

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
April 25, 2023**

I. OPENING

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:33 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
Mrs. Marcella Wilson
Dr. Lynda Wright
Mr. Jeffrey Basile
Mr. Marc Amoresano
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

Mrs. Christine Egbert

II. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Student Recognitions - MCCEA 2023 Poster Contest Winners

Mrs. Sharon McLaughlin, Art Teacher at Bee Meadow and Mountview Road Schools, presented certificates to the following Bee Meadow Students in recognition for their artwork being chosen for the next MCCEA calendar:

- Elliana Angelica (Fifth Grade)
- Audrey Chang (Fifth Grade)
- Caitlynn Noonan-Grasso (Fifth Grade)
- Catherine O'Brien (Fifth Grade)

Public Hearing of the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Wasko and Mrs. Wolsky gave a presentation on the 2023-2024 proposed budget. A copy of the PowerPoint is available on the District website.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Revised Regular Public Meeting	3/6/23
Regular Public Meeting	3/28/23

Motion: Mrs. Winkler **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Approved:** 6 Yes, 0 No
(Abstain: Basile, Wilson)

V. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT** Mrs. Wolsky reported that the cash balance as of March 31, 2023 was \$4,576,357.47. The interest in the General Fund to date is \$480.89 and the interest in the HTSACC Fund is \$43.33.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasko gave the following report:

Earlier this evening, Vanessa Wolsky, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and I presented the 2023-2024 District Budget that was recently approved by the Morris County Superintendent of Schools, to the members of the Board of Education and the general public.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Education, district administrators, and faculty & staff who all contributed to the development of the budget that will continue to meet the needs of the children while being mindful of the tax implications to the residents of Hanover Township. Again, a special thanks to Vanessa, and our business office staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes overseeing and managing the day to day tasks of the budget. Your behind the scenes work is greatly appreciated, ensuring that we meet all of the legal requirements and financial obligations associated with spending public monies. Thank you.

Next is something that I have said many times, especially this time of year. During one's educational career, everyone remembers when they reach 3 key "Milestones." The first is the day you get your first teaching position. The second is the day you get tenure and the third milestone is the day you retire. On tonight's agenda, we have two out of three of these milestones.

On the personnel portion of the agenda, I would like to draw everyone's attention to Items number 1 and 2 and extend a congratulations to Nora Czarnomski and Jonathan Nackonechy who are both being recommended for tenure, effective September 1, 2023.

Also, item #3 and the third milestone in one's educational career, I would like to congratulate Anne Soliman, who after serving the district for 17 years as elementary school teacher at Bee Meadow School, has announced her retirement, effective July 1, 2023.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank Mrs. Soliman for her many years of dedicated service to students of the Hanover Township Public School District and wish her all the best during her retirement years.

On the public relations portion of tonight's agenda I would like to focus everyone's attention on Item # 1, the recommendation to revise the 2022-2023 school calendar. Barring any unforeseen circumstances that will require the use of additional "emergency school closing days," the end of the school year will shape up as follows:

- The last Day of School will be Tuesday, June 20th
- Monday, June 19th and Tuesday, June 20th will be early dismissal days for students
- The MJS Eight Grade Graduation will take place on Monday, June 19th at 7:00 PM in the MJS Auditorium
- The Extended Year Programs will be held at BMS beginning Monday, June 26th through Friday, August 4th
- The HTSACC Summer Camp will be held at MJS beginning Monday, June 26th and run through Friday, August 18th.

And speaking of unforeseen circumstances, I would like to thank the entire Salem Drive School Community (students, parents, and staff alike) for their understanding, cooperation, and flexibility, as we pivoted to a two hour Delayed Opening earlier this week on Monday morning due to some unforeseen circumstance related to the power outage in the Township. Thank you.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that May 8th is the start of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

VII. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mr. Wasserman did not give a report this month.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Bomengo said the Committee met on April 19 and the following individuals were present: Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. Items discussed included student enrollment projections which included one additional student in a self-contained classroom and one additional student in an inclusive classroom, staffing items included two tenure recommendations, one leave of absence at BMS, hiring one sub, long term sub need, bus driver needs and approval of HTSACC

summer counselors. Student suspensions included 1 one-day suspension at SDS and no HIB cases to report. Agenda items discussed also included a student-teacher at MTV, tuition reimbursements for staff and additional hours for club advisors.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee – Mrs. Johnston said the Committee met on April 18 and the following individuals were present: Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Wasko and Mr. Wasserman. Items discussed included the addition of the College of New Jersey to the list of approved field trips for the 2022-2023 school year, regional articulation meetings for World Language on 4/6 and Science on 5/12, the arrival of three 3D Printers at each school and a planned presentation at an upcoming BOE meeting and professional development plans in the area of robotics. 2021-2022 School Performance Reports have been posted to the district website which were released by the Department of Education and is the same data that the District been reporting for the last year. Coaching Updates were provided for Mathematics and Special Education and an update was provided on the school climate parent survey which will hopefully be sent out in May using Survey Monkey. It was noted that the district needs parent permission to allow students to fill out the survey and that our district has been selected for the U.S. Department of Education Survey, which happens every 5 years, and will be going out to all parents of students receiving Special Education services from Mr. Margolis. March statistics for Tutor.com were given to the committee.

Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant Committee – Mr. Amoresano said the Committee met on April 19 and the following individuals were present: Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Basile, Dr. Wright, Mr. Wasko, Mrs. Wolsky, Mr. Gaveglio, Mrs. Beretin and Mr. Raucci. The Committee reviewed HTSACC updates including 23/24 fee changes, a new 7:00 start time for before care, salary projections which include the new administrative assistant and salary structure. Transportation updates included a review of the District's fleet, staffing needs and driver shortage concerns, the need to review sub driver rates which are lower than surrounding Districts, signage to advertise open driver positions, twice yearly bus inspections which all vehicles just passed and assisting Recreation with field trips in the summer. Physical Plant updates included a review of work completed over spring break, a quote for the replacement of playground equipment that was received, application for 38 HEPA air purifiers through a grant opportunity, playground surfacing overage which was sent for attorney review and noted that the District has made all required payments in terms of the contract, and a shared service opportunity with the Township for fiber optics and internet. Mrs. Wolsky noted that the budget was approved by the County and the public hearing is scheduled for April 25 and the school lunch program was discussed. All schools are presently using Simply Gourmet and the District is currently exploring options including the National School Lunch Program.

Public Relations Committee – Mr. Skiff said the Committee met on April 18 and the following individuals were present: Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Wasko, Mr. Skiff and Mrs. Winkler. The Committee discussed student recognitions including the MCCEA poster contest winners, recommended BOE approvals including the amended calendar and donation of a gaga pit at MTV by the PTA. Additional items discussed include upgrades to the District website, the completion of an outdoor classroom at SDS over spring break,

a shared service opportunity with the Township for fiber optic and internet service, a survey for special education parents which our District was selected for by the USDOE and will be communicated to parents and guardians of special education students by Mr. Margolis, a program hosted by Substance Awareness Council on May 4th entitled “The Circle of Addiction” which will be shared with MJS parents and the faculty and friends concert next Wednesday, April 26 in the MJS Auditorium.

Policy Committee – Mr. Amoresano said the Committee met on April 19 and the following individuals were present: Mr. Amoresano, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. Items discussed included revisions/updates to policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying and first readings of Policy #0155.1 Board Member Participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Devices and 8463 Parental Notice of Material Circumstances. The Committee will continue to review district policies for updates.

Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Bomengo said the Committee met on April 19 and the following individuals were present: Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. The Committee will be meeting with the HTEA Negotiations Committee on May 3 and May 18.

Travel/Delegate Report – None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Crista Vogt – Resident and District Employee – Noted that there is a long list of things in Policy 8463 and inquired what info on that list regarding religious and political affiliations should teachers be looking to report and what does take all necessary steps look like to an elementary teachers in reporting to parents.

Jessica Scali – Resident – Said parts of Policy 8463 are in conflict with state and federal law and inquired if a teacher follows policy and a family sues, what ramification could the teachers have to deal and if a teacher doesn’t follow policy and abides by state law, what ramifications might there be.

Mr. Skiff said there is nothing in Policy 8463 that violates State and Federal law so there is no issue or conflict for a staff member to adhere to both Policy 8463 and state and federal law. Mr. Giacobbe said there is no state law dealing with this, there is guidance and notifying parents is not illegal. He also said the policy says if a teacher believes the notification would put a child in harm’s way, notify administrator, DCP&P and possibly local police. Regarding the question dealing with political and religious affiliation, Mr. Giacobbe said, if a kid demonstrates something concerning to a staff member that could have a material effect on their mental health, safety and social emotional well-being, notify the parents.

X. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve appointment to tenure for the following staff member:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nora Czarnomski	Elementary School Teacher	9/1/2023

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Approve appointment to tenure for the following staff member:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jonathan Nakonechy	Teacher of Health and Physical Education	9/1/2023

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Accept with regret the resignation of Anne Soliman, Third Grade Teacher, Bee Meadow School, effective 7/1/23, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4133, effective 4/24/23 to 6/5/23.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the appointment and salaries of tenured teaching staff members for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with the Board/HTEA Agreement, with actual 2023-2024 salaries to be determined upon the conclusion of negotiations between the Board and the HTEA, as per **Attachment "A"**.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the appointment and salaries of non-tenured teaching staff members for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with the Board/HTEA Agreement, with actual 2023-2024 salaries to be determined upon the conclusion of negotiations between the Board and the HTEA, as per **Attachment "B"**.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Authorize the following tuition reimbursement applications for the **2023-2024** school year, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits</u>
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Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

8. Approve the additional hours to the **2022-2023** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **Advisor(s)** at **Salem Drive 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>
Classic Games Club	Grace Jacobson	5 hours

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the following **2023-2024** student teaching assignment(s):

<u>Student/College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Erin Murphy/	Student Teaching	G.Bracho/MTV	2 days/wk. 9/5-12/22/23
Fairleigh Dickinson University			5 days/wk. 1/22-5/3/24

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

10. Approve the following addition(s) to the substitute list for the 2022-2023 school year.

Teacher: Susan Karlak

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the following people for positions in the Hanover Township School Age Child Care program, Camp HTSACC, effective May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and again from July 1, 2023 – August 25, 2023. Final staff appointments will be pending ratio needs based on enrollment of children in the program. Staff will be paid an hourly rate based on hours worked.

Name	Position	Hourly Wage
Adkins, Michele	Group Leader	\$20.50
Buoye, Courtney	Group Leader	\$18.00
Circelli, Nicole	Substitute (GL)	\$17.00
Cocca, Noelle	Summer Supervisor	\$25.50
DeCicco, Joseph	Camp Counselor	\$14.50
Dowling, Shan	Welcome Center	\$15.00
Dowling, Shan	Substitute (GL)	\$17.00
Fischetti, Moriah	Group Leader	\$18.50
Fischetti, Nikolette	Substitute	\$15.00
Ganley, Nancy	Substitute	\$15.00
Giordano, Antonia	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Goodwin, Marissa	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Goodwin, Mary	Group Leader – Before Care	\$20.50
Goodwin, Mary	Welcome Center	\$15.00
Gregg, Carly	Substitute	\$15.00
Iuso, Daniela	Substitute	\$14.00
Kelly, Jack	Camp Counselor	\$14.00

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Kelly, Ryan	Camp Counselor	\$15.50
Kierney, Julia	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
LaMarca, Robyn	Substitute (GL)	\$17.00
Larice, Vanessa	Camp Counselor	\$13.00
McCoy, John	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Messina, Courtney	Substitute (GL)	\$17.00
Moctezuma, Victoria	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Mondano, Isabel	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Murphy, Kelly	Group Leader	\$18.00
Orlandino, Amanda	Substitute	\$15.00
Pomel, Matt	Substitute	\$15.00
Radhakrishnan, Tanvi	Camp Counselor	\$13.00
Scalley, Megan	Substitute (GL)	\$17.00
Shannon, Katie	Substitute	\$13.00
Shatynski, Julianna	Group Leader	\$19.50
Siri, Juliana	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Slater, Devon	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Toutounjian, Olivia	Substitute	\$15.00
Urso, Julia	Substitute (GL)	\$17.00
Wolf, Ella	Camp Counselor – Before Care	\$15.50
Yacat, Brynn	Camp Counselor	\$14.00
Zarras, Lauren	Group Leader	\$18.50

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

12. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of March 2023, **Attachment “C”**.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

13. Acknowledge that there were no Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations to report for the period of March 27, 2023 through April 21, 2023.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

14. Approve an extension of a leave of absence for Employee ID# 3550, previously approved effective 3/3/2023 to 5/12/2023, to be effective through 5/25/2023.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

15. Appoint Michelle Palomino to the temporary position of full time (1.0 FTE) Long Term Substitute Replacement Elementary (Kindergarten) Teacher, Salem Drive School, at the BA Step 1 rate of \$295 per diem, when school is in session, effective 5/1/2023 to 6/22/2023, or the last day of school. 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.

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Motion: Mrs. Bomengo

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

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 March 2023:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	3/22/23
Bee Meadow School	3/27/23
Mountview Road School	3/22/23
Salem Drive School	3/9/23

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	3/28/23
Bee Meadow School	3/24/23
Mountview Road School	3/20/23
Salem Drive School	3/23/23

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

3. Approve the addition of The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) to the list of approved field trips for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Prime Healthcare Services-St. Claire's to provide bedside instruction to Student #10711, at a rate of \$55 per hour, effective 4/20/23 until student is medically cleared.

Motion: Mrs. Johnston

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 8 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 2022-23 Budget, **Attachment "D"**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

2. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 3/30/23	\$ 926,786.66
Payroll 4/6/23	\$ 974,513.85
Bills & claims 3/29/23 - 4/25/23	\$1,556,684.96

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 3/31/23 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:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Certify that as of 3/31/23 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:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Accept the report of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the month ended 3/31/23.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Adopt the 2023-2024 Budget as follows:

General Fund	\$ 31,901,290
Special Revenues	\$ 433,369
Total	\$ 32,334,659

and authorize the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the Budget pursuant to the policies and regulations of the State Board and this Board of Education.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Approve a General Fund Tax Levy for the 2023-2024 budget, in the amount of \$28,884,040.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

8. Authorize appropriating \$400,000 Additional Fund Balance to reduce the General Fund Tax Levy for the 2023-2024 school budget.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

9. Authorize appropriating \$137,830 Capital Reserve, and \$200,000 Emergency Reserve, to reduce the General Fund Tax Levy for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

10. Establish the following maximum annual expenditures for the 2023-2024 school year:

Public Relations	\$ 20,000
Auditor	\$ 44,000
Attorney	\$ 55,000
School Doctor	\$ 21,000

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

11. Adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., to a maximum expenditure of \$49,400 for all staff and board members.

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Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

12. Approve the 2023-24 HTSACC Program Fees as per **Attachment “E”**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

13. Approve the 2023-24 HTSACC Budget as per **Attachment “F”**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION

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

1. Authorize providing transportation services for the Hanover Township Recreation Traveling Teens Program from 7/5/23 through 7/28/23.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 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 29, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Acknowledge that State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Commission Inspections were performed on 4/11/23 and 4/12/23 for all district school bus fleet vehicles. All Hanover Township School vehicles have been passed until October 2023.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

No Items for Board Consideration

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve the revised **2022-2023 School Calendar** to reflect the **last day of school as Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (due to two unused emergency closing days)**, with early dismissal days on Monday, and Tuesday, June 19, and 20, 2023. Eighth grade graduation and the last day of school for eighth graders will be Monday, June 19, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Skiff **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Accept with appreciation the donation of a Gaga Pit as an enhancement to

the Mountview Road School playground, valued at approximately \$6,000, from the Mountview Road School PTA.

Motion: Mr. Skiff **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mr. Basile inquired if we have checked with our insurance company about the gaga pit. Mrs. Wolsky said she did not specifically inquire about the gaga pit but we did have the insurance company come and inspect our facilities inside and out and no issues were raised.

E. POLICY

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Conduct the first reading of **Policy # 0155.1 Board Member Participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Devices.**

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Skiff **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Conduct the first reading of **Policy # 5512 Harassment Intimidation, or Bullying.**

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Skiff **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Conduct the first reading of **Policy # 8463 Parental Notice of Material Circumstances.**

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Skiff **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mrs. Wilson inquired regarding Item #1 what if the need to participate remotely was a medical emergency and 10 days' notice couldn't be provided. Mr. Amoresano said for emergencies, a Board member would just need to contact the Board President and he didn't think it would be a major issue. Mrs. Wilson also inquired regarding Policy # 8463 if a student tells a teacher they wanted to change their sexual orientation, would that be reported to a parent. Mrs. Bomengo responded yes. Mr. Giacobbe said the purpose is to notify parents about things that impact their children. He said there's a whole host of things that impact kids and noted gangs, drugs, or sexual orientation as examples and that parents need to know about these things. He said if there is a concern that the child may be put in harm's way from the notification, the school administrator should be involved and DCP&P needs to be notified which would immune the staff member from liability. If the notification would not put the student in harm's way, the purpose of this policy is to involve parents in lives of their children. Dr. Wright inquired if the child isn't acting out, why sexual orientation would require notification to DCP&P. Mr. Giacobbe said if the child discloses something to a teacher and the teacher doesn't believe harm would come to the child by notifying the parents, they should notify the parents. If the child states that they don't want the parent to be notified out of fear of harm, DCP&P would be notified. If staff have reasonable suspicion that child may be in danger, they are legally bound to report it and are

indemnified from reporting but if there is reasonable belief and it is not reported, staff members could face criminal liability. Mr. Giacobbe also noted that Mr. Wasko said the staff is already doing this and this policy is codifying it. Mrs. Wilson inquired about anxiety and depression noting staff members are not Doctors and can't diagnose these conditions. Mr. Giacobbe said if they exhibit signs of these conditions parents should know so they can get their child the help they need. Mrs. Wilson asked if language could be added to state if they exhibit signs and it was said that this is an introduction and modifications could be made that are not material changes. Mr. Skiff said the terms any facts or circumstances tries to encompass signs and the list is long but not exhaustive and there may be other things not on the list that could affect emotional or social well-being. Mr. Giacobbe said if an adult in school sees something concerning, they should say something to the parents so they can get the child the help they need and that the goal is to try to minimize kids being put in harm's way before it's too late. Mrs. Winkler spoke in favor of parents being notified so they can help their children. Mr. Basile inquired about changes to Policy 5512 and what changes were made. Mr. Giacobbe said there was an allowable change that would let principals make judgment calls on acts of HIB and Mr. Wasko said we should treat claims as HIB and not put that on the principal. Mrs. Wilson asked if the full Board could receive notice in advance of what policies are being reviewed. Mr. Amoresano said he notes it in the minutes but could put red lined copies in the file earlier for the Board to review. He also said to let the Committee know if there are policies the Board think should be reviewed and noted that this is being done because it has been about ten years since they were last updated. Dr. Wright inquired what the biggest change was that was made to Policy 8463 and it was stated that it is a brand new policy as was the board member participation policy. Mr. Giacobbe said the Board subscribes to a service called Strauss Esmay and Dr. Wright asked if 8463 was provided to us by them. Mr. Giacobbe said it was drafted by the Board which is permitted. Mr. Amoresano said the Committee reviews all policies from Strauss to ensure they work for our District. Mr. Wasko clarified that the recommended policies provide options and the District has the ability to select options in the model policy that apply to our District.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Eames – Resident – thanked the Board for the policy about parental notification and appreciated the discussion. She inquired about a bill recently passed S580 regarding information literacy and if the District has a policy or curriculum for it. Mrs. Bomengo said the Policy Committee would look into it.

XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - None

XIII. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 9:04 p.m.

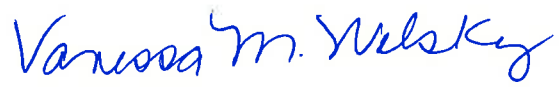
Motion: Mrs. Winkler

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Approved: Unanimous

April 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vanessa M. Wolsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'V' and 'W'.

Vanessa M. Wolsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary