

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, in the High School Auditorium, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President, Mr. Samperi.

Mr. Samperi read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notices of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on January 5, 2017.

Said notice was posted at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building, Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education Office, Hasbrouck Heights Middle and High School, Euclid Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School,

Roll call was taken by Dina Messery, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Roll Call:

Mr. Baker	Mrs. Doheny	Ms. Russo
Ms. Bruno-absent	Mr. Faussette	Mr. Salerno-absent
Mrs. Caruso	Mr. Rinke	Mr. Samperi

Also Present: Dr. Helfant, Mrs. Messery, Ms. Kleen

Mr. Samperi led the Board in the flag salute.

Approximately 30 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes - 11/16/17

(On file in the business office) – moved by Mr. Rinke, seconded by Mrs. Caruso

Roll Call:

Ayes:	Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Samperi
Abstains:	Mr. Rinke
Nays:	None
Absent:	Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Minutes Approved

Presentations:

Dr. Helfant along with the Board recognized Mrs. Diane Van Hook for her years of service. She is retiring as of December 31, 2017 and we wish her well.

Dr. Helfant recognized the following outgoing board members for their six years of service:

1. Mr. Joseph Samperi
2. Ms. Debra Bruno

Dr. Helfant presented the ESSA tests scores.

Dr. Helfant presented the QSAC Equivalency application the district will be submitting to the state.

Dr. Helfant reviewed the results of the uniform survey. A total of 608 parents responded out of a possible 1182. This represents only 54.7% of the parent population. Of those parents that responded, 324 (54%) voted in favor of uniforms and 282 (46%) voted against uniforms. The staff and students were not surveyed since we did not have at least 70% of the parents respond. In 2010, only 28% of the parents responded.

Mrs. Lohrmann – now more attention to the dress policy must be enforced. The teachers, staff and board must make sure the students dress appropriately.

Dr. Helfant – we constantly discuss the dress code. The staff and administration has been enforcing it. There is always rooms for improvement. It's a collaborative effort. The parents, teachers, administration and the board must all work together. We can definitely bring up the uniforms again in the next year or two.

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

Mr. Samperi read the following statement:

Residents are requested to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the District are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

Mrs. Cintron – what was the emergency repair at the high school for in resolution F12-09-18 and what is the instructional contact platform in resolution F12-10-18?

Mrs. Messery – it was to repair one of the airdale units that was not part of the hvac upgrade.

Dr. Helfant – the instructional contact platform is for the Newsela program that looks at reading levels.

Correspondence/Report of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

Mrs. Messery wished everyone happy holidays.

Report of the Board President:

Mr. Samperi gave his farewell speech.

Report of the Superintendent :

Dr. Helfant wished all happy holidays.

Committee Reports – (On file in the business office) Suspended for this meeting.

Education Committee
Special Education Committee
Technology Committee
Facilities Committee
Recreation Committee
Policy Committee

Labor Relations/Negotiations Committee – None

NJ/BCSBA - None

Borough Council Liaison – None

Faculty Liaison - None

PTA Liaison - None

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by C. Doheny, seconded by J. Rinke,

E12-01-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Accept Monthly Discipline Report

E12-02-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Accept Monthly Superintendent HIB Report and approves the actions recommended by the Superintendent for the following incidents:
(if applicable)

2018 – HS - 3 (one investigation)
2018 – MS - 1 -2 (two investigations)
2018 – LS - 0
2018 – ES - 0

Listed above are the number of investigations from November 16, 2017

E12-03-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

The monthly district calendar

E12-04-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following workshops for the 2017-2018 school year:

1/18/18 – K. O’Hagan and D. Johnson - BCSCA Profession Development & January Meeting – Northern Highlands Regional HS @ no cost to district
1/12/18, 3/16/18, 5/18/18 – K. O’Hagan – MS Guidance Counselor conference meetings – Paramus @ no cost to district
12/15/17 – M. Warren & M. Helfant – Google Administration Console Training – Richard M. Kiker, LLC @ \$199 each
1/8/18 – 1/12/18 – E. Leone & J. Werner – Orton – Gillingham Training – Secaucus, NJ @ \$1,075 each cost to district
1/11/18 - D. Robertson & L. Palladino – “Go Google in the Elementary Classroom” - BCSS – Paramus, NJ @ \$75 each
1/18/18 – M. Binazeski – Robotics Seminar – Mt. Olive HS @ no cost to district
1/26/18 – C. Tacinelli – Pre-school Moving, Speaking & Learning together – SBJC – Maywood @ no cost to district

E12-05-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

MS Half days – 1/11/18, 1/12/18, 1/16/18, & 1/17/18 for 2nd marking period quarterlies to be on same schedule as HS midterms.

E12-06-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

HARP will provide “Hands Only” CPR to 8th grade student during health classes at no cost to district

E12-07-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Accept donation of “Buddy Bench” in honor of Helene Searle from Euclid School faculty and staff

E12-08-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

12/13/17, 2/7/18, & 4/25/18 – Robotic Club competition in South Hackensack - Binazeski

E12-09-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

The Hasbrouck Heights Public Schools administrative team will submit a QSAC Equivalency Application to the NJDOE during 2017 – 2018

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolutions Approved

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by C. Doheny, seconded by J. Rinke,

S12-01-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following contracted services for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Ridgefield Public School OT/PT rate change to \$90 per 30 minute session effective October 2017

S12-02-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year and ESY 2018

Approve partnership with Rutherford HS and Hasbrouck Heights Life Skills Programs for the 2017 – 2018 school year and ESY for the 2018 – 2019 school year

S12-03-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Special Services for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Student #1001714 – OT evaluation @ \$300 – CCL Therapy

Student #1001679 – Psychiatric evaluation @ \$600 – Dr. Fridman

Student #1000351 – home instruction for 3 hrs per week plus prep @ \$40/hr plus prep

Student #5873 – 2 one hour reading sessions per week @ \$75/hr plus 2 hours of travel per week @ \$75/hr to commence on 12/4/17 through the remainder of the school year – SBJC

Student #122 – 1:1 aide @ \$36,504.80 – SBJC

Student #1001679 – home instruction for 8 hrs per week plus prep

S12-04-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following contracted services for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

CST Comprehensive School Testing, LLC – to provide services @ \$600 for the first 10 evaluations and then \$500 each evaluation thereafter beginning 12/13/17 to 3/16/18

S12-05-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following OOD placements for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Student #4360 – Roman Academy shared time program @ \$16,850 from 9/1/17 to 6/30/18

S12-06-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year and ESY 2018

12/1/17 – J. Gribbin & F. Shpetner - 2 hrs legal presentation – Bergen County Special Education Workshops and Expo for Education Professions – Saddle Brook, NJ @ no cost to district

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi
Abstains: None
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolutions Approved

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

None

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by J. Rinke, seconded by C. Doheny,

B12-01-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Facilities Use (**Attachment A**)

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi
Abstains: None
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolution Approved

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by A. Baker, seconded by J. Rinke,

R12-01-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

District Field Trip Calendar

R12-02-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

2/27/18 - Chess Tournament in HH cafeteria – Maywood MS/HS – M. Binazeski

R12-03-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following fundraisers for the 2017-2018 school year:

12/23/17, 1/20/18, 2/3/18 – Basketball fundraiser – A. Minervini & M. Cebula

2/1/18 – 2/28/18 – Band Parents Association – Food Drive for Meals with a Mission

1/27/18, 1/28/18, 2/3/18, 2/4/18 – Band Parents Association – Can shake – Shop Rite in Lodi

Treps Club – Pajama Day - \$5 – Date TBD – proceeds to go to various charities

MS student to sell \$2 bracelets for Mission to Ghana to help special needs students obtain schooling over the summer

Guidance would like to put a food drive box from the army to collect food for the hungry – C. Tremaroli

R12-04-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the program for the 2017-2018 school year:

Lincoln Leopard Jump Rope Team Competitions

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolutions Approved

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by P. Caruso, seconded by C. Doheny,

F12-01-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11-4 and upon consultation with district officials, certifies that to the best of its knowledge, no major account of funds have been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's needs.

F12-02-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the actual payroll for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$1,700,197.68 and that the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above.

F12-03-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the estimated payroll for the month of December 2017 at \$1,400,000 and that the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above \$1,400,000.

F12-04-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the President of the Board and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to sign warrants for supplies and materials received and services rendered to the Hasbrouck Heights School District for the month of December 2017.

F12-05-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Bills List for the month of		<u>October 2017</u>
Fund 10	General Fund	\$2,991,141.25
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 103,806.40
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 664,377.56
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Enterprise	\$ 78,687.00
Fund 95	Student Activity	\$ 3,578.82
Total		\$ 3,841,591.03

Fund 10	Voided Checks	\$ 5,042.00
Fund 30	Voided Checks	\$ 144.00

(Attachment B)

F12-06-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the following reports in accordance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (a) and NJAC 6A:23-2. 11 (b).

Board Secretary's Report
Cash Report
Monthly Fund Transfer Report
October 2017
(Attachment C)

F12-07-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Approve the monthly line item transfers for October 2017
(Attachment D)

F12-08-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

Approve contract with Bridgewater Raritan for joint transportation services for the 2017 – 2018 school year

F12-09-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following purchases for the 2017-2018 school year:

Approve Purchases:

3 quotes attached:

P. O. #801257 – Paramount Exterminating IPM Services @ \$4320

P. O. #801346 – Monte Electric – New Gym lights @ \$9,600

P. O. #801278 – Monte Electric – Mounting of TV in BOE Office @ \$1,372.50

P. O. #801379 – National Seating & Mobility – Student ID #122 @ \$2688.64

Ed Data Bid #6172

P. O. #801289 – JGB Sports, LLC - New and Old gym wall pads Ed Date Bid #6172 @ \$6,525

Emergency Repair

P.O. #801296 – Air Group Emergency Repair for HS heating @ \$4,140

F12-10-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following purchase for the 2017-2018 school year:

Approve purchase of Instructional Contact Platform Program for grades K-12 @ 5,000

F12-11-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year: (**Attachment E**)

Accept the audit for the fiscal year ended June 20, 2017

Accept the corrective action plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

F12-12-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

P. O. #801367 – Richard M. Kiker, LLC – Professional development in Google EDU Student Centered and G Suite - 1/15/18 @ \$5,500

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolutions Approved

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by P. Caruso, seconded by A. Baker,

P12-01-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Secretary:

L. Mason – Full Time MS Secretary - Step 3 @ \$47,663 plus benefits pro-rated 1/2/18

M. Klenk –PT LS secretary @ .57 of Step 1 (\$44,113 x .57 = \$25, 144.41) pro rated to 1/2/18*

* Pending Paperwork

P12-02-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Home Instruction:

Student #1000351

M. Binzeski – biology – 1 hr plus prep per week @ \$40/hr

F. Avella – Algebra II – 1 hr plus prep per week @ \$40/hr

C. Cassidy – PE II – 1 hr plus prep per week @ \$40/hr

Student #1001679

K. Crescenzi – English – 2 hrs per week plus prep @ \$40/hr

R. Hymson – Algebra I – 2 hrs per week plus prep @ \$40/hr

M. Binezski – Environmental Science – 2 hrs per week plus prep @ \$40/hr

M. Sparacio – Modern History – 2 hrs per week plus prep @ \$40/hr

P12-03-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Extra Pay:

B. Trexler – SAT instruction for 6 hrs/wk plus prep @ \$37/hr and 1 hr/wk SAT coordinator plus prep @ \$32/hr

J. Lustmann – SAT instruction for 3 hrs/wk plus prep @ \$37/hr

F. Avella – SAT instruction for 3 hrs @ \$37/hr/wk plus prep

P. Cassano – SAT instruction for 3 hrs @ \$37/hr/wk plus prep

P12-04-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Approve tenure of N. Debonis effective 12/2/17

P12-05-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Leave of Absence:

Employee ID #0260 – paid sick leave from 11/6/17, 11/8/17 and 11/13/17 – 11/17/18

Employee ID #0079 – paid leave from 10/30/17 – 12/5/17 – Unpaid FMLA – 12/6/17 – 3/11/18

P12-06-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Stipends:

- C. Lange @ \$1,000/yr for residency responsibility
- A. Lustmann @ \$1,000/yr for residency responsibility

P12-07-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following student teacher/practicum and/or field experience/observation placement for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

- 2/1/18 – 6/5/18- D. Ahrendt to complete psychology internship
- 1/30/18 – 5/1/18 - M. Montoya – Felician with D. Dussault – LS
- 1/30/18 – 5/1/18 - N. Accordino – Felician with D. Incognito - ES

P12-08-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Leave Replacement Teacher:*

- K. Presutti – ES - Spec Ed – 1/2/18 – 4/6/18 @ \$150/day

P12-09-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Substitute Teachers:

- L. Schmatz @ \$16/hr (s)

Substitute Para:

- B. Iribarne @ 12.50/hr

P12-10-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Substitute Secretaries:

- D. Sisco @ \$11/hr
- A. Roman @ \$11/hr

Roll Call:

- Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi
- Abstains: None
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolutions Approved

POLICY

RESOLUTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

SPECIAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was moved by C. Doheny, seconded by J. Rinke,

S12-07-18 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following contracted services for the 2017-2018 school year:

EBL Coaching

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Doheny,
Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo, Mr. Rinke, Mr. Samperi

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Salerno

Resolution Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Samperi read the following statement:

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Mrs. Vignola – regarding the new business resolution, is the board aware of the situation?

Dr. Helfant – we are approving the EBL as a vendor. The board is well aware of the situation with this particular vendor. I spoke with the interim county superintendent twice. It is not uncommon

to start service and board approve after so the district doesn't build up compensatory services. Once it was brought to our attention that the individual providing service didn't have a criminal background check, we stopped using that individual.

Mrs. Lohrmann – I know the district participates with the South Bergen Jointure Program for the STEAM programs – has any thought been given about creating “maker spaces” in our district?

Dr. Helfant – we have increased the number of students we send to the jointure. We don't have the space in district to create the “maker spaces, the district doesn't pay for the jointure program, and finally it would be a significant cost if we tried to implement the program.

Mrs. Lohrmann – how does my fifth grader get to participate?

Dr. Helfant – we have expanded the program in the last three years. We have robotics clubs and both the middle and high school.

Mr. Mastropietro – all sixth, seventh and eighth graders go to the jointure lab. The lab is unbelievable and the all of the students thoroughly enjoy it.

Mrs. Cintron – I would like to thank Dr. Helfant for his compliments on behalf of the staff. I would also like to thank Mr. Samperi for his last six years of service, in particular his last two years as president. I wish him much success.

Mr. Warren – I would like to thank the board for the purchase of the Newsela program. This will bolster our one to one program with the chromebooks. The reading activities are also a great tool. I would also like to thank Mr. Samperi for his last six years of service.

Mrs. Vignola – the district eliminated the director of special services. You hired a consultant and a supervisor of special services with no experience. How do you explain the money that is being spent.

Dr. Helfant – the current supervisor was hired as of November 1st with an annual salary of \$101,000 – that amount is prorated over the 8 months that she is here. She makes less than the previous director. We did interviews and our current supervisor met every criteria. With the money saved from hiring the supervisor as of November 1st, the district was able to hire a consultant with over 30 years of experience to help the new supervisor transition into the job.

Mrs. Caruso – I had the opportunity to attend the middle school parent night with Dr. Helfant. It was a very information night for the parents. It was a great night.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Rinke, seconded by Mrs. Doheny. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Messery
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary