

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, November 21, 2011** in the Broad Street School Auditorium.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Jason Murschell at 6:30 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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31 **POLICY/REGULATION**

- 32 Jason Murschell, Chairperson
33 Louis Fabiani
34 Lisa Morina

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36 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following:

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38 A. District Policies/Regulations

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40 1. The approval of the following list of new and/or revised district
41 bylaws, policies and regulations on **second** reading:
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Policy/Regulation No.	Title
Bylaw 0142	Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts and Code of Ethics (Revised)

Bylaw/Regulation 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (New)
Policy 5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bully (Revised)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Lisa Morina, Chairperson
 Alan Boultinghouse
 Roseanne Lombardo

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

A. QSAC Statement of Assurance

1. The approval to submit Greenwich Township School District's NJQSAC Statement of Assurance for the 2011-2012 school year.

B. Out-of-District Placement

1. The *retroactive* approval of the following special education private school placement for the 2011-2012 school year effective November 2, 2011.

Student #ODP	Program	Tuition
2011-16	Bankbridge Regional North	\$31,680.00 (prorated)

C. Field Trips

1. The approval of Request for Educational Trip/Transportation for the following:

Grade and/or Group	Destination/Time	Dates	Estimated Transportation Cost (Covered by District)
Grade 3	Edelman Planetarium @ Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 8:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	12/8/11	Two Buses \$320.00
Grade 1	Greenwich Township Library Gibbstown, NJ 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	3/2/12	One Bus \$75.00
Grade 1	Adventure Aquarium Camden, NJ	5/2/12	One Bus \$170.00

	9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.		
Grade 4 Self-Contained	Brunswick Deptford Lanes Deptford, NJ 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	5/16/12	One Bus \$170.00
Grade 4	State House and Old Barracks Museum Trenton, NJ 8:45 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.	5/30/12	Two Buses \$500.00

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D. Workshops

1. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of district workshops:

Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
Kathryn Tortella Janet Shivers	Smart Board Training EIRC Sewell, NJ 11/28/11 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	\$50.00 each Plus Mileage
Katherine Caruso	Smart Board Training – Intermediate EIRC Sewell, NJ 11/30/11 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	\$50.00 Plus Mileage
Kathryn Tortella	Writing with Spice Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 12/2/11 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	\$135.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Katherine Caruso William Porreca	Training the Trainer Aligning Practices with the Common Core Princeton Marriot Princeton, NJ 12/2/11 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$299.00 Each Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Nicole McGann	Teaching Literacy Through Drama Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 12/7/11 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$125.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Steve Wehrle	New Jersey State Physical Education Convention Long Branch, NJ 3/5/12 - 3/6/12 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage Plus Substitute

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1 **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

2 James Worrell, Chairperson

3 Louis Fabiani

4 Roseanne Lombardo

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

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8 A. The approval for the Greenwich Township Recreation Committee to use
9 the Broad Street School auditorium for a Christmas Movie Night for
10 resident children on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00
11 p.m. Cost to be absorbed by the Greenwich Township Recreation
12 Committee.
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14 B. The approval to replace the risers in the Broad Street School Auditorium
15 at a cost of \$8,137.90. (Please see back up – Attachment – EXHIBIT B5)
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17 C. The approval to purchase seven motors for univents at Broad Street
18 School at a cost of \$3,850.00. This is a non-budgeted item.
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20 ***Susan Vernacchio*** asked if we have to move forward with the non-budgeted
21 items? ***Vincent Tarantino*** replied that we absolutely do because we would not
22 have heat in the classrooms.
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24 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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26 Informational:

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28 1. Nutri-Serve Food Management's September 2011 Board Update.
29 (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)
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31 2. Bill Houghton has received a quote for \$2,000.00 to remove the boiler at
32 Nehaunsey Middle School. Bill has contacted two other contractors who
33 will potentially remove the boiler at no cost.
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35 3. A salt-spreader has been purchased and installed at a cost of \$1,900.00.
36 The township will provide the salt and sand at no cost to the district if we
37 agree to plow and salt the Greenwich Township Library parking lot.
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39 4. We are installing HVAC controls in the Broad Street School auditorium at
40 an approximate cost of \$2,500.00. This is a non-budgeted item, however,
41 the cost savings for one year will pay for the installation.
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43 ***Lisa Morina*** asked if item 2 was a reimbursable item with the New Jersey Clean
44 Start Program? ***Bill Houghton, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor*** said that there is
45 no cost to the district but he didn't know if it was reimbursable but will find out.

1 **BUDGET & FINANCE**

2 Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson

3 Alan Boultinghouse

4 James Worrell

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

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8 A. Contracts – Out of District Placements

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10 1. The *retroactive* approval for Greenwich Township student #R2011-
11 20 to attend Salem County Vocational Technical School in
12 Woodstown, NJ effective September 7, 2011 at a tuition rate of
13 \$10,300.00 plus transportation costs for the 2011-2012 school year.
14 The School Board President and School Business Administrator
15 are authorized to execute all contracts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)
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17 2. The *retroactive* approval for Greenwich Township student #R2011-
18 21 to attend Salem County Vocational Technical School in
19 Woodstown, NJ effective November 3, 2011 at a prorated tuition
20 rate of \$10,300.00 plus transportation costs for the 2011-2012
21 school year. The School Board President and School Business
22 Administrator are authorized to execute all contracts.

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24 B. Garage Lease

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26 1. The *retroactive* approval of the Garage Lease Agreement between
27 the Greenwich Township Board of Education and Holcomb Bus
28 Service effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
29 (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)

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31 C. Contracts

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33 1. The *retroactive* approval of the agreement between the Greenwich
34 Township Board of Education and Nestle Waters North America
35 Inc., effective October 25, 2011 through October 21, 2012.
36 (Attachment – EXHIBIT F1)

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38 D. Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT)

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40 1. The approval for the Greenwich Township School District to
41 participate in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications
42 (ACT) with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services
43 Commission Cooperative Pricing System 65MCESCCPS and the
44 New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) for
45 the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F2)

1 E. Flexible Spending Plan

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3 1. The approval for the Greenwich Township School District to
4 implement a Flexible Spending Plan through Ameriflex of Mount
5 Laurel, NJ as per *Chapter 78 Law*. The first year plan is prorated
6 effective January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for the 2011-2012
7 school year with a maximum contribution of \$1,250.00. There will
8 be a maximum contribution of \$2,500.00 for the 2012-2013 school
9 year.

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13 **2. REPORT OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

14 Scott A. Campbell

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

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18 A. Bills List

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20 1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the
21 following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G1)
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No.	Amount
P01	\$92,632.50
P12	\$68,739.43
P13	\$61,389.96
P14	\$121,022.56
P15	\$122,568.10
P16	\$258,765.45
P17	\$260,435.40
P18	\$173,545.76
P19	\$12,454.15
P20	\$1,555.35
P21	\$120,012.36
P22	\$259,735.77
P23	\$149,423.42
P24	\$7,078.23
P25	\$258,456.24
P26	\$20,946.47
P29	\$5,408.77
P30	\$153,474.80
TOTAL	\$2,147,644.72

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B. Voided Checks

- 1. The approval for the following checks to be voided. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G2)

Check#	Vendor	Amount
12411	Verizon	\$720.51
12501	Gloucester County EMS	\$175.00
12463	School Tech, Inc.	\$219.00

C. Student Activities Account

- 1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the months of July 2011, August 2011 and September 2011 for Colonial Bank and for the month of September 2011 for TD Bank. (Attachments – EXHIBIT H1, H2, H3 and H4)

D. Board Secretary’s Report

- 1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary’s Report for the months of August 2011 and September 2011. (Attachments – EXHIBIT I1 and I2)
 - a. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3*, the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of August 31, 2011 and September 30, 2011 after review of the Board Secretary’s Reports for August 2011 and September 2011, and upon consultation with the district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

E. Treasurer’s Report

- 1. The approval of the Treasurer’s Report in accordance with *18A:17-36* and *18A:17-9* for the months of August 2011 and September 2011. The Treasurer’s Report and Secretary’s Report are in agreement for the months of August 2011 and September 2011. (Attachments – EXHIBIT J1 & J2)

1 F. Transfer List

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3 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
4 the months of August 2011 and September 2011 to give balances
5 to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachments –
6 EXHIBIT K1 & K2)

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8 G. Cafeteria Payments

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10 1. The approval for the following cafeteria payments for the months of
11 October 2011 and November 2011 as presented by the Business
12 Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid.
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Check#	Date	Payable To	Amount
1211	10/27/11	Nutri-Serve, Inc.	\$4,848.83
1212	10/31/11	Nutri-Serve, Inc.	\$9,093.08
1213	11/14/11	Apollo Press	\$62.72
1214	11/14/11	Thrower Mechanical, Inc.	\$328.00
1215	11/14/11	Nutri-Serve, Inc.	\$5,904.98
1216	11/14/11	Nutri-Serve, Inc.	\$3,851.59
1217	11/14/11	Nutri-Serve, Inc.	\$3,131.84
		TOTAL	\$27,221.04

14 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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17 **3. MINUTES**

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

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21 October 17, 2011 – Regular Meeting

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23 *The October 17, 2011 Executive Session will be tabled until the December 12,*
24 *2011 board meeting.*

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26 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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28 **4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

29 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following as one, A1-A4:
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1 A. Administrative Reports

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- 3 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of October
- 4 31, 2011. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)
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- 6 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of October 31, 2011.
- 7 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)
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- 9 3. 2011-2012 Violence and Vandalism Report as of October 31, 2011.
- 10 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)
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- 12 4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of October 31, 2011.
- 13 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B4)
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15 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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17 **THE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING**

18 **ACTION ITEMS**

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

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- 22 A. The *retroactive* approval for Willard Zane, part-time special education
- 23 aide, to provide support to special education students during extra-
- 24 curricular activities for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$15.00 per
- 25 hour on an as-needed basis.
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- 27 B. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Alanna Schell,
- 28 Teacher, for a course to be taken at Rowan University (Fall, 2011),
- 29 “*Analysis of Classroom Teacher Behavior*”, for an amount not to exceed
- 30 the current NJ state college tuition rate pending completion/verification of
- 31 required documentation as per Article XII, Section I, of the GTEA/Board
- 32 Agreement.
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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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36 **5. OLD BUSINESS**

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38 **Jason Murschell** stated that at the last meeting, it was discussed to

39 acknowledge the work done by Sharon Salvatore on the SADD projects and he

40 wanted to follow up to see if anything has been done on that? **Vincent**

41 **Tarantino** apologized that he hasn't gotten to that yet.

42 **Mr. Murschell** also stated that there is a discussion about a meeting between

43 the budget & finance committee and the township regarding shared services. He

44 wanted to know if the township contacted the budget & finance committee about

1 any dates to have that meeting? **Mr. Tarantino** responded by saying that he
2 hasn't heard from the township.

3 **Susan Vernacchio** spoke with Mr. Tarantino about a Strategic Plan and having
4 that in place by the new year.

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6 **6. PRESENTATION**

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8 A presentation was made by The Design Collaborative representative, Mr. Lou
9 DeLosso, regarding the building consolidation project and Dr. Charles Ivory from
10 EIRC regarding public relations.

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12 A. The Design Collaborative, Architects
13 B. Dr. Charles Ivory, EIRC and ie communication (public relations)

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15 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR BUILDING PROJECT AND PUBLIC**
16 **RELATIONS**

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18 **Wilbur Durham**, 133 Dupont Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ started off by saying that
19 he has been a resident of Gibbstown for close to 50 years. He thanked the
20 board for their choice of the Broad Street School for the consolidation project.
21 He stated that his children went through this school and they received a fine
22 education. He said that the Broad Street School is truly a historical landmark and
23 to see anything happen to this building would be a travesty. He hopes that the
24 community gets themselves educated and approves this referendum.

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26 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ stated that he is not convinced
27 of the cost savings. He asked if the amount of the bond includes the interest to
28 which Mr. DeLosso said it didn't. **Mr. Lucas** then said that he doesn't believe
29 that this is the reason that the board wants to consolidate. Councilman Ray
30 Williams and former Mayor Harry Rink stated in a public meeting, and ["I am not
31 saying anything I heard behind closed doors,"] that they wanted the Nehaunsey
32 Middle School as a municipal building and turn it into a police station. **Mr. Lucas**
33 went on to say that if you combine the township reassessment that is going to
34 happen next year and this consolidation project, the taxes are going to go up a
35 lot. He also said that the senior citizens are being fooled and that there are
36 "fishy" things going on. What would be the reason for this project when we have
37 no fiscal problem and our taxes are relatively low?

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39 **Rita Retkovis**, 54 Thompson Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ stated that what she
40 knows for sure is that the Nehaunsey Middle School should not have been built
41 in the first place and if they hadn't built it, this Broad Street School would be in
42 better shape.

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44 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked if the school can
45 be expanded should there be a rise in the population? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that

1 they have allowed for that scenario and the school can be expanded if the
2 enrollment goes up. **Mr. Tortella** said that all people really care about is doing
3 what is best for the kids.
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5 **Kathleen DiBella**, Orchard Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked if there has been any
6 discussion as to what is going to be done with Nehaunsey School? **Jason**
7 **Murschell** replied that as of this time, there are a lot of options that it could be
8 but unfortunately we can't get into any serious discussions with any groups who
9 want to lease or buy that building until a "path forward is discussed." We have
10 had "brief" discussions with companies that run senior housing or senior
11 recreation centers but we can't get into anything based on speculation and we
12 can't move forward until the referendum passes. **Mrs. DiBella** then wanted to
13 know why the "youngest children" are the furthest away from the nurse's office?
14 **Mr. DeLosso** stated that it was one of the areas of concern and they are thinking
15 of putting a "satellite area" in that wing of the building but still just keep the
16 one nurse.
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18 **Sue Fabrizio**, Poplar Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked what will happen with the
19 soccer program if the Nehaunsey building is sold? The fields and the canteen
20 are all over there so what will happen with soccer? **Jason Murschell** responded
21 by saying that it is something that they will have to investigate. Right now we are
22 only looking at the consolidation. There is no plan for that building yet and there
23 is nothing to say that we can't keep the fields and the side parts as a separate
24 item when we do sell the building.
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26 **Will Durham**, wanted Mr. DeLosso to explain the benefits to having an
27 auditorium? **Mr. DeLosso** stated that in a Kindergarten through eighth grade
28 school, the state will not pay for you to build an auditorium. You would have to
29 foot the entire bill yourself so there is an advantage to having this auditorium.
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31 **Lee Lucas** said that he is hearing a lot of rumors and that there is no problem
32 here in our district. Our taxes are going down. He feels that a lot of the senior
33 citizens are being fooled into thinking that we must make a choice between the
34 two buildings. We can have both and "believe me; this school is not going
35 anywhere. I don't want anybody in this town to think that this school is ever
36 going to be closed down or anything. As long as I am alive, it's not going to
37 happen." **Mr. DeLosso** interrupted by saying that the Americans with Disabilities
38 Act (ADA) is a federal law and the first offense is a \$50,000.00 fine. The Broad
39 Street School is not compliant as it stands with the ADA. **Mr. Lucas** asked if
40 they said they would fine us? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that they can fine you. **Mr.**
41 **Lucas** said they were saying that 5-10 years ago and it never happened. It is
42 just another scare tactic.
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44 **Frank J. Minniti**, 60 Adalisa Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ wanted to clarify the costs
45 given by the architect in saying that the \$504,000.00 includes all costs. **Mr.**

1 **DeLosso** answered that it is the principal and the interest. **Mr. Minniti** said that
2 comes to about \$12.6 million to which **Mr. DeLosso** agreed. **Mr. Minniti** then
3 went on to say that the district will save \$333,000.00 over 25 years and that
4 comes to about \$8.325 million. "So we are going to spend \$13 million over 25
5 years to save \$8 million and change." **Mr. Minniti** then asked if the district had
6 applied for the ROD (Regular Operating District) Grant and has it been
7 approved? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that they did apply but they are not giving out
8 ROD grants any longer. The next round of grants has been stalled and are not
9 being given out by the Department of Education. **Mr. Minniti** then stated that the
10 timetable for the referendum is January 24 and asked if all the paperwork been
11 submitted to the Department of Education? **Mr. DeLosso** responded by saying
12 that if the board approves it tonight, it will go to the Department of Education
13 tomorrow. **Mr. Minniti** then asked the Board President if the district does not
14 receive the 40% state aid, does the project still go forward and do the taxpayers
15 absorb all the costs? **Mr. Murschell** replied that in the discussions that the
16 board has had previously, if we do not receive the state funding, we will have to
17 reconsider the project. **Mr. Minniti** asked if the board has voted yet to say that if
18 you do not receive the money, that you aren't going to put the whole burden on
19 the taxpayers? **Mr. Murschell** replied that we haven't had a vote that specifically
20 said that we would put through the project if we didn't get the 40%. **Mr. Minniti**
21 asked if it was safe to assume that it could happen? **Mr. Murschell** said that it is
22 possible.

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24 **Joseph Marcucci**, 409 Jefferson Street, Gibbstown, NJ had a question about
25 the final costs. He stated that when the construction starts and you start to run
26 into problems, those costs will go up with the change orders here and there
27 especially with the asbestos in this building. **Mr. DeLosso** said that is why there
28 is a 5% contingency. **Mr. Marcucci** asked if he thought that 5% is going to be
29 enough? **Mr. DeLosso** responded by saying that he believes in his best
30 estimate that it will be enough. If you pass a referendum with the total amount
31 that is indicated on the application, you cannot exceed that amount for the
32 project. **Mr. Marcucci** said, "I've heard that before too" and agrees that
33 something needs to be done, but he can hear the horror stories especially when
34 you start tearing down walls. **Mr. DeLosso** said that there are always the
35 unforeseens but they have allowed for that and have been consistent with it. **Mr.**
36 **Marcucci** said that he would hate to see that figure go up by another two million.

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38 **Beth Ann Smith**, 218 Ashton Drive, Gibbstown, NJ said that the document
39 stated we could get "up to 40%" state aid. So that means there is no guarantee
40 that we will get 40% or anything at all and will we still go on with the project? **Mr.**
41 **DeLosso** said that most of the districts in the state can qualify for up to 40% for
42 "eligible costs". We have to present the plans in a manner so that it maximizes
43 the amount that the district will receive. But for right now, the state is not giving
44 out anything. **Mrs. Smith** then stated that she has young children and it does not
45 make her happy to know that they will be so far away from the nurse and she

1 doesn't feel it was a satisfactory answer to the other people who have concerns
2 about that and the fact that there will only be one nurse for a school population of
3 500 children. Her other question is that she heard that the Greenwich Township
4 Historical Society occupies a room here at Broad Street School and will they
5 have a room with the new plans to which **Mr. DeLosso** responded, "yes they
6 will".
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8 **Cathy Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ said that she heard a
9 new word from the board; "Strategic Planning". Will we be addressing that at this
10 meeting and does it have anything to do with the bond referendum? She feels
11 that a lot of people do not know what strategic planning is and she feels that
12 maybe we should have done some strategic planning two years ago instead of
13 after the fact that this has all been planned. **Vincent Tarantino** directed that
14 question to Dr. Ivory who stated he can only address what he has been asked to
15 present to the board in terms of considering moving forward and creating
16 strategic planning and the kind that **Dr. Ivory** leads is very interactive in meeting
17 with community members, board members, staff and students. **Mrs. Tortella**
18 then asked if this "strategic planning" is going to help push this bond referendum
19 through? **Dr. Ivory** said that the strategic planning will not begin until after the
20 bond referendum in January. The board is talking about this for the "good of the
21 order" in terms of what they should be doing in engaging the community in
22 planning and decision making and that is outside of the referendum. So this
23 referendum will take place before we initiate any activities.
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25 **Patricia Collins**, 507 West Broad Street, Gibbstown, NJ said her major concern
26 is that the Broad Street School is not ADA compliant. She wanted to know if that
27 was one of the reasons why the board decided to go into this school merger and
28 whether or not we closed Nehaunsey, we would still have to be made ADA
29 compliant? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that if you intend to continue to use this
30 building, the law requires accessibility and not only do you not have accessibility
31 to different levels in this building, the bathrooms are not in compliant. **Mrs.**
32 **Collins** asked if the tentative merger will help us to get the funds to get us to be
33 ADA compliant? **Mr. DeLosso** said yes.
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35 **Melanie Hallam**, 723 Willow Drive, Gibbstown, NJ said she was confused about
36 the fact that Mr. DeLosso said most of the work will take place in the summer.
37 **Mr. DeLosso** said that some of the "critical components" need to be done in the
38 summer especially the asbestos abatement and removing and replacing the
39 boilers. **Mrs. Hallam** asked what will be the plan if it isn't finished in the summer
40 and September rolls around and the building is still torn apart? **Mr. DeLosso**
41 said that they will not start work if it cannot be done for the return of the children
42 in September without a separate plan for housing those children. Some of the
43 grade levels or classrooms can be moved to Nehaunsey School. **Mrs. Hallam**
44 asked if there was any empty rooms at Nehaunsey? **Mr. DeLosso** replied not as
45 much as there are here at Broad Street.

1 **Ron Cundey**, 139 Jackson Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said he has been a resident
2 of Gibbstown for 59 years and he stated that he and his siblings have passed
3 through this school as well as his children and five of his seven grandchildren are
4 currently going through or have gone through this school. One of the horror
5 stories he has heard is the fact that since Nehaunsey School was built, we failed
6 to have a capital improvement program here at Broad Street School. He said
7 that we are trying to get done what should have been done all along and the first
8 thing he wants to do is to take the time out to congratulate this board of
9 education for bringing a proposal that is the right thing to do. There are still a lot
10 of questions to be answered and we are going to have to pay for this but the
11 bottom line is when it is finished, we will have an upgraded first-class facility. **Mr.**
12 **Cundey** went on to say that if we don't go with this proposal, we will be sitting
13 here five or ten years from now, spending more money with all these engineers
14 and getting nothing.

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16 **Linda DiPietro**, 216 Phyllis Drive, Gibbstown, NJ said that she sees in the plans
17 that a cafeteria will be added but what about the gymnasium? **Mr. DeLosso** said
18 that the gym will become a full-fledged physical education facility instead of a
19 multi-purpose room. **Mrs. DiPietro** said she understands that but right now the
20 gym is used for the Pre-K to fourth grade and now you are going to be bringing
21 over fifth through eighth grade students; where are they all going to fit? **Mr.**
22 **DeLosso** said that at some point in the day, you have to stop teaching gym and
23 feed the children. **Mr. Tarantino** said that they are in the process of meeting
24 with the education specialists at Design Collaborative to work on scheduling to
25 accommodate Kindergarten through Grade Eight. There will be two physical
26 education teachers in the district and it will work out.

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28 **Jennifer Haines**, 628 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ was curious about
29 what will be done with the bussing because she doesn't want her third grader on
30 a bus with eighth graders? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that we have a district with 500
31 students and he is not concerned about putting Kindergarteners in a school or on
32 a bus with eighth graders because "we have great kids" and he feels they will be
33 safe. **Mrs. Haines** is not concerned with their safety; she knows they will be
34 safe. She is concerned about things they will be hearing on the bus; things she
35 is not quite ready to explain to a 7-year old. **Mr. Tarantino** said that is a valid
36 concern and it will be addressed.

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38 **Lisa Morina**, board member, said that one of the parents brought up the
39 historical society and her question is since that is not an actual school function, is
40 there an issue with eligibility? **Mr. DeLosso** said it is designated as a small
41 group instructional and historical space on the plans. It is listed as a small
42 group room for history and social sciences. **Mrs. Morina** then asked Dr. Ivory
43 that when he typically engages with a school system, how long does the process
44 typically take from the time he is engaged until the time the district goes out for
45 referendum? **Dr. Ivory** stated that usually it is four months but we offer a lot

1 more services. They are only doing two newsletters for Greenwich Township.
2 We do other things for school districts such as public opinion polls, public
3 presentation materials, power point presentations and community relations. We
4 typically like four months but we are coming on board a little later in the process
5 so we are offering you a program that we think is best for your economic situation
6 and for the time we have left. **Mrs. Morina** said that she is very appreciative of
7 what Dr. Ivory is saying in that instead of a four-month process, we are looking at
8 a six-week process. From the comments that she is hearing from the
9 community, there is a lot of “disconnect” between what this board has been trying
10 to do and moving forward at a very rapid pace with the bond referendum. She
11 still doesn’t understand why we are pushing it so fast when we haven’t “dotted
12 our i’s or crossed our t’s” and also by the fact that there is no indication of any
13 money being received from the state. **Mrs. Morina** then said we are moving so
14 fast that at some point we will hit a wall.

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16 **Roseanne Lombardo**, board member, wanted to know if the PTA will still have a
17 room at Broad Street? **Mr. DeLosso** said that they will have a room and there
18 will be easy access to it.

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20 **Susan Vernacchio**, board member, wanted to know if there are any other rooms
21 that will be used for non-instructional purposes? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that all the
22 rooms are for instructional purposes except for the historical all-purpose room
23 and the PTA room which are designated as such on the plans. **Mrs. Vernacchio**
24 asked if they can be converted back into a classroom if we needed to? **Mr.**
25 **DeLosso** replied, yes.

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27 **Mark Wilgus**, 342 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ questioned the timing of the
28 referendum. He wanted to know if there is an “interdependency” between the
29 time when the application goes in and the referendum because the number he
30 heard was “up to 90 days” that the state can have to do its “due diligence” and is
31 there any benefit to having the referendum in January? **Mr. DeLosso** said that
32 there are only five days during the year that you can have a referendum. One is
33 in January, one in March, one in April, one in September and the last one in
34 December. The reason we are aggressive with the January date is that we made
35 the submission and we will be taking it up to Trenton in the morning. The
36 Department of Education has no authority to release the preliminary eligible costs
37 until the Governor says yes but they can review the plans at this point. If they
38 say there is no debt service aid, then you are not looking at January; you will be
39 looking at the next available date. We are trying to get the district in the queue so
40 when the money is released, we have our paperwork in. **Mr. Wilgus** made one
41 last comment and said he was speaking for himself in that this project is long
42 overdue and he hears the “rumbling” in the audience but he wants to make sure
43 that if we do this, we do it right and have an educated community and people
44 behind it.

1 **Richard Peel**, 525 Myrtle Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ addressed the board of
2 education by wanting to know if there is going to be a motion made tonight for the
3 referendum and do we know what that referendum is going to say and also if the
4 state does not come through with the state aid, is the board going to move
5 forward with the project anyway and put all the burden on the taxpayers? **Mr.**
6 **DeLosso** said that tonight they are asking for approval from the board of the
7 schematic submission package; the drawings and the educational specifications
8 in the state forms that need to go to the state for processing. At that time, the
9 application is for debt service aid and the state will not act on it until debt service
10 becomes available. **Jason Murschell** said if the money doesn't come through
11 from the state, the project will have to go back to the board for discussion. **Mr.**
12 **Peel** then said that the board can still make the decision to go forward with the
13 project even if the money doesn't come through from the state. **Mr. Murschell**
14 said not the project; the referendum to which **Mr. Peel** said he was confused on
15 that answer. **Mr. Murschell** said that if the money is not available, then it will be
16 up to this board to decide if we go to a vote or not.

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18 **Susan Vernacchio** wanted to know when would we have to let the Board of
19 Elections know that we are having a bond referendum vote? **Mr. Tarantino**
20 responded that they have to be notified by November 25. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said
21 that there is no way we are going to know if we are getting state funding before
22 that date. **Mr. Tarantino** said that November 25 is just to reserve the date in
23 January. The Board of Education can withdraw at any time. The only loss that
24 would occur would be the cost for printing the ballots. **Mrs. Vernacchio** asked
25 with what cost number will they be printing the ballots; the \$15 million or the \$10
26 million? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that it would have to be with the \$10 million but
27 that is a decision that the board has to make.

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29 **Ron Cundey** said that if he remembers correctly, when the board went out for
30 referendum last time, it had a bond figure that did not include the money from the
31 state. We went for bonding the whole thing with the idea that we would get the
32 money from the state. The number that shows on the referendum is the bond
33 without the state pay back.

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35 **Frank Minniti** would like to know if someone from the board would step up and
36 say if that is true what Mr. Cundey just said? "Does anybody know?" **Lisa**
37 **Morina** and **Roseanne Lombardo** replied that they had no idea if that was true.
38 **Mr. Minniti** then asked Vincent Tarantino if he knew the answer? "You have
39 been doing this for a long time. Do you know if it's true what Mr. Cundey said?"
40 **Mr. Tarantino** replied that he didn't know for a fact if that was true or not. **Mr.**
41 **DeLosso** then answered that the number on the bond is for the full amount.
42 "Regardless of whether there is debt service aid or otherwise, the bond question
43 is for the full amount." He went on to say that it will then explain what the
44 preliminary eligible costs are from the state and what the local share is and what

1 the state share is. Both of those, the local share and the state share, must add
2 up to the full amount. Then you get the debt service aid annually with interest.

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4 **Susan Vernacchio** asked if it was normal to go out for a bond referendum
5 without bond counsel being appointed and helping us out with some of these
6 questions? **Mr. DeLosso** answered that it is not normal.

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8 **Richard Peel** said that if he understands it correctly, \$15 million will be the figure
9 put on the bond referendum. Then if we vote on that and it is approved, is it
10 stated in such a way that if the funds don't come in, the referendum is null and
11 void? **Mr. DeLosso** responded by saying that the referendum question has to be
12 written by bond counsel in such a way to explain the entire amount of the bond,
13 the costs that the state recognizes as "eligible costs", the amount the taxpayer
14 will be responsible for; it all has to be spelled out. A letter will be sent to the
15 Board of Education that explains the cost of the project, the eligible costs that
16 they will pay and how much the board share is. The Board has to decide if they
17 accept the eligible costs and if they will proceed with the debt service aid as
18 stated. After consideration by the Board, that letter has to be returned to the
19 Department of Education where they will issue the final eligible cost letter and
20 that is what you "take to the bank". You cannot move forward without that letter
21 from the state. **Mr. DeLosso** then asked **Mr. Peel** if there is still some confusion
22 to which **Mr. Peel** said that there is still some confusion on his part and he
23 apologizes but he wants to know that if we vote on something and the aid doesn't
24 come through, somebody has to make a decision on whether to move forward
25 with the project or not. **Mr. DeLosso** said that if the district does get state aid
26 and the board decides not to use that state aid, they have to tell you, the
27 taxpayer, that they aren't going to use it. He also stated again that you have to
28 have the eligible cost letter from the state before you can move forward. **Mr.**
29 **Peel** asked **Mr. DeLosso** if he thinks this will all be done and ballots printed by
30 the January date? **Mr. DeLosso** said that it is aggressive but they are driving to
31 the Department of Education tomorrow morning if the board approves the
32 resolution this evening. **Mr. Peel** asked if he expected to get a commitment for
33 state aid? **Mr. DeLosso** said that all he has heard is that the governor may be
34 releasing state aid and he is trying to get the district in a situation to take
35 advantage of it. **Mr. Peel** then said if the commitment doesn't come, then the
36 referendum doesn't come to which **Mr. DeLosso** replied, "that is correct unless
37 the board elects to go with no state aid but that is not for me to decide". **Mr. Peel**
38 then asked the board if that is true? **Jason Murschell** said that if they didn't get
39 the state aid, they would have to review it, sit down and look at the costs. **Mr.**
40 **Peel** asked how can the board proceed if they don't have any numbers? **Jim**
41 **Worrell** replied that we will have the numbers when we find out if we are getting
42 state aid or not. He also said that if the state comes back and says we are not
43 going to give you state aid, then we have to look over this thing entirely. We
44 have to see what the effect would be on the taxpayers. We may not move
45 forward with this project if we have to raise taxes by \$500.00 or so but at this

1 point, we don't know what it going to happen. **Mr. Worrell** went on to say that if
2 the state comes back and says there is no money and we look at the numbers
3 and they are going to be "out of sight", we probably won't go on with this. "We
4 don't intend for the taxpayers to get banged." **Mr. Peel** said that he would be
5 surprised if we get any answer in time to make that decision. If you don't get an
6 answer back from the state, you are going to have to push this off. **Mr. Worrell**
7 said that we don't have to have the referendum if we don't get the
8 acknowledgement from the state. **Mr. Peel** said that Mr. Worrell has answered
9 his question in that if the board doesn't hear back from the state in time, you will
10 not proceed with the referendum. **Mr. Worrell** then said, "until we hear from the
11 state, there won't be a referendum".
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13 **Susan Vernacchio** asked what happens when we get this application up to the
14 state and they "sit on it"? How long does the application sit up there and then we
15 have cost changes and all other changes? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that the state
16 has 90 days to respond. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said that if the Kingsway School
17 District had their application up there 18 months ago and they had numbers that
18 were 18 months old, do they get "18 month old money or do they get new
19 money"? **Mr. DeLosso** said that he can't answer that. **Mrs. Vernacchio** then
20 asked why we were rushing this? **Mrs. Morina** said it was because the economy
21 is bad and we will get better bid numbers. **Mrs. Vernacchio** then said that she is
22 having a hard time going through with this without having legal advice from bond
23 counsel so that we know what we are doing is what we are supposed to do.
24 She said she was elected to work for the people of this town and she has no
25 legal expertise and apparently neither does anyone else on this board. So at this
26 point, we need to have legal advice to be sure we are doing what we should be
27 doing. She thinks we are going in the right direction but she just doesn't want to
28 stumble.
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30 **Tim Barnaby**, 156 Harmony Road, Gibbstown, NJ said that he can't agree with
31 The Design Collaborative's estimate of 5% overrun. He stated that he built his
32 own home; he did everything himself and he was still 13% over budget. When
33 you are working on an old structure and you are trying to attach a new structure,
34 he can tell you from first-hand experience, you cannot accept a 5% cost overrun.
35 When he was building his house, even the engineer told him to expect a 10%
36 overrun. He supports the board doing this project, but it all comes down to
37 money for him and he cautions the board about the 5%. He just wants what is
38 right for the township and for the kids.
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40 **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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42 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
43 *6, et. seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
44 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 **November 21, 2011** hereby resolves that an Executive Session, closed to the
3 public shall be held on **November 21, 2011**, at **8:58** p.m. in the Broad Street
4 School auditorium located at 255 West Broad Street, Gibbstown, New
5 Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by
6 *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed
7 session.

- 8 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 9 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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11 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
12 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
13 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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15 Motion: (Lombardo/Worrell) to enter into Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. to
16 discuss the following:

- 17 • Legal

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20 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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22 Motion: (Worrell/Boultinghouse) to return to the Regular Meeting at 10:30
23 p.m.

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25 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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27 **9. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

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35 ***Dawn Worrell, 119 Bacchus Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked about the mold and***
36 ***sewer smell at Nehaunsey? Vincent Tarantino responded by saying that they***
37 ***had plumbers out doing “smoke tests” for the sewer smell and they are still***
38 ***working on the problem. With regard to the mold, we have had PEOSHA and***
39 ***Pars Environmental Service come out to do testing and the school received a***
40 ***clean bill of health.***

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42 **10. RESOLUTIONS**

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44 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following:
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1 A. The resolution of the Board of Education of Greenwich Township, in the
2 County of Gloucester, New Jersey, authorizing the appropriate school
3 district officials and professional advisors to prepare and submit additional
4 documentation to the appropriate state and local agencies in connection
5 with the proposed capital improvement program. (Attachment – EXHIBIT
6 1A)

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8 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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10 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following:

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12 B. The resolution of the Board of Education of Greenwich Township, in the
13 County of Gloucester, New Jersey, approving the submission of a
14 proposal to the voters of the school district at a special election to be held
15 on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B)

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17 Roll Call Vote:

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19 Alan Boultinghouse – Yes
20 Louis Fabiani – Yes
21 Roseanne Lombardo – No
22 Lisa Morina – No
23 Susan Vernacchio – No
24 Jason Murschell – Yes
25 Jim Worrell – Yes

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27 Motion passes by a vote of 4 yes's to 3 no's.

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29 **11. LEGAL SERVICES**

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

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33 A. The approval of the resolution approving the law firm of McManimon &
34 Scotland, L.L.C. as bond counsel for the proposed referendum.

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36 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT**
37 **FOR CERTAIN LEGAL SERVICES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF**
38 **THE**
39 **TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH**

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41 **WHEREAS**, there exists a need for specialized legal services
42 in connection with the authorization and the issuance of School District
43 obligations by The Board of Education of the Township of Greenwich in the
44 County of Gloucester, New Jersey (the "Board"), a body corporate of the State of

1 New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of
2 approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, such special legal services can be provided
5 only by a recognized Bond Counsel firm, and the law firm of McManimon
6 & Scotland, L.L.C., Newark, New Jersey is so recognized by the financial
7 community; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, funds are or will be available for this purpose;
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11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF**
12 **GREENWICH IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**
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- 14 1. The law firm of McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., Newark, New
15 Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized legal services
16 necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of
17 obligations by the Board in accordance with an Agreement dated as
18 of November 21, 2011 and submitted to the Board (the "Contract").
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- 20 2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a
21 "Professional Service" in accordance with the Public School
22 Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services
23 performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized
24 profession.
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- 26 3. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on
27 file with the Secretary of the Board.
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- 29 4. A notice in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law of
30 New Jersey in the form attached hereto shall be published in The
31 Gloucester County Times.
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33 **CERTIFICATION**
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35 The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the
36 Board of Education at a meeting thereof duly called and held on
37 November 21, 2011.
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42 Scott A. Campbell, Secretary
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1 Roll Call Vote:

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

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11 Motion passes by a vote of 5 yes's and 2 no's.

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13 **12. PUBLIC RELATION SERVICES**

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

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17 A. The approval of Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC) for
18 Public Relation Services for the proposed bond referendum at a cost not
19 to exceed \$2,700.00.

20 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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24 B. The approval of I.E. Communications to develop the informational
25 newsletter relating to the bond referendum at a cost not to exceed
26 \$4,000.00.

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28 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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30 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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32 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

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34 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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37 Respectfully Submitted,

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42 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary

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