

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2013  
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Mays Landing, New Jersey  
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Regular Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the William Davies Middle School by Dr. Anne Erickson.

**Call  
To  
Order**

Dr. Anne Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of  
Allegiance**

**ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETING**

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and the Atlantic County Record and its affiliates and a notice posted with the Township Clerk on the Bulletin Board at the following locations: Mizpah Social Services Center, Mizpah Post Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Atlantic County Library as well as all the schools of the district. A mechanical device is being used to both audio-tape and video-tape this meeting.

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Eric Aiken, Mr. Carl Anderson, Mrs. Peggy Capone, Mrs. Amelia Francis, Mr. George Hassa, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, Mrs. Kim Melton, Mr. John Sacchinelli and Dr. Anne Erickson. Quorum present.

**Roll  
Call**

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Michelle Cappelluti: Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Daniel Smith: Board Secretary  
Mr. Eric Goldstein: Solicitor

- (G) A representative from the Cooper Levenson Law Firm presented an award to Davies School Student, Durrone Elmore whose design was one of many chosen to be placed on their holiday cards.
- (F) Recognition of Davies School Student Council Member, Jay Cooperman for his dedication to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Sacchinelli, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

- H.T.E.A. Contract Negotiations

- HIB Reports
- Personnel Matters
- Litigation

Resolved that pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving discussion of:

- H.T.E.A. Contract Negotiations
- HIB Reports
- Personnel Matters
- Litigation

Further resolved that the discussion of such subject matter in executive session can be disclosed to the public when formal action is taken on such subject matter or at any other appropriate time.

Further resolved the Board may take action on items discussed in executive session. Further resolved that the Board will be in executive session for approximately 45 minutes.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

The Board entered into Executive session at 7:18 p.m.

The Board resumed the Regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Recognition of out-going Board Members, Mr. Carl Anderson, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, and Mr. George Hassa for their service to the Hamilton Township School District.

Dr. Cappelluti thanked the outgoing Board members for the time they have served.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the *revised* Executive session minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2013, as per attachment Minutes-1.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the *revised* Regular and Executive session minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2013, as per attachment Minutes-2.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lynne Clark noted Mr. Anderson gave his all to this district and has a lot to be proud of. She also stated that Barbara Kupp was one of the best teachers in the district. The Board is losing a great asset. The Board is losing some of the best Board members this district has ever had.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Anderson thanked Eric Aiken, John Sacchinelli and Kim Melton for the hours they put into negotiations.

Mrs. Kupp noted that she cares deeply for this district. She noted that commitment, communication, confidence and respect are building blocks for an effective school board. The Board needs a trusting relationship with each other and should make sure the district is run well; not run the district.

Mr. Aiken thanked Barbara Kupp and Carl Anderson for their dedication to the district. He also thanked John Sacchinelli and Kim Melton for their hard work with negotiations. He attended the Hess concert and noted that the talent was unbelievable.

Mr. Anderson brought his note cards that he used for his PTO interview when he was first elected to the Board. He feels the district has obtained stability. The Board must have transparency so the constituents have trust in the district to effectively meet the needs of the students.

Mrs. Melton thanked the HTEA and the Personnel Committee for all the hard work during negotiations.

Dr. Erickson thanked Andrea Lawful-Trainer for inviting HTEA members to one of her parent meetings. She noted that the evening went great with interaction between the HTEA members and the parents. Dr. Erickson noted that Ms. Lawful-Trainer has a big group of parents in her program right now and she looks forward to seeing them become more involved in the community.

### **SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF REPORTS**

#### (A) Information Items

##### 1. **Dates to Remember**

- a. December 17, 2013 – Curriculum Committee Meeting – Davies School –

- 6:00 p.m.
- b. December 17, 2013 – Board of Education Meeting – Davies School – 7:00 p.m.
  - c. December 19, 2013 – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Office – 4:30 p.m.
  - d. December 23-January 1, 2014 – Winter Recess – Schools Closed
  - e. January 7, 2014 – Regular and Re-Organization Meeting – Davies School – 7:00 p.m.

- (H) Report on Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.

*Presented By:* Russell Clark, Affirmative Action Officer and  
Anti-Bullying Coordinator

- (B) Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Incident Log, as per attachment X-B.
- (C) Registration/Transfer Statistics for the Month of November, 2013, as per attachment X-C.
- (D) Enrollment for the month of November, 2013, as per attachment X-D.
- (E) New Homes and Certificates of Occupancy for the months of September, October, and November, 2013, as per attachment X-E.
- (I) Recognition of out-going Board Members, Mr. Carl Anderson, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, and Mr. George Hassa for their service to the Hamilton Township School District

## **COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **BUILDING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Sacchinelli**

None

### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – Mrs. Kupp**

Motion by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motion, as presented:

#### **SWEP Program**

1. To approve the Hamilton Township School District's draft School-Wide Enrichment Program (SWEP) Curriculum for kindergarten through grade 5. This curriculum is a component of the district's revised Gifted & Talented Program. The curriculum will be refined following the 2013-2014 school year

for final BOE approval for the 2014-2015 school year

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motion, as presented:

2. To approve the Hamilton Township School District's draft Financial Literacy Curriculum. The Financial Literacy Course offered to grade 6 students is in its pilot year. The curriculum will be refined following the 2013-2014 school year for final BOE approval for the 2014-2015 school year. **Financial Literacy Curriculum**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Melton**

Motion by Mrs. Melton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To approve the Report of Receipts and Expenditures in accordance with 18A:17-8 and 18A:17-9 for the month of October, 2013. The Report of Receipts and Expenditures and the Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of October, 2013. **Report of Receipts and Expenditures**
2. To approve the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending October 31, 2013. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Hamilton Township Board of Education certifies that as of October 31, 2013, and after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial appropriations section as presented and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Board's **Board Secretary's Report**

knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Budget Transfers**

3. To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$330,412.00.

**Superintendent's and Board Secretary's certification**

4. To approve the Superintendent's and Board Secretary's certification that they have reviewed all bills and purchase orders which are listed on the bill list, and hereby certify to the Board of Education that all purchase orders are sufficiently encumbered to cover the submitted bills, and further that all goods and services have been previously received.

**Bills and payroll**

5. To approve bills and payroll in the total amount of \$233,879.50:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10	General Fund/Payroll	\$174,208.78
20	Special Revenue	21,824.91
50	Kid's Corner	23,945.57
50	Community Education	3,306.27
50	Camp Blue Star	10,593.97

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mrs. Melton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

**Staff attendance at seminars, workshops and conferences**

6. To approve staff attendance at seminars, workshops and conferences, including costs related to applicable reimbursable expenses, during the 2013-2014 school year.

**Tuition contract between**

7. To approve two tuition contracts between the Hamilton Township Board of Education and the Somers Point Board of Education for two

**HTBOE and  
Somers Point  
Board of  
Education**

(2) students for the period September 5, 2013 through January 29, 2014 for a total cost of \$11,723.83, pro-rated.

8. To approve a tuition contract between Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf and the Hamilton Township Board of Education for one (1) student for the 2013-2014 school year with a total tuition costs of \$47,495.00 and dormitory charges in the amount of \$11,850.00 for a total cost of \$59,345.00.
- Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf**

9. To approve the disposal of unused checks as follows:
- Disposal of unused checks**

<u>Bank</u>	<u>General Account#</u>	<u>Check #'s</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ocean City Home Bank	981022221	23179-24610	Account Closed

10. To approve Resolution #72 to Adjust the Budget Submission Calendar for 2014-2015.
- Resolution #72**

11. To approve tuition contracts between the Galloway Township Board of Education and the Hamilton Township Board of Education for two (2) students for the period September 9, 2013 through June 16, 2014, as follows:
- Tuition contract between HTBOE and Galloway Township BOE**

Kindergarten Student - \$70.25/per diem for 180 days for a total tuition cost of \$12,645.00

Grade 5 student - \$73.32/per diem for 180 days for a total tuition cost of \$13,197.60

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mrs. Melton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motion, as presented:

12. To approve an Addendum to the Professional Services Agreement for the 2013-2014 school year between Burlington County
- Addendum to Professional Services**

Special Services School District and the  
Hamilton Township School District.

**Agreement**

(The Professional Services Agreement was approved on June 25, 2013 for the 2013-2013 school year.)

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

**PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – Mr. Aiken**

**All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent in accordance with 18A.**

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

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| <b>Homebound instruction</b>                 | 1. To approve homebound instruction for the 2013-2014 school year, as per attachment Personnel-1.  |
| <b>Fieldwork placements</b>                  | 2. To approve fieldwork placements for the 2013-2014 school year, as per attachment Personnel-2.   |
| <b>Ashley Noll, Shaner School Teacher</b>    | 3. To approve Ashley Noll as a Shaner School teacher for the period January 27, 2014 through June 30, 2014, B.A., Step 1, for a total annual salary of \$44,352.00, pro-rated, as per attachment Personnel-3.<br><br>Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. negotiations.<br><br>Ms. Noll is a replacement for Jenna Kyle who will be on a maternity leave of absence. |
| <b>Maternity leave for Theresa Christman</b> | 4. To approve a maternity leave of absence for Theresa Christman, Hess School Teacher. Mrs. Christman is requesting to use her accumulated sick time for the period March 5, 2014 through the end of the school year. In the event the school calendar changes   |



and she has exhausted all of her sick days, she will be placed on a NJ Family Leave of absence with a return to work date of September 1, 2014, as per attachment Personnel-4.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

5. To approve a maternity leave of absence for Jacqueline Radice, Davies School teacher. Mrs. Radice is requesting to use her accumulated sick days for the period March 14, 2014 through the end of the school year with a return to work date of September 1, 2014, as per attachment Personnel-5. **Maternity leave for Jacqueline Radice**

6. To approve a medical leave of absence for Kenneth Morrison, full-time Davies School Custodian. Mr. Morrison is requesting to use his accumulated sick time from December 13-30, 2013, vacation time from January 2-31, 2014 and Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) from February 3, 2014 to March 28, 2014 with a return to work date of March 31, 2014, as per attachment Personnel-6. **Medical leave of absence for Kenneth Morrison**

Mr. Morrison's vacation and FMLA will run concurrently.

7. To approve Kristen DeVuyst as a full-time, Hess School teacher for the period January 27, 2014 through June 30, 2014, B.A., Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$44,352.00, pro-rated, as per attachment Personnel-7. **Kristen DeVuyst, Hess School Teacher**

Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. negotiations.

Ms. DeVuyst is a replacement for Carla

Burke who is on a maternity leave of absence.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motion, as presented:

**June Irwin,  
Food Service  
Worker**

8. To approve June Irwin as a part-time 27.5 hours/week Hess School Food Service worker for the period December 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014, Food Service Guide, Step 4, with a total annual salary of \$18,030.00, pro-rated, as per attachment Personnel-8.

Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. negotiations.

Ms. Irwin is a replacement for Marcia Errickson who has resigned.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

**Cathleen  
Fichetola,  
Food Service  
Worker**

9. To approve Cathleen Fichetola as a part-time, 15 hours/week, Hess School Food Service Worker for the period December 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014, Food Guide, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$9,479.00, pro-rated, as per attachment Personnel-9.

Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. negotiations.

Ms. Fichetola is a replacement for June Irwin

whose hours were increased.

**Resignation of  
John Ingersoll**

10. To accept and approve a resignation notice from John Ingersoll, Hess School Food Service worker effective December 31, 2013 with his last day of employment to be December 20, 2013, as per attachment Personnel-10.

11. To approve the following Mentors for the 2013-2014 school year:

**Mentors**

- Wendy Marco, Shaner School for Ashley Noll
- Michael Guedes, Hess School for Kristen DeVuyst

12. To extend an employment contract for Melanie Piskun, full-time Hess School teacher from January 2, 2014 to March 21, 2014. Ms. Piskin is a replacement for Patty Carmen who is on a medical leave of absence which was previously approved on September 3, 2013

**Melanie Piskun,  
Hess School  
Teacher**

13. To approve the termination of Kevin Graham, Hess School part-time Food Service worker effective December 6, 2013.

**Termination of  
Kevin Graham**

14. To approve district substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year, as per attachment Personnel-14.

**District substitutes**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

15. To approve a return to work date for Kristina Morey, Davies School secretary from January 2, 2014 to December 19, 2013, as per attachment Personnel-15.

**Return to work for  
Kristina Morey**

16. To approve Kristina Morey as a full-time, Davies School 6-7 Grade administrative secretary for the period January 2, 2014

**Kristina Morey,  
Administrative  
Secretary**

through June 30, 2014, Admin. Secretary Guide, Step 5, with a total annual salary of \$28,152.00, pro-rated, as per attachment Personnel-16.

Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. negotiations.

Mrs. Morey is a replacement for Lorraine Grasso-Johnson who is retiring.

**Maternity  
leave for  
Danielle  
Grimaldi**

17. To approve a maternity leave of absence for Danielle Grimaldi, Hess School teacher. Mrs. Grimaldi is requesting to use her accumulated sick days for the period April 7, 2014 through May 2, 2014 and be placed on a Family Leave of Absence for the period May 5, 2014 to the end of the school year with a return to work date of September 1, 2014, as per attachment Personnel-17.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motion, as presented:

**Memorandum  
of Agreement**

18. To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Hamilton Township Board of Education and the Hamilton Township Education Association ("HTEA") for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, as per attachment Personnel-18.

Mrs. Capone wanted to state that there were Board members who were willing to pay more for an increase of instruction time for the students. They are concerned about the 40% of the students who are not performing well in math and language arts. She feels that the Board will need to find other ways to address the students who need help to succeed in the school system.

Dr. Erickson wanted to note that there are disproportionate jumps on the guide which need addressing. She wanted to note that some Board members are not in favor of the jumps.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the following motion, as presented:

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| 19. To accept the resignation of Cassandra Cherry-Davis, Hess School Teacher effective December 17, 2013. | <b>Resignation of<br/>Cassandra Cherry-Davis</b> |
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Roll Call Vote: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

**POLICY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Capone**

Motion by Mrs. Capone, seconded by Mr. Hassa, to approve the following motions, as presented:

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| 1. To approve Policy #1240 – Evaluation of Superintendent on first reading, as per attachment Policy-1.                        | <b>Policy #1240</b>     |
| 2. To approve Regulation #1240 – Evaluation of Superintendent on first reading, as per attachment Policy-2.                    | <b>Regulation #1240</b> |
| 3. To approve Policy #3142 – Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members on first reading, as per attachment Policy-3.     | <b>Policy #3142</b>     |
| 4. To approve Regulation #3142 – Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members on first reading, as per attachment Policy-4. | <b>Regulation #3142</b> |
| 5. To approve Policy #3144 – Certification of Tenure Charges on first reading, as per  | <b>Policy #3144</b>     |

attachment Policy-5.

6. To approve Regulation #3144 – Certification of Tenure Charges on first reading, as per attachment Policy-6. **Regulation #3144**
- Policy #3221** 7. To approve Policy #3221 – Evaluation of Teachers on first reading, as per attachment Policy-7.
- Regulation #3221** 8. To approve Regulation #3221 – Evaluation of Teachers on first reading, as per attachment Policy-8.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motion by Mrs. Capone, seconded by Mr. Hassa, to approve the following motions, as presented:

- Policy #3222** 9. To approve Policy #3222 – Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators on first reading, as per attachment Policy-9.
- Regulation #3222** 10. To approve Regulation #3222 – Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators on first reading, as per attachment Policy-10.
- Policy #3223** 11. To approve Policy #3223 – Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals on first reading, as per attachment Policy-11.
- Regulation #3223** 12. To approve Regulation #3223 – Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals on first reading, as per attachment Policy-12.
- Policy #3224** 13. To approve Policy #3224 – Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals on first reading, as per attachment Policy-13.

**Regulation  
#3224**

14. To approve Regulation #3224 – Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals on first reading, as per attachment Policy-14.

15. Policy #4146 – Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Members on first reading, as per attachment Policy-15.

**Policy #4146**

16. Regulation #4146 – Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Members on first reading, as per attachment Policy-16.

**Regulation  
#4146**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Anderson**

None

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michelle Giardino wanted to thank the Board for approving the contract. She hopes that what transpired this past year and a half will not happen again with the next round of negotiations. She feels the Board is losing two great Board members and she hopes the new members can learn from them. She feels that education is different than any other profession. She thanked all of the people who have a hand in helping the school system run effectively.

Margaret Erickson asked if students take a financial literacy course in the middle school, would they be required to take it again in high school. Dr. Cappelluti responded that it is not a requirement in the middle school, it is just an introduction and they will be required to take

it again in high school.

A parent asked why the students no longer have pep rallies. Dr. Cappelluti stated that she will bring it to the attention of the administrators and find out why they have stopped. Mrs. Capone stated that she spoke with Ms. Lamanteer who said it was due to the negotiations and not having teachers willing to participate. Dr. Cappelluti will speak to Ms. Lamanteer regarding this.

Patty Fleming thanked the board for approving the contract. She noted that it is the first time she has worked on negotiations where both sides have worked so well together at the table. She hopes this will continue into the next contract negotiation.

Jeff Gildiner noted that it has been a long 2 ½ years of negotiations and he wanted to thank the Board for all they have done. He noted the HTEA negotiations team would like to shake hands with the Board members.

Dr. Erickson wanted to state that Board members are volunteers and she feels they have taken a lot of abuse. She feels the Board is very committed to helping the students and the district and is very proud of the accomplishments of the students. Dr. Erickson noted that there are countless hours of work that take place by the uncompensated Board members.

Dr. Cappelluti wanted to wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Hassa, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote: All in favor: (9-0-0) Motion carried.

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Daniel Smith  
Board Secretary