

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Patrick Lani, Jr. at 7:04 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Patrick Lani, Jr.
11 Frederick Reel
12 Louis Fabiani
13 Robyn Glocker Hammond (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)
14 Loraine LaPalomento
15 Frank Minniti
16 Michael Myers

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18 Also present were Mr. Robert Suessmuth, Interim Superintendent and 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 **Gloucester County Times**, **Courier Post** and the **Township Clerk**. It
23 was also posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Videotaping
24 Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped and anyone
25 wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.”)

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27 Flag Salute

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29 **1. PRESENTATION**

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31 A. **Gloucester County Teacher Recognition**

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33 Presenter: Mr. Robert Suessmuth, Interim Superintendent

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35 Acknowledgement was made to the recipients of the 2008-2009 Gloucester
36 County Teacher of the Year Recognition Program. Recipients this year were:

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38 **Alanna Schell - Broad Street School**
39 **Stephania Tomaszewski - Nehaunsey Middle School**

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41 **A short break followed the presentation for refreshments and to give the public
42 the opportunity to offer congratulations to the recipients.**

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44 The Board resumed business at 7:25 p.m.

1 **Robert Suessmuth read a letter from the Executive County Superintendent
2 directing the Board to make adjustments in its initial submitted budget.**
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4 2. **MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL BUDGET**

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6 Motion: (Fabiani/Minniti) to open the public hearing portion of the
7 meeting to present the 2009-2010 proposed budget
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9 A. The 2009-2010 Budget Presentation was made by Scott A. Campbell,
10 School Business Administrator. (Presentation attached)
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12 **Fred Reel** asked why the taxes are going up if we saved over \$500,000.00 in the
13 budget? **Scott Campbell** responded that taxes are going up by 9.86 cents
14 because the ratables have gone down by almost \$20 million. If the ratables had
15 not gone down, the increase would have only been about 5.5 cents. We also
16 decreased our spending in different programs and different responsibilities in
17 other programs. **Robert Suessmuth** also replied that we reduced administrative
18 costs, non-mandated staff, capitol projects budget and pension contributions.
19 That totaled the \$500,000.00. **Mr. Reel** wanted to know if the County
20 Superintendent “twisted our arm on this”? **Mr. Suessmuth** said that we were
21 directed very specifically to reduce those items and we did accordingly and
22 saved over \$500,000.00. **Michael Myers** stated that he wanted to hire a full-time
23 Superintendent to replace Dr. Marteski but the County Superintendent does not
24 want us to do that. We have reduced our per-student costs by taking away one
25 position and doubling up on the principal’s position but as a taxpayer in this
26 district, he feels that this process, by the County, is trying to put our K-8 district
27 out of business and he is micro-managing the school district by forcing us to do
28 something that we don’t want to do. **Patrick Lani** asked about the \$125,000.00
29 and what category that came under? **Mr. Campbell** stated that it is for the
30 Superintendent salary and it was originally \$126,500.00 but was reduced to
31 \$101,500.00 in the budget. He also stated that **Mr. Suessmuth** is here until June
32 30, 2009 and if you opt to keep him another year, you only have \$101,500.00 to
33 use and cannot put another penny into that account. **Mr. Lani** then asked if we
34 only used \$75,000.00 of the \$101,500.00 for the Superintendent, can the savings
35 of \$25,000.00 could be used to save one of the aides’ positions? **Mr. Campbell**
36 replied, “No, because the eliminations of those positions were non-mandated
37 positions”. **Mr. Lani** then asked if that was a directive or a recommendation?
38 **Mr. Suessmuth** said it was a “directive” from the County Superintendent in his
39 March 9, 2009 letter to the Board. **Frank Minniti** asked Mr. Suessmuth in his
40 opinion, if the Board didn’t cut those positions, could the County Superintendent
41 have cut them? **Mr. Suessmuth** replied, “yes”. **Mr. Suessmuth** also talked
42 about the appeal process. He stated that the appeal process states as follows,
43 “any action the County Superintendent takes can be appealed to the
44 Commissioner who shall render a decision within fifteen (15) days of receipt of
45 the appeal.” So we can appeal it and the Commissioner has 15 days to act. “If

1 the Commissioner fails to issue a decision in 15 days, the budgetary action of the
2 Executive County Superintendent is approved". **Mr. Campbell** commented that
3 what **Mr. Suessmuth** just said is per the new fiscal accountability laws for school
4 districts that were enacted a few months ago.

5 **Louis Fabiani** commented on the Alternate Toilet Room Facilities and how we
6 need to employ non-instructional aides for those positions. He said he will have
7 to vote no to the budget because he feels we will not be in compliance with the
8 state if we eliminate those positions. **Mr. Suessmuth** corrected **Mr. Fabiani** in
9 that the positions being eliminated are the non-mandated classroom
10 Kindergarten aides, not the non-instructional aide that works with the
11 Kindergarten for facilities use.

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13 B. Discussion open to the public.

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15 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ commented that he agrees with
16 **Mr. Myers** in that the state focuses on the 5% of budget which is the
17 administrative costs. He claims it is all "preparatory propaganda" for what they
18 want us to do and that is to merge the school districts. He also stated that he
19 disagrees with **Mr. Suessmuth** when he said that the economy is why we got
20 "flat aid". There were other years where the economy was good and we still got
21 "flat aid".

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23 **James Sorbello**, 26 North Poplar Street, Gibbstown, NJ commented on the
24 capital outlay projects. He asked if the Board has any plans to move forward with
25 those projects? **Mr. Suessmuth** stated that the money still exists and will have
26 to be used by June 30 but the Board is still waiting on the bids.

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28 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked what the money
29 that is in this year's budget for repairs—what is that for? **Mr. Lani** replied that the
30 Board applied for grant money for the chimney project, water lines and 2 other
31 projects at Broad Street School. **Mr. Tortella** only wanted to be sure that we
32 applied for the grant money.

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34 **Susan Vernacchio**, 224 Phyllis Drive, Gibbstown, NJ asked about the
35 Superintendent position and did the County Superintendent give any direction as
36 to whether he wants us to go with shared services or an Interim Superintendent
37 and what does the law state that we have to have in this building as the Chief
38 Operating Official? **Mr. Myers** replied that the County Superintendent wants us
39 to continue to reduce administrative costs in our school by sharing services with
40 other districts whenever we can. We would prefer to stay in our own district.

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42 **Cathy Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ said that in the fall of
43 2008, the County Superintendent sent a letter to the Board recommending that
44 they go with an Interim Superintendent. She wanted to know if the Board agreed
45 with that or were they directed to do that or was the County Superintendent

1 looking to the future knowing we have to cut some of the administrative costs?
2 **Mr. Myers** replied that we absolutely have to have a Superintendent to be a
3 school district. He did not direct us to have an interim but we picked an interim to
4 meet the criteria in a timely manner. **Mrs. Tortella** then asked if we had picked a
5 \$140,000.00 Superintendent, would we have been forced to cut more staff
6 because of the expense? **Mr. Myers** replied that if we had submitted
7 \$140,000.00 for a Superintendent, the County Superintendent would not have
8 approved it and sent it back. **Mrs. Tortella** asked if the County Superintendent
9 would have approved a \$125,000.00 Superintendent? **Mr. Myers** replied that he
10 believes he would not have approved it.

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12 **James Sorbello** asked if the Board was actively looking for a full-time
13 replacement since the time when they hired **Mr. Suessmuth** as an interim? **Mr.**
14 **Lani** responded that it had only been a couple of months and we didn't know how
15 much money we have to work with. We now know it is \$102,000.00. **Mr.**
16 **Sorbello** asked if the Board was going to start looking for a full-time
17 superintendent after this meeting? **Mr. Lani** responded that they were not and
18 also stated that there is an election coming up and we shouldn't do anything until
19 the new board is settled and wait and see what they want to do. **Mr. Sorbello**
20 again asked if the budget gets approved, will the Board move forward to hire a
21 full-time Superintendent? **Robyn Glocker Hammond** said yes as did **Loraine**
22 **LaPalomente** and **Michael Myers**. **Frank Minniti** stated it should be our first
23 priority. **Mr. Sorbello** said he had not heard from the other board members. **Mr.**
24 **Fabiani** stated, "no", he does not want to look for a full-time superintendent. **Mr.**
25 **Reel** did not have an opinion on the subject and **Mr. Lani** said "I would have to
26 consider other options but if that's the best option, then fine."
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28 **3. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

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30 Motion: (Minniti/Glocker Hammond) to close the public hearing:

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32 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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34 **4. MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL BUDGET**

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36 Motion: (Minniti/LaPalomente) to approve the following resolution:

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38 A. The approval of the following resolution:

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a school district budget for the
41 fiscal year 2009-2010 for submission to the voters and the Gloucester
42 County Superintendent of Schools as follows:
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
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3	Total General Fund	\$9,394,424
4	Total Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u>
5	Totals	\$11,345,274
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7 Roll Call Vote

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9 Louis Fabiani – No
10 Robyn Glocker Hammond – Yes
11 Loraine LaPalomente – Yes
12 Frank Minniti – Yes
13 Michael Myers – Yes
14 Patrick Lani, Jr. – No
15 Frederick Reel – No

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17 Motion passes 4 yes's to 3 no's.

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19 **5. MINUTES**

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21 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Minniti) to approve the minutes:

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23 February 23, 2009 – Regular Meeting
24 February 23, 2009 – Executive Session

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26 **Fred Reel** asked whether the Executive Session was audiotaped and if we have
27 a record of them? **Robert Suessmuth** responded that we do not audio tape the
28 Executive Session and the minutes are a record of the meeting.

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30 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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32 **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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34 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Minniti) to approve the following as one, A-C:

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36 A. Administrative Reports

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38 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of February
39 28, 2009. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)
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41 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of February 28, 2009.
42 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)
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44 3. 2008-2009 Violence & Vandalism Report as of February 28, 2009.
45 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)

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4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of February 28, 2009.
(Attachment – EXHIBIT B4)

B. District Policies/Regulations

1. The approval of the following new/revised district policies/regulations on **second** reading:

Policy 2428.1	Standards-Based Instruction Priorities (<i>New</i>)
Policy/Regulation 5320	Immunization (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 5331	Management of Life Threatening Allergies in Schools (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 5512.01	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 5512	Reporting Procedure Hazing and/or Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 8311	Managing Electronic Mail (<i>New</i>)
Regulation 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (<i>New</i>)

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2. The approval that the following Policies and Regulations be abolished:

Policy 0147	Board Member Travel Expenses
Policy 0147 A	Board Member Travel Expenses
Policy 0147.1	Board Member Compensation and Expenses
Policy 2460.5	Special Education-Participation in Statewide Testing
Policy 2460.10	Special Education-Maintenance, Access to and Confidentiality of Pupil Records
Policy 2460.14	Special Education/In-service Training
Policy 3440	Travel Expenses
Policy 3440.1	Job Expenses
Policy 4440	Travel Expenses
Policy 4440.1	Job Expenses

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3. The approval of the following new/revised *special education* district policies/regulations on **first** reading:

Policy/Regulation 2460	Special Education (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 2460.1	Special Education-Location, Identification and Referral (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 2460.8	Special Education-Free and Appropriate Public Education (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 2460.9	Special Education-Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs (<i>Revised</i>)

Regulation 2460.16	Special Education-Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Pupils <i>(New)</i>
Policy 2467	Special Education-Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents <i>(Revised)</i>

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4. The approval of the following new/revised district policies/regulations on **first** reading:

Policy 0142.1	Nepotism (Revised)
Policy 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator (Revised)
Policy 1620	Administrative Employment Contracts (Revised)
Policy 6423	Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, meals and Refreshments (Revised)
Policy 6470	Payment of Claims, (Revised)
Policy/Regulation 6471	School District Travel (New)
Policy 6510	Payroll Authorization (Revised)
Policy 6830	Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Revised)
Policy 6832	Conditions of Receiving State Aid (New)
Regulation 7410.01	Facilities Maintenance, Repair Scheduling and Accounting (Revised)
Policy 9120	Public Relations Program (Revised)

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C. School Calendar

1. The approval of the proposed Greenwich Township School District calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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7. PERSONNEL

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Motion: (Myers/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following as one, A-C:

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- A. The retroactive approval for the appointment of the following staff member as a mentor teacher for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years to be compensated as per the BOE/GTEA Agreement, Article XII, Section B, 4(a) effective March 23, 2009.

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Staff Member/Grade Level

Mentor Teacher

Nicole McGann (Nehaunsey)

Sharon Gomez-Salvatore

1 B. The approval for the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers for
 2 the 2008-2009 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up to and
 3 including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to \$75.00 a
 4 day.

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 6 Allison Bills Steven Cooke Tina Cooke
 7 Joseph Martino Erica Scott

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 9 C. The approval for payment of tuition reimbursement for Kathy Seacrist,
 10 Teacher, for two courses to be taken at Rowan University (Summer 2009),
 11 Clinical Seminar in Special Education and Teaching Reading to
 12 Exceptional Children for amounts not to exceed the current NJ State
 13 college tuition rate pending completion/verification of required
 14 documentation as per Article XII, Section I of the GTEA/Board Agreement.

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 16 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 18 **8. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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 20 Motion: (Minniti/LaPalomanto) to approve the following:

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 22 A. Field Trips

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 24 1. The approval of the Request for Educational Trip/Transportation for
 25 the following:
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GRADE AND/OR GROUP	DESTINATION/TIME	DATE	ESTIMATED RELATED COST	ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COST	TOTAL
Kindergarten	Cape May Zoo Cape May, NJ 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	5/14/09	Bus Parking \$120.00 Zoo Donation \$25.00	Driver: \$290.00 Lunch: \$ 16.00	\$451.00
8 th Grade NJHS	Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia, PA 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	5/20/09	Substitute (2) \$150.00	Driver: \$156.00 Tolls: \$ 6.00	\$312.00
Pre-School	Cape May Zoo Cape May, NJ 9:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.	5/29/09	Bus Parking \$60.00 Zoo Donation \$25.00	Driver: \$174.00 Lunch: \$ 16.00 (Driver & Aide)	\$275.00

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 28 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 30 Motion: (LaPalomanto/Minniti) to approve the following as one B1-B2:

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 32 B. Workshops
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1. The retroactive approval for the following individual to attend out-of-district workshop:

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Janet Jachimowicz-Geary	West Jersey Reading Council Spring Meeting & Seminar Burlington County Institute of Technology 3/25/09 3:45 p.m.	\$40.00 Plus Mileage

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

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION DATE	COST
Daniel Giorgianni	Using the Response to Intervention Model for Disruptive and Difficult Student Behavior (K-12) The Mansion on Main Street Cherry Hill, NJ 5/26/09 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.	\$199.00 Plus Mileage
Angela Addeo Gina Casella Toshia Kersey Suzanne Lavin Regina Minniti Debra Truhan	Gloucester County Association of Educational Office Professionals Spring Workshop Meeting Swedesboro, NJ 4/23/09 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	\$25.00 each
Angela Addeo	Regional Training for Matrix Report And Online Applications Stockton College Pomona, NJ 4/24/09 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	\$0- Plus Mileage

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Reel/Minniti) to approve the following:

C. Grants

1. The approval to accept the Greenwich Township School District No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant Award for the fiscal year 2009 as listed below:

PROGRAM NAME	REPORT NUMBER	FY2009 ALLOCATION AMOUNT
NCLB Consolidated	NCLB 183009	
Title I, Part A		\$53,537.00
Title II, Part A		\$22,234.00
Title II, Part D		\$448.00
Title IV		\$1,583.00
Total Allocation		\$77,802.00

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4 Motion: (LaPalomente/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following as one,
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7 D. Contracted Services

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9 1. The approval to participate with Gloucester County Audio Visual
10 Aids Commission during the 2009-2010 school year at an
11 assessment of \$4.10 per pupil with no increase from 2008-2009.

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13 E. Summer Programs

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15 1. The approval of the following Summer Programs to be held June
16 29, 2009 through July 30, 2009 (four-day week, Monday through
17 Thursday, 20 day total).
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19 a. Multiply Disabled – 2009 Extended School Year Program
20 b. Pre-School Disabled – 2009 Extended School Year Program
21 c. 2009 Summer Fast ForWord Program

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23 F. Tuition Students

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25 1. The approval to accept a tuition student (#2008-24) from the South
26 Harrison School District into the Multiple Disabled class at Broad
27 Street School beginning in April and for the remainder of the 2008-
28 2009 school year at a prorated tuition rate of \$27,536.00.
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30 2. The approval for a South Harrison School District special education
31 student (#2008-24) to attend the Greenwich Township School
32 District 2009 extended year program from June 29, 2009 through
33 July 30, 2009 at a tuition rate to be determined.
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35 3. The approval for a South Harrison School District special education
36 student (#2008-25) to attend the Greenwich Township School

District 2009 extended year program from June 29, 2009 through July 30, 2009 at a tuition rate to be determined.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. BUSINESS & FINANCE

Motion: (Minniti/Glocker Hammond) 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 D)

P64	\$281,019.91
P65	\$287,129.12
P66	\$4,768.30
P67	\$330,970.54
P68	\$21,151.64
P69	\$275,347.05
P70	\$104,536.00
P71	\$30,729.17
P72	\$226,538.77

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Fabiani) to approve the following:

B. Cafeteria Payments

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

CK#	DATE	PAYABLE TO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
775	3/15/09	Weiss Hardware	Repairs	\$2.97
776	3/15/09	Deer Park	Water	\$8.38
777	3/15/09	NJ Dept. of Agriculture	Food	\$75.20
778	3/15/09	Paul Vallandingham	Food	\$95.40
779	3/15/09	Deluxe Italian Bakery	Food	\$122.74
780	3/15/09	Stroehmann	Food	\$432.09

781	3/15/09	City Supply	Food	\$686.07
782	3/15/09	Hy-Point Farms	Food	\$954.12
783	3/15/09	Sysco	Food	\$7,112.63
		March Total Pay Out		\$9,489.60

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2 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Fabiani) 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 month of *February, 2009*. (Attachment –
10 EXHIBIT E)

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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 month of
15 *February, 2009*. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)

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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 *February*
19 *28, 2009*, after review of the board Secretary's Reports for
20 *February 2009*, and upon consultation with the district officials, to
21 the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over
22 expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23:23-2.11(b) and that
23 sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial
24 obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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26 E. 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 *February 2009*. The Treasurer's
30 Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of
31 *February 2009*. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)

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33 F. Transfer List

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35 1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for
36 the month of *February 2009*, to give balances to new accounts and
37 to balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT H)

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1 **10. USE OF FACILITIES**

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3 Motion: (Minniti/Myers) to approve the following as one, A-C:

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5 A. The approval for a Math Family Fun Night to be held on Tuesday, April 21,
6 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Nehaunsey Middle School.
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8 B. The approval for Gibbstown SACC to sue the Broad Street School
9 auditorium on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 through Thursday, May 28, 2009
10 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for preschool graduation practice and the
11 Broad Street auditorium and gymnasium on Thursday, May 28, 2009 from
12 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for preschool graduation.
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14 C. The approval for Gibbstown, SACC to use the Broad Street gymnasium
15 and playground for recreation after school and during summer hours from
16 September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.
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18 ****Louis Fabiani** wanted to know why the Family Fun Night is being held on the
19 same night at the Board elections when there is concern for safety of the
20 children? **Robert Suessmuth** explained that he has already been in contact with
21 the Police Department and has also told the staff to park on the other side of the
22 building away from the voting location. **Mr. Fabiani** again wanted to know
23 why it was being held that night? **Mr. Suessmuth** replied that it is his
24 responsibility as an educational leader to try to encourage people to vote on the
25 school budget. “We can’t tell them how to vote”, but **Mr. Suessmuth** said we
26 want to get as many people out as possible to vote. **Patrick Lani** stated that he
27 feels there is an “ulterior motive”. **Robyn Glocker Hammond** said that there is
28 an ulterior motive and that is to get people out to vote. **Mr. Suessmuth**
29 explained that part of the process for the evening’s festivities is a “Math Night” for
30 the students and to educate the students on the voting process since they are
31 going to be voting on a school mascot. **Mr. Lani** asked if the children will be
32 separate from the voting area? **Mr. Suessmuth** said yes they will. They will
33 utilize the library, several classrooms and the hallway at the far end of the school
34 building. There will be plenty of chaperones.

35 **Mr. Fabiani** also addressed item C and wanted to know if the SACC program
36 has provided insurance documentation? **Scott Campbell** replied yes and also
37 that it is a requirement that all applicants who fill out a use of facilities form must
38 provide proof of insurance showing the school district as “also insured” and they
39 also must fill out a “hold harmless agreement”.
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41 Roll Call Vote:

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43 Michael Myers – Yes to all
44 Patrick Lani, Jr. – No to item A; yes to items B & C
45 Frederick Reel – Abstained on all items

1 Louis Fabiani – No to item A; yes to items B & C
2 Robyn Glocker Hammond – Yes to all
3 Loraine LaPalomento – Yes to all
4 Frank Minniti – Yes to all
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6 Motion passes 4 yes's to 2 no's with 1 abstention.
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8 **11. OLD BUSINESS**
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10 None at this time.
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12 **12. NEW BUSINESS**
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14 **Frank Minniti** asked the board members who voted no to the budget if they are
15 going to openly try to push it through to the public? **Louis Fabiani** replied no
16 because he is not in favor of eliminating the aides' positions. **Patrick Lani** stated
17 that it wasn't our choice to eliminate these positions and we are expressing our
18 opinion and we hope the community will express their opinion and vote down the
19 budget. **Mr. Minniti** stated that if the budget should not pass, then the township
20 is going to tell us to take something else out; they are not going to tell us to put
21 something back in. So if it goes down, how does that benefit us? **Mr. Lani** says
22 that it sends a message to the County Superintendent that he is taking "home
23 rule" away from us. He also asked "how do you know what the township is going
24 to do"? **Mr. Minniti** said that they have told us to make more cuts every other
25 time our budget was defeated so I guess this time will be different? **Mr. Lani**
26 replied, "you never know".
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28 **13. COORESPONDENCE**
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30 A thank you letter was received from the maintenance department for their
31 certificates of appreciation that was presented to them at the March 17, 2009
32 meeting.
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34 **14. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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36 **Buildings & Grounds** – Fred Reel stated that he is in contact with the architect
37 and was asking him where he is in getting the 40% aid for the projects that we
38 wanted to do. He is waiting for his reply.
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40 **15. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
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42 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board
43 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will
44 hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You

1 will be notified either at this meeting by letter or telephone of any action the
2 Board does take.

3 **James Sorbello** asked the Board if the reason some of them voted no was
4 because of the elimination of the aides' positions? **Patrick Lani** said yes that
5 that was one of the reasons. **Mr. Sorbello** then asked if they could propose a
6 2nd question on the ballot to keep those positions? **Robert Suessmuth** replied
7 that you can't propose a 2nd question on something that the County
8 Superintendent has already said that he will not approve. **Mr. Sorbello** then
9 asked it a teacher retired, could they then hire back some of the aides? **Mr.**
10 **Suessmuth** said in order to hire back some of the aides, an aide would have to
11 retire; not a teacher. **Michael Myers** stated that even if we came up with enough
12 money, we would not be able to hire back any aides' because they are a non-
13 mandated position.

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15 **Susan Vernacchio** made a statement in reference to what **Mr. Minniti** was
16 saying about how negative it looks to the eyes of the taxpayers in town. She
17 understands the intent and is not happy with what the County Superintendent is
18 trying to do but in her opinion, the Board is letting the township committee do a
19 job that is the school boards responsibility which is to put together a good
20 budget. The township can now cut whatever they want if the budget doesn't
21 pass. She didn't want to see any jobs cut either because they all do a wonderful
22 job but she does agree that the County Superintendent is micro-managing us.
23 She finished by adding that the budget is what we are voting on.

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25 **16. ADJOURNMENT**

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27 Motion: (Minniti/Myers) to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

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29 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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31 Respectfully Submitted,

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37 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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