

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on November 20, 2017 is called to order at 7:31 p.m. 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 4, 2017 to the NJ Herald and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

James Britt
Suzette Costello
Giovanni Cusmano
William Cramer
John Egan
Francis Gavin
Mary Renaud
Diane Clark – President

ABSENT

Brant Gibbs

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Joseph Fly, CSA
Donna Trainello, Board Secretary

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS

At the November 7, 2017 school election, 1336 ballots were cast. The candidates were voted for as follows:

<u>3 Year Term</u>	
Lisa Strutin	699
Craig Green	56 (Write –In)
Veniti Prudenti	46 (Write –In)

IV. 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 October 25, 2017, be approved.
(Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by M. Renaud.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the executive session meeting held on October 25, 2017, be approved.
(Appendix 2)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
F. Gavin and M. Renaud abstained

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRADE	NAME	AWARD
K	Adeline Yankoski	Respect
1	Emma Parr	Kindness
2	Connor Gamble	Respect & Trustworthiness
3	Riley Bradica	Responsibility
4	Natalie D'Alessio	Responsibility
5	Karissa Williams	Kindness/Respect
6	Daniel Cucciniello	Caring
7	Jamil Ahmed	Respect
8	Maggie Reardon	Responsibility

- Teacher of the Month – Ashley Van Haste and Andrea Aussems

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- Rich Sharrett – Outdoor Classroom

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- HIB - Monthly Update – 2 Investigation – 0 HIB
- Out-of-School Suspensions – 1 In-school Suspensions

A. Enrollment by Grade

Student Enrollment for Allamuchy Township School District										
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
K	50	51	51							
1	43	44	45							
2	51	50	52							
3	42	42	42							
4	38	39	38							
5	58	57	57							
6	47	47	47							
7	44	44	45							
8	46	47	46							
PSD	4	4	5							
Total	423	425	428							
9 th	35	32	32							
10 th	32	31	31							
11 th	44	44	44							
12 th	35	35	35							
Total	146	142	142							
GT	569	567	570							

WEEKLY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT 11.17.17
OPERATIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rutherford Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open House for Roof January 17, 2018 ○ Capital Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contract ▪ Fundraisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle Card • Carnival • Casino Night ○ Family Meeting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Villa Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wind Turbines ○ Cell Tower ○ Water and Sewer Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Testing completed by the Authority ▪ Independent Testing through RK – Environmental
HUMAN RESOURCES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher’s contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AEA – ABOE Contract being finalized and will be distributed at end of the month • Spanish Position – Candidate started November 13, 2017. We had a great transition!
EDUCATION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran’s Assembly November 14th was amazing. It gets better and better every year. Many complements. HATS off to Mrs. Aussems and Mrs. Van Haste and all the staff for a job well done! THE STUDENTS WERE AWESOME! • Mrs. Sauter’s Class and Ms. Hartman’s class created a Thanksgiving Menu and celebrated Thanksgiving at the HILLS House at Centenary University – They also voted to see what they would do with the leftovers.
GOVERNANCE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Board Members - Congratulations: Lisa Strutin - Craig Green - Veniti Prudenti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Board Training prior to taking their seat – December 5, 2017 – 2-hour session. ○ Diane and Sue - President and VP to meet with New Board Members on December 8, 2017 to allow for a Q & A. To include Jim, Donna and me.
ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water/Sewer Treatment Plant – we are continuing to work with them on the challenges they are having with their treatment plant. We will continue to work with the town.
HACKETTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hackettstown/Great Meadows Feasibility Study Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be held at the Great Meadows Middle School.
OTHER:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Suit– The court has granted an extension to the complaint and will need to be filed by November 17th. • Trooper Siegel has been with us a few weeks now. He will continue to get to know the school and the community. We have had positive feedback on him being in the buildings

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| A. Operations: | J. Britt - Chair |
| B. Human Resources: | S. Costello – Chair |
| C. Education: | G. Cusmano – Chair |
| D. Governance: | F. Gavin - Chair |
| E. Town Council Liaison: | B. Gibbs
J. Egan |

OTHER DISTRICT

F. Hackettstown Board of Education Representative – G. Cusmano

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

XII. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Operations:

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

A. Transfers

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following list of transfers with totals in Fund 10 as of October 31, 2017 \$195,420.00
Fund 20 as of October 31, 2017 (\$2,032.00)

(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 general account bills list check # 28274 through # 28390 for a total amount of \$782,840.84 be approved for payment.
(Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Student Activity

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$ _____, Investors Bank balance as of October 31, 2017.
(Appendix 5) Will be handed out on Monday

CARRIED: TABLED

D. Shared Service Agreement

Moved by and seconded by

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Shared Service Agreement for Superintendent of Schools for the period of 12/12/17 to 6/30/22. Pending approval by WCSSSD on 12/12/17
(Appendix 6)

CARRIED: TABLED

E. Monthly Certification of Budget for September

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Allamuchy Board of Education accepts the Business Administrator's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 3 that as of 10/31/2017 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (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 Business Administrator's monthly financial reports certify that as of 10/31/2017 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 RESOLVED**, that the motion to accept the financial reports from the Business Administrator's for the month of October 2017 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$149,015.59 .
(Appendix 7)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Human Resources

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

A. Volunteer

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by M. Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Kari Severinsen as a volunteer at the Mountain Villa School for the 20017-2018 school year.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Observation

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by M. Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Joseph Lake from Warren County Community College 20 hours of in-class observation

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Rutherford Hall

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by M. Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Michelle D’Aconti as a part time event planner for Rutherford Hall at a rate of \$12.00 per hour during training effective 11/21/17

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Education

A. Attendance at Professional Conferences

Moved by G. Cusmano and seconded by M. Renaud.

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

Staff Member	Date	Workshop Name	Cost	Mileage
Rodriguez	12/08/17	PE Jam Dickenson Gym – Chester	0	0

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Class Trips

Moved by G. Cusmano and seconded by M. Renaud.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following class trips for the 2017-2018 school year:

Grade	Date	Location	Cost
Grade 2	4/11/18	Annual 2 nd grade Agricultural Day Newton High School	0
Grade 2	6/14/18	Crayola Factory – Easton, PA	\$10

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Governance: NO REPORT

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- District Goals UPDATE:

Allamuchy District Goals SY 2017-18

1. Continue to investigate, develop, and implement a community-based staff program to enhance quality of life resources offered to District employees.
2. Investigate, evaluate, and produce a five-year school financial planning model.
3. Evaluate current curriculum and programming to determine how they support reading, writing, and critical thinking as delineated in *The Allamuchy Learner*.

IXV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. BOARD DISCUSSION

Board is in support of the Open Classroom starting at Mountain Villa School.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning legal and negotiations issue 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.

F. Gavin left meeting at 8:46 p.m. prior to negotiations discussion

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has been in executive session for 31 minutes for the purpose of legal and negotiations issue. 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.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Time: 9:08 p.m.