Lopatcong Township Board of Education
Minutes – April 14, 2015

President Glennon called the meeting to order on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: David Corrado, Yvette Day, Ernest Gallant, Bruce Hall, Debbie Hille, Gena James, Bob McFarlane, William Taggart & Terry Glennon
Absent: None

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT *Mrs. Roncoroni read the Mission Statement*

PRESENTATIONS:

- *Phil Han, and 8th grade student won the Trombone Audition Solo from the Region I Intermediate Selection/Audition. He p layed "Caprice Charmante" by Cimera, accompanied by Mrs. Hannah Han and under the direction of Mr. Rodolpho Crevani*

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - *None*

REVIEW OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - *None*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion by Robert McFarlane, second by, William Taggart

February 10, 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote: *All in Favor*

Motion Carried

FINANCE

There was a blanket motion on items R-296-15 through R-300-15 by Ernie Gallant, second by Gena James,

R-296-15 Authorization for Payment of Bills
BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills list as submitted for the period March 19, 2015 – April 14, 2015, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent and School Business Administrator.

Fund 10 – Current Expense	**$1,868,704.67**
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	**24,628.47**
Fund 30 – Capital Outlay	
Fund 40 - Debt Service	
Fund 62 - Enterprise Fund (After Care)	**1,350.33**
Grand Total	**$1,894,683.47**

R-297-15 FINANCIAL REPORTS
Report of the Treasurer and Board Secretary for February 2015
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer and Board Secretary's Financial Reports for the month of February 2015 as per the procedure instituted by the State Department of Education, wherein the required certification by the Board Secretary is adhered to in the attachment.

Line Item Transfers for January 2015 – NONE

R-298-15 Approve Food Service Fund Bill List
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Food Service Fund bills list as submitted for March 2015 be approved as recommended by the Superintendent and School Business Administrator.

Fund 60 – Enterprise Fund - Food Service $43,935.91

R-299-15 Approve Amended 2005 Long Range Facilities Plan BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the amended 2005 Long Range Facilities Plan in accordance with the reporting requirements per N.J.S.A 18A:7G-4 (a), in which the district is required to amend its LRFP at least once every five years to update enrollment projections, building capacities, and health and safety conditions.

R-300-15 Approve Waiving of Fees for Child Nutrition Program for New Road School
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the waiving of fees for the Child Nutrition Program for the New Road School of New Jersey, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-18.5(a)20 iii.

Roll Call:
Yes: David Corrado, Yvette Day, Ernest Gallant, Bruce Hall, Debbie Hille, Gena James, Bob McFarlane, William Taggart & Terry Glennon
No: None
Motion Carried

EDUCATION
There was a blanket motion on items R-301-15 through R-308-15 by Ernie Gallant, second by Gena James,

R-301-15 Approve HIB Report
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the HIB report from March 13 2015 – April 9, 2015 as attached.

R-302-15 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 attached.

R-303-15 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 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 2014-2015 school year. Any such emergent hires are subject to ratification and approval by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

R-304-15 Approve Substitutes for 2014-2015
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a list of substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year as attached.

R-305-15 Approve Maternity Leave, 3rd Grade
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the maternity leave for Mrs. Janine Arnold, beginning the first staff day of the 2015-2016 school year, using the NJFLA for leave for six weeks, with additional time unpaid, through the second marking period. Mrs. Arnold will return on or about January 25, 2016.

R-306-15 Approve Assemblies
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following assemblies:

Date	Grade	Assembly	Presenter	Cost	Contact
TBD	7th	Warren Co. Drug Courts	Jeff Wilk & 3 Presenters	n/a	Stacy Conner

R-307-15 Approve Field Trips
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following Field Trips:

Date	Participants	Teacher	Destination	Bus Company	Cost
5/14/2015	Jazz Band	R. Crevani	Barnes & Noble Easton, PA	n/a	$0
5/18/2015	G&T 6,7, & 8	R. Maisto	Burlington Co. Coll.	Snyder	$460.00
5/19/2015	Battle of the Books	R. Maisto	Washington Memorial School		$125.00 our portion with sharing with Pohatcong

R-308-15 Approve Volunteers for 2014-2015 School Year
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a list of HIB Trained Volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year as attached.

Roll Call:
Yes: David Corrado, Yvette Day, Ernest Gallant, Bruce Hall, Debbie Hille, Gena James, Bob McFarlane, William Taggart & Terry Glennon
No: None
Motion Carried

POLICY – None

FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY

Motion by Bruce Hall, second by William Taggart,

R-309-15 Facility Use Requests
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the facility use request as follows:

ORGANIZATION	DATE	SCHOOL BUILDING
Elementary School Art Program	May 15, 2015	Elementary
LAA Wrestling - Camp	July 27 – 30, 2015	Elementary

Voice Vote: *All in Favor*
Motion Carried

NEGOTIATIONS - *Bob McFarlane reported that they are on-going and progressing.*

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - *Attached*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES - *None*

REPORT FROM PHILLIPSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE – *Mr. Glennon reported that the new high school is being built, there is a Transition Plan, & a new Assistant Superintendent has been hired.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

a. Ad-hoc – *They discussed the kindergarten courtesy busing.*
b. Education - *They discussed the District Goals, the Mission Statement, and the Strategic Plan*
c. Facilities and Technology - *None*
d. Finance - *None*
e. Negotiations – *Reported on earlier in the meeting*
f. Policy – *They discussed the Board Self-Evaluations and the First Reading of Policy up for vote:*

Motion by Ernie Gallant, second by Bruce Hall
R-310-15 First Reading of Revised Policy and Regulations
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent and Policy Committee, approve the first reading of revised Policy 8600- Transportation and regulation 8600R – Student Transportation.
Voice Vote: *All in Favor*
Motion Carried

ITEMS OF EMERGENT NATURE

- *Mr. Gallant reported that at the Phillipsburg Board of Education meeting, it was announced that 3 students received a score of 800 on their SAT's.*

- *Mrs. James asked if the financial statements could be explained so the Board members could better understand what they were looking at each month*

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- *Mrs. Robin Wodzisz, PTA President made the Board aware of many up-coming PTA events*

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

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 by the Lopatcong Township Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- Student Matters related to HIB

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.

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

Motion by, Gena James and second by, William Taggart to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Voice Vote: *All in Favor*
Motion Carried

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION
Motion by, Ernie Gallant and second by, Bruce Hall to leave executive session at 7:54 p.m.
Voice Vote: *All in Favor*
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by, Ernie Gallant and second by, Bob McFarlane to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Voice Vote: *All in Favor*
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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William Bauer, Bd. Secretary/B.A. Terry Glennon, President