

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
REGULAR MEETING**

November 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Wong called the November 24, 2014, meeting to order at 7 p.m.

SUNSHINE NOTICE:

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that:

“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 meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. Adequate notice of this November 24, 2014, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken was published in the Asbury Park Press and was delivered to the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Interlaken, in accordance with PL 1975, Ch. 231A.”

ROLL CALL:

• Mrs. Abrams	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
• Dr. Handerhan	Yes <u> </u>	No <u> X </u>
• Mrs. Watt	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
• Mrs. Weeden	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
• Mrs. Wong	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

2.0 FLAG SALUTE

3.0 REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- The Board Secretary discussed scheduling of the upcoming reorganization meeting. The reorganization meeting will be held Monday, January 5th, 2014. Tentative time is 7:00 p.m. Tentative meeting dates for 2015 will be set at this time.

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- None.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Wong reported that there was no new update on the contracts.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- None.

7.0 APPROVE MINUTES

It was motioned by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mrs. Watt to approve the following minutes:

➤ October 27, 2014

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| • Mrs. Abrams | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Dr. Handerhan | Yes <u> </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Watt | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Weeden | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Wong | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |

AYES: (4) Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

8.0 BILL PAYMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Watt, to pay bills for November 24, 2014, as presented. One check will be held pending research by the Business Administrator.

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| • Mrs. Abrams | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Dr. Handerhan | Yes <u> </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Watt | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Weeden | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Wong | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |

AYES: (4) Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

9.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was motioned by Mrs. Watt, seconded by Mrs. Abrams, to accept the following financial reports:

- Report of the Board Secretary/Treasurer Dated:

- October 31, 2014

- Monthly Budgetary Line Item Status Certification:

Be it resolved that the Board Secretary for the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken certifies that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), as of October 31, 2014, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriate in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a); and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken certifies that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate District official that to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

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| • Mrs. Abrams | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Dr. Handerhan | Yes <u> </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Watt | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Weeden | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Mrs. Wong | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |

AYES: (4) Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

10.0 FORMAL RESOLUTIONS

A. APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT SERVICES

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Abrams, to approve the following:

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Board of Education Auditor, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and the Local Public Schools Contract Law authorizes the contracting of such professional service without competitive bidding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the engagement of the following professional services:

Mr. Allen Schechter, CPA, as Board Auditor

This appointment, in place until the 2015 reorganization meeting, is made without competitive bidding as exempt under the Public School Contracts Law and is contingent on receipt of newly-required Political Contribution Disclosure information.

B. SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Wong, to move the following item’s discussion and vote to executive session:

Approve the following special education out-of-district placement per the student’s IEP beginning December 1, 2014 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

Student I Harbor School Cost of \$34,782.30 (prorated)

11.0 DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MISSION STATEMENT

- A draft was read of the vision and mission statement. The Board discussed the various points in the mission statement and underlying beliefs. More work will be done on the mission statement before the next meeting.

12.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Liz Brown – 718 Bendermere: She expressed concern over how a consolidation with Loch Arbor would affect school issues and the send/receive agreements. Mrs. Wong replied that the Board is still in discovery mode, so they can’t make statements at this time.
- Patricia Lynch - 306 Bendermere: She asked if a decision had been made by the Board as to whether Interlaken children could attend Red Bank Regional next year, since her daughter needed to apply to the school soon. The Board replied that they would allow her to apply, since this was still under discussion by the Board.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was motioned by Mrs. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Weeden to go into closed executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss student matters:

- Mrs. Abrams Yes X No
- Dr. Handerhan Yes No
- Mrs. Watt Yes X No
- Mrs. Weeden Yes X No
- Mrs. Wong Yes X No

AYES: (4) Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Abrams, the Board closed executive session and reconvened into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne M. O'Halloran
Business Administrator/Board Secretary