

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held  
4 **Monday, December 13, 2010** in the Nehaussey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Loraine LaPalomento at 7:08 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Loraine LaPalomento  
11 Louis Fabiani  
12 Roseanne Lombardo  
13 Lisa Morina  
14 Jason Murschell  
15 Susan Vernacchio  
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17 Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Scott A.  
18 Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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20 **Absent:**

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

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32 **1. MINUTES**

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34 Motion: (LaPalomento/Lombardo) to approve the minutes:

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36 November 9, 2010 – Special Meeting  
37 November 9, 2010 – Executive Session  
38 November 15, 2010 – Regular Meeting  
39 November 15, 2010 – Executive Session  
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41 **Louis Fabiani** commented on the November 15, 2010 minutes that he had  
42 thanked Mr. Robert Reistle for all his work on the fire code violations at Broad  
43 Street School in addition to Mr. John Batista, Mr. Mike Beukers and Ms. Denise  
44 Murphy and he would like that inserted into the November 15, 2010 minutes and  
45 would like the minutes to reflect his statements.

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4 **2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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8 A. Administrative Reports

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10 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of November  
11 30, 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)  
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13 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of November 30, 2010.  
14 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)  
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16 3. 2010-2011 Violence and Vandalism Report as of November 30,  
17 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)  
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19 4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of November 30, 2010.  
20 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B4)  
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22 B. Fundraisers – SADD Club

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24 1. The *retroactive* approval for the SADD Club Fundraisers for the  
25 2010-2011 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)  
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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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29 **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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31 **PERSONNEL**

32 Mr. Jason Murschell, Chairperson  
33 Ms. Loraine LaPalomente  
34 Mr. James Worrell  
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36 Motion: (Fabiani/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A-I:

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38 A. The *retroactive* approval to extend the FMLA/medical leave of absence for  
39 Suzanne Lavin, Child Study Team Secretary, until Monday, November 22,  
40 2010. Mrs. Lavin was due to return on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.  
41 Mrs. Lavin is using accumulated sick time during this period.  
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43 B. The approval to extend the FMLA/medical leave of absence for Maureen  
44 Jenzano, Teacher at Broad Street School, until January 3, 2011. Mrs.

1 Jenzano began her leave of absence on November 16, 2010 and was  
2 tentatively scheduled to return in four weeks. Mrs. Jenzano will continue  
3 to use accumulated sick leave during this period.  
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5 C. The approval to extend the FMLA/medical leave of absence for Dolores  
6 Mooney, Bus Driver, until January 3, 2011. Mrs. Mooney began her leave  
7 of absence on November 8, 2010 and was tentatively scheduled to return  
8 in four to six weeks. Mrs. Mooney will continue to use accumulated sick  
9 leave during this period.  
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11 D. The approval for the FMLA/medical leave of absence for Regina Minniti,  
12 Secretary to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary/Transportation  
13 Coordinator, from January 5, 2011 through January 31, 2011. Mrs. Minniti  
14 will be using accumulated sick leave during this period.  
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16 E. The approval to accept the resignation of Erica Backenson, School  
17 Psychologist, effective January 1, 2011. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)  
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19 F. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Andrew Mettler,  
20 Teacher, for a course to be taken at Drexel University Online (Winter,  
21 2011), "*Problem Solving Strategies*", for an amount not to exceed the  
22 current NJ state college tuition rate pending completion/verification of  
23 required documentation as per Article XII, Section I, of the GTEA/Board  
24 Agreement.  
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26 G. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Stephania  
27 Tomaszewski, Teacher, for a course to be taken at Drexel University  
28 (Winter, 2011), "*Research Methodology for Action Research*", for an  
29 amount not to exceed the current NJ state college tuition rate pending  
30 completion/verification of required documentation as per Article XII,  
31 Section I, of the GTEA/Board Agreement.  
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33 H. The approval of the appointment of Katie Eckert as a School Psychologist  
34 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at a prorated salary of  
35 \$51,143.00, (Step 3, MA+30), with benefits as per the GTEA agreement.  
36 Ms. Eckert will tentatively begin employment on Monday, January 24,  
37 2011.  
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39 I. The approval to accept the retirement of Janet Lani, Media  
40 Specialist, effective June 30, 2011.  
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42 **Susan Vernacchio** asked what we will do since our school psychologist is  
43 leaving as of December 31 and the new psychologist will not start until January  
44 24, 2011? **Vincent Tarantino** replied that we will make due with the staff we  
45 have and that he spoke with Rob Harris and they have it taken care of. The

1 Nehaunsey Middle School staff will help out over at Broad Street School with any  
2 issues that may arise. **Mr. Tarantino** also wanted to make mention that Ms.  
3 Backenson and Mrs. Lani will be missed.  
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5 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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7 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

8 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo, Chairperson  
9 Mrs. Lisa Morina  
10 Mr. James Worrell

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12 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, A-C:  
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14 A. Field Trips

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16 1. The approval of Request for Educational Trip/Transportation for the  
17 following:  
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Grade and/or Group	Destination/Time	Date	Estimated Related Cost	Estimated Transportation Cost	Total
Grade 1	Greenwich Township Public Library 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	3/2/11	\$-0-	Driver: \$90.00	\$90.00
Grade 1	Adventure Aquarium Camden, NJ 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	5/11/11	\$713.00 – Tickets	Driver: \$360.00 Bus Parking: \$20.00	\$1,093.00

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20 B. Workshops

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22 1. The *retroactive* approval for the following individual to attend out-of-  
23 district workshop.  
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Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
Teresa DiSanto	McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program Auditorium at the Office of Government Services Gloucester County Clayton Complex Clayton, NJ 11/30/10 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage

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26 C. Workshops

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28 1. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district  
29 workshops.  
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Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
Alisa Whitcraft Stephania Tomaszewski	Techspo 2011 Bally's Atlantic City, NJ 1/28/11	\$199.00 each Plus Mileage Plus Substitute (1)

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4 Motion: (Vernacchio/Morina) to approve the following as one, D & E:

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6 D. Internship

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8 1. The approval for the following College of New Jersey student to  
9 complete a 300 hour School Counselor Internship beginning in  
10 January, 2011.

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12 Student School Counselor  
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14 Don Palmucci Dan Giorgianni

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16 E. Field Experience Students

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18 1. The approval for the following student from Keuka College to  
19 conduct her field experience (special education) at Broad Street  
20 School for a period of two weeks beginning January 4, 2011.

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22 Student Cooperating Teacher  
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24 Jessamine Qualman Anne Wooton

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26 2. The approval for the following Rowan University student for full time  
27 student teaching placement from January 18, 2011 through May 6,  
28 2011.

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30 Student Cooperating Teacher  
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32 Amanda DiJoseph Steve Wehrle-Physical Education

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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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36 **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

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

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39 Motion: (Murschell/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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A. Bills Lists

1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)

No.	Amount
P23	\$349,927.29
P24	\$259,106.04
P25	\$260,148.64
P26	\$72,682.64
P27	\$50,491.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$992,355.71</b>

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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B. Cafeteria Payments

1. The approval for the following cafeteria payments for November 2010 and December 2010 as presented by the Board Secretary in the following amounts are ordered paid.

Ck#	Date	Payable To:	Amount
937	11/30/10	Nutri-Serve Management	\$5,309.77
938	11/30/10	Nutri-Serve Management	\$3,819.80
939	12/3/10	Nutri-Serve Management	\$1,735.48
940	12/10/10	Nutri-Serve Management	\$5,655.15
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,520.20</b>

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (LaPalomente/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, C-F:

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C. Student Activities Account

1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the month of November 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)

1 D. Board Secretary's Report

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3 1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of  
4 September 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)

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6 a. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)*, the Greenwich  
7 Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that  
8 as of September 30, 2010, after review of the Board  
9 Secretary's Report for September, 2010 and upon  
10 consultation with the district officials, to the best of our  
11 knowledge no major account or fund has been over  
12 expended in violation of *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)4* and that  
13 sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial  
14 obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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16 E. Treasurer's Report

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18 1. The approval of the Treasurer's Report in accordance with *18A:17-*  
19 *36* and *18A:17-9* for the month of September 2010. The  
20 Treasurer's Report and the Secretary's Report are in agreement for  
21 the month of September 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBIT H)

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23 F. Transfer List

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25 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for  
26 the month of September 2010, to give balances to new accounts  
27 and to balance existing accounts. (Attachments – EXHIBIT I)

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29 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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31 Motion: (LaPalomento/Fabiani) to approve the following as one G1-G5:

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33 G. Contracts

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35 1. The *retroactive* approval of the contract between the Greenwich  
36 Township Board of Education and the Durand Academy for tuition  
37 for participation in the summer program (July and August 2010) for  
38 student #2009-04 (Paulsboro High School Student) in the amount  
39 of \$6,903.00.

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41 2. The *retroactive* approval of the agreement between the Greenwich  
42 Township Board of Education and the Paulsboro Board of  
43 Education to provide a one-on-one aide for a Paulsboro High  
44 School student for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of  
45 \$35,219.34.

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- 3. The *retroactive* approval for the placement of student# 2010-11 at Bankbridge Elementary School beginning Monday, December 6, 2010 and for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at a prorated tuition rate of \$33,120.00.
- 4. The approval of the contract between the Greenwich Township Board of Education and the Gloucester City Board of Education for tuition in the amount of \$11,766.00 for the 2010-2011 school year for special education student# 2010-12 (homeless student). (Attachment – EXHIBIT J1)
- 5. The *retroactive* approval for the tuition contract agreement between the Greenwich Township School District and the Gloucester County Vocational/Technical School District for the 2010-2011 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT J2)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomento) to approve the following:

H. New Board Member Orientation

- 1. The approval for Board of Education Members, Roseanne Lombardo, Lisa Morina and Jason Murschell to attend the Governance I, New Board Member Orientation class on Saturday, January 8, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Williamstown High School, Williamstown, NJ.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**REGULATORY COMMITTEE**  
 Mr. Louis Fabiani, Chairperson  
 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo  
 Mr. James Worrell

Motion: (LaPalomento/Murschell) to approve the following as one, A & B:

- A. The *retroactive* approval for the Gibbstown Fire Company to use the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium roof for a drill scenario on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes.
- B. The approval of Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc.’s Board Updates for September 2010 and October 2010. (Attachment – EXHIBITS K1 and K2)



1 Per **Vincent Tarantino, Scott Campbell** explained the updates for the cafeteria  
2 which included a loss during the month of September due to the start-up costs  
3 that were incurred but then they realized a profit during the month of October.  
4 He also stated that they will probably see a loss during the month of November  
5 because it is a short month but then see a profit again during the months of  
6 January, February and March.

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8 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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10 **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

11 Ms. Loraine LaPalomento, Chairperson  
12 Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo  
13 Mrs. Lisa Morina  
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15 No reports at this time.

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17 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

18 Ms. Loraine LaPalomento, Chairperson  
19 Mr. Louis Fabiani  
20 Mr. Jason Murschell  
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22 Loraine LaPalomento stated that the architects had come in to give their  
23 presentations in regards to consolidation of our school buildings.  
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25 **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

26 Mr. James Worrell, Chairperson  
27 Mr. Louis Fabiani  
28 Mr. Jason Murschell  
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30 Mr. James Murschell stated that the Negotiations Committee will discuss their  
31 reports during executive session.  
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33 **4. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. James Worrell, Board President  
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35 No report at this time.  
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37 **5. OLD BUSINESS**  
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39 **Loraine LaPalomento** informed the public that starting in January, 2011, the  
40 Board of Education meetings will be changed *from* the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
41 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month so as not to conflict with the Township Council  
42 meetings which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. In this way, the  
43 citizens of Greenwich Township will be able to attend both meetings during the  
44 month if they so choose.  
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1 **Susan Vernacchio** asked about the legal clarification on the vote that came out  
2 of executive session at the last meeting. **Loraine LaPalomente** asked **Vincent**  
3 **Tarantino** to comment on what the vote was about. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that  
4 the vote was to *not* appoint an architect until the contract for the teachers was  
5 negotiated and settled. Since the vote was three (3) yes's, two (2) no's and one  
6 (1) abstention, **Mrs. Vernacchio** asked **Mr. Tarantino** to find out the legal  
7 clarifications on that. **Mr. Tarantino** spoke with our solicitor and was told that the  
8 Board needed four (4) votes for a motion to pass so in reference to the vote, the  
9 motion did not pass.

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11 **Louis Fabiani** commented on the amount of savings we would have if we went  
12 to one building. He stated that about three (3) years ago, the auditor had come  
13 up with a cost savings at that time. Can we get a copy of that report so we can  
14 look at the figures? **Scott Campbell** replied that he never received anything like  
15 that and that it was something that the auditor and the board president, at that  
16 time, were doing on the side. **Mr. Campbell** then stated that he can call the  
17 auditor and see if they still have a copy of it. **Loraine LaPalomente** asked what  
18 it was exactly that the auditor did? **Mr. Fabiani** replied that it was a report as to  
19 what can be eliminated if we went to one school; for example, we would only  
20 need one cafeteria and cafeteria staff, one principal, the insurance and utilities  
21 also would be a savings. **Ms. LaPalomente** wanted to know that if we asked the  
22 auditors again for that, would there be a cost for it? **Mr. Campbell** responded  
23 that there probably will. **Mr. Fabiani** didn't think there was a cost the first time it  
24 was done. **Vincent Tarantino** stated that probably he and **Mr. Campbell** could  
25 sit down and figure out the savings.

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27 **Vincent Tarantino** stated that he had met with the senior citizens over at the  
28 VFW in Gibbstown and he invited them to the rehearsal program on Tuesday,  
29 December 14 at Broad Street School. We will be providing some refreshments  
30 for them after the program. They are excited about it and we are expecting over  
31 20 people. The Fourth Grade students will be catering to the seniors; serving  
32 them the refreshments and it should be a very nice time. The program starts at  
33 9:00 a.m.

## 34 35 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

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37 **Jason Murschell** asked to the regulatory committee why the access road to  
38 Nehaunsey School (Betty Rose & Myrtle Avenues) is always closed off and there  
39 is only one way into the school grounds? **Scott A. Campbell** replied that if we  
40 opened up that access road, all the residents there would be at the next board  
41 meeting complaining. It has always been that way for as long as he has been  
42 working at the school. The residents didn't want cars using it as a "cut-through"  
43 in their neighborhood and it could also be a safety issue for the school if cars  
44 "cut-through" from Betty Rose and Myrtle Avenues onto the school grounds,

1 especially if there are kids outside. **Vincent Tarantino** stated that he will have  
2 the regulatory committee look into it.

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4 **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

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6 None at this time.

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8 **8. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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16 **Sharon Gomez Salvatore**, 112 Bacchus Avenue, Gibbstown, commented on the  
17 11/15/10 meeting where it was mentioned that the school was considering using  
18 the school buses for the senior citizens. She stated that the board would have to  
19 open it up to other groups in the district like youth groups or sports groups and  
20 you should be careful because of the liability that is involved. Also, she  
21 commented on the access gate (at Betty Rose & Myrtle Avenue). She said that  
22 when she coached soccer, they always had those gates locked because cars  
23 could ride through and possibly hit a child. She also remembers several years  
24 ago when there was an abduction attempt. She feels safer knowing that those  
25 gates are locked so no one will have access to the kids playing soccer. **Jason**  
26 **Murschell** stated that the regulatory committee will look into the issue and get  
27 back to the board on their findings.

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29 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, wanted to thank the board for  
30 letting everyone know the results of the vote when they came out of closed  
31 session at the Special Meeting held December 6<sup>th</sup>. He also asked if the meeting  
32 was open and advertised. Vincent Tarantino replied, “yes”.

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34 **Megan Sizemore**, teacher at Broad Street School, read a letter to the Board of  
35 Education pertaining to the fundraiser, “Love for Lorie”, which was held on  
36 Friday, December 10, 2010, for their colleague, friend and family member, Lorie  
37 Muraca. “Love for Lorie” was an absolute huge success and she wanted to  
38 publicly thank all those that came out to support this fundraiser especially the  
39 Tortella Family for opening up their business for this event. The smile on Lorie’s  
40 face when she came through the door that evening made it all worthwhile.

41 **Vincent Tarantino** then commended **Megan Sizemore** for all the work she did in  
42 getting the fundraiser off the ground. It was a tremendous outpouring of love for  
43 one of our “family members”.

1 **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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3 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*  
4 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may  
5 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.  
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7 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on  
8 **December 13, 2010** hereby resolves than an Executive Session closed to the  
9 public shall be held on **December 13, 2010**, at **7:50 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey  
10 Middle School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown,  
11 New Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by  
12 *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed  
13 session.  
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- 15 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 16 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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18 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the  
19 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the  
20 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.  
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22 Motion: (Murschell/LaPalomento) to enter into Executive Sessions at 7:50  
23 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 24 • Personnel
- 25 • Legal

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28 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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30 Motion: (LaPalomento/Fabiani) to return to the Regular Meeting at 8:44  
31 p.m.  
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33 **10. NEGOTIATIONS**

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35 Motion: (Fabiani/Murschell) to approve the following:

- 36 1. The approval for the memorandum of agreement with the GTEA pending  
37 final determination of the salary guide.  
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40 **Roll Call Vote:**

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42 Susan Vernacchio – Yes  
43 Loraine LaPalomento – Yes  
44 Louis Fabiani – Yes

1 Roseanne Lombardo – Abstained  
2 Lisa Morina – Yes  
3 Jason Murschell - Yes  
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5 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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7 Motion: (LaPalomento/Morina) to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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9 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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12 Respectfully Submitted,  
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17 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary  
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