

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held  
4 **Wednesday, September 8, 2010** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 James Worrell  
11 Loraine LaPalomento  
12 Louis Fabiani  
13 Roseanne Lombardo  
14 Lisa Morina  
15 Jason Murschell  
16 Susan Vernacchio

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18 Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent.

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20 As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting  
21 was sent to the **Gloucester County Times** and the **Township Clerk**. It was also  
22 posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Videotaping  
23 Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped and anyone  
24 wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.”)

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28 **1. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

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30 **Loraine LaPalomento**, chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee spoke  
31 about the consolidation of the school buildings. She said the committee, who  
32 consists of **Ms. LaPalomento, Mr. Louis Fabiani and Mr. Jason Murschell**, will  
33 have their first meeting on September 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the issues  
34 and the basis of how to go about deciding which school to consolidate. **Ms.**  
35 **LaPalomento** also stated that the committee will also be involving the whole  
36 board so that they are “in-tuned” as to what the committee is doing.

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38 **Louis Fabiani**, chairman of the Buildings & Grounds Committee spoke about the  
39 work that Bob Reistle is doing on the circuit breaker panels at Broad Street  
40 School and that five of the 14 panels have been complete.

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42 **Loraine LaPalomento**, representative to the Technology Committee along with  
43 **Roseanne Lombardo** have spoken with Michael Grelli, Technology Coordinator,  
44 and have advised him that either **Ms. LaPalomento** or **Mrs. Lombardo** will be

1 attending those meetings to help them in bringing in new technology to our  
2 students and schools.

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4 **Jason Murschell** asked **Louis Fabiani** where we stand on the emergency  
5 lighting in the auditorium? **Mr. Fabiani** said that the materials have been  
6 ordered. **James Worrell** stated that once those materials are received, that job  
7 will have to take precedence over the electrical panels since the emergency  
8 lighting was ordered by the Fire Marshall.

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10 **Vincent Tarantino**, Interim Superintendent, spoke to the Board about  
11 procedures and how he would like to see things done this year. He believes  
12 accountability is very important. He doesn't want the board to be surprised at the  
13 last minute on any issues, any large purchases, any major buildings & grounds  
14 issue, any curriculum issue, any technology issue; all committees need to be  
15 informed as to what is going on in your community and your school district.

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17 **Mr. Tarantino** went on to say that the board needs to trust him and his  
18 leadership to do what is best for this township, what is best for our kids and what  
19 is best for our school district.

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21 **Susan Vernacchio** asked **Mr. Tarantino** to define a "major purchase". **Mr.**  
22 **Tarantino** stated that anything that is not budgeted for. If it is an emergency or  
23 something that is needed that will save us money in the long run, the committee  
24 responsible for that needs to make the recommendations to the board so all  
25 seven members can make the decision.

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27 **Lisa Morina** wanted to thank **Mr. Tarantino** for bringing this meeting together  
28 and she applauded him for his candor. She is not a big propionate of "micro-  
29 management" as she feels that it stands in the way of productivity of the staff.  
30 "We have a staff that we trust and we should allow them to do what they need  
31 to do". She also stated that the Board is a Board of policies, not of everyday  
32 operations and she would hope that the committees will start to function—she  
33 has been on the Board since July and has not been to a committee meeting yet.  
34 **Mrs. Morina** went on to say that through the reporting structure of the Board  
35 meetings and communication, we can work together in that way and **Mr.**  
36 **Tarantino** has her full support.

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38 **Mr. Tarantino** again said that the Board needs to trust him to do what is best for  
39 our district. He thanked **Mr. Worrell** and the Board for the opportunity to conduct  
40 this meeting and for his tenure that started on September 1.

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42 **Roseanne Lombardo** stated that she was speaking to a parent who has several  
43 kids in the district. They said the cafeteria food was good but her one child did  
44 not have enough time to eat lunch. **Mr. Tarantino** replied that they have

1 addressed that issue. There is a new system now and the students have to use  
2 a pin number so it is all new but again, that issue was addressed. **Mr. Tarantino**  
3 tried to institute a new procedure where everyone eats together but it didn't seem  
4 to work.

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6 **2. PUBLIC SESSION – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**  
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8 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board  
9 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will  
10 hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening, by  
11 letter or telephone, of any action the Board does take.  
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13 **Terri DiSanto**, speaking as a social worker for the Child Study Team, directed  
14 her statement to **Vincent Tarantino** on the terms of the Pre-School Program.  
15 She stated that the child should have started school on Tuesday, September 7,  
16 but if we are waiting until after the September 20 board meeting, she wants to be  
17 able to call the parent and let her know that her child will not start until after  
18 September 20. **Mr. Tarantino** spoke with **Rob Harris**, Child Study Team  
19 Director, and they are well aware of the situation. **Loraine LaPalomente** wanted  
20 to know if they could go into closed session tonight and make a decision now  
21 instead of waiting until September 20. Mrs. DiSanto also stated that if the Board  
22 did wait until September 20, the parent could ask for compensation since her  
23 daughter is now in a private pre-school program where she has been all along.  
24 The child has turned 3 years of age and has become the school district's  
25 responsibility. **Mr. Tarantino** responded that he has the documentation if the  
26 board should wish to go into executive session and discuss this item.  
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28 **Loraine LaPalomente** asked if the meeting minutes could be received a little  
29 sooner prior to the next board meeting? She also wanted to know if any follow  
30 up items could be placed on the agenda for discussion. **James Worrell** replied  
31 that it will be discussed in closed session.  
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33 **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
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35 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*  
36 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may  
37 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.  
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39 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on  
40 **September 8, 2010** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the  
41 public shall be held on **September 8, 2010**, at 7:33 p.m. in the Nehaunsey  
42 Middle School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown,  
43 New Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by

1            *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed  
2 session.

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4                            Matters Involving Individual Privacy  
5                            Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship  
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7            It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the  
8 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the  
9 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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11            Motion:            (LaPalomento/Lombardo) to enter into Executive Session at 7:33  
12 p.m. to discuss the following:

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14                            Curriculum  
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16            Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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18            Motion:            (Murschell/Vernacchio) to return to the Regular Meeting at 8:15  
19 p.m.  
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21 **4. BUSINESS & FINANCE**  
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23            Motion:            (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following:  
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25            A.            The approval to purchase a scrubber in the amount of \$5,222.24 for  
26 maintenance of floors.  
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28            \*\*After much discussion, this item was not voted on and it was decided that it will  
29 be put in the budget for purchase in the 2011-2012 school year.\*\*  
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31 **5. ADJOURNMENT**  
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33            Motion:            (LaPalomento/Lombardo) to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.  
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35            Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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42                            Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent  
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