

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

July 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Wong called the July 28, 2014, meeting to order at 7:00 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 July 28, 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> X </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>

2.0 FLAG SALUTE

3.0 REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

- None

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Wong, the Board President, read the following Public Statement at the July 28, 2014 Board of Education meeting:

**Public Statement
Board of Education Meeting
July 28, 2014**

The Interlaken Board of Education has received the decision from the New Jersey Commissioner of Education on the following matter: Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken, Monmouth County v. Board of Education of the City of Asbury Park, Monmouth County, et. als. and M.L. o/b/o minor children, et. als. v. Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken, Dkt. No.: EDU 5340-12 and 11302-12.

Effective immediately, the Commissioner of Education has approved the Interlaken Board of Education's application to sever its send-receive relationship with the Asbury Park Board of Education. The Commissioner of Education has also approved and authorized the Interlaken Board of Education to establish a formal send-receive relationship with the West Long Branch and Shore Regional boards of education for all Interlaken students Pre-K through grade 12.

Any Interlaken residents with school age children who are interested in attending the West Long Branch and Shore Regional public schools through Interlaken's send-receive relationship with these school districts should contact Susanne O'Halloran, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Interlaken Board of Education.

Mrs. Wong also read the following personal statement at the July 28, 2014 Board of Education meeting:

INTERLAKEN BOE MEETING – 7-28-14

It's the job of each Board of Ed to keep the *children* of their district foremost in their minds. **That** is what we're elected to do, and **that** is what we have done. It's a simple concept, and one that we've always kept uppermost in our minds with each decision we've made and every action we've taken.

That simple concept led us on our journey – to make sure the children in this town receive what the State Constitution says they *should* receive - **"a thorough and efficient education."** The exact quote is, **"the Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all the children in this State."** School Boards in the U.S. derive their power and authority from their state's statutes and constitution. Accordingly, a local board acts as an agent of the state government with all the authority and limitations imposed by the state constitution. We actually take an oath when we become board members to **"solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey."** And while we knew our goal, we needed a lot of help along the way to execute this concept of providing "a thorough and efficient education."

We'd like to thank the Shore Regional Board of Ed, and the West Long Branch Board of Ed for welcoming us into their community of schools. They have been providing a wonderful environment for learning and growing. We are thrilled to be attached to your schools!

Dennis Kotch and Susanne O'Halloran – thank you for all your help these past years!!

Thank you to our friends in town for your support and patience through this process. It's taken much longer than we ever thought.

While it would *seem* to be a simple task – to provide our children their constitutional rights – it would *not* have been possible without the expert legal guidance and counsel of our amazing legal team composed of Dr. Anthony Sciarrillo and Jennifer Osborne. We'd be spinning our wheels if it weren't for the 2 of you! You kept us on track when we couldn't find the track anymore – you seamlessly guided us through each and every twist and turn along the way, and all the while patiently teaching us why each step had to be taken. Thank you, Tony and Jen, for your **wisdom, patience, your time and your humor!** We are grateful that Kim Hoyle found you years ago, and grateful that you wanted to take our case! Our lives have improved immensely because of your tireless work on behalf of our children in town.

I've been honored to have served these many years side by side with incredibly intelligent, dedicated board members - Joann Weeden, Karen Watt, Tracy Handerman, and our newest member, Linda Abrams. Each one of you has **consistently** exhibited a **strong commitment** to work cohesively and cooperatively together toward the common goal of providing the best possible educational opportunities for the children of this community. We have read in the newspapers recently how things can go astray when Board members don't work together. **That** has never been the case with this Board. You have demonstrated to the public, and to me, what it takes to follow through with an idea, and never let it drop. You have withstood unjust criticism and reprimand, while quietly working toward the betterment of this town and its children. I've learned so much from each and every one of you, and I am so thankful and proud to have served with you, and to be able to experience this day together with all of you.

I'd like to thank my beautiful husband and son! It's been an arduous and challenging process to say the least, and you've been my steadfast rock!! Thank you for putting up with me, through thick and thin, snippiness and then some!

Lastly - This is a great town and we're honored to have worked so hard as Board of Ed members on behalf of the Children of Interlaken. Thank you!

Meredith Fox Wong – BOE President

Several Board members also expressed their congratulations and thanks to the Board Attorney and the Board members who were instrumental in making the new send-receive relationship possible.

7.0 APPROVE MINUTES

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

➤ June 30, 2014

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Mrs. Abrams | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Dr. Handerhan | Yes <u> X </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: (5) Mrs. Abrams, Dr. Handerhan, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

8.0 BILL PAYMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Dr. Handerhan, to pay bills for July 28, 2014, as presented.

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Mrs. Abrams | Yes <u> X </u> | No <u> </u> |
| • Dr. Handerhan | Yes <u> X </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: (5) Mrs. Abrams, Dr. Handerhan, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

9.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- Report of the Board Secretary/Treasurer Dated:

○ June 30, 2014

- That the listed transfer(s) be authorized in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1:

<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Transfer #5</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
6/30/2014			
1)	11-000-100-566	Tuition private disabled in state	\$14,221.64
2)	11-000-213-500	Purchased Prof health services	\$733.80
3)	11-000-230-331	Legal Services	\$1,934.00
4)	11-000-230-332	Audit Fees	\$5,000.00
5)	11-000-230-339	Other Purchased Prof services	\$630.38
6)	11-000-251-340	Purchased Technical services	\$773.00
7)	11-000-270-513	Contracted Transport-jointure	\$17,002.78
8)	11-000-270-517	Contracted Transport-regular	\$2,197.48
9)	11-000-270-518	Contracted Transport-special	\$3,487.80
10)	11-000-219-320	Purchased Prof Svc-Child Study	\$604.86

-To reclassify funds

- 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 June 30, 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.

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

AYES: (5) Mrs. Abrams, Dr. Handerhan, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

Motion carried.

10.0 FORMAL RESOLUTIONS

A. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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

To approve, as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1(d), the following professional services used for the 13-14 school year as follows:

a.) Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide tutoring services for one student at the rate of \$50.00 per hour for approximately two (2) hours per day.

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

AYES: (4) Mrs. Abrams, Dr. Handerhan, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (1) Mrs. Watt

Motion carried.

11.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following residents offered public comments:

- Dale Wong of Buttermere Ave. expressed his appreciation to the Board Members and Board Attorney for all of their hard work and accomplishments.

Congratulations and thanks to the Board and to the residents of Interlaken were also offered by:

- Keith Miller
- Dean Schoonover – Buttermere Ave.
- Eric Librader – Windermere Ave.
- Bill Handerhan – Barra St.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Not warranted at this time.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Abrams to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne M. O'Halloran
Business Administrator/Board Secretary