

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, October 15, 2012** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Roseanne Lombardo
11 Lisa Morina
12 Andrew Chapkowski
13 Louis Fabiani
14 Jason Murschell
15 Jill Trainor
16 Susan Vernacchio

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18 Also present were Mr. Robert Suessmuth, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Scott A.
19 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, 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 **FLAG SALUTE**

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29 **1. MINUTES**

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31 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the minutes:

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33 September 10, 2012 – Regular Meeting
34 September 10, 2012 – Executive Session
35 September 24, 2012 – Strategic Planning Meeting

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37 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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39 **2. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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41 **A. Presentation**

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43 1. Interim Superintendent Robert Suessmuth and President Roseanne
44 Lombardo made a presentation to Jennifer Ellick, Nehaunsey

1 Middle School Principal's Secretary, on her being selected as the
2 Gloucester County Support Person of the Year for 2013.
3 Mrs. Ellick was presented with a certificate.
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- 5 2. Violence and Vandalism Public Hearings (N.J.S.A.18A:17-46 and
6 N.J.A.C.6A:16-5.3(f) – Annually, at a public hearing, all Chief
7 School Administrators and charter school lead persons must report
8 to the Board of Education all acts of violence and vandalism which
9 occurred during the previous school year.
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- 11 • District 2011-2012 Violence & Vandalism Report, Robert
12 Suessmuth, Interim Superintendent (Attachment – EXHIBIT
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- 15 ➤ The floor was opened up for public comment or
16 questions on the Violence and Vandalism
17 Presentation. (There were no public or Board
18 questions at this time.)
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20 Motion: (Morina/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, B-F:
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22 B. Administrative Reports
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- 24 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of September
25 30, 2012. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C1)
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- 27 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of September 30, 2012.
28 (Attachment – EXHIBIT C2)
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- 30 3. 2012-2013 Violence & Vandalism Report as of September 30,
31 2012. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C3)
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- 33 4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of September 30, 2012.
34 (Attachment – EXHIBIT C4)
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36 C. School Nursing Services Plan
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- 38 1. The approval of the Greenwich Township School District School
39 Nursing Services Plan for the 2012-2013 school year. (A copy is
40 available for review in the Superintendent's Office.)
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42 D. Uniform Memorandum of Agreement
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- 44 1. The approval of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement for
45 2012-2013, signed by the Chief School Administrator and law

enforcement official. (A copy is available for review in the Superintendent's Office.)

E. School Safety and Security Plan

- 1. The approval of the Greenwich Township School District's School Safety and Security Plan for the 2012-2013 school year. (A copy is available for review in the Superintendent's Office.)

F. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports

- 1. The acceptance of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports as follows: (Attachment – EXHIBITS D1 & D2)

| School | Date | Time | Location | Bus Route Numbers |
|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|--|
| Broad Street | 9/18/12 | 9:00 a.m. | Bus Platform | GR01, GR02, GR04, GR05, GR06, GPS1, GPS2 |
| Nehaunsey | 9/19/12 | 1:30 p.m. | Bus Platform | GRN1, GRN2, GRN3, GRN4, GRN5 |

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. THE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. The approval of the *revised* Greenwich Township School District Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)
- B. The *retroactive* approval to amend the salary of Alanna Schell, Teacher, to \$56,594.00 (Step 9, MA) from \$55,907.00 (Step 9, BA+30) prorated for the 2012-2013 school year effective October 1, 2012.
- C. The *retroactive* approval for FMLA/medical leave of absence for Michael Frampton, Custodial/Maintenance from October 1, 2012 through December 21, 2012. Mr. Frampton will be using accumulated sick leave during this period.
- D. DEAC/SIP Committees

- 1 1. The approval of the following committees for the 2012-2013 school
2 year: District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) and the
3 School Improvement Panel Committee (SIP).
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5 E. Field Experience Students
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- 7 1. The *retroactive* approval for the following student from Rowan
8 University to conduct her special education field experience at
9 Broad Street School for a period of 20 hours beginning October 1,
10 2012.

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Cooperating Teacher</u> |
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| Desiree Wolford | Kathy Seacrist |

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15 *Jason Murschell* said in item D, there were staff involved. He would like to
16 know if that is voluntary or is there any kind of cost involved? **Robert**
17 **Suessmuth** said it is voluntary. **Mr. Muschell** then asked if there were “targeted
18 individuals” for that? **Mr. Suessmuth** said there are people who have
19 volunteered to serve on that committee but he hasn’t named a committee yet.
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21 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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23 **4. POLICY/REGULATION**

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25 Motion: (Chapkowski/Fabiani) to approve the following:
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27 A. Policy 2415.04 – Title I – District-Wide Parental Involvement
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- 29 1. The approval of the evaluation of Greenwich Township School
30 District’s Policy 2415.04 – Title I District-Wide Parental Involvement
31 for the 2012-2013 school year.
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33 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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35 **5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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37 A. Presentation: 2011-2012 NJ ASK Testing Report
38 Presenter: Alisa Whitcraft, Principal/Curriculum Supervisor
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40 The public had an opportunity to ask questions and discussions followed.
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42 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, B-F:
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B. Out-of-District Placement

1. The *retroactive* approval of the following special education private school placement for the 2012-2013 school year (this is a non-budgeted item):

| Student #ODP | Program | Tuition |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 2012-13 | Bankbridge Regional | \$32,310.00 |

- C. The approval to contract with Leonard Educational and Psychological Services to complete an independent evaluation on student #2012-14. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F1)

- D. The approval of the *revised* contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for increased physical therapy services from \$14,400.00 to \$19,520.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F2)

- E. The approval for a contract with Brett DiNovi and Associates to provide in-service instruction to special education staff on Applied Behavioral Analysis for a fee of \$625.00. This will be funded through the 2013 IDEA Grant. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F3)

F. Workshops

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

| Name | Workshop Title/Location/Date | Cost |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| William Houghton | Understanding the Operations/Maintenance Buildings LEED Rating System Adapted for K-12 Existing Buildings EIRC – Mullica Hill, NJ 10/2/12 – 10/3/12 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | \$-0- Plus Mileage |
| Daniel Giorgianni Katie Eckert | School Climate Improvement (HIB) Information Voorhees, NJ 10/9/12 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | \$-0- Plus Mileage |

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

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| Name | Workshop Title/Location/Date | Cost |
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| Angela Addeo Jennifer Ellick Toshia Kersey | Gloucester County Association of Educational Office Professionals Fall Workshop Meeting – School Law Deptford, NJ 10/25/12 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | \$25.00 each |
| Rabecca Cotton | Implementing the Common Core Standards in Math Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ 11/13/12 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | \$125.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute |
| Andrew Mettler | Implementing the Common Core For Algebra Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ 11/27/12 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | \$125.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute |
| Patricia Seiner Nora Traum | Implementing the Common Core (Instructional Strategies/Review of NJDOE Graded 6, 7, 8) Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ 12/18/12 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | \$125.00 each Plus Mileage Plus Substitute |
| Nicole McGann | Meet the Rigorous Common Core State Standards for Writing Cherry Hill, NJ 12/19/12 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. | \$225.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute |

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Lisa Morina asked if Item C, Leonard Educational & Psychological Services is a one-time service? *Robert Suessmuth* said it is the parent’s legal right to have an independent evaluation done on their child instead of someone from the school.

Louis Fabiani asked about the workshop, “School Climate Improvement” in Item F that Daniel Giorgianni attended and if it pertained to bullying? *Mr. Suessmuth* responded that it did pertain to bullying.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. BUDGET & FINANCE

Motion: (Morina/Trainor) to approve the following as one, A-D:

A. Contracts

1. The *retroactive* approval of the Indemnity and Trust Renewal Agreement between the Greenwich Township School District and

- 1 the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (EIRC
2 South) for a three-year period from July 1, 2012 through July 1,
3 2015. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G1)
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- 5 2. The approval of the 2012-2013 tuition contract with the Paulsboro
6 School District. The net amount of tuition is \$1,431,993.00. This
7 includes regular and special education placements as per the
8 attached. Also, permission is granted for the Board President and
9 Business Administrator to execute the corresponding contracts.
10 (Attachment – EXHIBIT G2)
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- 12 3. The approval of the agreement between the Greenwich Township
13 Board of Education and the Paulsboro Board of Education for
14 One-on-One Classroom Aide services for student #G2012-01 for
15 the 2012-2013 school year at a salary rate of \$37,063.93 including
16 all related medical benefits and all related costs. This is a
17 budgeted item. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G3)
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- 19 4. The approval of the agreement between the Greenwich Township
20 Board of Education and the Paulsboro Board of Education for
21 Special Education One-on-One Classroom Aide services for
22 student #G2012-02 for the 2012-2013 school year at a salary rate
23 of \$34,937.83 including all related medical benefits and all related
24 costs. This is a non-budgeted item. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G4)
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- 26 5. The approval of the tuition contract agreement between the
27 Greenwich Township School District and Gloucester County
28 Vocational Technical School District for the 2012-2013 school year
29 (total of 97 students). (Attachment – EXHIBIT G5)
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- 31 6. The approval of the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement
32 between the Greenwich Township School District and the
33 Gloucester County Special Services School District for the 2012-
34 2013 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G6)
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- 36 7. The approval of the Non-Public Services Agreement for Chapters
37 192/193 between the Gloucester County Special Services School
38 District and the Greenwich Township Board of Education for the
39 2012-2013 school year as per the attached. (Attachment –
40 EXHIBIT G7)
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- 42 8. The approval of the Chapter 226 Non-Public Nursing Services
43 Agreement between Greenwich Township Board of Education and
44 Gloucester County Special Services School District for the 2012-

1 2013 school year as per the attached resolution. (Attachment –
2 EXHIBIT G8)
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4 9. The approval of the Agreement to Provide Additional Remedial
5 Serviced for Non-Public I.D.E.A. Students between Greenwich
6 Township Board of Education and Gloucester County Special
7 Services School District for the 2012-2013 school year as per the
8 attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G9)
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10 10. The approval of the contract between Paul’s Commodity Hauling,
11 Inc. and the Greenwich Township School District for the 2012-2013
12 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G10)
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14 B. Archway Settlement
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16 1. The approval of the settlement with Archway Programs in the
17 amount of \$3,001.53.
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19 C. Maximum Capital Reserve Statement
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21 1. The acceptance of the Maximum Capital Reserve Statement. The
22 Greenwich Township Public Schools have over 41 projects
23 identified in its Five-Year Long-Range Facility Plan that have not
24 been identified or advanced. The projects have an estimated total
25 cost over the five-year period of \$8,643,500.00. It is estimated that
26 the district may be eligible for State Debt service or EDA grant
27 funds for these projects in the amount of \$3,457,400.00.
28 Accordingly, the estimated local share of these projects is
29 \$5,186,100.00. The local share amount of \$5,186,100.00
30 represents the maximum amount the Greenwich Township Public
31 Schools may deposit in its capital reserve fund for the 2012-2013
32 school year.
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34 D. The approval for the following Board of Education Members to attend the
35 New Jersey School Boards Annual Workshop.
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| Name | Workshop Title/Location/Date | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| Roseanne Lombardo Lisa Morina Susan Vernacchio Louis Fabiani | New Jersey School Boards Annual Workshop Atlantic City, NJ 10/23/12 – 10/25/12 | \$900.00 For Lodging Plus Mileage |

37 Note: Members Roseanne Lombardo, Lisa Morina and Susan Vernacchio will be
38 participating in their respective Mandatory Training Class as required by the NJSBA.
39 Louis Fabiani will be attending the workshop on a daily basis and has fulfilled his training
40 class requirement for this year.
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1 **Susan Vernacchio** wanted it noted that we have 97 students going to GCIT and
2 the amount of tuition we are paying to Paulsboro High School is for 103 students.
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4 **Lisa Morina** asked about Item B, Archway Settlement. **Robert Suessmuth** said
5 between the years of 1994 to 1999, auditors went back and determined that
6 Archway overcharged school districts during that time period for their services.
7 To his knowledge, we had one student attending there during those years so
8 Archway is offering a settlement of \$3,001.53. Scott Campbell spoke to the
9 solicitors about it and they had no problem with the settlement offer.
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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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13 **7. REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD**
14 **SECRETARY**
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16 Motion: (Trainor/Chapkowski) to approve the following as one, A-G:
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18 A. Bills Lists
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- 20 1. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the following
21 amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT H1)
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| Number | Amount |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| P011 | \$238,988.75 |
| P012 | \$18,214.69 |
| P013 | \$4,469.48 |
| P014 | \$201,209.08 |
| P015 | \$114,244.09 |
| P016A | \$28,409.61 |
| P016B | \$238,359.46 |
| P017 | \$114,244.09 |
| P018 | \$275,899.39 |
| TOTAL | \$1,234,038.64 |

- 23 2. The approval that the following checks be voided. (Attachment –
24 EXHIBIT H2)
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| Check# | Vendor | Amount |
|--------|---------------------|------------|
| 13033 | Security Connection | \$225.00 |
| 13059 | Security Connection | \$52.00 |
| 13233 | Source4Teachers | \$4,192.48 |

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B. Student Activities Account

1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the month of September 2012. (Attachment – EXHIBIT I)

C. Board Secretary’s Report

1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary’s Report in accordance with *18A:17-36* and *18A:17-9* for the month of August 2012. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10(c)3* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT J)

D. 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 July 2012 and August 2012. The Treasurer’s Report and Secretary’s Report are in agreement for the months of July 2012 and August 2012. (Attachments – EXHIBIT K1 and K2)

E. Revenue Certification

1. The Board Secretary in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10(c)2* certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

F. Board of Education Certification

1. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10(c)4*, we certify that after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10(b)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

G. Transfer List

1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of August 2012 to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT L)

1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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3 **Lisa Morina** asked if the bills list #P14 for legal services from Trimble & Armano
4 was related to the personal item discussed over the summer? **Scott Campbell**
5 answered that it was and also to the Wenonah matter and an insurance item.
6 **Mrs. Morina** then asked on that same bills list, about the checks for the
7 Township of Greenwich for electrical work and if it was for the **new** work that was
8 being done? **Mr. Campbell** responded that it was.
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10 **8. REGULATORY**

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12 Motion: (Chapkowski/Morina) to approve the following as one, A1-A8)

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14 A. Use of Facilities

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16 1. The *retroactive* approval for the Greenwich Township PTA to use
17 the Broad Street School Auditorium for a Book Fair/Game Night on
18 Tuesday, October 2, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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20 2. The *retroactive* approval for Gibbstown Street Hockey to use the
21 Nehaunsey Middle School lobby for hockey sign-ups on the
22 following dates and times:

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24 Thursday, October 11, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
25 Friday, October 12, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
26 Thursday, October 18, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
27 Friday, October 19, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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29 3. The approval for Gibbstown Girls' Basketball to use the Nehaunsey
30 Middle School lobby for sign-ups on the following dates and times:

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32 Monday, October 22, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
33 Wednesday, October 24, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
34 Monday, October 29, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
35 Thursday, November 1, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
36 Monday, November 12, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
37 Wednesday, November 14, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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39 4. The approval for Gibbstown Girls' Basketball to use the Broad
40 Street School Gymnasium on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00
41 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting Monday, November 26, 2012 through
42 Monday, March 25, 2013 and the Nehaunsey Middle School
43 Gymnasium on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting
44 November 28, 2012 through March 27, 2013.
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- 1 5. The approval for Family Fitness Night to be held on Wednesday,
2 October 24, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Broad Street
3 School gymnasium. (Alternate Date: Thursday, October 25, 2012)
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5 6. The approval for the Greenwich Township Recreation Committee to
6 use the Broad Street School Gymnasium for a Halloween
7 parade/party for Gibbstown residents on Friday, October 26, 2012
8 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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10 7. The approval for the Gloucester County EMS to present the
11 American Heart Association's CPR/AED Certification Class on
12 Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at
13 Nehausen Middle School. Seven (7) Greenwich Township staff
14 will attend at a cost of \$25.00 per person. (Sharon Gomez-
15 Salvatore, Vanessa Gottesfeld, Alisa Whitcraft, Janet Shivers,
16 Carlyn McCabe, Megan Sizemore, Stephania Tomazewski) Each
17 staff member will be a delegate to administer epinephrine to
18 students with severe allergies. Certification is done every two (2)
19 years. (CPR/AED certified and to remain on EpiPen Delegate List
20 from 2011-2012 school year: Steve Wehrle, Sandi Nastase, Stacy
21 Podolski, Kate Tortella and Jason Godfrey.)
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23 8. The approval for the Gibbstown Youth Football team to use the
24 Broad Street School gymnasium on Friday, October 19, 2012 for a
25 Youth Football pep rally from 4:00 p.m. until 9:45 p.m.
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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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29 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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31 ***Lisa Morina** thanked those who attended the first Strategic Planning Meeting
32 held on September 24. Minutes were distributed to everyone who attended and
33 they should be on the website. She wanted to let everyone know that the next
34 meeting will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012. The focus will be on
35 "Expectations for the Future". She is asking to think about the following question
36 and to come prepared to discuss it in groups: "If we were having this discussion
37 three years from today and you reflected over those years, what would have to
38 happen in the Greenwich Township School District for you to feel happy with the
39 progress that's been made?"*

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41 ***Andrew Chapkowski** asked if there was any progress on recouping some of the
42 money for the improper electrical work that was done for the school district? He
43 knows it was discussed but didn't know if it was followed up. **Scott Campbell**
44 said he did speak with Robert Schoch, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds for the
45 township and he too was extremely dissatisfied with the electrical work that was*

1 done for the township and they no longer use that gentleman. **Mr. Schoch** told
2 Mr. Campbell that he would convey their discussion to Mayor Shivery and we
3 hope to hear back from him but he is pretty certain that there would be nothing
4 that can be done; we basically are going to pay twice.

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6 **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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8 **Jill Trainor**, chairperson of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee, met on
9 September 26 with herself, Roseanne Lombardo, Andrew Chapkowski and Alisa
10 Whitcraft in attendance. The topics discussed were working with Paulsboro to
11 implement a STEM Program with Rowan University and review of test scores
12 which Mrs. Whitcraft shared with us tonight.

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14 **Susan Vernacchio**, chairperson of Policy Committee, met this evening with
15 herself, Andrew Chapkowski and Interim Superintendent Robert Suessmuth in
16 attendance. They discussed the few policies that were tabled in previous
17 meetings. Everything will be in the packet for the next board meeting.

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19 **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

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21 None at this time.

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23 **12. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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31 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ feels there is a problem
32 because more than half of our kids are not going to Paulsboro. He asked
33 Andrew Chapkowski, Paulsboro High School Board Representative, if Paulsboro
34 has attempted to address this situation? **Mr. Chapkowski** said just last month
35 they formed a Public Relations Committee with members of the community,
36 teachers and board members. **Mr. Tortella** asked if they realize that this is an
37 issue? **Mr. Chapkowski** said they do realize they have a serious problem. He
38 also said they like the idea that our Board has brought up to them about having
39 Rowan University step in and re-vamp their program for our students and their
40 students to guarantee admission to Rowan University if they decide to adopt the
41 STEM Program. **Mr. Tortella** wanted to know if that is going to address our kids
42 going to Paulsboro? **Mr. Chapkowski** said we can't force students to go to one
43 school or another. **Roseanne Lombardo** said she is on that committee at
44 Paulsboro and they are having an Open House and have passed out flyers to
45 entice people to come out and see what Paulsboro High School is all about.

1 **Louis Fabiani** said as the former Paulsboro Board Representative, the district is
2 very dedicated to the education of their students and they do have an award
3 ceremony for the kids. They are generally doing the best that they can for the
4 students. **Mr. Tortella** said there are a lot of kids that don't go there anymore
5 and they need someone here in September to talk up Paulsboro. **Scott**
6 **Campbell** said a while back he spoke with the administrators there and told them
7 they should start doing something about the fact that there was a drop in
8 students going to Paulsboro but they didn't believe there was a problem. He also
9 wanted Mr. Tortella to know that by not sending our students to Paulsboro, our
10 district is potentially saving roughly \$1.1 million. **Mr. Tortella** jokingly said to
11 forget everything he just said. **Alisa Whitcraft** said at their last curriculum
12 meeting, this very topic was discussed and she feels it is a Paulsboro issue; not
13 a Gibbstown issue. **Mrs. Whitcraft** said she gave a lot of suggestions to Mrs.
14 Lombardo who in turn gave them to Paulsboro Principal Paul Morina. She is
15 confident that if we work together with Paulsboro and get some timely
16 information, the kids will make a decision not just a fall-back. **Mrs. Whitcraft** did
17 say that our job at Nehaunsey Middle School is not to promote high schools. We
18 don't choose Paulsboro over GCIT or Gloucester Catholic. It is a parents'
19 decision and will always be a parents' decision. It is Paulsboro's job to promote
20 their high school. **Mrs. Lombardo** said that Paulsboro is a school of choice and
21 they have been reaching out to Logan Township for students to come in to
22 relieve the overcrowding at Kingsway and to have smaller class sizes at
23 Paulsboro. She said they have to get the word out for people to come to the
24 open house so they can make an educated decision.

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26 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ said there must be a reason
27 why parents don't want to send their kids to Paulsboro but he is not hearing
28 those reasons. **Mrs. Lombardo** said there are a lot of reasons and people can
29 say what they want but she has two children; one who has already graduated
30 and one who is attending now. She said they received an excellent education. It
31 is a very diverse school with small class sizes. **Mr. Lucas** said people in the
32 public seem to cherish diversity but from his observation people have a tendency
33 to segregate themselves and maybe that is what's going on. **Mr. Lucas** asked
34 why we have so many special education students in Gibbstown? **Robert**
35 **Suessmuth** said in his "humble" opinion, if you go back and match up the
36 number of rental units in Gibbstown, you may see a correlation. **Scott Campbell**
37 said at the end of June, we had 21 directed certified students for free breakfast
38 and lunch; now we have 85. **Mr. Lucas** asked how that happened to which **Mr.**
39 **Campbell** answered that it is a different socio-economic situation in four months'
40 time. **Mr. Lucas** asked if we are becoming a lower income community? **Mrs.**
41 **Morina** said if you look at the census, you can see the income levels in this town
42 have gone down. **Susan Vernacchio** said that Pitman is experiencing the same
43 thing.
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1 **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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3 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
4 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
5 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.
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7 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
8 **October 15, 2012** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
9 public shall be held on **October 15, 2012** at **8:22 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle
10 School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New
11 Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by
12 **Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)** to be discussed in closed
13 session.
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- 15 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 16 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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18 It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the
19 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
20 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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22 Motion: (Chapkowski/Morina) to enter into Executive Session at
23 8:22 p.m. to discuss the following:
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- 25 • Personnel
- 26 • Legal

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28 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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30 Motion: (Lombardo/Fabiani) to return from Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.
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32 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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34 **14. PERSONNEL**

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36 Motion: (Morina/Fabiani) to approve the following:
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- 38 A. The approval to deny Kathy Seacrist tuition reimbursement for the course,
39 "Communication Skills for Students with Disabilities". The rationale for this
40 denial is the Voluntary Agreement Memo of March 19, 2012.
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42 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Trainor/Fabiani) to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary