

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held  
4 **Monday, September 10, 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 August 27, 2012 – Special Meeting  
34 August 27, 2012 – Executive Session  
35 August 27, 2012 – Regular Meeting

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37 Roll Call Vote:

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39 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes  
40 Lisa Morina – Yes  
41 Andrew Chapkowski – Yes  
42 Louis Fabiani – Yes  
43 Jason Murschell – Abstained  
44 Jill Trainor – Yes  
45 Susan Vernacchio - Yes

1 **2. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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3 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, B-C:

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5 A. Administrative Reports

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7 *Robert Suessmuth stated that there are no administrative reports at this*  
8 *time because school just opened. He also commented that there was a*  
9 *very smooth opening. There were a few scheduling issues with*  
10 *transportation but they were all ironed out the first day of school and since*  
11 *that time, everything went smoothly. The staff, students and parents all*  
12 *did a good job so we are “off and running”.*

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14 B. Week of Respect

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16 1. The approval to recognize October 1, 2012 through October 5,  
17 2012 as a “Week of Respect” by providing age appropriate  
18 instruction focusing on the prevention of Harassment, Intimidation  
19 and Bullying in our schools.

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21 C. School Violence Awareness Week Resolution

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23 1. The approval of the following resolution:

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25 **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 specifies designation of  
26 “School Violence Awareness Week” in the State of New Jersey during the  
27 month of October; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the Greenwich Township School District shall  
30 observe this week by organizing activities to prevent school violence  
31 including, but not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities for student  
32 discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity and tolerance,

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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of  
35 Education of the Township of Greenwich that the week of October 1, 2012  
36 through October 5, 2012 will be designated as “School Violence  
37 Awareness Week” for the 2012-2013 school year.

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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41 **3. THE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING**  
42 **ACTION ITEMS**

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44 Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following:  
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- 1 A. The approval to appoint Stephania Tomaszewski, Teacher at Nehaunsey  
 2 Middle School, as graphic designer for the Greenwich Gazette for the  
 3 2012-2013 school year, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.  
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5 **Jason Murschell and Roseanne Lombardo** asked if there were a certain  
 6 amount of hours for this project because they do remember last year there was a  
 7 cap on the hours? **Robert Suessmuth** said last year might have been a bit of a  
 8 challenge since it was the first year but Mrs. Tomaszewski now has this format in  
 9 the computer so this year shouldn't be as big of a challenge but there will  
 10 certainly be a limit on the hours.

11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 14 **4. POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

15 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following:

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 18 A. The approval of the following list of new and/or revised district policies on  
 19 **second** reading:  
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<b>Policy Alert No. 196 (February 2012)</b>	
<b>Policy/Regulation No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Policy 1631	Residency Requirement for Person Holding School District Office, Employment or Position ( <i>New</i> )
<b>Policy/Regulation No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Policy 3324	Right of Privacy – Teaching Staff Members ( <i>New</i> )
Policy 4324	Right of Privacy – Support Staff Members ( <i>New</i> )
Policy 5117	Inter-district Public School Choice ( <i>New</i> )
Policy/Regulation 5600	Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct ( <i>Revised</i> )
Policy/Regulation 7510	Use of School Facilities ( <i>Revised</i> )
Policy 8613	Waiver of Pupil Transportation ( <i>New</i> )
Policy/Regulation 9270	Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools ( <i>Revised</i> )
<b>Policy Alert No. 197 (June 2012)</b>	
<b>Policy/Regulation No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
Bylaw 0151	Organization Meeting ( <i>Revised</i> )
Bylaw 0153	Annual Appointments ( <i>Revised</i> )
Bylaw 0167	Public Participation in Board Meetings ( <i>Revised</i> )
Policy/Regulation 2361	Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources ( <i>Revised</i> )
Policy/Regulation 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries ( <i>Revised</i> )
Policy 2622	Pupil Assessment ( <i>Revised</i> )

Policy 3282	Use of Social Networking Sites ( <i>New</i> )
Policy 4282	Use of Social Networking Sites ( <i>New</i> )
Policy/Regulation 6470	Payment of Claims ( <i>Revised</i> )

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

Motion: (Chapkowski/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A & B:

A. The approval to accept the approved IDEA grant award from the NJDOE for the fiscal year 2013 for funds as listed below:

Program Duration: Start – 9/1/12 End – 8/31/13

<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	<b>AWARD AMOUNT</b>
BASIC – Public	\$181,018.00
BASIC – Non/Public	\$35,757.00
PRE-SCHOOL – Public	\$10,209.00
PRE-SCHOOL – Non/Public	\$1,531.00

B. Workshops

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Workshop Title/Location/Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Daniel Giorgianni	<b>Anti-Bullying Workshop Best Practices for the Practical Implementation of the Anti- Bullying Bill of Rights Act</b> Rowan University, Mullica Hill, NJ 9/27/12 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**6. BUDGET & FINANCE**

Motion: (Trainor/Chapkowski) to approve the following as one, A-C:

A. Contract

- 1           1.     Southwest Council  
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3           a.     The approval of the Agreement between The Southwest  
4           Council and the Greenwich Township School District for the  
5           2012-2013 school year for the Employee Assistance  
6           Program at a rate of \$20.00 per employee. (Attachment –  
7           EXHIBIT B)  
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9     B.     Resolution

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11           1.     The acceptance of the resolution authorizing submission of the  
12           Comprehensive Maintenance Plan. The Department of Education  
13           requires submission of the three-year maintenance plan as part of  
14           the NJQSAC.  
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16                           **GREENWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
17                                   **RESOLUTION**  
18                   **SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**  
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20                   **WHEREAS**, the Department of Education requires  
21           New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance  
22           plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its  
23           public school facilities, and  
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25                   **WHEREAS**, the required maintenance activities as  
26           listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of  
27           the Greenwich Township School District are consistent with these  
28           requirements, and  
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30                   **WHEREAS**, all past and planned activities are  
31           reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their  
32           original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,  
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34                   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the  
35           Greenwich Township School District hereby authorizes the School  
36           Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive  
37           Maintenance Plan for the Greenwich Township School District in  
38           compliance with Department of Education requirements.  
39           (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)  
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41     C.     Annual Required Maintenance Budget  
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- 43           1.     The acceptance of the Annual Required Maintenance Budget  
44           Amount Worksheet (Form M-1). This form is used as a tool to help  
45           districts estimate the annual required maintenance budget amount

1 to be submitted with the district's Comprehensive Maintenance  
2 Plan (CMP). (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)  
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4 **Jason Murschell** asked about the Southwest Council and their fee of \$20.00.  
5 He wanted to know if that was for all district employees and if so, what is the  
6 actual dollar amount? He also wanted to get a brief explanation of what this  
7 service is for. **Scott Campbell** said he believes it is about 96-98 employees that  
8 are in this program and it is an employee assistance program that is contractual  
9 for the unionized represented staff but is also offered for all employees; full-time  
10 and part-time but not substitutes. **Mr. Murschell** wanted to know what the  
11 program does? **Mr. Campbell** said if an employee wants to talk to someone  
12 about a problem, (i.e. gambling problem or alcohol problem, etc.), they would  
13 contact this service.  
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15 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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17 **7. REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD**  
18 **SECRETARY**  
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20 Motion: (Morina/Chapkowski) to approve the following:  
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22 A. Student Activities Account  
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- 24 1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank  
25 Reconciliation for the months of July 2012 and August 2012.  
26 (Attachment – EXHIBITS E1 and E2)  
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28 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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30 **8. REGULATORY**  
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32 Motion: (Chapkowski/Trainor) to approve the following as one, A & B:  
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34 A. Cafeteria Prices  
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- 36 1. The approval of Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc.'s cafeteria  
37 prices for the following additional lunch items and adult prices as  
38 well as beverages and a la carte items for the 2012-2013 school  
39 year as follows:  
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41 <u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Adult Prices:</u>
42 Second Entrée	Sandwich or Entrée - \$2.00
43 w/Purchase of Lunch - \$1.50	Adult Breakfast - \$1.40
44 Sandwiches and	Adult Milk - \$.55
45 Entrees, A La Carte - \$2.50	

1 Beverages:  
2 Milk, Student - \$.50  
3 Bottled Water 16 oz. - \$1.00  
4 Bottled Water 8 oz. - \$ .50  
5 Snapple 100% Juice - \$1.25  
6 Switch - \$1.00  
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A La Carte Items:  
Chilled Fresh Fruit - \$.55  
Soft Pretzel - \$.75  
Bag of Snacks - \$.60  
Homemade Cookies - \$.35  
Fun Size Snack - \$.35  
Ice Cream - \$.65 - \$1.00  
Baked French Fried - \$.50  
(with a complete meal)

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11 B. Use of Facilities  
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- 13 1. The retroactive approval for the Greenwich Township Historical  
14 Society to use classroom #109 at the Broad Street School to store  
15 their collection of historical artifacts during the 2012-2013 school  
16 year.  
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18 2. The approval for the Paulsboro High School Athletic Department to  
19 use the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium on Monday,  
20 November 26, 2012 through Friday, March 8, 2013 from 3:15 p.m.  
21 – 5:00 p.m. for seventh & eighth grade basketball games and  
22 practices.  
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24 *Lisa Morina* said it was previously discussed if the basketball program at  
25 Paulsboro would be open to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and she wanted to  
26 know where we are with that? **Roseanne Lombardo** believes there are some  
27 Gibbstown students on the team but it is primarily made up of Paulsboro  
28 students. **Scott Campbell** said he spoke with the Athletic Director at Paulsboro  
29 and he was going to be sending information over for our students who are  
30 interested in playing basketball.  
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32 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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34 **9. OLD BUSINESS**  
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36 **Louis Fabiani** said during Mr. Suessmuth's weekly communication, there was a  
37 mentor for our new Principal and he would like to know if there was a fee for that  
38 and if so, what was the fee? **Robert Suessmuth** replied that the majority of the  
39 fee is the responsibility of the Principal but the district had to pay a testing fee of  
40 \$800.00. The mentor goes through a battery of tests to focus in on areas of  
41 strengths and weaknesses. The whole process can be somewhere around  
42 \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 that the Principal is responsible for.  
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1 **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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3 *Roseanne Lombardo* commented on GTV (Gibbstown TV) crew. She said  
4 there is a clip of them interviewing the new Principal, Jacqueline Traini. They did  
5 a very good job and she wanted to thank them and Michael Grelli who runs that  
6 program. **Mrs. Lombardo** then wanted to run down all the committees and ask  
7 the chairpersons if there are any items we need to discuss.

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9 **Susan Vernacchio**, chairperson of Business & Finance Committee, said her  
10 committee hasn't met yet but there are several new policies that were  
11 recommended by Strauss Esmay, the company that keeps our policies updated.

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13 **Jill Trainor**, chairperson of Curriculum Committee, said she met with Mr.  
14 Suessmuth about setting up a meeting and they will be setting up a date.

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16 **Susan Vernacchio**, chairperson of Negotiations Committee, said she has copies  
17 of the GTEA contract for everyone to start looking at. Everyone here gets to look  
18 through it and make any changes that they would like to see and then it will go  
19 back to the committee.

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21 **Jill Trainor**, chairperson of Personnel Committee, said she has nothing to report  
22 since the new Principal was hired.

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24 **Lisa Morina**, chairperson of Regulatory Committee, said she has two items to  
25 discuss. One is the repairs that have come up in various inspections and items  
26 that need to be corrected that Superintendent Suessmuth has been working on  
27 with Bill Houghton. She wants to go over them with the board this evening so  
28 that everyone is aware. There are six items and the first few are electrical. It is  
29 her understanding that these are items that were fixed last year and it appears  
30 there are issues that have to be "re-worked". She went on to say that there are  
31 items that were put on 220 amp breakers that should have been on 120 amp  
32 double breakers. Right now if one shuts off, the other breaker remains hot. If  
33 this were done properly, both breakers should shut down: this could be a safety  
34 issue. When re-wired, the new panel boxes are the wrong size. Existing boxes  
35 have gaps on the side that are covered with metal carpet molding. You cannot  
36 have this space. You need the correct size box: this too is a safety issue. The  
37 boiler room cover does not fit the box because of a two-inch gap on each side.  
38 This is a safety issue due to live wires. **Mrs. Morina** continued and said the  
39 hand dryers in the bathrooms were installed with a 220 amp line instead of a 120  
40 amp line and we had to replace the new dryers at a cost of \$800.00. The newly  
41 re-wired boxes were never labeled correctly to show the use area for each circuit  
42 breaker. The most concerning is township permits were never issued for the  
43 installation of the new tank-less water heaters. This was found out during our  
44 annual inspection by the township which could have resulted in a fine from them.  
45 However, we were "pro-active" and the township worked with us saying if we



1 corrected it before school opened, they would not fine us. The work is completed  
2 but there were missing relieve valves that must have three feet of copper wire  
3 going to the hot/cold line so it was a “stop-gap measure” before it was ever able  
4 to be fixed. We had to turn off the hot water which is the point of having a tank-  
5 less water heater. She is not sure who oversaw this work; she is assuming the  
6 previous Regulatory Committee. Unfortunately not only did we circumvent the  
7 township’s process but not obtaining permits, we put the people in the building,  
8 including our students, at a safety issue which is very concerning. **Mrs. Morina**  
9 said that Mr. Campbell went ahead and got the original quote to have the work  
10 done immediately so we wouldn’t get fined and we are going to have the  
11 electrical issues corrected. **Mr. Suessmuth** said that while the electrician was  
12 working, if there were other areas that needed to be fixed, he fixed it. **Mrs.**  
13 **Morina** asked Mr. Campbell if the quote to get the tank-less water heater items  
14 fixed was approximately \$10,000.00 to which **Mr. Campbell** replied, “up to”.  
15 They are about \$1,200.00 per tank. **Mrs. Morina** then said that this speaks to  
16 the reasons why we need to have experts that know what they are doing to  
17 oversee the work. It really concerned her that if these issues were not found  
18 during the yearly inspections, it could have put a lot of people in jeopardy.  
19 The other issue **Mrs. Morina** wanted to talk about is the Regulatory Committee  
20 met with Mr. Gary Finger who is the ombudsman for the Bureau of Public Utilities  
21 (BPU) and he gave us a complete overview of the New Jersey Clean Energy  
22 Program, specifically the local government energy audit that we had been  
23 discussing since December, 2011. As you may recall, we did have an audit done  
24 which the BPU examined for us. There were a lot of concerns with it and we  
25 were told to “scrap it” and start again. What **Mrs. Morina** is looking for the board  
26 to approve tonight is a recommendation that we allow Scott Campbell to follow  
27 the state’s process, go out to RFP to the five energy companies that are  
28 recommended by the state that will allow a free energy audit for both buildings,  
29 all of the school board properties encompassed. When we get that final energy  
30 audit back, we will be able to look back on a “piece by piece basis” where as if  
31 we want to do certain lightings in areas of certain buildings or if there are other  
32 things that we can replace, they must have a 15% return on investment for  
33 energy savings. **Mrs. Morina** went on to say that it is a very specific process and  
34 all or almost all of that work will be paid for through the state program. She feels  
35 it is a good way for us to save money and as the chairperson of the committee,  
36 she recommends that we move forward in a cleaner way at no cost to the  
37 taxpayers in a way that is recommended by the state who will work with us “hand  
38 in hand” with that process. **Jason Murschell** asked if these five companies are  
39 private companies or government companies? **Lisa Morina** responded that they  
40 are private companies. **Mr. Murschell** then wanted to know what Mr. Finger said  
41 they can provide that wasn’t already provided in the report that we had? **Mrs.**  
42 **Morina** said the architect “skewed” the lighting portion to one company and it  
43 was so heavily skewed that we couldn’t have gone out for bid for a lighting  
44 project because it was written for a specific company which is a big “no-no”. He  
45 also said there is a whole other building that we should be looking at which is

1 separate from any discussion of consolidation and he is going to look at all  
2 systems. **Mr. Campbell** said the energy audit will include all property owned by  
3 the Board of Education such as the ball fields near Broad Street School and the  
4 soccer fields here at Nehaunsey School. **Louis Fabiani** then asked what the  
5 recommendation was for replacing the boilers? **Mrs. Morina** said they didn't  
6 make a recommendation but that is included in this energy audit. The difference  
7 is with the previous path we were following, we would not have been reimbursed  
8 by the state. Under this program, they are telling us that in full or in partial, we  
9 will be reimbursed for that work. The way it was presented to us in January,  
10 2012 is that we would be saving \$50,000.00 but not until we consolidated the  
11 schools. This program is immediate reimbursement when the work is done.

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13 Motion: (Lombardo/Chapkowski) to have Scott Campbell go out to RFP for  
14 a state free energy audit.

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16 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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18 **Susan Vernacchio** asked if we checked the credentials of the new electrician  
19 because apparently we didn't check the credentials of the old electrician? She  
20 said she, as a board member, is appalled that this happened under her watch.  
21 **Mrs. Morina** said this electrician was the township's electrician. **Mr. Campbell**  
22 also said that both the old electrician and the new one that we currently use are  
23 the township's electrician. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said she thought if you were a  
24 certified electrician, then you did things the way they needed to be done in order  
25 for it to pass at least the safety issues. Now we have to spend thousands of  
26 dollars to correct this and it wasn't even put into the budget. She understands it  
27 is a safety issue and has to be done. She also asked if the electrician is under  
28 contract with us? **Mr. Campbell** said we have an inter-local services agreement  
29 with the township. **Mr. Campbell** also said if we went with a "stand-alone"  
30 electrician, we would have to pay prevailing wage which would be much higher  
31 than what we are paying now. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said but maybe it would have  
32 been done correctly and we wouldn't have to be paying twice. He also said the  
33 township doesn't use that electrician any longer. **Mrs. Morina** said the residents  
34 are protected by the Consumer Protection Department; why wouldn't the school  
35 be protected? She then asked Mr. Campbell if there is a way to recoup some of  
36 that money for the corrections that need to be made and bill back the township?  
37 **Mr. Campbell** said he will look into that. **Mrs. Morina** then wanted to know if we  
38 have some kind of "fail-safe" in place moving forward so that we don't circumvent  
39 the township's permit process? She said that really bothers her because that  
40 process is in place so that we get the proper inspections. **Mr. Suessmuth** said  
41 he was the one who recommended to the board to go with shared services with  
42 the township because it seemed like a good idea. **Mrs. Morina** said we should  
43 go back and look at the inter-local agreement. She still feels that shared services  
44 are a good idea but maybe we need more protection as a board.

1 **Lisa Morina**, chairperson of Strategic Planning Committee, said at the last board  
2 meeting a few weeks ago, we started the Strategic Planning process. That  
3 process is designed to work with the board and the entire community in a five-  
4 year planning process which we are calling, "**Vision 2018**". We went through a  
5 process as a board which would be similar to what we are going to ask the  
6 community to go through in a series of dates. We would like to see participation  
7 from everyone; faculty, staff, parents who have children in the school to parents  
8 who used to have children in the school to parents who would like to have their  
9 children in the school. We want the opinion of everyone and Mr. Suessmuth has  
10 already reached out to the senior citizens asking them to come out. There are  
11 three dates for these meetings with the first one being held on Monday,  
12 September 24, here at the Nehaunsey Middle School library at 7:00 p.m. The  
13 other meetings will be held on Monday, October 29 and Monday, December 3  
14 also at 7:00 p.m. We will be working in workshop teams and go through a  
15 process where everyone's voices are heard. We will be sending information out  
16 to all the businesses in town, various clubs, churches and civic organizations as  
17 well as the Thursday folders with our students. It is also on the website. **Mr.**  
18 **Suessmuth** said it is a very non-threatening process where there are no right or  
19 wrong answers. It is a brain-storming process and will be conducted by E.I.R.C.  
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21 **Andrew Chapkowski**, Paulsboro High School Representative, said he has met  
22 several times with the Paulsboro Board and he stated that Paulsboro has  
23 adopted goals for the Superintendent and goals for the Board of Education as a  
24 whole. He said they had something like what we are doing here with the Vision  
25 2018 where the board brought ideas to the table and we discussed them at the  
26 next meeting. **Mr. Chapkowski** said they set four "solid" goals—1) Allowing  
27 partnerships between Paulsboro and Greenwich, 2) How can we align  
28 curriculum, 3) How can we bring in more Science and Technology and 4)  
29 Partnering up with Rowan University. If they can adopt a 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup>  
30 grade program where they follow their Science and Engineering program, kids  
31 will be guaranteed admission to Rowan University as long as they meet a certain  
32 GPA and follow that program. It would be great for those students and our  
33 students who will be going to Paulsboro.  
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35 **Roseanne Lombardo** told the Board that the editorial in the Gloucester County  
36 Times on September 1, 2012, entitled "Greenwich School Board Making Wrong  
37 Choices" written by Jim Worrell really bothered her. She proceeded to read Mr.  
38 Worrell's letter to the Board and then proposed a letter that she wrote in  
39 response that she hopes will "right some of the wrongs" in his letter. (**Mrs.**  
40 **Lombardo** then read her response letter to the Board. See attached copy)  
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42 Motion: (Lombardo/Morina) to approve sending the response letter to the  
43 Gloucester County Times.  
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1 **Jason Murschell** commented that he does not want his name attached to this  
2 letter. **Mrs. Lombardo** stated that only her name is listed as the President of the  
3 School Board. **Lisa Morina** said under the bylaws, if the letter is shown to the  
4 board and it is approved by majority vote, it can be sent on behalf of the Board.  
5 **Mrs. Lombardo** wanted everyone to see it first before she sent it to the paper.  
6 She also said that any information in her letter can be found in our minutes.

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8 Roll Call Vote:

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10 Andrew Chapkowski – Yes  
11 Louis Fabiani – No  
12 Jason Murschell – No  
13 Jill Trainor – Yes  
14 Susan Vernacchio – Yes  
15 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes  
16 Lisa Morina – Yes

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18 Motion passes by a 5-2 vote.

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20 **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

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22 None at this time.

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

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

31  
32 **Loraine LaPalomente**, 161 South School Street, Gibbstown, NJ, has a few  
33 questions in regards to the agenda. She started with Bylaw# 0167, "Public  
34 Participation in Board Meetings, Revised". She would like to know what was  
35 revised about it? The Board did not have copies of the bylaws with them but  
36 informed Ms. LaPalomente that they will have it for the next meeting which **Ms.**  
37 **LaPalomente** agreed to. The next issue **Ms. LaPalomente** asked about is the  
38 Southwest Council and the \$20.00 per employee. She asked if this is a state  
39 regulated program and why wouldn't the employee use their medical insurance if  
40 there is a substance abuse or other kind of personal problem? **Robert**  
41 **Suessmuth** responded that it is not a state program but most districts are using  
42 this program. It also is not included in our health benefits program. **Ms.**  
43 **LaPalomente** asked if there is a cap on this to which **Scott Campbell** answered,  
44 "no, there is not". She then asked about the Use of Facilities and the fact that the  
45 Historical Society does utilize a room at the Broad Street School. She said she is

1 a chair member of the Rotary Club and would like to know if there is a room that  
2 they can use for meeting purposes in the school and what would be the  
3 requirements? **Roseanne Lombardo** said she would have to fill out a Use of  
4 Facilities form which will be presented to the Board for approval. If approved,  
5 they would have to sign in at the front desk just as the Historical Society does.  
6 **Ms. LaPalomento** then commented on the electrician issues and wanted to  
7 know how much we paid that now we have to re-do the work and pay again?  
8 **Scott Campbell** said he will look into that and have the answer at the next board  
9 meeting to which **Ms. LaPalomento** accepted. **Robert Suessmuth** said the  
10 township billed us and we pay the township because he was an employee of the  
11 township. **Ms. LaPalomento** then stated that as a taxpayer she is amazed that  
12 we spent \$27,500.00 on an energy audit that wasn't done properly and we now  
13 are going to trash it and have another one done for free. The last statement **Ms.**  
14 **LaPalomento** wanted to make was about the rebuttal that Mrs. Lombardo is  
15 putting in the paper and why there were two board members that did not want to  
16 go back and state the facts? She realizes it is not about the person who wrote it  
17 because we all have freedom of speech but why would you not want to go back  
18 and state the facts as to what we are really using the money for? She  
19 understands that everyone has a right to vote how they want and no one has to  
20 answer her but as a board member, knowing what the facts are, why would you  
21 vote no? **Jason Murschell** responded that there are some things in Mrs.  
22 Lombardo's letter that are left open to opinion. The paragraph regarding voters  
23 for the board of education; who knows why they went. You can't say why  
24 anybody went. As far as the \$273,000.00 for the sale of the buses, it states, "as  
25 required, those monies are currently being held"; as required by what and for  
26 whom? There is no clarification in there. **Ms. LaPalomento** then asked if he  
27 feels the letter should be changed? **Mr. Murschell** said he feels it is getting into  
28 a "tit-for-tat" into the paper with a citizen who wrote in and whether you agree  
29 with him or not, he wrote his words. **Mr. Murschell** said he read Mr. Worrell's  
30 editorial and he didn't see anything deceptive and some of the things are "point  
31 of view" and that is his opinion. **Ms. LaPalomento** asked **Louis Fabiani** if he  
32 cared to comment and he declined.

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34 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ likes that Mrs. Lombardo is  
35 writing the letter and feels that public policy should be discussed in open session;  
36 not in closed session. I do know electrical work and he wanted to know if  
37 someone actually connected something to a 220 line when it was supposed to be  
38 a 120 line? **Robert Suessmuth** responded that the new hand dryers were  
39 connected to a 220 line and as soon as they were turned on, they blew. **Mr.**  
40 **Lucas** said every machine has a tag on it with the voltage and he can't believe  
41 someone with a license actually connected it to the wrong line. **Mr. Lucas** said  
42 he feels there will be a lot of "dreamers" coming out for the Vision 2018 meeting  
43 trying to find ways to spend his tax dollars.  
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1 **Cathy Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked if there was a  
2 deadline for monies available for the energy audit? **Lisa Morina** said it is a  
3 “rolling program” where the money was available previously and will continue to  
4 be available. It is funded by the Bureau of Public Utilities. Everyone, even  
5 businesses, pay a Societal Benefits Charge which amounts to a few dollars in  
6 their utilities bill each month. The money is pooled and used to promote cleaner,  
7 safer, more energy efficiency and then doled out for residents and municipalities.  
8 **Mrs. Tortella** then asked about the engineering education that they will possibly  
9 provide for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Paulsboro and if Paulsboro is trying to get  
10 our kids to go there for high school, would they consider offering those  
11 educational opportunities to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders so that they can continue in  
12 the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade so they can get themselves into Rowan University?  
13 **Andrew Chapkowski** responded that the ultimate goal is once they stand it up  
14 on their end, they can work with us to stand it up on our end to see what we can  
15 do to work together as a whole. This way, our kids who don’t want to go to GCIT  
16 or a private school, they can continue on to Paulsboro High School and follow the  
17 engineering path or one of the science paths and possibly get into Rowan. **Mrs.**  
18 **Morina** wanted to add that the “beauty” of this program for parents in particular,  
19 is the new agreement between Gloucester County College (GCC) and Rowan  
20 University where it states that if you are a high school student, you can get into  
21 GCC and take your liberal arts courses at GCC at their tuition rates, you are then  
22 “duel matriculated” with Rowan as long as you have the GPA that is needed to  
23 get into the engineering program there. This way you know your path and it  
24 would be a great thing for our students and Paulsboro students as well. **Ms.**  
25 **LaPalomente** wanted to know if they are looking to do that with other areas or is  
26 this just a test to see how it works and be the attraction to go to Paulsboro? **Mr.**  
27 **Chapkowski** said they wait for schools to approach them and one of the schools  
28 that has done it is in Salem County which followed this path and did the  
29 guaranteed admission. **Mr. Lucas** asked how many students go to Paulsboro?  
30 **Mr. Campbell** answered that it was around 104 and also it is almost a 50/50 split  
31 between GCIT and Paulsboro.

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33 **Thomas Spencer**, 41 North Repauno Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked about the  
34 electrical issue. He said he understands there was a contract with the township.  
35 With the work that was done, the board still has a contract and since that work  
36 was done under contract, is there a way to circumvent that because that work  
37 should have been done? Any type of work that was done needs to be followed  
38 up on. **Mrs. Lombardo** stated that Mr. Campbell is going to call the township in  
39 the morning to see what can be done. **Mr. Lucas** asked again if the electrician  
40 was a township employee or a contractor? **Mr. Campbell** said he is a contractor  
41 on his own but he is also a township employee.

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43 **Bonnie Magazu**, 29 Casperson Street, Gibbstown, NJ said she has a grandson  
44 who started school this year and she wanted to know why there is orientation for  
45 showing him the school but not an orientation for busing? He didn’t know how to

1 get on the bus or how many kids sit in the seat. Although the bus driver was very  
2 nice, she doesn't tell them what to do. She just looks in the mirror and waits for  
3 them to sit down. She also said the same thing happens in the lunch line. She  
4 said not just for her grandson but other Kindergarteners as well don't know how  
5 to order lunch. **Jill Trainor** said her daughter is a Kindergartener and she didn't  
6 know what to do when she got on the bus. **Mrs. Lombardo** said that was a  
7 good suggestion to look into and Mr. Suessmuth will address that with the  
8 Principal in the morning.  
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10 **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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12 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*  
13 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may  
14 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.  
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16 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on  
17 **September 10, 2012** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the  
18 public shall be held on **September 10, 2012 at 8:10 p.m.** in the Nehaussey  
19 Middle School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown,  
20 New Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by  
21 **Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)** to be discussed in closed  
22 session.  
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- 24 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 25 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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27 It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the  
28 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the  
29 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.  
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31 Motion: (Lombardo/Trainor) to enter into Executive Session at 8:10  
32 p.m. to discuss the following:  
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- 34 • Personnel
- 35 • Student Concerns
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37 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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39 Motion: (Murschell/Vernacchio) to return from Executive Session at 8:59  
40 p.m.  
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42 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: (Morina/Trainor) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary