

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY

MAY 8, 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. Koeppen read the Mission Statement and led the pledge of allegiance. Board members present at the roll call were Mr. Lucas, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Koeppen, Mrs. Ostrzyzek and Mr. McKenna. Mr. Annunziata, Superintendent, Mrs. Brown, Principal and Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator /Board Secretary were also in attendance, as well as Mr. Bartow, Physical Education Teacher. Mr. Tighe and Mrs. Kahler were unable to attend.

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Board recognized Bradley Bartow as the staff member of the third quarter. Mrs. Ostrzyzek thanked and congratulated Mr. Bartow for his dedication to the students and commended him for his innovative activities.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

None

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Wallace noted a very nice article in The Press about the “Girls on the Run” program.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the minutes as submitted from the April 24, 2012 Reorganization and Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session #1 and #2. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / TRANSPORTATION

Mr. McKenna noted that work is continuing to locate grant funding to facilitate use of the town generator. Mr. McKenna further reported that he felt this could take time and the Board may want to think about installing a smaller generator for more immediate protection from flooding to the boiler room area and provide a water supply to the school in power outage situations. Mrs. Huff will finalize the quotes and bring them to the next meeting for the Board’s consideration.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS

No updates.

CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION / TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Brown noted that she is getting samples of Science textbooks, Grades K-3 for the staff and Committee to review. Mrs. Brown reviewed the Project Readers program for the Board. Project Readers is a research project that provides professional development on data-based decision making and implementation of effective early reading interventions. The project is being conducted by the Center for Promoting Research to Practice at Lehigh University, in collaboration with the National Center for Research on Rural Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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Block Motion – Curriculum/Instruction/Technology

A motion was made by Mrs. Koeppen and seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

1. Approve Participation in Project READERS

To approve participation in Project Response to Effective Assessment Driven Early Reading Support for the 2012-2013 school year.

2. Approve a Field Trip Hand Bell Students

To approve a Field Trip for Hand Bell Students to perform for Seniors at the Hope Municipal Building on May 14, 2012 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. There is no cost for this field trip.

3. Approve a Field Trip for Incoming Kindergarten Students

To approve a Field Trip for Incoming Kindergarten Students to take a bus trip around Hope and acclimate them to riding a bus on June 7, 2012 from 1:35 – 1:45 p.m. The cost for the bus transportation for this field trip is \$75.00.

FINANCE

Mrs. Huff noted that both the Prescription and Dental renewal rates came in a little less than what was budgeted for these items.

Block Motion - Finance

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote, all yes.

1. Approve Renewal of the Transportation Contract with First Student, Inc. for Student Activity Field Trips for the 2012-2013 School Year

To approve the renewal of the transportation contract with First Student, Inc. to provide student activity field trip bus transportation for the 2012-2013 school year, at the CPI index rate increase of 1.89%, for \$2.35 per mile and \$53.38 per hour for wait time, if required.

2. Approve Renewal of the Transportation Contract With First Student, Inc. for To and From Bus Transportation for the 2012-2013 School Year

To approve renewal of the bus transportation contract AS-HOPE-1 with First Student, Inc. to transport students to and from school for the 2012-2013 school year with route renewals at the CPI index rate increase of 1.89% for a total cost as follows:

Route Number	Per Diem Renewal Contract Amount	NJSA 18A:39-3 Extension	Total Per Diem	Total Annual Route Cost
HS 1 / Elem A	\$271.92	\$5.13	\$277.05	\$50,423.10
HS 2 / Elem C	\$296.87	\$5.61	\$302.48	\$55,051.36
Elem B	\$148.74	\$2.81	\$151.55	\$27,582.10
Elem D	\$148.74	\$2.81	\$151.55	<u>\$27,582.10</u>
Total Cost:				\$ 160,638.66

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Block Motion – Finance - continued

3. Approve Participation in the Public Employer Trust Agreement

To approve participation in the Public Employer Trust for Prescription Drug and Dental Benefits for the policy period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The Dental premium will be a two year rate lock at an increase of 4% for the period 7/1/12 through 6/30/14 and the Prescription premiums will increase 6% over the 2011-2012 premium rates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Lucas to convene to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

Be it resolved by the Hope Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening to discuss Personnel.

The board will publicly disclose information pertaining to the topics discussed as soon thereafter and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975c chapter 321.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. McKenna to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Block Motion - Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Koeppen and seconded by Mr. McKenna to approve the following agenda items #1 through #7, and the additional motion #8. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote, all yes.

1. Approve New Tenure Staff for the 2012-2013 School Year

To approve the following employees who will obtain tenure effective with the first day of their fourth year or after the equivalent of more than three academic years within a period of four consecutive academic years during the 2012-2013 school year as recommended by the Superintendent:

Teacher	Time	Proposed Position	Step	Annual Salary
Lianne Markus	Full Time	Elementary Teacher *	D	\$ 50,995.
Susan Martino	Full Time	Elementary Teacher *	G	\$ 53,190.

* List of assignment will be forthcoming

2. Approve Non-Tenure Staff for the 2012-2013 School Year

To approve and offer contracts to the following Instructional Non-Tenure Staff Members for the 2012-2013 school year as recommended by the Superintendent:

Teacher	Time	Proposed Position	Step	Annual Salary
Brad Bartow	(.74 FTE)	Physical Ed Teacher	B	\$ 36,112.
Sarah Angus	Full Time	Resource Center Teacher	C	\$ 51,600.
Andrew Dunn	3 days/wk (.6 FTE)	Music Teacher	EF	\$ 31,194.
Nicola Haag	Full Time	Resource Center Teacher	B	\$ 48,800.
Catherine Trotter	Full Time	Elementary Teacher *	EF	\$ 52,790.

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Block Motion – Personnel - continued

3. Approve Principal/Director of Curriculum and Instruction

To accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Stacey Brown as the Principal/Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2012-2013 school year, at a salary rate of \$89,250.00, for 12 months.

4. Approve an Additional Substitute Teacher

To approve Laurie Meirogel as an additional substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

5. Approve a Junior Practicum Experience

To approve JoBeth Pemberton, Felician College student, to do a Junior Practicum Experience at the school one day per week from September 5 – November 7, 2012.

6. Approve the Anti-Bullying Coordinator

To approve Mrs. Stacey Brown as the Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the 2012-2013 school year.

7. Approve the Anti-Bullying Specialist

To approve Mrs. Mary Henry as the Anti-Bullying Specialist for the 2012-2013 school year.

8. Approve a Revised Contract for the Superintendent/Director of Special Services

To approve a revised three year contract with Michael Slattery as Superintendent/Director of Special Services for the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015 at an annual salary rate of \$125,000.00 to be paid in semi-monthly installments. This approval is contingent on County Office approval.

POLICY

The Board discussed the April 2012 Strauss Esmay School Digest.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Board discussed the Excellent Educators for New Jersey (EE4NJ) teacher and principal evaluation pilot programs. The eventual goal is for all New Jersey districts to adopt a rigorous and meaningful educator evaluation system that differentiates between levels of performance and provides feedback for professional support and development.

BELVIDERE UPDATE

Mr. Lucas reported that Belvidere is conducting testing this week and also discussed student elections at the High School.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Annunziata described a Schwan's Food fundraiser the Hope Township PTA has requested. The Board asked that the matter could be tabled until next meeting when more information is available.

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Mr. Annunziata noted that he and Mrs. Huff will be attending the joint meeting of the Hope Township Committee and Hope Township Chamber of Commerce to present the 2012-2013 school budget.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Lucas to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Huff

Business Administrator/Board Secretary