

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 2013  
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Mays Landing, New Jersey  
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the Davies Middle School by Dr. Anne Erickson, President.

**Call  
To  
Order**

Dr. 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 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.

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. Kimberly Melton, Mr. John Sacchinelli, and Dr. Anne Erickson

**Roll  
Call**

Members Absent: None

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Hassa, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting of August 6, 2013, as per attachment Minutes-1.

Roll Call Vote: Eight in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Hassa, Mrs. Melton, Mr. Sacchinelli, and Dr. Erickson. Abstained: Mrs. Kupp (8-0-1)

Motion by Mr. Hassa, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the regular session minutes of the meeting of August 20, 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)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Aiken stated that he was displeased to hear that no goals were set at the meeting on October 15, 2013. He asked if another meeting will be set. Dr. Cappelluti stated that she is waiting to hear from Mrs. Zoerb. Dr. Erickson noted that most of the Board members were in agreement with the vision, but we are still working on the goals.

Mr. Aiken commented on Veteran's Day ceremonies that will be held at the park. He asked if Boy Scouts would be excused from school that day. He would like everyone attending to be excused for the day. Mrs. Capone noted that Dr. Cappelluti said it would be an excused absence. The Board discussed allowing other student groups to attend as well; such as the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Capone asked about using a bus to transport students to and from the ceremonies. The Board discussed this option and was in favor of utilizing a bus. Mrs. Kupp noted this is a good discussion for next year since Veteran's Day is only two weeks away.

Mr. Sacchinelli noted the students attending would be excused for this year and the Board can put something in place for next year to get more students involved.

Mrs. Francis asked about meeting to discuss the Board goals. Dr. Cappelluti noted that the Board will discuss them in November and then meet with Mrs. Zoerb in December.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

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| <b>Club Activity Trips</b> | 1. To approve club/activity trips for the 2013-2014 school year, as per attachment Transportation-1. |
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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)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

1. To cancel the November 5, 2013 Board of Education meeting. **Cancel November 5 meeting**

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

2. To change the time of the regular session meeting scheduled for November 19, 2013 to 6:00 p.m. to provide for a Goal Setting Workshop. **Change time of meeting**

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)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motioned by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Hassa, to enter into executive session for discussion of contract negotiations.

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 contract negotiations. 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 120 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 5:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: 9-0-0

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Daniel Smith  
Board Secretary