

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 28, 2008

The Board of Education of Hillsborough Township in the county of Somerset, convened in public session on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Auten Road Intermediate School in the School District.

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the Board's annual meeting notice. This notice was also provided to the Hillsborough Beacon, Somerset Messenger Gazette, and Courier News newspapers on January 23, 2008. The notice is also posted in the Board of Education office and a copy has been sent to the Township Clerk and Township Public Library.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Donnadio, Gregory Gillette, Neil Hudes, David Kanaby, David T. Lin, Steven D. Paget, Marc J. Rosenberg, and Wolfgang Schneider

Frank Blandino arrived at 7:38 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, III, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lisa M. Antunes, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Aiman Mahmoud, School Business Administrator

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Kanaby and seconded by Mr. Rosenberg that the board adopt a resolution to go into executive session at 7:17 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting of which the public body discusses certain matters for which confidentiality is required as permitted in Section 7B of the act.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following matters to be discussed are requests from employees.
2. The matters discussed in executive session shall be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

The board reconvened in public session at 7:30 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mr. Lin that the board of education approve the minutes of the work meeting held on December 10, 2007.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mr. Kanaby and seconded by Mr. Schneider that the board of education approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 17, 2007.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Schneider and seconded by Mr. Kanaby that the board of education approve the minutes of the executive session held on December 17, 2007.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Correspondence was recognized from Washington Township Public Schools and the Drug Policy Alliance.

#### Board Recognition/Awards

Dr. Forsthoffer made mention of the Hillsborough Education Foundation (HEF) and thanked them for their generous support to the district through the issuance of teacher mini-grants. He introduced HEF President, Susan Spagnola, who then introduced the grant recipients for the 2007-08 school year as follows:

- Shawn Layton
- Toby Kansagor
- Barbara Szabo
- Mary Elizabeth Schwartz
- Marybeth Loughlin, Christine Berkuta, and Meagan Ludwig
- Marion Donohue
- Bob Fenster
- Judy Winchock
- Anna Mahler and Nichelle Taylor
- Tristen Garretson

Ms. Spagnola congratulated the staff members on their outstanding work with the children of Hillsborough.

President Hudes thanked the members of the HEF for their generosity and support to the district and community.

#### New Business

None

Mr. Blandino arrived at 7:38 p.m.

#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Forsthoffer reported that kindergarten registration information is available on the district website and at the board office. He stated that registrations will be held throughout the district on March 4 & 5 depending on the letter that the student's last name begins with.

He also noted that several students have been chosen as recipients of the prestigious Edward J. Bloustein award and will be recognized for their academic accomplishments at one of the February meetings.

He closed his report by stating that recommended for approval on this evening's agenda is the candidate for the vice-principal position at the middle school. If approved, all administrative vacancies will be filled.

Time was allowed for questions and comments from the board and public on the superintendent's report.

#### Action Agenda

##### Public Comments

(All comments were related to the random drug testing policy in the administrative portion of the agenda).

Richard Burns, parent, spoke on studies that were performed on random drug testing which found no significant difference in drug use between schools that utilize random drug testing and those that do not. He stated that he was not in support of approving the policy.

Robin Marks, parent and certified drug prevention specialist and addiction counselor, spoke about the staggering statistics of substance abuse and voiced her support for the policy.

Paul Kouroupas, parent, voiced his opposition to the policy and believes that the board is grossly underestimating the cost involved with implementing such a policy.

Marie Harvey, parent, voiced concerns that the policy is discriminatory by targeting only students involved in school activities. She was also concerned of the potential positive test results due to prescribed medications and is against the policy unless the entire student body is subject to testing.

Bob Pescinski, parent, voiced his opposition and spoke on research he found that did not advocate random drug testing.

Susan Rodriguez, parent, voiced some concern and asked the board to be cautious if they move forward so that they do not violate any constitutional rights, particularly the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment.

Roberta Henry, parent and teacher in the district, supports random drug testing for all however realizes that it is not possible due to the New Jersey Supreme Court decision. She voiced some concern with the wording of the current draft policy. She spoke about the testing procedures that take place if a staff member suspects a student of being under the influence.

Amy Borer, teacher, supports the policy and sees it as an opportunity for everyone to work together to keep the children safe.

Steven Feldman, high school senior, spoke about the many activities that he is involved in and said that he chooses not to use drugs on his own and finds it humiliating to be subject to testing.

Laura Burshnic, parent, voiced opposition to the policy and believes that it's discriminatory and will foster negative relationships between staff and students.

Izzak Novak, high school student, voiced his opposition and believes that peers have a stronger influence in dissuading their peers from using alcohol and drugs than random drug testing. He believes students involved in school sports and activities are less likely to be the abusers and that it violates their constitutional rights.

Dan Wojik, high school senior voiced his opposition to the policy.

Raymond Kelly, high school senior, voiced his opposition and feels by only targeting kids in activities, the board is missing the students that are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol due to unstructured free time.

Anthony Monticchio, parent, thanked the board for allowing the public additional time to speak on this very important issue. He voiced his support for the concept of random drug testing;

however, he feels that the way the policy is currently written is ineffective and flawed.

Hugh Williams, parent, believes that the policy is ineffective and believes that by instituting the policy, you are asking students to voluntarily throw away their 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights.

Joan Griner, resident of Flemington and plaintiff in the lawsuit against Hunterdon Central when they instituted the policy, stated that their loss in the litigation was by only 1 vote and not a landslide decision as some would like to make you think. She stated that random drug testing sounds reasonable at face value, but studies have proven otherwise and she cautions Hillsborough as they move forward with their decision. She believes that parental supervision and influence is what is most effective in deterring children from using and abusing drugs and alcohol.

Mike Detsis, parent, voiced his opposition and believes that children's liberties are being surrendered for the false sense that someone will be saved by instituting this policy. He also stated specific studies that find random drug testing ineffective.

Charlie Molinari, parent, spoke about his personal experience of how he lost his best friend and cousin at the age of 16 due to alcohol and drug use. He came to the meeting in full support of the policy, but after listening to other's concerns, he feels that the policy needs to be 'tweaked' but should still be pursued.

David Evans, executive director of Drug Free Schools Coalition, located in Flemington, stated that two parents in the district asked him to come to this evening's meeting and speak about the importance of random drug testing. He stated that he has no financial ulterior motive in speaking since his position as executive director for the coalition is a volunteer position. He cited many studies in favor of the testing and stated that many of the studies that are against testing are flawed due to the fact that they did not compare school districts of equal demographics. In response to concerns of parents regarding tests resulting in a false positive, he stated that there are safeguards to eliminate the risk and he talked about the various tests available. He offered any assistance to the district that he can provide as they move forward in the process.

James McFarland, staff member and parent, spoke of his 15 years in the district as educator and coach and voiced his support for the policy. He believes that it gives students another reason to make positive choices by creating positive pressure.

Norm Hewitt, long-time resident and teacher in the district, spoke of his experiences of living and teaching in the district

over the past 40 years. He stated that he watched the high school grow from 300 students to over 2,000. He lost 12 students throughout his tenure due to alcohol and drug abuse and voiced his support. He urged the board to have the courage to move forward in passing this policy even if it does not seem to be the popular thing to do.

Nancy Edwards, parent, thanked the board for moving forward and stated that as a person who works with adolescents that abuse alcohol and drugs, she believes parents are kidding themselves if they think they know everything that their children are doing. She believes that the policy gives the kids the added strength to say no.

Sarah Taber, resident and parent of 5 children who graduated from Hillsborough, spoke of her personal experience with her grandson who was an active good kid who was never in trouble until he reached Hillsborough High School and is now incarcerated for the second time due to drugs. She voiced her support and asked everyone to take all their energy and direct it towards acknowledging the problem and looking for solutions. She agrees that it is not going to "cure" the problem but it will help a great many students avoid what happened to her grandson.

Steven Summerer, parent, spoke of his experience as a school resource police officer in another district. He stressed the danger of alcohol because that is where abuse begins; not with the "serious" drugs such as heroin. He stated that there is no simple answer and we need to use every tool available to keep kids safe.

Michael Fanizzi, parent and athletic director of Hillsborough High School, stated that many of the kids who are eligible for the "pool" of students that will be subject to random drug testing if this policy is passed, are already subject to random drug testing because of the requirements of the NJSIAA. He stated that he has not seen a decline in participation due to the potential testing.

Tim Jordan, parent, stated that at the public hearing on the policy held on January 3, he asked if the district had adequate insurance coverage to cover the cost of any potential litigation arising out of the institution of the policy.

President Hudes advised Mr. Jordan that that question will be addressed later in the meeting.

Mr. Jordan stated that he is in favor of the policy and urged the board to move forward quickly so that they do not jeopardize losing any grant money that is available.

Paul Kouroupas, after hearing Mr. Fanizzi's comment, asked the question as to why we would bother pursuing this policy if the majority of the student body who are involved in athletics are already subject to random drug testing due to the NJSIAA rules.

Donna Biddulph, parent, wanted to go on the record as being opposed to the policy and stated that she believes the board of education would be crossing their boundaries with parents by doing so.

Lisa Gulla, parent and health educator and addiction counseling professional, stated that it has been her experience that even the most involved parents have children with drug problems and she supports the policy as an added tool to help parents.

David Evans stated that there are state contracts available that would substantially lower the cost of drug testing and that if the district is looking into a program that is in the \$10,000 range, there are more economical options.

#### CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Kanaby and seconded by Mr. Schneider that the board of education approve the curriculum and instruction agenda as follows:

#### Acceptance of Grants

Accept the following NCLB grants for Fiscal Year 2008:

| <u>Grant</u>   | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| NCLB Title IA  | \$305,434     |
| NCLB Title IIA | \$133,282     |
| NCLB Title IID | \$ 2,069      |
| NCLB Title III | \$ 27,043     |
| NCLB Title IV  | \$ 20,210     |
| NCLB Title V   | \$ 8,635      |

#### Approval of Grant Application

Approve the following grant application:

| <u>Grant</u>  | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Elementary and Secondary School<br>Counseling Program | \$204,000     |

#### Approval of Memorandum of Understanding

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Raritan Valley Community College and the Hillsborough Township Public Schools in working with the New Jersey Astronomy Center (NJACE) in the NASA funded IDEAS Grant Project "Connecting Astronomy".

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

#### PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends that the board of education approve the personnel agenda as follows:

#### Retirements

Joseph Filippone, mathematics teacher, Hillsborough High School, effective July 1, 2008. Mr. Filippone has worked for the district for 36 years

Norman Hewitt, industrial technology teacher, Hillsborough High School, effective July 1, 2008. Mr. Hewitt has worked for the district for 39 years.

Laura Kloptosky, grade 6 teacher, Auten Road Intermediate School, effective July 1, 2008. Ms. Kloptosky has worked for the district for 21 years.

Martin Siemoneit Ph.D., German teacher, Hillsborough High School, effective July 1, 2008. Dr. Siemoneit has been a teacher for 19 years 2 of those years in Hillsborough.

Barbara Tojeira, grade 4 teacher, Amsterdam School, effective July 1, 2008. Ms. Tojeira has worked for the district for 20 years.

#### Resignations

Jeanine Reilly, permanent school aide, Woods Road School, effective January 2, 2008.

Dawn Tacopoino, permanent school aide, Woodfern School, effective February 1, 2008.

#### Leave of Absence

Miriam Finkelstein, social studies teacher, Hillsborough High School, disability/federal/family/child care leave of absence effective January 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Tobi Kozak, guidance counselor, Hillsborough High School, disability/family leave of absence, effective February 22, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Keri Krawski, grade 1 teacher, Amsterdam School, disability/family leave of absence, effective March 24, 2008 through June 30, 2008.



Jerzy Maziarz, custodian, Auten Road Intermediate School, family leave of absence, effective January 22, 2008 through February 13, 2008.

Eileen Mitzak, instructional assistant, Triangle School, family leave of absence, effective April, 15, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Revised Retirement

Rosemary Ryan, basic skills instructor, Sunnymead School, from effective July 1, 2008 to effective February 1, 2008. Ms. Ryan has worked for the district for 26 years.

Revised Leave of Absence

Christine Haas, English teacher, Hillsborough High School, from disability/family leave of absence effective December 3, 2007 through March 14, 2008 to disability/family leave of absence effective December 3, 2007 through May 1, 2008.

Revised Long Term Substitute

Richard Bencivenga, long term substitute English teacher, Hillsborough High School, from effective December 3, 2007 through March 14, 2008 to effective December 3, 2007 through May 1, 2008 replacing Christine Haas (leave of absence).

SALARY: \$45,412 PRORATED BA Step 1

Tracy Rood, long term substitute, Special Education/Resource Center teacher, Auten Road Intermediate School, from effective September 21, 2007 through January 28, 2008 to effective September 21, 2007 through April 30, 2008 replacing Kerrie DeAntonio (leave of absence).

SALARY: \$45,412 PRORATED BA Step 1

Revised Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Jeff Scott, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, district, from effective October 4, 2007 through December 31, 2007 to effective October 4, 2007 to January 18, 2008.

SALARY: \$600/ per diem

Change in Contract

Gerald Eckert, from assistant business administrator, business office, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008, to assistant business administrator/assistant board secretary, business office, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

SALARY: \$67,000 PRORATED

Carey Erdman, from .5 instructional assistant, Woods Road School, to full time instructional assistant, Woods Road School, effective January 7, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

SALARY: \$23,300 PRORATED

Step 1

Appointments for 2007 - 2008

Approve the appointment of the following personnel for the 2007-2008 school year. The appointment of those marked with an (\*) will be contingent upon approval as per N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.2 et. Seq.

Vice Principal

Susan Eckstein, vice principal, Hillsborough Middle School, effective January 30, 2008, replacing Lisa Heisel (in-district transfer).

Teacher

\*Caroline Quadrino, .5 preschool teacher, Woods Road School, effective February 13, 2008 through June 30, 2008, new position.

SALARY: \$54,952 PRORATED

MA+15

Step 8

Long Term Substitute

Clare McEnroe, long term substitute, family & consumer science teacher, Hillsborough High School, effective February 4, 2008 through June 30, 2008, replacing Kimberly Bebawi (leave of absence).

SALARY: \$45,412 PRORATED

BA

Step 1

Caitlin O'Neill, long term substitute, social studies teacher, Hillsborough High School, effective January 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008, replacing Miriam Finkelstein (leave of absence).

SALARY: \$45,412 PRORATED

BA

Step 1

Instructional Assistant

Joel Higgins, instructional assistant, Hillsborough High School, effective January 29, 2008 through June 30, 2008, new position.

SALARY: \$23,300 PRORATED

Step 1

Evelyn Mansfield, .5 instructional assistant, district, effective January 7, 2008 through June 30, 2008, new position.

SALARY: \$23,300 PRORATED

Step 1

Permanent School Aide

Deana Princiotta, permanent school aide 2 hrs/day, Woods Road School, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008, replacing Jeanine Reilly (accepted instructional assistant position).

SALARY: \$14.56/hour

Step 1

Rita Vanvourellis, permanent school aide 2 hrs/day, Woods Road School, effective January 2, 2008 through June 30, 2008, replacing Cindy Sheridan (resigned).

SALARY: \$14.56/hour

Step 1

Coaches - STIPEND

Matthew Varhley, assistant boys tennis coach, Hillsborough High School, effective 2007-2008 coaching season.

STIPEND: \$3,472

Step 2

Substitute Teachers - \$80/day

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lavanya Anandakvmar | Rori Bergma          |
| Amanda Burgess      | Marco Cavallaro      |
| Michael Duralek     | Marissa Freitag      |
| Lauren Holzschuh    | Nicholas Inghilterra |
| Rebecca Kling       | Gerald Mazzetta      |
| Sean McManus        | Jason Montagna       |
| Suzanne Nemec       | Therese Rosario      |
| Robin Seitz         | Linda Rozycki        |
| Dawn Snyder         | Siobhan Weikel       |
| Nicholas Lepera     |                      |

Substitute Nurse - \$100/day

Diane Kasporeck  
Denise Shaughnessy  
Krista Williams

Substitute Secretary - \$10.25/hour

Debra Picard  
Dawn Snyder

Substitute Permanent School Aide - \$7.90/hour

Dawn Snyder

Substitute Bus Aide - \$17.44/hour

Lavanya Anandakvmar  
Dawn Snyder

Mentors

| <u>Mentor</u>    | <u>Mentee</u>   |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Toby Casagrande  | Thomas Sharples |
| Cindy Lingg      | Tracey Rood     |
| Michele Costello | Victoria Wargo  |
| Vickie Whittle   | Julie Lytwyn    |

Student Teachers

Carolyn Weber, The College of New Jersey, to do her guidance counselor internship at Sunnymead Elementary School effective January 29, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

| <u>Cooperative Teacher</u> | <u>Grade(s)</u>        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Julie West                 | Guidance Counselor K-4 |

Group Changes

Approve the group changes for personnel listed on *Schedule A* effective February 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Summer Enrichment Program - Stipend

Margaret Niemiec, coordinator, 2008 summer enrichment program.  
STIPEND: \$5,500

Amy Crane, assistant coordinator, 2008 summer enrichment program.  
STIPEND: \$3,000

Linda Heffernan, nurse, 2008 summer enrichment program.  
STIPEND: \$1,250

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Kanaby and seconded by Mr. Paget that the board of education approve the personnel agenda as follows:

Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports

Accept the monthly financial reports of the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month of December 31, 2007 and in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (e) that the Board of Education certify that no major account or fund has been overexpended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Approval of Monthly Bills

Approve the monthly bills as reviewed by the finance committee as follows:

General Operating            \$8,747,697.89

Line Item Transfers

Approve the following line item transfers in the 2007-08 general fund budget:

From

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Description</u>          | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 11-000-100-566-00-00  | Prvt. Sch. Hand. Tuition    | 11,715        |
| 11-000-100-568-00-00  | State Facility Tuition      | 73,000        |
| 11-190-100-610-01-09  | Inst. Supplies HS Phys. Ed. | 230           |
| 11-190-100-610-08-00  | Inst. Supplies WR           | 11,779        |
|                       |                             | <u>96,724</u> |

To

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Description</u>          | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 11-000-221-600-09-11  | Inst. Computer Ed. Supplies | 230           |
| 11-000-230-610-00-00  | Supplies                    | 3,000         |
| 11-000-230-500-00-00  | Other Purch. Services       | 60,000        |
|                       | Bus. Serv. Other Purch.     |               |
| 11-000-251-592-00-00  | Services                    | 10,000        |
| 11-120-100-101-00-00  | Teacher Salaries 1-5        | 11,779        |
| 11-000-217-100-00-00  | Inst. Asst. Salaries        | 11,715        |
|                       |                             | <u>96,724</u> |

Change Orders

Approve the following change orders:

1. Project:            Miscellaneous HVAC Work at Three Schools  
 Contractor:        Mid-Atlantic Mechanical  
 Change Order No.: H-1  
 Change Order Amount: \$8,993 (from allowance) - No change in contract

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| \$10,000.00       | Allowance           |
| <u>- 8,993.00</u> | H-1                 |
| \$ 1,007.00       | remaining allowance |

Description: Relocation of the dust collection system per Township order.

2. Project: Cabinets/Toilets Replacement at Three Schools  
 Contractor: Oradell Construction  
 Change Order No.: GC-4  
 Change Order Amount: \$4,788.27 (from allowance) - No change in contract  
 \$6,000.00 Allowance  
 - 4,788.27 H-1  
 \$ 1,211.73 remaining allowance

Description: Additional work at Sunnymead School, storage unit expenses and additional labor, and additional work at Triangle School

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

A motion was made by Mr. Donnadio and seconded by Mr. Kanaby that the board of education approve the administrative agenda as follows:

#### Amendment to Schedule of Public Meetings of the Hillsborough Board of Education

Amend the schedule of public meetings of the Hillsborough Board of Education from work meeting scheduled for April 14, 2008 to work meeting scheduled for April 7, 2008.

#### Approve the Overnight Trips as Listed

| School | Group/Team                             | Destination                | Dates                | Schedule |
|--------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| HHS    | Peer Mentors                           | Camp Mason<br>Hardwick, NJ | 5/31/08 -<br>6/1/08  | B        |
| HHS    | Winterguard<br>Regional<br>Competition | South Brunswick<br>H.S.    | 3/15/08 -<br>3/16/08 | C        |

#### Acceptance of Donation

##### DONOR

Hillsborough Rotary

##### DESCRIPTION

525 Webster dictionaries for district third graders

Joel Goldberg

1 Flat Screen LCD monitor

#### Approve the Professional Travel Related Expenses as Listed

Approve the Professional Travel Related expenses as listed on Schedule D.

Policies

The policy committee has recommended the following policies be included for consideration as follows:

## First Reading

- Policy #5512 - Hazing - *Schedule G*
- Policy #5512.01 - Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying - *Schedule H*

## Second Reading

- Policy #8130 - School Organization - *Schedule I*

Approval of Outside Educational Placements

Approve the outside educational placements for the 2007-2008 school year as listed on *Schedule J*.

Professional Services Agreement

Approve the awarding of a professional services contract to ARMM Associates, Inc. for professional architectural and engineering services to prepare a district-wide roof condition survey at a cost of \$44,300.

Participation Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing of Natural Gas

Approve an agreement between the board of education and Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to participate in seeking bids on a cooperative basis for the purchase of natural gas as listed on *Schedule K*.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

Approve District Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year

A motion was made by Mr. Paget and seconded by Donnadio to approve the district calendar for the 2008-2009 school year as listed on *Schedule E*.

A motion was made by Mr. Kanaby and seconded by Mr. Lin to amend the motion to approve the district calendar to include April 13, 2008 as a school day and June 19 and 22 as half days.

Upon call of the roll, the motion to amend the district calendar to include April 13, 2008 as a school day and June 19 and 22 as half days was defeated with eight members voting against and Mr. Kanaby voting in favor.

Upon call of the roll, the motion to approve the district calendar for the 2008-09 school year as listed on Schedule E carried with seven members voting in favor and Messrs. Blandino and Kanaby voting against.

### Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Kanaby that the board of education approve the following policy be included for consideration as follows:

#### First Reading

- Policy #5131 - Pupil Random Drug and Alcohol Testing - *Schedule F*

After much discussion by the board, the motion carried with six members voting in favor and Messrs. Blandino, Donnadio, and Gillette voting against.

### INFORMATIONAL

Emergency drills were held during the month of December as follows:

| School                     | Dates             | Times                |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Amsterdam School           | December 12, 2007 | 2 minutes            |
|                            | December 18, 2007 | 2 minutes 20 seconds |
| Auten Road Intermediate    | December 19, 2007 | 2 minutes            |
|                            | December 19, 2007 | 2 minutes            |
| Hillsborough Elementary    | December 20, 2007 | 1 minute 5 seconds   |
|                            | December 21, 2007 | 1 minute 20 seconds  |
| Sunnymead School           | December 12, 2007 | 1 minute 4 seconds   |
|                            | December 18, 2007 | 1 minute 55 seconds  |
| Triangle Elementary        | December 4, 2007  | 1 minute 40 seconds  |
|                            | December 12, 2007 | 1 minute 40 seconds  |
| Woodfern Elementary        | December 12, 2007 | 1 minute 2 seconds   |
|                            | December 19, 2007 | 1 minute 12 seconds  |
| Woods Road Elementary      | December 4, 2007  | 1 minute 38 seconds  |
|                            | December 11, 2007 | 1 minute 35 seconds  |
| Hillsborough Middle School | December 10, 2007 | 2 minutes 14 seconds |
|                            | December 18, 2007 | 2 minutes 18 seconds |
| Hillsborough High School   | December 1, 2007  | 2 minutes 30 seconds |
|                            | December 20, 2007 | 2 minutes 30 seconds |

Bus evacuation drills were held during the month of December as follows:

Auten Road Intermediate School - December 13, 2007



Lockdown drills were held during the month of December as follows:

Auten Road Intermediate School - December 13, 2007  
Woodfern Elementary - December 6, 2007  
Hillsborough High School - December 12, 2007

Suspensions for the month of December:

Hillsborough High School = 13  
Hillsborough Middle School = 6  
Auten Road Intermediate = 0  
Elementary Schools = 0

### Old Business

Kim Szeremeta, parent of an autistic child, asked about the analysis of the effectiveness of Camp Heart that Dr. Forsthoffer directed Mrs. Johnston, director of special services, to report on.

She expressed her dissatisfaction with the program stating that it was not age appropriate or inclusive.

Dr. Forsthoffer stated that Mrs. Johnston did report on the camp at the December meeting and noted that she did identify those issues as goals for next year.

Mrs. Szeremeta also asked about agendas and minutes being placed on the website in a more timely fashion.

Dr. Forsthoffer said that he would look into that issue and see that it is rectified.

A motion was made by Mr. Schneider and seconded by Mr. Kanaby to extend the meeting past 11:30 p.m.

Upon call of the roll, the motion carried with a unanimous vote recorded.

Tim Jordan also stated that unfortunately he missed Mrs. Johnston's report and tried to obtain a copy of the meeting from the public library and stated that the availability of the meetings was not up to date.

Mr. Jordan asked if there was a possibility that the meetings be aired on channel 14 more frequently and if they could be placed on the website as well.

Dr. Forsthoffer said that the technology department is already in the process of researching the possibility of doing so.

President Hudes asked about the correspondence that was received from Washington Township Public Schools and asked the board how they wanted to move forward with it.

Mr. Donnadio, as legislative representative, stated that he was going to do some background research into the issue and would get back to the board. He felt there was no immediate urgency to address the situation, but that the board still should move in a timely fashion and possibly address it at the February work meeting.

President Hudes identified three items related to the random drug testing policy for follow-up:

- Questions related to the language in the regulations which he referred to Mr. Kanaby to get clarification on for Mr. Rosenberg
- The difference in the punitive action of the random drug testing policy vs. the current drug policy which he referred to the policy committee for clarification.
- Whether the district has adequate insurance coverage to offset any legal costs that the district may incur due to potential litigation which he referred to Mr. Mahmoud for follow-up.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mr. Paget to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 p.m.

Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Aiman Mahmoud  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary