

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

November 14, 2011

Pennington, N.J.

The Regular Meeting of the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education was held in the Media Center of Central High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington, New Jersey, 08534 on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Ms Lisa Wolff. The Secretary recorded the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Ms. Laura Desai
Mr. Roy G. Dollard
Mr. Gordon Lewis – arrived at 7:45 p.m., left at 9:00 p.m.
Mr. Daniel O’Connor – arrived at 7:35 p.m.
Ms. Leigh Ann Peterson, Vice President – arrived at 8:13 p.m.
Mr. Adam J. Sawicki
Ms. Lisa Wolff, President
Mr. James J. Wulf

Members Absent: Mr. Stephen Keen

Others present: Dr. Thomas A. Smith, Superintendent
Mr. Robert Colavita, Board Secretary/Business Administrator
Mr. Richard Lang, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Kelsey Dunne, Student Representative to the Board
And 36 members of the public

Ms. Wolff 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 May 10, 2011 and October 7, 2011. This meeting notice was also sent to Comcast Cable and Verizon FiOs.

Ms. Wolff led the Board and the public in the flag salute.

The meeting was videotaped.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Special Meeting on October 5, 2011
- B. Agenda and Closed Meetings on October 11, 2011
- B. Regular and Closed Meetings on October 17, 2011

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD PRESIDENT

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Smith reported to the Board on the following:

- Discussions on the 2012-2013 budget will begin soon. This year we will include a Saturday morning budget presentation to the community.

Board President's Update

President Wolff reported to the Board on the following:

- Board members Lisa Wolff, Leigh Ann Peterson, Gordon Lewis and Adam Sawicki attended their mandatory training at the NJSBA convention in October.
- In early December, negotiations will begin with the Hopewell Valley Education Support Professionals Association (HVESPA), one of the five collective bargaining associations needing contracts. A meeting with the mediator for negotiations with the Hopewell Valley Education Association (HVEA) is also scheduled in December. President Wolff recognized Vice President Leigh Ann Peterson for attending additional collective bargaining training sessions.
- Special thanks to Susan Pollara for her help on the RFP for Before and After School Care Services.
- The districtwide textiles drive was a huge success, resulting in a collection of 8,376 pounds of textiles. She thanked Heidi Willenius and Jeanine Vaccarino for their hard work on this project.
- The Recreation Foundation of Hopewell Valley will be holding their "Turf's Up" Fall Ball on Saturday and she, Leigh Ann Peterson, and Dan O'Connor will be in attendance. The event is a fundraiser for a turf field at Central High School.

Report of the Student Representative to the Board

Ms. Kelsey Dunne, CHS Student Representative to the Board, reported on the following:

- The Black and Gold Marching Band competed in the U.S. Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) NJ State Championship and placed third out of sixteen bands. In the USSBA National Championship, the band placed fifth out of sixteen bands.
- The football team ended its season with a record of 5 and 5. Senior Matt Pagano rushed for 1,000 yards during the season.
- A blood drive was held on October 25.
- The high school play, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, will open on Friday, 11/18 and close on Saturday, 11/19. Auditions for the winter musical, *Crazy for You*, start on November 30.
- The Model WHO Club will be holding a FIFA soccer tournament on November 18, from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. in the gym at CHS.
- Student Council is holding a new semi-formal dance on December 10, name to be determined.

Recognition of the National Merit Scholars

Mr. Daher, Principal of Central High School, spoke briefly about the students being honored and introduced Mrs. Abrahams, K-12 Supervisor of Counseling Services, who provided an overview of the National Merit Scholarship Program. Principal Daher introduced the following National Merit Scholars who were recognized by the Board:

National Merit Commended Scholars:

Mark Teng, Maggie Kent, Gayahri Tummala, Rohan Galgali, Agastya Mondal, John Brence, Allen Donne, Kennan Meyer, David Kilstein, Jacob Camins-Esakov, Ben Steinberg, Morgan Gruenewald, Sara Kuhn, Caitlin MacFarlane, Sarah Mitrano, Shane Moore

National Merit Semifinalists:

Hannah Hirsch, Scott Melman

Presentation of the 2009-2010 Annual Audit

Mr. Rodney Haines, Auditor, and Mr. Colavita presented a Power Point on the 2010-2011 annual audit (copy attached). Mr. Colavita commented that the district received an “unqualified” opinion which is the highest rating a district can receive.

Presentation of the District Achievement Report

Ms. Laquidara, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, presented a PowerPoint on the 2010-2011 District Achievement Report (copy attached).

PUBLIC COMMENT

9:00 p.m.

Ms. Dunn and Dr. Finkel, both residents of Pennington Borough, commented on the 2010-2011 District Achievement Report.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Wulf, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

FINANCE/FACILITIES

- A.1 RESOLVED, that the Board accept the 2010-2011 audit which includes the following documents and approves the attached Corrective Action Plan (CAP) from the auditor's recommendations:
- Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011
 - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011
 - Synopsis of Auditor's Report for Public Distribution
- A.3 RESOLVED, that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School

Monies for September, 2011 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.

- A.4 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached 2011-2012 general fund budget transfers
- A.5 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached 2011-2012 general fund budget adjustments
- A.6 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the cancellation of the attached list of stale checks for TD Bank

- A.7 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following change order:

Partial Roofing Replacement at Bear Tavern Elementary School

Contractor	Change Order No.	Description (Provide all labor, materials, and equipment)	Add (+) or Deduct (-)	Total (+) or (-)
Arista Builders & Designers, Inc.	1	Credit for unused allowance	-\$5,000	-\$5,000

- A.8 RESOLVED, that the Board accept and approve the attached Certificate of Substantial Completion, covering the work of Arista Builders and Designers, Inc. for the Partial Roofing Replacement project at Bear Tavern Elementary School
- A.9 RESOLVED, that the Board authorize the Administration to sell the attached list of district property, no longer of use or value to the district, at a sale, date and time to be determined, and that any unsold items be disposed of in a timely manner.
- A.11 RESOLVED, that the Board gratefully acknowledges and accepts the donation of a 55" Flat Screen TV for Central High School from Mrs. Rita Pepperman of Pennington.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- C.1 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following professional services:

Name	Service Provided	Cost
Dr. George Kapalka	Bi-lingual Psychologist	\$800.00
Freda Glick	Speech and Language Specialist (Polish/English)	\$450.00 - home visit and report preparation \$125.00 – meeting attendance
Jolanta Rudnicka	Bi-lingual LDTC (Polish/English)	\$400.00 – home visit and report preparation (does not attend meetings)

- C.2 RESOLVED, that the Board approve submission of the FY 2012 IDEA B consolidated application in the following amounts:

Basic	(Ages 3-21)	-	\$852,201
Pre-School	(Ages 3, 4, and 5)	-	\$ 25,554

- C.3 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following extracurricular activities at Central High School:

Saving Pets in Need (SPIN)

Purpose: Fundraising for animal shelters

Charity Group

Purpose: To raise money for people in need

Teens of Divorce

Purpose: To provide support to students experiencing the breakup of their family because of divorce

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Purpose: Provide opportunities for students to learn about business and how to be successful

Marine Reef Club

Purpose: Students will set up and maintain a marine reef tank to simulate and study actual reef conditions

C.4 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached list of field trips

C.5 RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached travel and related expenses

ROUTINE INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following routine information items for October, 2011:

Fire Drills:

Bear Tavern Elementary School	-	October 11, 2011
Hopewell Elementary School	-	October 26, 2011
Stony Brook Elementary School	-	October 28, 2011
Toll Gate Grammar School	-	October 7, 2011
Timberlane Middle School	-	October 7, 2011
Central High School	-	October 7, 2011

School Security Drills:

Bear Tavern Elementary School	-	October 19, 2011
Hopewell Elementary School	-	October 21, 2011
Stony Brook Elementary School	-	October 27, 2011
Toll Gate Grammar School	-	October 19, 2011
Timberlane Middle School	-	October 21, 2011
Central High School	-	October 12, 2011

Taxes Requisitioned and Received (attached)

Enrollment Report (attached)

Report on School Suspensions (attached)

Acceptance of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Report:

10/6/11-10/13/11: Total Number of Investigations	- 6
Number of Incidents Determined to be HIB	- 5
Number of Incidents Determined not to be HIB	- 1

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Motion by Mr. Dollard, seconded by Mr. O'Connor,

A.10 RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the exchange of a district-owned router that is outdated

and no longer needed for school purposes for a Dell Server Rack owned by the Princeton Regional School District that is also no longer needed for their school purposes. Both the rack and the router are estimated to be of equal value.

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ms. Desai, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached list of bills totaling \$1,806,459.06

The vote:

Ms. Desai	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes but abstained from voting on her own reimbursement
Mr. Dollard	Yes but abstained from voting on his own reimbursement	Mr. Sawicki	Yes but abstained from voting on his own reimbursement
Mr. Keen	Absent	Mr. Wulf	Yes
Mr. Lewis	Absent	Ms. Wolff	Yes but abstained from voting on her own reimbursement
Mr. O'Connor	Yes		

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Wulf, seconded by Mr. O'Connor:

B.1 RESOLVED, that per the Superintendent's recommendation, the following actions be approved:

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Appointment of **Sarah Lindbloom** as an elementary school teacher at Stony Brook Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year, at the salary of \$49,022 (BA/Step 1), effective November 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVEA CBA. This is a leave-of-absence position.

Appointment of **Roberto Diaz** as a general maintenance worker, for the 2011-2012 school year, at the salary of \$43,737 (includes \$1,500 boiler stipend), effective November 28, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVCA) CBA.

Appointment of **Nupura Dalvi** as a long-term substitute teacher at Timberlane Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year, at 1/200 of the base teachers' salary (BA/Step), effective November 29, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVEA CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Joyce Nagel**, teacher at Timberlane Middle and Hopewell Elementary Schools, to reflect a decrease in assignment: \$59,948 (FTE .98/MA/Step 6), effective October 17, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVEA CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Vincent Illuminate**, teacher at Timberlane Middle School, to reflect an increase in assignment: \$19,608 (FTE .40/BA/Step 1), effective November 16, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVEA CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Vincent Illuminate**, paraprofessional at Timberlane Middle School, to reflect a decrease in assignment: \$13,069 (4.5 hours per day), effective November 16, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Martha Carson**, paraprofessional at Bear Tavern Elementary School, to reflect an increase in assignment: \$26,353 (7.0 hours per day), effective October 24, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Rose Gallagher**, paraprofessional at Bear Tavern Elementary School, to reflect an increase in assignment: \$26,353 (7.0 hours per day), effective October 24, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Joann Markulec**, paraprofessional at Bear Tavern Elementary School, to reflect an increase in assignment: \$21,836 (7.0 hours per day), effective October 24, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Lori Bauer**, paraprofessional at Bear Tavern Elementary School, to reflect an increase in assignment: \$21,836 (7.0 hours per day), effective October 24, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Jennifer Hastings**, paraprofessional at Toll Gate Grammar School, to reflect an IEP stipend: \$20,521 (6.5 hours per day/includes \$1,866 10% IEP stipend), effective October 18, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Laureen Skuraton**, paraprofessional at Central High School, to reflect an IEP stipend: \$21,500 (6.5 hours per day/includes \$1,955 10% IEP stipend), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Maryann Babice**, paraprofessional at Central High School, to reflect an IEP stipend: \$22,690 (7.0 hours per day/includes \$2,063 10% IEP stipend), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Renee Ranke**, paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, \$12,880 (3.5 hours per day/includes \$560 5% student hygiene and \$1,120 10% IEP stipends), effective October 18, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Martha Wesley**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$21,972 (7.0 hours per day/includes \$1,046 5% student hygiene stipend), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Robyn Noble**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$24,065 (7.0 hours per day/includes \$1,046 5% student hygiene stipend and \$2,093 10% IEP stipend), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to

change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Melissa Saganski**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$21,051 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Lori Amato**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$20,926 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Catherine Brown**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$22,656 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Corrine Sisler**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$20,765 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Gayle Hill**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$21,837 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Ruth Ann Schroth**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$25,365 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Courtney Leonard**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$20,625 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Janice Kinnamon**, paraprofessional at Stony Brook Elementary School, to reflect an increase in hours: \$21,649 (7.0 hours per day), effective September 1, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVESPA (HVSSA) CBA.

Adjustment to the 2011-2012 salary of **Sterling Holloway**, bus driver, to reflect a decrease in hours: \$16,755 (4.75 hours per day/\$19.38 per hour/182 days), effective November 9, 2011.

Transfer of **Britt Dominick**, teacher at Bear Tavern Elementary School to itinerant teacher at Bear Tavern and Toll Gate Grammar Schools. Adjustment in Mrs. Dominick's salary to reflect an increase in assignment: \$75,261 (BA/Step 14), effective October 17, 2011 – may be subject to change pending ratification of the HVEA CBA.

Granting of a family leave of absence to **Christina Laquidara**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective March 5, 2012.

Granting of a family leave of absence to **Nancy King**, teacher at Stony Brook Elementary School, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective November 9, 2011.

Granting of a personal leave of absence to **Laura Gordon**, teacher at Central High School, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective December 3, 2011.

Granting of a personal leave of absence to **Coleen Ross**, teacher at Central High School, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective December 3, 2011.

Granting of a personal leave of absence to **Elizabeth Dykty**, teacher at Central High School, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective December 3, 2011.

Granting of a personal leave of absence to **Andrea Pfancook**, teacher at Timberlane Middle School, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective December 3, 2011.

Approval of **Kristen Enderle** to assist in the Athletic Office at the rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed 8 hours.

Approval of the following substitute school nurse(s) for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kathy Korwin

Approval of the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2011-2012 school year:

Vincent Janoski Nora Kersey

Approval of the following substitute paraprofessional(s) for the 2011-2012 school year:

David DeLooper Vincent Janoski Danielle Skinner
Carolyn Vickers

Approval of the following substitute custodian for the 2011-2012 school year:

DeAndre Harris

Approval of the following student worker/lifeguard for the 2011-2012 school year:

Logan Schnorbus

Approval of the following student teacher for the 2011-2012 school year spring semester:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
Shaylyn Farnsworth	College of New Jersey	Stony Brook Elementary

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

Approval of the following extracurricular appointments and summer curriculum projects for the **2011-2012** school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Stipend*</u>	<u>Level</u>
Joan Bonnell	CHS	World Language Exchange Program	\$1,063	VII/Step 4
Mario Harpel	CHS	Head Wrestling	\$6,532	I/Step 6
Eric Guise	CHS	Assistant Wrestling	\$2,370	III/Step 4

Warren Gerstacker	CHS	Assistant Wrestling	Volunteer	
David Bello	CHS	Assistant Wrestling	Volunteer	
Lisa Strigel	CHS	Head Winter Cheerleading	\$5,110	II/Step 4
Basil Campbell	CHS	Head Boys Indoor Track	\$5,142	I/Step 1
Aaron Oldfield	CHS	Head Girls Indoor Track	\$7,529	I/Step 9
Dan Johnson	CHS	Assistant Track	\$3,520	III/Step 1
Jeff Molinelli	CHS	Head Boys Basketball	\$5,142	I/Step 1
Kevin Kley	CHS	Assistant Boys Basketball	Volunteer	
Muhammad Siddiqu	CHS	JV Boys Basketball	\$4,020	III/Step 3
Mark Amantia	CHS	Freshman Boys Basketball	\$5,271	III/Step 8
Jeff Losch	CHS	Head Girls Basketball	\$7,185	I/Step 8
Kristy Cramp	CHS	JV Girls Basketball	\$3,520	III/Step 1
Jeff Neumann	CHS	Freshman Girls Basketball	\$4,521	III/Step 5
Ian Driscoll	CHS	Assistant Ice Hockey	Volunteer	
Ray Alteri	CHS	Assistant Ice Hockey	\$4,020	III/Step 3
Vincent Illuminate	CHS	Head Girls Swimming	\$5,399	I/Step 2
Donald Fillinger	CHS	Head Boys Swimming	\$5,142	I/Step 1
Jennifer Flynn	CHS	Assistant Swimming	\$3,520	III/Step 1
David Butcavage	TMS	Timberlane Basketball	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Amir Siddiqu	TMS	Timberlane Basketball	\$3,045	V/Step 4
William Russell	TMS	Timberlane Basketball	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Matthew Serfass	TMS	Timberlane Basketball	\$3,045	V/Step 4
Christopher Franco	TMS	Timberlane Wrestling	\$3,789	V/Step 9
James Stewart	TMS	Timberlane Wrestling	\$3,789	V/Step 9
Sarah Bartolone	TMS	Timberlane Cheerleading	\$2,746	V/Step 2
Susan Pinto	TGG	K-5 Teacher in Charge	\$1,160	XIII
Melissa Caruso	TGG	Elementary Student Council Adv	\$493	VII/Step 1
Cynthia Davidson	TGG	Elementary Student Council Adv	\$493	VII/Step 1
Jill Case-Leestma	BT	K-5 Lunch Duty (5 days/wk/4 MP)	\$4,144**	XIII
Adrienne Lyman	HW	K-5 Lunch Duty (.5 day/wk/4 MP)	\$414.40	XIII
Marlene Lambert	SB	Mentor: Year 1	\$957	XIII

*May be subject to change pending ratification of the HVEA CBA.

**Effective October 24, 2011.

Rescind the 2011-2012 extracurricular appointment of Stephanie De Luise, Bear Tavern Elementary School, K-5 Lunch Duty (3 days/wk/2 MP), \$1,243.20 Level XIII, effective October 24, 2011.

The vote:

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

Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Mr. O'Connor, Committee chair, reported on the committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He stated that the committee continued its review of the Achievement Report and worked with the students from the Statistics class who analyzed the data. He thanked the students for their hard work and for taking the time to attend a Board committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Desai, Committee chair, reported on the following topics discussed at a meeting held earlier in the evening:

- The School Climate Survey is complete and there is a lot of data to review. Results are positive.
- The RFP for the Before and After School Care Program will be going out in the December/January timeframe.
- The status of the Homework Committee is that it is still on-going.
- The committee is continuing discussions on how to reduce drug use in school and how to stay on top of it.
- The Budget update process is underway. Coffee klatches will be scheduled during December and January.

POLICY/GOVERNANCE

E.1 Motion by Ms. Desai, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following attached Board policies/regulations for second reading:

- a. **Revised** Board Policy No. 8461, **Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse**
- b. **Revised** Board Resolution No. 8461, **Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse**

The vote:

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

Motion carried.

E.2 Motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Desai, RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following attached Board policy for first reading:

- b. **Revised** Board Policy No. 5350, **Pupil Suicide Prevention**

The Board pulled attached a. **Revised** Board Policy No. 1230, **Superintendent's Duties**, for further review.

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

E.3 Motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Desai, RESOLVED, that the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – **2011* Revisions**

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

CALENDAR

Motion by Ms. Desai, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, that the Board approve the November 2011 and December calendars as presented.

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote

NEW BUSINESS

Article on Education

Mr. Dollard shared a recent newspaper article entitled, "*Rocky Hill Resident Co-Author's Book on Education*," copy attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9:40 p.m.

No comments.

CLOSED SESSION

9:42 p.m.

Motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Desai, to enter into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education
Mercer County, New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education that this body will hold a meeting on November 14, 2011 at approximately 9:42 p.m. that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7b of the Open Public Meeting Act.

The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed at said meeting is as follows:

Review of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Matters
Personnel Matter
Student Discipline Matter

Stated as precisely as presently possible, the following are the times when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said meeting can be disclosed to the public:

as soon thereafter as it is deemed in the
public interest to do so.

The public is excluded from said meeting, and further notice is dispensed with, all in accordance with Section 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Wulf, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, that the following action be approved:

Termination of **Edmund Figiel**, paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, effective November 28, 2011

The vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Desai, that the meeting be adjourned.

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Time: 9:54 p.m.

Robert Colavita
Board Secretary