

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 Tuesday, February 21, 2006 in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Frank J. Minniti at 7:02 pm.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Frank J. Minniti
11 Robyn Glocker Hammond
12 Larry Hall
13 Marie Downes McDonald
14 James Sorbello
15 Susan Vernacchio

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17 Also present were Dr. Francine Marteski, Superintendent and Scott A. Campbell,
18 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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20 **Absent:**

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22 JoAnne Caira

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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 Courier Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Township Clerk. It was
26 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 **Flag Salute**

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32 **1. PRESENTATION**

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34 A presentation of the Staff Development Project was made by Alisa Whitcraft,
35 Greenwich Township Curriculum Coordinator and Steve Blake, Paulsboro Public
36 School District Coordinator. (Presentation Attached)

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38 **2. MINUTES**

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40 **Motion:** (Glocker Hammond/Hall) to approve the following minutes:

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42 January 9, 2006 – Workshop Meeting
43 January 17, 2006 – Regular Meeting
44 January 17, 2006 – Caucus Meeting

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3 **3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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5 Motion: (Sorbello/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following as one, A1-
6 A4:

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8 A. Administrative Reports

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10 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of January
11 31, 2006. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)
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13 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of January 31, 2006.
14 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)
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16 3. 2005-2006 Violence & Vandalism Report as of January 31, 2006.
17 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)
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19 4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of January 31, 2006.
20 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B4)
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22 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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24 **4. PERSONNEL**

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26 Motion: (Downes McDonald/Hall) to approve the following as one, A-J:

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28 A. The retroactive approval to accept a Leave of Absence for Frances Beth
29 Miller from January 30, 2006 through May 1, 2006 as per the attached.
30 (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)
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32 B. The retroactive approval for the acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer
33 Idler effective February 20, 2006 as per the attached. (Attachment –
34 EXHIBIT D)
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36 C. The retroactive approval for the appointment of the following teaching
37 staff member for the extra-curricular position listed below for the 2005-
38 2006 school year:
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Position	Stipend per Hour	Not to Exceed	Staff Member
ASK 3 & 4	\$25.00	\$1,000.00	Patricia McGovern

1 D. The approval for payment of tuition reimbursement for Elizabeth Button
2 for an Advanced Clinical Practicum in Speech II course at Kean University
3 (Spring, 2006) for an amount not to exceed the current NJ state college
4 rate pending completion/verification of required documentation as per
5 Article XII, Section C, of the GTEA/Board Agreement.
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7 E. The retroactive approval for the appointment of Kathy Seacrist as
8 Homebound Instructor for the 2005-2006 school year on an as-needed
9 basis at \$25.00 per hour for a minimum of 5 hours per week (regular ed)
10 and 10 hours per week (special ed).
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12 F. The approval for the appointment of the following staff members as
13 Homebound Instructors for the 2005-2006 school year on an as-needed
14 basis at \$25.00 per hour for a minimum of 5 hours per week (regular ed)
15 and 10 hours per week (special ed):
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17 Adriana Marini-Cossetti Sandy Schwartz Anne Wooton
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19 G. The approval for the appointment of the following individuals as Substitute
20 Kitchen Workers for the 2006-2007 school year (substitute rate of pay to
21 be determined).
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23 Alfonso Penna Jerilyn Tranquillo
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25 H. The approval for the appointment of Jerilyn Tranquillo as Substitute
26 Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide for the 2006-2007 school year (substitute rate
27 of pay to be determined).
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29 I. The approval for the appointment of Katherine Ricci as Substitute
30 Teacher for the 2005-2006 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a
31 day, up to and including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate
32 increases to \$75.00 a day.
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34 J. The resolution herein seeking permission of the Commissioner to employ
35 the below recommended certificated and support staff applicant on an
36 emergent basis for a period not to exceed three (3) months pending a
37 positive Criminal History check and/or pending completion of required
38 paperwork:
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- 40 1. The approval for the appointment of Christina Magdin as
41 Substitute Teacher for the 2005-2006 school year. Substitute
42 rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and including ten (10) days.
43 After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a day.
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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

A. Field Trips

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

GRADE AND/OR GROUP	DESTINATION/TIME	DATES	ESTIMATED RELATED COST	ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COST	TOTAL
Grade 2	Academy of Natural Science Philadelphia, PA 8:45 am-2:15 pm	03/03/06	\$584.00	Driver: \$275.00 Tolls: \$ 9.00 Lunch: \$ 16.00	\$884.00
Grade K	Cohanzick Zoo Bridgeton, NJ 9:15 am-2:00 pm	05/12/06	\$50.00	Driver: \$300.00 Lunch: \$ 16.00	\$366.00
Grade Pre-K	Cape May Zoo Cape May, NJ 9:15 am-2:30 pm	05/19/06	\$25.00 (donation)	Driver: \$150.00 Bus Aide: \$54.60 Tolls: \$ 6.00 Parking: \$ 60.00 Lunch: \$ 8.00	\$303.60
Grade 4	Wheaton Village	05/31/06	\$611.00	Driver: \$250.00 Lunch: \$ 16.00	\$877.00
NJHS	Constitution Center Phillies Ballgame Philadelphia, PA 9:00 am-6:30 pm	04/27/06	\$150.00 (substitutes)	Driver: \$225.00 Tolls: \$ 4.50 Lunch: \$ 15.00 Parking: \$ 20.00 Game Ticket: \$32.00 Sub Driver: \$36.00	\$482.50
NJHS	Broad Street School Read Across America McDonald's and or Burger King 9:00 am-12:15 pm	03/02/06	\$150.00 (substitutes)	Driver: \$62.50	\$212.50

B. Workshops

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

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Debra Truhan	FMLA Seminar Mt. Laurel, NJ 02/07/06	\$-0- Plus Mileage
Regina Minniti Debra Truhan	Records Retention Runnemede, NJ 02/08/06	\$100.00 each Plus Mileage

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

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION DATE	COST
Lorie Muraca	Building Early Literacy & Language Skills Atlantic City, NJ 03/09/06	\$169.00 Plus Substitute Plus Mileage
Teresa DiSanto	NJ Annual School Social Workers Conference East Windsor, NJ 05/08/06	\$TBD (Approximately \$100.00) Plus Mileage
Regina Minniti	STS NJ Pupil Transportation Conference Atlantic City, NJ 03/28/06	\$200.00 Plus Mileage
Cathy Tortella	Overweight Children-Problems & Solutions Voorhees, NJ 03/23/06 (4:00 pm-8:00 pm)	\$30.00 {Plus Mileage
Donna Lee Eberle Carlyn McCabe Kim Robostello Diane Shirley Megan Sizemore	Differentiated Instruction (seminar for new teachers) Gloucester County Office of Education Sewell, NJ 03/21/06 (4:15 pm-7:45 pm)	\$65.00 each Plus Mileage
Sharon Salvatore	STC/MS Properties of Matter Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 03/08/06, 03/15/06, 03/22/06	\$375.00 Plus Substitute Plus Mileage

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C. Student Teachers/Field Experience Students Internships

1. The retroactive approval for the following students from Rowan University and Camden County College for Field Experience placement (one visit per week from 9:00 am-12:00 pm) at Nehaunsey Middle School beginning February 7, 2006 through March 28, 2006.

Students (Rowan):
Samantha Bolen
Stephanie Durant
Jennifer Eichwald
Cathy Jaworski
Thomas Majocho
Michelle Misco

Cooperating Teacher:
Lori Chiavoroli
Lori Chiavoroli
Sharon Salvatore
Sharon Salvatore
Tina Sayers
Tina Sayers

Students (Camden County):
Jennifer Dougherty

Cooperating Teacher:
Lori Chiavoroli

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- 2. The approval for the following student from Gloucester County Community College for Field Experience placement (7 two-hour observations) at Nehaunsey Middle School beginning March 6, 2006.

Student: Danielle Rogers Cooperating Teacher: Gina Hicks

- 3. The approval for Rebekah Wheatley from Gloucester County Community College to participate in the Natural Helpers Program in order to fulfill 10 hours of volunteer service.
- 4. The retroactive approval for Stephen Kline from Rowan University to serve Internship I & II for Counseling in the Educational Setting effective December 12, 2005.

D. Tuition Student

- 1. The approval for the out-of-district placement of V.M. at Durand Academy for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at a pro-rated tuition of \$40,249.00 as of February 23, 2006, and the cost of transportation.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. BUSINESS & FINANCE

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

A. Bills Lists

- 1. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment - EXHIBIT E)

P50	(\$348,124.35)
P51	\$ 30,008.02
P52	\$262,096.37
P53	\$265,701.64
P54	\$ 70,514.31
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P56	\$261,008.34
P57	\$195,896.11
P58	\$ 29,740.09
P59	\$ 42,602.36
P60	\$ 100.00

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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4 Motion: (Sorbello/Minniti) to approve the following as one, B-E:
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6 B. Student Activities Account
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- 8 1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank
9 Reconciliation for the month of January, 2006. (Attachment -
10 EXHIBIT F)
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12 C. Board Secretary's Report
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- 14 1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of
15 January, 2006. (Attachment - EXHIBIT G)
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17 Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Greenwich Township
18 Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of January 31,
19 2006, after review of the Board Secretary's Report for January,
20 2006, and upon consultation with the district officials, to the best of
21 our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended
22 in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are
23 available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder
24 of the fiscal year.
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26 D. Treasurer's Report
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- 28 1. The approval of the Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-
29 36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of January, 2006. The Treasurer's
30 Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of
31 January, 2006. (Attachment - EXHIBIT H)
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33 E. Transfer List
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- 35 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
36 the month of January, 2006, to give balances to new accounts and
37 to balance existing accounts. (Attachment - EXHIBIT I)
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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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41 Motion: (Downes McDonald/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following as
42 one, F1-F2:
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1 F. Contracts

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- 3 1. The approval of the agreement between Nestle Waters North
4 America Inc. and the Greenwich Township Board of Education as
5 per the attached. (Attachment - EXHIBIT J1)
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- 7 2. The approval of the agreement between Comcast and the
8 Greenwich Township Board of Education as per the attached.
9 (Attachment - EXHIBIT J2)

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13 **7. USE OF FACILITIES**

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15 Motion: (Hall/Minniti) to approve the following as one, A & B:

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- 17 A. The approval for the Gibbstown and East Greenwich Lions Clubs to use
18 the Broad Street School gymnasium and kitchen for a Chinese Auction on
19 March 31, 2006 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
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- 21 B. The approval for Gibbstown School Age Child Care, Inc. to use the Broad
22 Street Auditorium from May 23, 2006 to May 25, 2006 for graduation
23 practice and graduation ceremonies on the evening of May 25, 2006.

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25 Roll Call Vote:

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27 Frank J. Minniti - Yes to both
28 Robyn Glocker Hammond - Yes to both
29 Larry Hall - Yes to both
30 Marie Downes McDonald - Yes to both
31 James Sorbello - Yes to both
32 Susan Vernacchio - Yes to Item A, abstained on Item B

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34 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

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36 Art in school monthly update.

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38 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

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40 Teacher of the year honors will be given on February 27, 2006.
41 Blood Drive will take place February 22, 2006.
42 Inhalant Abuse seminar.

1 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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3 No correspondence at this time.

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5 **11. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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7 Budget & Finance Committee met on February 21, 2006 and will again on March
8 2, 2006 to work on the 2006-2007 budget.

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10 **12. PUBLIC-AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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18 Christine Franklin, 624 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked if softball had put
19 in their request for indoor tryouts.

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21 Scott A. Campbell responded that it was approved at the January 17, 2006 regular
22 meeting.

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24 **13. CLOSED SESSION**

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

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30 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
31 February 21, 2006 hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public
32 shall be held on February 21, 2006, at 7:40 pm in the Nehaunsey Middle School
33 library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
34 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by Open Public
35 Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b) to be discussed in closed session.

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37 *Matters Involving Individual Privacy*
38 *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*

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

1 Motion: (Vernacchio/Glocker Hammond) to enter into closed session at 7:40 pm to
2 discuss the following:

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4 *Student Concerns*
5 *Personnel*
6 *Negotiations*
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8 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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10 Returned from closed session at 7:56 pm.
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12 **14. RESOLUTION**
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14 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Minniti) to approve the following resolution:
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16 A. The approval of the attached resolution, as read, to depart from the New
17 Jersey State Health Benefits Plan as of May 1, 2006. The District sought proposals
18 through its benefits broker, Banc of America, and its recommendation will be to go
19 with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield for a period of May 1, 2006 through June 30,
20 2007. (Attachment - EXHIBIT K)
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22 **15. ADJOURNMENT**
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24 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Hall) to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.
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26 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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32 Respectfully Submitted,
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37 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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