

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Tuesday, February 15, 2011** in the Broad Street School Auditorium.

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6 The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Loraine LaPalomato at 7:00 p.m.

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8 Roll Call:

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10 Loraine LaPalomato
11 Louis Fabiani
12 Roseanne Lombardo
13 Lisa Morina
14 Susan Vernacchio

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16 Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Scott A.
17 Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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19 Absent:

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21 James Worrell
22 Jason Murschell

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

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30 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD AND COUNTRY**

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32 **1. TEACHER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION**

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34 A. Gloucester County Teacher Recognition

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36 Presenters: **Mr. Vincent Tarantino**, Interim Superintendent

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38 Acknowledgement was made to the recipients of the 2010-2011 Gloucester
39 County Teacher of the Year Recognition Program. Recipients this year were:

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41 **Mrs. Kathy Seacrist – Broad Street School**
42 **Mrs. Nicole McGann – Nehaunsey Middle School**

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44 ****A short break followed the presentation for refreshments and to give the public
45 the opportunity to offer congratulations and best wishes to the recipients.****

1 **2. MINUTES**

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3 Motion: (LaPalomente/Fabiani) to approve the minutes:

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5 January 10, 2011 – Regular Meeting
6 January 10, 2011 – Executive Meeting
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8 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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10 **3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

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14 A. Administrative Reports

- 15 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of **January 31, 2011**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)
- 16 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of **January 31, 2011**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)
- 17 3. 2010-2011 Violence and Vandalism Report as of **January 31, 2011**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)
- 18 4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of **January 31, 2011**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B4)

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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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29 Motion: (Morina/Fabiani) to approve the following:

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31 B. District Policies/Regulations

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

POLICY/REGULATION	TITLE
Policy 1140	Affirmative Action Program (<i>New</i>)
Policy 1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 1530	Equal Employment Opportunities (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment & Contract Practices (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 2260	Affirmative Action Program for School & Classroom Practices (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 2415.04	Title I – District-Wide Parental Involvement (<i>Revised</i>)

Policy/Regulation 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 6360	Political Contributions (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 6362	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situation (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420	Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420.2	Bomb Threat (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420.10	Active Shooter (<i>New</i>)
Policy 8740	Bonding (<i>Revised</i>)

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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4 **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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6 **PERSONNEL**

7 Mr. Jason Murschell, Chairperson
8 Ms. Loraine LaPalomto
9 Mr. James Worrell

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11 ***Loraine LaPalomto read the Personnel Reports in the absence of*
12 *Chairperson Jason Murschell.***

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14 Motion: (LaPalomto/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A-Z:

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16 A. The approval of the *revised* salary rates of the G.T.E.A. represented
17 tenured teaching staff members for the 2010-2011 school year as per the
18 attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)
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20 B. The approval of the *revised* salary rates of the G.T.E.A. represented non-
21 tenured teaching staff members for the 2010-2011 school year as per the
22 attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)
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24 C. The approval of the *revised* salary rates of the G.T.E.A. represented
25 employees as Special Education Aides for the 2010-2011 school year as
26 per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)
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28 D. The approval of the *revised* salary rates of the following G.T.E.A.
29 represented employees for the 2010-2011 school year as per the
30 attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F 1 & F2)
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32 1. Secretaries 2. Custodians
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34 E. The approval of the *revised* salary rates of the following unrepresented
35 central office employees for the 2010-2011 school year as per the
36 attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)

1. Scott Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
2. Alisa Whitcraft, Principal/Curriculum Supervisor
3. Michael Grelli, Technology Coordinator
4. Robert Harris, Child Study Team Supervisor/School Psychologist
5. Angela Addeo, Secretary to the Superintendent
6. Regina Minniti, Secretary to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary & Transportation Department
7. Gina Casella, Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper
8. Debra Truhan, Payroll/Benefits Clerk

F. The approval of the *revised* hourly rates of the following individuals as District Bus Drivers for the 2010-2011 school year:

EMPLOYEE	HOURLY RATE
Dolores Mooney	\$19.37
Cathleen Myers	\$20.19
Darlean Thompson	\$28.77
Charlotte Williams	\$24.69
Ada Zubec	\$29.85
Sharon Zubec	\$30.17

G. The approval of the *revised* hourly rates of the following employees as Bus Aides for the 2010-2011 school year:

EMPLOYEE	HOURLY RATE
Sharon DiMenna	\$10.75
Elizabeth McBride	\$10.75

H. The approval of the *revised* hourly rates of the following employees as Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aides for the 2010-2011 school year:

EMPLOYEE	HOURLY RATE
Lauren Curtis	\$ 9.25
Alison Grelli	\$10.25
Elizabeth McBride	\$10.55
Lisa Mitchell	\$10.15
Charline Viereck	\$10.55
Christine Wojcik	\$10.50

I. The approval of the *revised* salary rate for Jennifer Landrum, Part-Time Computer Technician, for the 2010-2011 school year, five days per week, four hours per day, annual rate of \$22,960.00 (additional hours to be administratively approved), no benefits.

- 1 J. The approval of the *revised* salary rate for Ellen Sarmiento, Part-Time
 2 Instructional Special Education Aide at Broad Street School for the 2010-
 3 2011 school year, hourly rate of \$20.41, five days per week, six hours per
 4 day, not to exceed \$22,042.80.
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- 6 K. The approval of the *revised* salary rate for Christine Franklin, Part-Time
 7 PreSchool Aide at Broad Street School for the 2010-2011 school year
 8 effective September 13, 2010, hourly rate \$20.42, five days per week,
 9 three hours per day.
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- 11 L. The approval of the *revised* salary rate for Charline Viereck, Part-Time
 12 Custodian, for the 2010-2011 school year, hourly rate of \$11.79, not to
 13 exceed \$10,611.00.
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- 15 M. The approval of the *revised* salary rate for Frank Minniti, Jr., Part-Time
 16 Custodian, for the 2010-2011 school year, hourly rate of \$11.79, not to
 17 exceed \$6,367.00.
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- 19 N. The approval of the *revised* salary rate for Andrea Sammons, Non-
 20 Instructional Aide at Broad Street School for the 2010-2011 school year,
 21 hourly rate of \$9.50, six hours per day on full session days and four hours
 22 per day on half session days.
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- 24 O. The approval for Carina Jovanovic, Teacher at Broad Street School, to
 25 use four personal days February 16, 17, 22 & 23, 2011 for personal
 26 business. (Attachment – EXHIBIT H1)
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- 28 P. The approval to increase the hours of Part-Time PreSchool Special
 29 Education Aide, Christine Franklin, four hours per week, effective
 30 February 16, 2011, due to the recent enrollment of a student at Broad
 31 Street School. The hourly rate of pay is \$20.42 per hour. (Attachment –
 32 EXHIBIT H2)
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- 34 Q. The approval to form a Curriculum Committee to update Greenwich
 35 Township School District’s Social Studies Curriculum to new standards.
 36 The Committee will run after school two times per week, approximately 2.5
 37 hours per day for a period of four weeks (20 hours total) at a stipend of
 38 \$30.00 per hour as per Article XII of the GTEA Contract. The Committee
 39 will consist of the following staff:
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| 41 | Stacy Hoehn | Jody Harris |
| 42 | Kim Chila | Sharon Gomez-Salvatore |
| 43 | Tina Sayers | Joshus Bomze |
| 44 | Suzanne Pezzino | Kathy Seacrist |
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- 1 R. The approval for the following staff to be appointed to the Anti-Bullying
2 Committee for the 2010-2011 school year:
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4 Daniel Giorgianni, Coordinator
5 Vincent Tarantino Alisa Whitcraft
6 Terry DiSanto Tina Sayers
7 Lori Chiavoroli
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9 S. The approval to extend the maternity/medical leave of absence of Jennifer
10 Walker, Special Education Teacher, until September 1, 2011. Mrs. Walker
11 has exhausted her FMLA and accumulated sick time and will be taking an
12 unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.
13 (Attachment – EXHIBIT H3)
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15 T. The approval to extend the appointment of Jamie Kuni as a long-term
16 substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Ms.
17 Kuni will continue to substitute for Jennifer Walker, Special Education
18 Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School. Salary to be determined as per
19 P.L. 2010, C. 100 (S2071).
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21 U. The approval to amend the salary of Alanna Schell, Teacher, to
22 \$51,966.00 (Step 7, BA+15) from \$49,565.00 (Step 6, BA) for the 2010-
23 2011 school year effective *retroactive* to January 1, 2011.
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25 V. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Kathy Seacrist,
26 Teacher, for a course to be taken at Rowan University (Spring, 2011),
27 “Instructional Methods for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders”, for
28 an amount not to exceed the current NJ state college tuition rate pending
29 completion/verification of required documentation as per Article XII,
30 Section I, of the GTEA/Board Agreement.
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32 W. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Alanna Schell,
33 Teacher, for a course to be taken at Rowan University (Summer 2011),
34 “Education Assessment in Special Education”, for an amount not to
35 exceed the current NJ state college tuition rate pending
36 completion/verification of required documentation as per Article XII,
37 Section I, of the GTEA/Board Agreement.
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39 X. The approval for the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers for
40 the 2010-2011 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and
41 including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a
42 day.
43 Lynn Colella Thomas Minix
44 Corina Sanfino

1 Y. The approval for the appointment of the following Substitute Custodian for
2 the 2010-2011 school year. Substitute rate of pay will be \$8.50 per hour.

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4 John R. Schmehl, Sr.

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6 Z. The approval of the **corrected revised** hourly rate of the following
7 individual as a District Bus Driver for the 2010-2011 school year:
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EMPLOYEE	HOURLY RATE
Darlean Thompson	\$29.85

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10 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**
 12 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo, Chairperson
 13 Mrs. Lisa Morina
 14 Mr. James Worrell
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17 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A-F:

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19 A. Workshops

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21 1. The *retroactive* approval for the following individuals to attend out-
22 of-district workshops.
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NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Kim Chila Kiley Barker Megan Sizemore (replacing Stephanie Beckett)	Visit Evesham Schools (Literacy Block – Grades K-2) Marlton, NJ 1/19/11 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Rescheduled from 1/12/11)	\$-0- Plus Mileage Plus Substitute

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25 2. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district
26 workshops.
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NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Angela Addeo	Criminal History Review Session Gloucester County Fire Academy Clarksboro, NJ 2/17/11 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage
Angela Addeo Gina Casella Jennifer Ellick Toshia Kersey Suzanne Lavin	Gloucester County Association of Educational Office Professionals Winter Workshop Meeting Glassboro, NJ 2/17/11	\$175.00 (\$25.00 each)

Regina Minniti Debbie Truhan	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
Janet Jachimowicz-Geary	West Jersey Reading Council Winter Meeting William Allen Middle School Moorestown, NJ 2/23/11 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	\$25.00 Plus Mileage
Alisa Whitcraft Daniel Giorgianni	NJASK Training Enterprise Center Mount Laurel, NJ 3/23/11 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage
Terry DiSanto	Annual School Social Worker Workshop Crowne Plaza Jamesburg, NJ 4/11/11	\$115.00 Plus Mileage
Cathy Tortella	Annual Conference of National Association of School Nurses Marriott Wardman Hotel Washington, DC 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. 7/1/11	\$195.00 Plus Mileage
Angela Addeo	Certification and Provisional Teacher Program Technical Assistance for Districts Gloucester County College 3/3/11 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage

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B. Field Trips

1. The *retroactive* approval of Request for Educational Trip/Transportation for the following:

GRADE AND/OR GROUP	DESTINATION/TIME	DATES	ESTIMATED RELATED COST	ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COST	TOTAL
Grade 6	Planetarium at Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	1/28/11 (rescheduled from 12/14/10)	\$-0-	Driver: \$120.00	\$120.00

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C. Field Trips

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

GRADE AND/OR GROUP	DESTINATION/TIME	DATES	ESTIMATED RELATED COST	ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COST	TOTAL
Grade 8 NJHS	Shady Lane Clarksboro, NJ Broad Street School Gibbstown, NJ &	3/2/11	Substitutes: \$150.00	Driver: \$150.00	\$300.00 Costs will be covered by NJHS funds

	Burger King Gibbstown, NJ 9:10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. "Read Across America Day" (Dr. Suess)				
Grade 6	University of Pennsylvania Museum Philadelphia, PA 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	3/10/11	Tickets: \$572.50 Substitute: \$75.00	Driver: \$360.00 Tolls: \$12.00	\$1,019.50
Grade 4	State House and Old Barracks Museum Trenton, NJ 8:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	3/18/11	Tickets: \$398.00	Driver: \$300.00 Tolls: \$12.00	\$710.00
Grade 5	Philadelphia Seaport Museum Philadelphia, PA 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	6/2/11	Tickets: \$301.00 Substitutes: \$150.00 (Snyder/Harris)	Driver: \$150.00 Tolls: \$6.00	\$607.00

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D. Local Professional Development Plan

1. The approval to submit the Local Professional Development Plan for the 2011-2012 school year to the County Superintendent (copy available for review in the Superintendent's Office).

E. Family Math Night

1. The approval to schedule a Family Math Night to be held at Nehaunsey Middle School on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

F. Field Experience Students

1. The *retroactive* approval for the following students from Rowan University to conduct their field experience at Broad Street School one day a week for eight weeks from February 15, 2011 through April 12, 2011 as listed below:

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Cooperating Teachers</u>
Krista Kurtz	Suzanne Morris (Grade 1)
Katherine Roberts	Suzanne Morris (Grade 1)
Sherrie Szeszowicki	Paula Carrozzino (Grade 3)
Allison Weiss	Paula Carrozzino (Grade 3)

2. The approval for the following students from Rowan University to conduct their field experience at Nehaunsey Middle School one day a week for eight weeks from February 16, 2011 through April 6, 2011 as listed below:

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<u>Student:</u>	<u>Cooperating Teachers</u>
Walter Kienzie	Andrew Mettler (Grade 8)
Brittney DeCotiis	Andrew Mettler (Grade 8)
Samantha Garlitos	Sharon Gomez-Salvatore (Grade 6)
Ashley Jones	Sharon Gomez-Salvatore (Grade 6)
Emily Minion	Nicole McGann (Grade 6)
Erin Dennison	Nicole McGann (Grade 6)
Rebecca Grochowicz	Kate Caruso (Grade 7)
Chelsea Wanielista	Kate Caruso (Grade 7)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Vincent Tarantino read the Business & Finance reports in the absence of Mr. Scott A. Campbell.

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

A. Bills Lists

- The bills lists as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT I)

Batch No.	Amount
P35	\$264,660.52
P36	\$396,954.85
P37	\$1,649.15
P38	\$258,632.02
P39	\$150,034.58
P40	\$6,027.55

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

B. Cafeteria Payments

- The approval for the following cafeteria payments for **February 2011** as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid.

Ck#	Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
946	1/5/11	Thrower Mechanical	Repairs to freezer	\$2,033.00
947	1/5/11	Nutri-Serve		\$5,327.77
948	1/21/11	Nutri-Serve		\$3,357.55
949	1/21/11	Thrower Mechanical	Repairs	\$343.76
950	1/28/11	Nutri-Serve		\$5,157.78
951	2/4/11	Nutri-Serve		\$3,394.56
952	2/10/11	Nutri-Serve		\$5,297.67
953	2/10/11	Hobart Service	Dishwasher Repair	\$166.50
			February Pay-Out	\$25,078.59

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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6 C. Student Activities Account

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8 1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank
9 Reconciliation for the month of **January 2011**. (Attachment –
10 EXHIBIT J)

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12 D. Board Secretary's Report

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14 1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of
15 **December, 2010**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K)
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17 a. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)*, the Greenwich
18 Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that
19 as of **December 31, 2010**, after review of the Board
20 Secretary's Reports for **December 2010**, and upon
21 consultation with the district officials, to the best of our
22 knowledge no major account or fund has been over
23 expended in violation of *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)4* and that
24 sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial
25 obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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27 E. Treasurer's Report

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

1 F. Transfer List

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3 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
4 the month of **December 2010**, to give balances to new accounts
5 and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT M)
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7 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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9 Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, G1 & G2:

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11 G. Contracts – Out of District Placements

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13 1. The *retroactive* approval for a Greenwich Township student to
14 attend Salem County Vocational Technical School in Woodstown,
15 NJ beginning January 6, 2011 at a tuition rate of \$7,047.00 for the
16 remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. The School Board
17 President and School Business Administrator are authorized to
18 execute all contracts.
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20 2. The *retroactive* approval for student #2010-13 for home instruction
21 as provided by Brookfield Schools/Underwood Memorial Hospital at
22 the contracted rate of \$30.00 per hour effective January 31, 2011.
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24 **Roseanne Lombardo** asked if the student that is attending Salem County
25 Vocational School is a high school student? **Vincent Tarantino** replied that she
26 is and just moved into the district and Gloucester County Institute of Technology
27 does not have the program that she wants.
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29 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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31 H. Transportation

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33 Motion: (Fabiani/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, H1 & H2:

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35 1. The approval of the 2010-2011 Joint Transportation Agreement
36 between the Greenwich Township Board of Education (Host) and
37 the Gloucester County Special Services School District (Joiner) for
38 the transportation of one student to the Gloucester County Institute
39 of Technology. The Joiner agrees to pay the Host district \$5.25 per
40 day which may be adjusted based on changes to the rout.
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42 2. The *retroactive* approval for the transportation of a Salem County
43 Vocational student by Walt's Bus Service (Route #53441)
44 beginning January 6, 2011 and for the remainder of the 2010-2011
45 school year. The cost is \$20.00 per day.

1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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3 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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5 I. School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Contract

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7 1. The approval to submit Scott A. Campbell, School Business
8 Administrator/Board Secretary's 2010-2011 contract to the
9 Gloucester County Office of Education for review.

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following

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15 J. Qualified Purchasing Agent/Bid Threshold

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17 1. The approval of the *revised* bid and quote threshold for Scott A.
18 Campbell, Qualified Purchasing Agent, to the following amounts:

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20 Bid: \$36,000.00
21 Quote: \$ 5,400.00

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23 This change is *retroactive* to January 1, 2011 as per the revised
24 Qualified Purchasing Agent Law (P.L.2009, C.166).

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26 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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28 **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

29 Mr. Louis Fabiani, Chairperson

30 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo

31 Mr. James Worrell

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33 Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A & B:

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35 A. The approval for the Township of Greenwich to hold a meeting in the
36 Broad Street School auditorium with representatives from the EPA, DEP
37 and Hercules on Thursday, February 17, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to
38 approximately 9:00 p.m.

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40 B. The approval for a Family Math Night to be held at the Nehaunsey Middle
41 School on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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43 **Lisa Morina** asked if the township meeting that is being held on February 17, is
44 open to the public and how was notice given for this? **Vincent Tarantino** replied

1 that it is an open meeting and the school received a request from Mayor George
2 Shivery for the use of the facilities. It was also posted in today's paper.

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4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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6 **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

7 Ms. Loraine LaPalomento, Chairperson
8 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo
9 Mrs. Lisa Morina

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11 No reports at this time.

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13 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

14 Ms. Loraine LaPalomento, Chairperson
15 Mr. Louis Fabiani
16 Mr. Jason Murschell

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18 **Loraine LaPalomento** started by saying that the Board sent a set of questions to
19 the two architects and spoke with them in regards to those questions. They did
20 come back and answer some of the questions and we spoke with Design
21 Collaborative on some of the various issues that we saw and some of the
22 lawsuits that were pending. **Ms. LaPalomento** did speak with them at length
23 about the two schools that did have a problem and those issues were resolved.
24 As far as the issues with Paulsboro High School, they did offer them \$2,000.00 to
25 replace the boilers. At this time, **Loraine LaPalomento** made a motion to vote
26 on the architect tonight. **Lisa Morina** seconded that motion. **Louis Fabiani**
27 asked, "why are we doing this now?" **Lisa Morina** stated that it was discussed in
28 executive session at the last meeting and that we were voting on an architect at
29 this meeting. **Mr. Fabiani** stated that he didn't know about that. **Ms.**
30 **LaPalomento** stated that she asked everyone to please give her any questions
31 that the Board had for the architects and then directed **Scott Campbell** to send
32 them out to them. When the answers to the questions were brought back, if
33 there were any other questions throughout the week that any Board member
34 had, it was going to be brought up at tonight's meeting and then we were having
35 the final vote. **Mr. Fabiani** stated that is wasn't included in the write up that we
36 were voting tonight. **Ms. LaPalomento** reiterated what **Mrs. Morina** had said
37 that it was brought up in executive session at the last board meeting. **Mrs.**
38 **Morina** stated for the public's benefit that we are not voting on a design; we are
39 voting on an architect of record for the project. We haven't made any decisions
40 on how we will be moving forward. It is more of getting the process going and to
41 do that we need to choose an architect to begin to work with. She also stated
42 that although they did make presentations on design, the choice of architect does
43 not dictate what the design will be and should we choose to consolidate, which
44 school we move forward with.

