

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Newton, NJ
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Ms. Dunn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 September 3, 2015, 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, Ms. Faye, Ms. Ham, Mr. Heckman, Ms. Larsen, Mr. Morris, Mr. O’Gorman, Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Greene.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Donna C. Snyder

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Ed Services—Ms. Faye reported that Negotiations are continuing and they are looking forward to another school year.

COMMITTEE RPTS.

Negotiations—Mr. Caffrey said the report would be in Executive Session.

Andover—Mr. Fancher reported that Andover has a meeting next Tuesday.

SENDING
DISTRICTS

Green—Mr. O’Gorman stated that Green had a meeting last week, but he was unable to attend.

Bandwidth Press Release—Dr. Greene referred to a Press Release issued by the Dept. of Education on DRLAP which Newton did participate in. The article spoke about how each district has increased bandwidth and lowered costs.

SUPT.’S REPORT
ED. HIGHLIGHTS

Subaru World—Dr. Greene said that Subaru World of Newton ran a “Stuff the Subaru” fundraiser. It went beautifully and they presented a \$2,000 check to Merriam Avenue School.

Technology—Administration is working towards a 1:1 environment for devices at Halsted Middle School. Every 7th and 8th grade student has their own device each day at school. The high school has an additional 200 devices that were budgeted for this year.

Board of Education Facilities Analysis was distributed to staff today, along with a survey. The survey will be distributed to the community via the Brave News at the end of September.

A/P Results—29 students took the AP exams; 88% passed which is 15% above NJ average.

Facilities—Ms. Snyder reviewed the status of various projects (Halsted’s Public Announcement System, boiler issues, Newton High School electrical, Merriam Avenue clocks, District-wide generators, broadband, telephones, 3M, Verizon).

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

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Approve the minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Meeting of August 25, 2015
 - Executive Session of August 25, 2015

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

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

PROGRAM

- A. Approve the receipt of the following homeless student. The State of NJ will be billed for their tuition and services:

Student ID #11685 (Florida) Grade K Effective 9/3/15

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

Student ID #11678 (Vernon) Grade 2 Effective 9/3/15

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

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

- C. Approve the receipt of the following homeless students. The State of NJ will be billed for their tuition and services:

Student ID #11700	(Pennsylvania)	Grade 8	Effective 9/3/15
Student ID #11702	(Pennsylvania)	Grade 9	Effective 9/3/15
Student ID #11572	(Guatemala)	Grade 9	Effective 9/3/15
Student ID #11574	(Guatemala)	Grade 10	Effective 9/3/15

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

Student ID #11662 (Newark) Grade 8 Effective 9/3/15

- E. Approve the following curricula as on file in the Board Office:

- Honors Forensic Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Visual and Performing Arts
- English as a Second Language
- AP US Government and Politics

- F. Approve the revised list of out-of-district placements for 2015-16 as per Attachment A.

- G. Approve the following new policy for 2nd reading:

Policy 5756 Transgender Students

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

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

PERSONNEL

- A. Approve Jane Langeveld as Anti-Bullying Specialist at Merriam Avenue School for the 2015-16 school year.
- B. Approve Linda Salerno for Danielson Training for Teachers @ ½ day per diem.
- C. Approve Sherrie Banta as Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Halsted Middle School, for the 2015-16 school year @ 83%, salary TBD.
- D. Accept the resignation of Katherine Mastrianni, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Merriam Avenue School, effective September 1, 2015.
- E. Approve Melissa Storch as Preschool Lunch Supervisor for 3.75 hrs./week @ \$20/hr.
- F. Approve the following additional teachers for Title 1 Extended Day at Halsted Middle School for the 2015-16 school year @ \$30/hr., not to exceed \$25,500 (total of all Title I Extended Day Teachers):

Kathy Bottoni
Judy Cooper
Mike Dodd
Kara Hartzell
Carol Marinaro
Anthony Nasatka
Joanne Nieman
Megan O'Mara
Lisa Sienrukos

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

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

- G. Approve Nik Lasso as a Volunteer Coach for the Newton High School Football Program.
- H. Accept the resignation of Jovanna Ossa, CST School Psychologist, effective August 26, 2015.
- I. Approve Chris George as Special Education Teacher at Newton High School, retroactive to September 1, 2015, Step 4, BA+20, \$55,100.
- J. Approve Kathy Bottoni to work at athletic events for the 2015-16 school year.
- K. Approve Renee Ciulla for an additional Child Study Team Meeting on August 24, 2015 @ \$30.
- L. Approve Ana Maniago for an additional 15 hours for translation of documents in Summer, 2015.
- M. Approve the following substitutes for the 2015-16 school year:

Meghan Baxendell	Substitute Teacher
Ashley Rhodes	Substitute Teacher
Kevin Unrath	Substitute Teacher
Alyssa Sylsbury	Substitute Custodian

- N. Approve Edythe Bertoldo and Brian Karns as Athletic Trainers at Newton High School for the 2015-16 school year at a salary of \$37,704.50 each, retroactive to July 1, 2015.
- O. Approve the following as Co-Student Council Advisors at Newton High School for the 2015-16 school year, Step 6, \$1,735 each:

Worth Christian
Dave Pede

- P. Rescind the June 30, 2015 motion approving Deborah Dewey as Academic Bowl Advisor at Newton High School for the 2015-16 school year.

- Q. Approve the following appointments at Newton High School for the 2015-16 school year:

Extended Day Librarian	Wendy Whipple	\$30/hr., not to exceed \$4,050
After School Instruction English	Kristen Hauser	\$30/hr. for 2.5 hrs./week
After School Instruction History	German Rueda	\$30/hr. for 2.5 hrs./week
After School Instruction Math	Peter Zuroff	\$30/hr. for 2.5 hrs./week
After School Instruction Science	E. Gaal & M. Bussow	\$30/hr. not to exceed \$4,050 collectively
After School Instruction Math	Kelly Gvoth	\$30/hr. for 2.5 hrs./week
After School Instruction Agriscience	Worth Christian	\$35/hr. not to exceed \$3,500
After School Instruction Agriscience	Mike Ridge	\$35/hr. not to exceed \$3,500
After School Instruction Agriscience	Dave Pede	\$35/hr. not to exceed \$3,500

- R. Accept the resignation of Carole Wiley as Girl's Tennis Coach effective September 4, 2015.

Mrs. Thomas asked if there was a replacement tennis coach. Dr. Greene stated that the Assistant Coach has taken over as interim Head Coach, and that the position has been advertised and posted.

- S. Approve Kaitlyn Chudley as Lunch Supervisor at Newton High School for Student #2294 for 3.75 hrs./week @ \$20/hr.

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

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

BUSINESS

- A. Approve the following district purchases for the 2015-16 school year:

<u>Newton Board of Education</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grainger	Air Conditioners	\$ 3,875.00
Orr's	Custodial Uniforms	\$ 4,917.95
Sussex County Tech. School	Bus Maintenance	\$ 4,200.00

<u>Halsted Middle School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDWG, Inc.	Lenovo Thinkpads & Accessories	\$13,101.93
Dell Marketing	Chromebooks	\$ 5,953.20

<u>Merriam Avenue School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Scholastic Classroom Mag.	Classroom Magazines	\$ 3,111.86

- B. Approve the application of the FirstEnergy STEM Classroom Grant for Halsted Middle School to encourage creativity in student learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education.
- C. Approve the receipt of a health and wellness grant check from the Center for Prevention and Counseling in the amount of \$1,500 to be deposited in Student Activities at Halsted Middle School.
- D. Approve the agreement with PenTeleData for internet services from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, as on file in the Board Office.
- E. Approve Telecom Management as Communications Consultant to provide telephone services to the District for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$7,500.
- F. Approve district travel expenses as per Attachment B.
- G. Approve the disposal of the following books at Newton High School:
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| | Deutsch Aktuell ed. 4 Textbooks | 1998 |
| 46 copies | Deutsch Aktuell ed. 4 Workbooks | 1998 |
| 22 copies | Immer weiter | 1978 |
| 16 copies | Geradeaus | 1978 |
| 39 copies | Das Kreuzwortratsel | 1970 |
| 8 copies | CBAT German | 1989 |
| 30 copies | Munchhausen ohne Gleichen | 1969 |
| 3 copies | The New Cassell's German Dictionary | 1958 |
- H. Authorize the Superintendent and School Business Administrator to take all actions necessary to enroll the district in the SEMI (Medicaid) Program as required by the New Jersey Department of Education and budgeted in the 2015-16 budget.
- I. Authorize execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for the electrical upgrades and installation of a back-up generator at Newton High School (SDA#3590-050-14-G2QQ-00; DOE#3590-050-14-1002;G5#5854).
- J. Authorize execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for the electrical upgrades and installation of a back-up generator at Merriam Avenue School (SDA#3590-070-14-G2QU-00; DOE#3590-050-14-1002;G5#5858).
- K. Authorize execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for the electrical upgrades and installation of a back-up generator at Halsted Middle School (SDA#3590-060-14-G2QT-00; DOE#3590-060-14-1005;G5#5857).
- L. Authorize delegation of authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project (electrical upgrades and installation of a back-up generator at Newton High School SDA#3590-050-14-G2QQ-00; DOE#3590-050-14-1002;G5#5854).
- M. Authorize delegation of authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project (electrical upgrades and installation of a back-up generator at Merriam Avenue School SDA#3590-070-14-G2QU-00; DOE#3590-050-14-1002;G5#5858).
- N. Authorize delegation of authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project electrical upgrades and installation of a back-up generator at Halsted Middle School (SDA#3590-060-14-G2QT-00; DOE#3590-060-14-1005;G5#5857).
- O. Authorize the School Business Administrator to execute documents to allow JCP&L to install new service at Newton High School at a cost of \$37,486.
- P. Accept a donation for Merriam Avenue School in the amount of \$2,000 from Subaru World of Newton.

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

Bus Routes— Mrs. Thomas asked how we were doing with one-way Spring Street construction. Ms. Snyder replied that bus routes were reconfigured during the summer but that transportation is definitely a challenge this year.

OLD BD. BUSINESS

Friday Night Football & PTO Picnic at Merriam Avenue School—Ms. Dunn reminded everyone that it would be nice to have Board Members present a school functions.

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

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.

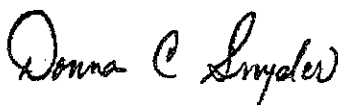
COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE

There were no Committee of the Whole discussions.

Motion by Ms. Egner, seconded by Ms. Larsen, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 PM to discuss Legal (NESA contract, parent tort claim, Green Twp. send-receive agreement), and Negotiations (NEA contract), not to reconvene.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



Donna C. Snyder
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary