendment that eliminated a numerical percentage cap.

Ed Services—Negotiations are underway. Board of Directors approved changing to AmeriHealth. Looking at Broadband and E-RATE.

Town Council—Presented and discussed Special Improvement District. Business owners were concerned about potential cost.

Andover—Mr. Fancher reported that Andover met last Tuesday. The Interim Superintendent recommended that the Board move from the current two formal action Board Meetings per month to one meeting per month.

SENDING
DISTRICTS

Green—No report as Ms. Cooke was not present.

Mr. Fancher arrived at 7:28 PM.

QSAC District Performance Review

SUPT.'S REPORT
ED. HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Greene explained the performance review, giving a brief history of QSAC. He reviewed English Language Arts and Math Testing scores as they relate to QSAC and explained the scoring.

Project Launch Evaluation for 2013-14

Dr. Greene presented the formal evaluation as conducted by an independent evaluator. He cited data from the report to show a positive effect of the program. He stated that he would put the full presentation on the district website.

Halsted Middle School Basketball Coaches

The Superintendent explained that there are 35-40 students anticipated for both the boys and girls basketball programs at Halsted. He asked the Board to support two additional coaching positions to establish both a Grade 5-6 and 7-8 team for each program. He mentioned that this is another positive consequence of bringing the 5th grade to Halsted and opening up this extracurricular activity to another grade level.

Graduation Assessment Requirements

It is still in code that high school students are still required to pass an exam in Language Arts and Math in order to graduate. The classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018 will need to pass one PARCC English and one PARCC Math test or alternates such as SAT, ACT, ASFAB, or Accuplacer. The Department of Education will also have an appeal process.

PARCC

A letter from the Commissioner states that all students should be taking these tests, which contradicts NCLB which says that 95% must take the test.

Ms. Snyder reported that we were granted a two-month extension for due diligence.

State Regional Broadband Initiative

Newton has received notification and is evaluating the information; Ms. Snyder anticipates needing Board Action at the next meeting.

Budget

Ms. Snyder stated that the 2013-14 Resource Center/In-Class Support costs were sent to Andover and Green; working on the A41/A42; principals and others are working on their proposals; continuing to develop costs for projects.

Affordable Care Act

Ms. Snyder reported that she is still gathering information and working on the implementation.

Energy Savings

Ms. Snyder stated that she is still working with Schneider Energy.

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

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Approve the minutes of the following meetings:
Regular Meeting of November 11, 2014
Executive Session of November 11, 2014
- B. Authorize the secretary to pay bills and warrants Nos.041154 to 041346 as per bill list dated November 25, 2014, in the amount of \$2,621,694.31, as per Attachment A.
- C. Approve the draft financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of October, 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 October 31, 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 October 31, 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 October, 2014 as per Attachment C.
- H. Approve the submission of the 2014 QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum) DPR (District Performance Review) to the State Department of Education, as per Attachment D.
- I. Approve submission of the Merriam Avenue School and Halsted Middle School Progress Targets Action Plans to the Department of Education as per Attachment E.

Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member Board with the following exceptions:
Mr. Heckman abstained on Executive Session Minutes.

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

PROGRAM

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

Student ID #2231	Grade 9	Effective 11/11/14
Student ID #10952	Grade 10	Effective 10/29/14

Mrs. Thomas asked if these students would use the new software. Dr. Greene confirmed that they would.

- B. Approve the following new course at Newton High School:

- Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics

Mrs. Thomas asked about this course versus U.S. History. Dr. Greene explained that two years of U.S. History is required, and that this is an elective.

Mr. Morris stated his support.

- C. Approve an overnight trip for the Newton High School Band for four days in May, 2015, to attend the Cedar Point Band Competition in Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Caffrey said that he is happy to see the high school band going to competition.

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

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

PERSONNEL

- A. Approve Shannon Williams as a 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.
- B. Approve Shannon Frick, from William Paterson University, to do a Music/Vocal practicum at Merriam Avenue School, under the supervision of Mrs. Muccilli, from February 2, 2015 through April 27, 2015.
- C. Approve Cody Magill, from William Paterson University, to do a Social Studies practicum at Halsted Middle School, under the supervision of Anthony Nasatka, from February 2, 2015 through April 27, 2015.
- D. Approve Cody Halligan, from William Paterson University, to do a Science practicum at Halsted Middle School, under the supervision of Susan Desautels, from February 2, 2015 through April 27, 2015.
- E. Approve J.R. Mabee as a Volunteer for Newton Elementary Wrestling.

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

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

- F. Approve the appointment of Dave Pede as the Agriculture Instructor for 150 hours for the After School Agriscience Program (ASAP) @ \$35/hr., not to exceed \$5,250 as per the 2014-15 Carl D. Perkins Grant.
- G. Approve the following for the After School Agriscience Program (ASAP) for 100 hours each @ \$35/hr., not to exceed \$3,500 each, as per the 2014-15 Carl D. Perkins Grant:
- Michael Ridge
 - Worth Christian
- H. Approve the following substitutes for the 2014-15 school year:

Christine Clear	Substitute Teacher
Sara Melberger	Substitute Teacher
Vivian Meudt	Substitute Teacher
Michael Roche	Substitute Teacher
Keith Meyer	Substitute Teacher
Daniel Sullivan	Substitute Teacher
Gloria Zettel	Substitute Teacher

I. Accept the resignation of Dolores Colalillo, LDTC, effective December 1, 2014.

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

Motion by Mr. Caffrey, seconded by Ms. Egner, 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>
Nisivoccia & Co.	Final Billing for Audit June 2014	\$ 3,550.00
<u>Newton High School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Interstate Music Supply	Instrument Parts & Accessories	\$ 2,297.90
<u>Halsted Middle School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDWG, Inc.	Chromebooks	\$ 6,696.00
<u>Special Services</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Riverside Publishing Co.	Educational Testing Supplies	\$ 2,419.56

B. Approve district travel expenses as per Attachment F.

C. Approve the acceptance of the FY2015 Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant funds for Newton High School and as a consortium with Belvidere for a total of \$17,208, with Newton's portion being \$16,259, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

D. Approve Joint Transportation Agreements with Sussex County Technical School for participation in transportation services for Route TRN1 for the 2014-15 school year at a cost of \$85/hr., per Attachment G.

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

Women's Self-Defense—Mrs. Thomas asked if there was any feedback from her prior request. Dr. Greene responded that he had passed on the suggestion but would follow up.

OLD BD. BUSINESS

Food Service Contract—Ms. Dunn asked when we go out to bid, and Ms. Snyder said in the spring.

SCSBA—Ray Morris, Tina Larsen and Joan Faye attended. The topic was STEAM and they were impressed with the information that was presented.

There was no New Board Business.

NEW BD. BUSINESS/
OPEN DISCUSSION

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

Scott VanNess—Spoke about the football program. He expressed his concerns about the attitude and results.

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

Policy

- Discussion of New, Revised and Abolished Policies and Regulations

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

Program (Cont'd)

D. Approve the following new, revised and abolished policies and regulations for 1st 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)

Mrs. Thomas asked how the dyslexia students would be screened, and Dr. Greene stated they are researching options. Dr. Greene explained that the screening process would involve all students. Mr. Heckman pointed out that the screening would address other reading problems.

Mr. Heckman asked if student records are stored on paper or electronically. Dr. Greene responded that it is a combination. He also asked for clarification on non-public nursing and how it is paid for. Ms. Snyder explained the flow through non-public funding.

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

Motion by Ms. Egner, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, that the Board of Education shall adjourn to Executive Session after a 10 minute break, to convene in Executive Session at 9:02 PM, to discuss a confidential student matter. The Board intends to reconvene and take action.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:16 PM.

Motion by Ms. Egner, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, to extend the suspension of Student #2906 for an additional 15 days, for a total of 25 days from November 17, 2014 through December 23, 2014 for weapons possession.

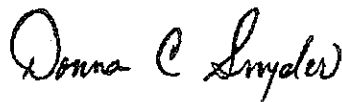
PROGRAM
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Carried unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 member board.

Motion by Ms. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss NESA Grievance, NEA Negotiations, and Send-Receive Agreements with Andover and Green, not to reconvene. There was no opposition.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Respectfully submitted,



Donna C. Snyder
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary