

OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held Tuesday, January 17, 2006 in the Nehaunsey Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Frank J. Minniti at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Frank J. Minniti
Robyn Glocker Hammond
Larry Hall
Marie Downes McDonald
James Sorbello
Susan Vernacchio

Also present were Dr. Francine Marteski, Superintendent, and Scott A. Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Absent:

JoAnne Caira

As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting was sent to the Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer 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: (Glocker Hammond/Hall) to approve the minutes:

December 12, 2005 - Regular Meeting
December 12, 2005 - Caucus

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Sorbello) to approve the following:

A. Administrative Reports

1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of December 31, 2005. (Attachment-Exhibit B1)
2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of December 31, 2005. (Attachment-Exhibit B2)
3. 2005-2006 Violence & Vandalism Report as of December 31, 2005. (Attachment-Exhibit B3)
4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of December 31, 2005. (Attachment-Exhibit B4)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. PERSONNEL

Motion: (Sorbello/Downes McDonald) to approve the following as one, A-F:

- A. The approval for payment of tuition reimbursement to Teresa DiSanto for an MA in Counseling Program course, Institutions and Agencies, at Rowan University (Spring, 2006) for an amount not to exceed the current NJ state college tuition rate pending completion/verification of required documentation as per Article XII, Section C, of the GTEA/Board Agreement.
- B. The retroactive approval for the appointment of Jennifer Idler as Substitute Teacher for the 2005-2006 school year effective January 4, 2006. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a day.
- C. The approval for the appointment of the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2005-2006 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and including ten (10) days, After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a day.

Jasara Calandrella
Kelly Collins

Lauren DiGiacomo

- D. The resolution herein seeking permission of the Commissioner to employ the below recommended certificated and support staff applicants on an emergent basis for a period not to exceed three (3) months pending a positive Criminal History check and/or pending completion of required paperwork:

1. The approval for the appointment of the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2005-2006 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a day.

Zachary Garren
Sylvia DiMarco

Donnalee Eberle
Frank Locantora

- E. The retroactive approval for the appointment of Jennifer Idler as a Part-Time Instructional Special Education Aide at Broad Street School for the 2005-2006 school year, effective January 4, 2006, at a salary rate of \$120.33 per day, prorated to an hourly rate of \$16.60 for 19.5 hours per week (student days only) , without benefits.
- F. The approval for the acceptance of the resignation/retirement of Alfonso Penna effective June 30, 2006 as per the attached. (Attachment - EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Motion: (Hall/Minniti) to approve the following as one, A-B;

A. Field Trips

The approval of Request for Educational Trip/Transportation for the following:

Grade and/or Group	Destination/Time	Date	Estimated Related Cost	Estimated Transportation Cost	Total
Grade 5	National Constitution Center Philadelphia, PA 8:30 am - 2:30 pm	05/24/06	\$396.00	Driver: \$137.50 Rental Bus: \$300.00 Tolls: \$4.50 Lunch: \$8.00	\$846.00
Grade K	Gibbstown Post Office Gibbstown, NJ 9:15 am - 10:15 am	02/09/06	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Grade K	Dr. Perrige's Dental Office Gibbstown, NJ 9:45 am - 10:45 am	02/06/06 (Morris) 02/14/06 (Sizemore) 02/21/06 (Chalmers)	\$-0-	Driver: \$25.00/Day** **Inclement Weather**	**TBD**

B. Workshops

The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district workshops:

Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
Suzanne Morris	Kindergarten Conference for NJ Teachers Atlantic City, NJ 02/27/06	*\$165.00 Plus Substitute Plus Mileage
Linda Chalmers	02/27/06	**\$-0- Plus Substitute Plus Mileage
Megan Sizemore	02/28/06	*\$165.00 Plus Substitute Plus Mileage
Cathy Tortella	Family Life Education Teacher Workshop Richard Stockton College 04/05/06 & 04/06/06	\$50.00 Plus Mileage
Jennifer Idler Jean Walko	ABA Training (Sawtelle) Collingswood, NJ 01/23/06	***\$250.00 each Plus Substitute Plus Mileage
Laura Enuco	NJMEA Convention New Brunswick, NJ 01/24/06	\$110.00 Plus Substitute Plus Mileage

*\$175.00 registration fee minus \$10.00 coupon

**Complimentary Certificate (free registration)

***Funded utilizing IDEA-B funds

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Downes McDonald/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, C1 & C2:

C. Student Teachers/Field Experience Students

1. The approval for the following student from Rowan University for placement as student Teacher during the spring 2006 semester (January 1, 2006-may 5, 2006) at Broad Street School.

Student:
Allison Whipps

Cooperating Teacher:
TBD

2. The approval for the following students from Rowan University for Junior Field Experience placement as listed below:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>
Lyndsay Fuchs	Janet Shivers	February 8, 15, 22, 2006
		March 1, 8, 22, 2006
Danielle Fried	Janet Shivers	March 29, 2006
		April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006
		May 3, 2006

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

Motion: (Sorbello/Hall) to approve the following as one, A1 & A2:

A. Bills List

1. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the following amounts are ordered paid (Attachment - EXHIBIT D)

P41	\$257,608.70
P42	\$417,869.22
P43	\$ 30,248.45
P44	\$ 98,245.42
P45	\$ 71.09
P46	\$ 2,724.20
P47	\$ 1,293.92
P48	\$296,190.34
P49	\$ 68,620.28

2. The following checks are to be voided:

P6	#2712	\$8,324.00
P19	#2941	\$ 700.00
P29	#3097	\$ 40.00

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P29	#3104	\$ 50.35
P39	#3237	\$ 462.00

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Vernacchio/Minniti) to approve the following as one, B-F:

B. Student Activities Account

1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the month of December, 2005. (Attachment - EXHIBIT E)

C. Board Secretary's Report

1. The acceptance of the Board secretary's Report for the month of December, 2005. (Attachment - EXHIBIT F)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of December 31, 2005, after review of the Board Secretary's Report for December, 2005, 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.6A:23:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. The approval of the Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of December, 2005. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of December, 2005. (Attachment - EXHIBIT G)

C. Transfer List

1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of December, 2005, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment - EXHIBIT H)

D. School Board Election

1. The approval of the Annual School Board Election dates:

Monday, February 27, 2006	Nominating petitions due in to the Business Office no later than 4:00 pm.
Wednesday, March 8, 2006	Drawing for ballot position will be held in the Business Office at 3:30 pm.
Tuesday, April 18, 2006	Annual School Election 4:00-9:00 pm in the Nehaunsey Middle School Gymnasium.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Sorbello/Minniti) to approve the following as one, G1-G3:

G. Contracts

1. The approval of the Physical Therapy Services Agreement between Gloucester County Special Services School District and the Greenwich Township School District for the 2005-2006 school year as per the attached. (Attachment - EXHIBIT I)
2. The approval of the Occupational Therapy Services Agreement between Gloucester County Special Services School District and the Greenwich Township School District for the 2005-2006 school year as per the attached. (Attachment - EXHIBIT J)
3. The approval of the Agreement between the Greenwich Township Board of Education and Midwest Internet Consulting Group for Web-Hosting Subscription from January 18, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for \$4,350.00.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. USE OF FACILITIES

Motion: (Hall/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following as one, A & B:

1. The approval for the Gibbstown Little League to use the Nehaunsey Middle School lobby for softball signups on January 17, 18, 19, 2006 and February 7, 8, 9, 2006 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Broad Street School gymnasium for tryouts and draft on March 4, 2006 from 8:30 am-2:00 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

No report at this time.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was an update on the Child Study Team suite by Scott A. Campbell. Marie Downes McDonald commended the district and its staff on the Ben Franklin Day Celebration and the positive article in the Gloucester County Times.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Larry Hall updated the Board on a meeting with Garrison Architects on January 13, 2006 regarding possible renovations to both schools and the districts options. The district is in a unique position with regards to space and usage. The district will continue to explore its options with Garrison Architects and the New Jersey Department of Education.

11. **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.

Cathy Tortella, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ inquired about the voting times for the April 2006 school board election.

Frank J. Minniti responded that the start times were pushed back last year to 4:00 pm for several reasons. First, the safety of the children and staff is no longer compromised with the start of the poll times after the school day. Second, bus traffic and associated end of school day activities will not be affected.

Frank J. Minniti also commented that the time change does not seem to have affected voter turnout so the times for election will remain.

Cathy Tortella then asked if there have been any discussions with the mayor and council regarding a possible referendum?

Frank J. Minniti replied that there have not been recent discussions and that the

Board has been letting things "cool down" after two defeated referendums. Repairs and renovations have been discussed and will continue to be discussed by the Board over the next few weeks.

12. CLOSED SESSION

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 *January 17, 2006*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on *January 17, 2006, at 7:32 p.m.* in the Nehaunsey Middle School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public Meetings Act.*, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b) to be discussed in closed session.

1. Matters Involving Individual Privacy

It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Sorbello) to enter into closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Contractual

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Returned from closed session at 9:04 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Hall/Downes McDonald) to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary