

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY

MARCH 13, 2012

7:00 PM

Mrs. Ostrzyzek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and proper notice of postings was given. Mrs. Ostrzyzek read the Sunshine Statement and Mrs. Wallace read the Mission Statement and led the pledge of allegiance. Board members present at the roll call were Mr. Lucas, Mr. Tighe, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Koeppen, Mrs. Ostrzyzek, Mr. McKenna and Mrs. Kahler. Mr. Annunziata, Superintendent, Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator /Board Secretary and Mrs. Brown, Principal were also in attendance, as well as 21 members of the public.

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Luke attended the meeting with six of her first grade students to talk about the recent "Real Reptiles" Assembly. The students shared what they learned about reptiles with the Board and audience.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

None

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huff shared thank you notes that were received from Mrs. Brown for the fruit basket she received celebrating her recent wedding and one from Mrs. Phillips thanking the Board for the Barnes and Noble gift card she received when she was recognized as staff member of the quarter. Mr. Annunziata distributed a rough draft of a school brochure. The Public Relations Committee will review it and make recommendations for distribution.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Koeppen and seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the minutes as submitted from the February 28, 2012 Regular Session Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Huff noted that Mr. Bair is gathering quotations to repair, seal and restripe the lower parking lot. Mrs. Huff further reported that one of the boilers will be repaired this month. Mr. Annunziata noted that during a recent emergency drill we determined that we need speakers in the bathrooms so students can hear emergency announcements. Mr. Bair will have them installed. Mr. McKenna noted that the Committee is discussing recommendations for placement of the recently restored original school bell. Mr. McKenna noted that he is still gathering information to determine if the Town generator could be an option for use at the school.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr. Tighe asked Board members to take a look at the draft brochure and send any updates to Mr. Annunziata. Mr. Tighe noted that the final brochure will be distributed at various locations around town.

CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION / TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Brown noted that after much review of different programs, the Committee has agreed to purchase the "Go Math" textbook series for grades K-5.

Motion – Curriculum/Instruction/Technology

A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

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Motion – Curriculum/Instruction/Technology - continued

1. Approve a Field Trip for After-school Unlimited LA

To approve a field trip for approximately six students to the annual Poetry/Literature Tournament in Washington Borough on March 22, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. There is no cost for the field trip and parents will transport.

FINANCE

Mrs. Huff noted that the preliminary budget has been approved verbally by the County Office, with formal approval later in the week. Mrs. Huff reminded the Board that Mr. Annunziata will present this budget at a public hearing which will be held March 27th.

Motion - Finance

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

1. Approve Staff Travel

To approve the following staff travel:

- Cathy Trotter to attend a workshop “Writing Strategies That Work: Practical Ways to Use Six Traits and Mini Lessons in Your Writing Instruction” on March 20, 2012. The cost of the workshop is \$225.00 with mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$25.00.
- Mary Jane Weigly to attend the NJ State School Nurses Association Annual Conference on March 24, 2012 in New Brunswick, NJ. The cost of the workshop is \$175.00 and mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$30.00.

PERSONNEL

Block Motion - Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mrs. Wallace to approve the following agenda items #1 through #2. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

1. Approve Placement of Felician College Student for a Field Experience

To approve Courtney Van Gouw, student from Felician College, to do a field experience at Hope School from April 4 – June 6, 2012.

2. Approve the Resignation of Sylvia Mohlmann

To approve, with regret, for purposes of retirement, the resignation of Sylvia Mohlmann effective June 30, 2012.

POLICY

Mr. Annunziata reviewed and discussed various updates and provisions in the policies from Alert 196.

Block Motion - Policy

A motion was made by Mrs. Koeppen and seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the following agenda items #1 through #9. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

1. Approve a First Reading of Policy #1631 – Residency Requirement for Person Holding School District Office, Employment, or Position

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Block Motion – Policy - continued

2. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2431 – Athletic Competition

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3. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3324 – Right of Privacy – Teaching Staff Members

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4. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4324 – Right of Privacy – Support Staff Members

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5. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5117 – Interdistrict Public School Choice

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6. Approve a First Reading of Policy & Regulation #5600 – Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct

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7. Approve a First Reading of Policy & Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities

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8. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8613 – Waiver of Pupil Transportation

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9. Approve a First Reading of Policy & Regulation #9270 Home Schooling & Equivalent Education Outside the School

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Annunziata noted there are several new pieces of proposed legislation including bills proposing changes to health care benefits, as well as others proposing that defibrillators be available on recreation fields. Mr. Annunziata noted that there will be hearings on the proposed revisions to the current tenure laws which everyone will be watching.

BELVIDERE UPDATE

Mr. Lucas noted that the spring play was a huge success this past weekend. Mr. Lucas reported that Belvidere will be getting additional State aid monies and are anticipating modifications to their proposed budget as follows: no pay to play fees; addition of a part-time special education teacher; restoration of the German program; and increasing the library position back to full-time. Mr. Lucas also noted that Belvidere has released their listing of top 10 students. Congratulations to Jonah Lucas for making the list.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Annunziata noted that he has completed his portion of the CSA on-line evaluation and asked that Board members work on their portions. Mrs. Koeppen noted that she will send Board members a time-line to follow to assure that the Board has enough time to complete the evaluation process by the deadline of April 30th.

Mr. Annunziata updated the Board on the status of the Superintendent Search and asked members to hold April 5th for a special meeting to conduct second interviews.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Annunziata reviewed a proposed calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Annunziata asked Board members to review the dates and approve a final calendar at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mrs. Wallace to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary