

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on February 23, 2015 was called to order at 7:34 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 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

Student Representatives: Kerem Ayhan
Jacob Leddy

ABSENT James Britt

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Donna Trainello, Board Secretary
Peter Pearson, School Accountant

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by G. Cusmano.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 4, 2015, be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

IV. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT (Appendix 2)

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- A. Students of the month – Presented by Ms. Chickey
B. Teacher of the month – Presented by Ms. Chickey – Mrs. Mayhood
C. Warren Club New Vision Pioneers - Donated Dictionaries
for all the students at Mountain Villa School

VI. PRESENTATION

- A. Bond Refinancing – T. Panella Bond Counsel to present next meeting
- B. Marty Yudichak - Technology

VII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- A. Committee Structure (Appendix 3)
- B. Board Goals and Discussion

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
 - 1. Cluster Session Meeting Proposal

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Questions regarding PARCC testing.

X. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTS

Finance

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

A. Transfers

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following list of transfers totaling \$352,680.12 in Fund 10 and in fund 20 \$25,351.00 for the month of January 2015.

(Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Bills List

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the bills list in the amount of \$826,574.92 checks #25023 through #25109 is approved for payment.

(Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Bond Refinancing

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 February 23, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

AYE: 8

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 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.

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

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

AYES: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 1

D. Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2014-2015 school year as the Allamuchy Township Board of Education would be fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Monthly Certification of Budget

Moved by D. Clark 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 January 31, 2015 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 (c)3 & (c)4.

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 January 31, 2015 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 January 2015 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$629,583.51. (Appendix 7)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Record Fee

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following fees for requests for public records per state guidelines: Maximum Authorization Cost: \$50.00

Fees: Letter size pages - \$0.05 per page
Legal size - \$0.07 per page
Other materials (CD, DVD, etc.) actual cost of material

Delivery: Delivery/postage fees additional depending upon delivery type

Extras: Special service charge dependent upon request.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Historic Preservation Restriction - Warren County

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Historical Preservation Restrictions.
(Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Personnel

A. Resignation

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept with regret the resignation of Alessandra Alchermes, Personal Aide effective 2/24/15.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Student Observation

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Priscilla Ahern from the County College of Morris to observe at the Allamuchy Township School District during the 2014/2015 School year.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Executive Director of Rutherford Hall

Motion made by M. Renaud and seconded by S. Costello

BE IT RESOLVED, to table the motion to approve Executive Director of Rutherford Hall.

CARRIED: Motion was not carried by roll call vote.

M. Renaud votes yes

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Laurie Rapisardi as the Executive Director of Rutherford Hall effective March 1, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried by roll call vote.

S. Costello abstained, M. Renaud voted no

D. Shared Services

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve of "the statutorily required shared services study". (Appendix 8)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Termination

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the termination of employment for employee Christine Ahern effective March 9, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Policy

A. Second Reading

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the second reading of Policy # 0155 Board Committees. (Appendix 9)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Curriculum and Technology

A. Attendance at Professional Conferences

Moved by G. Cusmano 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
Tshudy	03/20/15	\$130.00	47	Behavior Management
DeAngelis	02/24/15	\$0	97	Green Team PD Workshop
DeAngelis	07/27/15	\$250	68	Next Generation Science Standards

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. 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
Koerner	Mansfield	\$0	\$0	03/06/15
Koerner	Mansfield	\$0	\$0	03/13/15
Koerner	Hackettstown	\$0	\$0	03/31/15
DeAngelis	Branchburg	\$18	\$190	03/02/15
Koerner	Newton	\$0	\$0	03/20/15
Ricci	Budd Lake	\$6.40	\$380	05/07/15
DeAngelis	Allentown, PA	\$17.50	\$190	04/16/15

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

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.....52	(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.....48	(In District)	(Out of District)
7.....41	(In District)	(Out of District)
8.....61	(In District) 3	(Out of District)
Total.....429		

B. Monthly HIB Report/Suspension – 5 Investigations and 3 determined to be HIB

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XIV. BOARD DISCUSSION

Board retreat and Board Goals

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by B. Gibbs.
BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried by voice vote.

Time: 8:50 p.m.