

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on November 23, 2015 is called to order at 7:30 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 2, 2015 to the Express Times and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Student Representatives: Robert Donnelly
Olivia Kreider

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Joseph Flynn, Superintendent
Donna Trainello, Board Secretary

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS

At the November 3, 2015 school election, 595 ballots were cast. The candidates were voted for as follows:

3 Year Term

William Cramer	390
Sue Costello	384
James Britt	355
Write in	7

1 Year Term:

Giovanni Cusmano	376
Write in	2

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 27, 2015, be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
J. Britt, J. Egan and B. Gibbs abstained.

- B. Moved by M. Renaud and seconded by W. Cramer.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 11, 2015, be approved. (Appendix 2)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

VI. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
(Appendix 3)

VII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- A. Students of the month - Presented by Ms. Chickey
B. Teacher of the month - Presented by Ms. Chickey
Ashley Van Haste
Andrea Aussems

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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 of \$49,135.52. (Appendix 4)

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 #25840 through #25934 for a total amount of \$829,429.86 be approved for payment. (Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Operations – continued**C. Student Activity**

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$31,893.44 Investors Bank balance as of September 2015. (Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Participation in Sustainable New Jersey

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

Whereas—The Allamuchy Township Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas—The Allamuchy Township Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas—Extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas—Many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas—Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas—The Allamuchy Township Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools. (See the “Create A Green Team” action. Your district “Green Team” can be designated from a pre-existing group within the district if desired.).

Operations – continued

Whereas—Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas—The Allamuchy Township Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Allamuchy Township Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint Peter Pearson to be the district’s liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize Allamuchy Township Public School(s) Allamuchy Elementary School and the Mountain Villa School as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district’s schools in completing their actions.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Green Township Board of Education

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the tuition contract with Green Township Board of Education for student #1009 to attend the Allamuchy Township School MD program, tuition \$25,000 effective September 1, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Hope Township Board of Education

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the tuition contract with Hope Township Board of Education for student #2011 to attend the Mountain Villa School PSD program, tuition \$14,500 effective September 1, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Operations - continued**G. Great Meadows Regional Board of Education**

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the tuition contract with Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for students #0502, #1320, #1020 and #1003 to attend the Mountain Villa School PSD program, tuition \$14,500 per student effective September 1, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Transportation Contract

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2015-2016 joint transportation agreement between Allamuchy Township Board of Education and Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for Allamuchy to transport Great Meadows students.

Route 22	\$12,410
Route 22 MID	\$16,650

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

I. Transportation Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2015-2016 joint transportation agreement between Allamuchy Township Board of Education and Hope Township Board of Education for Allamuchy to transport Hope student.

Route 22	\$6,210
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CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Operations - continued

J. Transportation Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2015-2016 joint transportation agreement between Allamuchy Township Board of Education and Hackettstown Township Board of Education for Allamuchy to transport 2 Hackettstown students.

Route BV	\$20,700
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CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

K. Friday/Saturday Detention

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the addition of Friday and Saturday Detentions to our Discipline Policy.

CARRIED: Motion carried by roll call vote.

F. Gavin voted no.

L. Architect's Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract with Michael Calafati, Architect, LLC, \$13,125.00 for roof replacement at Rutherford Hall.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

M. Technology Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Technology Contract with the JDM Group, at a monthly rate of \$1527.08 (7 months) to maintain the district technology network, pending the termination of the contract with Hunterdon ESC.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

N. Bruno Associates Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract with Bruno Associates to research and apply for discretionary grants, pending review and approval by Board Attorney. (Appendix 9)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

O. Broker of Record

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mr. Francis (Skip) Murray as Broker of Record for health, dental and disability insurance pending successful negotiations with Board ad-hoc committee regarding co-brokering the first year.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

P. Monthly Certification of Budget for October

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 10/31/2015 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (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 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of 10/31/2015 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 RESOLVED**, that the motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of October 2015 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$839,703.84 (Appendix 7)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Human Resources

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

A. School Counselor Leave Replacement

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by B. Gibbs.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Megan Schmidt as the school counselor leave replacement – 3 days per week (.6) on step 1BA + 30, \$27,438, prorated, retroactively effective November 16, 2015, pending emergency certification.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Substitutes

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by B. Gibbs.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes for the 2015/2016 school year: Kathleen DiFrancesco and Karen Kellam

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Resignation

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by B. Gibbs.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept with regret and best wishes the resignation of Elizabeth Miller effective immediately.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Substitute Custodians

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by B. Gibbs

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Scott DeMary and Thomas Tagliareni as permanent part time custodians at a rate of \$13.00/hour, retroactively effective 11/01/2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Human Resources - continued**E. Jumpstart Instructors**

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by B. Gibbs

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following Jumpstart Instructors and stipend funded with the REAP grant:

Vicki Patterson	35 sessions - \$1575.00
Andrea Aussems	35 sessions - \$1575.00
Paige Schmiedeke	35 sessions - \$1575.00
Justin Iazzetti	35 sessions - \$1575.00

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Hourly Rate Change

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the increase in hourly rate for Patricia Turoczy to \$25.00 during the period of time the Superintendent's Secretary is on leave, retroactively effective November 10, 2015.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Curriculum Updates

Moved by S. Costello and seconded by B. Gibbs

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following for curriculum updates for up to ten hours at the negotiated rate.

Social Studies K-8	Joanne Ferguson
K-8 World History	Adrianna Shonk
K-8 Health/PE	Christine Rodriguez

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Human Resources - continued

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K-8 Technology	
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Education**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	Workshop Name	Cost	Mileage
Megan Schmidt	12/03/15	Suicide Prevention Training	\$65	78

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 2015-2016 school year:

Name	Location	Cost Per Student	Date
Arrambide	Marvelous Math, Harmony, NJ (6 Gr. 2 G & T students)	\$16.50	12/11/15
Koerner	Rockaway Mall		12/11/15
McElwee	Raptor Trust, Millington, NJ	\$13.00	12/22/15
DeAngelis	Planetarium at Raritan Valley CC	\$19.00	2/17/16
Thompson	Great Meadows, NJ	\$10.00	2/24/15
Arrambide	Newton HS	\$8.00	April 2016
Arrambide	Gillinder Glass Factory Port Jervis, NY	\$6.00	5/12/16
Arrambide	Crayola Factory, Easton, Pa.	\$16.50	6/9/16

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XIII OLD BUSINESS

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Solar Field Progress**
- B. Certificate of Occupancy - Mountain Villa School**
- C. Cell Tower (Bid Opening December 17, 2015)**
- D. Rutherford Hall**
 - The Rutherford Hall Foundation (Meeting set for week of December 7, 2015)
 - Fire Escape (Meeting set for week of December 7, 2015)
 - Roof Project (Architect's Contract)
- E. Grant Writer Proposal**
- F. Administrative Forum**
- G. Insurance Brokers**
- H. Negotiations (Executive Session)**
- I. Enrollment Report by Grade**
- J. HIB - Monthly Update – 5 Investigations – None HIB**

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XVI. BOARD DISCUSSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by S. Costello.
BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Time: 8:50 p.m.