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3 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

4 of the **PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of
5 Education held **Thursday, April 30, 2015** in the Nehaussey Middle School library.

6 The meeting was called to order by President Roseanne Lombardo at 6:30 p.m.

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8 Roll Call:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo, School Board President	Curriculum/Technology Committee Regulatory/Safety Committee Gloucester County/State Board Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Susan Vernacchio, School Board Vice-President	(Chair) Budget/Finance/Policy Committee Negotiations/Personnel Committee Gloucester County/State Board Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andrew Chapkowski	(Chair) Curriculum/Technology Committee Negotiations/Personnel Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Nelson Hall	Curriculum Technology Committee Regulatory/Safety Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. John Hughes ABSENT	Paulsboro Board of Education Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Lisa Morina (arrived at 6:41 p.m.)	Budget/Finance/Policy Committee (Chair) Negotiations/Personnel Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Duane Sarmiento	Budget/Finance/Policy Committee (Chair) Regulatory/Safety Committee

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11 Quorum YES
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13 Also present were Interim Superintendent Thomas Schulte and Scott A. Campbell,
14 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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16 As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting
17 was sent to the ***The South Jersey Times, Courier Post,*** and the ***Township Clerk.*** It
18 was also posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Audiotaping
19 Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being audiotaped and anyone
20 wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.”)
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22 **FLAG SALUTE**

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24 **1. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET**

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26 Motion: (Sarmiento/Chapkowski) to open the public hearing portion of the
27 meeting to present the 2015-2016 proposed budget.
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1 **Interim Superintendent Thomas Schulte** opened the presentation of the
2 School Budget by commenting on the goals and objectives of the district.

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4 A. The 2015-2016 Budget Presentation was made by Scott A. Campbell,
5 School Business Administrator. (Presentation attached)

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7 B. Discussion open to the public.
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9 **Cathy Tortella**, Nehaunsey Middle School nurse, asked if the Board had any
10 serious consideration about moving the nurse's office at the Broad Street
11 School? **Mrs. Tortella** has concerns that the nurse there, **Mrs. Jean Morrison**,
12 is far away from the main office, the cafeteria/gymnasium and access to the
13 outside playground. Even though **Mrs. Tortella** doesn't work there, she does
14 cover over there at times when **Mrs. Morrison** is out. She also has concerns
15 that the bathroom in that office is without a sink to wash your hands. **Thomas**
16 **Schulte** responded by saying that it is something that the Board will need to look
17 into. **Scott Campbell** said the Board will be interviewing an architect who will
18 have the expertise in that.
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20 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey commented on the
21 high amount of per pupil costs. **Scott Campbell** said it is one of the highest in
22 the state based on the size of our district with Englewood Cliffs being the highest.
23 **Mr. Lucas** also commented that salaries, benefits and salaries for support staff is
24 also high.
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26 **Susan Vernacchio** asked what our tuition costs were per student at Paulsboro
27 High School? **Scott Campbell** answered it is \$15,000.00 per regular education
28 student. It fluctuates for special education students but can be somewhere in the
29 mid \$20,000.00 range.
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31 **Lee Lucas** commented on the special education students being in the same
32 classroom as regular education students and he wants to know when that
33 started? **Thomas Schulte** said it has to do with the students' ability but
34 mainstreaming started a long time ago. **Mr. Lucas** feels it costs more because
35 you now have to pay the aides to be with that child.
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37 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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39 **2. MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET**

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41 Motion: (Hall/Sarmiento) to approve the following as one, A-E:

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43 A. The approval of the following resolution:
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1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Greenwich Township Board of
2 Education budget for the FY 2015-2016 is adopted as follows:

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	BUDGET
5 Total General Fund	\$12,062,981.00
6 Total Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 336,461.00</u>
7 Totals	\$12,399,442.00

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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there should be raised
10 for the General Fund \$9,697,131.00 for the ensuing School Year (2015-
11 2016); and

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13 B. **WHEREAS**, school district policy (#6471) and N.J.A.C.
14 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the
15 annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be
16 allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2015-2016
17 school year; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel
20 and expense reimbursement for the 2014-2015 school year was
21 \$6,221.00; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, travel and expense reimbursement has reached
24 a total amount of \$3,168.82 as of March 31, 2015.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
27 Greenwich Township Board of Education, in the County of Gloucester,
28 New Jersey, hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the
29 2015-2016 school year at the sum of \$5,942.00; and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business
32 Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the
33 maximum amount is not exceeded.

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35 C. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.2(a) mandates boards to
36 establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and
37 each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the
38 ensuing school year; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the budget includes the following
41 appropriations:

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44 Legal	\$15,000.00
45 Accounting	\$21,000.00
Physician	\$ 3,300.00

1 Architect \$15,000.00
 2 Teacher Prof. Dev. \$ 5,556.00
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Administration needs to notice the Board if
 5 there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the Board
 6 may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board
 7 action; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Board and Administration wishes to
 10 minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
 13 Greenwich Township School District Board of Education establishes
 14 maximums for professional development in the areas listed above at a
 15 level of 50% of the amounts listed for the 2015-2016 school year.
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17 D. Resolution: State Aid – School Year 2015-2016
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Greenwich Township
 20 in the County of Gloucester has met to acknowledge and accept the 2015-
 21 2016 State Aid,
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23 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Greenwich Township Board of
 24 Education acknowledges receipt of the 2015-2016 State Aid amounts
 25 listed below:
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<u>AID CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Categorical Special Education Aid	\$ 342,959.00
Categorical Security Aid	\$ 84,835.00
Transportation Aid	\$ 272,654.00
Adjustment Aid	\$ 410,720.00
PARCC Readiness Aid	\$ 5,670.00
Per Pupil Growth Aid	\$ 5,670.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,122,508.00</u>

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 36 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of
 37 Education of Greenwich Township does accept the State Aid for school
 38 year 2015-2016.
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40 E. Tax Payment Schedule
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- 42 1. The approval of the attached Tax Payment Schedule for the 2015-
 43 2016 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)
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Amount due July 15, 2015	\$808,097.00
Amount due August 14, 2015	\$808,094.00
Amount due September 15, 2015	\$808,094.00
Amount due October 15, 2015	\$808,094.00
Amount due November 16, 2015	\$808,094.00
Amount due December 15, 2015	\$808,094.00
Amount due January 15, 2016	\$808,094.00
Amount due February 16, 2016	\$808,094.00
Amount due March 15, 2016	\$808,094.00
Amount due April 15, 2016	\$808,094.00
Amount due May 16, 2016	\$808,094.00
Amount due June 15, 2016	\$808,094.00
TOTAL	\$9,697,131.00

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: (Sarmiento/Vernacchio) to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You will be notified either at this meeting by letter or telephone of any action the Board does take.

In accordance with Board policy and procedures, speakers are not permitted to publicly speak of personal issues involving school personnel, or against any person connected to the school system. Any such concern should be presented to the school or district-level administration so that a proper response may be given.

No public comment at this time.

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1 **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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3 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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5 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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7 ***The next planned Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015*
8 *at 6:30 p.m. ***

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary

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