

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

I. OPENING

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:32 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.

Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded and will be made available to the public on the District website.

Present: Board Members	Mrs. Gina Marie Winkler Mr. Jeffrey Basile Mr. Marc Amoresano Mrs. Christine Egbert Mrs. Lisa Bomengo
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Superintendent Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Mr. Michael J. Wasko Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky
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Board Attorney	Mr. Matthew Giacobbe
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Absent: Board Members	Mrs. Marcelle Wilson Dr. Lynda Wright Mrs. Gina Johnston Mr. Gregory Skiff
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II. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Student Recognition:

NJ Technology Student Association National Winner

Shreya Sharma was recognized for placing First in Flight at the Technology Student Association National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

NJDOE HIB Grade Report 2022-2023

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Michael Anderson, MJS Principal and Anti-Bullying Coordinator, reviewed the District's 22-23 HIB Self-Assessment results. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion: Mr. Basile **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Approved:** Unanimous

V. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wolsky reported that the cash balance as of June 30, 2023 was \$5,050,618.05. The interest in the General Fund to date is \$592.14 and the interest in the HTSACC Fund is \$60.54.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasko gave the following report:

As we look forward to the start of a new school year, I would like to provide the Board with a brief update regarding our Extended School Year Summer Program, Camp HTSACC, our District Facilities, Staffing and Student Enrollment, and our 2023-2024 Board of Education and District Goals.

The extended school year special education programs are being held at Bee Meadow School. ALL programs (MD I, MD II, & MD III, preschool disabled, the autism class run by the Bergen County Special Services Commission, and the resource center programs) began on Monday, June 26th and will run through Friday, August 4th. This year, we have over 50 students and 20 plus staff members attending and participating in the program. Things continue to go very well.

Camp HTSACC at MJS is off to a great start and they are already in week #5. This year, there are approximately 155 campers on average, attending camp and all reports indicate that all campers and staff are having a great time, especially on Bee Meadow Pool days. The camp will run through Friday, August 18th.

From a facilities standpoint, all of our schools are officially in "summer deep cleaning mode," and when you consider that we have 274,000 square feet of building space and over 81 acres of property, I am happy to report that all routine landscaping, building and classroom cleaning, painting projects, refinishing of wood floors, HVAC equipment replacement, minor roof repairs, our required annual inspections, etc., are on schedule, progressing nicely and/or have already been completed. A primary focus of attention during the next several weeks will be to continue the deep cleaning of classrooms, the replacement of various classroom whiteboards, tree work at various schools, and hopefully the installation of playground equipment at BMS...pending the date of delivery, which we hope will be within the next few weeks.

In terms of staffing, members of the district administrative team continue to make excellent progress in filling current openings. Tonight' there are several recommendations for hire listed on the personnel portion of tonight's agenda. They include the appointment of Special Education Resource Teacher, shared between BMS/SDS, a grade 3 teacher at SDS, a grade 1 teacher at MTV, a guidance counselor at MJS, an elementary school long term substitute music teacher, part-time secretaries (1 main office, 1 for the nurse's office) and a special education aide at MTV.

After tonight, open positions for September include a school nurse at MTV, a language arts teacher, contemporary art & design teacher, and long term substitute self-contained special education teachers at MJS, a long term substitute grade level teacher and special education resource center teacher at BMS, as well as an evening custodian and long term substitute grade level teacher at SDS. As well as a few bus drivers in our transportation department. Interviews by the members of the administrative team are ongoing and fingers crossed, we hope to have several recommendations for the Board at our August Board of Education.

We continue to monitor student enrollment in all four of our schools very closely. To date, the Enrollment Overview by School is as follows: BMS: 332 students, MTV: 269 students, SDS: 235 students, MJS: 440 students for an overall district enrollment of 1,276 total students.

As we progress through the remaining weeks of the summer, the administrative team will continue to monitor student enrollment and if necessary, make adjustments prior to the opening of schools in September.

Next, our Board of Education and District Goals:

During the month of June, the members of the Board of Education and administrative team, met with a representative from the New Jersey School Board's Association to establish goals for the 2023-2024 school year. As a result of this process, the following Board and District goals have been established:

Board Goals:

- *GOAL 1:*
 - Continue the work toward earning NJSBA Board Certification again by engaging in at least four hours per year of full Board training workshops.
- *GOAL 2:*
 - Continue to celebrate staff and student successes, with increased recognition of student accomplishments.
- *GOAL 3:*
 - Add continued transparency to the work of the Board Committees.

District Goals:

- *GOAL 1:*
 - The district will continue to cultivate and showcase a positive school climate and culture that focuses on student/staff wellness and safety and promotes family and community engagement.
- *GOAL 2:*
 - Continue to improve our ability to utilize district benchmark and diagnostic data to inform instructional programming and implement strategies that target areas of growth for all students.
- *GOAL 3:*
 - To implement the actionable items identified in the district facilities assessment, and to prepare for future needs through the updating of the long-range facilities plan and the consideration of a five-year strategic plan.
- *GOAL 4:*
 - To upgrade and enhance the district's website to provide for information consistency across all grade levels and to illustrate the pride in our schools.

That concludes my report. I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of their summer break.

VII. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT- None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Egbert said the Committee met on July 17th at 6:45 p.m. Members present included Mrs. Egbert, Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. Enrollment updates and projections included 6 new students at MJS, 1 from Hanover Mills, another pending 9 students at BMS, 1 from Hanover Mills, 3 students at MTV and no new students to date at SDS. Staffing updates which were also mentioned in the Superintendent report included the 8/1 retirement of a SDS Custodian, 3 resignations: MJS Language Arts Teacher, MTV Nurse, and a BMS/SDS special education teacher, 1 leave of absence: Teacher in MJS Self Contained Class MD III, (10/30/23 – 6/30/24). Amendments included 1 extension of leave of absence, recommendations for Hire included 1 part-time secretary, 3 teachers, 1 guidance counselor, 1 SE aide, 1 long term substitute music teacher. Substitute approvals included School Nurse (1), Teachers (2), and the Bayada Home Health Care (School Nurse Substitute Service). Other staffing approvals discussed included (2) regular education teachers to be used for CST Meetings, summer hours for MJS Media Specialists, 2023-2024 grade level chair for Grade 3 and District Anti-Bullying Coordinator. September 2023 Openings include Tenure Track Positions: Special Education/Resource Teacher, BMS/SDS, School Nurse, MTV, Language Arts Teacher, MJS, Part-time Contemporary Art & Design Teacher, MJS; Long Term Substitutes: Elementary Teacher: BMS (10/9/23 – 4/1/24), Special Education Resource Center Teacher: BMS (9/1/23 - 6/30/24), Special Education Self Contained Teacher: MJS (10/30/23 – 6/30/24); Other: Part-time Secretary to the Nurse: MTV, bus driver(s): 4 positions, aides: lunch/recess & special education,

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and evening custodian, SDS. The Committee also discussed the approval of part-time HTSACC Administrative Assistant 9/1/23 – 6/30/24, student suspensions in June which included 1 student suspension at MJS, the HIB Report for June 5th through June 20th with no HIB's to report, approval of the NJDOE HIB School Self-Assessment (Grade) Report and one tuition reimbursement.

Curriculum, Technology and Student Achievement Committee – The Committee met on July 17, 2023, at 6:45 pm. Members present included Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Wasko, Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Margolis. Items discussed included fire drills, Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan, disposal of textbooks, follow up on Board and District Goals for the 2023-2023 school year, approval of Care Plus for the 23-24 school year and the benefit to having on-site mental health counseling which aides in keeping some of our most vulnerable students in district, contracting with Bergen County Special Services to provide Behaviorist support services and Educational Audiology services, approval of tuition contracts. Mr. Wasserman also discussed Vector Training, K-12 Edition Online Training and New Teacher Orientation which is scheduled for August 24, 2023 at Memorial Junior School Media Center 9 am-4pm. For the good of the order it was asked if new ELA materials have been considered since Journey's is nearing its expiration date and hopefully there will be a recommendation to the BOE around April 2024 for a new program start in September 2024. It was noted that ELA and Math standards are changing for the state and there will be curriculum writing for the summer of 2024 to implement the new ELA and Math Standards for September 2024. The Committee will be receiving and reviewing the results of the parent surveys; per administration, some results highlighted interest in less dependence on Chromebooks and more focus on pencil and paper assignments. After school clubs were also discussed. For the elementary schools – building principals were asked to start inquiring staff about clubs they'd be interested in advising or if a staff member wants to submit a proposal for a club that they would like to start. It is hoped that the list of clubs will be posted for the start of the school year in September. If there is little interest, other alternatives will be explored.

Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant Committee – Mr. Amoresano said the Committee met on July 17th at 5:45 p.m. Members present included Mr. Amoresano, Mrs. Bomengo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Wright, Mr. Wasko, Mr. Gaveglio and Mr. Raucci. Bus routes are being developed, there are 4 open driver positions and 3 candidates are in the process of final vetting, the new bus is in final inspections, the 2022 Right to Know survey has been returned, Hartford Boilers has completed the 2023 inspections and all have passed, new ceiling tiles have been installed in-house in the 6th grade wing at MJS, area in MJS refurbished with hardwood floors to be completed, power washing and painting BMS exterior will be completed this summer, new playground equipment at BMS has been ordered and will hopefully be installed by early fall, fungus on mulch at MTV and SDS playgrounds has been removed and treated, permit drawings have been done for the PTA gifted playground at BMS and applications for dual use spaces have been sent to the DOE. Shared services for playing fields was discussed with some township leagues asking to make improvements which would need to be discussed with all parties. The Class III Officer agreement was discussed and the Township is looking to increase the pay by \$3/hour which the Committee agreed is justifiable and will ask the

BA to verify available funds. HEPA filters have been delivered and for the good of the order it was discussed whether additional help is needed to handle influx of OPRA requests which Mr. Wasko said the attorney has a dedicated OPRA department that helps take burden off our staff and a parent inquiry about AED devices on fields was shared to which it was stated that each coach has a portable AED device.

Public Relations Committee – Mrs. Winkler said the Committee met on July 21. Members present included Mrs. Winkler, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Bomengo, and Mr. Wasko. Items discussed included the HIB Presentation, recognition of Shreya Sharma, the Shared Services Agreement with the Township for approval on the Supplemental Agenda, upgrades to the District website and contracting with the Vendor to assist Mike Schwab to enable launch as soon as possible, School Climate Survey responses were briefly discussed and regarding a public comment about BOE’s deferral to HIB Coordinator and CSA’s recommendations regarding initial HIB determinations, BOE only reviews reports and makes determinations where an appeal is made.

Policy Committee – Mr. Amoresano said the Committee met on July 17th. Members present included Mr. Amoresano, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo, and Mr. Wasko. Action Items for February Regular Board Meeting Agenda included first reading of new policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams, first reading of amended policy #3217 – Use of Corporal Punishment. Discussion items included updates regarding Policy #8463, updated policies from Straus Esmay for section 0000 – Bylaws were requested, and additional policies that require updates including #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non-resident Students, #0144 – Board Member Orientation and Training, #2520 – Instructional Supplies, #5305 – Health Services Personnel, #5308 – Student Health Records, #5310 – Health Services.

Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Egbert said the Committee met on June 17 at 7:45 p.m. Members present included Mrs. Egbert, Mr. Amoresano, Mr. Skiff, Mrs. Bomengo and Mr. Wasko. The HTEA contract has been tentatively agreed to pending approved guides and ratification.

Travel/Delegate Report – None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items

Robert Thiel, Resident, inquired about the policies that were just mentioned and are being approved and whether there was a rationale or reason why they were being replaced.

Terri Baird, Resident, inquired about Attachment B on the agenda and whether there are transfers for legal fees.

Brian Zambrano, Union County Party for Socialism and Liberation, spoke about Policy 8463.

X. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Giovanna Bay, Language Arts Literacy Teacher, Memorial Junior School, effective 9/8/23, or sooner, for personal reasons.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Stephanie Rothman, Resource Center Teacher, Bee Meadow and Salem Drive schools, effective 9/12/23, or sooner, for personal reasons.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Christina Vitiello, School Nurse, Mountview Road School, effective 9/12/23, or sooner, for personal reasons

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

4. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ann Turnbull, Secretary to the Nurse, Mountview Road School, effective 7/1/23, to accept another position in the district.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

5. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Joseph Majdosz, Custodian, Salem Drive School, effective 8/1/23, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

6. Approve an extension of a leave of absence for Employee ID#4254, previously approved effective 6/2/23 to 6/30/23, or sooner, to be effective through 7/31/23.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

7. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4289, effective 10/30/23 to 6/30/24.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

8. Appoint Ann Turnbull to the position of part-time (.45 FTE), Secretary, Mountview Road School, at a salary of Step 8, \$25,439, effective 7/1/23 to 6/30/24, in

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accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA. Actual 2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

9. Appoint Michelle Palomino to the position of full time (1.0 FTE) Special Education Teacher, Bee Meadow and Salem Drive schools, at a salary of BA Step 7, \$61,790, effective 9/1/23 to 6/30/24, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education and the HTEA. Actual 2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

10. Appoint Vincent Marinoni to the position of full time (1.0 FTE) Elementary School (Grade 3) Teacher, Salem Drive School, at a salary of BA Step 2, \$59,435, effective 9/1/23 to 6/30/24, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education and the HTEA. Actual 2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

11. Appoint Erica Autiero to the position of full time (1.0 FTE) Elementary School (Grade 1) Teacher, Mountview Road School, at a salary of BA Step 4, \$59,935, effective 9/1/23 to 6/30/24, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education and the HTEA. Actual 2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

12. Appoint Renee Lopez to the position of full time (1.0 FTE) School Guidance Counselor, Memorial Junior School, at a salary of MA Step 3, \$65,235, effective 9/1/23 to 6/30/24, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education and the HTEA. Actual 2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

13. Appoint Jamie Rehus to the position of part-time (.69 FTE), Special Education Aide, Mountview Road School, at a salary of Step 3, \$15,432, effective 9/1/23 to 6/30/24, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA. Actual

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2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

14. Appoint Kimberly Denice to the position of part-time (0.30 FTE), Secretary to the Nurse, Mountview Road School, at a salary of Step 3, \$14,724, effective 9/1/23 to 6/30/24, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA. Actual 2023-2024 salary to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

15. Appoint Adrienne Scognamiglio to the temporary position of full time (1.0 FTE) Long Term Substitute Replacement Instrumental Music Teacher, Bee Meadow, Mountview Road, and Salem Drive schools, at the BA Step 1 rate of \$295 per diem, when school is in session, effective 9/1/23 to 12/22/23. Actual 2023-2024 per diem rate to be determined at the conclusion of negotiations 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: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

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

Teacher

Credits

Deja Desai

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Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

17. Approve extra-compensation payments for **2023** summer curriculum projects, at the hourly rates, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA (Article XIV, Section G), as outlined below.:

Emily Galow for 15 hours

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

18. Approve the following staff member(s) to serve as general education teacher(s) for summer 2023 Child Study Team meetings, with payment in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA:

Brianna Romaniello

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Motion: Mrs. Egbert Elizabeth Guiheen
Second: Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

19. Approve the following staff member to serve as District Anti-bullying Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year:
Michael Anderson

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

20. Approve **2023-2024** extra-compensation assignments as **Elementary Grade Level Chairs**, with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

Grade 3 - Caitlin Vassoler

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

21. Approve the following addition(s) to the substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year.

Substitute Nurse: Elizabeth Fariello

Substitute Teachers: Cassie March

Miles Rogers

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

22. Authorize a contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for substitute school nursing services at a rate of \$65.00 per hour as needed.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

23. Approve Tonisha Lockley, part time Administrative Assistant, HTSACC, at a salary of \$22,800, effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

24. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of June 2023, **Attachment "A"**.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

25. Acknowledge that there were no incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying for the period of June 12 - June 30, 2023.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

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26. Approve the New Jersey Department of Education HIB School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades Under The Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act Summary Reports, and approve its submission to the State Department of Education.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Amoresano

Roll Call: 5 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 June 2023:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	6/13/23
Bee Meadow School	6/13/23
Mountview Road School	6/13/23
Salem Drive School	6/19/23

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	6/20/23
Bee Meadow School	6/12/23
Mountview Road School	6/14/23
Salem Drive School	6/16/23

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

3. Approve the Hanover Township Public Schools Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Care Plus New Jersey to provide on-site mental health counseling, staff professional development, parent support, and training and school crisis assessments during the 2023-2024 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$130,000.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Bergen County Special Services to provide Behaviorist support services during the district's 2023 Extended School Year program at a total cost not to exceed \$10,800.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Bergen County Special Services to provide Educational Audiology services to the district's students with hearing impairments during the 2023-2024 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,880.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Bergen County Special Services to provide Teacher of the Deaf services to the following students during the 2023-2024 school year:

CST Student #2805001 - \$2,145.00

CST Student #10489 - \$2,145.00

CST Student #10557 - \$6,600.00

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

8. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Student CST #2805006 to attend Windsor Learning Center for the 2023 Extended School Year and the 2023-2024 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$72,870.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Student CST #10871 to attend the Developmental Learning Center for the 2023-2024 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$101,820.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

10. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to amend the previously approved tuition contract costs for Student CST # 2605007 at Glenview Academy for the 2023 Extended School Year and the 2023-2024 school year to correctly reflect all associated program costs, for a total cost not to exceed \$150,481 as follows:

2023 ESY \$ 21,295.00

2023-2024 School Year \$129,186.00

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the disposal of textbooks, as per **Attachment "C"**.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

12. Conduct the first reading of **District Goals** for the **2023-2024** school year (below), and if approved, adopt:

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1. The district will continue to cultivate and showcase a positive school climate and culture that focuses on student/staff wellness and safety and promotes family and community engagement.
2. Continue to improve our ability to utilize district benchmark and diagnostic data to inform instructional programming and implement strategies that target areas of growth for all students.
3. To implement the actionable items identified in the district facilities assessment, and to prepare for future needs through the updating of the long-range facilities plan and the consideration of a five-year strategic plan.
4. To upgrade and enhance the district's website to provide for information consistency across all grade levels and to illustrate the pride in our schools.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

13. Conduct the first reading of **Board Goals** for the **2023-2024** school year (below), and if approved, adopt:

1. Continue the work toward earning NJSBA Board Certification again by engaging in at least four hours per year of full Board training workshops.
2. Continue to celebrate staff and student successes, with increased recognition of student accomplishments.
3. Add continued transparency to the work of the Board Committees.

Motion: Mrs. Egbert

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

C. FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL PLANT

I. FINANCE

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

1. Approve line item transfers in the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 Budget, **Attachment "B"**.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

2. Authorize the following payments:

Payroll 6/15/23	\$1,067,205.35
Payroll 6/20/23	\$ 903,929.16
Payroll 6/30/23	\$ 68,663.92
Bills & Voids – 6/14-6/30/23	\$ 522,776.28
Bills & Voids – 7/1–7/25/23	\$1,387,290.80

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Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 6/30/23 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:** 5 yes, 0 no

4. Accept the reports of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the month ended 6/30/23.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

5. Certify that as of 6/30/23, after reviewing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's financial report, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.10(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:** 5 yes, 0 no

6. Accept the fiscal year 2024 IDEA grant funds in the amounts below, and approve submission of the district's grant application to the NJDOE:

Basic Public -	\$319,211.00
Basic Nonpublic -	\$ 7,980.00
Preschool Public -	\$ 19,827.00

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

7. Accept Extraordinary Aid for the school year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$367,697.00.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

8. Accept Reimbursement of Nonpublic School Transportation Costs in the amount of \$13,050.00 for 2022-2023

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

9. Accept the following nonpublic entitlements for 2023-2024:

Nonpublic Security Aid	\$23,575.00
Nonpublic Nursing Aid	\$13,680.000
Nonpublic Textbook Aid	\$6,590.00
Nonpublic Technology Aid	\$5,586.00

Motion: Mr. Amoresano **Second:** Mr. Basile **Roll Call:** 5 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION

No Items for Board Consideration

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

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

1. Approve the submission of the Applications for Dual Use of Educational Space for the 2023-2024 school year to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mr. Basile

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Hanover Township Board of Education and Hanover Township for use of the Hanover Township Board of Education's fiber optic cabling by Hanover Township.

Motion: Mrs. Winkler

Second: Mrs. Egbert

Roll Call: 5 yes, 0 no

E. POLICY

1. Conduct the first reading of Policy #2419 School Threat Assessment Teams.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 4 yes, 0 no
(Abstain: Basile)

2. Conduct the first reading of Policy #3217 Use of Corporal Punishment.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 4 yes, 0 no
(Abstain: Basile)

3. Conduct the first reading of Policy #4217 Use of Corporal Punishment.

Motion: Mr. Amoresano

Second: Mrs. Winkler

Roll Call: 4 yes, 0 no
(Abstain: Basile)

Discussion: Mr. Basile stated that a couple of months back a request was made to have policies available to those not on the Policy Committee to review prior to the meeting. He stated that he received them today and would like to defer to next month if possible to

have enough time to review and question where we are with the Policy or he would abstain. Mr. Giacobbe said this is a first reading and there would be time to review before final vote next month. Mr. Basile questioned why he should vote on anything he hasn't had ample time to do his due diligence as a Board Member. Mrs. Bomengo said he was welcome to abstain. Mr. Basile said he didn't understand why they continue to ask for this and are still not receiving it. Mrs. Bomengo said the Threat Assessment has to be put forth by September and that going forward they will try to have a big batch of them and the ones they are ready to move forward with can be held back a month to get them and be a month behind if that works better. She also said it is difficult because sometimes they have to refer and go back to the Board Attorney and get approval and the meetings are the week before. Mr. Basile said the notes for the meeting came out on Thursday and said would receive it the next day. Mr. Amoresano noted that he said future and that it was with the attorney for review and was sent out when it was received. Mr. Basile said he was just asking for more time in the future to have ample time to review each policy, compare it to the Strauss Esmay policy and our previous policy if making any changes above and beyond what that is. He stated that overarching there is nothing wrong with these policies, he just wants more time.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kara Masucci, Resident, followed up on a question that was asked earlier about policies. She also commented on legal fees.

Fern Wolken, Resident, commented on legal fees and the ongoing lawsuit.

Steven Muench, Resident, spoke in support of Policy 8463.

Mike Rinaldi, Resident, spoke in support of Policy 8463.

Paul Szesko, Resident, spoke about funding for tutoring.

Terri Baird, Resident, spoke about ensuring all students are reading by second grade.

Karin Coffey, Resident, spoke in support of Policy 8463.

Kim Landers, Resident, spoke in support of Policy 8463.

XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - None

XIII. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION –

1. Move to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hanover Township Board of Education will convene in executive session immediately to undertake discussions concerning legal matters and,

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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.

The Board is expected to reconvene at 9:30 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Approved:** Unanimous

Motion to reconvene Public Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Winkler **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Approved:** Unanimous

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 9:31 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Basile **Approved:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa M. Wolsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary