

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES MAY 25, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Commercial Township Board of Education was held in the Administration Building, located at 1308 North Avenue, Port Norris, NJ, on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Perrelli, and she read a statement as to the time and place of the meeting, as set forth in the "Open Public Meetings Act". She then conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

FLAG SALUTE

The following were present:

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Abbott	Present
Mrs. DeFabrites	Present
Mr. DeFabrites	Present
Mrs. Pettit	Absent
Mr. Jay Sutton	Present – 5:31
Mr. Ronald Sutton, Jr.	Present
Mrs. Wilson-Smith	Present
Mrs. Perrelli	Present

The following were also present:

Dr. Daniel Dooley, Superintendent/Principal
Mrs. Pamela Zook, Board Secretary

Dr. Dooley discussed the County Teacher of the Year program at the Cumberland County College that was put together by his administrative team and Mrs. McCormick. He also stated that the students reenacted "Aladdin, Jr." and several former students of Commercial Township were in the Millville High School choir. He said it was a good representation of the district.

Mrs. Wilson-Smith made a motion that the Board of Education approve the following:

2017-2018 Safety Grant – Approve the usage of the 2017-2018 Safety Grant in the amount of \$3,240.80.

SAFETY GRANT

It was seconded by Mr. Jay Sutton and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Debbie Rabe of the Laurel Lake Fire Hall approached the board and discussed fliers she wanted sent home with the students. Sean Ronan and Michelle Ronan also discussed the flier. A discussion ensued as to the length of time for a response and Dr. Dooley stated he would send them home as well as use the district's "all-call" system to notify parents of the event.

Nicole Roscoe approached the board and asked if the entire board was made aware of the results from the HIB Investigation. Dr. Dooley stated the district submitted the action plan and it was approved. Ms. Reed stated that the findings Ms. Roscoe received were the same

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that the district received and that they were board approved. Mrs. Perrelli stated that all the board members have it.

Mrs. Porter approached the board and asked about the second dog in the district. Dr. Dooley stated he needs to have a discussion with the board before he responds to the question. Mrs. Porter asked if there was an insurance policy on the puppy and Dr. Dooley responded that both dogs are listed on his certificate of insurance that he provided to the district. Mrs. Zook explained that the insurance company stated that since the Commercial Township Board of Education does not own the dogs, the insurance requested Dr. Dooley have a certain amount of liability and provide the district with the certificate of insurance that lists the district as additional insured. Mrs. Porter asked what would happen if the dog bit a student and the parents sued the district. Mrs. Zook explained that the school's insurance would go after Dr. Dooley's insurance.

Mrs. Porter asked the date for graduation. The response was June 14th.

Mrs. Porter asked where the bus was housed and if someone was taking it home. Dr. Dooley responded yes but would not provide a name. Mrs. Porter asked who was paying for gas. Dr. Dooley explained the cost effectiveness of the bus being housed off district since it is for a homeless route in Millville. This was discussed and approved by the insurance company.

Mrs. Porter mentioned she was told by several parents of a conversation they heard Dr. Dooley discuss regarding a staff member. Michelle Ronan spoke and said she heard Dr. Dooley discuss the conversation at a school event. Dr. Dooley stated that he is a professional and would not be unprofessional to speak about employees

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. DeFabrites made a motion that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Jay Sutton and carried by a unanimous voice vote by all board Members.



Pamela A. Zook, Board Secretary
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