

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of
4 Education held **Monday, January 7, 2019** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
7 Scott A. Campbell at 6:31 p.m.

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

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15 **FLAG SALUTE**

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17 **1. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS**

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19 The oath of office was administered by Scott A. Campbell, Business
20 Administrator, to the new Board Members:

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22 Mr. Andrew Chapkowski
23 Mr. Gerald Michael, Jr.
24 Ms. Amy Vandergrift

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26 **2. ELECTION RESULTS**

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28 Motion: (Vernacchio/Lombardo) to approve the following election results:

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30 Election Results – Certified Mr. Gerald Michael, Jr. - 1,375
31 Mr. Andrew Chapkowski - 1,245
32 Ms. Amy Vandergrift - 198 (write-in candidate)
33 2,818
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35 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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37 Roll Call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andrew Chapkowski | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Chad Kent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gerald Michael, Jr. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Duane Sarmiento | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amy Vandergrift | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Susan Vernacchio | |

39 Quorum YES

1 Also present were Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman, Chief School Administrator and
2 Mr. Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
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4 **3. TEMPORARY CHAIR**

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6 Motion: (Michael/Kent) to approve the following:
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- 8 A. The approval to appoint Scott A. Campbell, Business Administrator/Board
9 Secretary, as temporary chair to conduct the election prior to nomination
10 of officers.
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12 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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14 **4. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT FOR 2019**

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16 Scott Campbell opened the nominations for President.
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- 18 A. Gerald Michael nominated Roseanne Lombardo for the position of
19 President for 2019.
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21 Andrew Chapkowski seconded the nomination.
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23 No other nominations.
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25 Scott Campbell closed the nominations for President.
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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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29 **5. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2019**

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31 Scott Campbell opened the nominations for Vice-President.
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- 33 A. Duane Sarmiento nominated Andrew Chapkowski for the position of Vice-
34 President for 2019.
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36 Chad Kent seconded the nomination.
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38 No other nominations.
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40 Scott Campbell closed the nominations for Vice-President.
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42 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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1 **6. PRESENTATIONS**

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3 The School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members pursuant to
4 *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21, et seq.*, was presented by Mr. Scott Campbell, Business
5 Administrator/Board Secretary. No Board of Education members asked
6 questions and it is fully understood what was presented to them. The power-
7 point presentation is attached and is available upon request in the Business
8 Office.
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10 **7. BOARD MEETING DATES**

11 Motion: (Sarmiento/Michael) to approve the following:

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13 A. The approval of the 2019 Schedule of Board Meeting Dates. (Attachment)

| Date | Day | Time | Place | Purpose |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| January 7, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Reorganization/Regular Meeting |
| February 11, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| March 18, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting & Approval to Submit the Budget to the County Office |
| April 8, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| April 29, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Public Hearing on the Budget |
| May 13, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| June 10, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| July, 2019 | No Meeting Scheduled | | | |
| August 12, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| September 9, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| October 7, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| November 18, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |
| December 9, 2019 | Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Nehaunsey Library | Regular Meeting |

16 ***During Regular Meetings, the Board may enter into an Executive Session and action may be taken. All Regular/Special Meetings*
17 *and any changes in meeting times and/or dates will be advertised in advanced notice of the meeting dates. The Board will not meet*
18 *during the month of July, 2019.***
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20 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

21 **8. APPOINTMENTS**

22 Motion: (Sarmiento/Kent) to approve the following:

23 A. Tax Shelter Annuities

24 1. The approval to extend the following tax shelter annuity companies
25 until December 31, 2019:
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AXA/The Equitable
Lincoln Investment Planning
Lincoln Investment/Thomas Sealy

B. Substitute Nurse Rate

1. The approval of the rate for Substitute Nurses until June 30, 2019, of \$175.00 per day.

C. Substitute Support Staff Rates

1. The approval of the hourly rates for Substitute Support Staff until June 30, 2019:

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| Substitute Custodians | \$11.00 hourly rate |
| Substitute Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aides | \$9.00 hourly rate |
| Substitute Non-Instructional Aides | \$9.00 hourly rate |
| Substitute Secretary | \$12.00 hourly rate |

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. RESOLUTIONS

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

A. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Resolution:

1. The approval of the Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement resolution through December 31, 2019:

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.A.C. 6A-23B1.1 et seq.*, requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education may establish, for
2 regular district business travel only as described in *NJOMB Circular*
3 *Letter 06-02*, including amendments or revisions thereto, a
4 threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education establishes, for
7 regular district business travel only, an annual school year
8 threshold of \$1,000.00 per staff/Board member where prior Board
9 approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a
10 staff/board member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1
11 through June 30); and
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13 **WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in
14 compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A-23B-1.1 et seq.*, but deemed by the
15 Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded
16 from the requirements of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.*, and
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18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of
19 Education approves all travel not in compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A-*
20 *23B-1.1 et seq.*, as being necessary and unavoidable as per noted
21 on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related
22 Expenses Reimbursement Form; and
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of
25 Education approves the Travel and Related Expense
26 Reimbursements as listed on the attached Board of Education
27 Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form.
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29 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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31 Motion: (Kent/Michael) to approve the following:
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33 B. Payment of Bills Between Board Meetings
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- 35 1. The approval for the Payment of Bills Between Board Meetings
36 Resolution through December 31, 2019:
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township Board of
39 Education finds it necessary to pay certain bills (tuition, utilities,
40 health benefits, insurance, cafeteria and payroll) in between
41 regularly scheduled board meetings; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township Board of
44 Education does not schedule meetings during the month of July;
45 and

1 **WHEREAS**, during the course of doing business
2 between Board Meetings, purchase orders are issued that cause
3 line items to be in deficit; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1* stipulates that the
6 Board shall approve such transfers before the purchase orders are
7 issued; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1* recognizes the
10 Board meets once a month and that business must be conducted,
11 allows for the Chief School Administrator to approve such transfers
12 to keep line items from being a deficit and the report of such
13 transfers be given to the Board at the next subsequent Board
14 meeting for ratification.
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16 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Greenwich
17 Township Board of Education, Gloucester County, does hereby
18 authorize the Chief School Administrator to authorize line item
19 transfers between regular Board meetings to keep them from going
20 into deficit.
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22 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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24 Motion: (Michael/Kent) to approve the following:
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26 E. Authority to Invest Funds
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- 28 1. The approval to authorize Scott A. Campbell, Business
29 Administrator/Board Secretary, to invest funds until December 31,
30 2019.
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32 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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34 Motion: (Michael/Kent) to approve the following:
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36 F. Petty Cash
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- 38 1. The approval to establish a Petty Cash Fund until June 30, 2019, in
39 the amount of \$300.00, which will be shared between the
40 Superintendent's Office and the Business Office.
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42 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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1 Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to approve the following:
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3 G. Newspapers
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- 5 1. The approval to designate the ***Courier Post*** as our official
6 newspaper and the ***South Jersey Times*** as the alternate
7 newspaper for the Greenwich Township School District until
8 December 31, 2019.
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10 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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12 Motion: (Michael/Chapkowski) to approve the following:
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14 H. Delegates
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- 16 1. The approval to appoint ***Roseanne Lombardo*** and ***Susan***
17 ***Vernacchio*** as the Greenwich Township School District Delegates
18 to the County and State Board Association until December 31,
19 2019.
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21 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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23 Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to approve the following:
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25 I. Board Representative
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- 27 1. The approval to appoint ***Gerald Michael, Jr.*** as the Paulsboro
28 Board of Education Representative from the Greenwich Township
29 School District until December 31, 2019.
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31 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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33 Motion: (Michael/Chapkowski) to approve the following:
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35 J. Working Papers
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- 37 1. The approval to designate Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman,
38 Principal/Chief School Administrator and Jennifer Ellick, Principal's
39 Secretary, as issuing officers of working papers until December 31,
40 2019.
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42 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Motion: (Kent/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

K. Committees

1. The approval of the following committees until December 31, 2019:

| Committee | Chairperson | Board Member |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Budget & Finance | Susan Vernacchio | Andrew Chapkowski Gerald Michael, Jr. |
| Curriculum/Technology | Chad Kent | Amy Vandergrift Roseanne Lombardo |
| Negotiations | Gerald Michael | Chad Kent Susan Vernacchio |
| Policy | Duane Sarmiento | Amy Vandergrift Chad Kent |
| Buildings & Grounds | Andrew Chapkowski | Roseanne Lombardo Duane Sarmiento |
| Gloucester County/State Board Association | | Roseanne Lombardo Susan Vernacchio |
| Paulsboro Board of Education Representative | | Gerald Michael, Jr. |

All of the above committees will share the responsibilities of Personnel and Public Relations. The Curriculum Committee will also include Technology.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REGULAR MEETING

10. MINUTES

Motion: (Kent/Michael) to approve the minutes:

- December 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- December 10, 2018 – Executive Session

Roll Call Vote:

- Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
- Andrew Chapkowski – Yes
- Chad Kent – Yes
- Gerald Michael – Yes
- Duane Sarmiento – Yes
- Amy Vandergrift – Abstained
- Susan Vernacchio – Yes

1 **11. ADMINISTRATIVE/PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

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3 Motion: (Kent/Chapkowski) to approve the following as one, A & B:

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5 A. School Health Services Monthly Report

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7 1. The approval of the School Health Services Monthly Report as of
8 **December 21, 2018** for Broad Street School. (Attachment)
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10 2. The approval of the School Health Services Monthly Report as of
11 **December 21, 2018** for Nehaunsey Middle School. (Attachment)
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13 B. Monthly Attendance, Enrollment, Drills, Monthly Overview and HIB:

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| MONTHLY ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 2018 | |
|---|-------|
| Broad Street School | 94.7% |
| Nehaunsey Middle School | 95.2% |

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| BROAD STREET SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – DECEMBER 2018 | |
|---|-----------|
| Grade PSD | Total: 10 |
| Grade K | Total: 31 |
| Grade 1 | Total: 42 |
| Grade 2 | Total: 49 |
| Grade 3 | Total: 41 |
| Grade 4 | Total: 49 |
| Grade 5 | Total: 51 |
| Total Enrollment: 273 | |

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| NEHAUNSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – DECEMBER 2018 | |
|---|-----------|
| Grade 6 | Total: 46 |
| Grade 7 | Total: 53 |
| Grade 8 | Total: 33 |
| Total Enrollment: 132 | |

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| DRILLS – DECEMBER 2018 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Date | Time/Location | Duration | Action/Drill | Weather Conditions |
| December 6, 2018 | 2:16 p.m./NMS | 2 minutes | Routine Fire Drill | Cold, Clear |
| December 10, 2018 | 2:04 p.m./BSS | 2 minutes | Routine Fire Drill | Cold, Sunny |
| December 19, 2018 | 8:25 a.m./NMS | 4 minutes | Active Shooter Drill | Inside |
| December 20, 2018 | 10:35 a.m./BSS | 6 minutes | Active Shooter Drill | Inside |
| *NMS/Nehaunsey Middle School *BSS/Broad Street School | | | | |

| DATE | EVENT | BUILDING |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| December 10, 2018 | NMS Band Concert | Gloucester County Library (Gibbstown) |
| December 13, 2018 | Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal (Student Show) | BSS |
| December 14, 2018 | Holiday Concert (Parents' Show) | BSS |
| December 14, 2018 | NMS Movie Night | NMS |
| December 20, 2018 | Seeing-Eye Puppy Reading – A Christmas Carol | Gloucester County Library (Gibbstown) |
| December 21, 2018 | Holiday Activities/Volleyball Game | BSS/NMS |
| December On-Going | Spirit Wear Sale DuPont Holiday Drive Clubs-Choir, Bell, PEP, Book, ELA, Italian, Video Art, Tutoring | NMS BSS/NMS NMS NMS BSS |

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| Infraction/Referrals/Reports | Number of Incidents this Month | | 2018-2019 Total-to-Date | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| | BSS | NMS | BSS | NMS |
| Dating Violence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Detention After School | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Lunch Detention | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Out-of-School Suspensions, (OSS) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Restricted Study | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Case Number | Date of Initial Report | Date Reported to Superintendent | Result of Investigation |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| BSS-1819-1 | 12/5/18 | 12/5/18 | Not confirmed |
| NMS-1819-2 | 12/17/18 | 12/17/18 | Confirmed |

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Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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12. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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Motion: (Lombardo/Kent) to approve the following as one, A-E:

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A. The approval of submission to the County Office of the January 2019 Statement of Assurance for Paraprofessionals. (Attachment)

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B. The *retroactive* approval of salary adjustment for Andrew Mettler, teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, for receiving his masters' degree, effective December 17, 2018. The adjustment will go from BA+30, Step 11, a salary of \$60,188.00 to MA Step 11, for a salary of \$60,874.00, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year as per the GTEA agreement.

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- 1 C. The approval for tuition reimbursement request from Suzanne Pezzino,
 2 teacher at Broad Street School, for course, **“Math 6513: World of Math,**
 3 **Math in Science”**. The course will be taken in the Spring of 2019 at
 4 Fairleigh Dickinson University as part of her continuing MA program.
 5 Reimbursement is in accordance with Article XII – Salaries,
 6 Reimbursements and Benefits, Section C, of the GTEA agreement and
 7 Greenwich Township Board of Education.
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 9 D. The approval of request for Childbirth Disability Leave (maternity leave,
 10 FMLA) from Kaitlin Radetich, teacher at Broad Street School, effective
 11 April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019, to be taken in accordance with FMLA,
 12 NJFLA/NJFLI, GTEA and Greenwich Township School District policies
 13 and guidelines. (Attachment)
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 15 E. The approval to accept the retirement of Jody Harris, teacher at Nehausny
 16 Middle School, with much appreciation and gratitude, effective June 30,
 17 2019. (Attachment)
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19 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 21 **13. POLICY/REGULATION**

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 23 Motion: (Sarmiento/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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 25 A. The approval of the following list of new and/or revised district policies.
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| NUMBER | TITLE | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading |
|--------|---|-------------|-------------|
| P8561 | Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (New, Mandatory) | | XX |

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 28 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 30 **14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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 32 Motion: (Kent/Sarmiento) to approve the following:

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 34 A. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district
 35 workshops:
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| Name/Position | Workshop/Location/Time | Date | Cost |
|--|--|---------|-------------------------------|
| Daniel Giorgianni, NMS School Counselor | Intervention Plans for HIB Aggressors and Targets Jamie Ciofalo, Presenter Washington Township High School 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | 1/25/19 | \$150.00 each Plus Mileage |
| Stacy Podolski, BSS School Counselor | | | |
| Michael Grelli, IT Coordinator | NJASA Techspo | 2/1/19 | \$299.00 |

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| | (Full-Day convention) Harrah's Atlantic City, NJ | | Plus Mileage |
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Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

15. REPORT OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

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

A. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid.

| Number | Amount |
|--------|---------------------------|
| #19 | \$118,973.21 |
| #20 | \$11,494.06 |
| #21 | \$18,500.00 |
| #22 | \$7,069.54 |
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| | TOTAL \$156,036.81 |

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Susan Vernacchio asked about the music equipment expenditure. She said it is a sizeable amount. **Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman** it is quite sizeable but it is the same equipment we need here at Nehaunsey School that we have invested at Broad Street School. There are stand, chairs and instruments that are needed at both schools. It is a major investment for our music program.

Mrs. Vernacchio then asked about the bolo sticks and what they are used for? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** replied that they are heavy duty steel bars that slide through an engaging mechanism on the door and into the floor. It can stand 1200 lbs. of pressure so the doors can't be open when we are in lock down. We are installing them ourselves and the money is coming from the state funding for school security.

Duane Sarmiento asked if the students buy or rent their musical instruments? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** replied that some instruments are bought and some are rented. For those economically disadvantaged students, we do provide them and then get them back at the end of the school year. Some, such as the big bells, the timpani drums, bass drums and snare drums are not bought; they are rented. **Mr. Sarmiento** asked who purchased them and did we go out for bid on them? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said we did but also researched two vendors, Coles Music and Wenger Corporation who provided us with instruments at a much lesser price. **Mr. Sarmiento** asked if we inquired with Mike's Music in Gibbstown to which **Scott Campbell** answered that we had called them several times but they never returned our calls.

1 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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3 **16. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**
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5 Motion: (Kent/Vernacchio) to approve the following:
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7 A. The approval for request from Gibbstown Little League to use the Broad
8 Street School or Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasiums for Winter/Spring
9 baseball training. Based on availability the dates and times needed are as
10 follows:

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12 January 2019 until the first week of April 2019

13 Tuesday and/or Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

14 Alternate Mondays and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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16 ***Dr. Foley-Hindman wanted to mention that we are in the process of getting
17 paperwork (which is not complete) from Guardian Angels Regional School
18 (G.A.R.S.) requesting the Broad Street School for their musical program. That
19 program will be taking place on a Saturday night which means we have to bring
20 in a custodian for that evening. G.A.R.S. will most likely be requesting a waiver
21 for the cost of the custodian.***
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23 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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25 **17. OLD BUSINESS**
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27 ***Duane Sarmiento** asked about the tardiness and absenteeism from our district
28 students that attend Paulsboro High School. **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said she has
29 reached out to our attorney and to Paulsboro. There are a number of students
30 on the list through December. One was placed on homebound instruction so we
31 need additional information and need to get a doctor's note for the homebound
32 instruction which would then take that student off the absentee list. Our lawyer is
33 researching our best course of action. We have not pursued it and have asked
34 **Gerald Michael** not to bring it up at the Paulsboro Board meeting until we know
35 what our rights and responsibilities are. **Scott Campbell** commented that our
36 board shares the same attorney as Paulsboro. **Mr. Sarmiento** then commented
37 that we are paying tuition for students that refuse to go to school. Paulsboro is
38 milking us for \$18,000.00 a year for students that they refuse to expel. **Dr.**
39 **Foley-Hindman** said we have to do it correctly. We have to make sure it isn't
40 written in the child's IEP and under our jurisdiction or we would be violating that
41 child's rights. Some students are below the age to drop out of school, so we have
42 to continue to pay. We want to make sure the students are getting an education
43 if we are paying for it. We spoke with **Paul Morina, Principal at Paulsboro**
44 **High School**, to try and make sure we have done everything that we are
45 supposed to do on our end before we move forward. **Mr. Sarmiento** asked if this*

1 attorney was costing us money to which **Dr. Foley-Hindman** replied, "sure". **Mr.**
2 **Sarmiento** asked if we can force the hand and say we aren't going to pay tuition
3 bill? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said it is possible but we have to contact the county
4 office and get them involved and let them know that this is where we are headed
5 but we are still waiting on a legal opinion. **Mr. Sarmiento** asked what if the
6 attorney said these students are not attending school and you can deduct the
7 money? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said that we pay in advance and **Mr. Campbell**
8 said that any adjustment would come the following school year. **Andrew**
9 **Chapkowski** asked what is the total number of students that are truant? **Dr.**
10 **Foley-Hindman** said four (4) definitively, one (1) is special needs and one (1) is
11 one homebound instruction. Two of the four have already met the "chronically
12 absent" for the entire year. Chronically absent is 10% of the time that school has
13 been in session. As of January 2, 2019, which covers approximately 70 school
14 days, one student has been absent 32 days and one has been absent 60 days.
15 **Gerald Michael** asked if the one that is absent 60 days is the same student that
16 was absent 45 days through November and also a previous student of ours here
17 at Nehaunsey that we later promoted? **Mr. Campbell** said it was; that student
18 didn't attend school for the whole month of December. **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said
19 that she and **Mr. Campbell** are pursuing it and as soon as we know something,
20 she will get back to the board. **Mr. Chapkowski** asked if we handle the special
21 education students at the high school? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said that they are
22 handled by the high school staff. She and **Mr. John Tirico** are investigating to
23 make sure they are meeting all of the requirements of their education.
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25 **18. NEW BUSINESS**

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27 A. Committee Reports

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29 **Gerald Michael** said that the Negotiations Committee met with the GTEA
30 on 12/12/18. It was a good meeting and progress has been made. They
31 will meet again on January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
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33 **19. CORRESPONDENCE**

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35 No correspondence at this time.
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37 **20. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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39 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board
40 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will
41 hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You
42 will be notified either at this meeting, by letter or telephone of any action the
43 Board does take.
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1 In accordance with Board policy and procedures, speakers are not permitted to
2 publicly speak of personal issues involving school personnel or against any
3 person connected to the school system. Any such concern should be presented
4 to the school or district-level administration so that a proper response may be
5 given.
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7 No public comment at this time.
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9 **21. ADJOURNMENT**

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11 Motion: (Michael/Sarmiento) to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
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13 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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16 Respectfully Submitted,
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23 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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26 ***Next Board of Education Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February*
27 *11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.*
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