

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on March 23, 2015 was called to order at 7:40 pm in Room 149 by Diane Clark. 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 January 9, 2015 to the Express-Times, and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

Diane Clark
William Cramer
Suzette Costello
Giovanni Cusmano
John Egan
Brant Gibbs
Mary Renaud
Francis Gavin - President - arrived 8:04

Student Representatives: Jake Leddy

ABSENT

James Britt

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Donna Trainello, Board Secretary

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. Cusmano
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 23, 2015, be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by B. Gibbs
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the special board meeting held on March 16, 2015, be approved. (Appendix 2)

CARRIED: Motion carried by roll call vote.

M. Renaud abstained

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

IV. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- A. Students of the month – Presented by Ms. Chickey
- B. Teacher of the month – Presented by Ms. Chickey is Mrs. Van Haste
- C. Susan Cullen - \$50.00 Donation to Rutherford Hall

VI. PRESENTATION

Rutherford Hall Report – Laurie Rapisardi

Bond Counsel – Anthony Panella, Esq. – explained refinance of bonds

VII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Facilities and Property** – William Cramer
- B. **Communications & Public Relations** – Mary Renaud
- C. **Student Activities/PTO Liaison** - Francis Gavin
- D. **Town Council Liaison** – John Egan / Brant Gibbs
- E. **Finance** – James Britt
- F. **Curriculum & Technology** – Giovanni Cusmano
- G. **Personnel** – Suzette Costello
- H. **Negotiations** – John Egan
- I. **Policy** – Diane Clark
- J. **Foundation Liaison** – Mary Renaud
- K. **Hackettstown Board of Education Representative** – Francis Gavin

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

X. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

Finance

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

A. Bills List

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED that the bills list in the amount of \$813,005.19 checks #25111 through #25160 is approved for payment.
(Appendix 3)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Student Activity

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$38,105.92 in Investors Bank balance as of 1/31/15
(Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Tuition Student

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Micelle Ricci's daughter to attend 3rd Grade as a tuition student for the 2015/2016 school year.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Bond Refinancing Second Reading

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW
JERSEY APPROVING, ON FIRST READING, A
REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF UP TO
ALL OF ITS OUTSTANDING 2007 SCHOOL
BONDS MATURING IN THE YEARS 2019
THROUGH 2033**

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2007, the Board of Education of the Allamuchy Township School District in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$10,400,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt school bonds (the “2007 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$8,845,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2007 School Bonds maturing on March 15 in the years 2019 through 2033, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of public hearing for the Refunding Bond Ordinance in The Express Times, in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4, such public hearing to be conducted at the March 23, 2015 Board meeting.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on March 23, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 1:

EXHIBIT A

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING 2007 SCHOOL BONDS MATURING IN THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2033 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2007, the Board of Education of the Allamuchy Township School District in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$10,400,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt school bonds (the “2007 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$8,845,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2007 School Bonds maturing on March 15 in the years 2019 through 2033, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the \$8,845,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 2007 School Bonds maturing on March 15 in the years 2019 through 2033, inclusive.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Board is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Refunding School Bonds, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$120,000 may be allocated from the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds to pay for the aggregate costs of issuance thereof, including, but not limited to, bond insurance premiums, underwriting fees, official statement printing fees, public advertisement expenses, refunding verification agent fees, refunding escrow agent fees, bond counsel fees and other expenses in connection therewith.

Section 4. The purpose of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds is to realize net present value interest cost savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District (“net” meaning savings after payment of all costs of issuance of the Refunding School Bonds). Applicable State requirements mandate that such net present value interest cost savings equal at least 3% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds. In addition, the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within 10 days of the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator shall file a report with the Local Finance

Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds’ debt service and the Refunded Bonds’ debt service, which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; and (d) a certification of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator that (i) all of the conditions of Section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30- 2.5 have been met, and (ii) a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

Section 5. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 have been duly prepared and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Allamuchy (the “Constituent Municipality”), and in the Office of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator as of the date of approval of this Refunding Bond Ordinance, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such Statement shows that the aggregate gross debt of the Constituent Municipality is increased by \$1,155,000 as a result of the authorization of the Refunding School Bonds.

Section 6. The Board covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all Refunding School Bonds issued under this Refunding Bond Ordinance.

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Section 7. This Refunding Bond Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption hereof.

The foregoing Refunding Bond Ordinance was approved by the Board on March 23, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 1

E. Additional Bills List

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED that the bills list in the amount of \$12,056.91 checks #25161 through #25185 is approved for payment.
(Appendix 9)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Personnel

A. Leave Replacement – Reading Specialist

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Lisa Buhl as Reading Specialist Leave Replacement effective April 16, 2015, BA Step 1, \$44,130 prorated.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Resignation

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Theresa Funaro, effective July 1, 2015, for retirement purposes, with best wishes and sincere thanks for her service to the children of Allamuchy.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Summer School 2015

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following staff for the Summer School Program, 64 hours each at the rate per the negotiated agreement:

Fran Muhlenbruch, Lead Teacher
Sam Greco Jennifer Sauter
Kate Stiner

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Kindergarten Countdown – Summer 2015

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Cathy Cefaloni and Mrs. Paige Schmiedeke as Lead Teachers for the Kindergarten Countdown Summer Program, 28 hours each at the rate per the negotiated agreement.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Substitutes

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes for the 2014/2015 school year: Debra Capalbo Amanda Bevacqua Michael Galaida

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Aide

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Cheryl Forbes as an Aide at a rate of \$16,285 effective on or about April 13, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy

A. First Reading

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the first reading of Policy # 2468 Independent Education Evaluations and 7510 Use of School Facilities. (Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Rutherford Hall Long Range Plan

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Rutherford Hall policy. (Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Curriculum and Technology

A. Class Trips

Moved by G. Cusmano and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following class trips for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Location	Cost	Transp. Cost	Date
Aussems	Randolph	\$9.00	\$100	3/31/15
DeAngelis	Branchburg	\$18.00	\$190	4/01/15
DeAngelis	North Warren Regional Battle of the Books Gr. 7	\$0	\$0	4/15/15
DeAngelis	Rockaway Theatre Grade 5	\$2.50	\$100	4/23/15
Koerner	Shop Rite	0	0	4/17/15
Koerner	Green Park	0	0	4/24/15

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. 2015/2016 School Calendar

Moved by G. Cusmano and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to discuss the proposed 2015-2016 School Calendars, Draft 1, Draft 2 and Draft 3 (Appendix 7)

- Draft 1 received 3 votes
- Draft 2 received 0 votes
- Draft 3 received 5 votes

Draft 3 was accepted as the 2015-2016 school calendar

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board of Education Goals – 2014/2015

Moved by D. Clark and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the 2014-2015 Board of Education Goals as attached. (Appendix 8)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Enrollment Report by Grade

Pre K.....15	(In District)	(Out of District)
K.....37	(In District)	(Out of District)
1.....38	(In District)	(Out of District)
2.....51	(In District)	(Out of District)
3.....45	(In District)	(Out of District)
4.....48	(In District)	(Out of District)
5.....44	(In District)	(Out of District)
6.....49	(In District)	(Out of District)
7.....40	(In District)	(Out of District)
8.....61	(In District) 3	(Out of District)
Total.....428		

B. Monthly HIB Report/Suspension

3 Investigations and 1 determined to be HIB; 2 not HIB.

C. PARCC Update

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XIV. BOARD DISCUSSION

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by G. Cusmano.

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning CSA search 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: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote –

F. Gavin abstained and did not participate in ex-session

Executive Session

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by B. Gibbs.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has been in executive session for the past 30 minutes for the purpose of CSA search. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by B. Gibbs.

BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried by voice vote.

Time: 10:45 p.m.