

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on October 26, 2009 is called to order at 7:37 p.m. in Room 149 by Francis Gavin. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided and, to the extent known at the time of advance publication, the agenda items to be considered. Written advance notification of the time, date and location was sent on May 18, 2009 to the Express Times, Star Ledger, Daily Record and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

James Britt
William Cramer
G. D'Esposito
John Egan
Brant Gibbs
Robin Hubbard
Michael Pelletier
M. Renaud
Francis Gavin, President

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Margot Getman, SBA
Seth Cohen, Principal

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Moved by _____ seconded by _____ .
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 29, 2009, be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: TABLED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER BOE MEETING

IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Students of the Month – Principal Seth Cohen recognized and congratulated October students' of the month

V. PROJECT UPDATE: – SSP Architects

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Robert Merryman, district attorney, discussed the consequences of any attempt to break the lease with Omni Point. Mr. Merryman’s comments made it clear that it would be disadvantageous for the district to attempt to break its lease.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Finance – J. Britt, Chair

On the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator/School Business Administrator:

A. Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report -

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Secretary of the Board of Education and Treasurer’s Report, that balanced for the month ending September 30, 2009 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$1,748,469.60. (Appendix 2)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

B. Transfers

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following list of transfers with totals in Fund 10 of \$132,531.21. (Appendix 3)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote

Finance – continued:

C. Bills List

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the general account bills list check #19201 through #19280 for total amount of \$ 1,165,813.93 to be approved for payment. (Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

D. Student Activity Account

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$14,761.72. (Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

E. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan & MI

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and MI Schedule as mandated by statute. (Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

F. Resolution for Insurance

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Resolution to Join the Educational Risk Insurance Consortium – WEST. (Appendix 7)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

G. Award of Pediment Bid

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for the masonry pediment at the Mountain Villa property to New Age Masonry in Johnsonburg, NJ with a winning bid of \$8,500. No other vendors issued quotes.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Finance – continued:

H. Award of Boiler Bid

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for a boiler at Mountain Villa to Hobbie Heat, with a winning bid of \$ 79,940. Additional bidders were Mechanical Preservation Assoc. \$102,500 and T. M. Brennan Contractors, Inc. \$97,800.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

I. Award for Historical Architectural Services

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for historical architectural services to Mark Hewitt Architects, with pro bono services offered until the district is awarded historical/preservation grant monies

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

J. Award of Wind Turbine Bid

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for wind turbines to Epiphany Energy in the amount of \$15,960.00 (demonstration site – Mountain Villa) quote requested, no reply from Diamond Wind Solutions

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

K. Amend Inter-Local Agreement with Great Meadows for CST Services

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve an amendment to the District's Inter-Local Agreement with Great Meadows for the services of Janet Martin. This amendment to reflect reimbursement to Allamuchy of \$34,146 (.25 FTE) as recommended by the Executive County Superintendent.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Finance – continued:

L. Award of Kitchen Equipment Bid

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for Kitchen Equipment at Mountain Villa School to Singer Equipment for an estimated cost of \$20,000 and E&A Supply for an estimated cost of \$15,000. Models and quantity of certain units are being discussed with Maschio's Food Services. The Cafeteria account will absorb most of the cost of the basic equipment.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

M. Monthly Certification of Budget

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c) 4, we certify that as of September 30, 2009 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Personnel – M. Renaud, Chair

On the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator:

A. Special Education Teacher

Moved by M. Renaud seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Tracy Holt as a special education teacher, .3, Step 3 BA +30, at an annual salary of \$42,300 prorated, effective October 27, 2009.

CARRIED. Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Personnel – continued:

B. Administrative Assistant

Moved by M. Renaud seconded by G. D’Esposito
BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Tina Kay as Administrative Assistant for the 2009-2010 school year, effective November 30, 2009, at an annual salary of \$39,000, prorated.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Policy - M. Pelletier - Chair

A. New Policy – Second Reading – Policy 3159

Moved by Michael Pelletier seconded by W. Cramer.
BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the second reading of Policy #3159, Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities. (Appendix 8)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

B. Revised Policy – Second Reading – Policy 1220, 8760

Moved by Michael Pelletier seconded by W. Cramer.
BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the second reading of revised Policy 1220, Employment of Chief School Administrator and Policy 8760 Pupil Accident Insurance. (Appendix 9)

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Facilities and Property – William Cramer, Chair

Mr. Cramer would like the committee to review use of school land – outside property. He also inquired into the status of the electricity at the bus parking lot.

Communications & Technology – G. D’Esposito, Chair

A. Attendance at Professional Conferences

Moved by G. D’Esposito seconded by M. Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following requests for attendance at professional conferences with mileage reimbursed at the current FMOB rate.

Name	Conference Name	Location/Provider	Date
R.White	Social Studies Conference	Rutgers University	10/27
V.Patterson M.Ricci	Learning Through Experience Cyber Hate & Cyber Bullying	Raritan Valley College Holocaust Survivor & Author	10/29
C.Zukoski	Structural & Mechanical Energy Mgt.	Sparta, NJ	11/6–12/4 (6)
C.Rodriguez	Promoting Fitness	BER Newark, NJ	12/14
S.Rubenstein	RN Skills Lab Updates	Somerset Medical Ctr.	12/15
V.Patterson	Writing on Demand	Bethlehem, Pa.	1/5
L.Johnson	Writing Strategies That Work	BER Allentown, Pa.	1/26

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

B. Class Trips

Moved by G. D’Esposito seconded by M. Renaud

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following class trips for the 2009-2010 school year:

4 th Grade G/T	Mystery Mayhem	Hackettstown, NJ	10/27
	Warren Cnty Consortium for Student Enrichment		
Grade 7/8	Battle of the Minds	Warren Hills Middle Sch.	11/12
	Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment		
Grade 4	CCM Planetarium	Cnty College of Morris Randolph, NJ	3/18
Grade 8	Romeo & Juliet	Pax Amicus Theatre Budd Lake, NJ	3/18

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

C. Curriculum Rewriting / Revision

Moved by G. D’Esposito and seconded by M. Renaud

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following curriculum revisions:

Spanish
Art
Technology
Music
Health & Physical Education

Public Relations – John Egan reminded everyone that the public has a standing invitation to visit the new property.

Student Activities/PTO Liaison – Robin Hubbard, Chair – no report

Hackettstown Board Representative – Francis Gavin

Mr. Gavin reported on Hackettstown High Schools good HSPA scores and what a fine job the district is doing for its/our students.

Town Council Liaison – G. D’Esposito/Brant Gibbs

Foundation Liaison – M. Renaud – no report

Long Range Planning Committee - Mission Statement – Michael Pelletier

Moved by Michael Pelletier and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the new Vision Statement for Rutherford Hall.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Annual report of Violence and Vandalism for the 2008-2009 School Year

B. Veterans’ Day Activities – Ashley Van Haste

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION –

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel matters and WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in public meeting; and WHEREAS, the

aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions pursuant to P.L.1975 Chapter 231, it is; therefore, **RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by this board and administrative staff and, information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exists.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Executive Session:

Moved by J. Britt seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has been in executive session for the past 16 minutes for the purpose of personnel and legal matters. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Cramer seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Unanimously carried by voice vote

Time: 8:39