

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
March 22, 2022**

I. OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Vanessa Wolsky, Board Secretary, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Avenue, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Mrs. Wolsky 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 13, 2022.

Present: Board Members:

Mr. Stephen Furda
Mrs. Gina Marie Winkler
Mrs. Marcella Wilson
Dr. Lynda Wright
Mr. Jeffrey Basile
Mrs. Kathryn McSorley
Mr. Marc Amoresano
Mrs. Lisa Bomengo
Mrs. Patricia Mattia

Superintendent
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Mr. Michael J. Wasko
Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reorganization Meeting	1/6/22
Regular Public Meeting	1/25/22
Executive Session	2/15/22

Discussion: Mrs. Bomengo stated that she wanted the statement from the 2/15/22 meeting to be included in the minutes. The approval of the 2/15/22 Regular Public Meeting minutes was postponed to next month.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Approved:** Unanimous

III. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wolsky reported that the cash balance as of February 28, 2022 was \$6,021,295.92. The interest in the General Fund to date is \$385.17 and the interest in the HTSACC Fund is \$32.85.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasko said, "Thank you Mrs. Mattia, welcome everyone and good evening.

New Jersey Statute requires school superintendents to publicly report, all acts of violence, vandalism, and incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying as well as substance abuse that occur in our schools. For the purpose of tonight's report, I will be summarizing data compiled during the September 1, 2021, through the December 31, 2021, reporting period.

During this reporting period there were a total of 12 reportable incidents recorded on the Student Safety Data System. 10 incidents occurred at Memorial Junior School. Of these incidents, 2 were classified as "Alleged" acts of HIB. Even though these incidents were not confirmed acts of HIB, they violated the student code of conduct and lead to disciplinary or remedial actions. There was also one (1) fight (two students fighting in the hallway), and one (1) assault (offender shoved another student causing minor injury). An additional six (6) incidents classified as "Other" lead to the removal of students via in-school suspensions or out of school suspensions.

Two (2) incidents occurred at Bee Meadow School. Both of these incidents were determined to be "confirmed" acts of HIB. In the first incident, a student made fun of a physical characteristic of another student. In the second incident, the offender grabbed the arm of another student attempting to gain control).

I am pleased to report, there were no incidents of violence, vandalism, HIB, or substance occurred at Mountview Road School or Salem Drive School during this reporting period.

As we move forward, the school district will continue to proactively actively train staff, investigate alleged incidents of HIB, and provide ongoing Educational programs to educate students faculty staff and parents about the six pillars of character including caring, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, and respect which form the basis of our anti-bullying and character education programs in an effort to eliminate all instances of HIB in our schools.

Annually, all district employees' complete training associated with identifying and addressing incidents of HIB utilizing the Safe Schools online training modules. In addition, our staff continues to participate in various social and emotional learning activities as part of our professional development in-service days.

Moving forward, the school district will continue to provide education programs for faculty, staff, students, and parents to promote a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment in which students and staff can work, learn, and succeed.

Next, I would like to provide everyone with a brief COVID-19 update. Health metrics continue to remain favorable in our district, community, and region. The transition to the mask optional approach that recently occurred on March 7th went very well in all of our

schools. This is a credit to our students, staff, and families, who respected everyone's choice to mask or not mask. Since our last BOE meeting there have been 7 confirmed positive cases. In each instance the school nurse and building principals worked with our local health department and directly contacted the parents of each individual considered a "close contact." Thankfully, no individuals considered a close contact were required to quarantine.

As we continue on our journey to return to normalcy, the administrative team is in the process of fine tuning their plans related to in-person activities, classroom programs, assemblies, field trips (Item #12 on the Curriculum & Instruction portion of tonight's agenda) , and of course our traditional end-of-year activities . A few highlights related to MJS include the MJS spring musical "Matilda," Spring Band and Chorus Concerts, Future Vikings Night (Program for the incoming 6th grade), day trip to Fairview Lakes YMCA for both our 6th and 7th grade students, the 8th grade Graduation Awards Program, the 8th grade dance and the return of the 8th grade graduation to the MJS Auditorium. Additional information will be provided MJS parents via a SwiftK12 notification as well as the traditional 8th grade graduation packet.

A few highlights on the elementary school level include PTA talent shows, respective school plays & grade level shows, Spring Band and Chorus Concerts, Grade 5 pool parties, Field day, Yearbook signings, Awards Day Programs and Grade 5 Clapouts. Again, details regarding these upcoming activities for our elementary schools will be shared with parents through a SwiftK12 email notification by their respective building principals

In addition to our traditional end-of-year activities, Mrs. Beretin (formerly known as Ms. Mead) HTSACC Coordinator is in the process of planning for the HTSACC Summer Camp Program, and Mr. Margolis, Director of Special Education is currently in the process of planning for our annual Extended School Year Summer Program.

Next, I would like to draw everyone's attention to items #1, #2 and #3 on the Personnel portion of tonight's regular agenda. I would like to congratulate Janis Borbas, Wendy Busby, and Kimberly Mullooly, who all have decided to retire at the conclusion of this current school year. Janis Borbas has been working in the district for the last 12 year as an art teacher at Salem Drive School. Wendy Busby, has worked in the district as a school nurse at both SDS and BMS for almost 25 years. Kimberly Mullooly has worked in the district as a speech/language specialist for 41 years at MTV. On behalf of the Board of Education, students and staff, as well as our parents, I would like to thank all of our retirees for their many years of dedicated service to the Hanover Township Public School District. Congratulations to all.

In closing, just a friendly reminder, the nomination process for this year's Teacher Recognition & Excellence in Service Award Programs are now open, This program provides our parents and staff with an opportunity to nominate a teacher and/or support staff member for their outstanding work and contributions to the district during the current school year.

V. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasserman said, "Thank you, Mr. Wasko and the Board of Education for the opportunity to report this evening. I would like to begin my report by recognizing our teachers who never skip a beat and continue to put their students first. I want to thank them for their tremendous flexibility and efforts as we continue our return to normalcy. We are all happy to be in our current state of progress.

During our February 18th in-service professional afternoon, Hanover Township Teachers worked within their grade level and subject area teams on professional responsibilities and initiatives. District Coaching took place in the area of Read Aloud Comprehension strategies; Orton Gillingham Soudy System based response to intervention and Middle School Mathematics. Dr. Lisa Lucas also returned to district to support teachers in the area of mental health.

I want to continue by sharing some information about our process for selecting social studies materials for the 22-23 school year. The Ad-Hoc Social Studies Steering Committee has been active in meeting with three publishers and piloting their materials. We will be having a full committee meeting next week where a recommendation will be made to purchase a social studies resource. We hope to have this recommendation for Board Consideration by the April Board Meeting.

Finally, a number of in-district professional development opportunities in the format of direct coaching for teachers have been scheduled during April as teachers will receive a final round of coaching to support the ongoing Fountas and Pinnell grades 3-5 pilot and prepare our teachers for full implementation of this program in the 2022-2023 school year."

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Dr. Wright said the Committee met March 21st and discussed current student enrollment, projected 22/23 enrollment, Kindergarten enrollment, staffing updates including retirements, resignations and recommendations for hire, HTSACC summer staff wages, student teacher assignments, student suspensions and the HIB report.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee – Mrs. Wilson said the Committee met and reviewed the February 18th professional day afternoon, upcoming NJSLA Assessments that will take place end of April/May, updates on the progress of the Social Studies Steering Committee – a recommended publisher is expected soon, a status update on the ATLAS Curriculum Mapping Program – working with Technology Department to transfer information to the website, contracting with Educere for home instruction services as needed and staff development initiatives for April.

Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant Committee – Mr. Basile said the Committee met on March 14th and reviewed the preliminary budget that was presented on March 15th, the increase in HTSACC staff wages to continue retaining good supervisors and leaders, HTSACC program fees for 2022, the termination of deed notice and filing for 147 Ridgedale Avenue.

Public Relations Committee – Mrs. Winkler said the Committee met last night and discussed district email settings and confidentiality statements in emails. The Committee also discussed the letter that was drafted to the Governor regarding masking and concluded that since masks are optional the full Board should decide if the need still exists to send the letter. The Committee discussed the recording of Board meetings and requested Mr. Wasko to explore the option in more detail relative to the expectations of live stream vs video recording, costs it would incur, ethical standards to be respected and adhered to, in depth conversations with other districts using the above mentioned platforms to get input. The topic would then be discussed with the full Board for consideration.

Negotiations Committee – Mr. Furda stated that an Executive Session would be needed tonight to discuss negotiations with the HTAA.

Ad Hoc Committee – Mrs. Wilson said the Committee met last Thursday and discussed Policy 1648.11. A revision is forthcoming which will include changes in NJDOE recommendations and will coincide with the letter that was shared by the Superintendent.

Travel/Delegate Report – None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Accept with regret the resignation of Janis Borbas, Art Teacher, Salem Drive School, effective 7/1/22, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Accept with regret the resignation of Wendy Busby, School Nurse, Bee Meadow School, effective 7/1/22, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Accept with regret the resignation of Kimberly Mullooly, Speech and Language Specialist, Mountview Road School, effective 7/1/22, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4025, effective 3/10/22 to 3/24/22.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Approve an extension of a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4130, (currently approved 11/29/21 to 3/1/22), to be effective **through 5/26/22**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

6. Approve to amend a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4256, previously approved effective 5/2/22 to 12/31/22, to be **effective 4/25/22 to 12/31/22**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

7. Amend the 2021-2022 employment contract for Diane Mascolo, Mathematics Teacher, Memorial Junior School, from the previously approved full time (1.2 FTE), back to full time (1.0 FTE), at a salary of MA Step 20, \$98,647, prorated, effective 2/10/22 to 6/30/22, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

8. Amend the 2021-2022 employment contract for Mary Beth Wall Valenti, Language Arts/Literacy Teacher, Memorial Junior School, from the previously approved full time (1.0 FTE), to full time (1.2 FTE) at a salary of MA+30 Step 11, \$91,314, prorated, effective 2/28/22 to 4/29/22, or sooner, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

9. Amend the 2021-2022 employment contract for Alyssa Muller, Resource Center Teacher, Bee Meadow School, from the previously approved full time (1.0 FTE), to full time (1.16 FTE) at a salary of MA Step 13, \$88,966, prorated, effective 2/28/22 to 6/30/22, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

10. Authorize the following tuition reimbursement applications for the **2022-2023** school year, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Aimee Niemysyk	12
Amanda Young	6

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the following **2021-2022** student teaching assignment(s):

<u>Student/College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Julie Phan/ Montclair State University	Observation/ BMS	W. Busby/ BMS	Spring 2022 (40 hours)

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

12. Amend the hourly wage of Noelle Cocca, Camp HTSACC Summer Supervisor, from \$23.65 to \$25.00, effective 3/23/22.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

13. Approve the Staff Wages for Camp HTSACC as per **Attachment “A”**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

14. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of February 2022, **Attachment “B”**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

15. Accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report and affirm the Superintendent’s decisions for the period ending March 18, 2022, **Attachment “C”**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

16. Accept with regret the resignation of Lori Wilczak, Secretary to the School Nurse, Salem Drive School, effective 4/4/22, for personal reasons.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

17. Appoint Toni Lisi to the position of part time (.71 FTE) Special Education Aide, Memorial Junior School, at a salary of Step 2, \$15,238, prorated, effective 3/29/22 to 6/30/22, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA. 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: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

18. Amend the appointment of Elaina Benedetto as temporary full time (1.0 FTE) Long Term Substitute Replacement Guidance Counselor, Memorial Junior School, at the BA Step 1 per diem rate of \$288 when school is in session, *previously approved*

effective from 5/2/22 through 6/22/22, or the last day of school, to be effective from 4/25/22 through 6/22/22, or the last day of school.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

19. Approve the following addition(s) to the substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teacher: Christine Egbert

