

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, October 18, 2010** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President James Worrell at 7:05 p.m.

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8 Roll Call:

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10 James Worrell
11 Loraine LaPalomento
12 Louis Fabiani
13 Roseanne Lombardo
14 Lisa Morina
15 Jason Murschell
16 Susan Vernacchio

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18 Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent.

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

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26 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD AND COUNTRY**

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28 **1. MINUTES**

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30 Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomento) to approve the minutes:

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32 September 20, 2010 – Regular Meeting
33 September 20, 2010 – Executive Session

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35 **2. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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43 **Denise Grovatt**, 540 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ; President of the PTA.
44 **Mrs. Grovatt** stated that the PTA is asking for a little help in providing agenda
45 books for the students for the next school year; 2011-2012. The company that

1 takes the students' school pictures, LifeTouch, is getting expensive and the PTA
2 is looking to go with another company but the problem is that LifeTouch provides
3 the district's students with agenda books that are needed for each child to write
4 down their homework assignments for each day. The new photograph company,
5 Sunday Associates, which was recommended by Vincent Tarantino, does not
6 provide agenda books. **Jason Murschell** asked how much each agenda costs?
7 **Mrs. Grovatt** replied that the cost per book can be anywhere from \$2.50 - \$5.00
8 and you have to order a minimum of 500 books. LifeTouch covers 80% of the
9 cost of the books. **Mr. Murschell** then asked if the Public Relations Committee
10 can asked for sponsors in the community? **James Worrell** agreed and then
11 asked **Mrs. Grovatt** to come up with the cost and they will hand it over to the
12 Public Relations Committee and let them work on it before the board draws up
13 their budget for next year.

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15 **Terry DiSanto**, President, GTEA. **Mrs. DiSanto** stated that with the new format
16 of asking questions now, will there be an opportunity to ask questions later? She
17 was looking through this evenings agenda and has some questions. **James**
18 **Worrell** responded, "no". He stated that if something came up at the last
19 meeting that the board wanted to discuss, they have all the information they need
20 and can talk about it during the executive session. **Mrs. DiSanto** then asked if
21 there is a question generated during this meeting, we have to wait until next
22 month to ask the question? **Mr. Worrell** replied, "right" or you can call the
23 Superintendent.

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25 **Sharon Gomez-Salvatore**, Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School and lifelong
26 resident of Greenwich Township. **Mrs. Salvatore** commented about the fact that
27 questions will not be asked after the meeting. She stated that things are fresh in
28 our mind at the time and as residents we sometimes are not privy to the
29 information prior to the board meeting. **Mr. Worrell** then asked her if everyone
30 would rather the Board move the public portion back to the end of the meeting?
31 **Mrs. Salvatore** replied, "you got it, that's it". **Mr. Worrell** stated that the Board
32 will discuss it tonight and he doesn't see it as a problem. He also let everyone
33 know that after tonight's meeting, the board will answer any questions that the
34 public asks.

36 **3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

37 38 A. **PRESENTATION**

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40 1. The Violence and Vandalism Public Hearings (**N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46**
41 and **N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3(f)**) presentation was made by Interim
42 Superintendent Vincent Tarantino. Annually, at a public hearing, all
43 chief school administrators and charter school lead persons must
44 report to the Board of Education all acts of violence and vandalism
45 which occurred during the previous school year.

- District 2009-2010 Violence & Vandalism Report, Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent (Attachment – EXHIBIT B)

Mr. Tarantino stated that he was happy to report that there were no incidents of violence or vandalism during the 2009-2010 school year.

B. Cyber-Bullying – County Prosecutor’s Office

1. Meeting with County Prosecutor’s Office–Workshop on Cyber-Bullying.

The County Prosecutor’s Office will make a presentation at the next PTA meeting on Cyber-Bullying and all Gibbstown community members are invited to attend. There will also be an assembly at the Nehaunsey Middle School on November 1, 2010 for all students. The times for both of these presentations is listed below.

- PTA Meeting – November 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
- Nehaunsey Middle School Students Assemblies:
November 1, 2010: Grades 5-6 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
November 1, 2010: Grades 7-8 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

C. Inter-district Public School Choice

Mr. Tarantino stated that at the last roundtable meeting, the issue of “School of Choice” came up and he would like to ask the Greenwich Township Board of Education if they wished to be a school of choice? **Jim Worrell** stated that at this time, he recommends that Greenwich Township does not become a school of choice but asked the Board for their input. After further discussion, the Board decided not to participate this year but will gather information needed for the next school year and contact other districts that do participate in it and ask their opinions. A motion was made by **Louis Fabiani** to not participate this year and seconded by **Jason Murschell**. The roll call vote followed:

Roll Call Vote:

- Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
- Lisa Morina – Abstained
- Jason Murschell – Yes
- Susan Vernacchio – Abstained
- Loraine LaPalomente – Yes
- Louis Fabiani – Yes
- Jim Worrell – Yes

- Application due to State by October 29, 2010

Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, D-F:

D. Administrative Reports

1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions as of September 30, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C1)
2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of September 30, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C2)
3. 2010-2011 Violence & Vandalism Report as of September 30, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C3)
4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of September 30, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C4)

E. School Nursing Services Plan

1. The approval of the Greenwich Township School District School Nursing Services Plan for the 2010-2011 school year. (A copy is available for review in the Superintendent’s Office.)

F. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports

1. The approval for the acceptance of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports as follows. (Attachments – EXHIBIT D1, D2 and D3)

| School | Date | Time | Location | Bus Route Numbers |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Broad Street School | 9/24/10 | 9:00 a.m. | Bus Platform | GR01, GR02, GR04, GR05, GPS1, GPS2 |
| Nehaunsey School | 9/24/10 | 1:30 p.m. | Bus Platform | GRN1, GRN2, GRN3, GRN4, GRN5 (Walt’s Bus) |
| GCIT-Career Center, Sewell, NJ | 9/30/10 | 8:30 a.m. | GCIT Parking Lot | GRP B |

Motion: (Lombardo/LaPalomento) to approve the following:

1 G. Fundraiser

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3 1. The approval for the following fundraiser projects to raise funds for
4 the eighth grade trip for the 2010-2011 school year:

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6 • October Magazine Drive
7 • February Candy Sale
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9 **Loraine LaPalomente** asked **Mr. Bill Porreca**, who is the teacher in charge of
10 the eighth grade fundraisers, if he could give packets to all the board members
11 for their review. **Vincent Tarantino** stated that due to the economy, many
12 parents are not supporting the fundraisers and the Board may have to help the
13 eighth grade with funding their trip again this year.
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15 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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17 **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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19 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

20 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo, Chairperson
21 Mrs. Lisa Morina
22 Mr. James Worrell
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24 **Roseanne Lombardo** stated that a presentation will be made by **Alisa**
25 **Whitcraft**, Principal of Nehaunsey Middle School/Curriculum Supervisor, about
26 the NJ ASK testing that will be done in Grades 3-8.
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28 A. Presentation

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30 • 2009-2010 Testing Presentation – NJ ASK
31 Alisa Whitcraft, Principal/Curriculum Supervisor
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33 Motion: (LaPalomente/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, B-F
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35 B. Extended School Year 2010

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37 1. The retroactive approval of the following special education
38 Extended School Year 2010 summer placement.
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| Student #ODP | Program | Dates | Cost |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 2010-ESY1 | Abilities Center of Southern NJ | July 6, 2010 thru August 13, 2010 | \$4,000.00 |

1 C. Out of District Placements

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- 3 1. The approval of the 2010-2011 tuition contract with the Paulsboro
- 4 School District. The net amount of tuition is \$1,682,620.00. This
- 5 includes regular and special education placements as per the
- 6 attached. Also, permission is granted for the Board President and
- 7 Business Administrator to execute the corresponding contracts.
- 8 (Attachment – EXHIBIT E1)
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- 10 2. The retroactive approval of the 2010-2011 New Jersey Mandated
- 11 Tuition Contract between the Greenwich Township School District
- 12 and Devereux for student #2010-01 effective September 15, 2010
- 13 thru June 2011 (183 days) in the amount of \$37,661.40.
- 14 (Attachment – EXHIBIT E2)
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- 16 3. The retroactive approval of the 2010-2011 contract between the
- 17 Greenwich Township School District and the Here We Grow Pre-
- 18 School at St. John of God Community Services for student #2010-
- 19 10 effective September 20, 2010 through June 14, 2011 in the
- 20 amount of \$3,500.00 a month (full day) for the ten month calendar
- 21 year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E3)
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- 23 4. The retroactive approval of the 2010-2011 contract between the
- 24 Gloucester County Special Services School District and the
- 25 Greenwich Township School District for Professional Services
- 26 through the Center for Regional Education Support Services –
- 27 CRESS (formerly Regional Council) for the 2010-2011 school year
- 28 effective September 8, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E4)
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- 30 5. The retroactive approval of the contract between the Greenwich
- 31 Township School District and Gloucester County Vocational-
- 32 Technical School District for tuition for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 33 (Attachment – EXHIBIT E5)
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35 D. 2010 IDEA Grant

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- 37 1. The approval of an amendment of the 2010 IDEA Grant to include
- 38 carryover (not spent) monies from the 2009 IDEA grant cycle.
- 39 Through this amendment, the District may carry over unexpended
- 40 funds from the 2009 IDEA grant program. The total amount of
- 41 carry over funds available to the District is \$1,936.00 for pre-school
- 42 and \$3,375.00 for the basic grant.
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E. Workshops

1. The retroactive approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district workshop:

| Name | Workshop Title/Location Date | Cost |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Angela Addeo | Provisional Teacher Program/New Alternate Route Requirements Gloucester County College Sewell, NJ 10/6/10 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | \$-0- |
| Melissa Trombly | Handle With Care Behavior Management Basic Physical Training West Deptford, NJ 10/12/10 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | \$300.00 Plus Substitute Plus Mileage |

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

| Name | Workshop Title/Location/Date | Cost |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Angela Addeo Gina Casella Jennifer Ellick Toshia Kersey Debra Truhan Suzanne Lavin | Gloucester County Association of Educational Office Professionals Fall Workshop Meeting Turnersville, NJ 10/21/10 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | \$150.00 |
| Robert Harris | Special Education Medicaid Initiative Regional Meeting Gloucester County College Sewell, NJ 10/27/10 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | \$-0- Plus Mileage |
| Alisa Whitcraft Stephanie Tomaszewski | Apple Computer Learning Tour ACE Conference Center Lafayette Hills, PA 10/28/10 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | \$-0- Plus Mileage Plus Substitute (1) |
| Erica Backenson | Annual School Psychology & Counselor Conference Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, NJ 10/29/10 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. | \$140.00 Plus Mileage |
| Stacy Hoehn | Common Concerns of New Teachers Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 11/15/10 4:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. | \$75.00 Plus Mileage |
| Erica Backenson | NJ Association of School Psychologists Winter 2010 Conference Jamesburg, NJ 12/3/10 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | \$155.00 Plus Mileage |

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F. Field Trips

- The approval of Requests for Educational Trip/Transportation for the following:

| Grade and/or Group | Destination/Time | Dates | Estimated Related Cost | Estimated Transportation Cost | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Grade 6 | Greenwich Library 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 10/20/10 | \$-0- | Students will walk to the library. Parental responsibility to take child home after program | \$-0- |
| Grade 3 | Greenwich Library 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | 10/27/10 | \$-0- | Students will be bused to the library. Parental responsibility to take child home after program | \$-0- |
| Grade 7 | Franklin Institute Philadelphia, PA 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | 12/3/10 | Tickets: \$740.00 4 Substitutes: \$300.00 | Drivers: \$300.00 Tolls: \$12.00 | \$1,352.00 |
| Special Education Self-Contained Grades 3 & 4 | Deptford Mall Deptford, NJ 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | 5/10/11 | \$-0- | Driver: \$105.00 | \$105.00 |
| Pre-K & Kindergarten | Cape May Zoo Cape May, NJ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | 5/26/11 | Parking: \$120.00 Donation: \$50.00 | Drivers: \$330.00 | \$500.00 |

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (LaPalomente/Fabiani) to approve the following:

G. Field Experience Student

- The retroactive approval for the following student from Rowan University to conduct her field experience (special education) at Broad Street School for a total of 15-20 hours during the 2010 fall semester:

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| <u>Student</u> | <u>Cooperating Teacher</u> |
| Tricia Reeves | Anne Wooton |

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Roll Call Vote:

- Jason Murschell – Yes
- Susan Vernacchio – Yes
- Loraine LaPalomento – Yes
- Louis Fabiani – Yes
- Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
- Lisa Morina – Abstained on B1; yes to all others
- Jim Worrell – Yes

POLICY

Mrs. Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson
 Mrs. Lisa Morina
 Mr. James Worrell

Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

A. District Policies/Regulations

- 1. The approval of the following list of new and/or revised district bylaws, policies and regulations on *first* reading:

| Policy/Regulation No. | Title |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bylaw 0146 | Board Member Authority (<i>Revised</i>) |
| Bylaw 0171 | Duties of Board President and Vice-President (<i>Revised</i>) |
| Bylaw 0173 | Duties of Public School Accountant (<i>Revised</i>) |
| Policy/Regulation 3144 | Certification of Tenure Charges (<i>Revised</i>) |
| Policy 4159 | Support Staff member/School District Reporting Responsibilities (<i>New</i>) |
| Policy 5512/02* | Cyber-Bullying (<i>New</i>) |
| Policy 5516 | Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (<i>Revised</i>) |
| Policy/Regulation 6112 | Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (<i>New</i>) |
| Policy 6830 | Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (<i>Revised</i>) |
| Policy/Regulation 8310 | Public Records (<i>Revised</i>) |

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Jason Murschell, Chairperson
 Loraine LaPalomento
 James Worrell

1 Motion: (Lombardo/Fabiani) to approve the following:
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3 A. The approval to amend the longevity increment payable to Lori Chiavoroli,
4 Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, from \$1,800.00 to \$2,300.00 as
5 she has completed thirty years of service in the district.
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7 B. The approval to amend the longevity increment payable to Jody Harris,
8 Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, from \$1,300.00 to \$1,800.00 as
9 she has completed twenty-five years of service in the district.
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11 C. The approval to amend the salary of Violet Gregg, Teacher at Nehaunsey
12 Middle School, to include a longevity increment in the amount of \$400.00
13 as she has completed 10 years of service in the district.
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15 D. The approval for the appointment of Jami Kuni as a long-term substitute
16 teacher effective November 29, 2010 through April 29, 2011. Ms. Kuni will
17 be substituting for Jennifer Walker, Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School,
18 who will be on medical/maternity leave and Ms. Kuni will be paid \$100.00
19 per day.
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21 E. The resolution herein seeking permission of the Commissioner to employ
22 the below recommended support staff applicants on an emergent hire
23 basis for a period not to exceed three (3) months pending a positive
24 Criminal History check and/or completion of required paperwork:
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26 1. The approval for the appointment of Lauren Curtis as a
27 Cafeteria/Lunch Aide at Broad Street School for the 2010-2011
28 school year effective October 19, 2010, 2 hours per day
29 (11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.), at an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour,
30 student calendar full-session days only. This is a budgeted item.
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32 2. The approval for the appointment of Denise Gray as a Substitute
33 Secretary for the 2010-2011 school year. Substitute rate of pay is
34 \$8.50 per hour.
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36 F. The retroactive approval for the appointment of the following instructional
37 aides to provide support for special education students participating in
38 after school activities, at a salary of \$19.92 per hour, one hour per day as
39 activity is scheduled.
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41 Eileen O'Donnell

Lisa Villacorta

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43 G. The approval for the medical leave of absence for Suzanne Lavin, Child
44 Study Team Secretary, beginning October 26, 2010 through November

1 16, 2010. Mrs. Lavin will be using accumulated sick leave during this
2 period.

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4 H. The approval to extend an unpaid leave of absence to Lisa Villacorta,
5 Special Education Aide, from October 28 through October 29, 2010.

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7 I. The approval for the appointment of Barbara McIntire as a Learning
8 Disabilities Teacher Consultant for the 2010-2011 school year on a case
9 by case basis at a rate of \$250.00 per case.

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11 J. The approval for the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers for
12 the 2010-2011 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and
13 including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a
14 day.

15 Vicky Albornoz

Suzanne Silvestro

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17 Roll Call Vote:

18 Loraine LaPalomente – Yes

19 Louis Fabiani – Yes

20 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes

21 Lisa Morina – Yes

22 Jason Murschell – Yes

23 Susan Vernacchio – Abstained on Suzanne Silvestro; yes to all others

24 Jim Worrell - Yes

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27 **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

28 Vincent Tarantino (in the absence of Scott Campbell)

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30 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following:

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32 A. Bills Lists

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34 1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the
35 following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)

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| Number | Amount |
|--------------|---------------------|
| P08 | \$59,222.82 |
| P09 | \$57,620.47 |
| P10 | \$243,009.97 |
| P11 | \$147,993.54 |
| P12 | \$144,422.37 |
| TOTAL | \$652,269.17 |

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1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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3 Motion: (LaPalomento/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, B-E:

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5 B. Student Activities Account

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7 1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank
8 Reconciliation for the months of August 2010 and September 2010.
9 (Attachments – EXHIBIT G1 and G2)

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11 C. Board Secretary's Report

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13 1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of
14 June, 2010.
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16 a. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)3, the Greenwich
17 Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that
18 as of June 30, 2010 after review of the Board's Secretary's
19 Report for June 2010, and upon consultation with the district
20 officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or
21 fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-
22 16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the
23 district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal
24 year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT H)

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26 D. Treasurer's Report

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28 1. The approval of the Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-
29 36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of June, 2010. The Treasurer's
30 Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of
31 June, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT I)

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33 E. Transfer List

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35 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
36 the month of June 2010, to give balances to new accounts and to
37 balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT J)

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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41 Motion: (LaPalomento/Morina) to approve the following:

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F. Cafeteria Payments

- 1. The approval for the following cafeteria payments for Nutri-Serve Food Management for October 2010 as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid.

| Ck# | Date | Amount |
|-----|----------|------------|
| 927 | 9/24/10 | \$4,991.64 |
| 928 | 9/30/10 | \$4,900.43 |
| 929 | 10/8/10 | \$13.75 |
| 930 | 10/8/10 | \$4,402.81 |
| 931 | 10/14/10 | \$3,784.78 |

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (LaPalomente/Murschell) to approve the following:

G. Contract

- 1. The approval of the Agreement between The Southwest Council and the Greenwich Township School District for the 2010-2011 school year for the Employee Assistance Program at a rate of \$20.00 per employee. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Lombardo/Fabiani) to approve the following:

H. Resolutions

- 1. The acceptance of the resolution authorizing submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan. The Department of Education requires submission of the three-year maintenance plan as part of the NJQSAC.

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION
SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the required maintenance activities as
2 listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of
3 the Greenwich Township School District are consistent with these
4 requirements; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, all past and planned activities are
7 reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their
8 original condition and to keep their system warranties valid;

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10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
11 Greenwich Township School District hereby authorizes the School
12 Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive
13 Maintenance Plan for the Greenwich Township School District in
14 compliance with Department of Education requirements.
15 (Attachment – EXHIBIT L)

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17 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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19 Motion: (Lombardo/Morina) to approve the following:

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21 I. Annual Required Maintenance Budget

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23 1. The acceptance of the Annual Required Maintenance Budget
24 Amount Worksheet (Form M-1). This form is used as a tool to help
25 districts estimate the annual required maintenance budget amount
26 to be submitted with the district’s Comprehensive Maintenance
27 Plan (CMP). (Attachment – EXHIBIT M)

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29 **Jim Worrell** asked if we are subject to being held to this or can this be changed?
30 **Vincent Tarantino** apologized that he did not have an answer for that. **Susan**
31 **Vernacchio** and **Jason Murschell** stated that it is an “anticipated amount”, not
32 an actual amount.

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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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36 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following:

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38 J. Maximum Capital Reserve Statement

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40 1. The acceptance of the Maximum Capital Reserve Statement. The
41 Greenwich Township Public Schools have over 41 projects
42 identified in its Five-Year Long-Range Facility Plan that have not
43 been identified or advanced. The projects have an estimated total
44 cost over the five-year period of \$8,643,500.00. It is estimated that
45 the district may be eligible for State Debt service of EDA grant

1 funds for these projects in the amount of \$3,457,400.00.
2 Accordingly, the estimated local share of these projects is
3 \$5,186,100.00. The local share amount of \$5,186,100.00
4 represents the maximum amount the Greenwich Township Public
5 Schools may deposit in its capital reserve fund for the 2010-2011
6 school year.
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8 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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10 K. Education Jobs Act

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12 1. Governor Christie submitted an application for federal education
13 funding under the Education Jobs Act. The U.S. Department of
14 Education announced recently that New Jersey's application for
15 \$268 million in federal funds has been approved. Greenwich
16 Township School District's allocation is \$50,049.00. (Attachment –
17 EXHIBIT M1)
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19 **REGULATORY SERVICES**

20 Mr. Louis Fabiani, Chairperson

21 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo

22 Mr. James Worrell
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24 Motion: (LaPalomento/Morina) to approve the following as one, A-E:
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- 26 A. The retroactive approval for Gibbstown Soccer to use the Broad Street
27 School and Nehaunsey Middle School Gymnasiums on an as-needed
28 basis from October 5, 2010 through December 1, 2010.
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30 B. The retroactive approval for the Greenwich Township Recreation
31 Committee to use the Broad Street School Gymnasium for a Halloween
32 parade/party for Gibbstown residents on Friday, October 15, 2010 from
33 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
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35 C. The approval for the Greenwich Township Recreation Committee to use
36 the Broad Street School Gymnasium for Men's Basketball on Wednesday
37 evenings from 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. from October 20, 2010 through June
38 8, 2011.
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40 D. The approval for the Gloucester County EMS to present the American
41 Heart Association's CPR/AED Certification Class on Thursday, October
42 21, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Nehaunsey Middle School. Eight
43 Greenwich Township staff will attend at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Each
44 staff member will be a delegate to administer epinephrine to students with
45 severe allergies. Certification is done every two years. (Staff volunteers:

1 Maria Gorman, Vanessa Gottesfeld, Carlyn McCabe, Nicole McGann,
2 Janet Shivers, Megan Sizemore, Steve Wehrle and Alisa Whitcraft.)
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- 4 E. The approval for Gibbstown Street Hockey to use the Nehaunsey Middle
5 School lobby for hockey sign-ups on the following dates and times:
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7 Thursday, November 11, 2010

8 Friday, November 12, 2010

9 Thursday, November 18, 2010

10 Friday, November 19, 2010
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- 12 F. Advocate (Attachment – EXHIBIT N)
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- 14 G. September 29, 2010 Regulatory Meeting Minutes. (Attachments –
15 EXHIBITS N1, N2, N3 and N4)
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17 **Jason Murschell** asked why the Men’s Basketball will start at 4:00 p.m. and if it
18 interferes with students that are still in the building? **Vincent Tarantino** stated
19 that SACC usually vacates the building by 4:00 p.m. but since there may be other
20 activities that end after 4:00 p.m., he will recommend that the Men’s Basketball
21 start at 4:30p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m.
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23 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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25 **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

26 Mr. Louis Fabiani

27 Roseanne Lombardo

28 James Worrell
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30 **Louis Fabiani** began by saying that on January 25, 2010, the board passed a
31 resolution expressing their desire to replace the telecommunications system in
32 the school district. An application should be made to obtain a ROD grant for the
33 purposes of replacing the telecommunications. On May 21, 2009, the NJ
34 Department of Education Office of School Facilities viewed and approved the
35 project application in the amount of \$106,000.00 for the Broad Street School and
36 \$16,000.00 for the Nehaunsey Middle School.
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38 The Regulatory Committee also discussed the need for the school district and
39 the municipality to share services. **Mr. Worrell** informed the committee that he
40 and **Mr. Tarantino** met with the mayor and a meeting was planned for future
41 discussion.
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43 The electrical project at Broad Street School was also discussed. **Mr. Robert**
44 **Reistle**, township electrician, has been working at the Broad Street School to
45 update the circuit breaker boxes and installing foot lighting in the auditorium.

