

OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held Tuesday, June 18, 2002 in the Nehaunsey Middle School multi-purpose room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Marcucci at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Joseph Marcucci
Frank J. Minniti
Marie Downes
Joseph Duca (departed at 8:50 p.m.)
Celia Sorbello (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

Also present were Nancy Lynn Cox-Myers, Interim Superintendent and Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Absent:

Susan Filiaggi
Larry Hall

As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, a notice of this meeting was sent to the Gloucester County Times, Courier Post, and the Township Clerk. It was also posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Videotaping Regulations-"The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped, and anyone wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.")

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1. MINUTES

Motion: (Downes/Minniti) to approve the following minutes:

May 8, 2002	Workshop Meeting
May 8, 2002	Caucus #1
May 8, 2002	Caucus #2
May 21, 2002	Regular Meeting
May 21, 2002	Caucus

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. FINANCE

Motion: (Minniti/Downes) to approve the following:

- A. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the amounts of \$254,838.25, \$88,799.55 and \$203,716.25 be ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Minniti/Duca) to approve the following:

- B. The Board Secretary's Report for the month of April, 2002. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Downes/Minniti) to approve the following:

- C. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)*, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of April 30, 2002, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of March (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Minniti/Duca) to approve the following:

- D. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of April, 2002, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment - EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Minniti/Duca) to approve the following:

- E. The acceptance of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of April, 2002. (Attachment - EXHIBIT D)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Downes/Minniti) to approve the following:

- F. The acceptance of the Student Activities Account Report for the month of April, 2002. (Attachment - EXHIBIT E)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION

Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:

- A. The approval of the Statement of Assurances for the Multi-Year Equity Plan (MYEP) for the 2002-2003 School Year as outlined below:

II STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES:

1. The district will achieve and maintain compliance with N. J. A. C. 6:4; Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Guidelines for the Desegregation of Public Schools in New Jersey; and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
2. The district will continue the implementation of its approved Multi-Year Equity Plan (MYEP) objectives through June 30, 2003.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. GRANTS

Motion: (Duca/Minniti) to approve the following:

- A. The approval for submission of a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Elementary Italian Program Funding Proposal for the 2002-2003 School Year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Duca/Minniti) to approve the following:

- B. The approval for submission of a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the National Italian-American Foundation Grant Program – 2002.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Downes/Minniti) to approve the following:

- C. The approval to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education the Fiscal Year 2003 *No Child Left Behind* Grant Application. Allocation figures for Fiscal Year 2003 have not been released by the Department of Education.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:

- A. The approval of the Agreement to Provide Chapter 226 Nonpublic Nursing Services between the Gloucester County Special Services School District (GCSSSD) and the Greenwich Township Board of Education for the 2002-2003 School Year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Motion: (Sorbello/Downes) to approve the following:

- 1. The approval for extra-curricular programs and stipends for the 2002-2003 School Year.

	<u>Stipend</u> <u>Per Hour</u>	<u>Not to</u> <u>Exceed</u>
Algebra Enrichment	\$25.00	\$ 750.00
Art Enrichment Club	\$25.00	\$ 750.00
Audio-Visual Coordinators (Broad Street & Nehaunsey Middle School)	\$25.00	\$ 750.00
Bell Choir - Nehaunsey	\$25.00	\$ 750.00
Chorus Instructor - Both Schools	\$25.00	\$ 750.00
Eighth Grade Advisor for Graduation	\$25.00	\$ 500.00
Eighth Grade Graduation Accompanist	\$25.00	\$ 250.00
Future Cities Program	\$25.00	\$ 750.00
GEPA & Calculator Prep (2)	\$25.00	\$ 250.00 each
Intramural Bowling (2)	\$25.00	\$1,000.00 each
Junior National Honor Society (2)	\$25.00	\$1,000.00 each
Natural Helpers (3)	\$25.00	\$ 500.00 each
Performing Arts	\$25.00	\$1,250.00
SADD	\$25.00	\$1,000.00 each
Saturday School (2)	\$25.00	\$ 500.00 each

Student Council (2)	\$25.00	\$ 750.00 each
Technology Club	\$25.00	\$ 750.00

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Sorbello/Minniti) to approve the following:

The re-appointment of the following listed employees as Bus Drivers for the 2002-2003 School Year. Hourly rates to be set at a later date.

Gale DiMarco
Dolores Mooney
Marie Polimeni
Darlean Thompson
Charlotte Williams
Ada Zubec
Sharon Zubec

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Sorbello/Downes) to approve the following:

1. The re-appointment of the following listed employees as Bus Aides for the 2002-2003 School Year. Hourly rates to be set at a later date.

Sharon DiMenna
Elizabeth McBride

VOTE:

Joseph Marcucci	(Abstained on Sharon DiMenna) Yes to Elizabeth McBride
Frank Minniti	Yes to both
Joseph Duca	Yes to both
Marie Downes	Yes to both
Celia Sorbello	Yes to both

Motion: (Sorbello/Downes) to approve the following:

1. The re-appointment of the following listed employees as Cafeteria/ Playground Aides for the 2002-2003 School Year. Hourly rates to be set at a later date.

Joyce Atkinson
Tina DeAngelo
Charlene Hresko
Elizabeth McBride
Marie Polimeni
Charline Viereck
Christine Wojcik

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Sorbello/Duca) to approve the following:

1. The re-appointment of the following listed employees as Non-Instructional Aides to assist the Kindergarten teachers with the supervision of students during lavatory breaks for the 2002-2003 School Year. Hourly rates to be set at a later date.

Charlene Hresko
Charline Viereck

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Sorbello/Downes) to approve the following:

1. The approval of the following listed individual to be a Substitute Bus Driver for the 2002-2003 School Year pending completion of all required documentation.

Frank J. Schmutz, Sr.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Sorbello/Minniti) to approve the following:

2. The acceptance with regret the resignation of the District's Attendance Officer, Henry Ramer, effective immediately. Mr. Ramer is also resigning from the Substitute Bus Driver List. Memo of Intention is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. 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.

Regina Hutchison, 148 Mellon Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ, asked what programs are to be targeted in the *No Child Left Behind* Grant Application and also when the new Superintendent will be starting? Scott Campbell answered that the *No Child Left Behind* Grant used to be the IASA. Basically, it is the old Title I Grants. The new laws indicates that the *No Child Left Behind* must tie into the IDEA Grant by 2003/2004. We will know by 8/1/02 what can be included in the grant. He also stated that the new Superintendent will start on July 1, 2002.

Marian LaVella, 52 South Poplar Street, Gibbstown, NJ, inquired about the fact that on June 4th, she was told there would be 3 teacher placements for the 5th grade and now she has received a note that was sent home indicating that there were 2 fifth grade teacher placements. She expressed some concerns such as overcrowded classrooms. There were 25 students in her son's 3rd grade class and 24 students in his 4th grade class. Mrs. LaVella doesn't feel that in the larger classes the children get enough individualized attention. She complained that the class sizes are approximately 15 at the Nehaunsey School and the smaller classes are needed at the Broad Street School. Mrs. Myers indicated that the inclusion students were accompanied by an aide and the class size cited for Nehaunsey School was inaccurate.

Grant Kircher, 141 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ, expressed concern that the Reading Recovery Program was removed from the budget for the 2002-2003 School Year. He had a child who tested above the qualifying level for the program last September. Mr. Kircher felt that his child digressed until January 2002 when they really pushed for inclusion of their child into the program. The parents felt that his reading and comprehension improved. Mr. Kircher indicated that the Terra Nova Scores were evidence of growth due to this program. He also indicated that once his child was in the program, his scores rose. Mr. Kircher also stated that his child now enjoys reading and is progressing. Thus, he hopes that this program will continue for Grade 1 students.

Linda Marple, Reading Recovery Supervisor from Mantua Township (not a Gibbstown resident), indicated that she would need at least a half-hour to explain the program to everyone. She compared the program to a business indicating that during the first year, there is a loss; during the second year, the program breaks even; during the third year, the program would make money. She quoted some statistics from a report that had been placed into the mail to the Building Principal. Ms. Marple indicated that Senator Kennedy is behind the Reading 1st Grant Program. She quoted from a 1994 Reading Recovery Report. She also addressed two positive outcomes:

- 1) Successful discontinuation with children reading at or on grade level after the program.

- 2) Support for special education children who have not yet been classified.

Lisa Stetser, 648 Washington Street, Gibbstown, NJ, spoke of a teacher using the same type of Reading Recovery techniques in the first grade with a small reading group that she had. Her child has benefitted from this. Her child went from reading nothing to everything. The first graders are our future. She contends that we should continue with this program.

Catherine Samuels, (Grandmother to Rashan Kidd and is not a Gibbstown resident), said that her grandson went from behind in reading to voluntarily reading to her when she comes over. She hopes that the Board can juggle the budget to keep Reading Recovery in the budget. She emphasized the importance of reading for life.

Eunice Kidd, 456 Windsor Drive, Gibbstown, NJ, asked why this program was targeted and was it the money? She also stated that the teacher is a good teacher and she would hate to see this program removed. She hopes the Board can come up with a way to keep this program.

Ray Sanchez, 112 South Poplar Street, Gibbstown, NJ, stated that his son did not qualify for the first round of the program; he spent three marking periods struggling. He has improved so much but fifteen weeks is not enough time to finish the program. As a parent, he is proud of how much he has improved.

Judith Stetser, 648 Washington Street, Gibbstown, NJ, said that she has been in teaching for over 30 years and has seen changes. She understands that \$13,000.00 went out for the training for this program. She asked how this program was scrapped. She stated that she works in Paulsboro and maybe if we had this program, she wouldn't be seeing the reading problems that she sees.

Mike Myers, 163 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ, stated that his daughter was not eligible for the program in the first grade but her test scores indicated that she needed the program. He can now tell you of a success story after second grade and she is now going into the third grade. He asked what the cost is to run the program and what would it take to put it back in place? His daughter had difficulty in her first grade class and he and his wife used the technique of that program. There are success stories. He asked why this program was removed and what are the chances of getting the money to put it back? He understands the budget constraints. He also asked if this was an administrative decision and if money was involved?

Joseph Marcucci responded that the program started on a grant and we were told that we would not have to pay. The program has not been maintained with the grant. It was to be a self-maintenance program. Cost was estimated by

Scott Campbell at approximately \$80,000.00 for teacher salary, benefits, supplies, substitute coverage for training and meetings with supervisor and materials.

Marian LaVella, stated that she has a child who is in Special Education. He is going into the 5th grade with a 3rd grade reading level. She expressed displeasure with some aspects of the program. She knows that there are kids going into high school with a 3rd, 4th or 5th grade reading level. We are not a poor district and we should not be cutting this program.

Tim Barnaby, 156 Harmony Road, Gibbstown, NJ, stated that his son didn't qualify for the program. When children can't read, it makes it difficult. He also stated that if you don't get the kids here, you're going to have to put the program in later to help these kids.

Joseph Marcucci responded that nobody is being moved and that there is no funny money involved when referring to the budget.

Lisa Stetser wanted to know how you can put a price on a child's future? She doesn't believe you can.

Eunice Kidd wanted to know when we will actually know about the future?

Mike Myers asked if he put it in writing to the Board, could he get a breakdown on the costs of the program and what are the chances now? He also wanted to know if there was any chance that the Reading Recovery teacher would be placed in the first grade level? He said to look at this as a recommendation. If he could find the money to run a program, he wants to see it kept. His daughter was not one who got help in that class-room. He wants a breakdown specifically as to what this program would cost. He also stated that the Board should keep in mind that the teacher also had a remedial class and what did that cost. Mrs. Myers explained that the teacher had been assigned to a 2nd grade position for

Joseph Marcucci thanked the public for their time and stated that the Board will discuss this matter.

8. CLOSED SESSION

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Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6*, et seq., which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on *June 18, 2002*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on *June 18, 2002*, at 7:58 p.m. in the Nehaunsey Middle School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for discussion

1 of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public Meetings Act*,
2 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b) to e discussed in closed session.

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4 1. Matters Involving Individual Privacy
5 2. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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7 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
8 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and
9 the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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11 Motion: (Minniti/Downes) to enter into closed session at 7:58 p.m. to
12 discuss the following:

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14 A. Personnel
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16 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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18 Returned from closed session at 9:19 p.m.

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20 **9. PERSONNEL**

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22 Motion: (Minniti/Downes) to approve the following:

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24 A. The approval of the proposed Board Committees for the 2002-2003
25 School Year. (Attachment - EXHIBIT G)
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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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29 Motion: (Downes/Sorbello) to approve the following:

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31 B. The approval of the following listed individuals to be employed as
32 Summer Substitute Custodians for the period covering June 19,
33 2002 until August 30, 2002. Hourly rate of pay will be \$7.55.
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35 Thomas Damminger
36 Allison Pozielli
37 Daniel Giorgianni
38 Thomas Curl
39 Stacy Fabrizzio
40 Marquia Cooper
41 Ashley Randozzo
42 Katie Grimes
43 Jennifer O'Leary
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45 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:

C. The approval of Lori Marandola to student teach with Mrs. Kate Brown from September 2002 to December 2002.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary

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6 **14. CLOSED SESSION**
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8 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.*
9 *10:4-6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public,
10 may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.
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12 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session
13 on *March 19, 2002*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
14 public shall be held on *March 19, 2002, at 7:45 p.m.* in the Nehaunsey Middle
15 School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
16 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
17 *Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed session.
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- 19 3. Matters Involving Individual Privacy
20 4. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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22 It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the
23 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and
24 the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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26 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Filiaggi) to enter into closed session at 7:45
27 p.m. to discuss the following:
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- 29 1. Personnel
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31 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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33 Returned from closed session at 8:55 p.m.
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35 **15. FIELD TRIP**
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37 Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:
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- 39 A. Approval for the 8th grade class to attend a Dress Rehearsal at Paulsboro
40 High School for the play "Once Upon a Mattress".
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42 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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44 **16. ADJOURNMENT**
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Motion: (Hall/Glocker Hammond) to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary