

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

January 23, 2024

I. OPENING

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:32 p.m. in the IMC at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Avenue, Whippany, NJ 07981.

The Board Secretary read the following statement:

In accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting was provided to the newspaper of record, appropriately posted and sent to the Township Clerk on January 5, 2024.

Mrs. Bomengo led the flag salute.

Present: Board Members	Mr. Jeffrey Basile Mr. Marc Amoresano, Vice President Mrs. Christine Egbert Mrs. Gina Johnston Mr. Christopher Mattessich Mr. William McCabe Mrs. Michelle Stricchiola Mrs. Lisa Bomengo, President
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Superintendent Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Mr. Michael J. Wasko Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky
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Board Attorney	Mr. Matthew Giacobbe
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Absent: Board Members	Mr. Gregory Skiff
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II. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners

Mr. Michael Anderson, Principal at Memorial Junior School, along with Ms. Mary Nemecek, President of the VFW Post 5351 Auxiliary, announced the winners of this year's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. The topic for the essay was "How Are You Inspired by America" The winners were Michaella Metz, 1st place, Smaran Chennapragada, 2nd place, and Alan Liu, 3rd place. Mrs. Bomengo congratulated all the winners for and Mr.

Wasko also thanked Ms. Mary Nemeč and congratulated the students for their accomplishment.

Nursing Services Plan 2023-2024

Rob Camean, Principal and District Nursing Supervisor, presented a PowerPoint on the Nursing Plan. He went over the roles and responsibilities of our certified school nurses and outlined the various levels of care needed for our students.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Public Meeting	12/12/23
Reorganization Meeting	1/4/2024
Executive Session	1/4/2024

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. Johnston **Approved:** Unanimous

V. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wolsky reported that the cash balance as of December 31, 2023 was \$6,379,492.01. The interest in the General Fund to date is \$301.37 and the interest in the HTSACC Fund is \$37.00.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasko gave the following report:

Welcome everyone, and good evening. I would like to begin my report by wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year. Thankfully, I have a relatively short Superintendent's Report this evening.

Believe it or not, preparations are already underway for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. The administrative team is at work preparing the budget and Kindergarten pre-registration for September 2024 is currently underway and available online. Parents can access and complete the online "pre-registration" forms by visiting our District Website and clicking on the "Student Registration" link located in the upper right hand corner. "Registration" meetings with individual "pre-registered" families will begin next week and take place during the month of February as well. In addition, information regarding the District's Inclusive Preschool Program for September 2024 will be posted on our district website shortly after February 1st

As I get to the end of my report, I would like to take a minute to thank Mr. Gaveglio, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, and the members of the maintenance department as well as our building custodians, for all of their efforts in getting our schools ready to open last week as we dealt with some wintery weather conditions. I can't remember the last time we had a school closing, delayed opening, and an emergency early dismissal all in the same week.

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Next, I would like to draw everyone's attention to Item # 1 on tonight's personnel agenda. As many of you here in the audience know, I have said this many many times:

During one's educational career everyone remembers when they reach 3 key "Milestones." The first is the day you get your first job, the second is the day you get tenure, and usually the third milestone is the day you retire.

Tonight, it is with mixed emotions that I formally announce my retirement as Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2024. After much reflection and consideration, I have decided that the time has come to embark on a new journey and transition to the next phase of my life with my family.

My career in education spans over 33 years, 26 of which I have served as an administrator in this District, starting in April of 1998 as Assistant Principal of Memorial Junior School, then beginning January of 2002, Principal of MJS and in July of 2016 I moved on and assumed the role of Superintendent of Schools. It is an understatement to say that It has been both an honor and privilege to work in such an outstanding school district and community working with some of the brightest most talented students, compassionate and dedicated teachers and support staff, an excellent administrative team, a wonderful BOE Office staff, extremely supportive parents and exceptional members of the Board of Education. I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who have shared in, and contributed to my development as a District Leader as well as our many successes aimed at enhancing the educational experiences for ALL of our students being guided by always doing what's best for kids.

Serving as the Superintendent of the Hanover Township Public School District has been the highlight of my professional career and I am very proud of the relationships we have formed and the many accomplishments we have achieved together during my tenure.

In closing I recognize that I have much to be thankful for here in Hanover Township. A community which over the years has been incredibly good to me both professionally and personally. For that I say Thank you.

Moving forward I wish the District much success, as I am sure Hanover Township Public Schools will continue to thrive as a Community that Inspires Excellence.

VII. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mr. Wasserman gave the following report:

Thank you, Mr. Wasko and the Board of Education for the opportunity to report this evening. I would like to begin my report by welcoming our new Board of Education members Michelle Stricchiola, Chris Mattessich, and William McCabe. Congratulations and I look forward to working with all of you.

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Next, I would like to congratulate Mr. Wasko. His retirement is listed as the first item under the Personnel portion of the agenda. I would be remiss to not publicly express my appreciation for Mr. Wasko, particularly for the contributions he has made to our schools and community. On a personal note, Mike has been a tremendous mentor throughout the various roles I have served within the Hanover Township District.

Those of you who know Mr. Wasko understand his dedication to following a process, his optimism in finding solutions, his gift of listening and having an open door, and his commitment to do what is best for each and every child he serves.

It is daunting to understand or appreciate the responsibilities a superintendent faces each day. Mr. Wasko has embraced and maintained this challenge for the past eight years with consistency, integrity, and compassion. He has led our administrative team during some of the most difficult and demanding events that our profession has encountered and we thank you for doing so. Most importantly we thank you for all you have done on behalf of the parents and students of Hanover Township. You will be missed and we all wish you well in your retirement. Congratulations Mr. Wasko.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee –Mr. McCabe said the Committee met on 1/18 and individuals present included Mr. McCabe, Mrs. Bomengo, Mrs. Johnston and Mr. Wasko. Items discussed included no enrollment changes, 2 retirements – Ms. Antico and Mr. Wasko, no tenure recommendations, no transfers/reassignments, no resignations, 2 leaves of absence, 3 stipends – 1 black seal and 2 sub certificates, 2 additions to the substitute list, 2 tuition reimbursements, 1 student teaching assignment, extra compensation for tutoring club and a LTS position at MJS. Open positions include a part-time Contemporary Art & Design Teacher at MJS, temporary long-term substitutes at BMS and MJS, part-time Secretary to the School Nurse at MTV, bus drivers, lunch/recess aides, and a temporary short term substitute Grade 3 at BMS. Other items discussed included hourly rate increases in HTSACC to meet minimum wage requirements, 3 student suspensions at MJS, no HIB incidents in December and job descriptions are currently in the process of being updated.

Curriculum, Technology and Student Achievement Committee – Mrs. Johnston said the Committee met on 1/18 and individuals present included Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Stricchiola, Mr. Skiff, Mr. Margolis, Mr. Wasko and Mr. Wasserman. Approvals discussed included acknowledgement of fire and school safety drills, submission of the reissued high impact tutoring grant, contract with Silvergate Prep to provide home instruction, tuition rate for inclusive preschool for 2024-2025, Camp HTSACC vendors for assemblies/enrichment and field trip venues. The Grade 3-5 Steering Committee is recommending to extend Journeys for one additional year due to the transition to new standards. The Committee also discussed QSAC Curriculum updates and upcoming professional development and coaching.

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Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant Committee – Mr. Amoresano said the Committee met on 1/17 and individuals present included Mr. Amoresano, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Basile, Mr. Mattessich, Mr. Wasko, Mrs. Wolsky, Mr. Gaveglio and Mr. Margolis. The Committee discussed rates for the 24-25 Integrated Preschool Program and an increase of \$300, Physical Plant updates included the completion of work on the MJS storm drain on Highland Ave, BMS brook clean out completed by Township to help alleviate flooding, a quote for panic buttons which would need to be bid if/when the District chooses to implement and MTV playground resurfacing quote came in at \$58,525 which is about \$40k less than carpet. The Committee also reviewed finance reports for approval, ESEA Carryover approvals, and preliminary budget discussion. For the Good of the Order Mr. Mattessich inquired about hiring a company to conduct network penetration testing and implementing light temperature closer to sunlight.

Public Relations Committee – Mrs. Egbert said the Committee met on 1/17 and individuals present included Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Wasko, Mr. Mattessich and Mr. Basile. Items discussed included the 23-24 nursing services plan, Patriot Pen Essay contest winners recognition, website updates, MJS vaping assembly feedback was positive though attendance was poor, student seminar, Kindergarten pre-registration for September is ongoing, Inclusive Preschool Pre-Registration for September begins next month, bringing back Career Day at MJS and looking into an assembly program with Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Stricchiola said the Committee met on 1/17 and individuals present included Mrs. Stricchiola, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. Agenda items for approval discussed included first reading of Policy and Regulation 2419, and the second reading of several policies on the agenda. For the good of the order there were no updates on resource materials from staff, the Committee is looking into Strauss Esmay and NJ School Boards audit options, John Doe v Del Val Case No. 3:24-cv-00107-GC-JBD was discussed, PTA fundraisers and events, attendant Board policies, PTA Advisory Meetings, and Health and Nutrition Policies re: snacks and classroom events were also discussed.

Negotiations Committee – None

Travel/Delegate Report – None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Rob Camean, Principal, Salem Drive School, and Carmen Camean, Principal, Mountview Road School, thanked Mr. Wasko on behalf of the Administrators and Directors. They spoke of how rare but important consistency is in Education and how Mr. Wasko is all about people noting his open lines of communication, his leadership during the pandemic, the importance of trusting the process and evaluating a situation from all sides and most importantly, always putting students first.

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Marcella Wilson, Cedar Knolls, former member of the Board, thanked Mr. Wasko for his years of service, dedication and unwavering support and for always putting all students first. She also thanked the Wasko family.

Gina Marie Winkler, Whippany, former member of the Board, added that Mr. Wasko would be sincerely missed and has been an amazing professional who always put every student first and himself last.

Paul Szesko, Whippany, congratulated Mr. Wasko, thanked him for all his hard work and wished him well in retirement.

Motion to close public comments.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Approved:** Unanimous

X. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael J. Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, effective 7/1/24, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mr. Amoresano thanked Mr. Wasko on behalf of the Board of Ed for his many years of dedicated service and noted that the District was losing a loyal Superintendent and leader who truly cared for students. He also thanked the Wasko family for their support and sacrifice.

2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Darlene Antico, Special Education Aide, Memorial Junior School, effective 7/1/24, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mr. Wasko congratulated Mrs. Antico for 28 years of service to the District as a special education aide primarily at Memorial Junior School and thanked her for her many years of dedicated service.

3. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 3190, effective 2/5/24 to 3/15/24.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4539, effective 1/2/24 to

1/30/24.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Amend the 2023-2024 salary for Christine Selitto, part time (.69 FTE) Special Education Aide, Salem Drive School, from the previously approved Step 7, \$16,812, to Step 7, \$17,462 (includes \$650.00 for New Jersey Substitute Certificate), effective 1/1/24-6/30/24, prorated.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Amend the 2023-2024 salary for Stacy Millichap, part time (.69 FTE) Special Education Aide, Salem Drive School, from the previously approved Step 9, \$17,188, to Step 9, \$17,838 (includes \$650.00 for New Jersey Substitute Certificate), effective 1/4/24-6/30/24, prorated.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Amend the 2023-2024 salary for Xinia Rodriguez, full time (1.0 FTE) Custodian, Memorial Junior School, from the previously approved Step 3, \$43,478 (includes 10% night differential), to Step 3, \$43,978 (includes 10% night differential and \$500.00 for Black Seal License), effective 1/1/24-6/30/24, prorated.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

8. Approve **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignments at **Bee Meadow School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

<u>Activity/Club</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Tutoring Club	\$55	Kristen Dakak

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

9. Approve **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignments at **Salem Drive School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

<u>Activity/Club</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Tutoring Club	\$55	Nora Czarnomski Stephanie Serido

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

10. Approve **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignments at **Memorial Junior School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

<u>Activity/Club</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Tutoring Club	\$55	George Dakak

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Jennifer Pilchman
Maria Ricupero
Brenda Talbert
Julia Urso

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **Advisor(s)** at **Salem Drive School**, with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA, as follows:

<u>Club/Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Classic Games	Dawn Baron	7 hours
Classic Games	Grace Jacobson	7 hours
Chess	Rosemary Cataliotti	7 hours
Story Time	Nancy Lamond	5 hours
Story Time	Rosemary Pierone	5 hours
Arts & Crafts	Sarah Rittershofer	9 hours
Arts & Crafts	Melissa Myron	9 hours
Playdough	Michelle Palomino	9 hours
Playdough	Melissa Myron	9 hours
Set Design	Patricia Sussman	6 hours
Set Design	Matthew Pomel	6 hours
Classic Games (session 2)	Grace Jacobson	7 hours
Measure Up	Eddie Cashen	7 hours
Measure Up	Rosemary Cataliotti	7 hours

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

12. Approve the **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **Advisor(s)** at **Memorial Junior School**, with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA, as follows:

<u>Club/Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Music Club	George Dakak	20 hours

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

13. Authorize the following tuition reimbursement applications for the **2023-2024** school year, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Tyler Erhard	9
Lori Prout	15

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

14. Approve the following **2023-2024** student teaching assignment(s):

<u>Student/College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Toni Lisi/	Student Teaching	Cori Padavano/	1/2/24-2/28/24

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Western Governors University

BMS

Motion: Mr. McCabe

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

15. Approve the following addition(s) to the substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year.

Teacher:

Christine Selitto

Stacy Millichap

Motion: Mr. McCabe

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

16. Amend the hourly wage for the following employees in the HTSACC Early Bird and After Care program, from the previously approved \$14.13/hour to the new New Jersey state minimum wage requirement of \$15.13/hour, effective January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024:

- Angulo, Hector
- Ayash, Addison
- Benanti, Grace
- Benanti, Nicole
- Buoye, Courtney
- Cobane, Emma
- Decicco, Joseph
- Downey, Allison
- Giordano, Antonia
- Iuso, Daniela
- Kierney, Julia
- Larice, Vanessa
- Lenzi, Natalie
- Liloia, Alyssa
- McCoy, John
- Mennona, Grace
- Moctezuma, Victoria
- Monaco, Ella
- Mondano, Isabel
- Mulooly, Caitlin
- Munsey, Ryan
- Murphy, Kelly
- Padi, Ananya
- Perconti, Anthony
- Radhakrishnan, Tanvi
- Saliani, Leina
- Seborowski, Ella
- Shannon, Katie
- Simonetti, Deanna

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- Siri, Juliana
- Ventura, Lorraine
- Volker, Alyssa
- Zarras, Lauren
- Zazula, Kailyn

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

17. Amend the hourly wage for the following employees in the HTSACC Early Bird and After Care program, from the previously approved \$15.00/hour to the new New Jersey state minimum wage requirement of \$15.13/hour, effective January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024:

- Berkenkamp, Glenn
- Circelli, Nicole
- Fischetti, Moriah
- Romero, Guadalupe
- Scalley, Megan
- Speck, Alexandra
- Toutounjian, Olivia

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

18. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of December 2023, **Attachment “A”**.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

19. Acknowledge that there were no incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying for the period of December 11, 2023 – January 19, 2024.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

20. Approve the Hanover Township Board of Education Committee Assignments for January 2024 through December 2024 as per **Attachment “B”**.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

21. Appoint Lauryn Patracuolla to the temporary position of full time (1.0 FTE) Long Term Substitute Replacement Special Education (Resource Center) Teacher, Memorial Junior School, at the BA Step 1 per diem rate of \$303 when school is in session, effective 2/5/24 through 6/20/24 or the last day of school. Continued employment will be subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the results of a criminal history check as required by applicable law.

Motion: Mr. McCabe **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

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22. Approve **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignments at **Memorial Junior School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

POSITION

Special Education Team Leader

ADVISOR/MEMBER

Jennifer Pilchman

Motion: Mr. McCabe

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

B. CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Acknowledge the following fire drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of December 2023:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bee Meadow School	12/4/23
Mountview Road School	12/4/23
Salem Drive School	12/20/23
Memorial Junior School	12/13/23

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

2. Acknowledge that crisis management drills were conducted at the following schools, as reported by the school principals, for the month of December 2023:

<u>School</u>
Bee Meadow School
Mountview Road School
Salem Drive School
Memorial Junior School

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the 2023-2024 School Nursing Services Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the submission of the Reissued New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High-Impact Tutoring Grant

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the Director of Special Education’s recommendation to contract with Silvergate Prep to provide home instruction to Student CST#2405005, for 10 hours per week at \$40 per hour, effective 12/20/23 until the student is medically cleared.

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Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 tuition rate of \$3,600 for the district's Inclusive Preschool Program.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the following vendors for assemblies and/or enrichment programs for Camp HTSACC 2024:

- Academic Entertainment
- Black Rocket
- Brainwash Game Show
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Bright Star Touring Theatre
- Camp Invention
- Challenge Island
- Code Ninjas
- Dinosaurs Rock
- Eyes of the Wild
- Junior Chef Box
- KidzArt
- Little Scholars
- Lizard Guy
- Mad Science
- Mr. Lucky's Game Truck
- National CSI Camp
- NJSTEM
- Official Fun Guys
- Pearl Observatory
- Reading Rocks with Joe Holiday
- Stage a Story
- Tale Wise
- Team Makers of NJ
- Young Rembrandts

Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

8. Approve the following venues for field trips for Camp HTSACC 2024:

- Bee Meadow Pool – Whippany, NJ
- AMC Movie Theater – East Hanover or Rockaway, NJ
- Branchburg Sports Complex – Branchburg, NJ
- Camelbeach Water Park – Tannersville, PA
- Circle Bowl & Entertainment – Ledgewood, NJ
- Crystal Springs Water Park – East Brunswick, NJ

- Donaldson Farms – Hackettstown, NJ
- Fairview Lake YMCA – Newton, NJ
- Field Station Dinosaurs – Leonia, NJ
- Funplex/Splashplex – East Hanover, NJ
- Funtime Junction – Fairfield, NJ
- Hanover Lanes – East Hanover, NJ
- High Exposure – Northvale, NJ
- Humdingers – Paramus, NJ
- iPlay America – Freehold, NJ
- Kids Empire – Fairfield, NJ
- Liberty Science Center – Jersey City, NJ
- Marcade – Dover or Rockaway, NJ
- Medieval Times – Lyndhurst, NJ
- Mountain Creek Waterpark – Vernon, NJ
- NJ Battle Zone – Randolph, NJ
- Pax Amicus Theater – Budd Lake, NJ
- Play Big Zone – Morganville, NJ
- Rock n Air – East Brunswick, NJ
- Rockaway Lanes – Rockaway, NJ
- Somerset Patriots – Somerset, NJ
- Sterling Mines – Ogdensburg, NJ
- Tomahawk Lake – Sparta, NJ
- Turtleback Zoo – West Orange, NJ
- Urban Air – South Hackensack or Avenel, NJ
- Wild West City – Stanhope, NJ
- Xtreme Energy – Rockaway, NJ

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

C. FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL PLANT

I. FINANCE

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Approve transfers in the 2023-24 Budget, **Attachment “C”**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

2. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 12/31/23 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

3. Certify that as of 12/31/23 after reviewing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's financial reports, 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(b) and sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Accept the report of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the month ended 12/31/23.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 12/15/23	\$1,181,393.86
Payroll 12/22/23	\$ 940,184.53
Payroll 1/12/24	\$ 987,292.86
Bills & Voids 12/13/23 - 1/23/24	\$1,284,047.42

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the attendance of staff members and board members at workshops and travel expenses that are in accordance with the allowable room rate and meal reimbursement rate as outlined in the NJ OMB Circular 602B and mileage **at the state approved rate**, as per **Attachment(s) "D", "E", "F", "G", and "H"**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Accept carried over IDEA Basic Nonpublic funds in the amount of \$2,515, and submit an amendment to the District's FY24 IDEA application to include these funds.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

8. Accept carry over funding for the ESEA Consolidated Grant as follows:

Title IA	\$ 200.00
Title IIA	\$18,118.00
Title III	\$ 285.00
Title IV	\$ 164.00

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

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9. Approve the attendance of staff members and board members at workshops and travel expenses that are in accordance with the allowable room rate and meal reimbursement rate as outlined in the NJ OMB Circular 602B and mileage **at the state approved rate**, as per **Attachment(s) “I”, and “J”**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION

No Items for Board Consideration

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Authorize the payment of \$29,000 to Ben Schaeffer Recreation for overage costs related to the Playground Resurfacing Projects at Mountview Road, Salem Drive and Bee Meadow Elementary Schools.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the withdrawal of funds from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$29,000 for payment of overage costs related to the Playground Resurfacing Project originally funded out of Capital Reserve.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Accept with appreciation the donation of a Selmer LaVoix Tenor Saxophone to Memorial Junior School, valued at approximately \$1500, from Andrew Horun.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Approve participation in the Hanover Township Public Schools 2023-2024 Teacher Recognition Program, and authorize a local grant of \$250 to each recipient to be used for an educational purpose within their respective classroom and/or school.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee as follows:
Chair- Lisa Bomengo

Marc Amoresano
Gina Johnston
Bill McCabe

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Approve posting an RFP for purposes of hiring a Superintendent search firm.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

E. POLICY

Motion to table policy #2530 – Resource Materials for further review.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Egbert **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

1. Conduct the second reading of the following Policies, and Regulations, and if approved, adopt:

- ❖ Policy #2415.04 Title I District Wide Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
- ❖ Policy #2415.50 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #1642.01 Sick Leave (New)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (M)
- ❖ Regulation #2464 Gifted and Talented Students (M) (New)
- ❖ TABLED
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #3142 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #3221 Evaluation of Teachers (M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #3223 Evaluation of Administrators Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #3224 Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)
- ❖ Policy #4125 Employment of Support Staff Members (M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #4146 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #5200 Attendance (M)
- ❖ Policy #5305 Health Services Personnel (M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #5308 Student Health Records(M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #5310 Health Services(M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #5320 Immunization
- ❖ Policy #5541 Anti-Hazing (M)

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- ❖ Policy #5620 Expulsion(M)
- ❖ Policy #6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M)
- ❖ Regulation #6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Cost (M) (New)
- ❖ Policy #6115.04 Federal Funds Duplication of Benefits (M) (New)
- ❖ Policy #6311 Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants(M)
- ❖ Policy #7243 Supervision of Construction (M)
- ❖ Policy #7410 Maintenance and Repair (M)
- ❖ Regulation #8420.1 Fire and Fire Drills (M)
- ❖ Regulation #8420.10 Active Shooter (M)
- ❖ Policy #8462 Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M)
- ❖ Policy & Regulation #9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M)
- ❖

Motion: Mrs. Stricchiola **Second:** Mrs. Egbert **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Conduct the first reading of the following Policies, and Regulations:

- ❖ Policy #2419 School Threat Assessment Team (M) (Revised)
- ❖ Regulation #2419 School Threat Assessment Team (M) (New)

Motion: Mrs. Stricchiola **Second:** Mrs. Egbert **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Patricia Martin, Whippany Resident, thanked Mr. Wasko for his service and consistency. She inquired if there would be plans to involve other stakeholders in the search process. Mr. Giacobbe indicated the consultant the Board hires will work with all the different groups of stakeholders in the process.

Paul Szesko, Whippany Resident, spoke about the Del Val case and rates of autism among gender diverse individuals. He also congratulated the 3 new Board members.

Motion to close public comments.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Approved:** Unanimous

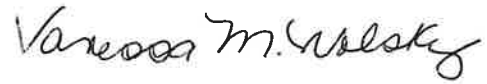
XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Johnston **Approved:** Unanimous

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa M. Wolsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a distinct 'W'.

Vanessa M. Wolsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary