

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held  
4 **Wednesday, July 6, 2011** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Jason Murschell at 6:32 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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

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18 Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, 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 **Courier Post, Gloucester County Times** 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 **OPENING PROCEDURES**

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29 **1. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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31 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, A-C:

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33 **PERSONNEL**

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35 A. The *retroactive* approval for the FMLA/medical leave of absence for Debra  
36 Truhan, Payroll/Benefits Clerk, beginning July 1, 2011 for a period of four  
37 to six weeks. Mrs. Truhan will be using accumulated sick leave during this  
38 period.  
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40 B. The *retroactive* approval to increase the hours of John Cameli,  
41 Custodial/Maintenance, to 40 hours per week beginning July 1, 2011 for  
42 the 2011-2012 school year at a salary of \$51,402.00. (Attachment –  
43 EXHIBIT A)  
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1 C. The approval for the appointment of Omar Winfrey as a replacement  
2 teacher effective September 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011. Mr.  
3 Winfrey will be replacing Allison Delaney, Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle  
4 School, who will be on medical/maternity leave. Mr. Winfrey will be paid  
5 \$70.00 a day up to and including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the  
6 rate will increase to \$75.00 a day. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B)  
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8 **Susan Vernacchio** stated that we have approved a back-up for Mrs. Truhan at a  
9 prior meeting but who will be doing payroll while she is out? **Scott Campbell**  
10 responded that Mrs. Truhan has been coming in briefly to pick up some stuff and  
11 has done the payroll. He also let the board know that it is a smaller payroll with a  
12 limited staff so she has been able to get the payroll done.  
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14 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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16 **POLICIES & REGULATIONS**

17 Jason Murschell, Chairperson

18 Louis Fabiani

19 Lisa Morina  
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21 Motion: (Murschell/Worrell) to approve the following:  
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23 A. The approval of the following revised regulation on **first** reading:  
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Policy/Regulation No.	Title
Regulation 5511	Dress Code (Revised)

25 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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28 Motion: (Worrell/Lombardo) to approve the following:  
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30 B. The approval of the following revised regulation on **first** reading:  
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Policy/Regulation No.	Title
Regulation 5600	Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct (Revised)

32 **Vince Tarantino** gave a brief explanation on the changes to the Pupil  
33 Discipline/Code of Conduct that will be sent home to the parents before the first  
34 day of school.  
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37 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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1 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

2 Lisa Morina, Chairperson

3 Alan Boultinghouse

4 Roseanne Lombardo

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6 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve the following:

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8 A. Grant

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10 1. The approval to enter into an agreement with New Jersey Child  
11 Assault Prevention (NJ CAP), Elementary, Teen & Special Needs,  
12 for the 2011-2012 school year at no cost to the Board of Education.  
13 The entire grant will be paid for by NJ CAP. (Attachment –  
14 EXHIBIT C)

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16 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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18 **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

19 Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

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23 A. Interdistrict Public School Choice Program

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25 1. The approval for the following students to attend Gateway Regional  
26 High School for the 2011-2012 school year on the “Public School  
27 Choice Program”. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)

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29 Marissa Jarrell

Gabriella Lemus

30 Emily Mann

Nicole Nichols

31 Dominique Sanchez (*transfer from Gloucester Catholic*)

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33 B. Special Counsel Contract

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35 1. The approval to extend the contract of Comegno Law Group, P.C.  
36 from July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011. The present contract  
37 expired June 30, 2011 and authorized work will continue into July.

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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41 **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

42 James Worrell, Chairperson

43 Louis Fabiani

44 Roseanne Lombardo

1 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, A-D:  
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- 3 A. The approval to purchase 31 light fixtures for Broad Street School at a  
4 cost of \$49.95 each for a total of \$1,548.45.  
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6 B. The approval to purchase air conditioning window units at a cost of  
7 \$4,770.00 as listed in attachment. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)  
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9 C. The approval to replace three windows at Broad Street School at a cost of  
10 \$1,434.00.  
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12 D. The approval to construct temporary sound proofing walls in two  
13 classrooms at Nehaunsey Middle School at a cost of \$370.00 each.  
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15 **Susan Vernacchio** asked if these four items were something that was budgeted  
16 for? **Vince Tarantino** responded that it is in the maintenance/custodial account  
17 for items such as these. We have a lot of items that we have budgeted for and  
18 some we haven't budgeted for. **Scott Campbell** said he will have to look at each  
19 of these items. **Mr. Tarantino** then briefly explained the necessity of each item.  
20 He said that at Broad Street School, they replaced the ceiling tiles and light  
21 fixtures on the first floor and it has brightened up the building. When the  
22 committee met with the architect to tour the building, it was recommended that  
23 the second floor light fixtures also be replaced. As far as the air conditioners, if  
24 you were in the Broad Street School during the later part of the school year, in  
25 the kitchen, it got so hot, it was almost unbearable for the cafeteria workers. The  
26 attached list will show where the units will be installed. Some will be installed at  
27 the Broad Street School and some here at the Nehaunsey School. **Mr.**  
28 **Tarantino** then went on to say that the three windows at Broad Street School  
29 need to be replaced because the sashes no longer can be fixed. Finally, Mrs.  
30 Whitcraft asked for the sound-proofing walls at Nehaunsey School because with  
31 the sound system they have, it is difficult to conduct two classes without it  
32 disrupting each other. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that the walls will be temporary so  
33 that if we should sell the building, if this is the building that the district decides not  
34 to use, they can be removed.  
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36 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
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## 38 2. CORRESPONDENCE

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40 **Jason Murschell** received a letter from a student, Praveen Vulimiri, thanking the  
41 Board of Education for his scholarship award he received at graduation. **Louis**  
42 **Fabiani** asked if we could send a thank you letter to Tree Awareness for the  
43 excellent work they did in trimming the trees and **James Worrell** also stated that  
44 they repaired the flag pole which was not in the contract. **Jason Murschell** said  
45 that sending a thank you letter to people we contract is not in our policy but he

1 said we can send them one thanking them for fixing our flag pole since it was not  
2 in the contract to do that.

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4 **3. NEW BUSINESS**

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6 **Bill Houghton** gave an update on the smoke alarm replacements. He said that  
7 last week there were problems with the fire alarm. The first incident, the fire  
8 company did respond and it was a smoke detector here in the hallway outside  
9 the generator room. Security Connection was called and they replaced the  
10 smoke detector. This weekend, the fire alarm went off again. So **Mr. Houghton**  
11 recommended to **Mr. Tarantino** that we replace all the smoke detectors since  
12 they are all old. He also stated that he called Security Connection and they gave  
13 him an estimate on what it would cost to replace all the smoke detectors in the  
14 building.

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16 **Mr. Lou DeLosso** from the Design Collaborative gave an update on what has  
17 done on with the consolidation project to this date. The power-point presentation  
18 is attached.

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20 **4. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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28 **Cathy Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ said that as a taxpayer,  
29 she is concerned about this building, Nehaunsey, and should this be the building  
30 to be closing? We have all heard rumors about selling it to the township or giving  
31 it to them and then having them have to renovate it for their needs which would  
32 also add to the taxpayer burden. The architect talked about the renovation being  
33 the lower cost, so would it be advantageous to renovate both buildings at the  
34 lesser costs and keeping them both open? If we can remember at a meeting  
35 where Mr. Lee Lucas stating that our taxes are low and we are happy with them  
36 so why would we consider consolidating when it would just raise our taxes. **Mrs.**  
37 **Tortella** said that Mr. Muschell knows her feelings about middle school and how  
38 important it is for our students. She also realizes there are other issues; two  
39 nurses, two cafeterias etc. **Jason Murschell** responded by saying that the  
40 auditor went through and did a preliminary number and it was \$648,000.00 more  
41 per year that we are spending by having both buildings open and that was a  
42 number from three years ago. **Mr. Murschell** went on to say that consolidation is  
43 a long-range plan but once that bond is paid off, we will save more money in the  
44 long run. He also addressed Mrs. Tortella's other concern in that if the township  
45 were to move into this building, what they could probably do is sell their existing

1 buildings and use that money toward the renovation of this building to their  
2 needs. None of this has been discussed and he understands it is a legitimate  
3 concern.  
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5 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ, wanted to know if there  
6 has been any discussion about the lack of Gibbstown students going to  
7 Paulsboro High School? He stated that if he were the Superintendent of  
8 Paulsboro, he would be concerned about the fact that our sending district is  
9 sending their students somewhere else. **Louis Fabiani** responded by saying  
10 that he was not at their last meeting so he doesn't have information on that. **Mr.**  
11 **Fabiani** did say that Paulsboro thought that they would get more students when  
12 they became a "School of Choice". **Mr. Tortella** stated that there has to be a  
13 reason that our students are not going to Paulsboro; something needs to change.  
14 **Mr. Murschell** stated that there has to be a legitimate concern as to why parents  
15 do not want to send their children to Paulsboro High School. **Vincent Tarantino**  
16 stated that when his family moved to Williamstown, no one wanted to send their  
17 children to Williamstown High School. You have to change the culture and the  
18 atmosphere of the building. That is what Williamstown did; little by little. And  
19 now it is a school that everyone wants to send their children to. He went to say  
20 that maybe if Paulsboro has an open house here at Nehaunsey and invited  
21 parents to come to see what they have to offer, it would be beneficial to them.  
22 They can highlight all the good things about Paulsboro and what great things  
23 they do. **Mr. Fabiani** stated that the Paulsboro Board is trying to do the best they  
24 can as far as getting students to come to their school. **Roseanne Lombardo**  
25 stated that what hurt Paulsboro was the fact that GCIT became an "elite" school.  
26 Paulsboro could have benefitted from these students going to school half-day  
27 and then going half-day to GCIT for vocational school. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that  
28 you have to have academy programs at Paulsboro; you can have elite programs;  
29 something that the students would be interested in as they do at GCIT. They  
30 have to establish and develop those programs much like they did at  
31 Williamstown.  
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33 **Lisa Morina** wanted to know if the board can get a copy of the savings of  
34 consolidation report from the auditor and could it be updated? **Vincent**  
35 **Tarantino** replied that he and Scott Campbell will work on that and get copies to  
36 everyone. **Mrs. Morina** also wanted to know if based on the architects  
37 presentation this evening but going back to the last board meeting, will we be  
38 having a committee of residents so that we can get their input? **Jason**  
39 **Murschell** responded by saying that once the architect comes back with a time-  
40 line and before the schematic approval goes before the Department of  
41 Education, the regulatory committee can set up a public meeting and get the  
42 public's input. **Mrs. Morina** wanted to know who will provide the public with the  
43 information to day that that is what is going to happen at that meeting; will it be  
44 the architect or will it be this board of education? **Mr. Murschell** stated that he  
45 thought maybe having someone in public relations be assigned to that or getting

1 an intern that would be responsible for the public relations portion. **Mr.**  
2 **Tarantino** also said that he reached out to Rowan University where they have an  
3 intern program and the professor would be happy to lend their support if need be.  
4 **Mr. Lou DeLosso**, stated that there are going to be two, possibly four options  
5 that will be the starting points to these discussions. Sometimes you get really  
6 good comments and you may want to talk about them. We will also have a  
7 “frequently asked questions” section on our website where residents can go on  
8 and ask those questions. The biggest problem he feels this district has, it getting  
9 people out to vote. He also stated that it is the boards’ responsibility to get the  
10 information out to the people.

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12 **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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14 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*  
15 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may  
16 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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18 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on  
19 **July 6, 2011** hereby resolves than an Executive Session closed to the public  
20 shall be held on **July 6, 2011**, at **8:00 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle  
21 School library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New  
22 Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by  
23 *Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed  
24 session.

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  - Matters Involving Individual Privacy
  - Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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29 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the  
30 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the  
31 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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33 Motion: (Murschell/Worrell) to enter into Executive Session at 8:00  
34 p.m. to discuss the following:

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  - Legal (bus bids)

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38 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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40 Motion: (Murschell/Worrell) to return to the Special Meeting at 8:16  
41 p.m.

1 **6. CONTRACTS**

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3 Motion: (Worrell/Murschell) to reject all bids for both bid packets (#1-1112 &  
4 #2-1112) due to a minor defect in the actual bid.

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6 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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8 Motion: (Worrell/Fabiani) to approve giving the Business Administrator  
9 permission to re-advertise for bids on the transportation services.

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13 **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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15 Motion: (Murschell/Vernacchio) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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17 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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20 Respectfully Submitted,

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26 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary  
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