



**Lopatcong Township Board of Education
Special Meeting
Minutes July 5, 2018**

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, OPENING STATEMENT: 6:00 PM

Adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Lopatcong Township Board of Education has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the annual notice in the Star Gazette. A copy of the agenda has been filed with the Township Clerk and posted at both school locations.

B. ROLL CALL by Chris Ferri, Assistant to the Business Administrator

Present: Ernest Gallant, Matthew Herzer, Kenney Kutz, Barbara Lance – 6:04pm

William Taggart, Pam Thomas, Stephen Ruane, Bob McFarlane

Absent: Edward O’Neil

C. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT Mrs. Roncoroni, Superintendent

The Lopatcong School District, a diverse learning community, is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment that challenges each student to achieve academic excellence. Through the collaboration of dedicated staff, families and the community, the district will prepare students for success in high-school, college and careers in the 21st century.

D. PRESENTATION: Student Safety Data System – Rainie Roncoroni presented the Board with the Student Safety Data Report. There are 2 reporting periods, (9/1/17 -12/31/17 and 1/1/18-6/30/18. At year end there were 38 investigations, 20 confirmed, 8 reported in 2nd Report Period. HIB had 18 incidents – 7 were HIB trainings, OSS based on SSDS, system of offenses (assault or property damage threat). 3 additional removals not indicated in system (such as defiance and vaping). 10 additional alleged HIB’s, HIB program had 5 at the elementary school and 8 at the Middle school and 1 additional HIB training.

Mrs. Roncoroni presented to the Department of Ed that certified was complete and good. This report is the same as before but just has a name this year and the board gets information each month.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

G. REVIEW OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. McFarlane received packet form NJ School Board on Guidelines for a Superintendent Search that he would hand out to board members.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Ad-hoc - None

- b. Education - None
- c. Facilities and Technology - None
- d. Finance - None
- e. Negotiations - None
- f. Policy - None
- g. PTA - None
- h. Town Council - None

I. FINANCE

Resolutions R-001-19 through R-002-19 will be moved in one roll call

R-001-19 Accept Submission of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant for the 2018-2019 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the submission of the ESEA Grant in the following amounts for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Title I \$80,315
- Title II \$21,955
- Title IV \$10,000

R-002-19 Approve Refusal of ESEA Title III Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the refusal of ESEA Title III funds in the amount of \$956.00.

Roll Call: by Chris Ferri, Assistant to the Business Administrator

Motion by Mr. Matthew Herzer, second by Mr. Steve Ruane, all motions carried, **Vote 7-0**

J. EDUCATION

Resolutions R-003-19 through R-009-19 will be moved in one roll call

R-003-19 Permission to Hire Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to take appropriate action to effectuate any necessary emergent hires in order to address any unfilled summer positions, unanticipated resignations and/or retirements that may occur between today and the date of the next Board meeting so that the District’s schools are appropriately staffed to provide support and instruction during the 2018-2019 school year. Any such emergent hires are subject to ratification and approval by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

R-004-19 Approve Business Administrator (Attachment # 1)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the hiring of Mr. Atilla Sabahoglu, as School Business Administrator, at a prorated salary of \$95,000, pending Criminal History Background check, effective July 9, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

R-005-19 Approve Student Safety Data System (SSDS) for Report Pd # 2 (Attachment # 2):
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Student Safety Data System Report Period # 2 (January 1 – June 30, 2018).

R-006-19 Approve Board Member Resignation:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the resignation of Mr. Edward O’Neil from the Board of Education effective July 5, 2018.

R-007-19 Employee Travel and Expense Reimbursement:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve employee travel and expense reimbursement as follows:

D. Winters 7/10/18 NJDOE District Certification Morristown, NJ

R-008-19 Approve HIB Report (Attachment # 3):
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the HIB Report from June 12, 2018 through June 30, 2018 for the 2017-2018 school year.

R-009-19 Approve HIB Report Approval Revisions (Attachment # 4):
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the HIB Report approval revisions from February to June 26, 2018.

R-010-19 Approve Change Order from Durin Corporation.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Educations, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the change order from Durin Contractor for Drainage project in the amount of \$5000.00.

Roll Call: by Chris Ferri, Assistant to the Business Administrator
Motion: by Mr. William Taggart, second by Mr. Matthew Herzer, all motions carried, **Vote: 7-0**

- K. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – NONE**
- L. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES - NONE**
- M. REPORT FROM PHILLIPSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE – NONE**
- N. ITEMS OF EMERGENT NATURE – None**
 Comments by Board of Education members
- O. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board has set aside two portions of this meeting for public comment. Specifically, during both the “Public Comment on Agenda Items” and the “Other Public Comments” sections noted on the agenda, this meeting will be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on agenda items or a school district issue that may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Lopatcong. In that respect, please limit your comments or questions during the “Public Comment on Agenda Items” to agenda items only, and save any other questions or comments that you may have for the “Other Public Comments” portion of the meeting.

During both portions of the meeting, the Board requests that the following procedures be observed:

1. Any person who wishes to speak must wait until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer;

2. Before beginning, each speaker must state their name and address and, if speaking on behalf of an organization, the name of that organization;
3. Each speaker is limited to one (1) opportunity to speak during each of the two (2) portions that have been set aside;
4. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes in length so that other members of the public who wish to speak may have an opportunity to do so. Additional time may be afforded to a speaker at the sole discretion of the presiding Board Officer;
5. The presiding Board Officer will advise each speaker when the three (3) minute period has expired;
6. Out of respect for other members of the public that may wish to speak, the Board requests that each speaker cede the floor to the next member of the public as soon as they finished making their respective comment(s) and/or when their allotted time has expired; and
7. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel matters, the Board asks that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by, Matthew Herzer and second by, Earnest Gallant to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Voice Vote: All in Favor