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

B. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Acknowledge the following fire drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of February 2022:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	2/10/22
Bee Meadow School	2/11/22
Mountview Road School	2/28/22
Salem Drive School	2/23/22

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Acknowledge the following crisis management drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of February 2022:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	2/24/22
Bee Meadow School	2/22/22
Mountview Road School	2/16/22
Salem Drive School	2/24/22

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the Student Safety Data System’s District Report of Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse for Period 1 (9/1/21-12/31/21) of the 2021-2022 school year, and approve its submission and the submission of the SSDS (Student Safety Data System) for Period 1 to the State Department of Education.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the Director of Special Education’s recommendation for Dan Diaz to provide up to 2 hours per week of home instruction to Student #10675, effective 3/10/22 through 3/25/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Andrew Graepel to provide up to 2 hours per week of home instruction to Student #10675, effective 3/10/22 through 3/25/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Learn Well to provide bedside instruction to Student # 10675, at a rate of \$49 per hour for up to 10 hours per week, effective 3/14/22 until student is medically cleared.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Jennifer Pilchman to provide up to 7 hours per week of home instruction to Student #11041, effective 2/16/22 through 3/7/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

8. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to place Student #11041 at Chapel Hill Academy effective 3/8/22 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, at a total cost not to exceed \$23,640.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to place Student #11076 at Windsor Learning Center effective 2/28/22 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, at a total cost not to exceed \$24,975.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

10. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Four Winds Hospital to provide bedside instruction to Student # 2305038, at a rate of \$58 per hour for up to 10 hours per week, effective 3/1/22 – 3/3/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with St. Claire's Hospital to provide bedside instruction to Student # 11042, at a rate of \$55 per hour for up to 5 hours per week, effective 3/5/22 until student is medically cleared.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

12. Approve the following field trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

Brook Hollow Farm, Columbia
Brookhollow's Barnyard, Boonton

Buehler Challenger & Science Center
Dinosaurs Rock: Dino & Mineral Adventure
Dorney Park
Fairview Lake YMCA
Fort Lee Historic Park
Fosterfields
Frelinghuysen Arboretum
Frogbridge Day Camp
Great Swamp Outdoor Ed. Center
Hanover Lanes
Hanover Twp. Municipal Complex
Jockey Hollow
Liberty Science Center
Morris Museum
Museum of Early Trades and Crafts
Newark Museum
NJ Sea Grant Consortium
Reeves-Reed Arboretum
Shoprite of Greater Morristown
Somerset Patriots Baseball
Sun High Orchards
Sussex County Minters Baseball
Team Makers of NJ, Tenafly
Traditional Earth Skills
Turtle Back Zoo
Waterloo Village

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

13. Approve the Director of Special Education’s recommendation to contract with Educere, LLC for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year to provide an alternative option for delivering home instruction on an as-needed basis for students requiring this service. The program fee is charged by individual student and is \$29 per course, per week based on the courses deemed necessary for a student.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 9 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 2021-22 Budget, **Attachment “D”**.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 2/28/22	\$ 882,079.98
Payroll 3/15/22	\$ 958,834.78
Bills & claims 2/16/22 - 3/22/22	\$1,377,467.04

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 1/31/22 and 2/28/22 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. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Certify that as of 1/31/22 and 2/28/22 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. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Accept the report of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the months ended 1/31/22 and 2/28/22.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 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) "E", and "F"**.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

7. Accept additional funding for Chapter 192/193 as follows:

Chapter 192 Compensatory Education - \$448.00

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

8. Authorize the execution of an agreement between the Board of Education and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23, to provide professional support services with personnel or service contractors to the area of non-public IDEA-B, Chapters 192-193, non-public textbooks, non-public technology, non-public nursing and non-public security aid and authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the contract behalf of the Board.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the 2022 Camp HTSACC Program Fees as per **Attachment “G”**.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

10. 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) “H”**.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

11. Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE
MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP**

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Morris County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective February 10, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Pool contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Pool, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Hanover Township has determined that membership in the **MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP** is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Hanover Township does hereby agree to renew membership in the **MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP** and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Pool's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION

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

1. Approve a Joint Transportation Agreement between Hanover Township Board of Education and Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the request of the Township of Hanover Memorial Day Parade Committee to furnish two (2) buses with drivers for their annual Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 30, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

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

1. Authorize the execution of the Termination of Deed Notice and subsequent filing with the County of Morris of the property located at 147 Ridgedale Avenue and designated as Block 2301, Lot 7 on the tax map of Hanover Township, Morris County.

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the submission of the state application and plans to the New Jersey Department of Education for their approval for the Roofing Project at the Memorial Junior School. The project is being submitted as an Other Capital Project where no state funding is being requested. The Board of Education also approves any changes (if necessary) to the Long Range Facility Plan as part of this project application.”

Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

No Items for Board Consideration

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bee Meadow High Five Recognitions:

Natalie Basile, 21 Washington Avenue, and her son Christopher recognized Miss Maloney.

Evan Markensohn, 6 Alanon Street, recognized Ms. Sheets on behalf of Vanessa Kerr and her daughter Rosalie and Mrs. Busby on behalf of Michael Moy.

Jim Stricchiola, Whippany, recognized Mrs. Healy.

Andee Mihalko, 7 Nye Ave, spoke out on behalf of another parent against a question on a vocabulary quiz that she felt was of a political nature.

Barbara Holstein, Montague Resident, spoke as an individual, not as a representative of the Montague Board of Education, about several items including steps Montague has taken to keep healthy kids in school and events that took place at the 2/15 meeting.

Peter Gethens, 54 Woodland Ave, inquired why the Board attorney is attending meetings.

Barbara Eames, Township Resident, spoke about an email that she sent to the Board against the Board President's statement at the 2/15 meeting and the letter to the Governor regarding mask mandates.

X. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move to adopt the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hanover Township Board of Education will convene in executive session immediately following the close of this meeting to undertake discussions concerning negotiations with Hanover Township Administration Association and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the nature of the discussion is expected to be disclosed to the public when the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist."

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Approved:** Unanimous

XI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Amoresano brought up his motion to send a letter to the Governor. He felt the letter was still relevant as it has more to do with home rule than masking and that he made the motion to send the letter and is not rescinding it. A discussion was had about the language in the resolution to draft a letter versus the intent that a letter be sent. A question was raised whether any Board member could make a motion to rescind sending the letter. The attorney clarified that it would have to be made by someone who previously voted in favor of sending it. The following motion was made:

Motion to rescind sending a letter to the Governor.

Motion: Mrs. Winkler **Second:** Dr. Wright **Roll Call:** 4 yes, 4 no, 1 abst
(No: Wilson, Basile, Amoresano, Bomengo; Abst: Furda)

As the motion to rescind the letter did not pass, it was stated that the letter would be sent. Mrs. Bomengo inquired when it would be sent. Mr. Wasko said it would be sent by the end of the week. It was also stated that a copy of the final letter would be shared with the full Board prior to sending it.

Mrs. Bomengo inquired when the Board could expect to hear the recommendation from the Public Relations Committee regarding the recording of meetings. Mrs. Winkler reiterated that the Committee has asked Mr. Wasko to gather information relative to the topic. Mr. Wasko said he should have the information by the next Board Meeting.

Mrs. Bomengo brought up the statement the Board President made at the 2/15 meeting and inquired if it was shared with any members of the Board prior to the meeting. Mrs. Mattia said she only shared with them that she would be making a statement, not the specifics of it. Mr. Amoresano said he felt it should be clarified that the statement was made as an individual. He said he wanted the minutes to reflect that it was a personal statement not a Board statement.

Mrs. Bomengo brought up the Executive Session the Board went in to discuss COVID protocols where the attorney would provide advice. She inquired about the technical reason the Board went into Executive Session as permitted by the Sunshine Law. Ms. Simon stated that the reason was attorney client discussion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:49 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Approved: 7 yes, 2 no
(No: Amoresano, Bomengo)

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa M. Wolsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary