

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **WORKSHOP MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, March 5, 2012** in the Broad Street School Auditorium.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Jason Murschell at 6:01 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. PRESENTATION – TERRY LEWIS, NJ SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:**

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31 A presentation was made by Terry Lewis from the New Jersey School Boards
32 Association on the process of the Superintendent’s evaluation and the Board of
33 Education self-evaluation.

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35 **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**

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37 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
38 *6, et. seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
39 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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41 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
42 **March 5, 2012** hereby resolves that an Executive Session, closed to the public
43 shall be held on **March 5, 2012, at 6:13 p.m.** in the Broad Street School
44 auditorium located at 255 West Broad Street, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for

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

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- 4 • Matters Required By Law to Be Confidential
- 5 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 6 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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8 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
9 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
10 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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12 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to enter into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m. to
13 discuss the following:

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- 15 • Personnel
- 16 • Legal
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18 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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20 Motion: (Lombardo/Worrell) to return to the Workshop Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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22 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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24 **3. PRESENTATION – ROSEANNE LOMBARDO, GIBBSTOWN FIRE COMPANY**
25 **LADIES AUXILIARY**

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27 The Office of the Fire Official honored the following students from Broad Street
28 School and Nehaunsey Middle School for their winning posters:

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30 **Broad Street School:**

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32 Samantha Finnemore, Grade 2
33 Michael Pandorf, Grade 3
34 Scarlet Cooper-Croce, Grade 4

30 **Nehaunsey Middle School:**

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32 Brooke Gentile, Grade 5
33 Jacob Grelli, Grade 8

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36 **4. THE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING**
37 **ACTION ITEMS**

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39 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following as one, A & B:

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- 41 A. The *retroactive* approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for
- 42 Alanna Schell, Teacher, for a course to be taken at Rowan University
- 43 (Spring, 2012), “Educational Change”, for an amount not to exceed the

1 current NJ state college tuition rate pending completion/verification of
2 required documentation as per Article XII, Section I, of the GTEA/Board
3 Agreement.
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- 5 B. The approval for the appointment of Tracy Sarmiento for the following
6 substitute support staff positions for the 2011-2012 school year:
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8	Substitute Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide	\$8.25 per hour
9	Substitute Secretary	\$8.50 per hour
10	Substitute Non-Instructional Aide	\$8.25 per hour
11	Substitute Custodian	\$8.50 per hour

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13 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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15 **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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17 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

18 Lisa Morina, Chairperson
19 Roseanne Lombardo
20 Alan Boultinghouse
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22 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following:
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24 A. Workshops

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26 1. The approval for the following individual to attend an out-of-district
27 workshop:
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Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
William Houghton	OSHA Compliance Seminar Wilmington, DE 4/30/12 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	\$179.00 Plus Mileage

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30 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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32 **REGULATORY**

33 James Worrell, Chairperson
34 Louis Fabiani
35 Roseanne Lombardo
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37 Motion: (Lombardo/Boultinghouse) to approve the following as one, A-C:
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- 39 A. The approval for the Greenwich Township Recreation Committee to use
40 either the Broad Street School gymnasium or the Nehauseney Middle

1 School gymnasium on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00
2 a.m. as an alternative site for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is
3 planned to take place at Ulmer Park; however, this request is a back-up in
4 case of inclement weather.
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6 B. The approval for the Greenwich Township PTA to use the Nehaunsey
7 Middle School gymnasium for Meet the Candidates Night on Monday,
8 April 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
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10 C. The approval for Guardian Angels Regional School to use the Broad
11 Street School auditorium on the following dates: Monday, May 7;
12 Wednesday, May 9; Friday, May 11; and Saturday, May 12, 2012.
13 (alternative dates: May 8, May 10, May 11 and May 12, 2012) from 5:30
14 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their school musical presentation.
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16 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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18 **BUDGET & FINANCE**

19 Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson
20 Alan Boultinghouse
21 Jason Murschell*

22 (*Jason Murschell has replaced James Worrell effective February 14, 2012)
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24 Motion: (Fabiani/Morina) to approve the following:
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26 A. Out-of-District Placement
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28 1. The *retroactive* approval of the tuition contract between the
29 Greenwich Township School District and the Mantua Township
30 School District for student# H2011-24 effective November 30, 2011
31 through June 12, 2012 (tentative last day of school) for the pro-
32 rated amount of \$6,005.76. (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)
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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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36 **6. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**
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38 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board
39 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will
40 hear you concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You will
41 be notified either at this meeting, by letter, or telephone of any action the Board
42 does take.
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1 **Roy Petruz**, 738 Allen Avenue, Gibbstown, said he has heard a lot about cuts
2 and he is a firm believer in cuts in education but he asked why we can't cut from
3 the top? Do we need to pay a Superintendent? Why can't we go with Dr.
4 Scambia or somewhere else? **Jason Murschell** said we have looked into
5 shared services at many levels and it is something we can still look into. **Mr.**
6 **Petrutz** said the Superintendent's salary is going to stay the same next year as it
7 is this year and it's a waste of money. **Mr. Murschell** said even if we out-source
8 the Superintendent's job and share with Paulsboro, we still need a building
9 principal. **Mr. Petruz** said we don't have to share with Paulsboro; we can share
10 with anyone and in his personal opinion, the cuts should be made from the top,
11 not the bottom. He also feels the money spent for the architect is a waste. He
12 said we aren't going to see a savings for at least 20 years to which **Mr.**
13 **Murschell** said, "potentially, yes". **Mr. Petruz** then said that the way Gibbstown
14 looks now, the only thing we have going for us is the school system. If you take
15 away the school system, you might as well put a "for sale" sign on every house in
16 Gibbstown because it is going to be worthless.

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18 **Jamie Weber**, 55 Casperson Street, Gibbstown, said her child is going to start
19 Kindergarten next year and she didn't hear whether the board was going with full-
20 day or half-day sessions. **Vincent Tarantino** said the Kindergarten will remain
21 as a full-day program. We have registered between 35-40 children and have
22 budgeted for three teachers.

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24 **Beth Ann Smith**, 218 Ashton Drive, Gibbstown, said she understands that the
25 district saved money by out-sourcing the bus drivers but this evening, her
26 daughter got off the bus crying hysterically because the bus driver took her to
27 Paulsboro and was on Interstate 295. She said we only live up the street and it
28 usually takes a few minutes for her to get home but tonight there were a lot more
29 kids on the bus and she didn't get home until 5:15 p.m. She spoke with **Mr.**
30 **Tarantino** and he told her to call back if her daughter was not home by 5:00 p.m.,
31 but when she tried to call back, no one answered the phone. She called again at
32 5:05 and again at 5:10. She even tried to call Nehaunsey School and no one
33 answered the phone. She said when her child is on that bus, someone needs to
34 be accountable. **Mr. Tarantino** said he was in his office but didn't hear the
35 phone. **Mrs. Smith** wants to know who do we call when our children are on the
36 bus and they aren't home at a certain time? **Mr. Tarantino** said he will make
37 sure that is corrected in the future.

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39 **Mark Pandolfo**, 251 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, said he keeps hearing about
40 the cuts but he wants to know what we have recently done for the children?
41 Have we added a program? **Vincent Tarantino** replied that we have added a
42 new language arts/literacy program at a cost of \$100,000.00. **Mr. Pandolfo**
43 wanted to know if it was budgeted for or was it a grant? **Mr. Tarantino**
44 responded that we had budgeted for it and it replaced an out-dated program. **Mr.**

1 **Pandolfo** said it replaced something that was already there but have we added
2 anything new that has been cut in the past? **Mr. Tarantino** said we have
3 purchased new computers and technology equipment but he asked **Mr. Pandolfo**
4 to be more specific. **Mr. Pandolfo** said the programs in the school are stale.
5 Our literacy scores for ASK have gone down this year and what did the board do;
6 they cut the library for third and fourth grades. **Mr. Tarantino** said we have
7 replaced the out-dated literacy program and those scores should go up. **Mr.**
8 **Pandolfo** said we didn't have a lot of kids in the advanced proficient level and
9 some of these children are reading at an eighth grade level. He feels something
10 is wrong with how we are getting the point across to our children. He also heard
11 there is a "computer grave yard" in the Broad Street School where we toss old
12 printers so we don't have to buy the ink for it. He then said he doesn't see any
13 "fun things" happening in these schools. There is a new literacy program but yet,
14 his son went without the library this year and so did everyone else in third and
15 fourth grade. How are our children supposed to enjoy reading when they don't
16 get library?
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18 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, wanted to know why those children
19 are not getting library? **Vincent Tarantino** said they cut the library program last
20 year for the third and fourth grade. Those grades have foreign language and
21 Kindergarten, first and second grades have library. **Mr. Lucas** feels they should
22 have library. **Mr. Tarantino** said there is a beautiful library here at the school but
23 a lot of schools are doing away with library. **Mr. Lucas** then asked what was
24 happening with the tax rate? **Mr. Tarantino** said the board will be going into
25 closed session to discuss that. **Mr. Lucas** said we are not out-sourcing but did
26 anyone take a pay freeze and was it offered? **Mr. Tarantino** said not to his
27 knowledge. **Mr. Lucas** said an administrative position was eliminated and that
28 was the principal's position to which **Mr. Tarantino** answered, "yes". **Mr. Lucas**
29 said he is tired of hearing about **Mr. Tarantino's** outrageous pay; he is doing the
30 job of two people. **Mr. Tarantino** said the board also eliminated two
31 administrative positions at the middle school; the Principal also does the
32 Curriculum Coordinator's job.
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34 **Elizabeth Finnimore**, 111 South Maple Avenue, Gibbstown, said she is
35 concerned about the fact that last week, drugs were found where our children
36 walk to school. She said the parents are notified when a teacher gets arrested or
37 the pipes break in the school but no one notified the parents that are children
38 may be at risk due to drugs being found on the street. The crossing guards
39 found it and that is alarming to her. She works for the State of New Jersey and
40 her job with DYFS is to protect these children every day and yet, no one at the
41 school notified us. **Mr. Tarantino** said it was his decision to not contact the
42 parents. He has met with the Chief of Police and he sent his maintenance crew
43 out to check the perimeter of the school and playground. It was a one-time
44 occurrence. **Ms. Finnimore** feels the families should be notified when something

1 like this happens at our schools. **Mr. Tarantino** said he will certainly take that
2 into consideration if contacted by the police again.
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4 **Brian Bass-Riley**, 612 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, was curious about the
5 decision to remove Mr. Worrell off the Budget & Finance Committee and replace
6 him with Mr. Murschell and he hopes it has nothing to do with the fact that it is a
7 tough budget year, an election year and Mr. Worrell is up for re-election. **Mr.**
8 **Murschell** said it has nothing to do with that. The Budget & Finance Committee
9 has a lot of things going on and Mr. Worrell is already a part of the Regulatory
10 Committee which has a lot going on as well. **Mr. Bass-Riley** said the same thing
11 happened a couple years ago when Mr. Fabiani was running for re-election and
12 he was removed from the committee. Mr. Murschell said he wasn't on the board
13 then.
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15 **Carol Lang**, 33 North School Street, Gibbstown, said on the second day of
16 school, a parent found a needle on the sidewalk. **Ms. Lang** said she stayed with
17 the needle until the parent called the cops to come retrieve it. Just this
18 afternoon, they found two more bags of drugs at the corner of North School
19 Street and Broad Street. The crossing guards are finding them once or twice a
20 week. There were also bags found near Guardian Angels School. We have a
21 major problem in this town. She knows of one parent who has walked up and
22 down the street and found empty bags. Last year she came to school to pick up
23 her child and four bags were right outside the door. She feels the parents and
24 community should have been notified. She also feels the staff should be notified.
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26 **Cathy Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown said she heard that the
27 budget the board has tonight in its current form, has no out-sourcing of the aides,
28 custodial or maintenance. Does that mean it could change after closed session?
29 **Mr. Murschell** said that part of the budget is not going to change but there are
30 other items in the budget that we still want to look at. **Mrs. Tortella** wanted to
31 know if the County Superintendent can recommend the out-sourcing of those
32 positions? **Mr. Murschell** said, "no, they can't". He said this board can, but they
33 are committed to keeping those positions.
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35 **Martin Ware**, 706 Locke Avenue, Gibbstown, said he wanted to get the figures
36 straight and so by not moving the election to November, it is now going to cost us
37 \$26,000.00? **Jason Murschell** replied, "about that, correct". **Mr. Ware** then
38 asked how much the energy audit was to which **Mr. Tarantino** replied,
39 "\$27,000.00". **Mr. Ware** asked how much were the costs for the referendum
40 (that we didn't have) so far and **Mr. Murschell** replied, "about \$31,000.00". **Mr.**
41 **Ware** remembers that at a previous meeting Mr. Murschell said he was going to
42 do the things that the people who elected him wanted him to do but does that
43 include raising taxes? **Mr. Murschell** said he can't control the ratables. **Mr.**
44 **Ware** said that when you promise people that you are going to do things so that

1 you can get elected is a violation of the school ethics. **Mr. Murschell** asked Mr.
2 Ware when he ever promised to lower taxes? **Mr. Ware** said to Mr. Murschell
3 that he never promised that he was going to lower taxes but he did promise to
4 keep the Broad Street School issue out there. **Mr. Murschell** said he was going
5 to do what he could to try and consolidate the buildings and it was no secret that
6 Broad Street was his school of choice. He also thought it was in the best interest
7 of the community to look at both options and both options were looked at. **Mr.**
8 **Ware** said it cost us approximately \$80,000.00 for moves that were made and we
9 could have kept them in-house and used that money toward our budget. **Mr.**
10 **Tarantino** said the \$27,000.00 is reimbursable once the work is done and **Mr.**
11 **Murschell** said \$31,000.00 was from the referendum. **Mr. Ware** said 90% of
12 the districts in New Jersey moved their elections to November but we chose to
13 keep ours in April which will now cost us around \$26,000.00. We could have
14 saved that money and used it towards the budget.
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16 **Janine Harris**, 751 Duncan Avenue, Gibbstown, wanted to know if the public will
17 get a chance to view the evaluations of the Superintendent and the Board of
18 Education? **Mr. Murschell** said it will be discussed in open session once the
19 evaluations are completed. **Mrs. Harris** asked if that is the number one item the
20 board looks at when renewing the Superintendent's contract? **Mr. Murschell**
21 said there are many things that they look at; the evaluation is just one tool that
22 they use. **Mrs. Harris** then asked with all the talk about making cuts, wouldn't
23 Rob Harris (the Child Study Team director) qualify as a Vice-Principal? **Mr.**
24 **Tarantino** said he couldn't answer that as to what Mr. Harris' administrator
25 qualifications are as far as Principal or Vice-Principal; he doesn't have that
26 information. **Mrs. Harris** said when evaluating a leadership position, she finds it
27 very hard to sit here and get different answers from Mr. Tarantino in regards to
28 different meetings that she has attended where he says one thing and does
29 another. **Mr. Tarantino** asked Mrs. Harris if she can be more specific? She is
30 talking about the leadership performance and whether we can afford to have Mr.
31 Tarantino in our district with only 500 students, our tests score have gone down
32 and when she spoke with people that she used to work with (because she did
33 work in this school) they tell her there are no more teacher meetings and no
34 more grade level meetings. She is saying to the board that she doesn't feel that
35 the Superintendent that we have in place has the leadership skills to promote our
36 kids' education and to raise our test scores. She has seen nothing but cuts from
37 Mr. Tarantino as far as after-school programs; we are not a very wealthy district
38 so we need our after-school programs. Test scores have fallen because we do
39 not have homework club anymore. **Mrs. Harris** concluded by saying that you
40 have to have a great leader in order to perform and she is asking the board that
41 when they do evaluate Mr. Tarantino, ask his administrators how they feel about
42 his leadership skills and more importantly, ask his teachers how they feel about
43 his leadership and if they have a good person to go to for direction because that
44 is not what she is hearing. **Mrs. Harris** doesn't mean to attack Mr. Tarantino but

1 she wants the board to know what she is hearing as an outsider and she feels we
2 need a better Superintendent so when you go to evaluate him, you open
3 yourselves up to everyone in the building including the teachers to acknowledge
4 what his efforts have done for our school in the last three years and how our test
5 scores have reflected his efforts. **Mr. Tarantino** told Mrs. Harris she is welcome
6 to come in the school at any time and meet with him and he would have his
7 administrative staff in there for her to interview. He also said when he took this
8 job, this district was \$2.5 million above what the state of New Jersey calls
9 "adequacy". He just received something from the New Jersey School Boards
10 Association commissioner which says during the next five years, districts that are
11 above adequacy, their funding will be cut by 50% so we are just being proactive.
12 Last year we received \$512,000.00 in state aid; this year we received
13 \$410,000.00 and it will go down drastically every year for the next five years. **Mr.**
14 **Tarantino** invited anyone who wanted to come into the school to see what we
15 do. He said we have a fantastic staff and that he is not here for the board
16 members; he is here for the kids and he wants to make sure that our kids have
17 the best education possible and have fun at the same time. **Mr. Tarantino** said
18 he is trying to help the taxpayers too. We have a majority of people represented
19 here that are on fixed incomes and they rely on this board of education to look at
20 the budget and make the necessary cuts that we have to. He said he would
21 never present anything to this board of education that would hurt these children.
22 He again invited anyone to come into the building to see what we do here for the
23 children. As far as cutting any program, he suggested to the teacher's
24 association that as the Superintendent of Schools, he had to be proactive and
25 look at everything. But he said at no time was it his intention to out-source
26 anything or anyone unless we 100% had to do it because of the tax rate. **Mr.**
27 **Tarantino** concluded by saying that he loves his job and he loves this district.

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29 **Martin Ware** wanted to know if the \$2.5 million that Mr. Tarantino is talking about
30 is the surplus? **Mr. Tarantino** said it is how much we spend per student; we are
31 one of the highest in the state of New Jersey when it comes to per pupil costs.
32 **Mr. Ware** heard at one time the state was trying to cut our funding because they
33 wanted us to use up the surplus we had. He then asked how much the state
34 reimburses us for each student? **Scott Campbell** said he didn't have those
35 figures in front of him.

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37 **Lee Lucas** said with the total state aid, what percentage of revenue is that?
38 **Scott Campbell** replied that it is around 10%. **Mr. Lucas** said he didn't believe it
39 was that high. He would like to know an exact number and **Mr. Murschell** replied
40 with 9.6%. **Mr. Lucas** can't understand why no one complains when we do not
41 get a lot of aid and he said Mr. Tarantino shouldn't be scolded for not being a
42 good leader; it is the state that doesn't want to give us the money and we are
43 only one of two towns that didn't receive a lot of aid and he wonders why. **Mr.**
44 **Tarantino** said it has to do with adequacy; the more you spend, the less you get.

1 **Mr. Lucas** asked why that is? **Lisa Morina** said that we should not be
2 speculating since it is a question that we don't have the answer. **Mr. Tarantino**
3 said adequacy is what the State of New Jersey looks at and any district that is
4 over adequacy, their aid is going to be adjusted by 50%.

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6 **Jennifer Haines**, 628 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, finds it very disconcerting
7 that a few weeks ago, everything was on the table to be cut and now nothing is
8 being cut. She said a couple of times we have sat at these meetings and we
9 have these forums and then we leave and sometimes the board is a little sneaky
10 and they vote on something behind our back. She wonders what is on the
11 agenda because obviously something has to be cut and direct answers are not a
12 specialty here. She is curious as to what is actually on the "chopping block"?
13 **Mr. Tarantino** said everything from his salary on down was being considered but
14 nothing was "etched in stone". He had to make recommendations to the board
15 and some of the cuts are being disputed right now so we will be going into
16 executive session to discuss those things. **Mr. Murschell** also said to Mrs.
17 Haines that when she said we make votes behind people's back, all of our votes
18 have to be in public; nothing can be voted on outside of a public meeting. **Mrs.**
19 **Haines** said what you do is wait until later in the evening when most of us have
20 kids and have to be home. At the one meeting, you showed this big presentation
21 about consolidating the schools, most of us had left thinking the meeting was
22 over and you turned around and voted on Broad Street School. She said it didn't
23 really matter what the rest of us thought because Broad Street School was your
24 platform for running in the first place.

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26 **Brian Bass-Riley**, 612 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, has a question for the
27 whole board and with all due respect for Mr. Tarantino, he wanted to know why
28 when anyone asks a question for the board of education, Mr. Tarantino is the one
29 that always answers instead of the board members? He also wanted to correct
30 Mr. Murschell when he said he wasn't on the board when Mr. Fabiani was
31 running for re-election and he was removed from the Budget & Finance
32 Committee; he told Mr. Murschell that it was last year and he was indeed on the
33 board. **Mr. Murschell** apologized and told Mr. Bass-Riley he was correct in that
34 he was on the board during Mr. Fabiani's re-election. As far as the question
35 about Mr. Tarantino answering the questions, **Mr. Murschell** went on to say that
36 Mr. Tarantino is essentially the C.E.O. of this school district. He is intimately
37 involved in the day-to-day operations of this school and he and Mr. Campbell,
38 especially when it comes to budget ends, are the two people who are putting this
39 together with the assistance of the Budget & Finance Committee and if it is for
40 the building, it is the Regulatory Committee, etc. **Mr. Murschell** said he doesn't
41 do this every day; he does the best he can but Mr. Tarantino's job is to run this
42 school and our responsibility as board members is to make sure he runs it the
43 best way possible and sometimes he has the best answer.

1 **Lisa Petruz**, 738 Allen Avenue, Gibbstown, asked about item C on page 5 of
2 the agenda and wanted to know if that was about combining both schools? **Mr.**
3 **Murschell** said we have an architect of record and that has nothing to do with
4 the consolidation of the two schools. There are certain professionals that we
5 appoint every year. **Mrs. Petruz** asked if the consolidation was off for now
6 because we are not going to get state aid? **Mr. Murschell** said it "isn't off the
7 stove but on the back burner for now". **Mrs. Petruz** said that Mr. Tarantino said
8 we are getting a reduction in state aid so she is assuming that we are not going
9 to get any state money to combine the schools any time soon. **Mr. Murschell**
10 said that is two different funds; the consolidation would come from the "school
11 improvement fund". **Mrs. Petruz** wanted to know how much money would we
12 be looking at receiving from the state for this project to which **Mr. Murschell** said
13 somewhere around \$4.9 million. **Mrs. Petruz** wants to know how much it will
14 cost to do the consolidation? **Mr. Murschell** said he doesn't have the exact
15 figures in front of him but if they pursue the consolidation in the future, the figures
16 would be what the costs are at that time. **Mrs. Petruz** asked if they find
17 asbestos in these walls, will the costs go even higher? **Mr. Murschell** said the
18 costs of overages are already included in the price. **Mrs. Petruz** said if we
19 combine the schools, how long will it be before we see a savings after putting up
20 all this money? **Mr. Murschell** said it depends on the length of the bond. It
21 could be 15 or 20 years. **Mrs. Petruz** asked if the people would be voting on
22 this before it happens to which **Mr. Murschell** said they would have to for a bond
23 of that size.

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25 **Michelle Gentile**, 221 Swedesboro Avenue, Gibbstown, said all of us parents
26 are here for one thing and that is to know what is definitely being cut from the
27 budget. At the last meeting, Mr. Tarantino said he made a list and there were
28 many things on the "chopping block" but now, as we understand it, there is no
29 out-sourcing of aides or custodial staff, but we still don't know what is being cut
30 and not being cut. Can the board tell us what is definitely being cut? **Mr.**
31 **Murschell** said the board is going into executive session tonight to discuss that
32 but he doesn't want to speculate until after they come out of there. **Mr.**
33 **Tarantino** said he and the board have been working on this since they found out
34 about the drop in ratables. He also applauds the teacher's association for their
35 efforts. He wants everyone to understand they have to look at every line item.
36 Except for a few part-time positions such as the attendance officer duties, which
37 will be taken on by himself and Mrs. Whitcraft, the staff will remain the same.

38 39 **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2**

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41 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
42 *6, et. seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
43 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.
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1 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
2 **March 5, 2012** hereby resolves that an Executive Session, closed to the public
3 shall be held on **March 5, 2012**, at **8:12 p.m.** in the Broad Street School
4 auditorium located at 255 West Broad Street, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
5 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
6 *Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed session.
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- 8 • Matters Required By Law to Be Confidential
- 9 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 10 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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12 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
13 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
14 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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16 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to
17 discuss the following:

- 18 • Personnel
- 19 • Legal

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22 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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24 Motion: (Boultinghouse/Fabiani) to return to the Workshop Meeting at
25 9:42 p.m.
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27 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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29 **8. PERSONEL**

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31 Motion: (Murschell/Worrell) to approve the following:

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33 A. The approval to re-position Debra Truhan from full-time payroll clerk to a
34 part-time payroll clerk at an hourly rate of \$27.50 per hour.
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36 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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38 **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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40 *Roseanne Lombardo touched on a program they have at Paulsboro High*
41 *School called, "Tomorrow's Teachers" and she read a letter from a student,*
42 *Marie Albano, about Mrs. Carol Cunningham who was her second grade teacher*

1 at Broad Street School. She would like a copy of this letter to go to Mrs.
2 Cunningham.
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4 **10. MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET**
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6 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, A-C:
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8 A. The approval of the following resolution:
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10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve a school budget for the FY
11 2012-2013 for submission to the voters and the Gloucester County
12 Executive Superintendent of Schools as follows:
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	<i>Budget</i>
Total General Fund	\$11,382,481.00
Total Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 351,570.00</u>
Totals	\$11,734,051.00

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there should be raised
19 for the General Fund \$9,447,453.00 for the ensuing School Year (2012-
20 2013); and
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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education
23 approves the following capital projects for the 2012-2013 school year:
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<i>State EDA Grant Assessment</i>	\$9.00
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28 B. **WHEREAS**, school district policy and *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-*
29 *1.2(b)* provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual
30 school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for
31 such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2012-2013 school year;
32 and
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34 **WHEREAS**, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel
35 and expense reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year was
36 \$14,289.00; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, travel and expense reimbursement has reached
39 a total amount \$3,673.15 as of February 29, 2012;
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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
42 Greenwich Township Board of Education, in the County of Gloucester,
43 New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the
44 2012-2013 school year at the sum of \$11,290.00; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business
2 Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the
3 maximum amount is not exceeded.
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5 C. **WHEREAS**, *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.2(a)* mandates boards to
6 establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and
7 each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the
8 ensuing school year; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the tentative budget includes the following
11 appropriations:
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13	Legal	\$15,000.00
14	Accountant/Auditor	\$21,000.00
15	Physician	\$ 2,500.00
16	Architect	\$15,000.00
17	Election	\$25,987.00
18	Teacher Prof. Dev.	\$ 5,000.00

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Administration needs to notice the Board if
21 there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the Board
22 may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board
23 action; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Board and Administration wishes to
26 minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
29 Greenwich Township School District Board of Education establishes
30 maximums for professional development in the areas listed above at a
31 level of 50% of the amounts listed for the 2012-2013 school year.
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33 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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35 *Jason Murschell said after discussion about the 2012-2013 budget, as it stands,*
36 *the increase will be \$.14 per \$100.00 of assessed value. After-school clubs will*
37 *not be cut but the transportation for those clubs will not be provided.*
38 *Parents/Guardians will be responsible to pick up their children. Also field trips*
39 *will not be cut, but the transportation costs will be absorbed by the*
40 *parents/guardians. There will be no change in programs.*
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11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary