

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, January 25, 2010** in the Nehaussey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Frank Minniti at 7:00 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Frank J. Minniti
11 Loraine LaPalomento
12 Louis Fabiani
13 Fred Reel
14 Susan Vernacchio
15 James Worrell

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17 Also present were Mr. Robert Suessmuth, Interim Superintendent and Scott A.
18 Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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20 **Absent:**

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22 Robyn Glocker Hammond

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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: Audio-taping
27 Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being audio-taped 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. PRESENTATIONS**

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34 A. Scott Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, presented an
35 overview of the Greenwich Township Board of Education Comprehensive
36 Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending **June 30, 2009** and Auditor’s
37 Management Report on Administrative Findings, Financial, Compliance
38 and Performance—Fiscal Year Ending **June 30, 2009**.

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40 B. Robert Suessmuth, Interim Superintendent and Alisa Whitcraft, Curriculum
41 Supervisor/Principal, gave a presentation on the State Test Results for the
42 **Spring, 2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)

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44 No public comment.
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1 **2. MINUTES**

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3 Motion: (Vernacchio/Worrell) to approve the minutes:

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5 November 16, 2009 – Regular Minutes
6 November 16, 2009 – Executive Session
7 November 23, 2009 – Special Meeting
8 November 23, 2009 – Executive Session
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10 **3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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12 Motion: (Worrell/LaPalomato) to approve the following as one, A-D:

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14 A. Administrative Reports

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16 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of **November**
17 **30, 2009** and **December 31, 2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C1)
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19 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of **November 30, 2009**
20 and **December 31, 2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C2)
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22 3. 2009-2010 Violence & Vandalism Reports as of **November 30,**
23 **2009** and **December 31, 2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C3)
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25 4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of **November 30, 2009**
26 and **December 31, 2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C4)
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28 B. Technology

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30 1. The approval for the removal of equipment as listed on
31 Attachment – EXHIBIT D as per the requirement noted in
32 Greenwich Township's Technology Plan.
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34 C. Memorandum of Understanding

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36 1. The retroactive approval for the submission of the Memorandum of
37 Understanding in support of the State in its implementation of an
38 approved Race to the Top federal grant program.
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40 D. District Policies/Regulations

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42 1. The approval of the following new/revised district
43 policies/regulations on **first** reading:
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Number	Policy
Policy 2415.03	High Qualified Teachers (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 2560	Live Animals in School (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 3126	Induction Program for Provisional Teachers (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 3420	Professional Development (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 3281/4281	Inappropriate Staff Conduct (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 3431.3/4431.3	New Jersey's Family Leave Insurance Program (<i>New</i>)

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Fred Reel wanted to know what the procedure is when a student moves to another district? Does the family fill out paperwork or is there something that we need to do to get them transferred out of our district? **Robert Suessmuth** responded that if we know that someone is “fraudulently” attending the school when they don’t reside in the district, we send the attendance officer out to check on it. We then send the parents a letter with the information we receive from the attendance officer. There is a process that the state has set up for removal of that student. We have used that successfully several times this year where students were transferred out of our district to the Paulsboro and West Deptford school districts.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. PERSONNEL

Motion: (Worrell/Minniti) to approve the following as one, A-J:

- A. The approval for Lorie Muraca, teacher at Broad Street School, to receive pay less that of her substitute for illness days absent in excess of her available leave time due to her current medical condition (GTEA contract Article XI-A-4) for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.
- B. The approval for Lynn Leupold, teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, to receive pay less that of her substitute for **December 23, 2009** due to her medical condition and lack of sick time. (GTEA contract Article XI-A-4.)
- C. The approval for the retroactive leave without pay for Alison Grelli, Cafeteria/Lunchroom aide at Broad Street School, from **December 14, 2009 – December 18, 2009**.
- D. The retroactive approval for the medical leave of absence (FMLA) for Elizabeth McBride, Bus Aide & Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide at Nehaunsey Middle School, beginning **January 19, 2010** until a date to be determined.

- 1 E. The approval for the acceptance of the resignation/retirement of Sandra
2 Schwartz, Teacher, effective **June 30, 2010**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D2)
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- 4 F. The resolution herein seeking permission of the Commissioner to employ
5 the below recommended certificated staff applicant on an emergent basis
6 for a period not to exceed three (3) months pending a positive Criminal
7 History check and/or completion of required paperwork.
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- 9 1. The approval for the appointment of Jean Morrison as a Long-Term
10 Substitute School Nurse at Broad Street School beginning **January**
11 **29, 2010** and for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at a
12 rate of \$140.00 per day.
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- 14 G. The approval for the payment of tuition reimbursement for Andrew Mettler,
15 Teacher, for a course to be taken at Drexel University (Winter, 2010)
16 “Proportional and Algebraic Reasoning”, for an amount not to exceed the
17 current NJ state college tuition rate pending completion/verification of
18 required documentation as per Article XII, Section I, of the GTEA/Board
19 Agreement.
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- 21 H. The approval for the appointment of the following individuals as Substitute
22 Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a
23 day, up to and including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate
24 increases to \$75.00 per day.
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| 26 | Lauren Addeo | Allison Cheesman |
| 27 | Michael Dombrosky, III | Shaun Mazzatenta |
| 28 | William Wilgus | Sam Zappala |
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- 30 I. The approval for the appointment of Renee` Bay as a Substitute
31 Custodian for the 2009-2010 school year. Substitute rate of pay will be
32 \$8.50 per hour.
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- 34 J. The approval for the appointment of Lola Wood as a Substitute
35 Cafeteria/Lunchroom Aide for the 2009-2010 school year. Substitute rate
36 of pay will be \$8.25 per hour.
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38 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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40 **5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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42 Motion: (Fabiani/Minniti) to approve the following as one, A1-A3:

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44 A. Field Trips
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1. The approval for the Nehaussey Eighth Grade Trip to return to Washington D.C. on **May 14, 2010** with a cost to the Board not to exceed \$2,500.00.
2. The approval for the following additional 2009-2010 school year field trip:

Grade	Field Trip Location
Grade 5	Winterthur Museum Wilmington, DE

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

Grade and/or Group	Destination/Time	Date	Estimated Related Cost	Estimated Transportation Cost	Total
Kindergarten	Dr. Perrige Dental Office Gibbstown, NJ 8:50 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	2/4/10 2/11/10 2/18/10	\$-0-	Driver: \$30.00 Each trip (only if inclement weather)	\$30.00 (Each Trip)
Grade 7	Franklin Institute Philadelphia, PA 9:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.	3/5/10	Tickets-\$740.00 Lunchroom Fee-\$20.00 Substitutes (4) \$300.00	Driver: \$260.00 Lunch: \$16.00 Tolls: \$12.00	\$1,348.00
Grade 6	University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology Philadelphia, PA 8:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.	3/11/10	Tickets-\$250.00 Substitutes (4) \$300.00	Driver: \$360.00 Lunch \$16.00 Tolls: \$12.00	\$938.00
Grade 5-8 Student Council	Dave & Buster's (Leadership/Team Building Activities) Philadelphia, PA 11:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	5/19/10	Tickets paid by Student Council Substitutes (2)- \$150.00	Driver: \$180.00 Lunch: \$16.00 Tolls: \$12.00	\$358.00
Kindergarten	Cape May Zoo Cape May, NJ 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	5/21/10	\$-0- Required Parking Donation \$120.00 (\$60.00 per bus)	Driver: \$300.00 Lunch: \$16.00	\$436.00
Grade 3	Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge Medford, NJ 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	5/27/10	Tickets-\$406.00	Driver: \$300.00 Lunch: \$16.00	\$722.00
Grade 4	State House Museum & Welcome Center Trenton, NJ 8:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.	6/2/10	\$-0-	Driver: \$600.00 Lunch: \$16.00	\$616.00

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1 **Frank Minniti** wanted to thank Mr. Porreca & his team for their work through
 2 fundraisers and for making the Washington D.C. trip happen this year.
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4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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6 Motion: (LaPalomente/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, B-C:
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8 **B. Workshops**
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- 10 1. The retroactive approval for the following individuals to attend out-
 11 of-district workshops:
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Name	Workshop Title/Location /Date	Cost
Erica Backenson	NJ School Psychologist Association Winter Conference Crown Plaza Hotel Jamesburg, NJ 12/4/09 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	\$155.00 Plus Mileage
Teresa DiSanto	McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program Auditorium at the Office of Government Services Gloucester County Clayton Complex Clayton, NJ 12/15/09 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage

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 14 **C. Workshops**
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- 16 1. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district
 17 workshops:
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Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
Steven Wehrle	State Physical Education Convention Ocean Place Convention Site Long Branch, NJ 1/25/10-1/26/10	\$-0- Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Angela Addeo Debra Truhan	Update FMLA/Workers Compensation & Payroll Practice & Procedures Double Tree Mt. Laurel, NJ 2/9/10 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$100.00 each Plus Mileage
Kiley Barker Ednamae Graham Cheryl Pindur Tina Sayers	Sitton Spelling and Word Skills Double Tree Mt. Laurel, NJ 2/11/10 8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.	\$139.00 each Plus Mileage Plus Substitutes (4)
Lorie Muraca	Transitioning Preschoolers With Disabilities to General Education	\$11.00 Plus Mileage

	Kindergarten Programs LRC South at EIRC Sewell, NJ 2/17/10 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Plus Substitute
Suzanne Morris Megan Sizemore	NJ Kindergarten Teachers Conference Bally's Atlantic City, NJ 2/18/10 8:15 a.m.-3:50 p.m.	\$219.00 each Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Laura Enuco	NJMEA Conference State Music Educator Conference East Brunswick, NJ 2/18/10-2/19/10	\$180.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Lorie Muraca	Decision Making in the IEP Process: Focus on the Least Restrictive Environment LRC South at EIRC Sewell, NJ 3/16/10 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	\$11.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Violet Gregg Sharon Gomez- Salvatore	National Science Convention Philadelphia Convention Center Philadelphia, PA 3/18/10-3/19/10	\$269.00 each Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Cathy Tortella	5th Annual NJSSNA Conference on School Nursing Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, NJ 3/19/10-3/20/10	\$195.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute (for Friday, 3/19/10)
Susan McAlary Terry DiSanto Tina Sayers Enid Colon Steve Wehrle Kathy Seacrist	I & RS Training Burlington County, NJ 5/18/10, 5/19/10, 5/20/10	\$-0- Plus Mileage Plus Substitutes (3)

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Fred Reel asked if Lorie Muraca was out on Family Medical Leave Act?
Robert Suessmuth responded that she is not on medical leave. She is working
as much as she is able to which is most days. On occasion, she does need to be
absent for medical treatments but right now, she is back to work. **Frank Minniti**
also stated that she will probably be out once in February and once in March and
then hopefully she will be back to work for the remainder of the school year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, D & E:

D. Local Professional Development Plan

1. The approval to submit the Local Professional Development Plan
for the 2010-2011 school year to the County Superintendent (copy
available for review in the Superintendent's Office).

1 E. Contracted Services

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3 1. The approval to withdraw from participation with Gloucester County
4 Audio Visual Aids Commission effective **June 30, 2010** as the
5 Commission is disbanding.
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7 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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9 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following as one, F1-F4:

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11 F. Field Experience Students

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13 1. The retroactive approval of the following students from Rowan
14 University to conduct their clinical practice at Broad Street School
15 from **January 19, 2010** through **May 7, 2010** as listed below:
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<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Teachers</u>
17 18 19 Jaclyn Foody	Megan Sizemore (Kindergarten)
20 21 Janelle Tillman	Tina Sayers (Grade 4)
	Ednamae Graham (Resource)

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23 2. The retroactive approval of the following students from Rowan
24 University to conduct their field experience at Broad Street School
25 and Nehaunsey Middle School from **January 19, 2010** through
26 **May 7, 2010** as listed below:
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<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Guidance Counselors</u>
28 29 30 Holly Hill	Daniel Giorgianni/Nehaunsey
31 32 Felicia Easterling	Enid Colon/Terry DiSanto & Erica Backenson/Broad Street

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34 3. The approval of the following students from Rowan University to
35 conduct their field experience at Broad Street School one day a
36 week for eight weeks from **February 16, 2010** through **April 13,**
37 **2010** as listed below:
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<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Teachers</u>
39 40 41 Anthony Cariello	Paula Carrozzino (Grade 3)
42 43 Chelsea Fulper	Paula Carrozzino (Grade 3)
44 45 Maura Connolly	Kim Chila (Grade 2)
	Kim Chila (Grade 2)
	Carlyn McCabe (Grade 2)

1 Lauren Pringle Carlyn McCabe (Grade 2)
 2 Kristin Anderson Maria Gorman (Art)
 3 Trisha Glowacki Maria Gorman (Art)
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- 5 4. The approval of the following students from Rowan University to
 6 conduct their field experience at Nehausey Middle School one day
 7 a week for eight weeks from **February 17, 2010** through **April 7,**
 8 **2010** as listed below:
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<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Teachers</u>
10 Robyn Cornatzer	Joshua Bomze (Grade 7)
11 Kristen Stobbe	Joshua Bomze (Grade 7)
12 Erica Thacker	Sharon Salvatore (Grade 6)
13 Samantha Rapos	Sharon Salvatore (Grade 6)
14 Nicole Venturini	Nora Traum (Grade 7)
15 Chevon Blair	Nora Traum (Grade 7)
16 Amy Schuster	Nicole McGann (Grade 6)
17 Kassandra McCauley	Nicole McGann (Grade 6)
18 Kelli Trester	Andrew Mettler (Grade 8)
19 Teresa Diller	Andrew Mettler (Grade 8)

22 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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25 **6. BUSINESS & FINANCE**
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27 Motion: (Worrell/LaPalomto) to approve the following:
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29 A. Bills Lists
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- 31 1. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the following
 32 amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)
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Payment #	Amount
P32	\$4,157.79
P33	\$291,006.70
P34	\$33,056.00
P35	\$267,336.32
P36	\$20,243.78
P37	\$300.00
P38	\$17,415.55
P39	\$104,909.93
P40	\$294,517.48
P41	\$6,775.53

P42	\$30,145.89
P43	\$135,917.64
P44	\$281,182.92
P45	\$85,796.13
P46	\$35,552.21
P47	\$27.88
P48	\$166,637.03
P49	\$78,756.90
P50	\$199,309.48
P51	\$44,609.42
P52	\$288,456.95
P53	\$11,213.86

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, B1 & B2:

B. Cafeteria Payments

1. The following cafeteria payments for **December 2009** as presented by the Board Secretary in the following amounts are ordered paid.

Ck#	Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
849	12/15/09	SNA	License	\$50.25
850	12/15/09	Deluxe Italian Bakery	Food	\$51.66
851	12/15/09	Deer Park	Water	\$59.88
852	12/15/09	NJ Dept. of Agriculture	Food	\$94.00
853	12/15/09	Paul Vallandingham	Food	\$110.25
854	12/15/09	Jack & Jill Ice Cream	Food	\$170.30
855	12/15/09	Stroehmann	Food	\$260.83
856	12/15/09	Hy-Point	Food	\$534.29
857	12/15/09	The Electric Motor Repair	Repair	\$648.38
858	12/15/09	A & P Plumbing & Heating	Repair	\$1,190.27
859	12/15/09	Sysco	Food	\$6,166.80
		December Total Pay-Out		\$9,336.91

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2. The following cafeteria payments for **January 2010** as presented by the Board Secretary in the following amounts are ordered paid.

Ck#	Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
860	1/15/10	NJ Dept. of Agriculture	Food	\$98.70
861	1/15/10	Paul Vallandingham	Food	\$120.75
862	1/15/10	Deluxe Italian Bakery	Food	\$177.23
863	1/15/10	Jack & Jill Ice Cream	Food	\$200.96
864	1/15/10	Business Machines	Repairs	\$250.00
865	1/15/10	Stroehmann	Food	\$352.67
866	1/15/10	City Supply	Food	\$569.39
867	1/15/10	Hy-Point	Food	\$755.38
868	1/15/10	Sysco	Food	\$4,198.25
		January Total Pay-Out		\$6,723.33

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4 Motion: (Fabiani/Minniti) to approve the following as one, C-F:

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6 C. Student Activities Account

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8 1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank
9 Reconciliation for the months of **November 2009** and **December**
10 **2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F1 & F2)

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12 D. Board Secretary's Report

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14 1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the months of
15 **October 2009, November 2009** and **December 2009**.
16 (Attachment – EXHIBIT G1, G2 & G3)

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18 Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)4*, the Greenwich Township
19 Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of **December**
20 **31, 2009**, after review of the Board Secretary's Reports for **October**
21 **2009, November 2009** and **December 2009**, and upon
22 consultation with the district officials, to the best of our knowledge
23 no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of
24 *N.J.A.C.6A:23:23-2.11(b)* and that sufficient funds are available to
25 meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal
26 year.

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28 E. Treasurer's Report

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30 1. The approval of the Treasurer's Report in accordance with *18A:17-*
31 *36* and *18A:17-9* for the months of **October 2009, November 2009**

1 and **December 2009**. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's
2 Report are in agreement for the months of **October 2009**,
3 **November 2009** and **December 2009**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT
4 H1, H2 & H3)

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6 F. Transfer List

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8 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
9 the months of **October 2009**, **November 2009** and **December**
10 **2009**, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing
11 accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT I1, I2 & I3)

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13 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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15 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following as one, G1 & G2:

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17 G. Grants

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19 1. The approval to accept the following grants for the 2009-2010
20 school year.

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22 a. IDEIA

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Program (Grant #183010)	Public	Non-Public
Basic	\$179,786.00	\$40,540.00
Pre-School	\$10,027.00	\$-0-

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25 b. IDEIA-ARRA

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Program (Grant #183010)	Public	Non-Public
Basic	\$160,028.00	\$36,085.00
Pre-School	\$5,782.00	\$-0-

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28 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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30 Motion: (Worrell/Minniti) to approve the following as one, H1-H6:

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32 H. Contracts

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34 1. The approval of the Agreement for Professional Services between
35 the Gloucester County Special Services School District and the

Greenwich Township School District for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT J)

2. The approval of the Participation Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing of Telecommunications Services with the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials for the period of **July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012**. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K1)
3. The retroactive approval for the following Occupational Therapy service contract revision as provided by the Gloucester County Special Services School District. This contract revision is necessary to provide occupational therapy services to the increasing pre-school student population. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K2)

Service	Hours/Week	Dates	Fee	Total Amount
Occupational Therapy	12.5 hours per week	January 4, 2010 to June 30, 2010	\$78.00/hr.	\$22,425.00

4. The approval for a contract through Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide Auxiliary Speech/language-SEMI Qualified Oversight for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$2,928.00.
5. The approval of the agreement between the Greenwich Township School District and SNIIP Link for internet services. The initial service term to begin on **July 1, 2010** and continue through **June 30, 2012**. This service is subject to a 40% discount through the Universal Schools and Libraries E-rate Program. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K3)
6. The approval of the agreement between the Greenwich Township School District and Community School Builder to host and maintain the district’s website and content management system effective **July 1, 2010** through **June 30, 2011**. This service is subject to a 40% discount through the Universal Schools and Libraries E-rate Program. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K4)

Loraine LaPalomato stated that she thought that the district was moving away from SNIIP. **Robert Suessmuth** said that the district had split services that was causing some issues but we went out to bid and SNIIP came in with the best rate. One issue is that we don’t have fiber optics in our area yet so we are somewhat

1 limited in what is available to us. Mr. Suessmuth also stated that we should save
2 some money with a single provider.

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4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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6 Motion: (Worrell/LaPalomto) to approve the following as one, I1& L2:

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8 I. 2008-2009 Audit

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10 1. The acceptance of the Greenwich Township Board of Education
11 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending
12 **June 30, 2009.**
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14 2. Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings, Financial
15 Compliance and Performance.
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17 a. The acceptance of the Auditor's Management Report on
18 Administrative Findings, Financial, Compliance and
19 Performance for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2009.**
20 Further approval is made for the Business Administrator
21 to implement the recommendations as read and distributed
22 to the public at the **January 25, 2010** Regular Meeting per
23 the Corrective Action Plan provided by the Board Secretary
24 and on file with the Business Administrator to be submitted
25 to the County Superintendent of Schools within thirty (30)
26 days of this meeting.

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28 Audit Synopsis (Attachment – EXHIBIT L1)
29 Corrective Action Plan (Attachment – EXHIBIT L2)

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31 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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35 J. School Board Election

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37 1. The approval of the Annual School Board Election dates:
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| 39 | <i>March 1, 2010</i> | <i>Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions</i> |
| 40 | <i>4:00 p.m.</i> | |
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| 42 | <i>March 7, 2010</i> | <i>Last day for candidates to withdraw from election</i> |
| 43 | <i>4:00 p.m.</i> | |
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| 45 | <i>March 10, 2010</i> | <i>Drawing of candidates' names for ballot position</i> |
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April 20, 2010 Annual School Election – Voting Hours 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Nehaunsey Middle School Gymnasium

May 3, 2010 Reorganization Meeting

Fred Reel made a statement that he hopes on the School Election Day, there isn't going to be a Family Fun Night because it does "screw up" the parking. He also stated that he knew what it was for and it is called, "level the playing field." He hopes it doesn't happen again.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. USE OF FACILITIES

Motion: (Worrell/Minniti) to approve the following as one, A-D:

- A. The retroactive approval for the Township of Greenwich to use the Nehaunsey Middle School Gymnasium for an annual reorganization meeting on Monday, **January 4, 2010** from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- B. The retroactive approval for the Child Study Team to use the Nehaunsey Middle School Library for a presentation on Thursday, **January 14, 2010** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- C. The approval for the American Red Cross to conduct a Blood Drive to be held in the Nehaunsey Middle School Gymnasium on Tuesday, **February 23, 2010** from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- D. The approval for Gibbstown Street Hockey to use the Nehaunsey Middle School lobby for photographs on **Thursday, February 11, 2010** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Rain/snow date will be **Thursday February 18, 2010.**)

8. OLD BUSINESS

Fred Reel had a question pertaining to the finance seminar he went to at Williamstown High School. He wanted to know how much we pay for the New Jersey School Boards Association? "Is it over \$7,000.00"? **Scott Campbell** responded that it is roughly that amount for the entire school year. **Mr. Reel** said that he doesn't know if we use them but he would hope we would use them more and that the NJSBA said that when it comes to the salaries for the teachers, that we don't have the power of getting what we want. The NJSBA has a group that will come down and help us out on it. "Do we use our auditor for this"? **Frank Minniti** responded that the auditor does not get involved in that process. **Mr. Reel** then asked if all we had was our committee of three people? **Mr. Minniti** said that we have the committee, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator

1 and the solicitor. **Mr. Reel** feels that we should investigate having the group from
2 the NJSBA at least talk to them. **Mr. Minniti** said that if the committee so
3 chooses to have them there, they can. We do pay them a large sum of money
4 and we also, regretfully, pay them fees when they send someone out and/or do
5 workups, but if the Negotiations Committee feels they need to use them, then we
6 will. **Mr. Reel** stated that when the board was selecting a Superintendent, they
7 sent someone here to make recommendations and they didn't charge for that.
8 **Mr. Minniti** again stated that it is up to the committee as a team if they want to
9 use them.

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11 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

12 None at this time.

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15 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

16 None at this time.

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

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21 **Louis Fabiani** – Representative to Paulsboro School District

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23 **Mr. Fabiani** stated that Superintendent Frank Scambia of the Paulsboro School
24 District mentioned at the last board meeting that the cost for Paulsboro to send
25 students to GCIT is going to be roughly \$78,000.00. **Fred Reel** said that the
26 article in the Gloucester County Times stated that we are going to have to pay
27 \$2,000.00 per student. **James Worrell** responded that the way the article was
28 written, it was made out that we get \$8,000.00 from the state per student (which
29 we don't get that much money). That money goes to GCIT so what it boils down
30 to is that GCIT is going to get \$8,000.00 from the state and \$2,000.00 from us
31 which totals \$10,000.00. **Loraine LaPalomento** asked if we pay if a child
32 decides to go to GCIT? **Mr. Worrell** said that we never paid that before but
33 this is all new. **Ms. LaPalomento** asked again if we have to pay for that? **Frank**
34 **Minniti** said, yes. The state is going to mandate that we have to pay for it,
35 because they can. **Ms. LaPalomento** said that we pay for them to go to
36 Paulsboro so if they choose to go to GCIT, that would be as if they were being
37 sent to a private school. **Scott Campbell** said that is not true because GCIT is a
38 public school. **Mr. Minniti** stated that it was going to come to a point where
39 everyone would have to pay to send their students to GCIT. That was the state's
40 intent.

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

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44 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board
45 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will

1 hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You
2 will be notified either at this meeting, by letter or telephone of any action the
3 Board does take.
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5 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ, stated that he feels that
6 performing arts at a vocational school should not be part of the curriculum. They
7 should be teaching the heroism of our proud nation. He also has a feeling that
8 taxes will be raised this year and he is ok with that. He said he never
9 complains about his taxes.
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11 **Michael Myers**, 163 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ wanted to know where
12 the GCIT tax came from specifically? **Robert Suessmuth** replied that it was the
13 GCIT Board of Education that approved the tuition. **Mr. Myers** stated that the
14 GCIT Board does not vote in this school district and it is not a tax; it is a tuition
15 which would make them a tuition school. So if it is a tuition school, we don't
16 necessarily have to support that as a school board and a town. It is no different
17 than if a parent sends their child to Padua, Bishop Eustace, Gloucester Catholic
18 or any other private school for that matter. If they are charging a "tax" for each
19 student to go there, then it should be up to the parents to pay for it themselves—
20 not the school district.
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22 **Bridget DiGiambattista**, 346 Kirkbride Drive, Gibbstown, NJ stated to Mr. Myers
23 that the next freeholder meeting is on February 3 and that might be an
24 opportunity for him to state his concerns. **Mrs. DiGiambattista** then asked what
25 we pay as a district for our students to go to Paulsboro High School? **Scott**
26 **Campbell** replied that we pay approximately \$11,500.00 per student for regular
27 education. **Mrs. DiGiambattista** then asked for clarification on the tuition for
28 GCIT being \$2,000.00 and **Mr. Campbell** responded that it is \$2,000.00.
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30 **Christine Franklin**, 624 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked why parents
31 wouldn't be allowed to pay for their child to go to GCIT? **Robert Suessmuth**
32 replied that the rationale that they are being given is that GCIT is a county school
33 who receives public money. So it isn't a private school; it is a public school. But
34 now they turn around and are charging a tuition—you can't have it both ways.
35 **Mr. Myers** stated that he guarantees that 10 years from now, we will be paying
36 twenty-five times that amount. **Frank Minniti** stated that that has been their plan
37 all along whether we like it or not.
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39 **Cathy Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked how much it
40 currently costs a year if we have 90 students going to GCIT? **Frank Minniti**
41 replied that other than bussing, it costs nothing. **Mrs. Tortella** than asked that if
42 we had those students come back to attend Paulsboro High School, how much
43 would it cost us? **Scott Campbell** replied that it would cost almost a million
44 dollars.

1 **Nancy Dwyer**, 114 South Market Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked about the 8th
2 grade trip and the fact that the Board will fund up to \$2,500.00 and is that an
3 amount that will possibly be available in the upcoming years now that they will be
4 going back to Washington, D.C.? **Frank Minniti** stated that there is money that
5 is set aside to help in case there was a shortage of funds. We would never deny
6 a class the opportunity to go on a trip because they didn't raise enough money.
7 **Mrs. Dwyer** then asked if there was an instance where Mr. Porreca did raise all
8 the money for the trip? **Mr. Minniti** replied that he has in the past raised enough
9 money for the eighth grade trip. **Robert Suessmuth** then stated that he
10 anticipated the Washington, D.C. trip to cost considerably less than the Hershey
11 Trip.

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13 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ, stated that he takes
14 high school student to Washington, D.C. every year and he doesn't recommend
15 taking the students to the Holocaust Musuem. In his opinion, he feels they will
16 not be able to handle it. **Frank Minniti** said he didn't know the agenda as of
17 yet, but he thanked Mr. Tortella for the feedback.

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19 **Michael Myers** asked what the Universal Schools and Libraries E-Rate? **Scott**
20 **Campbell** replied that it is the federal e-rate program; a government based
21 program where we get a discount on our technology items like cell phones,
22 internet, etc.

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24 **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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26 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
27 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
28 be 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 **January 25, 2010** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public
32 shall be held on **January 25, 2010**, at 8:30 p.m. 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
42 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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44 Motion: (Worrell/Minniti) to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to
45 discuss the following:

1 Personnel
2 Legal

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4 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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6 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to return to the Regular Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

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8 **14. PERSONNEL**

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

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12 K. The retroactive approval for the adjustment in the hourly rate of pay for
13 Darlean Thompson, bus driver, from \$28.07 per hour to \$29.13 per hour
14 effective **January 4, 2010**.

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16 Roll Call Vote:

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18 Fred Reel – Yes
19 Susan Vernacchio – Yes
20 James Worrell – No
21 Frank Minniti – Yes
22 Loraine LaPalomanto – Yes
23 Louis Fabiani – Yes

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25 **15. BUSINESS & FINANCE**

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27 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following resolution:

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29 **RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township Board of Education has
32 expressed a desire to replace the telecommunications system of the school
33 district and;

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35 **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education has made
36 available grant funding through the Regular Operating District Grant (ROD)
37 program for such a project and;

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39 **THEREFORE**, the Greenwich Township Board of Education hereby
40 approves and authorizes that an application should be made to obtain a ROD
41 Grant for the purposes of replacing the telecommunications systems of the
42 Greenwich Township Schools and further authorizes the School Business
43 Administrator to provide any information and process any paperwork necessary
44 to secure such grant.

1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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3 **16. USE OF FACILITIES**
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5 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, E & F:
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7 E. The approval for Gibbstown Little League to use the Nehaunsey Middle
8 School gymnasium on Wednesdays and the Broad Street School
9 gymnasium on Thursdays from **January 27, 2010** through **March 15,**
10 **2010** from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for baseball camp/conditioning.
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12 F. The approval for Gibbstown Little League to use the Nehaunsey Middle
13 School and the Broad Street School gymnasiums on Mondays,
14 Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. from **March 15,**
15 **2010** through **April 15, 2010** for baseball camp/conditioning.
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17 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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19 **17. ADJOURNMENT**
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21 Motion: (Minniti/Worrell) to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.
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24 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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27 Respectfully Submitted,
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31 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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