

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Wednesday, March 18, 2015** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Roseanne Lombardo at 6:33 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Roseanne Lombardo
11 Susan Vernacchio
12 Andrew Chapkowski
13 Lisa Morina
14 Duane Sarmiento

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16 Also present were Mr. Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board
17 Secretary.

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19 **Absent:**

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21 Interim Superintendent Thomas Schulte
22 Nelson Hall
23 John Hughes

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

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31 **FLAG SALUTE**

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33 ***Susan Vernacchio*** commented on the budget and feels they produced a good
34 budget. *They will submit this tomorrow to the County Office and if anyone has*
35 *any questions, they may be forwarded to Scott Campbell who also did a great job*
36 *with it.*

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38 **1. ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 2015-2016**

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40 Motion: (Morina/Sarmiento) to approve the following resolution:

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the tentative budget for the
43 Greenwich Township Board of Education be approved for the 2015-2016
44 School Year using the 2015-2016 state aid figures and the Secretary to

1 the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative
2 budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in
3 accordance with the statutory deadline:
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	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2015-2016 Total Expenditures	\$12,062,981.00	\$336,461.00	\$-0-	\$12,399,442.00
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$2,365,850.00	\$336,461.00	\$-0-	\$2,702,311.00
Taxes to be Raised	\$9,697,131.00	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$9,697,131.00

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6 And to advertise said tentative budget in the Courier Post or South Jersey
7 Times in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of
8 Education and according to law; and
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10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a public hearing
11 be held in the Nehaussey Middle School Library, on April 30, 2015 at 6:30
12 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the
13 2015-2016 School Year.
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15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greenwich Township
16 Board of Education requests the approval of a capital reserve deposit in
17 the amount of \$50,000.00. The district intends to utilize these funds for
18 future projects identified in its Long Range Facility Plan.
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20 **ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greenwich
21 Township Board of Education requests the approval of a maintenance
22 reserve deposit in the amount of \$50,000.00.
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township Board of
25 Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel
26 expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities
27 and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the
28 efficient operation of the school district; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.* requires
31 Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the
32 full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior
33 approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a
34 majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for
37 regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of
38 \$150.00 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be

1 required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a
2 given school year (July 1 through June 30); and
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4 **WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in
5 compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq.*, but deemed by the Board of
6 Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved
7 Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;
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9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board
10 of Education approves all travel not in compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-*
11 *1.1 et seq.* as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved
12 Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and
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14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board of Education
15 approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with
16 *N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b)*, to a maximum expenditure of \$1,000.00 for all
17 staff and board members.
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19 *Susan Vernacchio* wanted to make sure that the Board members that are not
20 here tonight get a copy of this budget so they have time to look over it.
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22 *Andrew Chapkowski* asked if an architect was budgeted for and *Mrs.*
23 *Vernacchio* replied that they did. He also asked about salaries of Principals'
24 which he thought was a fixed item. *Scott Campbell* said it is a "reallocation of
25 salaries within programs". *Mrs. Vernacchio* said it also includes the curriculum
26 coordinator salary.
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28 Roll Call Vote:
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30 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
31 Susan Vernacchio – Yes
32 Andrew Chapkowski – Yes
33 Lisa Morina – Yes
34 Duane Sarmiento – Yes
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36 **2. 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 your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You
41 will be notified either at this meeting, by letter or telephone of any action the
42 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 **Joseph Oliveri**, 462 Allen Avenue, Gibbstown, New Jersey stated that the
8 school has been doing everything procedurally they can about his daughter being
9 bullied but it has still continued for two years. It has gone on long enough and
10 he will now have to go to the police if something isn't done. **Scott Campbell** said
11 he will speak with the Superintendent tomorrow and try to get this issue resolved
12 immediately and they will be contacted as to what the next steps will be in
13 handling this situation.
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15 **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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17 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
18 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
19 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.
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21 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
22 **March 18, 2015** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public
23 shall be held on **March 18, 2015**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle
24 School library, Room #48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New
25 Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by
26 *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed
27 session.
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- 29 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 30 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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32 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
33 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
34 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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36 Motion: (Sarmiento/Chapkowski) to enter into Executive Session at 7:00
37 p.m. to discuss:

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- 39 • Student Concerns
- 40 • Legal

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42 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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1 Motion: (Sarmiento/Morina) to return from Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

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3 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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6 **4. ADJOURNMENT**

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8 Motion: (Sarmiento/Lombardo) to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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10 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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12 Respectfully Submitted,

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15 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary