

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
March 28, 2023**

I. OPENING

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:36 p.m. in the IMC at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Avenue, Whippany, NJ 07981.

The Board Secretary 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 25, 2023.

Present: Board Members

Mrs. Gina Marie Winkler
Dr. Lynda Wright
Mr. Marc Amoresano
Mrs. Christine Egbert
Mrs. Gina Johnston
Mr. Gregory Skiff
Mrs. Lisa Bomengo

Superintendent
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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

Board Attorney

Mr. Matthew Giacobbe

Absent: Board Members

Mr. Jeffrey Basile
Mrs. Marcella Wilson

II. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Wrestling Championship Winner - Gabe Saliani (Eighth Grade) - 1st Place (147 lb. division) in the 2023 Greater Morris County Junior School Coaches Association wrestling tournament.

Morris County Superintendents' Middle School Leadership Award - Claire Cho (Eighth Grade) – This award recognizes a graduating middle school student whose actions and deeds represent a model of citizenship and leadership in their respective school community.

Morris County School Boards Association Unsung Hero Award – Huli Zavala (Eighth Grade) – This award recognizes a student who has distinguished themselves in unique ways, model good citizenship, makes their school a better place because of their warm personality, their empathy or their concern for others.

North Jersey Area Band – 35 schools participate in this group of 100 students who are nominated by their band teacher for participation. The following students were recognized for their accomplishment:

- Claire Cho (Eighth Grade, Flute)
- Andrew Grosso (Eighth Grade, French Horn)
- Shreya Sharma (Seventh Grade, Trumpet)
- Jack VanSeggern (Eighth Grade, Trumpet)
- Alyssa Wang (Eighth Grade, French Horn)

North Jersey Region Band - Students auditioned for this by preparing a solo and performing a solo piece after seeing it for the first time. The following students were recognized for their accomplishment:

- Andrew Grosso
- Jack VanSeggern
- Alyssa Wang

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Public Meeting	3/6/23
Special Public Meeting	3/15/23

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

V. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT Mrs. Wolsky reported that the cash balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$5,246,370.90. The interest in the General Fund to date is \$431.20 and the interest in the HTSACC Fund is \$38.09.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasko gave the following report:

Tonight I would like to begin my report by speaking about the NJDOE Student Safety Data System Report. New Jersey Statute requires school superintendents to publicly report, (twice a year), all acts of violence, vandalism, and incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying that occur in our schools. For the purpose of tonight's report, I will be summarizing the data compiled during Reporting Period 1, September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

During this reporting period there were a total of 6 incidents recorded district wide in the NJDOE Student Safety Data System. Four (4) incidents occurred at Memorial Junior

School. Of the four (4) incidents at MJS, 3 incidents were classified as “Alleged” acts of HIB. Even though these incidents were not “confirmed” acts of HIB, they were considered violations of our student code of conduct and resulted in disciplinary and/or remedial consequences for the students involved. The other incident at MJS was classified as “Other Incident Leading to Removal” of students via in-school suspensions or out of school suspensions. One (1) incident occurred at Mountview Road School. This incident was determined to be a “Confirmed” act of HIB. In the incident, a student made insulting and demeaning comments directly to and about another student. One (1) incident also occurred at Salem Drive School. This incident was determined to be a “Confirmed” act of HIB. In the incident, a student made insulting and demeaning comments directly to and about another student.

I am pleased to report, there were no incidents of violence, vandalism, HIB, or substance abuse reported at Bee Meadow School during reporting period 1.

Annually, all district employees’ complete training associated with identifying, investigating, and addressing all alleged incidents of HIB utilizing our Safe Schools online training modules, and through various NJDOE training sessions. Moving forward, we will continue to provide educational programs, activities, and assemblies, to educate students, faculty, and staff about the six pillars of character which include caring, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship, fairness, and respect, which form the basis of our district anti-bullying and character education programs in an effort to eliminate all instances of HIB in our schools. We will also continue to provide various professional development activities and support to both our staff and students that focus on mindfulness and social and emotional health and wellness.....that promote a safe, nurturing, and supportive school environment in which students and staff can work, learn, and succeed.

I would like to close my report with two reminders. The Hanover Township Police Department in collaboration with the Morris County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting a seminar for parents of school-aged children on the topic of “Measures to Prevent Your Child from Being Kidnapped, Abducted, and Sexually Exploited.” The program will take place this Thursday, March 30th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Whippany Park High School Auditorium. Please note, this is a parent program only, no children will be permitted to attend. This year, Memorial Junior School will be performing “Oliver” as its Spring Musical. There are over 70 students (cast & crew) involved in this year’s production. Performances are scheduled to take place Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 1st at 1:00 PM. A dress rehearsal will also take place on Thursday, March 30th at 1:00 PM, following the MJS Senior Citizen Luncheon. If you are interested in tickets for the Friday or Saturday shows, please visit the MJS website.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Egbert said the Committee met on 2/21 and the following individuals were present: Mrs. Egbert, Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. Items discussed included enrollment updates and projections – Kindergarten enrollment has not changed, letters of acceptance are being sent to families for pre-K

inclusion and the demographic update is complete and will be presented to the public in the future. Staffing updates discussed included no tenure recommendations, retirements or resignations at this time, two employees are going out on maternity leave and one on paternity leave and a special education aide at MTV started March 15th. The following positions are open: a long term sub at SDS, short term sub with special education certification, lunch/recess aides four school bus drivers and HTSACC admin assistant. A long term, sub coordinator for HTSACC is being interviewed this week. Regarding the February 2023 Student Suspensions and HIB Report, MJS had 3 out of school suspensions and there was no HIB to report.

Curriculum, Technology & Student Achievement – Mrs. Johnston said the Committee met on 3/15 and the following individuals were present: Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Wasko and Mr. Wasserman. Approvals discussed in addition to fire drills and crisis drills included accepting the Student Safety Data System's District Report of Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse for Period 1 (9/1/22-12/31/22) and approving tuition contracts. Other items discussed included regional articulation meetings, STEM Participation with FDU, Go Guardian has been installed and teacher feedback has been amazing, Tutor.com next year will be limited to third through eighth graders, a School Climate Survey is being considered for distribution in April or May, Data from IXL Metric is pretty much in line with NJSLA data, teachers get more details on each student's specific struggles and teacher feedback is positive. It was asked what new materials for ELA 3-5th were being looked at and the Committee was told that a Steering Committee would be created to view and test out different programs and evaluate them at a later time.

Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant Committee – Mr. Amoresano said the Committee met on 3/20 and the following individuals were present: Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Basile, Dr. Wright, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Wasko, Mrs. Wolsky and Mr. Gaveglio. Items discussed included applying for ROD grants for capital projects including HVAC at the gyms at all four schools, a section of roof and generator at MJS. The grants provide for 40% funding of project costs, upon award we have eighteen months to prove our 60% share and the District does not have to accept all of them. Also discussed were an update on the playground overage which will be discussed with the Board Attorney, replacement playground equipment at BMS which we are hoping to have complete by end of Spring and are waiting on quotes, the Facilities Advisory Committee building tours, ACES Resolution approvals, budget update which was submitted to the County on March 17 and is set for public hearing on April 25 and the updated demographic study.

Public Relations Committee – Mr. Skiff said the Committee met on 3/15 and the following individuals were present: Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Winkler, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. The Committee discussed the student recognitions planned for tonight's meeting, the CCM Reunification Plan MOA, which is a secure facility that can provide shelter to students and staff in the case of a catastrophic event which would require school evacuation, has been executed by the Board President, the last day of school which has been moved to June 20 due to unused snow days, MTV wax museum is 3/21, spring musical at MJS, Oliver, will be performed on April 1 at 7 p.m. and April 2 at 8

p.m. with tickets available for select seating online and potential templates for new layout and upgrade to the District website were reviewed which would permit greater usability and functionality for future growth of the website. Once a template is chosen in Committee, it will be presented to the Board once approved, the Technology department will begin working on upgrading the website. Other items discussed included presenting certificates to student council participants and HTPD and Morris County Sheriff Parent Program entitled, "Measures to Prevent Your Child from Being Kidnapped, Abducted, and Sexually Exploited," will be held March 30 from 6 to 8 pm in the Whippany Park High School Auditorium.

Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Egbert said the committee met on 3/20 and the following individuals were present: Mrs. Egbert, Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. The negotiations team will be meeting with the HTEA negotiations team on March 24.

Travel/Delegate Report – None

VIII. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Wasserman gave the following report:

Thank you, Mr. Wasko and the Board of Education for the opportunity to report this evening. I would like to begin my report by sharing some good news from the NJ Department of Education.

School Districts in New Jersey have been notified that the Start Strong Assessments which we have been administering to our students in grades four through eight for the past two years has been discontinued. The assessments were to be used as a tool for early indication of the level of support students may need at the beginning of the school year and was initiated in response to the suspension of the NJSLA. With the NJSLA back in full swing the NJDOE felt that these assessments would suffice.

I am proud that we in Hanover Township have never made one standardized assessment whether the NJSLA or Start Strong the only metric for monitoring student achievement. Our teachers are constantly assessing students with both formative and summative assessments that support student achievement. Some ways this is done is through our daily instructional lessons, chapter tests and quizzes, report card grades, IXL Benchmarking Snapshot Assessments as well as our Fountas and Pinnell Benchmarking Reading assessments. I would like to thank our teachers for not only administering these assessments but also using the data to inform best practices and adjust instruction when necessary.

I would also like to recognize our Technology Department for installing Go Guardian on our district Chromebooks for grades 3-8. The software is available for teachers to use while students are in the building and during their classes. It allows for teachers to monitor a student's Chromebook screen to ensure that a student is on task. It also assists

teachers with navigating a student's computer if they are in need of assistance. The teacher feedback has been extremely positive and we appreciate all of the efforts of our educational technology specialists as well as Michael Schwab's efforts with making this happen for our teachers and students.

Additionally, a number of in-district professional development opportunities are in progress and I would like to recognize our Memorial Junior School Technology Teacher Marissa Dolch and our Memorial Junior School Computer Teacher Christine Fox for volunteering to participate in a professional development opportunity being funded by the New Jersey Department of Education and administered through Fairleigh Dickinson University. The program is called Computer Science for All: Implementing the 2-2-Computer Science Students Learning Standards. Our teachers will receive professional development twice a month for a year on best practices for delivering Computer Science and STEM content in the classroom. Thank you for volunteering to participate in this program which will only strengthen our STEM programs.

Finally, both the Memorial Junior School Mathematics and Special Education Department has been receiving direct coaching. Special Education teachers have received instruction on the administration of the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System and will be participating in round two of coaching tomorrow. The Memorial Junior School Mathematics department, along with their special education colleagues has been receiving direct math coaching. The coaching has been going well and two sessions have been completed with an additional three sessions scheduled in the months of April and May.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Paul Szesko, Resident, inquired about the HVAC replacement projects and if the District considered geothermal as an alternate energy to heat/cool the schools.

X. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4255, effective 5/1/23 to 7/21/23.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

2. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4492, effective 5/30/23 to 9/29/23.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

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3. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4024, effective 6/7/23 to 12/22/23.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

4. Appoint Angela Kuhl to the position of part time (.69 FTE) Special Education Aide, Mountview Road School, at a salary of Step 6, \$15,846, prorated, effective 3/15/23 to 6/30/23, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the additional hours to the **2022-2023** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **Advisor(s)** at **Memorial Junior School**, with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA, as follows:

<u>Club/Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Hours</u>
MJS Study Club	George Dakak	20 hours
	Kristen DeMarco	10 hours
	Sandra Lillo	20 hours

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

6. Appoint Kristen Dakak for the position of Long Term Substitute Program Coordinator for HTSACC from 5/22/23, or sooner – 11/30/23, as follows:

\$125/day during the school year (5/22-6/23 and 8/21-11/30)

\$300/day during summer camp (6/26-8/18)

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the following person for a position in the Hanover Township School Age Child Care Program, contingent on enrollment, effective March 29, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Final staff appointments will be pending ratio needs based on enrollment of children in the program, as well as results of criminal background checks.

Name	Position	Hourly Wage
Siri, Juliana	Substitute	\$14.13

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

8. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of February 2023, **Attachment “A”**.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 n

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9. Acknowledge that there were no Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations to report for the period of February 27, 2023 through March 24, 2023.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

10. Accept with regret the resignation of Scott VanSteyn, Custodian, Bee Meadow School, effective 6/1/23, for the purpose of retirement

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the appointment of Tonisha Lockley to the position of part time (.42 FTE) Administrative Assistant, Hanover Township School Age Child Care Program, at a salary of \$22,200, prorated, effective 4/17/23 to 6/30/23. 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mr. Wasko congratulated Scott VanSteyn, who after serving the district for 28 years as a custodian at Salem Drive School and Bee Meadow School has decided to retire effective June 1, 2023. On behalf of the Board of Education, I thank Scott for his many years of dedicated service to students, staff, parents, and greater community of the Hanover Township Public School District. Congratulations and best of luck to you in your retirement years.

B. CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Acknowledge the following fire drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of February 2023:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	2/10/23
Bee Meadow School	2/10/23
Mountview Road School	2/21/23
Salem Drive School	2/24/23

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

2. Acknowledge the following crisis management drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of February 2023:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	2/23/23
Bee Meadow School	2/22/23
Mountview Road School	2/27/23
Salem Drive School	2/23/23

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Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the Student Safety Data System's District Report of Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse for Period 1 (9/1/22-12/31/22) of the 2022-2023 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. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Silvergate Prep to provide bedside instruction to Student #10603, at a rate of \$40 per hour for up to 10 hours per week, effective 3/7/23 until student is medically cleared.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Silvergate Prep to provide bedside instruction to Student #2303010, at a rate of \$40 per hour for up to 10 hours per week, effective 3/10/23 until student is medically cleared.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to place Student #11186 at Chapel Hill Academy effective 3/2/23 to 3/10/23, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,700.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to place Student #2905005 at Montgomery Academy effective 3/13/23 through 6/19/23, at a total cost not to exceed \$30,077.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 6 yes, 0 no
(Abstain: Skiff)

C. FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL PLANT

I. FINANCE

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

1. Approve transfers in the 2022-23 Budget, **Attachment "B"**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

2. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 3/15/23	\$ 974,743.49

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Bills & claims 3/1/23 - 3/28/23 \$1,039,473.65

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 2/28/23 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. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

4. Certify that as of 2/28/23 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. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

5. Accept the report of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the month ended 2/28/23.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 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) "C", "D", and "E".

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

7. Accept additional funding on Chapters 192/193 as follows:
Additional Funding for Compensatory Education in the amount of \$494.00

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION
No Items for Board Consideration

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

1. Approve the submission of the ROD Grant application and plans to the New Jersey Department of Education for their approval. The following projects are being submitted:

Memorial Junior School

- Gymnasium HVAC Replacement
- Roof Replacement

- Emergency Generator
Mountview Elementary School
- Gymnasium HVAC Replacement
Salem Drive Elementary School
- Gymnasium HVAC Replacement
Bee Meadow Elementary School
- Gymnasium HVAC Replacement

Approve any changes (if necessary) to the Long Range Facility Plan as part of this project application.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

2. WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period

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through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

3. WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from

time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 7 yes, 0 no

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

No Items for Board Consideration

E. POLICY

No Items for Board Consideration

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Cronkite, MTV PTA, gave a High Five to Mary Goodwin, Lunch/Recess Aide at Mountview.

XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Amoresano gave a High Five to teachers at MJS who stepped in when some girls were upset and not themselves after softball tryouts. He noted the good grasp the teachers have on their students and how they ensure they are prepared both academically and mentally for challenges.

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XIII. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Approved: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa M. Wolsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary