

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON**

Minutes

Public Meeting

September 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 7:30

Location: Memorial School

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Colli, Mrs. LaCognata, Mr. Ten Kate, Mr. Valenti, Mrs. DeNova, and Mrs. Melone.
Absent: Dr. Badami, Mrs. Lampe and Mrs. Manning
Others Present: Mr. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Donow, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Lordi, Board of Education Attorney

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the North Haledon Board of Education has issued notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted at the North Haledon Municipal Building and Memorial and High Mountain Schools and advertised in The Hawthorne Press, which has been designated as the Board's official newspaper, and mailed to The Star Ledger, alternate newspaper. Notice was also filed with the Borough Clerk and will be sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

Superintendent's Report:

- Enrollment
- HIB Report for September
- HIB Report Card (15-16 school year)
- School Opening
- Back to School Nights
- Class Size- Kindergarten
- Re-Registration Process
- Blackboard/Rev 911 calls/updates
- DPW Assistance
- Crosswalks/Police
- Flag Pole (HMS)
- PARCC Presentation- Mrs. Michele Mazola
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Business Administrator's Report:

- FY' 16 audit is in process – we anticipate a November presentation
- We are the initial stages of analyzing the status of the current (FY' 17) budget
- Work on the 2017-18 has begun in the business office, with budget requests from staff going out in the beginning of October
- Agenda items:
 - There is a revised bill list before with minor adjustments/corrections.
 - There is a correction to the master salary list that has been added to the agenda.
 - The transportation contract through the North Regional Educational Services Commission has been added to the agenda for out-of-district special needs students.

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Committee Reports:

Facilities: Mr. Valenti

- Maintenance/landscaping – looking at agreement with town
- HVAC issues being resolved
- Lead in the water testing
- Bus status – end of life. Looking at options
- Will also be looking at phone service

Curriculum: Mrs. LaCognata

- New teacher orientation was held and the first day for all staff was September 1st.
- Professional Development for staff consisted of Discovery Science for the science teachers and Google Doc training for all other staff.
- BSI criteria were discussed. Criteria are below grade for reading level in Fontes and Pinelli, and report card grades; criteria for math are benchmark and report card grades; teacher recommendations remain another criteria.
- A Special Education teacher has completed the Orton Gillingham training and is looking to do the practicum during the year. This will enable her to train other teachers in the district.
- Consideration is being given to start a Junior National Honor Society at High Mountain for the 17-18 school year.
- Little Ivy will start up in both buildings in October.
- Hoping to start a homework club in both schools after the first marking period.

Finance: Mrs. DeNova

- The committee met earlier in the evening and discussed the items listed in the SBA report

Personnel: Mrs. Lampe

No update

Policy: Mr. Valenti

- Reviewed a portion of the latest alert with several policies on the agenda for first reading that relate to the Comprehensive Equity Plan

Public Relations: Mrs. LaCognata

- A district Facebook page is still being discussed
- The Reverse 911 system wasn't updated for the last message. It has since been corrected
- The Mayor has offered to have DPW remove the dead tree, and is interested in having a new crosswalk at Terrace.
- Chief Bracco was invited to speak about safety at a future meeting.

Technology: Mrs. Manning

- The server has been replaced
- Blackboard App training is scheduled for October

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- Chromebooks will roll out soon and being coordinated by the Technology staff

Negotiations: Mrs. Melone

- We were hoping to have a resolution on the agenda but not quite complete. Plan to meet and ratify in the next couple of weeks
- No sessions held with the administrators

Representative's Reports:

Board of Recreation: Mrs. Manning

Soccer Photos are scheduled for 9/26 and the location has been changed to the gym in Covenant Church. Order forms and time slots will go out this week in practices.

A Rutgers coaching class is scheduled for 9/27 at 6PM at the North Haledon Legion Hall. Cost is \$15.00 for NH residents, and pre-registration is encouraged. It is a 3-hour class.

Tennis lights are operational.

Basketball and Bowling registrations will be in the first weeks of October.

The Recreation Department is holding its Annual Beefsteak on January 27, 2017 at 7PM at the Brownstone.

Borough Council: Mrs. LaCognata

There is a meeting tonight. The Mayor has expressed his displeasure of the County's action with respect to the elimination of the crosswalk by High Mountain School.

Planning Board: Mrs. LaCognata

Will be meeting on September 22nd

PCSBA/NJSBA: Mrs. DeNova

No update

P.C. Educational Service Commission: Mr. Coffaro

No update

Accept Reports:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Superintendent, Business Administrator, Committee and Representative reports be accepted.

Motion: Mrs. LaCognata

Second: Mr. TenKate

Vote: Unanimous voice

Petitions of Citizens

Motion to open the floor: Mrs. LaCognata

Second: Mrs. DeNova

Vote: Unanimous voice

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Public Comments:

- Elizabeth House earlier had handed in a request for Girl Scout cadets for 10/10 and 10/4 Health room (103) in HM and requested it be added to the agenda.
- Lynn McMurray requested a change location to the art room for their facility request.
- Anthony Griffo questioned why “communications” was no longer in the agenda, requested information about the transfers, whether personnel item #17 was new or ongoing, and inquired about the status of the MUA outstanding bill and if there was a reserve for it.

Motion to Close the Floor:

Motion to close the floor: Mrs. LaCognata

Second: Mrs. DeNova

Vote: Unanimous voice

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCE:

The Finance Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motions: 1) District Claims; 2) Approval of Transfer of Funds; 3) Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports; 4. Approval of Agreement - Accounting Services; 5. Cancellation of Stale Dated Check.

Motion: Mrs. DeNova

Second: Mrs. LaCognata

Vote: 6 - 0

1. Approval of District Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Business Administrator that the Board of Education the attached list of claims in the total amount of \$593,202.21 be approved for payment, as follows:

General Fund (10, 11, 12)	\$583,109.96
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 10,092.25
Debt Service Fund (40)	\$ -0-
Cafeteria Fund	\$ -0-.

2. Approval of Transfer of Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board of Education approve the transfer of funds in accordance with the attached list of adjustments for the month of August 2016.

3. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending August 31, 2016 and has determined that they are in agreement; acknowledges receipt of the Secretary's certification that no budgetary line item account has obligations, payments or orders

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which exceed the amount appropriated or has been over expended in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A-16.10(c)3 and 4; and certifies that in accordance P.L.2004 Ch.73, no budgetary transfers cumulatively exceed 10% that would require the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

4. Approval of Agreement - Accounting Services

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board approve the renewal of an agreement with the Northern Educational Services Commission for accounting services at the hourly rate of \$60.00, not to exceed and ten (10) hours per month, for the 2016-17 school year.

5. Cancellation of Stale Dated Check

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board approve the cancellation of a stale dated check #6135, issued 03/25/2015 in the amount of \$675.00.

TECHNOLOGY:

The Technology Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motions: 1. Approval of Purchase of Equipment

Motion: Mrs. DeNova
Second: Mrs. LaCognata
Vote: 6 - 0

1. Approval of Purchase of Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board approve the purchase of firewall equipment for Memorial and High Mountain Schools from SHI International Corp., in accordance with state contract #AR233 (NASPO Value Point - Data Communications; Cisco), in the amount of \$6,049.61

PERSONNEL:

The Personnel Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motions: 1. Approval of Substitute List; 2. Acceptance of Resignation of Ryan Naundorff - Part-Time Instructional Aide; 3. Approval of Teacher Mentors; 4. Approval of Salaries Paid from NCLB - Title I; 5. Amendment of Appointment - Maternity Leave Replacement; 6. Approval of Maternity Leave - Michele Mazzola; 7. Approval of Maternity Leave - Danielle Ajaimy, Middle School Math Teacher; 8. Approval of Agreement - Substitute Service; 9. Amendment to Appointment of Part-Time Custodians; 10. Amendment to Aide Hours and Compensation; 11. Approval of District Wide Affirmative Action Team; 12. Approval of District Wide Affirmative Action Officer; 13. Approval of District Wide HIB Coordinator; 14. Approval of HIB Specialist; 15. Approval of Salary Correction; 16. Approval of

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Collective Bargaining Agreement with the NHEA - MOA and Guides; 17. Action on Grievance/Arbitration with the NHEA

Motion: Mr. Valenti

Second: Mr. Colli

Vote: 6 - 0

1. Approval of Substitute List

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the attached list of additional substitute teachers for the 2016-17, as certified by the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission, the district's substitute coordinators.

2. Acceptance of Resignation of Ryan Naundorff- Part-Time Instructional Aide

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. that the Board accept the resignation of Ryan Naundorff, part-time Instructional Aide, effective August 24, 2016.

3. Approval of Teacher Mentors

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the assignment of mentors for the following teachers as required by the New Jersey Department of Education, with stipends to paid to the mentors from payroll deductions of the staff being mentored.

Kim Tanis mentoring Carolyn Rokoszak	Full Year	\$550.00
Cristina Rough mentoring John Abdelmalak	Half Year	\$275.00

4. Approval of Salaries Paid from NCLB - Title I

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the annual salaries of the teachers listed below be split between the accounts noted, said split to include funds from the Title I grant, in accordance with the NCLB approved by the N.J. Department of Education.

	<u>Local Funds</u>	<u>Title I Funds</u>
J. Schneider	\$25,557.00 (50%)	\$25,557.00 (50%)
M. McLaughlin	\$39,959.50 (50%)	\$39,959.50 (50%)
R. Morgantini	\$15,000.00 (29%)	\$36,814.00 (71%)

5. Amendment of Appointment - Maternity Leave Replacement

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the appointment on June 29, 2016, item #2, of Jennifer Stessel, Maternity Leave replacement teacher for the 2016-17 school year, to include the annual salary at \$51,114 (BA Step 1).

6. Approval of Maternity Leave - Michele Mazzola, High Mountain School Principal

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a Maternity Leave for Michele Mazzola, High Mountain School Principal, beginning on or about December 5, 2016 with a return work date on or about April 3, 2017, which includes the use of her eligible FMLA time.

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7. Approval of Maternity Leave - Danielle Ajaimy, Middle School Math Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a Maternity Leave for Danielle Ajaimy beginning November 21, 2016 with a return to the start in September 2017 for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

8. Approval of Agreement - Substitute Service

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve an agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission to participate in the Substitute Teacher Registry program for the 2016-17 school year at a fee of \$6,231.00.

9. Amendment to Appointment of Part-Time Custodians

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the following list and salaries for the district's part-time evening custodians for the period of September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Regular shifts are scheduled at 4 hours per day per custodian.

Diane Delvecchio, Manuel Vasquez, Erasmo Colon	Memorial
Fikrije Zhaku, Nezaet Tela	High Mountain

10. Amendment to Aide Hours and Compensation

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a change in the schedule and salary for Cheryl D'Andrea, a full-time aide effective September 7, 2016, as follows:

- Regular schedule to 6.8 hours per day @ \$16.00 per hour for 186 days. Annual salary = \$20,236.80
- AM and PM Bus duty - to be paid via timesheet; not to exceed 1.5 hours/day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a change in the schedule from 4 hours per day to 5 hours per day for Zonia Meneses, a part-time aide effective September 7, 2016 and adjust the annual salary to \$14,880.00.

11. Approval of District Wide Affirmative Action Team

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following members to the Affirmative Action Team for the 2016-2017 School Year:

- Mrs. Melissa Tait, Memorial School Principal
- Mrs. Michele Mazzola, High Mountain School Principal
- Mr. Nicholas S. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools

12. Approval of District Wide Affirmative Action Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Melissa Tait, Memorial School Principal, as Affirmative Action Officer for the 2016-2017 School Year.

13. Approval of District Wide HIB Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Michele Mazzola, High Mountain School Principal, as HIB Coordinator for the 2016-2017 School Year.

14. Approval of HIB Specialist

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Jennie

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Rosen, K-8 School Counselor, as HIB Specialist for the 2016-2017 School Year.

15. Approval of Salary Correction (NOTE: ADDED TO AGENDA OF 9/20)

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and as verified by the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board approve a correction to the salary of a teacher, Judith Russo to accurately reflect her salary (pending adjustment upon ratification of the collective bargaining agreement) to MA - Step 13 effective September 1, 2016 at \$ 76,769.00 plus longevity at \$1,600.00.

POLICY:

The Policy Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motions: 1. Approval of Board Minutes; 2. Approval of Board and District Goals; 3. First Reading- Policy Alert 209; 4. 2015-2016 HIB Report Card.

Motion: Mr. Valenti

Second: Mrs. DeNova

Vote: 6 - 0

1. Approval of Board Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the minutes listed below as per copies distributed to each board member.

August 24, 2016 - Public Meeting

August 24, 2016 - Executive Session

2. Approval of Board and District Goals

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Board and District Goals for the 2016-17 school year as attached.

3. First Reading- Policy Alert 209 (Multi Year Equity Plan Policy & Regulation Guide Updates)

P 1140- Affirmative Action Program (M) Revised

P 1523- Comprehensive Equity Plan (M) Revised

P 1530- Equal Employment Opportunities (M) Revised

R 1530- Equal Opportunity Complaint Procedures (M) Revised

P 1550- Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (M) Revised

P&R 2200- Curriculum Content (M) Revised

P 2260- Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices (M) Revised

P&R 2411- Guidance Counseling (M) Revised

P&R 2423- Bilingual and ESL Education (M) Revised

P 2610- Educational Program Evaluation (M) Revised

P 2622- Student Assessment (M) Revised

P 5750- Equal Education Opportunity (M) Revised

P 5755- Equity in Educational Programs and Services (M) Revised

4. 2015-2016 HIB Report Card

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board hereby

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acknowledges receipt of the 2015-2016 HIB Report Card (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) during the School Superintendent Report.

CURRICULUM:

The Curriculum Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motions: 1. Approval of Tuition Contract - New Beginnings (Memorial School); 2. Approval of Professional Services - Stronge Training; 3. Approval of Professional Development and Mentoring Plan- Statement of Assurance; 4. Approval of Travel, Conferences, Workshops and Related Expenses; 5. Approval of 5th Grade Field Trip.

Motion: Mrs. LaCognata

Second: Mr. TenKate

Vote: 6 - 0

1. Approval of Tuition Contract - New Beginnings (Memorial School)

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board hereby approves a tuition contract with New Beginnings (Memorial School) for one North Haledon student (\$) for the 2016-17 school year at the per diem rate of \$130.24 for the half-day program, for 184 days effective September 7, 2016, for a total of \$23,964.16.

2. Approval of Professional Services - Stronge Training

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Board approve an agreement with Maria Corso, to provide training for the administrative team for the Stronge Evaluation teacher evaluation model, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

3. Approval of Professional Development and Mentoring Plan- Statement of Assurance.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Statement of Assurance for district Professional Development and Mentoring Plan for the 2016-2017 School Year.

4. Approval of Travel, Conferences, Workshops and Related Expenses

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve reimbursement and expenses previously approved by the Superintendent for the following staff development, training, workshops conferences and/or seminars as they are directly related to and within the scope of the participant's' duties and are critical to the instructional needs and/or efficient operation of the district. The travel and expenses are justified and within the guidelines established by the New Jersey Department of Education accountability regulations.

DATE	PARTICIPANT	WORKSHOP	LOCATION	FEE	OTHER COSTS
09/28/16	Michael Donow	Lead Testing - new code review by DOE	Mt. Olive, NJ	none	mileage \$23.06
10/10/16	Jennifer Lally	Story and Art AENJ Conference & Workshop	Long Branch, NJ	\$ 200.00	Not Requested

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10/7/16 12/9/16 03/10/17	Melissa Tait	Affirmative Action Officer Certificate Program	Monroe, NJ	\$ 450.00	Not Requested
Sept. 2016 to June 2017	Alexandra Madura	Orton-Gillingham Comprehensive Practicum	On-Line Program	\$1,200.00	Not Requested

4. Approval of 5th Grade Field Trip

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve a fifth grade field trip to the Franklin Mineral Museum on Friday, October 28, 2016.

FACILITIES & SERVICES:

The Facilities & Services Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motion: 1. Approval of District Facilities Use; 2. Approval of Copier Lease; 3. Approval of Transportation Contract

Motion: Mr. Valenti
Second: Mrs. LaCognata
Vote: 6 - 0

1. Approval of District Facilities Use

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following use of district facilities subject to non-conflicting events.

Organization	Date	Times	Location	Purpose
Little Ivy Academy, LLC	10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/03, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24/, 12/01, 12/08, 12/12, 12/19	2:50 pm - 4:30 pm	High Mountain - 2 classrooms and lab	After School STEM Lab enrichment Program
Little Ivy Academy, LLC	10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/07, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28,12/05	2:50 pm - 4:30 pm	Memorial - 2 classrooms and lab	After School STEM Lab enrichment Program
Girl Scout Troop 95993/ 96011	Oct. 2016 through 05/2017	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Memorial - Auditorium/ Gymnasium	Girl Scout meetings

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Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne	10/4, 10/21, 11/4, 12/16	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	High Mountain Gymnasium	5th - 8th Grade Open Gym
Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne	9/21, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/1, 11/9, 11/15	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	High Mountain Multi-Purpose Room	K - 8th Grade Fine Arts Club
Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne	9/21, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/1, 11/9, 11/15	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Memorial - Gymnasium and Cafeteria	K- 4th Grade Open Gym, Video and Board games

2. Approval of Copier Lease

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board approve a lease of a copier from Ricoh USA, Inc. in accordance with N.J. State Contract # A40467, in the amount of \$401.02 per month, inclusive of maintenance and supplies for 50,000 copies per month and an average cost of \$0.005 per image, for a period of 60 months commencing on or about October 1, 2016.

3. Approval of Transportation Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Business Administrator, that the Board approve a contract for joint transportation services with the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission as bid for the period September 2016 through June 2017 as follows:

Route #	School(s)	Contractor	# of NH Students	Estimated Costs (Route + Admin Fee)
334B	Glenview/Grammon/New Beginnings	Jersey Kids	3	\$47,696.40 + Admin Fee of \$1,907.86
335B	Children's Therapy Center	Morgan Ed Services	1	\$48,600.00 + Admin Fee of \$1,944.00

Old/New Business: none

ROLL CALL: Dr. Badami joined the meeting at 8:45 pm

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act, authorizes a public body to meet in closed or private session under certain limited circumstances, and

WHEREAS, said law requires the board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such a closed or private session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

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1. It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Closed Session prior to adjournment of this meeting:
 - (a) To discuss negotiations (NHEA and NHPSA)
 - (b) To discuss litigation pertaining to NHBOE v. Manchester MUA. and to receive attorney advice.
2. The matters discussed will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.
3. Action may be taken in public following the closed session.

Executive Session:

Motion: Mrs. DeNova

Second: Mrs. LaCognata

Time: 8:45 pm

Vote: 7 - 0

REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING - ROLL CALL

Motion: Mrs. LaCognata

Second: Dr. Badami

Time: 9:32 pm

Vote: 7 - 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL FINANCE RESOLUTIONS:

The Finance Committee recommends the following motions for approval by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motions: 6. Approval of Professional Legal Services Agreement with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A.; 7. Approval to Authorize Litigation Against the Manchester Utilities Authority.

6. Approval of Professional Legal Services Agreement with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A.

WHEREAS, the North Haledon Board of Education has a continuing need for the services of a Board Attorney to serve as general counsel to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A., which has experience in the broad range of school law matters, is in the best interest of the children and taxpayers of the North Haledon School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Haledon Board of Education as follows:

1. Amending its resolution on this subject approved on June 29, 2016, the North Haledon Board of Education hereby retroactively approves the appointment of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. to the position of Board Attorney for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, at the same hourly rates as for the 2015-2016 school year which are \$160 per hour for attorneys and \$95.00 per hour for paralegals, and with reimbursement for reasonable disbursements.

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2.The Board President and the Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the attesting witness, on the Board’s behalf, are authorized to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Wilentz. Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., which Agreement hereby is approved.

3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, a brief notice of the award of this contract for professional services shall be printed once in an official newspaper of the Board. Such notice shall state the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Board of Education.

7. Approval to Authorize Litigation Against the Manchester Utilities Authority

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby ratifies and approves, retroactive to August 11, 2016, the action of the Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary authorizing the Board Attorney to commence and proceed with litigation on the Board’s behalf against the Manchester Utilities Authority (“MUA”) to prevent the MUA from shutting off the water supply to High Mountain School and further disputing (1) the MUA’s charges to the Board of Education for water the MUA supplied to the previous Memorial School building and (2) the authority of the MUA to charge the Board of Education for the water the MUA has supplied to High Mountain School in the past and will supply to High Mountain School in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. LaCognata

Second: Mrs. DeNova

Time: 9:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Donow, RSBA
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary