

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, October 5, 2020** virtually through Zoom.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Gerald Michael, Jr. at 6:36 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gerald Michael School Board President	(Chair) Negotiations Committee Alternate Delegate to County & State Board Associations Greenwich Township Representative to Paulsboro Bd of Education Strategic Planning Committee Curriculum/Technology Committee Personnel Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo School Board Vice-President	(Chair) Strategic Planning Committee Delegate to County & State Board Associations Personnel Committee Policy Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andrew Chapkowski	(Chair) Buildings & Grounds Committee Budget & Finance Committee Curriculum/Technology Committee Personnel Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Chad Kent	(Chair) Curriculum/Technology Committee Buildings & Grounds Committee Negotiations Committee Policy Committee Personnel Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Duane Sarmiento Absent	(Chair) Policy Committee Buildings & Grounds Committee Public Relations Committee Personnel Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amy Vandergrift	(Chair) Public Relations Budget & Finance Committee Strategic Planning Committee Personnel Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Susan Vernacchio	(Chair) Budget & Finance Committee Negotiations Committee Public Relations Committee Personnel Committee

10 Quorum **YES**

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12 Also present was Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman, Chief School Administrator.

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14 As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting
15 was sent to **The Courier Post**, and **The Township Clerk**. It was also posted in the
16 Greenwich Township School Buildings and on our website. (Optional: Videotaping
17 Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped and anyone
18 wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.”)

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20 **FLAG SALUTE**

1 **1. MINUTES**

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3 Motion: (Kent/Chapkowski) to approve the following minutes:

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5 September 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting

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7 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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9 **2. ADMINISTRATIVE/PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

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

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13 A. School Health Services

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15 1. School Health Services report as of **September 30, 2020** for Broad
16 Street School. (Attachment)
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18 2. School Health Services report as of **September 30, 2020** for
19 Nehaunsey Middle School. (Attachment)

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21 B. Monthly Attendance, Enrollment, Drills and Monthly Overview:

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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE – SEPTEMBER 2020	
Broad Street School	98.6%
Nehaunsey Middle School	98.9%

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BROAD STREET SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – SEPTEMBER 2020	
Grade PS	Total: 8
Grade K	Total: 25
Grade 1	Total: 41
Grade 2	Total: 32
Grade 3	Total: 38
Grade 4	Total: 52
Grade 5	Total: 40
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 236	

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NEHAUNSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – SEPTEMBER 2020	
Grade 6	Total: 51
Grade 7	Total: 50
Grade 8	Total: 41
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 142	

DRILLS – SEPTEMBER 2020

Date	Time/*Location	Duration	Action/Drill	Weather Conditions
September 8 & 9, 2020	8:40 a.m./BSS	N/A	Security Drill Testing of Internal Communications Systems	N/A
September 8, 2020	7:45 a.m./NMS	5 minutes	Security Drill Testing of Internal Communications Systems	N/A
September 14 through September 18, 2020	N/A NMS	Discussed and reviewed in each classroom	Fire Drill	N/A
September 17 & 18, 2020	N/A BSS	Discussed and reviewed in each classroom	Fire Drill	N/A
*NMS/Nehaunsey Middle School		*BSS/Broad Street School		

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C. Student Discipline, Violence/Vandalism and HIB

1. The approval of the Student Discipline, Violence/Vandalism and HIB as of **September 30, 2020**:

Infractions Referrals Reports	Number of Incidents September 2020		2020-2021 Total-to-Date	
	BSS	NMS	BSS	NMS
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0
Detention After School	0	0	0	0
Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying	0	0	0	0
Lunch Detention	0	0	0	0
Out-School-Suspension (OSS)	0	0	0	0
Restricted Study	0	0	0	0
Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse	0	0	0	0

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Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion: (Vernacchio/Kent) to approve the following:

- A. The approval of request for intermittent FMLA from Jean Walko, effective the 2020-2021 school year and received on 9/28/20, for medical reasons, in accordance with all FMLA/NJFLA guidelines as well as Greenwich Township Board of Education policies #4431.1 and #4431.3 and the GTEA agreement. (Attachment)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1 **4. POLICY & REGULATION**

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3 Motion: (Chapkowski/Kent) to approve the following policies on 2nd
4 reading:

Number	Title	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
P 2270	Program – Religion in Schools		X
P 2622	Program – Student Assessment		X
P & R 5111	Students – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students		X
P & R 5200	Students – Attendance		X
P & R 5320	Students – Immunizations		X
P & R 5610	Students – Suspension		X
P 5620	Students – Expulsion		X
P & R 8320	Operations – Personnel Records		X

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6 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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8 **5. BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

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12 A. The *retroactive* approval of tuition contract between Greenwich Township
13 Board of Education and Mount Holly Board of Education for student#
14 8048678092, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the
15 amount of \$14,500.00.
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17 B. The *retroactive* approval of tuition contract between Greenwich Township
18 Board of Education and Logan Township Board of Education for
19 McKinney/VENTO student# 9173983702, effective September 1, 2020
20 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$14,607.00.
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22 C. The *retroactive* approval of the tuition contracts between Greenwich
23 Township Board of Education and the Gloucester County Special Services
24 School District for students# 6385184968, #4712839826 and
25 #5627683822, effective September 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at an
26 annual cost of \$40,320.00, \$64,080.00 and \$40,320.00, respectively.
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28 D. The approval of the 2020 Digital Divide Grant in the amount of \$69,025.00
29 (public) and \$2,654.00 (non-public).

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31 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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33 **6. REPORT OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

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35 Motion: (Chapkowski/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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A. Bills Lists

1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment)

Number	Amount
101-2020	\$75,462.38
18-2021	\$124,244.40
TOTAL \$199,706.78	

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Chapkowski/Kent) to approve the following:

B. Voided Checks

1. The approval to void the following check:

Check#	Vendor	Amount	Account
25235	Tom Harris Signs	\$2,015.00	Current

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports – Negotiations Committee (Gerald Michael)

- Contract negotiations are still in fact-finding. We thought we'd have an answer by 9/24/20 but the fact-finder asked for more time. We are expecting an answer hopefully by the end of next week and the contract should be settled one way or the other within the next two weeks. Since we are still waiting for his decision, the Board will not entertain any contract questions this evening.
- There is a meeting at Paulsboro High School tomorrow, 10/6/20 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss their re-opening plan.

1 **9. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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9 In accordance with Board policy and procedures, speakers are not permitted to
10 publicly speak of personal issues involving school personnel, or against any
11 person connected to the school system. Any such concern should be presented
12 to the school or district-level administration so that a proper response may be
13 given.

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15 *Alyson Martorano, 34 South Home Avenue asked if we have a re-opening plan*
16 *in place? Chad Kent responded that we are open. Mrs. Martorano wants to*
17 *know if we will be opening full-time? Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman said the*
18 *hybrid plan we have in place is Phase 1. At this time, we do not have a Phase 2*
19 *plan based on the data we currently have coming out of Gloucester County and*
20 *the State of New Jersey. Between the alert levels and the COVID levels we*
21 *have, we are in a holding pattern. Mrs. Martorano wants to know if there is a re-*
22 *evaluation plan? Dr. Foley-Hindman said that we are constantly re-evaluating*
23 *and will continue the hybrid plan until at least the end of the 1st marking period on*
24 *November 11, 2020.*

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26 *Naila Tanczak, 200 Ashton Drive, Gibbstown, NJ asked what we are waiting to*
27 *hear from Paulsboro about their re-opening and is it their ventilation system that*
28 *is preventing them from re-opening? Dr. Foley-Hindman said they are currently*
29 *all remote. They may continue to be all remote or suggest a hybrid plan like ours*
30 *but she can't speak for their Superintendent plus we are not privy to their*
31 *information about their ventilation system. They did announce, however, that*
32 *they are working on it. Ms. Tanczak asked if there is anything we need to do*
33 *with our ventilation system to get the kids back to full-time instead of waiting for*
34 *the governor? Dr. Foley-Hindman responded that our ventilation system is not*
35 *the reason we are on a hybrid situation. The reason we are in a hybrid situation*
36 *is so that we can meet social distancing guidelines between bussing, lunches*
37 *and foot space in the classrooms. We feel that the opening plan we have is the*
38 *safest for our children.*

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40 *Susan Schafer, 424 Lock Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said the signs at both schools*
41 *look great but were they paid for by a grant? Dr. Foley-Hindman said it was*
42 *paid for by the maintenance reserve money line item in our budget.*

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44 *Naila Tanczak asked if the line items amount can be moved to benefit another*
45 *area? Dr. Foley-Hindman said it cannot be moved once it is placed in a budget.*

1 *If there is any money left at the end of the school year, it still gets carried over to*
2 *that same line account.*

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4 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ said he knows there's
5 no questions on the contract but will it be settled in two (2) weeks? **Gerald**
6 **Michael** said he is hoping it will be settled in two (2) weeks.

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8 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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10 Motion: (Lombardo/Chapkowski) to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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12 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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14 Respectfully Submitted,

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20 Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman, C.S.A.

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23 ***Next Board of Education Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November*
24 *9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.***