

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

January 18, 2011

Pennington, N.J.

The Regular Meeting of the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education was held in the Board Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 425 South Main Street, Pennington, New Jersey, 08534 on Monday, January 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. James J. Wulf. The Secretary recorded the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Ms. Laura Desai
Mr. Stephen Keen
Ms. Judy Lindenberger, Vice President
Ms. Leigh Ann Peterson
Ms. Lisa Wolff
Mr. James J. Wulf, President

Members Absent: Mr. Roy G. Dollard
Mr. Gordon Lewis
Mr. Daniel O'Connor

Others present: Dr. Thomas A. Smith, Superintendent
Mr. Robert Colavita, Board Secretary/Business Administrator
Mr. Richard Lang, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Christine Abrahams, Supervisor of Counseling Services
Dr. Celeste Curley, Director of Pupil Services
And 16 members of the public

Mr. Wulf read the Open Public Meetings statement as follows:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof communicated to the *Hopewell Valley News*, *Pennington Post*, *The Times* and *Trentonian* on April 27, 2010. This meeting notice was also sent to Comcast Cable and Verizon Fios.

Mr. Wulf led the Board and the public in the flag salute.

The meeting was videotaped.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Keen, seconded by Ms. Desai, that the Board approve the following minutes:

- A. Regular and Closed Meetings on December 13, 2010
- B. Special and Closed Meetings on December 20, 2010

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD PRESIDENT

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Smith thanked Mr. Torkelson, Director of Facilities, Mrs. Nancy Kaczor, Transportation Supervisor, and members of their staff for their outstanding efforts in handling the recent snowstorms.

Dr. Smith reported that, as part of the 2011-2012 budget development process currently underway, presentations are planned through March to familiarize the community with programs and services included in the budget. He introduced the two presentations planned for the evening: Counseling Services and Nursing Services. He recognized the guidance counselors and the nursing staff for the valuable support that they provide to our students.

Presentation: "A Week in the Life of a Guidance Counselor"

Dr. Abrahams, Supervisor of Counseling Services, presented a PowerPoint on a week in the life of a guidance counselor (copy attached).

Presentation: Nursing Services

Dr. Curley, Director of Pupil Services, presented a PowerPoint on the district's nursing services (copy attached).

2011-12 Budget

Dr. Smith presented a PowerPoint on the 2011-12 budget development process (copy attached).

PUBLIC COMMENT

8:35 p.m.

Mrs. Murphy, Hopewell Township, expressed her concern over potential budget cuts to the 7th Grade athletic program.

Ms. Green, employee of Sodexo, the district's food service management company, commented on contract negotiations between cafeteria workers and Sodexo and requested support from the Board by communicating to Sodexo to move the contract forward.

Ms. Morrison, Hopewell Township, spoke in support of the cafeteria staff.

The public comment portion of the meeting ended at 8:44 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Lindenberger, seconded by Mr. Keen, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

FINANCE/FACILITIES

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached list of bills dated January 18, 2011 totaling \$1,914,030.73.

RESOLVED, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for November, 2010 be approved as presented. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 4, the Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the fiscal year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following resolution authorizing the return of \$31,919 back into the capital reserve account:

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education withdrew \$67,584 from the capital reserve account for the shingle roof replacement project at Bear Tavern Elementary School,

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for the shingle roof replacement project at Bear Tavern Elementary School was \$35,665,

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education wishes to return funds in the amount of \$31,919 not used for this project back into the capital reserve account, and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education by resolution must approve the return of funds into capital reserve,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education that \$31,919 not used for the shingle roof replacement project at Bear Tavern be returned back into the capital reserve account

RESOLVED that the Board accept the following Quoted Special Education Transportation Route for 2010-2011:

Quoted Route SAH1 with Rick Bus Company to transport one Hopewell Township student to/from the Somerset Alternative High School located in Bridgewater, N.J. per Central High School Administration. This run is effective January 3, 2011 at a per diem cost of \$212.00. Quoted contracts over the bid threshold shall be issued for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve that the voting hours for the Annual School Election to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and that the polling locations for this election are as follows:

Hopewell Township

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| Polling District #1 | Mercer County Vocational School Building "A" Media Center, 129 Bull Run Rd.
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election District 1 |
| Polling District #2 | Union Fire Company Auditorium, Route 29, River Road
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election District 2 & 3 |
| Polling District #3 | Central High School, Auditorium Lobby, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election District 4 |

- Polling District #4 Hopewell Valley Regional School District, Administration Building,
Board Meeting Room, 425 South Main Street, Pennington
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election District 5
- Polling District #5 Hopewell Elem. School, Cafetorium Hallway, 35 Princeton Avenue,
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election Districts 6 & 12
- Polling District #6 Hopewell Township Municipal Building Auditorium
201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election District 7 & 9
- Polling District #7 Hopewell Valley Regional School District Administration Building,
Board Meeting Room, 425 South Main Street, Pennington
Polling locations for Hopewell Township General Election District 8
- Polling District #8 Stony Brook Elementary School, Gymnasium, 20 Stephenson Road,
Polling location for Hopewell Township General Election Districts 10 & 11

Pennington Borough

- Polling District #9 Pennington Borough Municipal Building, 30 North Main Street, Pennington
Polling location for Pennington Borough General Election District 1
- Polling District #10 Pennington Senior Citizens Center, 393 Reading Street, Pennington
Polling location for Pennington Borough General Election Districts 2 and 3

Hopewell Borough

- Polling District #11 Hopewell Train Station, 2 Railroad Place, Hopewell
Polling location for Hopewell Borough General Election Districts 1 and 2

RESOLVED, that the Board establish the mileage reimbursement rate at the State mileage rate of \$.31 for 2011. The HVEA and HVASA will continue to receive travel reimbursement at the contracted IRS rate which is **\$.51** per mile effective January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011. Effective July, 1, 2011, the HVEA and HVASA will receive mileage reimbursement at the State mileage rate of **\$.31**.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the disposal by sale for scrap of the following office equipment in poor condition and no longer usable or of value to the district located in the Robotics Room at Central High School:

- (1) 3-drawer metal file cabinet
- (1) 4-drawer metal file cabinet
- (2) portable metal cabinets – 2-drawer and 3-drawer
- (2) tall metal cabinets
- (2) metal teacher's desks
- (1) metal drawing table
- (1) wooden table
- (1) wooden 2-drawer cabinet

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Board approve a contract for student placement at Somerset Alternate School for tuition of \$25,900

RESOLVED, that the Board approve a contract for student placement at Hunterdon Learning at a per

diem cost of \$215.30

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2011-12 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Mercer an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2011-12 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following adjustments to the high school schedule:

- March 1, 2, and 3, 2011: All students in Grade 11 are to report to school by 7:45 a.m. for the High School State Proficiency Assessment (HSPA). The HSPA will begin at 7:45 a.m. and end by 10:45 a.m. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 are to report to school by 10:15 a.m.
- May 17 and 18, 2011: All students in Biology, Honors Biology, Life Science, and the Academic Essentials Science class with Ms. Bessellieu are to report to school by 7:45 a.m. for the Biology Competency Test (BCT). The BCT will begin at 7:45 a.m. and end by 10:45 a.m. All other students are to report to school by 10:15 a.m.
- January 28, 2011: All students in Grades 9-12 will be given midterm exams on January 24, 25, 26, and 27. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28 to allow time for makeup exams, grading, and assessing student achievement.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following extracurricular activity at Central High School:

Science Olympiad

Purpose: to participate in this international organization that resolves to improve the quality of science education, increase students' interest in the sciences and provide a sense of enthusiasm in academics in general through competitions, activities, events, and workshops.

ROUTINE INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following routine information items:

Fire Drills for November:

Bear Tavern Elementary School	-	December 10, 2010
Hopewell Elementary School	-	December 21, 2010
Stony Brook Elementary School	-	December 8, 2010
Toll Gate Grammar School	-	December 2, 2010
Timberlane Middle School	-	December 22, 2010
Central High School	-	December 16, 2010

School Security Drills for November:

Bear Tavern Elementary School	-	December 15, 2010
Hopewell Elementary School	-	December 22, 2010
Stony Brook Elementary School	-	December 9, 2010

Toll Gate Grammar School - December 21, 2010
 Timberlane Middle School - December 13, 2010
 Central High School - December 13, 2010
 Taxes Requisitioned and Received (Attached)
 Enrollment Report for November (Attached)
 Report on School Suspensions for November (Attached)

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Motion by Ms. Desai, seconded by Mr. Keen:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached 2010-2011 general fund budget transfers

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached 2010-2011 general fund budget adjustments

RESOLVED, that the Board gratefully acknowledges and accepts a donation made on December 15, 2010 of miscellaneous Speech and Language Learning materials valued at \$2,000 from Ms. Susan Wright of Pennington, NJ.

RESOLVED, that the Board gratefully acknowledges and accepts a donation of the following fitness equipment valued at approximately \$12,000 (floor platforms – 10 @ \$1,200, all others \$1,200 per piece) from Curves Fitness Center, 110 Straube Center Boulevard, 1-1B, Pennington to be used for instructional purposes during Wellness classes at both Timberlane Middle School and Central High School and made available to all students after school during supervised fitness room hours as follows:

- CHS: floor platforms, leg adductor/abductor, preacher curl, squat and pectorial deck
- TMS: leg press, ab machine, leg curl, lat pull down, and chest press

RESOLVED, that the Board gratefully acknowledges and accepts a donation of \$1,000 from Kenneth and Alice Zeldis for Central High School’s winter play production of Les Miserables

The vote:

Ms. Desai	Yes	Mr. O’Connor	Absent
Mr. Dollard	Absent	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. Keen	Yes	Ms. Wolff	Yes
Mr. Lewis	Absent	Mr. Wulf	Yes
Ms. Lindenberger	Yes		

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Keen, seconded by Ms. Lindenberger, RESOLVED that per the Superintendent's recommendation, the following actions be approved:

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Acceptance of the resignation of **Jacqueline Kurisko**, paraprofessional at Timberlane Middle School, effective January 17, 2011.

Appointment of **Sherry Marlatt** as a teacher at Bear Tavern Elementary School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$49,022 (BA/Step 1), effective December 21, 2010. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Appointment of **Stella Greenbaum** as a teacher of French at Central High School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$54,166 (MA/Step 2), effective January 3, 2011. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Appointment of **Diane Brack** as a teacher at Stony Brook Elementary School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$25,333 (FTE .5/BA/Step 2), effective January 7, 2011. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Appointment of **Corrine Sisler** as a paraprofessional at Bear Tavern Elementary School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$21,596 (6.5 hours per day), effective January 10, 2011.

Appointment of **Karin Colantuono** as a language arts teacher at Timberlane Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$55,934 (BA/Step 5), effective January 14, 2011. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Appointment of **Margaret Stahlin** as a paraprofessional at Timberlane Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$20,060 (7.0 hour per day), effective January 14, 2011.

Appointment of **Cori Villegas** as an elementary school teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$49,022 (BA/Step 1), effective January 24, 2011. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Adjustment to the 2010-2011 salary of **Joyce Nagel**, English as a Second Language teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$57,810 (BA/Step 6), effective January 3, 2011.

Adjustment to the 2010-2011 salary of **Jenna Fasulo**, elementary school teacher at Stony Brook Elementary, to reflect a change of assignment with an increase in hours: \$50,666 (FTE 1.0/BA/Step 2), effective January 7, 2011. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Adjustment to the 2010-2011 salary of **Lena Rosati**, van attendant, to reflect a decrease in hours: \$9,282 (4.25 hours per day/\$12.00 per hour/182 days), effective January 10, 2011.

Adjustment to the 2010-2011 salary of **Nirva Bien Aimé**, van attendant, to reflect an increase in hours: \$11,466 (5.25 hours per day/\$12.00 per hour/182 days), effective January 10, 2011.

Transfer and appointment of **Elizabeth Haldeman** as a bus driver, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$20,748 (6.0 hours per day/\$19.00 per hour/182 days), effective January 10, 2011.

Extension of the appointment of **Carey Higgins** as a special education teacher at Bear Tavern Elementary

School, for the 2010-2011 school year, at the salary of \$52,364 (BA/Step 3), effective February 11, 2011 through June 30, 2011. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Granting of a family leave of absence to **Loreen Holstein**, teacher at Central High School, for the 2010-2011 school year, to begin January 26, 2011.

Granting of a family leave of absence to **Kiki Enderle**, athletic director/6-12 wellness supervisor, for the 2010-2011 school year, to begin February 7, 2011.

Granting of a family leave of absence to **Courtney Underwood**, teacher at Bear Tavern Elementary School, for the 2010-2011 school year, to begin February 17, 2011.

Granting of a personal leave of absence to **Charisse Todman-Taft**, occupational therapist at Bear Tavern Elementary, Hopewell Elementary, and Toll Gate Grammar Schools, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective February 8, 2011.

Granting of a personal leave of absence to **Kiki Enderle**, athletic director/6-12 wellness supervisor, for the 2010-2011 school year, to begin May 4, 2011.

Approval of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Nicole Arioso	Kendal Bushnell	Anthony Cianciarulo
Lauren Cowley	Nancy Crockett	Jennifer Curtis
Jackie Laird	Sarah Lapinski	Alissa O'Shaughnessy
Perry Paul	Tracy Rader	Kaitlin Rockey
Stephanie Schetler	Jason Tonic	Karen Upperco

Approval of the following homebound instructor(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Susan Carrigan

Approval of the following substitute paraprofessional(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Nicole Arioso	Kendal Bushnell	Lindsay Chalela
Nancy Crockett	Jennifer Curtis	Eric Doran
Jackie Laird	Sarah Lapinski	Alissa O'Shaughnessy
Perry Paul	Tracy Rader	Stephanie Schetler
Jason Tonic	Karen Upperco	

Approval of the following piano accompanist(s)/music assistant(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Ingrid Ladendorf

Approval of the following substitute custodian(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Victor Sanchez

Approval of the following substitute van attendant(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Buford Tann

Approval of the following substitute secretary(s) for the 2010-2011 school year:

Nicole Arioso

Approval of the following student teacher(s) for the 2010-2011 school year spring semester:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jessica Buckles	Rider University	Central High School
Amber Currie	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Alicia Perrine	College of New Jersey	Timberlane Middle School
Patrick Genau	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Luann Folino	College of New Jersey	Bear Tavern Elementary School

Approval of the following students to complete their junior practicum requirement, for the 2010-2011 school year spring semester:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
Caitlin Black	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Kelsey Borup	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Ashley Carfagno	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Monica Franklin	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Natasha Hernandez	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Daniel Lee	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Kelli Lord	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Jennifer Mangin	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Kathryn Morris	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Kathleen Notos	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Amanda Raymond	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Jordyn Russo	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Ashley Safir	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Michaela Weldron	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Erin Weimer	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Quinn Whalen	College of New Jersey	Hopewell Elementary School
Marina DeVino	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Christina Ferinde	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Katherine Franco	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Kandace Johntry	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Jacqueline Karvoski	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Stephanie Kulcsar	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Megan Pisani	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Staciann Sarno	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School
Michael Wallenburg	Rider University	Timberlane Middle School

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

Approval of the following extracurricular appointments and summer curriculum projects for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Level</u>
Paul Tkacs	CHS	Mentor: Year 1*	\$ 957	XIII
Mark Amantia	CHS	Assistant Boys Basketball	\$5,271	III/Step 8
Eric Guise	CHS	Youth Environmental Society (YES)*	\$ 986	VII/Step 1
Joan Bonnell	CHS	Mentor: Year 1*	\$ 957	XIII
Lois Fyfe	CHS	Head Softball	\$7,529	I/Step 9
Robert Rarich	CHS	Assistant Softball	\$5,271	III/Step 8
Gary Nucera	CHS	JV Softball	\$4,270	III/Step 4
Ken Harrison	CHS	Head Baseball	\$6,532	I/Step 6
Jake Manning	CHS	Assistant Baseball	\$5,521	III/Step 9
John Capuano	CHS	Assistant Baseball	Volunteer	III
Dan Balog	CHS	JV Baseball	\$4,521	III/Step 5

Eric Guise	CHS	Assistant Baseball	\$4,521	III/Step 5
Pam Edwards	CHS	Head Girls Lacrosse	\$7,529	I/Step 9
Margaret Rarich	CHS	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	\$3,770	III/Step 2
Dana Pomykacz	CHS	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	\$3,520	III/Step 1
Robert Siris	CHS	Head Boys Lacrosse	\$7,529	I/Step 9
Jeff Molinelli	CHS	JV Boys Lacrosse	\$3,520	III/Step 1
Mark Amantia	CHS	Freshman Boys Lacrosse	\$5,271	III/Step 8
Aaron Oldfield	CHS	Head Girls Spring Track	\$7,529	I/Step 9
Basil Campbell	CHS	Head Boys Spring Track	\$5,142	I/Step 1
Ben Samara	CHS	Assistant Track	\$4,020	III/Step 3
Alma Quinlan	CHS	Head Boys Tennis	\$6,544	II/Step 9
Dave Burchell	CHS	Assistant Tennis	\$4,308	IV/Step 9
Leigh Fesmire	BT	Mentor: Year 1*	\$ 957	XIII
Janice Cooke	TMS	Mentor: Year 1*	\$ 957	XIII
Robert Donovan	TMS	Timberlane Lacrosse	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Vincent Illuminate	TMS	Timberlane Lacrosse	\$2,746	V/Step 2
Laurel Abrahams	TMS	Timberlane Lacrosse	\$2,746	V/Step 2
Candy Gore	TMS	Timberlane Lacrosse	\$3,492	V/Step 7
Nadia Habig	TMS	Timberlane Track	\$3,789	V/Step 9
John Zalot	TMS	Timberlane Track	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Lisa Strigel	TMS	Timberlane Track	\$3,492	V/Step 7
Candace Osmond	TMS	Timberlane Track	\$3,045	V/Step 4
Michael Hammill	TMS	Timberlane Track	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Karl Weidman	TMS	Timberlane Baseball	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Chrys-Ann Kirby	HW	Mentor: Year 1*	\$ 957	XIII
Mickey Wisdom	SB	K-5 Lunch Duty (1 day/wk/2,3,4 MPs)	\$ 621.60	XIII
Janet Cole**	SB	K-5 Lunch Duty (1 day/wk/2,3,4 MPs)	\$ 621.60	XIII

*Effective January 3, 2011

**Decrease in assignment from previous board approval on October 18, 2010

Rescind of the following extracurricular appointments and summer curriculum projects for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Level</u>
Courtney Underwood	BT	K-5 Teacher in Charge*	\$1,160	XIII
Loreen Holstein	CHS	Youth Environ Society (YES)*	\$1,037	VII/Step 3

*Effective January 3, 2011

The vote:

Ms. Desai	Yes	Mr. O'Connor	Absent
Mr. Dollard	Absent	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. Keen	Yes	Ms. Wolff	Yes
Mr. Lewis	Absent	Mr. Wulf	Yes
Ms. Lindenberger	Yes		

Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Motion by Ms. Wolff, seconded by Ms. Desai, RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following new courses:

Financial Literacy, Grades 9-12

This course will be designed as a Business elective meeting the new State requirement. Special education students will continue to receive practical life skills in this course.

The Exploration of the Nature of Love, Grades 9-12

This course is an interdisciplinary course which will explore the nature of love through a cross-cultural look at literature, poetry, religion, psychology, biology, history, music and the media.

Global Public Service (GPS), Grades 9-12

This course is an elective two-semester course designed to encourage educators and students to examine global issues using an interdisciplinary approach.

French 3 Accelerated

This course will address changes being implemented in the 2011 school year and subsequent AP French exams. The accelerated curriculum would allow the students to achieve an adequate level of proficiency to address the new format.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve changing the full-year course, *World Arts*, to two separate full-year courses: *World Arts: Africa, Middle East, and Asia* and *World Arts: Oceania, North and South America* for Grades 9-12.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached travel and related expenses

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached list of district field trips

The vote:

Ms. Desai	Yes	Mr. O'Connor	Absent
Mr. Dollard	Absent	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. Keen	Yes	Ms. Wolff	Yes
Mr. Lewis	Absent	Mr. Wulf	Yes
Ms. Lindenberger	Yes		

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Peterson, Chair of the Communications Committee, reported that the committee discussed budget communications at their meeting held earlier in the evening.

POLICY/GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Wulf, seconded by Mr. Keen:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following attached Board policies/regulations for first reading:

- a. **Revised** Board Policy No. 7434, *Smoking on School Grounds*
- b. **Revised** Board Policy No. 8461, *Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse*

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following attached Board policy for second reading:

a. **Revised** Board Policy No. 5112, **Entrance Age**

The vote:

Ms. Desai	Absent	Mr. O'Connor	Absent
Mr. Dollard	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. Keen	Yes	Ms. Wolff	Yes
Mr. Lewis	Yes	Mr. Wulf	Yes
Ms. Lindenberger	Absent		

Motion carried.

CALENDAR

Motion by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Desai, that the Board approve the January 2011 and February 2011 calendars with the following changes:

January 19, 2011 6:30 p.m. Negotiations (**CANCELED**)
February 8, 2011 4:00 p.m. Personnel

NEW BUSINESS

School Board Candidate Information

Mr. Colavita, reported the following information to the Board:

1. The deadline for filing nomination petitions to run for positions on the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education is 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2011.
2. The following terms will be open on the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education at the April 27, 2011 Annual School Election:
Hopewell Township - (3) Three-Year Terms
3. The legal requirements to become a member of the Board of Education are as follows:
 - He/she is a citizen of the United States of America.
 - He/she must be at least 18 years of age to qualify for office.
 - He/she is a registered voter in the district.
 - He/she must be able to read and write.
 - He/she has been a resident of Hopewell Township for at least one (1) year preceding the date of the election.
 - He/she must not be directly/indirectly interested in any contract with or claim against the Board.
 - He/she is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*.
4. A change in the Annual School Election date and candidacy deadline has been proposed in the Legislature. The New Jersey School Boards Association will notify school districts of such a change, if enacted.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a School Board Candidate Kit which contains a nominating petition from the Business Office located in the HVRSD Administration Building,

425 South Main Street, Pennington.

Email Accounts

Mr. Wulf referred an email account inquiry from a district parent to the Superintendent for referral to a committee for a response.

PUBLIC INPUT

9:10 p.m.

No comments.

Motion by Ms. Wolff, seconded by Ms. Peterson, that the meeting be adjourned.

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Time: 9:11 p.m.

Robert Colavita
Board Secretary