

OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held Wednesday, June 19, 2001, in the Nehaussey Middle School multi-purpose room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Marcucci at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Joseph Marcucci
Robyn Glocker-Hammond (arrived at 8:20 p.m.)
Marie Downes
Larry Hall
Susan Filiaggi
Frank Minniti

Also present were Stephen C. Combs, Superintendent, and Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Absent:

Celia Sorbello

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

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1. PRESENTATION

Mr. Joseph Graham of the United Way gave a presentation and thanked the District for participating in the United Way Campaign.

2. MINUTES

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

May 14, 2001	Workshop Meeting
May 14, 2001	Caucus
May 22, 2001	Regular Meeting
May 22, 2001	Caucus #1
May 22, 2001	Caucus #2

May 22, 2001 Caucus #3

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. FINANCE

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

- A. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of March, 2001, to give balance to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the total amounts of \$198,203.12, \$204,552.13, \$509,142.01, \$56,576.38 and \$6,621.16 be ordered paid. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- C. The Board Secretary's Report for the month of March, 2001. (Attachment - EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- D. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)*, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of *March 31, 2001*, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of March (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- E. The Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of *March, 2001*.

(Attachment - EXHIBIT D)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- F. The Cafeteria Report for the month of *April, 2001*. (Attachment - EXHIBIT E)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- G. The Estimated Cost Per Pupil for the 2001-2002 school year. The tuition rates are as follows:

Pre-School/Kindergarten	\$10,990
Grades 1-5	\$11,564
Grades 6-8	\$11,905
Learning Language Disabled (LLD)	\$14,673
Pre-School Disabled	\$13,831

(Attachment - EXHIBIT K)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- H. The cafeteria prices for the 2001-2002 school year as follows:

Child	\$1.75
Adult Lunch	\$2.75
Ice Cream	\$.50
Snacks	\$.25/.50
Drinks	\$.30
<u>Extras</u>	
Soup	\$.50
Main Entree	\$.50
Salad	\$1.00

(Attachment - EXHIBIT L)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- I. The obsolete computer inventory and disposal thereof.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. GRANTS

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

- A. The submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, (IDEA) Part B, FY 2002 combined Basic and Preschool Application. The Program amounts are as follows: (Attachment - EXHIBIT F)

IDEA Basic	\$124,097
IDEA Preschool	\$ 12,104

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent's Recommendations

A. RESOLUTION

Motion: (Minniti/Hall) to approve the following resolution:

1. The submission of the District's Multi-Year Equity Plan for 2002-2003. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Statement of Assurances outlined below:
 - a. The district will achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable laws, codes, regulations, and guidelines governing equity in education including, but not limited to: N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20; N.J.S.A. 10:5; N.J.S.A. 6:4; the Guidelines for the Desegregation of Public Schools in New Jersey; Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act - 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments - 1972; the Americans with Disabilities Act - 1990; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - 1997; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act - 1973.
 - b. The district will continue the implementation of its approved Multi-Year Equity Plan (MYEP) objectives through June 30, 2003.

- c. The district will also correct any form of discrimination or non-compliance identified by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

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

- 1. The staffing changes within our Food Service Areas (cafeterias) for the 2001-2002 school year. Also, giving students a choice of cafeteria selections, and setting forth prices associated with the purchase of just a single item.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- 2. The following individuals as instructors for the Fast ForWord Program - 2001. Salary for each teacher is \$4,000.00.

Jenzano, Maureen Button, Elizabeth

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- 3. The following individuals as instructors for the Extended Pre-School Disabled Class - 2001. Salary for the teacher is \$2,000.00 and for each of the two aides - \$500.00.

Muraca, Lorie - Teacher

Seacrist, Kathy - Aide (6/15/01 through 7/6/01)

Locantora, Holly - Aide (7/9/01 through 7/27/01)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- 4. The following individuals as instructors for the CAI Summer School Program - 2001. Salary is \$2,500 for each teacher.

Lightcap, Geraldine - Teacher
Zimmermann, Susan- Teacher

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Hall/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

5. The following individual as instructor for the CAI/Extended Summer School Program - 2001. Salary for the teacher is \$1,250.00.

Lightcap, Geraldine - Teacher

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

6. The retirement as of June 30, 2001, of Nazarene "Nippy" DiMarco as Bus Driver for the District. Nippy was a Bus Driver for 51 years and his service was greatly appreciated. (Attachment - EXHIBIT G)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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

1. The extra-curricular programs for the 2001-2002 school year:

Affirmative Action Officer
Algebra Enrichment Instructor
Art Enrichment Club Advisor

Audio-Visual Coordinator (Broad St.)
Bell Choir - Nehaunsey
Chorus Instructor - Both schools
Director of Intramural Bowling Program
Eighth Grade Advisor for Graduation
Future City Advisor
GEPA & Calculator Prep
Junior National Honor Society
Natural Helpers
SADD Advisor
Saturday School
Student Council

Talent Show Coordinator
Technology Club

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

D. TECHNOLOGY

Motion: (Hall/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

1. The following individuals to instruct technology training classes for teachers at both the Broad Street and Nehaunsey Middle School for the school year 2001-2002.

Sandra Schwartz
Karl Tomaszewski

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. VOLUNTEER

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

1. A volunteer summer student helper for technology projects.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. POLICY

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

- A. Changes made to Policies listed below. These changes are recommended after the Superintendent met with Dr. Dave and our school nurses. (Attachment - EXHIBIT I)

Policy 5310 - Changes are reflected in bold print
Policy 5330 - Deletion of phrase "under the direction of the school physician". This deletion occurs in paragraph a. following "by the school nurse".

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) to accept the following:

- A. A Thank you note from Donna Jordan regarding gifts received by her from the Board.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. PUBLIC - AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Susan Fean, 28 Solomon Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ, asked “based on the recent newspaper article on the schools, will the vote on which building to consolidate into be voted upon by the public?”

Stephen Combs, Superintendent responded that the article was not accurate and the public would not decide on which building the district will consolidate into.

Joseph Marcucci stated that the Board does not want to mislead the public and that the Buildings & Grounds Committee will be meeting soon to discuss this situation. Also, a committee will be set up of townspeople to discuss the consolidation. Mrs. Fean asked who will make up that committee? Mr. Marcucci responded that it will be a wide spectrum of citizens and businesses. Mrs. Fean asked Mr. Combs if he will try and get a retraction from the paper? Mr. Combs said he would contact the paper tomorrow.

Frank Minniti commented that he attended the recent S.A.D.D. trip to Wildwood, NJ and expressed that it was a good day for the students and the social aspect of the day rewarding and educational. Also, he complimented on the exceptional job that Cathy Tortella did in organizing the outing.

9. CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on *June 19, 2001*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on *June 19, 2001*, at 7:40 p.m. in the Nehaunsey Middle School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for discussion

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

1. Matters Involving Individual Privacy
2. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
3. Matters Relating to Attorney Client Relationship, Legal Advice

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

Motion: (Hall/Downes) to enter into closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Legal Advice
- B. Personnel - CST Share Services and S.C.
- C. Negotiations - Collective Bargaining

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Returned from closed session at 8:51 p.m.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT

- A. A motion adopting a resolution rescinding the Board's prior vote on May 22, 2001 to accept the Superintendent's resignation and its vote to accept the May 22, 2001 release agreement in return for a favorable reference based upon the Superintendent's counsel's challenge to same.

Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Minniti) to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Board previously voted on May 22, 2001, to accept Superintendent Combs' resignation and

Whereas, the Board voted to accept on May 22, 2001, the release agreement among itself and Superintendent Combs in return for favorable references and,

Whereas, Superintendent Combs' counsel has raised challenges to same.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby rescinds its prior vote to accept Superintendent Combs resignation and its vote to accept May 22, 2001 release agreement in turn for a

favorable reference.

Floor open for discussion on the motion/resolution.

None.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Floor open for a motion to adopt a resolution regarding the renewal of the Superintendent's employment contract with the Greenwich Township Board of Education beyond the term of the current contract which presently ends no later than June 30, 2002.

Motion: (Downes/Minniti) to not renew the Superintendent's Employment Contract and to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20.1 permits the Board, at least one year prior to the expiration of the first or any subsequent contract with the superintendent to notify the superintendent in writing that he will not be reappointed at the end of the current term, in which event his employment shall cease at the expiration of that term; and

Whereas, Superintendent Combs' employment contract with the Greenwich Township Board of Education expires on June 30, 2002;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby decides not to renew Superintendent Combs' current employment contract and hereby directs the Board President to issue a letter informing Superintendent Combs of same.

Floor open for discussion on the motion/resolution.

None.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Minniti/Hall) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary