

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **WORKSHOP MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held  
4 **Monday, March 14, 2011** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Loraine LaPalomato at 7:01 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 Jason Murschell  
15 Susan Vernacchio  
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17 Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Scott A.  
18 Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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20 Absent:

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22 James Worrell  
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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 **FLAG SALUTE**

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32 **1. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

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34 Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent, gave a presentation on the  
35 NJQSAC results and district improvement plan. A brief discussion followed.  
36 (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)  
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38 ***Susan Vernacchio commented that we have to send back to the state a short***  
39 ***term plan for rectifying the NJQSAC scores. She asked when is that plan due?***  
40 ***Vincent Tarantino replied that it is due by the end of April. Lisa Morina asked***  
41 ***who writes the plan? Mr. Tarantino responded that he, along with the***  
42 ***administrators, write the plan. Mrs. Vernacchio asked if Mr. Tarantino was***  
43 ***going to give the Board a presentation plus the remedies or just the***  
44 ***presentation? Mr. Tarantino replied that the Board will receive both. Mrs.***  
45 ***Vernacchio asked if this is something that will be done during the public***

1 session? **Mr. Tarantino** responded, "yes". **Mrs. Morina** asked **Mr. Tarantino** to  
2 explain his comment "that it is an exercise in futility". **Mr. Tarantino** replied that  
3 the way the NJQSAC is designed now, the state comes in every three years.  
4 They came in three years ago and we passed every section. This year, we were  
5 under a microscope. We have a district that is functioning well and our students  
6 are scoring well on their tests. Some of the documents they didn't even ask for  
7 prior. It's a lot of work that districts have to do. **Jason Murschell** asked what  
8 the repercussions are that the state can bring against the district? **Mr. Tarantino**  
9 responded that they can hold our state funding. **Loraine LaPalomente** met with  
10 the Executive County Superintendent, Mr. Robert Bumpus, along with **Jim**  
11 **Worrell** in regards to the governance portion of our QSAC. He asked what our  
12 strategy was going forward and we didn't have that information. He said that we  
13 needed to work towards that. **Mrs. Morina** asked if the scoring was the same as  
14 three years ago? **Mr. Tarantino** responded, "yes". **Mrs. Morina** then asked if  
15 **Mr. Tarantino** can include in his presentation a comparison on where we were  
16 three years ago as to where we are now? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that he can.

## 18 **2. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 19 **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

20 Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

#### 22 A. Out of District Placements

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- 26 1. The *retroactive* approval of the 2010-2011 contract between the  
27 Greenwich Township School District and the Archbishop Damiano  
28 School for student #2011-12 effective January 24, 2011 through  
29 June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$204.31 per diem. (Attachment –  
30 EXHIBIT B)

31 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## 32 **3. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

38 **Denise Grovatt**, 540 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ, Greenwich Township  
39 PTA President, wanted to thank the Board Members who came out to the  
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1 Chinese Auction on Friday, March 4 and to everyone else who helped out with  
2 the fundraiser. The PTA grossed \$7,800.00 and the net profits were  
3 approximately \$5,500.00. **Vincent Tarantino** thanked **Mrs. Grovatt** and the  
4 PTA for their efforts and informed everyone that the Book Fair is going on this  
5 week and their goal is \$3,000.00. **Roseanne Lombardo** asked when Family  
6 Fun Night is? **Mrs. Grovatt** responded that it is Thursday, April 14 from 5:30  
7 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Mr. Tarantino** also wanted everyone to know that **Mr. Steve**  
8 **Wehrle**, Physical Education teacher at Broad Street is having a Fitness Night on  
9 Thursday, March 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30. **Mrs. Grovatt** wanted everyone to  
10 know that the PTA is also sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates Night" sometime in  
11 April; most likely the week before the School Board Election.

#### 12 13 **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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15 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*  
16 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may  
17 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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19 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on  
20 **March 14, 2011** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public  
21 shall be held on **March 14, 2011**, at **7:22 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle  
22 School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New  
23 Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by  
24 *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed  
25 session.

- 26 • Matter Required by Law to Be Confidential
- 27 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 28 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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

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34 Motion: (LaPalomoto/Morina) to enter into Executive Session at 7:22  
35 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 36 • Personnel
- 37 • Legal

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39 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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42 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to return to the Regular Meeting at 9:45  
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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomente) to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary