

Allamuchy Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on July 20, 2020 is called to order at 7:30 p.m. *via teleconference* by Lisa Strutin. 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 8, 2020 to the New Jersey Herald and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephen Bienko		X
Abigail Christmann		X
William Cramer		X
Giovanni Cusmano	X	
Harriett Gaddy	X	
Craig Green	X	
Venita Prudenti	X	
Mary Renaud	X	
Lisa Strutin, President	X	

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Flynn, Superintendent
James Schlessinger, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Renaud and seconded by Ms. Prudenti:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 29, 2020, be approved. (Appendix 1A)
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the executive session held on June 29, 2020, be approved. (Appendix 1B)

CARRIED: 6-0 in a roll call vote.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- None

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- None

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VI. PRESENTATIONS

- None

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 8th grade SA account
 - Ms. Strutin requests to add a resolution to the Operations action items (Section XI-A, #4). The requested resolution was read by Ms. Strutin, a motion was made by Mr. Green to add to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Prudenti. The motion carried 6-0 in a roll call vote.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Operations (M. Renaud)
 - Discussed day care options during hybrid schooling
 - Student activity account
- B. Human Resources (V. Prudenti, Chair)
 - Discussed new hires (on agenda)
 - Summer camp hires
 - Maternity leave posting for principal
- C. Education (C. Green, Chair)
 - no meeting - worked on reopening committee matters
- D. Governance (G. Cusmano, Chair)
 - RH policy being revised, will be submitted at a later date
- E. Town Council Liaison (M. Renaud)
 - Nothing to report
- F. Rutherford Hall Liaison (L. Strutin and M. Renaud)
 - Summer camps starting
 - Looking to restart other activities under guidelines
 - Friends did not meet
- G. Hackettstown Board of Education Representative (H. Gaddy)
 - Meeting was cancelled; no report

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **HIB - Monthly Update** (if applicable, resolution to follow executive session)
N/A

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B. Enrollment by Grade

N/A

C. Other Items:

- Discussed reopening progress

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public comment shall be governed by the Board of Education Bylaw 0167. There are two public comment opportunities. The first public comment is reserved for Action Items only, those items on the agenda the Board is voting on this evening. The second public comment is set aside for public comment on any school or school district issue that the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district. The first public comment is limited to five (5) minutes per person. The second public comment length is determined by the board as per policy.

Before making a public comment, participants are to state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

Please let the record reflect that the Board of Education does not endorse your comments nor will the Board of Education be held liable for comments you make about a staff member or other person which the staff member or other person may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

- Ms. Moyer, resident, asked about the HHS principal's email re SA account money
- Ms. Moyer, resident, asked about Band SA account money
- Ms. Patterson, staff, commented on tuition rates for staff dependents and community impact
- Ms. Muhlenbruch, staff, additional comments on staff dependent tuition and community
- Ms. Steinle, resident, spoke in support of Ms. Patterson's and Ms. Muhlenbruch's comments re dependent tuition
- Ms. Moyer, resident, asked a question re curriculum, specifically one of the books on the new novel list (Mr. Terrupt)
- Ms. Moyer, resident, asked who would be covering Ms. Gallegly's maternity leave

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XI. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

A. Operations (June 30 financials deferred to August meeting to close out the year; no Appendix 2, 4 or 5 on this month's agenda):

Moved by Ms. Renaud and seconded by Mr. Green, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve the following resolution(s):

During the discussion period, Mr. Green made a motion to strike item 2 from the agenda, seconded by Dr. Cusmano. A roll call vote was taken, with 2 ayes (Mr. Green and Dr. Cusmano) and 4 nays (Dr. Gaddy, Ms. Prudenti, Ms. Renaud, Ms. Strutin). The motion to strike did not carry, thus the item remained on the agenda for a vote.

1. Bills List (Appendix 3)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the general account bills list check #31423 through #31451 for a total amount of \$154,063.86 be approved for payment.

2. Tuition

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following tuition rates for the 2020-21 school year. These rates apply to students received into the Allamuchy Township School District.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Enrolled On/After July 1, 2019</u>	<u>Enrolled Prior to July 1, 2019</u>
Staff dependents	\$7,694	\$1,100

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the following Staff Dependents as tuition students in the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Student Number</u>	<u>Tuition for the 2020-2021 SY</u>
1519	\$ 1,100.00
1852	\$ 1,100.00
1591	\$ 1,100.00
1909	\$ 1,100.00

3. Curriculum Writing

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve curriculum writing as per the AEA bargaining agreement rate not to exceed 25 hours.

Additional resolution requested by Ms. Strutin during the President's report:

4. Distribution of 8th Grade Student Activity Monies

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the distribution of surplus funds from the 8th grade student activity account for the ATSD Class of 2020, to be distributed proportionally to the Class of 2024 Student Activity Account to their respective high schools, based on the number of

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students attending the following high schools: Hackettstown, Pope John High School and Warren Tech.

CARRIED: In a roll call vote:

Item 1 carried, 6-0

Item 2 carried with 4 aye, 1 nay (Mr. Green); Dr. Cusmano abstained

Items 3 and 4 carried 5-0 (Dr. Cusmano abstained)

B. Human Resources

Moved by Ms. Prudenti and seconded by Dr. Gaddy, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following resolution(s):

1. Bus Driver

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Leslie Smith as a Bus Driver for 4.5 hours daily for 180 days effective September 1, 2020 at a rate of \$20/hr for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. School Nurse for summer work

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Jodie DeCostanza for summer nursing work at her hourly per diem rate not to exceed 80 hours for the 2020-21 school year.

3. Basic Skills Instructor/Special Education Teacher (Appendix 6)

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Sydney Watkins as the Basic Skills Instructor and Special Education Teacher for the 2020-21 school year on BA Step 1 (\$47,921) with 0.5 of the salary funded through Title Funding and 0.5 through the general budget.

4. Student Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Taylor McLaughlin as a Student Teacher for the 2020-21 from Ramapo College at no cost to the district.

5. Maternity Leave (Appendix 7)

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Jennifer Gallegly for Maternity Leave from September 15, 2020 through February 26, 2021 as per the maternity leave request.

6. Summer Camp Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following staff for the 2020-21 summer camps.

Nick Serraino	\$1,000/wk
Eric Freedman	\$800/wk
Douglass Gillespie	\$800/wk
Brendan Poff	\$13/hr

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Samantha Johnson \$12/hr
Catherine Hayes \$12/hr
Madison Rhine \$12/hr

CARRIED: 6-0 in a roll call vote.

C. Education

Moved by Mr. Green and seconded by Dr. Cusmano, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following resolution(s), **with item 2 amended as noted:**

1. Heath Curriculum Series for K-8 grades
BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of Healthsmart Program series for the K-8 Health Curriculum
2. Novel Additions (Appendix 8)
BE IT RESOLVED, to approve addition of novels to the existing Board Approved Novel List. **(amended to delete the book ‘Because of Mr. Terupt’ from current consideration)**

CARRIED: 6-0 in a roll call vote.

D. Governance

Moved by Dr. Cusmano and seconded by Dr. Gaddy, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following resolution(s):

1. Policy and Regulations Updates Policy Alert 220 (Appendix 9A & 9B)
BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the first reading of the following policies that have been reviewed, revised and recommended by the Governance Committee for Policy Alert 220:

P1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA)
P 2270	Religion in Schools
P 2431.3	Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety
P 2622	Student Assessment
P & R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
P & R 5200	Attendance
P & R 5320	Immunization
P & R 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote
P 5610	Suspension
R 5610	Suspension Procedures

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P 5620	Expulsion
P & R 8320	Personnel Records

CARRIED: 6-0 in a roll call vote.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Moyer, resident, requested confirmation that 8th grade activity resolution was passed

XIV. BOARD DISCUSSION

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dr. Cusmano and seconded by Dr. Gaddy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED: 6-0 in a roll call vote.