

HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Public Meeting – December 13, 2016

I. Opening -

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Wolsky, Board Secretary at 7:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Avenue, Whippany, New Jersey 07981.

Mrs. Wolsky read the following statement:

In accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting was provided to the newspaper of record, appropriately posted and sent to the Township Clerk on January 14, 2016.

- B. Present: Board Members:
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| Mr. Salvatore A. Azzarello |
| Mr. Brian Cahill |
| Mr. Douglas Petty |
| Mrs. Catherine Slattery |
| Mr. Daniel Breen |
| Mr. Glenn Yannotta |
| Ms. Rose McCauley |
| Mrs. Carol Tognetti, Vice President |
| Mr. Steven Furda, President |
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| Superintendent | Mr. Michael Wasko |
| Board Administrator/
Board Secretary | Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky |

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

MJS Strings Ensemble – Raymond Uy

The following students from the MJS Orchestra performed Christmastime is Here (V. Guaraldi), Shine Little Light (L. Swears) and Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy (P. I. Tchaikovsky):

Isabela Abend, Francesca Bergamasco, Kirsten Bessler, Kaitlyn Carnicella, Jovianne Chew, Sydney Cowhig, Sebastian Giraldo, Marisa Goodwin, Alix Grossman, Lauren Haggerty, Tracy Huang, Jessica Jubinski, Mary Mihalko, Ariela Sagor, Adam Trinh, Erin Troiano, Emma Vales, Alan Yan and Ashley Yanovak

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Wasko thanked Mr. Uy and the students for being here tonight and sharing their talents with us.

Donation of Tramedicube Trauma Kits – Mr. Fred Meola, President of the Hanover Rotary Club, presented the Board with four trauma kits, one for each school. Items included in the kits offer aid for breathing problems, massive bleeding, broken bones, burns, and more. In addition to the necessary equipment, included are two licenses to a training portal, featuring videos that faculty, staff, and students can watch to learn how to properly use all that is in each kit. Law enforcement organizations are recommending trauma kits as staple items in all schools. Mr. Wasko and the Board of Education expressed their appreciation to the Hanover Rotary Club for their generous and thoughtful donation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Approved:** 9 yes, 0 no

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wolsky read the cash balance as of November 30, 2016 was \$3,778,217.60. Fiscal year to date interest was \$1,367.62 in the General Fund and \$31.52 in the HTSACC Fund.

She indicated that schools and the Board of Education office would be closed for winter recess Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2, and the Reorganization Meeting will be Tuesday, January 3 at 7:30 p.m.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

Mr. Wasko said, “The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month. Here tonight, in Hanover Township, we are having our own School Board Member Recognition by recognizing Cathy Slattery.

I would like to extend a big Congratulations to Cathy Slattery....as most of you already know, tonight marks her final meeting as a member of the Hanover Township Board of Education.....so I thought I would take this opportunity to say a few words to recognize Cathy for her significant contributions to our school district.

During her six years and eight months on the Board of Education, Cathy served on the Curriculum & Instruction Committee four out of six years, including three as Chairperson, she served three years on the Public Relations Committee, including 1 year as Chairperson, two years as a member of the Finance Committee, including 1 year as Chairperson, and two years as a member of the Personnel Committee and one year as a member of the negotiations committee. Cathy also served as the Board of Education Delegate to the PTA Advisory for three years.

Cathy has proven herself to be a strong child and teacher advocate and a great supporter of our schools. She always focused on doing what’s best for students.....she has been very instrumental in helping the district move forward with a number of initiatives such as:

- The Full Day Kindergarten Program
- Renovations to the Scott R. Pepper Theater
- The District “Honeywell” Energy Savings Program
- The transition to the new Educator Evaluation System, known as AchieveNJ as well the PARCC Assessments
- Most recently....the successful roll out of the new “standards based” Elementary School Report Cards.....just to mention a few

Cathy, on behalf of your fellow Board members, district administration, faculty and staff, parents, and most of all....the students.....we want to thank you for you many years of service as a member of the Hanover Township Board of Education.

During your tenure as a Board Member, I have truly enjoyed working with you as Principal of Memorial Junior School, and most recently, in my new role as superintendent of schools.

Although Cathy is leaving the Board, she is not going very far, she will be connected to our schools....Cathy has volunteered to serve as a member of the Hanover Township Education Foundation.

Again, Congratulations Cathy!

In closing, I would just like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year.”

VI. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT’S REPORT –

Mr. Wasserman said, “Thank you, Mr. Wasko and the Board of Education for the opportunity to report this evening. I also would like to begin my report by thanking Cathy Slattery for her service to the Board and wish her well. As Mr. Wasko mentioned, Cathy has served as the Chairperson for the Curriculum Committee these past two years and it has been a pleasure working with her. I wish you well and look forward to serving with you on the Hanover Township Education Foundation. Congratulations. Additionally, I’d like to congratulate the Memorial Junior School String Ensemble and Mr. Uy for the wonderful presentation and recognize the Hanover Township Music Department led under the supervision of Ms. Carmen Bellino for the tremendous job they do.

Mr. Wasko and I are fortunate to travel throughout the district and attend student performances. It is no surprise that the Hanover Township Music Department has become a model program among our neighbors and I would like to thank and recognize our Board of Education for their continued support of the Visual and Performing Arts. The recent Pride and Passion concert, held in collaboration with the Whippany Park Marching Band, and all of the winter concerts including this evening’s musical presentation highlights the tremendous work of our students and their teachers who go the extra mile each day.

It is hard to believe that 2016 is coming to a close. We have made amazing strides in the year’s last few months. Teachers have adapted to using the new computerized Power-Teacher Pro Gradebook to facilitate the entirely new report card layout which was

successfully distributed to our K-5 families due in part to the collective effort among all stakeholders. Administrators working collaboratively with teachers have transitioned their evaluation software program from the obsolete Teachscape to Frontline. Teachers have analyzed PARCC Data and submitted a PARCC Data Walk to identify both areas of strength and improvement and professional development is being supported through a newly created Educator Academy that was launched in October. The format promotes differentiated professional development. Outside resources have been brought in house to facilitate professional development for both world language and middle school science teachers as we implement new curriculum and resources.

All of these accomplishments have occurred during a seamless transition of leadership, specifically the roles of Superintendent, Middle School Principal and Middle School Assistant Principal. The

Over the next few weeks our Guidance Counselors and Building Administrators will be working closely with students, teachers, and parents to distribute the 2016-2017 School Climate Survey. Surveys are provided to students, staff, and parents and will provide the district with valuable feedback on our school climate and cultures. The initiative involves stakeholders in the process of school improvement. The survey is anonymous and the results will help guide each building's Safety Team to reflect and engage in work to improve our schools.

I wish everyone a Happy Winter Break and Healthy New Year.”

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel – Mr. Breen said the Committee met this evening and discussed recommendations for tenure and for hire as well as various other items on tonight's agenda.

Curriculum & Instruction – Mrs. Slattery said the Committee met this evening and discussed in detail all the topics included in the Director of Curriculum's presentation.

Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant – Mr. Yannotta said the Committee did not meet this evening but will meet prior to next month's Board meeting.

Public Relations – Ms. McCauley said the Committee met this evening and discussed the resolution in honor of School Board Recognition Month, the donations from the 3M Corporation through Donors Choose for Memorial Junior School and the support of Roxi Williams, the trauma kits presented tonight and various music performances by our students in the Community.

Travel/Delegate Report – Mr. Azzarello reported on his attendance at the NJSBA Delegate Assembly on December 10.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

IX. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve appointment to tenure for the following staff member(s):

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cindi Eckstein-Pitta	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	1/23/17

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Debbie Donofrio, Special Education Aide, Bee Meadow School, effective 2/1/17, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Sharon Roma, Lunch Recess Aide, Memorial Junior School, effective 12/21/16, for personal reasons.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Amend the previously approved medical leave of absence (maternity) for Karin Murek, Science Teacher, Memorial Junior School, *from effective 2/15/17 through 5/31/17*, to **effective 1/31/17 through 5/31/17**, with and without pay (depending on availability of accrued sick and personal days), consistent with the terms of the Family Medical Leave Act, NJFLA and in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Authorize the following graduate course tuition reimbursement applications for the **2016-2017** school year, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Laura Cafaro	3
Lyle Owens	3
Gina-Michelle Rogers	3

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the following staff member(s) for **2016-2017** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **I&RS** Team Member(s) at **Salem Drive School** with payment(s) in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Diana D'Addozio

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

7. Approve Crista Vogt, Coordinated Services Teacher at Bee Meadow School who is enrolled in the LDT-C certification program at Rutgers University, to complete a 90-hour practicum in the district beginning in January 2017. Kelly Warnke, LDT-C at Mountview Road School will serve as her district advisor.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

8. Approve to allow Courtney Miller, a Whippany Park High School student enrolled in *Dynamics of Healthcare in Society*, to shadow Rosanna Mead, School Nurse at Salem Drive School.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the following **2016-2017** student teaching assignments:

<u>Student/College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Emily Chimento/ Centenary College	Observations	C. DeSino & H. Rizzo/ MTV	Fall 2016 (10 hours)

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

10. Approve the following additions to the Substitute List for the **2016-2017** school year.

School Nurse: Anna DeCola
Teacher: Lyndsay George
 Jacquelyn Tartaglia
Support Staff: Nicole Benanti
 Patti Leach
 Liz McCormick

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

11. Approve to increase the hourly wage for the following HTSACC Program Aides and Substitute Program Aides from \$8.40 per hour to \$8.45 per hour, effective January 1, 2017:

- Borrelli, Louis
- D'Egido, Sarah
- Dugan, Amanda
- Goldstein, Derek
- Gonzalez, Karina
- Gregg, Carly
- Iuso, Christina
- Miller, Courtney
- Scalley, Dan
- Slattery, Allison
- Slattery, Julia

Terreri, Felicia
Williams, Matt

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no
(Mrs. Slattery abstain)

12. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of November 2016 **Attachments "A"**.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

13. Accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report and affirm the Superintendent's decisions for the period ending December 9, 2016, **Attachment "B"**.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

14. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Isabel Pinho, Lunch Recess Aide, Bee Meadow School, effective 12/5/16, for personal reasons.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

15. Approve a medical leave of absence for Darlene Antico, Special Education Aide, Memorial Junior School, effective 1/20/17 through 2/24/17, with pay (depending on availability of accrued sick and personal days), in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

16. Approve to extend a medical leave of absence (maternity) for Christine Fox, Elementary Teacher, Bee Meadow School, *currently approved through 1/16/17, to be effective through 3/10/17*, with and without pay (depending on availability of accrued sick and personal days), consistent with the terms of the Family Medical Leave Act, NJFLA and in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

17. Extend the appointment of Barbara Varcadipane, full time (1.0 FTE) Long Term Substitute Replacement Elementary (Grade 3) Teacher (Fox), Bee Meadow School, at the BA Step 1 per diem rate of \$269.18 when school is in session, *currently effective through 1/16/17, to be effective through 3/10/17*.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

18. Amend the medical leave of absence (maternity) for Colleen DeLuca, Elementary (Grade 1) Teacher, Salem Drive School, *from effective 9/1/16 through 1/16/17, to be effective 9/1/16 through 1/6/17*, with and without pay (depending on availability of accrued sick and personal days), consistent with the terms of the Family Medical Le

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

19. Approve the transfer and reassignment for Colleen DeLuca from full time (1.0 FTE) Elementary (Grade 1) Teacher at Salem Drive School to full time (1.0 FTE) Basic Skills Instructor at Bee Meadow School, effective 1/9/17.

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

20. Approve the following **2016-2017** student teaching assignments:

<u>Student/College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Lea Marucci/ University of Maryland	Practicum	Rose Papera/ BMS/MJS	Winter/Spring 2017 (45 hours)

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

21. Approve the following person for temporary/provisional employment in the Camp HTSACC 2017 program as Program Supervisor. Position will be 40 hrs. per week from June 26 – August 18, 2017. Position will be hourly with additional as-needed planning and training hours to begin January 3, 2017 through June 25, 2017, and again from August 21-25, 2017 for clean-up and re-cap:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hr./Wk</u>
1. Noelle Congero	Camp HTSACC Program Supervisor	\$21.00/hr	40/wk
	with additional hours as outlined above		

Motion: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mr. Wasko indicated that Mrs. Eckstein-Pitta is currently the Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant at Memorial Junior School and has demonstrated the ability and skill to work patiently and collaboratively with families, students, and staff when developing and implementing individual student learning plans and programs. Her initiative and creativity have been extremely helpful in resolving scheduling conflicts, integrating specialized resources and providing support to faculty and staff to better understand the address the needs of the students she supports. Mr. Wasko also commented on the resignations of Debbie Donofrio, Special Educating Aide at BMS, who has been with the District for 17 years, and Sharon Roma, MJS Lunch Recess Aide, who has been with the District for the last 10 years and wished them well in their future endeavors.

B. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Acknowledge the following fire drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of November 2016:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bee Meadow School	11/18/16
Mountview Road School	11/2/16
Salem Drive School	11/28/16
Memorial Junior School	11/3/16

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Acknowledge the following crisis management drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of November 2016:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bee Meadow School	11/28/16
Mountview Road School	11/17/16
Salem Drive School	11/30/16
Memorial Junior School	11/18/16

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Approve the Director of Special Education’s recommendation to contract with the Morris Union Jointure Commission to provide additional occupational and physical therapy to Student CST # 46-13 who attends the Developmental Learning Center. This agreement will be in effect for the 2016-2017 school year and shall not exceed \$14,400.

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the Director of Special Education’s recommendation for a neurodevelopmental evaluation for Student CST #29-09 by Dr. Christina Farrell from Morristown Medical Center, at a fee of \$675.

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the addition of Shoprite of Greater Morristown to the approved field trip list.

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the disposal of the following textbooks:

- Discovering French – McDougal Littell - 2004 – 79
- En Español – McDougal Littell – 2004 – 76
- Pre-Algebra – McGraw Hill – 2003 – 17
- Creating America – McDougal Littell - 2001 – 75
- Science Interactions – McGraw Hill – 1998 – 148
- Changing Earth’s Surface – McGraw Hill – 2002 – 146

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the disposal of books, as per **Attachment “C”**.

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Breen **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

C. FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL PLANT

I. FINANCE

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Approve transfers in the 2016-17 budget, **Attachment “D”**.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

2. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 11/30/16, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the reports of the Secretary A-148, and the treasurer’s report A-149, for the month ended 11/30/16.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Certify that as of 11/30/16, after reviewing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's financial report, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 11/15/16	\$884,135.72
Payroll 11/30/16	\$830,781.73
Bills & Voids 11/16 – 12/13/16	\$878,107.13

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the attendance of staff members and board members at workshops and travel expenses that are in accordance with the allowable room rate and meal reimbursement rate as outlined in the NJ OMB Circular 602B and mileage **at the state approved rate**, as per **Attachment(s) “E”, “F”, “G”, and “H”**.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

7. Accept additional funding for Chapter 192 & 193 as follows:
 Additional Funding Chapter 193 - Correction Speech - \$2,007.00.
 Revised Funding total for Corrective Speech \$16,805.00

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

8. Approve the submission of an amendment to the district’s FY17 IDEA application to include NJDOE approved Carry-Over Funds from FY16. The revised FY17 allocations including the carried over funds are as follows:

Basic Public: \$302,753
Basic Non-Public: \$ 39,006

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

9. Approve entering into a 60 month operating lease with Xerox for a model #5945i copier (NJ State Contract No. A51145) at a monthly cost of \$142.00.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

10. Approve entering into a 60 month service contract with Stewart Business Systems for a Xerox model #5945i copier at a monthly cost of \$4.20.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

11. Approve entering into a 60 month operating lease with Xerox for a model #5335w copier (NJ State Contract No. A51145) at a monthly cost of \$113.00.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

12. Approve entering into a 60 month service contract with Stewart Business Systems for a Xerox model #5335w copier at a monthly cost of \$4.20.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

13. Approve the submission of an amendment to the district's NCLB Title IIA 2016-2017 NCLB grant application to include carried over funds from prior grant years. The total amount of carried over NCLB funds to be accepted is as follows:

NCLB Title IIA Public \$1,710.00
NCLB Title IIA Non Public \$2,965.00

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION

No items for Board consideration

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Approve disposal of assets as per **Attachment "I"**.

Motion: Mr. Yannotta **Second:** Mr. Azzarello **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Adopt the following resolution:

School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey – January 2017

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2017 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Hanover Township Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Hanover Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hanover Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2017 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hanover Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

Motion: Ms. McCauley

Second: Mr. Petty

Roll Call: 9 yes, 0 no

2. Accept with appreciation the donation of \$616 for classroom project, "Using STEM to Design & Code Motorized Machines & Robots" in Judy Hoffler's class at Memorial Junior School from 3M Corporation.

Motion: Ms. McCauley **Second:** Mr. Petty **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

3. Accept with appreciation the donation of \$588 for classroom project, "Robots and Building in Our Makerspace" in Kelly Kiff's class at Memorial Junior School from 3M Corporation.

Motion: Ms. McCauley **Second:** Mr. Petty **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

4. Accept with appreciation the donation of \$398 for classroom project, "Going Green Using STEM Concepts" in Lyle Owen's class at Memorial Junior School from 3M Corporation.

Motion: Ms. McCauley **Second:** Mr. Petty **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

5. Accept with appreciation the donation of 100 New York Jets tickets, and 50 parking passes for the New York Jets vs. New England Patriots football game on Sunday, November 27, 2016, valued at approximately \$17,300, for Memorial Junior School students who were nominated as "Upstanders" during the "Week of Respect".

Motion: Ms. McCauley **Second:** Mr. Petty **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

6. Accept with appreciation the donation of 4 Tramedicube trauma kits, one for each school in the Hanover Township Public School District, valued at approximately \$1,200, from the Hanover Rotary Club.

Motion: Ms. McCauley **Second:** Mr. Petty **Roll Call:** 9 yes, 0 no

X. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

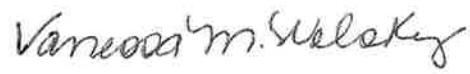
XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr. Furda extended his appreciation to everyone – teachers, administrators, support staff and fellow Board members for all their efforts this past year.

XII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Slattery **Second:** Mr. Yannotta **Approved:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa M. Wolsky".

Vanessa M. Wolsky

School Business Administrator/

Board Secretary