

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The scheduled regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on September 25, 2012 was called to order at 7:40 pm 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 June 13, 2012 to the Express-Times, Daily Record and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

James Britt
William Cramer
Suzette Costello
Brant Gibbs
Mary Renaud
Francis Gavin, President

ABSENT

Guy D'Esposito
John Egan
Mike Pelletier

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Dr. Seth Cohen, Principal
Mr. Peter Pearson, SBA

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 27, 2012, be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

- B. Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the reorganization board meeting held on April 30, 2012, be approved. (Appendix 1A)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

- C. Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the special meeting held on August 9, 2012, be approved (Appendix 1B)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

V. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
(Appendix 2)

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

VII. PRESENTATION
Green Schools Leadership Initiative - Update

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
"Technology Initiative"

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Facilities and Property – William Cramer**
- B. Communications & Public Relations - John Egan**
- C. Student Activities / PTO Liaison – Suzette Costello**
- D. Town Council Liaisons – John Egan / Guy D'Esposito**
- E. Rutherford Hall Long Range Planning Committee – Mary Renaud**
- F. Finance - Jim Britt**
- G. Curriculum & Technology – Suzette Costello**
- H. Personnel – Mary Renaud**
- I. Inter-District Liaison with Great Meadows – Fran Gavin / Jim Britt**

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

XI. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

Finance

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

A. Transfers

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following list of transfers with a total in Fund 10 of \$33.39
(Appendix 3)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Bills List

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills list in the amount of \$1,399,582.91, checks #22263 through #22377, are approved for payment.
(Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Tuition Student

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mrs. Arrambide son to attend Allamuchy Township School as a tuition paid student in the second grade. (Staff child per contract.)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Tuition Certification

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Agreed Upon Procedures Report in Connection with the Review of the Hackettstown School District Tuition Certification for the Fiscal Years 2007/08, 2008/09, and 2009/10 compiled by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP dated June 5, 2012

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Finance – continued

E. Superintendent’s Contract

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the approved Superintendents Contract from the Warren County Department of Education.
(Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Rutherford Hall Position

Motion by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve an increase of \$500 per month beginning October 1, 2012 and ending January 31, 2013 for Amy Hufnagel.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

G. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM WITH H&S CONSTRUCTION

MOTION: J. Britt SECONDED: W. Cramer

Whereas on or about May 27, 2011, H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc. filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Warren County against the Allamuchy Board of Education (Docket No.: WRN-L 240-1) making various allegations against the Board of Education regarding, relating to or arising out of the construction project for the Villa Madonna Elementary School; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has denied such allegations and filed a counterclaim making various allegations against H&S which H&S has denied; and

Whereas, H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc. and the Allamuchy Board of Education have reached an agreement to settle all outstanding claims and counterclaims alleged and to dismiss the foregoing lawsuit in its entirety upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Settlement, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement appended hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allamuchy Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of the lawsuit captioned H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc. vs. the Allamuchy Board of Education, Docket No.: WRN-L-240-1 upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in that certain Settlement, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement appended hereto as Exhibit A; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER that the President and the Secretary of the Board of Education be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the Allamuchy Board of Education the Settlement, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement appended hereto as Exhibit A and to take and do all such

further acts and things as may be necessary and appropriate to carry into effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution, such execution and performance to be conclusive evidence that the same is hereby approved and authorized by this resolution.

CARRIED:

H. PAYMENT OF FINAL CLAIM IN SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT

MOTION: J. Britt SECONDED: W. Cramer

The Allamuchy Twp. Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to draw a check in the total amount of \$164,000 on the general account as stated in Section 2. Settlement Terms portion of the Settlement, Indemnification and hold Harmless Agreement.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

I. Monthly Certification of Budget

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer.

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Allamuchy Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 3 that as of August 27, 2012 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10 (a).

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 4, the Allamuchy Township School District Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of August 27, 2012 and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, 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 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3. **BE IT REOLVED THAT**, the motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2012 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$940,612.86. (Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Personnel

A. Girls On The Run

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Pat Gardiner for Girls On the Run as a personal aide at a salary of \$15.00 an hour retro-active to 9/10/12.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

B. Superintendents Contract

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract for Dr. Seth Cohen as Superintendent for October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016 (Appendix 7)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

C. Mentor

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Paige Schmiedeke as a mentor for Laurie Weingarten. Stipend per AEA contract.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

D. PSD Aide

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Liliana Manzella (Decker) as a p/t PSD Aide effective 9/26/12 @ \$15.00 per hour for 3 ½ hours a day. (Includes transportation aide responsibilities)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

E. Internship

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to allow Jennifer Chickey to complete 300 hours of administrative internship for the 2012-2013 school year as a required component of the Masters in Educational Leadership program at Centenary College.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Personnel – continued

F. Substitutes

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following subs for the 2012-2013 School year.

Elyse Gurnowski Megan Stobie Laurie Meivogel Carol Bene
Marilyn Falotico

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

G. Contract

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the annual 10 month contract for Laurie Rpisardi to 12 month at an annual salary of \$30,000.00 effective October 1, 2012.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

H. Aide

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Samantha Davey as a p/t Aide starting on or after October 8, 2012 for the 2012/2013 School Year @ \$15.00 per hour for 3 ½ to 4 hours a day.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

I. Substitutes

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following substitute for the 2012-2013 School year.

Tammy Antonucci

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

J. Part Time Special Education Aide

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Janet Ocheski as a part time Aide for the 2012/2013 School Year @ \$15.00 per hour for 3 ½ to 4 hours a day.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Personnel – continued

K. Library/Media Aide

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Lori Cetani as a 10 month Library/Media Aide starting on September 26, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year at a salary of \$20,000 prorated.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Policy

A. Policy Change Second Reading

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the second reading of Policy 6164 Advertising on School Buses. (Appendix 8)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Curriculum and Technology

A. Attendance at Professional Conferences

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

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

Teacher	Date	Cost	Mileage	Workshop Name
DeAngelis	1/25/26/13	\$245	110.82	ANJEE Conference
Ferguson	10/24/12	\$75.00	86	NJ Council for Social Studies
Boden	9/21/23/12	\$700	474	Oral Motor Phonetic Targets

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

Curriculum and Technology – continued

B. Class Trips

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following class trips for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	Location	Cost	Transp. Cost	Date
Fedich	Mackey's Orchard		\$180.00	10/09/12
Fedich	Fosterfields Farm		\$180.00	5/07/13
Fedich	Morristown Theater		\$180.00	5/20/13
Stiner	Sterling Mineral Mine	\$16.00	\$180.00	10/29/12
Ferguson	Knoll Country Club	\$15.00	\$180.00	05/31/13
Schmiedeke	Tranquility Farms	\$10.00	\$180.00	10/12/12
Patterson	ES University	\$10.30	\$540.00	10/18/12
DeAngelis	Environmental Program	\$0	\$0	10/12/12
Bolling	Tranquility Farm	\$0	\$112.50	10/10/12

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

C. Attendance at Professional Conferences

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by W. Cramer

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

Ferguson	Mt. Olive High School	NJASK	24 miles
Tshudy	Monroe Township	\$95.00	78 miles

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. HIB Policy/Procedure Review

The administration has reviewed the district's current policies and procedures under the HIB Code and has determined that no changes or alterations are required for the 2012-13 school year.

B. Professional Development Revision

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by M. Renaud

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the revision of the Professional Development Goals for the 2012/2013 Professional Development Plan. (Appendix 9)

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CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

C . Summary of Shared Services

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. BOARD DISCUSSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by M. Renaud
BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

TIME: 9:10 P.M.