# MINUTES OF THE LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Taggart called the meeting to order on August 17, 2010 at 7:02 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 8:25 pm), Dennis Drake, Robert Edinger, Ernie Gallant, Joe Kennedy, Kurt Kessler, Ed Krusman, Bob McFarlane and Bill Taggart

Absent: None

Others Present: Vicki J. Pede, Superintendent; Teresa E. Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Rosemary Kowalchuk, Principal; Matt Eagleburger, Principal; Stephen Geisel, Asst. Principal and approximately 13 members of the public.

## READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Pede recited the District Mission Statement.

## LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM – MATT EAGLEBURGER

Elementary School Principal, Matthew Eagleburger presented the language arts curriculum materials recently purchased. Mr. Eagleburger explained the goals of the programs. The Making Meaning program focuses on reading comprehension, while the Words Their Way program focuses on spelling, phonics and vocabulary. For students not reading at grade level but do not qualify for special education services, the Leveled Literacy Intervention System will help students through a 14 to 18 week intensive study to bring students up. Greenwich and Phillipsburg are currently using these programs in district.

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Lisa Beenders comes to Lopatcong from Warren Township. She will be teaching 6th grade Science. She has received her Bachelors and her Masters degrees from Kean University.

Steve Genzale has taught at Phillipsburg High School and Warren Hills High School. Mr. Genzale will be teaching 8th grade Math. He received his Bachelors degree from Villanova.

Debra Decker has 29 years experience teaching special education at the Stepping Stone School. She will teach special education at the elementary school. She is specialized in Behavior Disabilities, Multiple Disabilities and Phonographics. Mrs. Decker has received her Bachelors from Syracuse University.

Noreen Stansberry comes to Lopatcong from Phillipsburg and Greenwich. She will teach first grade. She has received her Bachelors degree from Kutztown University and her Masters from East Stroudsburg University.

Kelli Cherry taught 5th grade previously for Lopatcong. She is returning to the 5th grade classroom as a language arts teacher. Mrs. Cherry has received her Bachelors degree from Moravian College.

Tracy Rivera is certified in regular education, special education and is also a certified Reading Specialist. Mrs. Rivera will teach at both the elementary and the middle school. She has received her Bachelors degree from Dowling College.

Amanda Dalrymple is a graduate of Lopatcong. She has recently served in a long-term substitute position with the Easton Area School District. Miss Dalrymple will teach third grade. She has also received her Bachelors degree from Moravian College.

Jennifer Pearson is certified in regular education, special education and is certified in Norton Gillingham. Miss Pearson comes to Lopatcong from the Watchung School District. She has received her Bachelors from Connecticutt University, a Masters from Seton Hall and is pursuing Masters in special education.

Kerry Winfield will be teaching second grade. She has an expertise in differentiation of instruction. She received her Bachelors degree from Rowan University.

Ginny Remetta was recently hired as a part-time administrative assistant at the elementary school.

Mrs. Pede stated that the district has high expectations and has selected that best to help us reach out goals. Welcome to the staff of Lopatcong Township School District.

The board took a five minute recess and reconvened at 8:20 pm.

Mr. Taggart gave the floor to Mr. Caccese to make a statement. Mr. Caccese stated that he was recently part of the tactical team that walked through the middle school. The tactical team was looking at lock down protocols using technology and security. Mr. Caccese stated that the board and the community can be proud of the district. The tactical team was pleased and impressed with the procedures that are in place. He thanked the administration and stated the Mr. Marinelli is a real asset to the district.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Casey Unangst – Request for a day without pay
2. Lynette Stone – Request for an unpaid leave of absence

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

None

## MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2010

Motion by Mr. Kessler, second by Mr. Edinger, that the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting be approved and filed as presented. Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Gallant, that the Executive Session minutes of June 29, 2010, July 20, 2010 (a) and July 20, 2010 (b) be approved and filed as presented. Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

## BILL LISTS

Mr. Edinger questioned the payment of check #24855 payable to Lopatcong Township for a sink hole repair on the school property. The bill was mostly labor which is already paid by the township. The facility committee did review this and suggested only paying for the material and equipment charges. The board agreed to remove this check from the list for approval and to send this back to committee for discussion with the township.

Motion by Mr. Edinger, second by Mr. Kennedy, that the bills submitted for the July 20, 2010 meeting for the Operating Account in the amount of $and the Food Service Bill List in the amount of $14,543.79 be approved for payment.

Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Gallant, seconded by Mr. Edinger, that the Secretary/Treasurer's Reports submitted for the month ending June 30, 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. Drake, seconded by Mr. Kessler, 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 June 30, 2010, after review of the monthly report (appropriation section) 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-031-11** **Summer CST Staff**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve staff to provide Child Study Team services for I.E.P. meetings on an "as needed basis" during the summer of 2010 as follows:

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|---|---|
| Penny Torcivia | $44.05/ hr. |
| Elizabeth Mansfield | $44.05/ hr. |
| Kerry Winfield | $44.05/ hr. |

Estimate of 15 total hours.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-032-11** **Long Term Substitute**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the hiring of Joanne Mitch as a long term substitute teacher at locator UU/BA on the salary guide starting August 30, 2010 to October 1, 2010.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-033-11** **Hire Instructional Aide**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the hiring of Jennifer Patricia as a .5 instructional aide at the rate of $15 per hour for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-034-11** **Kindergarten Screening Stipends**

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 kindergarten screening:

| Staff | Stipend |
|---|---|
| JoAnn Scott | $865.00 |
| Marsha Torine | $865.00 |

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-035-11** **Request for Day without Pay**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a day without pay for Casey Unangst on September 3, 2010 as requested.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-036-11** **Request for Unpaid Family Medical Leave**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve an unpaid family medical leave for Lynette Stone tentatively commencing on September 1, 2010 through October 18, 2010 as requested.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-037-11** **Multiple Disabilities Program for Elementary School**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, submit a request to the Warren County Office of Education to change the title of the special education class at the elementary school from a Learning/Language Disabilities Class to a Multiple Disabilities Class.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-038-11** **Job Descriptions for Administrative Assistants**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following job descriptions for Administrative Assistants:

Building/Central Office Administrative Assistant
Main Office (MS) Administrative Assistant
Main Office (ES) Administrative Assistant
Main Office (ES) Part Time Administrative Assistant
Child Study Team Secretary
Administrative Assistant to the Central Office (part time)
Assistant to the Business Administrator

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Caccese left at 8:25 pm.

**R-039-11** **National Writing Project Stipends Cohort I**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Cohort I National Writing Project stipends as follows:

| School | Staff Member | Stipend |
|---|---|---|
| E.S. | JoAnn Scott | $614.00 |
| E.S. | Amy Kille | $614.00 |
| E.S. | Krista Wayne | $614.00 |
| E.S. | Janine Arnold | $614.00 |
| E.S. | Debbie Highet | $614.00 |
| M.S. | Kim Farrell | $614.00 |
| M.S | Katie Knarr | $614.00 |
| M.S | Angela Nasi | $614.00 |
| M.S | Sara Greene | $614.00 |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-040-11** **National Writing Project Stipends Cohort II**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Cohort II National Writing Project stipends as follows (partially funded by NCLB Title II):

| School | Staff Member | Stipend |
|---|---|---|
| E.S. | Rick Bonney | $790.00 |
| E.S. | Kerry Winfield | $790.00 |
| E.S. | Debbie Shelly | $790.00 |
| E.S. | Cortney Piccolo | $790.00 |
| E.S. | Marsha Torine | $790.00 |
| M.S. | Tracy Rivera | $790.00 |
| M.S. | Kelli Cherry | $790.00 |
| M.S. | Margaret Warncke | $790.00 |
| M.S. | Jennifer Pearson | $790.00 |
| M.S. | Patti Raniszewski | $790.00 |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-041-11 National Writing Project Teacher Leader Stipends**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the National Writing Project stipends for Teacher Leaders as follows:

| School | Staff Member | Stipend |
|---|---|---|
| E.S. | Noelle Kondikoff | $921.00 |
| M.S. | Lynette Stone | $921.00 |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-042-11 List of Special School Celebrations**

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

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

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-043-11 Yearbook Stipend**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Kessler,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Stacy Conner for a portion of the yearbook stipend for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of $706.00.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-044-11 Staff Assignments for the 2010-2011 School Year**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a listed staff assignments for the 2010-2011 school year:

| NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL |
|---|---|---|
| Barna, Teresa | Business Admin/Board Secretary | District |
| Fogt, Teri | Building/Central Office Administrative Assistant | District |
| Garlitz, Kelly | LDTC | District |

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| Hatch, Paula | Board Treasurer | District |
| Kocsis, Nicole | Health & PE | District |
| Marinelli, Ronald | B&G Supervisor | District |
| Normile, Margaret | Speech Therapist | District |
| Pede, Vicki | Superintendent/Child Study Team Director | District |
| Power, Terri | Psychologist | District |
| Reboli, Cory | Administrative Assistant to the Central Office | District |
| Seymore, Patricia | Assistant to the Business Administrator | District |
| Shea, Matt | Director of Technology | District |
| Zito, Mary Alice | Child Study Team Secretary | District |
| Zittis, Lisa | Social Worker | District |
| Arnold, Janine | 3rd Grade | ES |
| Azzalina, Rosemary | Basic Skills Instruction | ES |
| Behme, Stacie | 2nd Grade | ES |
| Bertsch, Ann | Nurse | ES |
| Bonney, Rick | 4th Grade | ES |
| Burd, Marianne | Counselor | ES |
| Burke, Heather | PE | ES |
| Byrne, Ruth | Art/Gifted and Talented | ES |
| Chew, Susanne | Reading Recovery/Basic Skills Instruction | ES |
| Cushing, Lynn | Spanish | ES |
| Dalrymple, Amanda | 3rd Grade | ES |
| Decker, Debbie | Special Education | ES |
| Devlin, Lori | Instructional Aide | ES |
| Duaime, Theresa | Preschool Teacher | ES |
| Eagleburger, Matthew | Principal | ES |
| Feleppo, John | Head Custodian | ES |
| Franklin, Barbara | Instructional Aide | ES |
| Gallant, Elizabeth | Lunchroom Supervisor | ES |
| Gotimer-Mahoney, Susan | 2nd Grade | ES |
| Harman, Amy | 4th Grade | ES |
| Hassan, Stephen | Custodian | ES |
| Hayes, Jocellyn | Speech | ES |
| Highet, Deborah | 2nd Grade | ES |
| Kille, Amy | 3rd Grade | ES |
| Kondikoff, Noelle | Reading Specialist/Academic Support Coordinator/BSI | ES |
| Kozak, Jennifer | Instructional Aide – Special Education | ES |
| Krusman, Jayne | BSI | ES |
| Larsen, Jennifer | 1st Grade | ES |
| Levermore, Judith | Instructional Aide – Special Education | ES |
| Ludlow, Susanna | 1st Grade | ES |
| Mansfield, Elizabeth | Preschool Special Education | ES |
| Martin, Amy | Media Specialist/Technology Instruction | ES |
| McDermott, Becky | Basic Skills Instruction | ES |

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| McQuade, Linda | Lunchroom Supervisor | ES |
| Moore, Julie | Instructional Aide | ES |
| Patricia, Jennifer | Instructional Aide | ES |
| Piccolo, Courtney | 1st Grade | ES |
| Pogirnicki, Alison | 3rd Grade Special Education | ES |
| Remetta, Ginny | Main Office Administrative Assistant | ES |
| Roberts, Lisa | 4th Grade Special Education | ES |
| Ruesch, Bonnie | Music/Basic Skills Instruction | ES |
| Ruggiero, Laura | Main Office Administrative Assistant | ES |
| Scott, JoAnn | Kindergarten | ES |
| Shelly, Debbie | 3rd Grade | ES |
| Sherwood, Jessica | 4th Grade | ES |
| Stansberry, Noreen | 1st Grade | ES |
| Steele, Trish | Health & PE | ES |
| Taggart, Linda | Reading Recovery/Basic Skills Instruction | ES |
| Tierney, Cristen | 4th Grade | ES |
| Torcivia, Penny | Preschool/Special Education | ES |
| Torine, Marsha | Kindergarten | ES |
| Unangst, Casey | Instructional Aide | ES |
| Verrelli, Jessica | Speech | ES |
| Wayne, Krista | 1st Grade | ES |
| Weidlick, Heather | 1st Grade Special Education | ES |
| White, Juanita | Primary Special Education | ES |
| Whitehead, Benjamin | Custodian | ES |
| Wilson, James | Custodian | ES |
| Winfield, Kerry | 2nd Grade | ES |
| Yount, Susan | Instructional Aide – Special Education | PHS |
| Alvino, Michael | Health & PE | MS |
| Balogh, Michelle | 5th grade - Social Studies | MS |
| Barna, Maria | Special Education | MS |
| Beenders, Lisa | 6th grade - Science | MS |
| Bellfy, Donna | 5th grade - Math | MS |
| Bercaw, Anne | 6th grade - Special Education | MS |
| Bommieno, David | Custodian | MS |
| Bradley, Jeff | Spanish | MS |
| Brons, Marena | Instructional Aide | MS |
| Buckley, Joann | Lunchroom Supervisor | MS |
| Cherry, Kelli | 5th grade - Language Arts/Reading | MS |
| Conner, Stacy | Counselor | MS |
| Crevani, Rudy | Instrumental Music | MS |
| Cumiskey, Denise | Health & PE | MS |
| Curzi, Mary Ann | Art | MS |
| Duffy, Julie | 7th grade - Science | MS |
| Dziedzic, Joan | 5th – 8th Grade Academic Math Support | MS |

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| Ellard, Jackie | Librarian | MS |
| Fania, Betsy | Nurse | MS |
| Farrell, Kim | 7th grade - Language Arts | MS |
| Fernandez, Renee | 7th grade - Social Studies | MS |
| Gable, Jennifer | 8th grade - Special Education | MS |
| Geisel, Stephen | Assistant Principal | MS |
| Genzale, Stephen | 8th grade - Math | MS |
| Greene, Sara | 5th grade - Language Arts/Reading | MS |
| Hank, Gary | 6th grade - Math | MS |
| Hooper, Henry | Custodian | MS |
| Knarr, Kathleen | 8th grade - Language Arts | MS |
| Kohl, Linda | General Music/Vocal | MS |
| Koslowski, Kim | Lunchroom Supervisor | MS |
| Kowalchuk, Rosemary | Principal | MS |
| Lynch, Terry | Main Office Administrative Assistant | MS |
| Macaggnan, David | 7th grade - Math | MS |
| Maisto, Richard | Gifted and Talented | MS |
| Marinelli, Robert | Custodian | MS |
| Mazza-Spigner, Lauren | 8th grade - Literature | MS |
| Mehlman, Ben | 8th grade- Science | MS |
| Nasi, Angela | 6th grade - Language Arts | MS |
| Osifchin, Kevin | 8th grade - Social Studies | MS |
| Pearson, Jennifer | 5th grade Academic Support/7th Grade Spec. Ed. | MS |
| Raniszewski, Patti | 6th grade - Literature | MS |
| Reading, Kathy | Technology | MS |
| Reeves, Maynard | Custodian | MS |
| Rivera, Tracy | Special Education | MS |
| Ruane, Traci | 6th grade - Social Studies | MS |
| Senk, Jessica | 7th grade - Literature | MS |
| Stone, Lynette | Academic Support Language Arts | MS |
| Thompson, James | 7th grade - Special Education | MS |
| Warncke, Margaret | 5th grade - Special Education | MS |
| Weller, Sonnie | 5th grade - Science | MS |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-045-11** **Substitute List for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, 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 presented.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-046-11** **Parent Paid Tuition Contract**

Motion by Mr. McFarlane, second by Mr. Krusman,

Be it, RESOVLED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, accept the enrollment of a regular preschool student, ID# 190220, for the 2010-2011 school year and approve a contract with the parent or guardian for $2,250 per year.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

b. Facilities and Technology

**R-047-11** **Alternate Method of Compliance for Toilet Room Facilities**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the alternate method of compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h) 4ii and iii by providing toilet room facilities for a kindergarten and preschool inclusion class as attached.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-048-11** **Facility Use Requests**

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

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

**Elementary School**

| Organization | Date(s) | School Area |
|---|---|---|
| R.C.O.L.T. | 7-29-10 | All Purpose Room & Gym |
| Girl Scouts | 09-13-10 to 06-15-11 | All Purpose Room |
| L.A.A. Cheerleading | 09-07-10 to 11-12-10 | All Purpose Room |

**Middle School**

| Organization | Date(s) Needed | School Area |
|---|---|---|
| Girl Scouts | 09-13-10 to 06-15-11 | Community Room |
| Stateliner Soccer Club | 8-16-2010 to 6-30-2011 | Soccer Field |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-049-11** **Disposition of Personal Property**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, authorize the disposition of computer equipment which is considered obsolete according to the district's approved Technology Plan. Pursuant to Policy #7300, the following equipment will be sold via a public sale and advertised in the Express Times:

| Quantity | Product | Price |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | Printer HP 5550 | $10.00 each |
| 1 | Scanner | 0 |
| 2 | Monitors | 0 |
| 2 | Laser Printers HP 1300 | $50.00 each |
| 1 | Printer HP 2500 | 0 |
| 5 | PC | 0 |
| 8 | Overhead projectors w/cart | $100.00 per set |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-050-11** **Pest Management Employee**

Motion by Mr. Krusman, second by Mr. McFarlane,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Giovanni Feleppo as the Licensed Pest Management Employee for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Feleppo will perform these duties outside of his regular scope of employment and will receive compensation equal to time and half of his hourly rate.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

c. Finance

**R-051-11** **Recognize Tuition Reserve Deposit**

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

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Township Board of Education at its June 29, 2010 special business meeting authorized a year end deposit into the tuition reserve account in an amount not to exceed $260,000, and

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Township Board of Education must recognize the actual amount of the fiscal year 2010 year end deposit into the tuition reserve account,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Board of Education recognizes the fiscal year end deposit into the tuition reserve account in the amount of $257,687.

Roll Call Vote: 8 - Yes. Motion carried.

**R-052-11** **Recognize Capital Reserve Deposit**

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

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Township Board of Education at its June 29, 2010 special business meeting authorized a year end deposit into the capital reserve account in an amount not to exceed $315,000, and

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Township Board of Education must recognize the actual amount of the fiscal year 2010 year end deposit into the capital reserve account,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Board of Education recognizes the fiscal year end deposit into the capital reserve account in the amount of $315,000.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-053-11** **Submission of No Child Left Behind Grant FY11**

Motion by Mr. Krusman, second by Mr. Drake,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the submission of the 2010-2011 No Child Left Behind Grant(NCLB) to the County Office of Education and the State of New Jersey as follows:

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|---|---|
| Title I | $44,234.00 |
| Title IIA | $18,085.00 |
| Title IID | $98.00 |
| **Total** | **$62,417.00** |

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pede commented that Mrs. Kowalchuk did a nice job with the NCLB Grant Development Committee.

**R-054-11** **Refusal of Title III Funds**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, refuse Title III funding through the No Child Left Behind Grant in the amount of $275.00 for the 2010- 2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-055-11** **Contract with R Squared Consultants, Robert T. Repko**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a contract with R Squared Consultants, Robert T. Repko to provide supplemental technology services at a rate of $75.00 per hour for five hours per month.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-056-11** **Contract with Warren County Special Services School District**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the placement of student ID# 3215032788 in the 2010 summer extended year program at Warren County Special Services School District and to approve a tuition contract for such placement in the amount of $4,200.00 and approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Warren County Special Services School District for Extraordinary Services for the Extended Year Program for a full time aide in the amount of $3,120.00.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-057-11** **Employee Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Motion by Mr. Krusman, second by Mr. Kessler,

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

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**R-058-11(a) Board Member Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve board member travel and expense reimbursement for Wade Caccese and Bob McFarlane as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes. Mr. McFarlane – abstain. Motion carried.

**R-058-11(b) Board Member Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Motion by Mr. Kennedy, second by Mr. Gallant,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve board member travel and expense reimbursement for Mr. Gallant, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Taggart as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5 – Yes. Mr. Gallant, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Taggart – abstain. Motion carried.

**R-059-11 Transfer of Uncommitted Funds**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve transfer of uncommitted funds within the 2009-2010 school year budget in the amount of $12,806.00.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

d. Negotiations

**R-060-11 Principal Contract for 2010-2011**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a contract with Matthew Eagleburger, Principal effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at a salary of $95,945.00 and per the other terms and conditions of the contract

Roll Call Vote: 5 – Yes. Mr. Krusman, Mr. Gallant and Mr. Taggart – abstain. Motion carried.

**R-061-11 Agreement with Northeastern Pennsylvania Writing Project**

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

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve an agreement with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Writing Project of East Stroudsburg University for the 2010-2011 school year for professional development services in the amount of $12,000 to be funded by the No Child Left Behind Grant, Title II.

Roll Call Vote: 8 – Yes. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Pede gave an official report on the NJQSAC results from last fall. In the category of Instruction, the district scored a 95%. Points in the category were lost because the district test scores did not increase by 5%. In the Financial category, the district scored a 97%. Points were lost in this category for not having a board approved budget calendar. Since this time a budget calendar has been developed and implemented. The district received a 100% in all other categories.

The Facilities Committee will be doing a walk-thru of both buildings. Kindergarten screening is underway. The NJ CAP Grant has been approved. This program focuses on "Good Touch, Bad Touch" and the district portion was previously funded by Title IV. Title IV funds have been eliminated, so the general fund budget will be supporting this program this year.

Mrs. Pede thanked the board for her vacation time and that it was very much appreciated.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

## REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION FROM PHILLIPSBURG

Mr. Edinger reported that Phillipsburg's first day of school is August 30th. The School Development Authority is claiming that the high school project is still on the list of projects but funding is being held at the moment. The project is still a priority for the State but they are reviewing the project completely. Phillipsburg is going through a process of re-enrolling every student in the district to verify residency in the district.

The Early Childhood Program is still considered Abbott.

Mr. Kistler has been moved to the position of Middle School Principal and Mr. Rovi is the new Director of the Alternative Program.

The Phillipsburg Board of Education has voted to eliminate the Treasurer of School Monies position. The responsibilities of the treasurer will fall to a full-time employee who will receive a stipend to perform the duties.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad-Hoc Committee – Mr. Krusman will be setting up a meeting with Mrs. Pede.

Education Committee – The committee met on August 2nd. The committee did review the demerit system and concluded that the system is not purely punitive. Fifth grade students do not receive demerits. The teachers share classroom rules with parents at Back-to-School Night which are also reviewed by the administration.

Facilities Committee – The committee is planning a walk-thru. The sink hole repair bill from the township was reviewed. The construction grant has been signed. The district should receive official notification in August 20th. Mr. Shea was asked to look into a new internet firewall.

Finance Committee – The committee met this evening. There will be a couple of action items that will appear on the next meeting agenda.

Negotiations Committee – No report.

Policy Committee – No report.

## OTHER ITEMS OF EMERGENT NATURE

Mr. Taggart would like to schedule a board retreat. The dates that are being considered are September 11, 18 and 25th from 9:00 – 1:00 or September 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29th from 5:30 to 10:00 pm. The board members should let Mr. Taggart know if any of those dates do not work for their schedule.

Mr. Gallant stated that there is a link on the school district website to the Eagle Scout Project where you can buy a brick for the preschool patio.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Does Lopatcong verify student residency for enrolled students. Mrs. Pede stated that we do have policy and procedure in place to dealing with student residency issues as they arise.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, the board adjourned at 9:35 pm on a motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Drake. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

William J. Taggart, III
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