

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 Tuesday, September 18, 2001 in the Nehaunsey Middle School multi-purpose room.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Marcucci at 7:03 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

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

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18 **Absent:**

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20 Marie Downes
21 Frank Minniti
22 Celia Sorbello

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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. STUDENT RECOGNITION**

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34 Superintendent Stephen C. Combs recognized the Nehaunsey students who
35 raised money for the victims of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

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37 \$955.90 was raised by Rachel Clauson, Kristine Dunne, Brittany Buehler,
38 Seimone Vicario, and Kathryn Futia.

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40 **2. PRESENTATION**

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42 Mr. George Schreyer gave a presentation on the ESPA 2001 results.

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44 **3. MINUTES**

1 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Hall) to approve the following:

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3 August 13, 2001 Workshop Meeting
4 August 13, 2001 Caucus
5 August 21, 2001 Regular Meeting
6 August 21, 2001 Caucus
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8 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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10 **4. FINANCE**

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

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14 A. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the total amounts of
15 \$295,838.91, \$68,657.20, \$43,545.36 and \$43,522.56 be ordered paid.
16 (Attachment - EXHIBIT A)
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18 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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20 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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22 B. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of June
23 2001. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B)
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25 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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27 Motion: (Hall/Glocker-Hammond) to approve the following:

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29 C. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)*, that the Greenwich Township Board
30 of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of June 30, 2001, after
31 review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of June
32 (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the district officials,
33 to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-
34 expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are
35 available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the
36 fiscal year.
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38 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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40 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Hall) to approve the following:

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42 D. The Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of June 2001.
43 (Attachment-EXHIBIT C)
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45 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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2 Motion: (Hall/Glocker-Hammond) to approve the following:

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4 E. The Student Activities Report for the month of July 2001.
5 (Attachment - EXHIBIT D)
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7 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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9 **5. STUDENT PLACEMENTS**

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

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13 A. To receive from East Greenwich, a student, I.T., for the LLD Class.
14 Tuition is \$14,673.00 for the 2001-2002 school year.
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16 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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18 Motion: (Filiaggi/Glocker-Hammond) to approve the following:

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20 B. In accordance with the student's I.E.P., for C.J. to attend the Department
21 of Human Services Regional Day School, in Cherry Hill, NJ, for the 2001-
22 2002 school year at a tuition rate of \$29,025.00. Per diem rate is \$136.91
23 for 212 days.
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25 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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27 **6. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

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

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31 A. The submission of renewal request for approval of substandard
32 instructional areas for the 2001-2002 school year to the County
33 Superintendent:
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35 Broad Street School-

36 Room 106 Kindergarten

37 Room 107 Kindergarten

38 Room 108 Kindergarten

39 Room 110 Kindergarten

40 Room 207 Basic Skills

41 Nehaunsey Middle School

42 Room 14 School Library
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44 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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1 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

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3 **Superintendent's Recommendations**

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5 A. **PERSONNEL**

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7 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Hall) to approve the following:

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9 1. The appointment of the following individual as Substitute
10 Teacher for the 2001-2002 school year pending completion
11 of all required documentation.

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13 Chiavoroli, James

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15 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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19 2. The appointment of Linda Maddox to the position of
20 Homebound Instructor for a third grade student effective
21 as soon as possible and will continue for an indefinite
22 period of time. The rate of pay will be 25.00 per hour
23 with instruction being a minimum of 5 hours per week
24 and a maximum of 10 hours per week.

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26 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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28 Motion: (Hall/Glocker-Hammond) to approve the following:

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30 3. A one-time agreed upon payment of \$3,000.00 to Bonnie
31 Viereck-Berchtold which is subject to terms acceptable
32 to our counsel.

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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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39 4. An hourly rate increase to \$10.84 for Anna Marie Dick,
40 Library Aide for the 2001-2002 school year.

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42 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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44 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Hall) to approve the following:

- 1 5. An hourly rate increase to \$12.29 for Dolores Mooney,
2 Part-Time Custodian for the 2001-2002 school year.

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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 6. An hourly rate increase to \$8.30 for the Part-Time
9 Cafeteria/Playground Aides for the 2001-2002 school year.

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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15 7. An hourly rate increase to \$8.30 for the Bus Aides for the
16 2001-2002 school year.

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18 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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22 8. An hourly rate increase to \$13.26 for Part-Time Business
23 Office Clerk, Dorothy Roper, for the 2001-2002 school year.

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25 Motion carried by unanimous roll vote.

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27 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Hall) to approve the following:

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29 9. A salary increase to \$4,400.00 for Treasure of School
30 Monies, Jeanette Peel, for the 2001-2002 school year.

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32 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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36 10. A salary increase to \$28,504.00 for Regina Minniti,
37 Confidential Secretary for the 2001-2002 school year.

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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43 11. A salary increase to \$28,827.00 for Judy Ferretti,
44 Confidential Secretary for the 2001-2002 school year.

1 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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3 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Hall) to approve the following:

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5 12. A salary increase to \$24,945.00 for Jerilyn Tranquillo,
6 Director of Food Services, for the 2001-2002 school year.

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8 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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12 13. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Dorothy Roper,
13 Part-Time Business Office Clerk, effective October 31, 2001.

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15 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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17 B. FIELD TRIP

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

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21 1. A field trip for seventh grade students to the Academy of Music
22 on Friday, November 30, 2001. Cost to the Board will be \$750.00.
23 This field trip is singled out for approval at this time due to the
24 date of the trip being so close.

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26 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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28 C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

- 31 1. The Greenwich Township Public Schools' Emergency Management
32 Plan for the 2001-2002 school year. (Attachment - EXHIBIT F)

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34 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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36 D. OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

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

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40 1. A Greenwich Township resident, J.D., classified pre-school
41 disabled, to attend the Bancroft School. The per diem rate
42 is \$166.00. This resident will begin classes in early October 2001.

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44 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1 **8. WAIVER**

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

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5 1. The Waiver for Mentoring Second Year Teachers. The administrative
6 code citation, N.J.A.C. 6:11-14 necessitates the proposed waiver. The
7 regulation requiring mentoring of all second year teachers cannot be
8 implemented because the state funds required to underwrite the cost
9 of this program are not available.

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13 **9. GRANT**

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

- 16
17 1. The New Jersey Character Education Partnership (NJCEP) Initiative.
18 Our application has been approved for Fiscal Year 2002 by the Office
19 of Education Support Services in the amount of \$4,000.00.
20 (Attachment-EXHIBIT E)

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22 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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24 **10. 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
28 will hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening.
29 You will be notified either at this meeting, by letter, or telephone of any action the
30 Board does take.

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32 Mr. Anthony Rastelli, 54 Memorial Ave., Gibbstown, NJ, asked “with 65-75% of
33 Gibbstown’s residents coming from Italian Heritage, are we going to institute
34 Italian for next year?”

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36 Mr. Joseph Marcucci responded that we have currently instituted the Italian
37 Enrichment Program after school. He cannot speak for the rest of the Board but
38 there are fiscal and curriculum related restraints with instituting a program like
39 this. We will look and see if it is possible in the future. But once the program is
40 installed into the curriculum, it has to be able to be maintained and at this point
41 we are not sure it can be maintained.

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43 Mr. Rastelli then asked, “Have the citizens of the Township ever been
44 surveyed?”
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1 Mr. Marcucci answered that he is not aware of any survey being conducted.

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3 Mr. Rastelli stated that the World Language Curriculum advocates having two
4 languages in the schools.

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6 Mr. Marcucci reiterated that the Board is not against installing Italian into the
7 curriculum but there are fiscal restraints that would be placed on the budget.
8 Tonight, I cannot give you an answer.

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10 Mr. Rastelli asked, "Shouldn't we let the public decide?"

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12 Frank Boultinghouse, 228 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked that since we
13 are using taxpayers money to fund the schools, who mandated Spanish as the
14 language in the curriculum?

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16 Mr. Marcucci replied that when you buy a product, the directions are usually in
17 two languages, English and Spanish, meaning that Spanish is probably the
18 second most spoken language in the U.S. At this time, can you guarantee that
19 the money from the consulate will be there for the next three years?

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21 Mr. Boultinghouse asked, "Do you think the children will stay after school?"

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23 Mrs. Robyn Glocker-Hammond responded that she felt the children would
24 attend since our other clubs are successful and have excellent attendance.

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26 Mr. Rastelli added that Gibbstown was going to be the model for the rest of the
27 state and that he could not believe that we were turning away \$30,000 that we
28 could have used for the program. He also added that Mr. Combs set up the
29 program with Italian instituted into the curriculum. If you read the program and
30 schedule, it cut Spanish time.

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32 Mr. Boultinghouse asked if the Board intended to take a poll?

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34 Mr. Marcucci would like to reiterate that he is not against the Italian language
35 in the schools, but he has a responsibility, along with other Board Members to
36 make a sound decision.

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38 Ms. Joann Parker, 2nd grade teacher, asked if it would be fair to entertain offers
39 on all languages. For example, French, German, Japanese, and sign language?

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41 Cathy Tortella, nurse at Nehaunsey Middle School, commented that she is proud
42 of her husband's heritage and a survey should be sent out asked what peoples
43 heritage is and what they would prefer.

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45 Susan Phelps, 525 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ has a concern with busing

1 last year. Her son was in the Pre-K class and was bussed. This year because
2 she lives in a walking area, her son has to walk. She was informed that her son
3 would not be able to take a bus if he went to a sitters house in a bussed area.
4 She wants to know if the Board would reconsider this practice.

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6 Mr. Marcucci responded that the child is not insured to ride a bus if he or she
7 resides in a walking area. Also, we do not receive transportation aide on that
8 child.

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10 Janice Holdstein, Pre-K teacher at Broad St. School, stated she supports the
11 parents on the bussing issue.

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13 Ednamae Graham, Special Education Teacher at the Broad Street School, came
14 in support of the parents and stated that it is hard for parents who have to work
15 to find day care and she feels parents should have input on the situation.

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17 Mike Myers, 163 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ commented that he is
18 concerned with the number of students in the second grade class. He said there
19 are 27 students in the class.

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21 Nancy Myers, Principal at Broad Street School, stated that there are 25 and 23
22 students in each classroom.

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24 Mr. Myers responded that he still thinks 25 is too much.

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26 **11. CLOSED SESSION**

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28 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.*
29 *10:4-6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public,
30 may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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32 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session
33 on *September 18, 2001*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the
34 public shall be held on *September 18, 2001, at 8:10 p.m.* in the Nehaunsey
35 Middle School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
36 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
37 *Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed session.

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39 1. Matters Involving Individual Privacy
40 2. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
41 3. Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements
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43 It is anticipated that such matters may be disclosed to the public upon the
44 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and
45 the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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2 Motion: (Glocker-Hammond/Filiaggi) to enter into closed session at 8:10
3 p.m. to discuss the following:

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5 1. Personnel - Part-Time Secretary
6 2. Negotiations - Collective Bargaining
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8 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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10 Returned from closed session at 9:39 p.m.

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12 **12. NEW BUSINESS**

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14 Superintendent's Recommendations

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16 A. **PERSONNEL**

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18 Motion: (Hall/Glocker-Hammond) to approve the following:

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20 1. An hourly rate increase to \$12.98 for the following listed
21 Part-Time Secretaries for the 2001-2002 school year:

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23 D'Italia, Virginia
24 Young, Donna
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26 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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28 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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30 Motion: (Hall/Filiaggi) to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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32 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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34 Respectfully submitted,
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39 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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