1 The Committee plans to walk through each school to identify items that need to
2 be placed in the 2011-2012 budget.

3 They also discussed plumbing problems that they have at Broad Street School.

4 **Mr. Worrell** asked **Scott Campbell** for a status report on the plumbers'
5 investigation of the pipes. **Mr. Campbell** did report back that the plumber said it
6 would be very expensive to replace the pipes and suggested that the board hold
7 off until there is a problem. Another item that was discussed was "on-demand
8 heater". **Mr. Worrell** suggested that the district convert the present system of
9 heating the water tanks to on-demand heating. He also suggested that **Mr.**
10 **Campbell** ask the gas company to run a gas line to the water heater and see if
11 they could run it at no charge to the district.

12 **Mr. Worrell** discussed with the committee that the township was interested in our
13 district's dump truck and would replace it with a truck more suitable to meet the
14 school district's needs. **Mr. Worrell** would investigate that item and report back
15 to the committee.

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17 The committee discussed entering into an agreement with All Risk, who are
18 property damage experts. They provide services in case of an emergency.
19 Information on that item will follow at a later date.

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21 The committee discussed flags for the school which would include an American,
22 POW/MIA and a Greenwich Township flag and Mr. Worrell stated that he is in the
23 process of obtaining those flags.

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25 The committee invited Phil Rickter from Edvocate to their meeting to speak with
26 them about ways to improve our food services and maintenance/custodian
27 programs. The committee discussed the possibility of contracting with Edvocate
28 sometime in February, 2011 so that he could see the requests for proposals for
29 food service and if the board agrees, maintenance and custodial services. Mr.
30 Fabiani then handed out information on that item.

31 32 **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

33 Ms. Loraine LaPalomente, Chairperson

34 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo

35 Mrs. Lisa Morina

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37 **Loraine LaPalomente** stated that the technology committee met with **Michael**
38 **Grelli** this evening before the board meeting and discussed what the technology
39 committee is doing within the school and bring us up to "state of the art"
40 technology. They also discussed the "in-school" committee which consists of
41 teachers, board members and maybe including some of the students. Another
42 item that was discussed was the percentage of PC's to IMacs. There are about
43 90% PC's and 10% IMacs. The IMacs are a better solution; they provide a better
44 service. They are a little more than a PC but the hardware and service you get
45 with the IMacs are outstanding in comparison to the PC's. Also discussed was

1 the networking of printers. There are individual printers throughout the school
2 and they talked about having one central printer location which is now 100%
3 complete. The individual printers that are in each classroom are obsolete and
4 once they are done, they will not be serviced any longer and will be phased out;
5 we now have network for everything.
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7 **Roseanne Lombardo** spoke about the Bridge the GAP program. Teachers can
8 earn professional development hours and GAP stands for Gibbstown And
9 Paulsboro. The program takes knowledgeable teachers from Gibbstown and
10 Paulsboro who present workshops to help other teachers learn things that they
11 may be experts in. The teachers from both districts have a booklet of different
12 ideas that they present to each other. Paulsboro teachers have come to
13 Gibbstown to sit in on a program and Gibbstown teachers have gone to
14 Paulsboro for the same thing. We are using everyone's knowledge. **Mrs.**
15 **Lombardo** spoke about the "SmartBoard" program she attended here in
16 Gibbstown. **Ms. LaPalomente** stated that there had been a two-day program on
17 the SmartBoard training. **Lisa Morina** asked the Board to come out around 6:00
18 p.m. prior to the next board meeting to see the technology, what's new and how
19 the equipment is being used.
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21 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

22 Ms. Loraine LaPalomente, Chairperson

23 Mr. Louis Fabiani

24 Mr. Jason Murschell
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26 Loraine LaPalomente updated the board on the meeting of the Building
27 Committee that was held. In attendance at that meeting were Ms. LaPalomente,
28 Louis Fabiani, Jason Murschell and Vince Tarantino and the following items were
29 discussed:
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- 31 • *Scott Campbell's membership on the Committee.*
32 Mr. Campbell was a member of the committee years ago and he
33 brings a lot of the knowledge and a lot of the financials to the
34 committee.
- 35 • *Is there money in the budget?*
36 We don't want to move anywhere over our budget.
- 37 • *Referendum – what timeline?*
- 38 • *Concerns over elevation/wetlands at Nehaunsey.*
- 39 • *All Board of Education Members will voice their opinion regarding*
40 *consolidation to either Broad Street or Nehaunsey School.*
41 We are going to talk it about amongst ourselves but it is the
42 community who is going to make the final vote.
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- *Key community members to be a part of Committee.*
We would like a voice from the public so we will reach out to people in the community.
- *Create a timeline for project.*
They are going to work with the Public Relations Committee so that everyone knows what we are doing, when we are going to do it.
- *Questions regarding architect's fee.*
- *Mr. Tarantino suggested in addition to Garrison to obtain requests for proposals from two other architectural firms. A meeting with the three architects to be set up with the Board of Education for interviews.*
Garrison is our architect of record but we don't necessarily have to utilize them. We want to go out and get other bids and other ideas.
- *Special Meeting with Board of Education for discussion.*

Vincent Tarantino thought it was very important for the residents of Gibbstown to know that the Board has their best interest in minds. Even though we have an architect of record, in the competitive bidding process and the request for proposals, "it is always good for people to sharpen their pencils". He suggested to the committee that they look at two additional architectural firms. The committee will set up a meeting with the three architects to come in and have them give presentations and ask questions. He recommends to the board that they establish a date and time to bring in these architects to interview. **Louis Fabiani** asked if the public is allowed to attend and **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "absolutely".

Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomente) to conduct a special meeting to obtain requests from two other architectural firms.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

- Mr. James Worrell, Chairperson
- Mr. Louis Fabiani
- Mr. Jason Murschell

- A. Update: Teachers have asked the Negotiations Committee to meet prior to Mediation. Mediation has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 10, 2010. Mr. Worrell and the Association will be meeting on either Wednesday, October 27, 2010 or Thursday, October 28, 2010.

1 **5. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. James Worrell, Board President

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- 3 • *Board of Education – Self-Evaluation (Attachment – EXHIBIT O)*
- 4 This is something that all board members must do. It should not take that
- 5 long but it is mandatory.
- 6 • *Board of Education Responsibilities – 12 Month Agenda Planning*
- 7 *(Attachment – EXHIBIT P)*
- 8 Ms. LaPalomato asked what the 12-Month Agenda Planning was? Mr.
- 9 Worrell explained that it is a list of things the Board is responsible for over
- 10 a 12-month period.
- 11 • *Report of Board Committees (Attachment – EXHIBIT Q)*
- 12 • *NJQSAC – Board of Education Member to be appointed to Committee –*
- 13 *Mr. James Worrell*
- 14 • *NJQSAC – As per the requirements of NJQSAC – Copies of staff*
- 15 *contracts provided to all Board of Education Members (Attachments –*
- 16 *EXHIBITS R1 and R2)*
- 17 • *Member for Technology Committee – Lisa Morina*
- 18 Mr. Worrell appointed Lisa Morina as the new member of the Technology
- 19 Committee.
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21 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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23 **Vince Tarantino** spoke about the Back to School Night and stated it was

24 fantastic. He also wanted to compliment the educational community on the fine

25 job they did and he believes the parents were very happy with what they see in

26 this district.

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28 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

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30 **Vince Tarantino** would like the public to know that with the cooperation of **Alisa**

31 **Whitcraft** and the eighth grade class and their advisors, we will be having the

32 first Ne”haunt”sey activity at the middle school to be held on Tuesday, October

33 26, 2010. We will be inviting the community for trick-or-treating and it is a safe

34 activity for our students.

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36 **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

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38 None at this time.

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40 **9. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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42 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board

43 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will

44 hear you concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You will

1 be notified either at this meeting, by letter, or telephone of any action the Board
2 does take.
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4 **Janine Pinto**, 23 Mason Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked if the school of choice
5 would be voted on by the parents or just the school board? **Vincent Tarantino**
6 responded that it would just be the school board. **Ms. Pinto** also asked **Mr.**
7 **Tarantino** what he meant when he stated, “you never know what you are going
8 to get”? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that he meant that you could get “fantastic
9 students” and you may get students that are “not so fantastic”. **Ms. Pinto** also
10 asked **Mr. Tarantino** if he had anything to present to the board as far as the pros
11 and cons because she may be interested in looking into “school of choice”? **Jim**
12 **Worrell** explained that board doesn’t feel that it is the proper thing to do right
13 now because he was just notified last week about this and the state hasn’t given
14 the board enough information to rule on it. Also **Mr. Worrell** stated that the
15 application is due the end of October and the board will not have enough time to
16 go over all of the pros and cons of it.
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18 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ also wanted to ask about the
19 “school of choice”. He stated that he **Mr. Tarantino** said we could be a “sending
20 district” but what he read was different. He asked if we had to be a failed district
21 in order to be a sending district and **Mr. Tarantino** replied that we don’t have to
22 be a failed district but you do have to be approved by the state of New Jersey.
23 **Mr. Lucas** also asked about the tuition reimbursement by the state. He stated
24 that he read where the state of New Jersey does not have to give the district the
25 average per pupil cost and that the sending district has to provide the
26 transportation. **Mr. Worrell** explained that the school board has a lot of
27 information to discuss before deciding on “school of choice” and they will have a
28 full year to go over all of that information before taking action on that subject.
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30 **Terry DiSanto**, President of Greenwich Township Education Association, asked
31 if the Board knows how they will be spending the \$50,049.00 that they received
32 from the Education Jobs Act? **Mr. Worrell** stated that since **Mr. Campbell** was
33 not present this evening and the board hasn’t discussed it, they cannot answer
34 that question right now. **Mr. Worrell** also said that he will discuss it with **Mr.**
35 **Campbell** and they should have an answer by the next meeting.
36 **Mrs. DiSanto** also asked what the approximate cost is for the services that
37 “Edvocate” will supply that **Mr. Fabiani** was speaking about earlier in the
38 meeting? **Mr. Fabiani** did a nice job of explaining the services but he didn’t say
39 there was a fee for it. **Mr. Fabiani** replied that at the time of the meeting with
40 Edvocate , a fee was not discussed. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that it is a monthly fee
41 but it depends on the size of the district and how many schools are in the district.
42 **Mrs. DiSanto** asked if the district enters into a contract would it be for a year?
43 **Mr. Worrell** replied, “yes”.
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1 **Sharon Gomez-Salvatore**, 122 Bacchus Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ, stated that it
2 would be a good idea that if and when the board interviews for architects that
3 they interview architectural firms that we, as taxpayers, haven't seen. We have
4 already seen the presentations in the past and it would be a good idea to see
5 what other firms have to offer and "broaden the view". **Mr. Worrell** stated that he
6 has toured other districts to see the architectural work that was done. FEF out of
7 Trenton has done a lot of work here in South Jersey. They have done South
8 Harrison Township and Clearview High School and it is excellent work and from
9 what he has heard from board members in those districts, there were no
10 problems and everything ran smooth. **Jason Murschell** also stated that there
11 are only a handful of architects that do extensive work that we would need to
12 have done.

13 **Mrs. Salvatore** also wanted to publicly thank **Mrs. Lori Chiavoroli, Mrs. Jody**
14 **Harris** and **Mrs. Violet Gregg** for their longevity and dedication to our school
15 district. **Mrs. Salvatore** knows that many of her son's friends as well as her son
16 have benefited their teaching them over the years and they have been very
17 successful. She thanks them for their longevity and commitment to Greenwich
18 Township School District. **Mr. Worrell** asked if those teachers would please
19 stand up and be recognized.

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21 **Terry DiSanto** asked about the policies and how they have to be read two times
22 before they are approved—she wanted to know when the public can view those
23 policies, specifically the ones that pertain to the teaching staff regarding tenure
24 and the support staff? **Mr. Tarantino** stated that the public can view them at
25 any time and he will have extra copies for anyone that wishes to see them.

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27 **Michael Beukers**, maintenance/custodial employee in the district, asked if the
28 maintenance staff can be included in the discussion about the pick-up/dump
29 truck? **Mr. Worrell** responded that nothing will be done without consulting those
30 individuals that it pertains to.

31 32 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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34 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
35 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
36 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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38 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
39 **October 18, 2010** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
40 public shall be held on **October 18, 2010**, at **8:50 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle
41 School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New
42 Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by
43 *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed
44 session.

1 Matters Involving Individual Privacy
2 Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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4 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
5 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
6 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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8 Motion: (LaPalomero/Lombardo) to enter into Executive Sessions at 8:50
9 p.m. to discuss the following:

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11 Student Concerns
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13 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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15 Motion: (LaPalomero/Lombardo) to return to the Regular Meeting at 9:25
16 p.m.
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18 **11. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**
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20 Motion: (LaPalomero/Murschell) to approve the following:
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- 22 1. The approval to hire a substitute one-on-one aide for student #2010-11 at
23 Broad Street School at a cost of \$70.00 per day up to and including ten
24 (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 per day. The
25 length of time will be determined at a later day.
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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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29 **Jason Murschell** wanted to address the whole board and he stated that he
30 joined the school board to get certain things done; to do the best we can for the
31 kids and for the taxpayers. He sees, and he thinks the public sees, a board with
32 “great divide”. He sees too much personal bickering. He stated that we have a
33 job to do and we should put personal opinions and politics aside. The people in
34 the community expect certain results from us as a board. **Jim Worrell** stated
35 that he has no political gain by being on the board. He is on the board because
36 the townspeople elected him and he is concerned that the kids maintain a status
37 quo on their education. He feels that the assembled board is a “good working
38 board” and he truly believes that together, “we can do the things that have to be
39 done.” “We want to go to one building. We don’t want to go to Broad Street—
40 we want to go to one building. What building we go to will depend on what the
41 architects tell us and the numbers we see. We want the public involved. We are
42 going to go to one building because we are spending too much money with two
43 buildings.”
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12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (LaPalomento/Fabiani) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent