

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, September 12, 2011** in the Broad Street School Auditorium.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Jason Murschell at 7:03 p.m.

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8 Roll Call:

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

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

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

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27 **OPENING PROCEDURES**

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29 **1. MINUTES**

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31 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the minutes:

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33 August 15, 2011 – Regular Meeting
34 August 15, 2011 – Executive Session

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36 Roll Call Vote

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38 Jason Murschell – Yes
39 James Worrell – Yes
40 Alan Boultinghouse – Yes
41 Louis Fabiani – Yes
42 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
43 Lisa Morina – Abstained
44 Susan Vernacchio - Yes

1 **2. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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3 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, A-D:

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5 A. Administrative Reports

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7 No reports at this time.

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9 B. School Violence Awareness Week Resolution

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11 1. The approval of the following resolution:

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

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township School District
18 shall observe this week by organizing activities to prevent school
19 violence including, but not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities
20 for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student
21 diversity and tolerance;

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the
24 Board of Education of the Township of Greenwich that the week of
25 October 17, 2011 through October 21, 2011 will be designated as
26 “School Violence Awareness Week” for the 2011-2012 school year.

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28 C. Violence and Vandalism Requirement

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30 1. The approval to adopt and implement procedures regarding any
31 school employee who knowingly falsifies the annual Violence and
32 Vandalism Report. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B)

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34 D. Fundraiser

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36 1. The approval for the Country Sweets fundraising activity at Broad
37 Street School and Nehaunsey Middle School for the 2011-2012
38 school year.

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40 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1 F. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Kathy Seacrist,
2 Teacher, for a course to be taken at Rowan University (Fall 2011),
3 "Research Seminar in Special Education", for an amount not to exceed the
4 current NJ state college tuition rate pending completion/verification of
5 required documentation as per Article XII, Section I, of the GTEA/Board
6 Agreement.
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8 G. The approval for the appointment of Denise Gray as a Substitute
9 Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide and as a Substitute Non-Instructional Aide for
10 the 2011-2012 school year. Substitute rate of pay will be \$8.25 per hour.
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12 **Susan Vernacchio** wanted to know if item E was a budgeted item? **Vincent**
13 **Tarantino** explained that every year Mrs. Tomaszewski has put together the
14 *Greenwich Gazette* along with all the graphics and it saves the district a
15 substantial amount of money and it was budgeted for. **Mrs. Vernacchio** asked if
16 there was a cap on that amount? **Scott Campbell** stated that it has been in the
17 budget for the last two years and it is approximately \$2,000.00 for the entire year;
18 he will let the board know through e-mail the exact amount.
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20 **Roseanne Lombardo** asked why Mr. Omar Winfrey put in a resignation and
21 then was approved again in item D? **Vincent Tarantino** replied that Mr. Winfrey
22 has been a substitute in the district for Mrs. Delany who is on maternity leave but
23 when the Special Education In-Class Support position became available, he was
24 approved for that position and the long-term substitute position for Mrs.
25 Delaney's maternity leave was filled through Source4Teachers.
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27 **Lisa Morina** wanted to know if we interview for long-term substitute positions?
28 **Vincent Tarantino** replied that we can interview and make a recommendation to
29 Source4Teachers.
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31 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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33 **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

34 **POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

35 Jason Murschell, Chairperson

36 Louis Fabiani

37 Lisa Morina
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40 No reports at this time:
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1 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

2 Lisa Morina, Chairperson
3 Alan Boultinghouse
4 Roseanne Lombardo

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6 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, A-D:

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8 A. Presentation: 2010-2011 NJ ASK Testing Report – Alisa Whitcraft,
9 Principal/Curriculum Supervisor.

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11 B. The approval to accept the approved IDEA grant award from the NJDOE
12 for the fiscal year 2012 for funds as listed below:

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14 Program Duration: Start – 9/1/11 End – 8/31/12

PROGRAM	AWARD AMOUNT
Basic – Public	\$182,588.00
Basic – Non-Public	\$48,783.00
PreSchool – Public	\$10,232.00
PreSchool – Non-Public	\$3,790.00

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17 C. Workshops

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19 1. The *retroactive* approval for the following individual to attend an
20 out-of-district workshop:

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Michael Beukers	Electrical Controls Gloucester County Institute of Technology Sewell, NJ Tuesdays Evenings 9/13/11 – 12/20/11 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	\$299.00

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

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Daniel Giorgianni	Training For Trainers On Harrassment, Intimidation and Bullying EIRC Mullica Hill, NJ	\$-0- Plus Mileage

	9/22/11 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
Diane Shirley	7th Annual Gifted and Talented Learning Fair EIRC Mullica Hill, NJ 10/7/11 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	\$75.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute

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- D. Informational: The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (CAP) has awarded full funding to the district to implement both the elementary and teen programs. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson
Alan Boultinghouse
James Worrell

Motion: (Morina/Boultinghouse) to approve the following as one, A & B:

- A. The approval to increase the salary of William Houghton, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, from \$60,000.00 to \$64,999.00 *retroactive* to July 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.
- B. The approval to enter into an agreement of sale with Sheppard Bus Company of Millville, NJ to purchase the following school buses in the amount of \$273,000.00. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)

YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN#	BID
2000	GMC, 54 Passenger	1GDLTT1COXJS12344	\$4,577.00
2003	International, 54 Passenger	1HVBBAAP82H528114	\$23,888.00
2003	International, 54 Passenger	1HVBBAAPX2H528115	\$23,111.00
2005	International, 54 Passenger	4DRBRAAM14A966858	\$28,777.00
2005	International, 54 Passenger	4DRBRAAMX4A966857	\$28,526.00
2007	International, 25 Passenger w/Wheelchair	4DRAPAFK87A261181	\$38,728.00
2007	International, 54 Passenger	4DRBUAAP86B261416	\$46,555.00
2007	International, 54 Passenger	4DRBUAAP66B261415	\$45,752.00
		subtotal	\$239,914.00
		Added amount if awarded all buses	\$33,086.00
		TOTAL	\$273,000.00

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1 **Jason Murschell** wanted to know if the offer from Sheppard Bus Company was
 2 the only offer we received? **Scott Campbell** answered that we received five (5)
 3 offers but this was the best offer and the buses were advertised and sold "as is".
 4 **Lisa Morina** asked if we owned the buses free and clear or did we owe on them?
 5 **Mr. Campbell** responded that we owned them free and clear.

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 7 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 9 **Vincent Tarantino** wanted to publicly thank Scott Campbell for getting this bid
 10 together. He is proud of the all the work he did and the district did receive a
 11 decent amount for the buses.

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 13 **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

14 Scott A. Campbell

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 16 Motion: (Fabiani/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A-C:

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 18 A. Bills Lists

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 20 1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the
 21 following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E1)
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Number	Amount
P81	\$5,292.47
P08	\$136,349.55
P09	\$40,408.02
TOTAL	\$182,050.04

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 24 2. The approval for the following check to be voided. (Attachment –
 25 EXHIBIT E2)
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CHECK #	VENDOR	AMOUNT
9997	Ajeck's Roofing	\$8,484.00

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 28 C. Contract

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 30 1. The approval of the agreement between The Southwest Council
 31 and the Greenwich Township School District for the 2011-2012
 32 school year for the Employee Assistance Program at a rate of
 33 \$20.00 per employee. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)
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35 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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2 **5. REGULATORY**
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4 Motion: (Fabiani/Boultinghouse) to approve the following as one, A-G:
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- 6 A. The *retroactive* approval for the Greenwich Township Historical Society to
7 use a classroom at the Broad Street School to store their collection of
8 historical artifacts during the 2011-2012 school year.
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- 10 B. The *retroactive* approval for Gibbstown Soccer to use the Broad Street
11 School and Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasiums on an as needed
12 basis from September 7, 2011 through December 2, 2011 from
13 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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- 15 C. The approval for the Greenwich Township PTA to use the Broad Street
16 School Teacher’s Lounge for their PTA Meetings on Thursday evenings
17 on the following dates: October 13, 2011, November 17, 2011, January
18 19, 2012, February 9, 2012, March 14, 2012 and May 3, 2012.
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- 20 D. The approval for the Greenwich Township PTA to use the Nehaunsey
21 Middle School library for the annual Book Fair from Monday, October 17,
22 2011 through Friday, October 21, 2011 during school hours.
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- 24 E. The approval for the Greenwich Township PTA to use the following areas
25 throughout the Broad Street School: gymnasium, kitchen, cafeteria,
26 library and classroom(s) for the Book Fair/Bake Sale on Friday, October
27 28, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., the fundraiser delivery on Monday,
28 November 21, 2011, the Holiday Shop, December 5, 2011 through
29 December 9, 2011, Evening Holiday Shop on Thursday, December 8,
30 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Movie Night on Thursday, December 8,
31 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., the Auction Fundraiser on Friday, March
32 2, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., and Family Fun Night, date to be
33 determined.
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35 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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37 Motion: (Worrell/Boultinghouse) to approve the following:
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- 39 F. The approval for a meeting with Mayor Shivery and the Greenwich
40 Township Town Council on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in
41 the Nehaunsey Middle School library to discuss the building consolidation
42 project and other concerns.
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44 ***Lisa Morina*** asked if this meeting with Town Council was open or closed?
45 ***Vincent Tarantino*** replied that it will be open. ***Mrs. Morina*** wanted to know

1 what information will be discussed? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that the Regulatory
2 Committee met with the Design Collaborative and gave them an update on the
3 consolidation project. At that meeting, Design Collaborative stated that they
4 wanted to give the same presentation to the full board and also to Town Council.
5 **Mrs. Morina** asked if Town Council is going to speak at the same time as the
6 board members? **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "correct". **Jason Murschell** stressed
7 to **Mr. Tarantino** that if he does set up that meeting with Town Council, it is with
8 the understanding that it is just a courtesy to the township. He went on to say
9 that that is why it is a public meeting; everybody is seeing it for the first time and
10 it would be no different if we were having a board meeting and everyone was
11 seeing it first. **Mrs. Morina** stated that you are not allowing members of the
12 entire board the courtesy to see the presentation prior to showing it to the town
13 council who does not have a say in this issue. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that there is
14 no decision as to what building we are going to use; it is just for informational
15 purposes only. He also stated that if the board would like to meet with the
16 architect prior to the presentation, he can arrange that. **Susan Vernacchio**
17 asked if there will be a time for discussion after the meeting on September 26 in
18 which **Mr. Tarantino** responded, "absolutely" and it is going to be open to the
19 public. He went on to say that if the members of the committee who were
20 present at the presentation had anything to say because he presented both
21 sides. It was not something where he recommended we take building "A" over
22 building "B"; it was just informational. Members of the committee included
23 Roseanne Lombardo, Louis Fabiani and James Worrell. **Louis Fabiani** stated
24 that the committee had adequate time to ask questions. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said
25 that she hopes that the rest of the board will have time to ask questions also. **Mr.**
26 **Tarantino** asked if the board would like him to set up another meeting with the
27 architect, he doesn't have a problem with that. **Mrs. Vernacchio** replied that she
28 doesn't have a problem meeting with the town council but she thinks it is
29 something that the board should see first. **Mrs. Morina** also stated that it is
30 premature because this is a decision for the Greenwich Township School Board;
31 not the Greenwich Township Mayor and Council so she doesn't see the urgency
32 to get that meeting done before the whole board has time to understand
33 everything. It is just a courtesy to the board. **Mr. Murschell** asked what would
34 be achieved at having the architect present it to us as a board at an open
35 meeting and then meet with the township? If it is only an informational
36 presentation and not something where action will be taken, we would make sure
37 that the township, who would be heavily involved in any direction that we would
38 go, would be present at that meeting. Also what would an extra meeting with just
39 the board offer that we couldn't achieve if we just had the meeting on September
40 26 in which the town council was here that night? **Mrs. Vernacchio** stated that
41 we would need to have other people here like the learning consultants in which
42 **Mr. Tarantino** replied that they will be here. **Mr. Murschell** stated that it may
43 sound like we are mixing politics but we have to face reality in that you don't lift a
44 finger without the permits from the township so he feels that it is a courtesy to
45 have them there at that meeting. **Mr. Murschell** went on to say that it is going to

1 be an open meeting and it is just a presentation. He also thinks the way item F
2 was written is confusing. It should say, recommend approval for a special
3 meeting with the Design Collaborative in which the Greenwich Township Town
4 Council would be invited. **Mr. Tarantino** wants it to be known that this meeting is
5 the Board of Education's meeting; not the town council meeting and we will set
6 the tone for the meeting and we make the decisions. **Mr. Murschell** then stated
7 that it should be a board meeting with Design Collaborative on Monday,
8 September 26 that is open to the public. If the Mayor and council want to attend,
9 they are invited just like the rest of the public. **Mrs. Morina** asked Scott
10 Campbell to clarify for her that as far as the building consolidation project with
11 Design Collaborative, isn't the communication to the public part of our cost of
12 services? **Scott Campbell** replied that he believes it is. **Mrs. Morina** than
13 asked if the communications that are planned part of the process? Will they
14 provide us with a communications plan for this process? **Mr. Campbell**
15 responded, yes. **Mrs. Morina** wanted to know if we can we get that sooner
16 rather than later because this confusion clarifies that it should not be committee
17 driven; it should be expert driven. She went on to say that if we are going to pay
18 Design Collaborative for a communications plan for this process, then the board
19 should be fully aware of it and then we follow that process on how this project
20 gets rolled out so it doesn't get so "murky" as it seems like it did tonight. If they
21 are not saying to meet with town council, then maybe this isn't the best time to
22 have this meeting. She recalls that both architect firms had communications as a
23 large part of their services that they provide and that should be a "game-plan"
24 that the board should be following based on the experts' recommendations. **Mr.**
25 **Murschell** then made a recommendation that the wording on item F be changed
26 to read the following: "Recommend approval of a meeting with Design
27 Collaborative on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nehaunsey
28 Middle School library to discuss the building consolidation project." **Mrs. Morina**
29 asked if this will be a special meeting in which **Mr. Murschell** answered, "it would
30 be a special meeting, yes". **Mrs. Morina** asked if we would be notifying parents
31 of this meeting? **Mr. Murschell** replied that it will be put on the district website
32 and advertised in the paper. **Mr. Murschell** then asked Mrs. Morina if a "hand-
33 out" to the kids in their Thursday folders would be a good idea? **James Worrell**
34 then stated that the committee met with Design Collaborative along with Mrs.
35 Whitcraft and some other people and went through the entire procedure and
36 made recommendations on what changes they felt should be done. He said that
37 the committee then recommended that we have a meeting with the full board with
38 the "Township Fathers" present, to go through the same thing we have just gone
39 through to alleviate having to have a bunch of extra meetings. **Mr. Worrell** went
40 on to say that "we are making a mountain out of a mole hill" and that "this is
41 nothing more than an informative meeting, between us-the School Board, Design
42 Collaborative, the fathers of the township and the public. That's all it is. There
43 will be no decisions made; there will be nothing done. It went through committee
44 and this is what was recommended." **Mr. Murschell** stated that he did have his
45 reservations about having a meeting with the township but he does understand

1 that it is inevitable that they will be involved at some point but he wanted to make
2 sure the consolidation project remained a school project because he does not
3 want it to become political. **Mr. Murschell** went on to say that we can still have
4 the meeting with Design Collaborative and the if the town council wanted to
5 attend on their own they can so they can see what the project is regarding as
6 long as they are not discussing town business. **Mr. Tarantino** then stated that
7 what he has done in the past is set up a meeting periodically with the Mayor and
8 council and the school board to discuss mutual concerns. It should be a meeting
9 that is informative; it should not be looked at politically. He went on to say that it
10 is also a good idea for the public to sit in and listen to what is going on and that
11 no final determination is going to be made. "It is a lengthy process. You are at
12 the beginning stages of a lengthy process." **Mr. Tarantino** then said that there is
13 a recommendation from the committee and we need to vote on it. **Mr. Murschell**
14 stated that in regards to item F, he wants to keep it civil within the board and that
15 we are looking at the same goal with different wording. He doesn't want to see
16 the board torn up over wording. One wording is saying a meeting with the Mayor
17 and council and the other wording is having a meeting with Design Collaborative
18 and it is open. If the original intention was to have them as an audience for
19 informative purposes only, it should make no difference to have it worded as a
20 meeting with Design Collaborative. **Roseanne Lombardo** stated it should be an
21 open public meeting with Design Collaborative and **Mr. Murschell** said that the
22 town council can attend and ask questions just as the public would. **Mrs. Morina**
23 stated that we should send a letter individually to the Mayor and council inviting
24 them and if more than three of them want to attend, they can run a "sunshine
25 notice" and they can plan as opposed to showing up. **Mr. Tarantino** agreed and
26 a letter will be mailed out. **Mrs. Lombardo** wanted to know how we are going to
27 get the notice out to the parents? **Mr. Tarantino** said it is up to us if we want a
28 "full-blown" presentation to the public. **Mrs. Vernacchio** wanted to know why we
29 can't call Design Collaborative since they are the professionals here and ask
30 them what the next plan is of the project? Is the next step to introduce it to
31 everyone and get the parents involved; we are paying them to do this for us so
32 what is the next step? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that the next step is what we have
33 already done. We brought it up to committee then the Design Collaborative
34 made a presentation to the whole board. We are following the same process.
35 The committee then saw the second presentation and normally we would bring it
36 to the full board. But in this particular case, we are bringing it up to the public,
37 Mayor and council. **Mrs. Vernacchio** asked if Design Collaborative was ready in
38 their project to make the presentation to the public. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that
39 they are giving the same presentation that they gave to the committee; nothing
40 more, nothing less. **Mrs. Lombardo** stated that Design Collaborative showed
41 the Nehaunsey School layout and what we could do with that building; the Broad
42 Street School layout and what we could do with that building. They also spoke
43 with Alisa Whitcraft, Rob Harris and other administrators to see how many BSI
44 rooms and different things we will need in the building itself and that was
45 basically what the whole presentation was about.

1 Roll Call Vote:

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3 Jason Murschell – No
4 James Worrell – Yes
5 Alan Boultinghouse – Yes
6 Louis Fabiani – Yes
7 Roseanne Lombardo – No
8 Lisa Morina – No
9 Susan Vernacchio – No

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11 Motion does not pass 3 yes's to 4 no's.

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13 **Jason Murschell** would like to make a motion to amend item F to read:

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15 Recommend approval of a special open meeting with Design Collaborative on
16 Monday September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nehaunsey Middle School
17 library to discuss the building consolidation project. Invitations will be individually
18 sent to Mayor Shivery and all township council members.

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20 **Lisa Morina** seconded that motion.

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22 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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24 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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26 None at this time.

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28 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

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30 **James Worrell** stated that he was given a lengthy list of jobs from Mike Beukers
31 that were completed by our maintenance and custodial crew over the summer.
32 **Mr. Worrell** would like to thank the maintenance and custodial staff for the work
33 that they did do. **Jason Murschell** would like to put that list on the district's
34 website. **Vincent Tarantino** would like to thank all the members of the staff
35 community for their efforts this summer for all their work in setting up and getting
36 the schools ready for the new school year.

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38 **Mr. Murschell** asked if we are using the same picture company for the spring
39 pictures that we are using for the fall pictures because he had several complaints
40 about the background? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that there will be no spring
41 pictures as he doesn't want to put an unnecessary burden on the parents by
42 having pictures twice a year.

43 **Susan Vernacchio** said that in the board packets were letters that went out to
44 many of the students regarding School of Choice. She noticed that some of the
45 students that were supposed to be going to one school have since changed and

1 are now attending another school. She wants to know what kind of obligation
2 does our school district have as far as transportation when a student changes
3 school districts? **Scott Campbell** said that we do not have to transport them
4 ourselves but we have to put them out for bid and the parents can pay the
5 difference from the aid in lieu, for example; if the bid price is \$5,000.00 to
6 transport them, we would deduct the \$884.00 for the aid in lieu and the parent
7 would be responsible for the balance. **Mr. Campbell** went on to say that as far
8 as between school to school, we have no obligation to transport them.
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10 **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

11 None at this time.
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14 **9. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

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16 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board
17 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will
18 hear you concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You will
19 be notified either at this meeting, by letter, or telephone of any action the Board
20 does take.
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22 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked if during the Special
23 Meeting on September 26, will the Mayor and Council will be sitting up at the
24 table with the school board or will they be in the audience? **Jason Murschell**
25 replied that they will be in the audience. **Mr. Lucas** stated when he was at the
26 council meeting, he was under the impression that they interpreted it as they
27 were going to sit up front with the school board. **Mr. Murschell** said they couldn't
28 have interpreted anything since no one has spoken to them about it yet. **Mr.**
29 **Lucas** said that they announced it at the last municipal meeting that it was going
30 to be a combined meeting between the school board and the Mayor and council.
31 **Mr. Murschell** replied that whoever said that is mistaken. **Mr. Lucas** wanted to
32 know why the town council is getting a special invitation? **Mr. Murschell** replied
33 that it is a courtesy and it will make things run a little smoother especially when
34 you have to deal with zoning and permits.
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36 **10. EVALUATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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38 **Jason Murschell** stated that the board had a special meeting in which Terri
39 Lewis from the New Jersey School Boards Association was present to give some
40 "team-building" skills to our board. He hasn't received any feedback from her as
41 of yet but he will place a call to her. He wanted to take the time to go to each
42 board member and get their opinion on what did or didn't work in this meeting
43 tonight. **Mr. Murschell** stated that he felt this meeting went well. There was a
44 slight disagreement on one item but it didn't get out of hand or uncivil and when it
45 was all said and done, the board had a unanimous vote. He went on to say that

1 even though we may have differences of opinion on certain details, it is important
2 that we stick to our goals. **Vincent Tarantino** stated that this is evaluation is just
3 to set any future agenda items or anything that the board of education wishes to
4 discuss in committee or at the next board meeting.
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6 **Susan Vernacchio** stated that she would like to offer all the staff that are in and
7 out of these buildings every day and know these buildings better than anyone,
8 the chance to attend a meeting on the building project whether it be formal or
9 informal because they are a part of these planning process.

10 **Alisa Whitcraft** was also under the impression that everything that the Design
11 Collaborative presented would be up for discussion. She went on to say that she
12 would not want to move forward until she has the input of all the staff. **Mr.**
13 **Tarantino** stated that in their meeting with the Design Collaborative, they
14 suggested that a public relations person is very important for a project like this
15 but it is up to the board of education if you want to enter into an agreement with a
16 public relations person and you will need time to interview people for that
17 position. **Mrs. Vernacchio** asked if our contract with the Design Collaborative
18 includes a public relations person to which **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "no". **Lisa**
19 **Morina** said that one of the things that was talked about with Ms. Lewis is a
20 "strategic plan" for the board and is there any idea when we would get that
21 process rolling? **Mr. Murschell** said that he hasn't heard anything from Ms.
22 Lewis but he will call her to find out.
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24 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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26 Motion: (Fabiani/Boultinghouse) to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.
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28 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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37 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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