# MINUTES OF THE LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Taggart called the meeting to order on October 12, 2010 at 7:03 pm. Mrs. Barna read the following opening statement: "I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that 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 Express-Times. A copy of the agenda has been filed with the Township Clerk and posted at both school locations.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Wade Caccese (left at 8:06 pm), Dennis Drake (arrived at 7:14 pm), Robert Edinger, Ernie Gallant, Joe Kennedy, Kurt Kessler, Ed Krusman, Bob McFarlane (arrived at 7:05 pm) and Bill Taggart

Absent: None

Others Present: Vicki J. Pede, Superintendent; Teresa E. Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Matt Eagleburger, Principal; Stephen Geisel, Asst. Principal and approximately 17 members of the public.

## READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Pede recited the District Mission Statement.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM REPORT

This public hearing is specifically conducted to fulfill the district's legal obligation to present school violence and vandalism information to the public and to conduct public hearings on the report in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.2(a)4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3(f).

Tonight is part of the district's obligation for the Superintendent "…to report on all acts of violence and vandalism which occurred during the previous school year, including a report on the district's [or charter school's] verified violence and vandalism data submitted under the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) to the NJDOE for the previous school year (2009-2010)." This being so, the Superintendent is legally obligated to report on the acts of violence and vandalism in the previous school year (2009-2010). To my knowledge, the Board had been informed of suspensions as they occur in our school district. This will continue during the current school year as well. Tonight I can report that there were two (2) acts of vandalism at the middle school that met the requirements for reporting on the annual EVVRS that was submitted for the 2009-2010 school year this past summer. This report includes four less incidents than the year before per the reporting requirements. To date, there have been no incidences for inclusion as part of this year's (2010-2011) EVVRS reporting requirements.

The week of October 18th is designated as School Violence Awareness Week, which we will be observing. In addition, there are other activities in our schools that focus on the spirit of the designated week.

- At the elementary school, we are utilizing the passport system to promote positive behavior for the following character traits: Caring, Citizenship, Fairness, Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness. The students earn these passports that are put on the wall in front; a student of the week is also chosen.
- In celebration of Bullying Prevention Week, the elementary school will present the first of 6 bullying lessons (based on the New Jersey State Bar Foundation "Bullying Busting Curriculum") to every child in the school:

First lesson: Defining Bullying (October)
Second lesson: Recognizing Aggressive, Passive and Assertive Behavior (December)
Third lesson: Using "I" messages (January)
Fourth lesson: Telling or Tattling (February)
Fifth lesson: Bystander Strategies (March)
Sixth lesson: Conflict Resolution Steps: The Win/Win Guidelines (May)

Additionally, our elementary school counselor uses a primary program based on Kelso the frog that she has to teach the same type of lessons.

- At individual grade levels, bully pledges were signed by the students and displayed in respective hallways.
- The Character Education Committee did the display case for the month of October.
- In health and physical education classes at the middle school and at fourth grade at the elementary school, students participated in a presentation entitled COPP (Consequences of Peer Pressure), conducted by Miss Courtney Thomas (Miss Pennsylvania). The presentation also included a discussion on bullying from both sides of the situation.
- As advisor to the 599 Club, the middle school counselor has this organization taking care of some of the incidentals involved in Red Ribbon Week. Between now and the end of the month the 599 Club will specifically be doing the following activities: Creating 599 cigarettes called "The A to Z's of Tobacco" that will be posted around the school with information on the 599 additives that are in cigarettes. They will also be doing morning announcements during Red Ribbon Week and red ribbons will be displayed around the school with tobacco facts.
- The Middle School will host *Rachel's Challenge* (the first victim of Columbine) on October 20th in assembly programs during the day for students, as well as a program in the evening for parents and their children. Prior to the Oct. 20th Rachel's Challenge presentations, each grade level will have pre-event lessons. At the conclusion of their assemblies on the 20th, homeroom teachers will present a post-presentation lesson. To sustain the message presented at the Rachel's Challenge presentations, each homeroom in all grades will have a "Chain Links Club". Once a week during Panther period, the students will be exposed to lessons dealing with the 5 challenges (Look for the best in others-Eliminate prejudice; Dare to dream-set goals-keep a journal; Choose positive influences-input determines output; Kind words and actions=Huge results; and Start a chain reaction with family and friends) that were presented during the October 20th presentations. A number of staff voluntarily purchased a t-shirt to be worn for the Oct. 20th presentation from the Rachel's Challenge Company. The shirt has Rachel's message, "You may start a chain reaction" on the front. In addition, the Student Council and the 599 Club have funded wrist bracelets inscribed with the words "Chain Reaction" that will be handed out to all students as they leave the presentations on the 20th.
- The Memorandum of Agreement is on tonight's BOE agenda; the chief of police has met with the school superintendent multiple times to assure cooperation between the parties.
- Specifically during School Violence Awareness Week, Character Education Week, and Red Ribbon Week, the district has partnered with Community Action Partnership to provide a culminating activity on October 29th that focuses on positive choices, and the messages that each of the aforementioned topics include.
- At each grade level members of the Character Education Committee taught a lesson on respect and responsibility. They also went over the four posters from the NJ State Bar Foundation that are displayed in every classroom ("Definition of Bullying", "Having Fun vs. Making Fun", "Creating A Positive Classroom" "Honor Each Other". Teams also

reviewed information from inserts that have been included in grades 6-8 agenda books (Stand Up Against Bullying and Destination Character).

- The Lopatcong Police Department has been invited to observe and offer feedback during a lockdown drill scheduled for next week.

The message of anti-violence and healthy choices is infused throughout our district and community, and it is our intention to continue in this manner throughout this school year. When everyone works together, the true understanding of Violence Awareness comes through as students witness how many positive things can happen when people do work together for a common cause. Energies spent for the right reasons promote positive discussions on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity, and tolerance. We intend to continue our efforts in this area for the kind of environment our students, staff, and families deserve.

There were no questions or comments related to the public hearing.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jayne Krusman – Request for medical leave
2. Donna Bellfy – Request for maternity/child care leave

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Larsen summarized some of the activities that are taking place in each building.

## MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Kessler, second by Mr. Edinger, that the minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting be approved and filed as presented. Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Edinger, that the minutes of September 22, 2010 Board Retreat be approved and filed as presented. Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

## BILL LISTS

Motion by Mr. Krusman, second by Mr. Edinger, that the bills submitted for the October 12, 2010 meeting for the Operating Account in the amount of $550,257.21 and the Food Service Bill List in the amount of $359.50 be approved for payment.
Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Motion by Mr. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. Edinger, that the Secretary/Treasurer's Reports submitted for the month ending August 31, 2010 which agree with each other and the bank, be approved and filed. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFICATION

Motion by Mr. Kessler, seconded by Mr. Edinger, as follows: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that no line account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a) and; pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(c)4, we certify that as of August 31, 2010, after review of the monthly report and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, to the best of our knowledge no major line account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the entire fiscal year. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Education**

**R-085-11 District Goals for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve district goals as follows:

1. Increasing student achievement at all levels
2. Achieving adequate yearly progress (AYP)

by increasing the percentage of students at proficient/advanced proficient levels and decreasing the percentage of students who are partially proficient for the 2010-2011 school year.

Vote: 9 - Yes. Motion carried.

**R-086-11 Board Professional Improvement Plan**

Motion by Mr. Drake, second by Mr. Kessler,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the board professional improvement plan which includes gaining community support for the district and increasing its understanding of legislative issues and actively communicating concerns to our state legislators.

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-087-11 2009-2010 Superintendent Evaluation**

Motion by Mr. McFarlane, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Education Committee, approve the 2009-2010 Superintendent Evaluation.

Roll Call Vote: 6 – Yes. Mr. Taggart, Mr. Krusman and Mr. Gallant - abstain. Motion carried.

**R-088-11 College Students' Observations**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Krusman,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve college students' observations as follows:

| Student | College | Teacher to Observe |
|---|---|---|
| Dan Perry | Mercer County Community College | Marsha Torine |
| Kelly Ignaut | Warren County Community College | Jess Sherwood |
| Heather Merrick | Warren County Community College | Stacie Behme |
| Barbara Thibaud Daniels | Warren County Community College | Juanita White |
| Russa Nollstadt | Centenary College | Heather Weidlick |

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-089-11 Substitutes for 2010-2011**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a list of substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year as attached.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-090-11** **Horizontal Salary Guide Movement**

Motion by Mr. Drake, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve horizontal salary guide movement effective October 1, 2010 as follows:

| Name | New Locator |
|---|---|
| Mary Ann Curzi | GG/MA+15 |
| Cristen Tierney | PP/BA+45MA |
| Krista Wayne | RR/BA+15 |
| Rick Bonney | PP/BA+30 |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-091-11** **Field Trips**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following field trips:

| Group | Destination | Date | Company | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chorus | Christkindlmardt | 12-10-2010 | B&K Dalrymple | $300.00 |
| Grade 4 | Franklin Mineral Museum | 6-1-2011 | B&K Dalrymple | $825.00 |
| Grade 3 | Quiet Valley | 6-7-2011 | B&K Dalrymple | $750.00 |
| Drama Club | Country Gate Theater | 12-4-2010 | parents transport | |
| Band | Delaware Park (Tree Lighting) | 11-28-2010 | parents transport | |
| G & T | Trinity United Methodist Church | 10-26-2010 | Franklin Township | |

Roll Call Vote: 9 - Yes. Motion carried.

**R-092-11** **Stipend Positions for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Motion by Mr. McFarlane, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

| **Stipend** | **Employee** |
|---|---|
| Solar Cars | Ben Mehlman |
| Solar Cars | Stephen Genzale |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-093-11** **Violence and Vandalism Report**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, after holing a public hearing, accept the Violence and Vandalism Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 9- Yes. Motion carried.

**R-094-11** **Maternity Leave Request**

Motion by Mr. Drake, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a maternity leave for Donna Bellfy commencing on or about January 3, 2011 through February 17, 2011 using accumulated sick days and a childcare leave under the NJ Family Leave Act beginning on or about February 18, 2011 until the end of the school year as requested.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-095-11** **Medical Leave Request**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a medical leave of absence for Jane Krusman commencing on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 and returning on or about January 3, 2011 as requested.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Mr. Krusman - abstain. Motion carried.

**R-096-11** **Volunteers for 2010-2011**

Motion by Mr. McFarlane, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-097-11** **Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve renewal of the "Law Enforcement Memorandum of Agreement" for the 2010-2011 school year, with no changes from the previously approved document.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**b. Facilities and Technology**

**R-098-11** **Facility Use Request**

Motion by Mr. Edinger, second by Mr. Krusman,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve facility use requests for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

Elementary School:

| Organization | Date | School Area |
|---|---|---|
| Girl Scouts Heart of NJ | 10-5-10 | library |

Middle School:

| Organization | Date | School Area |
|---|---|---|
| Cub Scouts | 2-25-11 / 2-26-11 | multi-purpose room |
| Community Action Partnership | 10-29-10 | outside |

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-099-11** **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**

Motion by Mr. Caccese, second by Mr. Edinger ,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the three year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan including the M-1.

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**c. Finance**

**R-100-11** **Transfer of Uncommitted Funds**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. McFarlane,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the transfer of uncommitted funds within the 2010-2011 school year budget in the amount of $1206.00.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-101-11** **Budget Development Calendar**

Motion by Mr. Kessler, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Budget Development Calendar for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-102-11** **Child Assault Prevention Funding Increase**

Motion by Mr. Krusman, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, accept an increase in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) grant funding in the amount $394 for a total of $1294.00 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-103-11** **Teen Child Assault Prevention Grant**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, accept the Teen CAP grant funds in the amount of $400.00 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-104-11** **Employee Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. McFarlane,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve employee travel and expense reimbursement as attached.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**d. Policy**

**R-105-11** **First Reading of Revised Policies**

Motion by Mr. Kessler, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the first reading of the following revised policies and regulations, as recommended by the Policy Committee.

| Policy Number | Title |
|---|---|
| 0146 | Board Member Authority |
| 0171 | Duties of Board President and Vice President |
| 0173 | Duties of Public School Accountant |
| 3144 | Certification of Tenure Charges |
| 5516 | Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECRD) (M) |
| 6830 | Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (M) |
| 8310 & R8310 | Public Records |
| 2464 & R2464 | Gifted and Talented Pupils (M) |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried

**R-106-11** **First Reading of New Policies**

Motion by Mr. Edinger, second by Mr. McFarlane,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent and the Policy Committee, adopt on first reading, the following policies and regulations as recommended by the Policy Committee.

| Policy Number | Title |
|---|---|
| R3144 | Certification of Tenure Charges |
| 4159 | Support Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities |
| 6612 & R6612 | Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-107-11** **Teachers to Deliver Home Instruction**

Motion by Mr. Drake, second by Mr. Edinger ,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Theresa Duaime and Margaret Warncke to provide homebound instruction on an as needed basis as required by law for five or ten hours per week at the rate of $36.89 per hour for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 9 - Yes. Motion carried.

**R-108-11** **Field Trip Contracts**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. McFarlane,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following transportation contracts for previously approved field trips as follows:

| Destination | Date | Company | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| College of NJ | 10-19-2010 | B&K Dalrymple | $300.00 |
| College of NJ | 1-5-2011 | B&K Dalrymple | $300.00 |
| Great Adventure | 5-12-2011 | First Student | $1600.00 |
| Chamber Theatre | 12-2-2010 | B&K Dalrymple | $522.00 |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-109-11** **Board Member Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Motion by Mr. Kessler, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve board member travel and expense reimbursement as attached.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Mr. Caccese - abstain. Motion carried.

**R-110-11** **Building Automation Service Agreement**

Motion by Mr. Caccese, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a 3 year Building Automation Service Agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. for services at the elementary school in the amount of $5800.00 per year.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-111-11** **After School Homework Program and Before School Tutoring Positions**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Kessler,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following positions budgeted through federal entitlement funds for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

**Title I "Before School" Program Tutors**

| Elementary School | Middle School | Hourly Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Heather Weidlick | Joan Dziedzic | $43.85 |
| Cortney Piccolo | Jennifer Pearson | $43.85 |
| Sue Chew | Gary Hank | $43.85 |
| Rick Bonney | Maggie Warncke | $43.85 |
| Jenn Larsen | Lauren Mazza-Spigner | $43.85 |
| | Dave Maccagnan | $43.85 |
| | Sonnie Weller | $43.85 |

**IDEA After-School Homework Program**

| Elementary School | Middle School | Hourly Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Marsha Torine | J.T. Thompson | $43.85 |
| Theresa Duaime | Jessica Senk | $43.85 |
| Sue Chew | Jennifer Pearson | $43.85 |
| Cortney Piccolo | Sonnie Weller | $43.85 |
| Amanda Dalrymple | Michele Balogh | $43.85 |
| Rosemary Azzalina | Maggie Warncke | $43.85 |
| Marianne Burd | Sara Greene | $43.85 |
| JoAnn Scott | Dave Maccagnan | $43.85 |
| Rick Bonney | Renee Fernandez | $43.85 |
| Kerry Winfield | | $43.85 |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Pede reported that Mr. Mangalick who is a Lopatcong resident and a Superintendent of a school in India was visiting the schools this afternoon. He was very interested in our technology. Mr. Mangalick will be returning to India shortly and would like to establish a relationship between the two schools.

Mrs. Pede reported that the district has received additional funding through the Child Assault Prevention Grant including funding for Teen CAP.

Mrs. Pede mentioned that the Warren County Office of Education now has an Executive County Superintendent.

Mrs. Pede also gave a comprehensive presentation on the test scores for the 2009-2010 school year. The district did meet Average Yearly Progress (AYP). A copy of the Power Point Presentation is attached to the minutes.

**REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION FROM PHILLIPSBURG**

Mr. Edinger reported that Phillipsburg is still in the process of re-registering all of their students. The district will begin to serve breakfast for all students Pre-K through 8th grade. 82 percent of the student population is on free and reduced lunch. As far as the high school project, all 51 state projects are stalled at this point. Phillipsburg will be implementing a program to have advertising on the stadium to produce a revenue stream.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Drake reported that the Senate Education Committee referred a bill that would prevent candidates from running for school board if they have committed certain crimes and would require Criminal Background Checks for school board members.

Another bill that was discussed and referred was to require any savings from wage freezes be used to reinstate positions that were lost due to economic reasons.

Governor Christie has presented his Education Reform Agenda which would include new credentials for teachers and principals.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ad-Hoc Committee – Mr. Krusman has been working with the committee and Mrs. Pede on the Board Self-Improvement Plan. The focus is on increasing voter turnout at the School Board Elections and communicating budget information to the public. 58% of the township tax bill goes toward school taxes. The committee is also looking at moving away from traditional methods of communication such as fliers and paper newsletters and moving towards more current digital methods such as facebook, text messages and email. Mrs. Larsen, Education Association President stated that the Education Association would like to assist with this effort. Mr. Krusman further stated that 80 percent of the registered voters are not voting at the Annual School Election.

Education Committee – Mr. Kennedy stated that the big topic to be discussed at the committee level and here amongst the entire board is Public School Choice. Applications to participate in the Public School Choice Program are due at the end of the month. For each student that would enroll the district could receive close to $10,000 in additional state aid. The aid would be received in the year following the year the student enrolled. Once the student is enrolled, the district is responsible to pay for all educational costs for the year. Mrs. Pede is attending a meeting where this topic will be discussed. The Education committee will reconvene before the end of the month to make a final recommendation to the board on whether to submit an application for the Public School Choice Program.

Facilities and Technology Committee – Mr. Edinger reported that the committee met to take a look at the water leaks that are reoccurring at the middle school. The administration will be contacting the district architect to have them take a look at the problem. The committee also discussed the need for the Honeywell contract that was approved this evening. The building automation system at the elementary school is a Honeywell system and is a proprietary system. Honeywell is the only company that can work on the system.

Finance Committee – No report.

Negotiations Committee – No report.

Policy Committee – New and revised policies were presented this evening for a first reading which included the Gifted and Talented Policy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jayne Krusman – Who is the new Executive County Superintendent? Mr. Frank Dragotta

**Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Kessler, second by Mr. Edinger,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Board of Education, hereby recesses into executive session at 8:50 pm to discuss certain items involving:

1. Matters involving personnel issues

Be it, FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

And be it, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:35 pm on a motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Edinger. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

**OTHER ITEMS OF EMERGENT NATURE**

President Taggart announced that Senator Doherty will be in Lopatcong to meet with Board representatives on November 9, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The following committee chairs are invited to attend this meeting: Joe Kennedy, Education Chair; Kurt Kessler, Negotiations and Policy Chair; Ernie Gallant, Finance Chair; and the Bill Taggart, Board President. Mrs. Pede and Mrs. Barna will be in attendance as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, the board adjourned at 9:40 pm on a motion by Mr. Drake, second by Mr. Gallant. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa E. Barna, RSBO
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

William J. Taggart, III
Board President