1 Motion: (LaPalomento/Vernacchio) to approve Fraytak, Veisz, Hopkins,
2 Duthie, P.C. (FVHD) as the architect of record for the Greenwich
3 Township School District.
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5 **Louis Fabiani** made a statement that the preliminary estimates show that FVHD
6 came in higher than Design Collaborative. **Loraine LaPalomento** stated that
7 their fee was a little higher but we can definitely negotiate that to get their fees
8 down. **Susan Vernacchio** also stated that we are not voting on what they
9 propose to us, we are voting on whoever is going to be the architect. We can set
10 a budget and go from there.

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12 Roll Call Vote:

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14 Louis Fabiani – No
15 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
16 Lisa Morina – Yes
17 Susan Vernacchio – Yes
18 Loraine LaPalomento – Yes

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20 Motion passes 4 votes to 1.
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22 **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

23 Mr. James Worrell, Chairperson
24 Mr. Louis Fabiani
25 Mr. Jason Murschell
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27 ****Louis Fabiani read the Negotiations Committee reports in the absence of**
28 **Chairperson James Worrell.****

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30 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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32 A. The approval of the G.T.E.A. Contract of represented staff for the years
33 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.
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35 Roll Call Vote:

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37 Louis Fabiani – Yes
38 Roseanne Lombardo – Abstained
39 Lisa Morina – Yes
40 Susan Vernacchio – Yes
41 Loraine LaPalomento – Yes
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Loraine LaPalomente, Chairperson

Mr. Louis Fabiani

Mr. Jason Murschell

Loraine LaPalomente said the Finance Committee met last week and she suggested at that meeting that she step down as chairperson of the Finance Committee because she is working on the consolidation of the two schools and thinks that is where her attention needs to be. She suggested that **Susan Vernacchio** replace her on the Finance Committee as that is her background with accounting. **Ms. LaPalomente** did bring that up to the Board President which he did have some reservations on. She wanted to bring it up to the rest of the Board tonight as she does want to push forward to have **Susan Vernacchio** replace me in the Finance Committee to represent the full board. **Lisa Morina** asked if the Board President recommended a substitute from **Mrs. Vernacchio**? **Ms. LaPalomente** replied, "no he did not". **Louis Fabiani** stated that as far as selecting committee members, that is the prerogative of the President. **Ms. LaPalomente** replied that she understands but she also wanted to say that based on people's backgrounds, we really need to look at what committee they can best use their resources so they can better represent our school. **Lisa Morina** added that we are going into the budget season and with **Jason Murschell** unavailable because he is serving our country, that would leave one person on the committee and that would be **Mr. Fabiani**. So it would be in our best interest to have that committee filled. **Vince Tarantino** stated that it is noted.

27 **5. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. James Worrell, Board President

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29 No report at this time.

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31 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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33 None at this time.

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35 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

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

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39 A. Calender Committee: Mrs. Susan Vernacchio
40 Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent
41 Mrs. Alisa Whitcraft, Principal
42 Mrs. Terry DiSanto, Social Worker
43 Mrs. Jennifer Ellick, School Secretary
44 Mrs. Debbie Knestaut, Classroom Aide
45 Mr. Michael Beukers, Custodian/Maintenance

Mrs. Denise Grovatt, PTA President

1. The approval of the proposed Greenwich Township School District calendar for the 2011-2012 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT N)

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

1. The approval of the proposed Greenwich Township School District calendar for the 2011-2012 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT N)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Lisa Morina stated that it has been brought to her attention that the behavior at some of the committee meetings is less than desirable and she would like to present to the Board a motion that the sub-committee meetings and the committee meetings be recorded, but not transcribed, and be available for a six-month period for any board member, staff member, community member or parent that would like to review them so we could bring some decorum and respect back to the meetings. **Loraine LaPalomento** wanted to add to that statement that any committee meetings that are held will be announced to all the Board Members so that they are aware that the committees are meeting and again that they are recorded. **Louis Fabiani** asked what brought this about? **Ms. LaPalomento** responded that she didn't want to go into the details at this time.

Motion: (Vernacchio/Lombardo) to have all committee meetings announced to the other board members and to have them recorded.

Ms. LaPalomento then stated that the details of this motion are not confidential so she proceeded to state that at some of the committee meetings, there have been individual attacks made on some members and it is inappropriate. She feels that we need to have a controlled board whenever there is a meeting. There should be no name calling, bullying or profanity. We are held to the same standards as our students and our teachers.

Louis Fabiani then asked if we will be communicating by e-mail about the committee meetings? **Vincent Tarantino** stated that his office gives the Board an update every Friday and that will include all committee meetings. **Ms. LaPalomento** also added that any *ad hoc* meetings that occur during the week, whether they be to discuss a boiler that needs repair or a flood that has occurred, etc, an e-mail should be sent out to all board members so that we can expect the meeting to be recorded.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1 **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

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3 None at this time.

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

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

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13 **Theresa Ruszkai**, 110 Railroad Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked how an architect
14 was voted on tonight when it wasn't on the agenda? **Loraine LaPalomento**
15 responded that it was talked about in executive session at the last board meeting
16 and it was stated that we were voting on it at this meeting.

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18 **Mark Montemore**, 347 West Broad Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked about the
19 architects and what proposals were given to the Board? What are they being
20 asked to do? **Lisa Morina** responded that they are looking at options to
21 consolidate our schools. Both architects submitted possible options for both
22 schools. **Louis Fabiani** also commented that the options the architects
23 proposed are significantly different and we as a board have to look at the best
24 value for the taxpayers and the housing of our students.

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26 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked about the contract that
27 was voted on. He asked if the pay is frozen from the time of the last contract
28 until now? **Vincent Tarantino** replied that it is retroactive to July 1, 2010 and it
29 was a fair proposal on both sides.

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31 **Terry DiSanto**, Social Worker for Greenwich Township School District, asked
32 what the name of the architect that was voted on this evening? **Roseanne**
33 **Lombardo** replied that it is Fraytak, Veisz, Hopkins, Duthie, P.C. (FVHD).

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35 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked the Board that
36 based on their research, they have chosen the best architect that they think will
37 work for the district and we are not tied to anything that they propose? **Loraine**
38 **LaPalomento** replied that the board will be able to negotiate the cost and all this
39 is "is to name someone to move the whole project forward."

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41 **Lee Lucas** asked why the district wants to consolidate? He said his taxes are
42 low and he is a happy citizen and he doesn't see why they would want to
43 consolidate the schools. **Theresa Ruszkai** stated to **Mr. Lucas** that the district
44 would save a million dollars or so a year if they consolidate. **Lisa Morina** replied
45 that the one million dollar number has not been verified; that was just somebody

1 saying we will save a million dollars. She hasn't seen any numbers that speak to
2 that. **Loraine LaPalomento** also stated that we will put forth the numbers for the
3 Broad Street School and the Nehaunsey Middle School and it may not go
4 anywhere. **Mr. Lucas** then stated that the million dollar number was given to the
5 press by a couple of people but that's the total cost for utilities and maintenance
6 for both schools. You are not going to eliminate both by going to one school; you
7 are only eliminating half of that amount and then you are taking on a tremendous
8 debt service. **Mr. Lucas** ended by saying that having too much classroom space
9 is not a bad problem to have.

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11 **Mark Montemore** asked if there was any charge for the initial proposal? **Louis**
12 **Fabiani** responded, "no charge". **Mr. Montemore** then asked if there was an
13 hourly charge? **Loraine LaPalomento** replied that there is no hourly charge until
14 we get down to the final negotiations of the project.

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16 **Andrew Chapkowski**, Adalisa Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked about class sizes
17 and if you close one school, what will that do to the class sizes? **Lisa Morina**
18 replied that we do pride ourselves on the quality of our education and we are not
19 going to squeeze everyone into one school just to save money at the behest of
20 the students; they always come first. She also stated that the board hasn't
21 gotten that far yet.

22 23 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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25 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
26 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
27 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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29 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
30 **February 15, 2011** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
31 public shall be held on **February 15, 2011**, at **7:55 p.m.** in the Broad Street
32 School auditorium located at 255 West Broad Street, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
33 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
34 *Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed session.

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- 36 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 37 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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39 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
40 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
41 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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43 Motion: (Vernacchio/Lombardo) to enter into Executive Session at 7:55
44 p.m. to discuss the following:
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- Legal
- Curriculum

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion: (LaPalomento/Vernacchio) to return to the Regular Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (LaPalomento/Vernacchio) to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent