

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The re-scheduled regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on September 29, 2009 was 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 August 11, 2009 to the Star Gazette, Star Ledger, Daily Record and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT

Robin Hubbard

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Margot Getman, SBA

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Moved by William Cramer seconded by Mary Renaud
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2009 be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

- B. Moved by William Cramer seconded by Mary Renaud
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 15, 2009 be approved. (Appendix 2)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

State House Grant – Joanne Ferguson

Boscov's Thanksgiving Day Parade – Mariah Thompson

Students of the Month – September

V. NJSBA Training – Ethics

Diane Morris, field representative of the New Jersey School Board Association conducted an ethics workshop. The BOE was instructed as to what board members can and can't do. Diane answered member questions and all board members signed an "Acknowledgement of Receipt; Code of Ethics for School Board Members" form. These forms were turned into the business office.

VI. PRESENTATION FROM PROJECT ARCHITECT – DID NOT TAKE PLACE

Jay Perantoni, SSP Architectural Group

Project Update

VII. PRESENTATION

CST Services – Janet Martin -- DID NOT TAKE PLACE

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Gavin responded to resident's concerns about the cell tower and specifically addressed erroneous rumors about the cell tower being located on a Board member's property. There has never been and there is now no discussion or intent to locate the cell tower on property owned by Mr. Brant Gibbs. This rumor has no foundation in fact.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - NONE

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS (7:50-10:30)

Approximately 30+ community members attended the meeting to discuss the proposed cell tower on Mt. Villa property. A representative sample of public comments is included below:

Dr. Strutin expressed his opinion that the Board should have erred on the side of caution and applied the "proportionate principal" when deciding on the cell tower.

Debbie Golder felt that the cell tower should not have been considered.

Christine Kensicki made reference to a report, Bioinitiative Report that says existing standards of cell tower safety are inadequate.

Laurie Gockler felt that the Board should reconsider given what she sees as new evidence. She felt that the information upon which the Board based its decision was old.

Two members of the audience wanted to know what the district as going to do with the 60 acres behind the existing school and wanted to know why we didn't build there.

Three members of the audience expressed concern about security at the new school. They mentioned "strangers" who might be tenants of the mansion and/or hikers/ fishermen using state land who would potentially have access to school property.

XI ACTION ITEMS

Finance – James Britt, Chair

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

A. Secretary's and Treasurer's Report – August 2009

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Secretary of the Board of Education and Treasurer's Report, which balanced for the month ending August 31, 2009 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$2,215,656.66. (Appendix 3)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Transfers

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer .

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following list of transfers with a total in Fund 10 of \$4,747.21. (Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Bills List

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills list in the amount of \$989,170.58, checks # 19048, 19057, 19075, 19079, 19096 and checks #19099 through #19200, is approved for payment. (Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Finance – Continued

D. Student Activity Account

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$13,281.72. (Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Project Change Orders

Moved by Jim Britt seconded Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve project change orders: through per attached list. (To be distributed Tuesday evening.)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Extension of Inter-Local for CSA Services

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the extension of Inter-Local Agreement for CSA services between the Allamuchy Board of Education and the Great Meadows Regional School District until June 30, 2009. (Appendix 7)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Inter-Local Services Agreement – Curriculum

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve joining with Great Meadows Regional School District in an Inter-Local Services Agreement for Curriculum.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Monthly Certification of Budget

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c) 4, we certify that as of August 31, 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: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Finance – Continued

I. Joint Transportation

Moved by Jim Britt seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-2010 Joint Transportation Contract with Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for the route #BV1 to ECLC at a cost of \$13,734.00 and the summer route #GV1S for \$3225.00 to Allamuchy Township School.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Personnel – Mary Renaud, Chair

A. Substitutes

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year:

Marianne Saks
Jacklyn Mickelburg
Rita Piros
Laurie Rapisardi

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote -Fran Gavin abstained.

B. Language Arts Literacy Teacher – Amendment

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT REOLVED, to amend the motion to approve Mrs. Diane VanDongen as part time (19.75hrs. per week) Language Arts Literacy Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year Step 1 BA at an annual salary of \$40,700 prorated, effective September 16, 2009 to Step 13 BA + 30, salary of \$57,650 prorated.(Position partially funded through ARRA Funds.)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Mentor

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Debra DeAngelis as mentor to Jennifer Chickey for 2009-2010 school year. To be reimbursed \$750 for these services.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Personnel – Continued

D. Personnel Aide – Life Skills

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Jennifer Sauter as Personal Aide - Life Skills, 4 hours per week at the elementary student's home, \$14.50 per hour.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Personal Aide - After School

