

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 Tuesday, September 21, 2004 in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Frank J. Minniti at 7:04 p.m.

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8 Roll Call:

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10 Frank Minniti
11 Joseph Marcucci
12 Marie Downes McDonald
13 Vince Giovannitti
14 Robyn Glocker Hammond

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

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19 Absent:

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21 Larry Hall

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

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29 Flag Salute

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31 **1. MINUTES**

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33 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Marcucci) to approve the following minutes:

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35 August 17, 2004 - Regular Meeting (Attachment - EXHIBIT A1)
36 August 17, 2004 - Caucus (Attachment - EXHIBIT A2)

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38 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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40 **2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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42 Motion: (Marcucci/Downes McDonald) to approve the following as one,
43 A-D:

1 A. Memorandum of Agreement

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3 1. The approval of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement -
4 2004-2005, signed by the Chief School Administrator and law
5 enforcement officials, remaining unchanged, with no additional
6 terms/provisions. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B)
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8 B. School Violence Awareness Week Resolution

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10 1. The approval of the following resolution:

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12 **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 specifies designation of "School
13 Violence Awareness Week" in the State of New Jersey during the month
14 of October; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township School District shall observe
17 this week by organizing activities to prevent school violence including, but
18 not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities for student discussion on
19 conflict resolution, issues of student diversity and tolerance,
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of
22 Education of the Township of Greenwich that the week of October 18,
23 2004 to October 23, 2004 will be designated as "School Violence
24 Awareness Week" for the 2004-2005 school year.
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26 C. Emergency Management Plan

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28 1. The approval of the Greenwich Township School District's
29 Emergency Management Plan for the 2004-2005 school year.
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31 D. Building Reports/Forms Facilitators

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33 1. The approval to appoint Garrison Architects as facilitators for all
34 building reconfiguration reports and forms with the New Jersey
35 Department of Education.
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37 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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39 **3. PERSONNEL**

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41 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Downes McDonald) to approve the following
42 as one, A-E:
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- 44 A. The approval for the appointment of the following teaching staff members

for the grade/group/area positions for the 2004-2005 school year as listed below:

Grade Level	Location	Staff Member
Grade 5	Nehaunsey Middle School	Lori Chiavoroli
Grade 6	Nehaunsey Middle School	Elizabeth Kaminski
BSIP/Special Area	Nehaunsey Middle School	Janice Spoto
CST	District	Teresa DiSanto

B. The approval for the appointment of the following teaching staff members as Mentor Teachers for the 2004-2005 school year to be compensated as per the BOE/GTEA agreement, Article XII, Section B, 4 (a).

<u>Staff Member/Grade Level</u>	<u>Mentor Teacher</u>
Megan Sizemore / Grade K	Kate Brown
Carlyn McCabe / Grade 1	Carole Cunningham
Kimberly Robostello/ Grade 2	Beth Miller

C. The approval for the appointment of Susan Peck as Substitute Kitchen Worker for the 2004-2005 school year. Substitute rate will be \$7.75 per hour.

D. The resolution herein seeking permission of the Commissioner to employ the below recommended certificated and support staff applicant on an emergent basis for a period not to exceed three (3) months pending completion of a County Substitute Teacher Application and/or a positive Criminal History Check:

1. The approval for the appointment of Susan Canning as a Substitute Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide, Substitute Kitchen Worker and a Substitute Secretary for the 2004-2005 school year. Substitute rate will be \$7.75 per hour for Substitute Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide and Substitute Kitchen Worker and \$8.00 per hour for Substitute Secretary.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

P7	\$224.12
P8	\$56,706.09
P9	\$223,926.01
P10	\$50,113.21
P11	\$130,312.57
P12	None
P13	\$2,929.31
P14	\$242,861.40
P15	\$143,859.57

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Student Activities Account

Motion: (Marcucci/Minniti) to approve the following as one, B-E:

1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the Month of July, 2004. (Attachment - Exhibit E)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Board Secretary's Report

1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of July, 2004. (Attachment - EXHIBIT F)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of July 31, 2004, after review of the Board Secretary's Report for July, 2004 and upon consultation with the district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

D. Treasurer's Report

1. The approval of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of July, 2004. (Attachment - EXHIBIT G)

E. Transfer List

- 1 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
2 the month of July, 2004, to give balances to new accounts and to
3 balance existing accounts. (Attachment - EXHIBIT H)
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5 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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7 F. Contracts
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9 Motion: (Marcucci/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following as one, F1-
10 F2:
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- 12 1. Gloucester County Special Services School District for Chapters
13 192 and 193 Services
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- 15 a. The approval of the Non-Public Services Agreement
16 between Greenwich Township Board of Education and
17 Gloucester County Special Services District for the 2004-
18 2005 school year as per the attached resolution.
19 (Attachment - EXHIBIT I).
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- 21 2. Gloucester County Special Services School District - Remedial
22 Services for Nonpublic I.D.E.A. Students
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- 24 a. The approval of the Agreement to Provide Additional
25 Remedial Services for Nonpublic I.D.E.A. Students between
26 the Gloucester County Special Services School District and
27 the Greenwich Township School District for the 2004-2005
28 school year as per the attached. (Attachment - EXHIBIT J)
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30 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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32 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Minniti) to approve the following as one, F3-F4:
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- 34 3. Tuition Rates
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- 36 a. The approval of the 2004-2005 tuition contracts with the
37 Paulsboro School District. The net amount of the tuition is
38 \$1,985,289.00. This includes regular, special education and
39 out-of-district placements as per the attached. Also,
40 permission is granted for the Board President and Business
41 Administrator to execute the corresponding contracts.
42 (Attachment - EXHIBIT K)
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- 44 4. Lease/Rental Agreement
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- 1 a. The approval of the Lease-Rental Agreement between the
2 Greenwich Township Board of Education (Landlord) and the
3 Gloucester County Audio Visual Aids Commission, (Tenant),
4 for the 2004-2005 school year as per the attached.
5 (Attachment - EXHIBIT L)
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7 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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9 **6. USE OF FACILITIES**

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11 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Marcucci) to approve the following as one,
12 A-C:
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- 14 A. The approval for Gibbstown Girls Basketball to use the Nehaunsey Middle
15 School foyer on October 21, 2004 and October 26, 2004 for basketball
16 registration from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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18 B. The approval for the Gibbstown Girls Basketball to use the Broad Street
19 School and Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasiums for practices and
20 games from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:
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22 Broad Street School

Nehaunsey Middle School

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24 Tuesday: 12/07, 12/14

Wednesday: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15

25 Thursday: 12/02, 12/09, 12/16

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27 Tuesday: 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

Wednesday: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

28 Thursday: 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

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30 Tuesday: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

Wednesday: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

31 Thursday: 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

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33 Tuesday: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

Wednesday: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16

34 Thursday: 3/3, 3/10
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- 36 C. The approval for Gibbstown Girls Basketball to use the Nehaunsey Middle
37 School gymnasium for a pizza party on March 17, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to
38 8:00 p.m.
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40 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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42 **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

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44 President Frank J. Minniti read a thank you letter from the Greenwich Township
45 Education Association thanking the board for the employee Bar-B-Que on

1 September 1, 2004.

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3 **8. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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5 None at this time.

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7 **9. PUBLIC - AGENDA/NON AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

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15 Lee Lucas, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked what he had to do to
16 become a Board Member.

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18 Both Board President Frank J. Minniti and Scott Campbell, SBA/BS explained
19 that the packets for interested candidates become available in February or
20 March. In those packets are information for all potential candidates along with a
21 petition that will have to be completed in order for a resident to be eligible for
22 candidacy. The elections are held in April for the budget and board seats.

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24 Joel Antipuna, 611 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ read a statement with his
25 concerns of a recent presentation by Nehaunsey Middle School Principal,
26 Suzanne Gibson, on test results for GEPA and NJASK4. Mr. Antipuna wanted to
27 know where the accountability was?

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29 Mr. Minniti responded that the social structure for our district has changed over
30 the last few years and as a result our test scores have been affected. Mr. Minniti
31 stated we are not in the business to teach children the test but we are in the
32 business to educate. A corrective action plan is in place and the accountability is
33 shared between the board and administration.

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35 Mr. Antipuna added that the test scores have gone down drastically between
36 2001 and 2004 and it is a concern.

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38 Robyn Glocker Hammond commented that testing results have changed
39 because special needs children have been included and this affects the results.

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41 Mr. Antipuna said that he has spoken to several parents who have told him that
42 all we do is teach the test and that their kids only get through half of the text book
43 each year.
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1 Mr. Minniti responded that the board does not go off heresay.

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3 Mr. Antipuna feels that the advanced kids are bored and the lower achieving kids
4 are being taught and we are teaching to the middle.

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6 Dr. Francine Marteski indicated that she disagreed with Mr. Antipuna's statement
7 with how the children are taught. Dr. Marteski indicated that the district has been
8 innovative with its special education programs, in class support and assisting
9 children who have been identified.

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11 Mr. Antipuna claimed that his son comes home every night and he doesn't have
12 homework. He feels this is not good.

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14 Dr. Marteski responded that the district utilizes the Study Island Program in
15 which it would enable the child and parent to view their progress and challenge
16 themselves.

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18 Mr. Antipuna asked why the June and August minutes haven't been placed on
19 the website?

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21 Scott Campbell responded that he would check with the Web Administrator and
22 make sure that they were placed on the website on Wednesday.

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24 Pat Adams, 103 Bacchus Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked if anyone from Boys
25 Basketball had put in a use of facilities form?

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27 Scott Campbell responded that nothing had been received from boys basketball
28 and the only thing on record is for girls basketball. He indicated that every
29 opportunity would be given to each group to get their fare share of time.

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31 **10. CLOSED SESSION**

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

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37 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
38 *September 21, 2004*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
39 public shall be held on *September 21, 2004, at 7:45 p.m.* in the Nehaunsey
40 Middle School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
41 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
42 *Meetings Act*, (N.J.S.A.10:4-12b) to be discussed in closed session.

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44 A. *Matters Involving Individual Privacy*
45 B. *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*

1 C. *Matters Relating to the Investment of Public Funds*

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3 It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the
4 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and
5 the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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7 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Marcucci) to enter into closed session at 7:45
8 p.m. to discuss the following:
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10 A. Personnel

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12 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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14 Returned from closed session at 8:55 p.m.
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16 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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18 Motion: (Downes McDonald/Giovannitti) to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.
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20 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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22 Respectfully submitted,
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27 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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