

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 Tuesday, March 19, 2002 in the Nehaunsey Middle School multi-purpose room.

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

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8 **Roll Call:**

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10 Joseph Marcucci
11 Robyn Glocker-Hammond
12 Susan Filiaggi
13 Larry Hall
14 Frank Minniti
15 Celia Sorbello

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17 Also present were Stephen C. Combs, Superintendent, and Scott A. Campbell,
18 Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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20 **Absent:**

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22 Marie Downes

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24 As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting
25 was sent to the Gloucester County Times, Courier Post, and the Township Clerk. It was
26 also posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Videotaping
27 Regulations - "The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped, and anyone
28 wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.")

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30 Flag Salute

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32 **1. PRESENTATION #1**

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34 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS: Made by Superintendent Stephen Combs
35 and President Joseph Marcucci.

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37 Mrs. Jody Harris, Nehaunsey Middle School
38 Mrs. Susan Zimmerman, Broad Street School

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40 **PRESENTATION #2**

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42 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS – THEME – DRUG AWARENESS MONTH:
43 Presented by: Terry DiSanto

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45 George Schreyer

1		Cathy Tortella, RN	
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3	Grade 6	1 st Place	Stephanie Oliveri
4		2 nd Place	Madelyn Giorgianni
5		3 rd Place	Charles Boyle
6		Honorable Mention	Amanda DiCicco
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8	Grade 7	1 st Place	Dorsey Terry
9		2 nd Place	Shannon Hresko
10		3 rd Place	Brittany Zingo
11		Honorable Mention	Mary Catando
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13	Grade 8	1 st Place	Brielle Bramell*
14		2 nd Place	Sandra DiMarco
15		3 rd Place	Nick Giordano
16		Honorable Mention	Shannon Bauer

Brielle Bramell's poster will be made into a billboard and displayed on Broad Street

2. MINUTES

Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following minutes:

- February 11, 2002 – Workshop Meeting
- February 11, 2002 – Caucus
- February 19, 2002 – Regular Meeting
- February 19, 2002 – Caucus

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. FINANCE

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

- A. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the total amounts of \$760,547.34 and \$730.75 be ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT A)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2002. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B)

1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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3 Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:

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5 C. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)*, that the Greenwich Township Board
6 of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of January 31, 2002, after
7 review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of
8 January (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the district
9 officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been
10 over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient
11 funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the
12 remainder of the fiscal year.

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14 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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16 Motion: (Filiaggi/Minniti) to approve the following:

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18 D. The approval of the ratification of transfers, authorized by the
19 Superintendent, for the month of January, 2002 to give balances to new
20 accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)

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22 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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24 Motion: (Hall/Minniti) to approve the following:

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26 E. The approval to accept the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the
27 month of January, 2002. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)

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29 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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31 **4. USE OF FACILITIES**

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33 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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35 A. Approved the use of the Nehaussey Middle School for a dinner/fashion
36 show sponsored by the Student Council and their advisors, Mrs. Kaminski
37 and Mrs. Spoto. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2002.

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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41 **5. LEGAL NOTICES**

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43 Motion: (Minniti/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following:

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45 A. Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Broad

1 Street School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to present the 2002-2003
2 Greenwich Township School Budget.

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4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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6 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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8 B. The annual School Board Election will take place on Tuesday, April 16,
9 2002, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The election will be
10 held in the lobby of the Nehaunsey Middle School.

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12 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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14 **6. CONTRACTS**

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16 Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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18 A. Approval of a Lease Agreement for a 60-month term on a Xerox
19 Document Centre 432ST. This unit is for use in the Business Office. The
20 rental agreement for the unit in their office had expired. Minimum monthly
21 lease payment is \$426.65, with overage in excess of 5,000 to be billed at
22 \$.0137 per copy, for service and supplies. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)

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24 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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26 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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28 B. Approval of a Lease Agreement for a 60-month term on a Xerox
29 Document Centre 432ST. This unit is for use in the Nehaunsey Middle
30 School Principal and Superintendent's Office. The rental agreement for
31 the unit in their office had expired. Minimum monthly lease payment is
32 \$536.25, with overages in excess of 13,000 to be billed at \$.0137 per
33 copy, for service and supplies. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)

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35 **7. RESOLUTION**

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37 Motion: (Minniti/Glocker Hammond) to approve the following:

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39 A. Approval of a Resolution to authorize a change in the average number of
40 hours of employment per week required for "full-time" status for
41 participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (NJSHBP)
42 in accordance with NJAC 17:0-4.6. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)

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44 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

1 Motion: (Hall/Minniti) to approve the following:
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- 3 A. Approval of the following listed individuals as Substitute Teachers for the
4 remainder of the 2001-2002 school year (pending completion of all
5 required documentation).
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7 Crystal Tomlin
8 Jacqueline Williams
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10 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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12 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following:
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- 14 B. Approved for our school district to participate in the EXPO '02 held at the
15 Deptford Mall sometime in May, 2002. Ms. McLaughlin, Art Teacher, is
16 our District Coordinator for the program.
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18 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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20 **9. CORRESPONDENCE**
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22 Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:
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- 24 A. Accepted letter of notification to participate in the "Early Employment
25 Separation Initiative". This letter is from George Schreyer, Guidance
26 Counselor. Mr. Schreyer has been employed by this school district for 38
27 years. Separation will be effective June 30, 2002.
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29 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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31 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Sorbello) to approve the following:
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- 33 B. Letter of notification to participate in the "Early Employment Separation
34 Initiative". This letter is from Bonnie Viereck-Berchtold, Special Education
35 Teacher. Mrs. Viereck-Berchtold has been employed by this school
36 district for 26 years. Separation will be effective June 30, 2002.
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38 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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40 Motion: (Hall/Minniti) to approve the following:
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- 42 C. Letter of notification to participate in the "Early Employment Separation
43 Initiative". This letter is from Paul Kennedy, School Psychologist. Mr.
44 Kennedy has been employed by this school district for 15 years.
45 Separation will be effective June 30, 2002.

1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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3 Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:

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5 D. Letter of notification to participate in the "Early Employment Separation
6 Initiative". This letter is from Robert Earl Fetty, Teacher. Mr. Fetty has
7 been employed by this school district for 33 years. Separation will be
8 effective June 30, 2002.

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10 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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12 Motion: (Hall/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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14 E. Acceptance with regret the letter of resignation from Sandra D.
15 Backensto, Broad Street School Secretary. Mrs. Backensto's resignation
16 is effective May 30, 2002, but her last day of work is May 15, 2002.

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18 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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22 F. Approval for Barbara Magazu and Cheryl Pindur to be granted five (5)
23 professional days in January, 2003 for the Thailand Project.

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25 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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27 **10. FIELD TRIP**

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29 Motion: (Glocker Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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31 A. Approval for the 4th grade class of Mrs. Brown to travel to Powell's
32 Greenhouse in Mickleton on Thursday, March 14, 2002.

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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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36 **11. DISCUSSION**

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38 A. Discussion regarding the printing of the school district's 2002-2003
39 calendar. Discussion will focus on possibly using GCIT for printing
40 services.

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42 **12. PRESENTATION**

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44 A. Presentation of resolution to Paulsboro High School Football head coach,
45 Glenn Howard, which honors the Paulsboro High School Football Team

1 for their accomplishments during the 2001 Football Season.

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

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11 Anthony Rastelli, Memorial Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked what the current
12 amount of hours you had to work to be eligible for benefits and what is it being
13 changed to?

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15 Scott Campbell answered that the current requirement is 30 hours and it is being
16 increased to 35 hours.

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18 Mr. Rastelli then asked how much the staff members would be paid if they took
19 the Early Employment Separation Initiative?

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21 Scott Campbell answered that the payout would be determined by each
22 individuals situation. Proposal A – they would be paid for their unused sick days
23 per the contract in addition to \$20,000.00 which would be paid \$10,000.00 in
24 2003 and \$10,000.00 in 2004. Proposal B – they would be paid \$35,000.00 over
25 three years. They would not receive any payment for their remaining sick days.

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27 Mr. Rastelli then asked what the status was of having Italian placed in the
28 curriculum?

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30 Joseph Marcucci answered that it has been placed into the budget for 2002-
31 2003 and the success of the program depends upon if we can get a teacher who
32 is dually certified in Spanish and Italian. Joseph Marcucci has contacted Rowan
33 University and informed them of our needs. We are also having an administrator
34 and two teachers attend a Job Fair at Kingsway Regional High School with the
35 hopes of attracting a candidate.

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37 Frank Boultinghouse, 228 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked if it was true
38 that we hired a Spanish teacher after the advertisement asked for Italian and
39 Spanish?

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41 Joseph Marcucci answered that the position needed to be filled and the best
42 candidate had only a Spanish certification. As you know, I have spoken with Dr.
43 Rotondo and it is difficult to find a teacher with dual certification.

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45 John DiStefano, 438 Kirkbride Drive, Gibbstown, NJ would like to thank the

1 Board of Education on behalf of the Sons of Italy for making the effort to include
2 Italian in the curriculum.

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4 **14. CLOSED SESSION**

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6 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.*
7 *10:4-6*, et seq., which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public,
8 may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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10 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session
11 on *March 19, 2002*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
12 public shall be held on *March 19, 2002, at 7:45 p.m.* in the Nehaunsey Middle
13 School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
14 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
15 *Meetings Act*, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b) to be discussed in closed session.

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17 1. Matters Involving Individual Privacy
18 2. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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20 It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the
21 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and
22 the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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24 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Filiaggi) to enter into closed session at 7:45
25 p.m. to discuss the following:

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27 1. Personnel

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29 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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31 Returned from closed session at 8:55 p.m.

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33 **15. FIELD TRIP**

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35 Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to approve the following:

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37 A. Approval for the 8th grade class to attend a Dress Rehearsal at Paulsboro
38 High School for the play "Once Upon a Mattress".

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40 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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42 **16. ADJOURNMENT**

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44 Motion: (Hall/Glocker Hammond) to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

1 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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3 Respectfully submitted,

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9 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary

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