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Jennifer Sauter as an Personal Aide - After School, 1.5 hours per week to provide personal assistance to a developmentally disabled student partaking in an after school activity, \$14.50 per hour.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

F. Home Program Oversight

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Beth Miller to do Home Program Oversight 2.5 hours per month, coordination between school based program and home based services, \$38.90 per hour.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

G. Schedule A – G & T

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to rescind the motion of August 24, 2009 appointing Mrs. Debra DeAngelis as Grade 3 G & T.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following as Schedule A – G & T:

Kindergarten - Ms. Fran Muhlenbruch
Grade 2 - Mrs. Jennifer Sauter
Grade 3 - Mrs. Andrea Aussems

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Personnel – Continued

H. Pre-Care Assistant

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to establish a position entitled Pre-Care Assistant and approve Ms. Kristyn Pede as Pre-Care Assistant, \$15 per hour, one hour per morning.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I. Compensation

Moved by Mary Renaud seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve two days of compensation to Mrs. Suzanne Chamberlin for volunteer and teacher training on September 8 & 9, 2009, at her per diem rate of \$99.94.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Policy – Michael Pelletier, Chair

A. Policy 9110 Quality Assurance Annual Report - Abolish

Moved by Michael Pelletier seconded by Mary Renaud .

BE IT RESOLVED, to abolish Policy 9110 Quality Assurance Annual report. (Appendix 8)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. New Policy – First Reading – Policy 3159

Moved by Michael Pelletier seconded by Mary Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the first reading of Policy #3159, Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities. (Appendix 9)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Revised Policy – First Reading – Policy 1220, 8760

Moved by Michael Pelletier seconded by Mary Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the first reading of revised Policy 1220, Employment of Chief School Administrator and Policy 8760 Pupil Accident Insurance. (Appendix 10)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Curriculum and Technology – John Egan, Chair

A. Attendance at Professional Conferences

Moved by John Egan seconded by Bill Cramer.

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

Name	Conference Name	Location/Provider	Date
M. Tshudy	Education for the Child with Autism Spectrum	Sussex C. Community College	9/25
J.Profito	Pschopharmacology in the School	New Alliance Academy Mahwah, NJ	10/2
S.Cohen	Understanding & Implementing PK-3 Vision	NJPSA Monroe, NJ	10/5
J. Profito	Conducting Practical Needs Assessments	Rutgers University	10/20
M.Tshudy	Safe & Drug Free Schools	Monroe, NJ	10/23
D.DeAngelis	NJ Assoc of Social Workers Mtg.	Chatham, NJ	10/27
S.Cohen	Project Learning Tree	Roxbury BOE	12/11
	Differentiated Instruction		

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Class Trips

Moved by John Egan seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following class trips for the 2009-2010 school year: (Appendix 11)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Mountain Bike Club

Moved by John Egan seconded by Bill Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the establishment of an after school Mountain Bike Club.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Facilities and Property – William Cramer, Chair – NO COMMENTS

Communications & Public Relations - John Egan, Chair

Discussed time capsule and asked for ideas, discussed open house at the new school late November/ early December timeframe and mentioned that there was a new President for the Foundation.

Negotiations – John Egan, Chair

Dr. Frederiks mentioned possibility of adding speech therapist to the aggregate base when negotiations begin again.

Student Activities/PTO Liaison – NO COMMENTS

Hackettstown BOE Representative – Fran Gavin

Mr. Gavin mentioned Hackettstown contract settlement and acknowledged that the relationship between Hackettstown and Allamuchy has improved.

Town Council Liaisons – Brant Gibbs and John Egan – NO COMMENTS

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Tenure:** Janet Martin
Kristyn Pede
Nancy Baglio

B. Memorandum of Agreement

Moved by Bill Cramer seconded by Guy D'Esposito

BE IT RESOVLED, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Allamuchy Board of Education and Law Enforcement Officials. (Attachment 12)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Wild Life School Site

Moved by Bill Cramer seconded by Guy D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse the application for the Wild Life School Site Program which is sponsored by the NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- D. Flu Clinic – October 7, 2009, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. for staff**

- E. Enrollment – (Appendix 13)**

F. Upcoming Dates:

10/6 – Back to School Night K-4
10/7 – Back to School Night 5-8
10/17 – Allamuchy Challenge

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION - NONE

Moved by _____ seconded by _____
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:

Executive Session:

Moved by _____ seconded by _____
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has been in executive session for the past ___ 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:

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Michael Pelletier seconded by Brant Gibbs.
BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Time: 10:58 pm.