

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Monday, September 26, 2011** in the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Jason Murschell at 7:00 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 Roseanne Lombardo
15 Lisa Morina
16 Susan Vernacchio

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

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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 ***The Gloucester County Times, The Courier Post*** and the ***Township***
22 ***Clerk***. It was also posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional:
23 Videotaping Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped and
24 anyone wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.”)

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26 Absent:

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28 Scott Campbell

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30 **OPENING PROCEDURES**

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32 **1. PRESENTATION**

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34 A presentation on the building consolidation project was made by Mr. Lou
35 DeLosso of The Design Collaborative. Questions were then taken by the public.

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37 ***Leonard Hurff, 608 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, wanted to know if it were***
38 ***true that any new building project had to be at sea level or above? Mr. DeLosso***
39 ***replied that it has to be above the base of elevation. Mr. Hurff then stated that if***
40 ***we are going to add onto Nehaunsey Middle School, how many feet higher does***
41 ***it have to be than what the school is now? Mr. DeLosso replied that it has to be***
42 ***11 feet above the flood stage. Mr. Hurff then said that it would not be***
43 ***handicapped accessible. Mr. DeLosso stated that they would put ramps in to***
44 ***bring it to code.***
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1 **John Banscher**, Democrat Road, Gibbstown, wanted to know if there is any
2 environmental impact on Broad Street School as compared to Nehaunsey
3 School? **Mr. DeLosso** stated that Broad Street School has more of an asbestos
4 concern but as far as an environmental hazard, there is none. **Mr. Banscher**
5 then asked if there was any endangered species at Broad Street School? **Mr.**
6 **DeLosso** replied that he doesn't know of any as of yet.

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8 **Fran Traband**, 113 South Home Avenue, Gibbstown, wanted to know with all the
9 rain that we have had, how is Nehaunsey School doing as far as mold is
10 concerned? **Bill Houghton**, Greenwich Township Schools Facilities Manager,
11 replied that we are putting exhaust fans in the hallways here at Nehaunsey
12 School.

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14 **Mark Pandolfo**, Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, asked if there was mold in the
15 basement/crawl space at Broad Street School? **Mr. Houghton** replied that there
16 wasn't.

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18 **Suzanne Wigmore**, Freund Avenue, Gibbstown, stated that she is concerned
19 with the traffic that is around Broad Street School during the start of the school
20 day and at dismissal. She went to say that if you add additional students, it is a
21 safety issue and how will they control that? **Mr. DeLosso** said that it will be an
22 issue that they will address if that building is chosen.

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24 **Kathleen DiBella**, 37 North Orchard Street, Gibbstown, has an issue with the
25 drop off/pick up procedures on Hudson Street. She wanted to know how they will
26 accommodate the students who are dropped off or picked up because they will
27 need another location other than just Hudson Street? **Vincent Tarantino**
28 responded that they have identified that concern from the very beginning. We
29 have been working with the Chief of Police and have patrolmen monitoring that.
30 **Mrs. DiBella** said that she is concerned with the walking students; not the bus
31 students. It is not controlled and it is dangerous and there will most likely be a lot
32 more walkers if they consolidate to Broad Street School so she feels that that
33 issue needs to be addressed.

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35 **Frank Wydenowski**, Home & Railroad Avenue, Gibbstown, stated that he has a
36 five year-old that he or his wife physically drops off and picks up every day at
37 Broad Street School because he feels that Broad Street itself is not safe for any
38 child to walk to. He has seen many people doing above the speed limit on Broad
39 Street, he being one of them, and no cop has every stopped him. He has also
40 seen tractor-trailer trucks going by above the speed limit. **Mr. Wydenowski**
41 agrees that Broad Street, financially, would be the better option but they need to
42 set up different options for the walkers. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that he certainly
43 agrees with Mr. Wydenowski.

1 **Mark Pandolfo** wanted to know if the renovations at Broad Street School will
2 include renovating all the classrooms and he also wanted to know about the
3 asbestos? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that they will have to remove all the asbestos;
4 then they will upgrade all the windows, HVAC, upgrade the electricity, provide a
5 fresh coat of paint, remove and replace the ceiling system. **Mr. Pandolfo** asked
6 about the flooring because he has noticed in some places in the school, the old
7 wooden floor is buckled. He said that he is ready for something to be done but
8 he wants his child to go to a "first-class school". He doesn't want "band-aids" put
9 on just to save a couple dollars. "I'll pay for it; I don't care. I'll pay for it if it's done
10 correctly." **Mr. Pandolfo** went to say that although this school (Nehaunsey)
11 has its issues, when he walks in here, it is bright and airy and fun to be here.
12 When he goes to Broad Street School, it is dark and dreary and he has seen
13 mold on the walls in the auditorium. He said that he doesn't care which building
14 you renovate, as long as it is done "first-class". **Mr. Tarantino** asked Mr.
15 Pandolfo when was the last time he was at Broad Street School because they
16 have put all new lighting in. **Mr. Pandolfo** said that he heard they put new
17 lighting in but it is still dreary especially with the old tiles, there are cracks in the
18 floors, the bathrooms are horrible, the doors are horrible and the plaster is
19 cracked and then painted over. He heard that the architect has renovated many
20 old schools but those schools were maintained. Our schools have not been
21 maintained and that is the issue. **Mr. DeLosso** stated that he has renovated an
22 older school in Williamstown; one that was from the turn of the century and it is
23 now a beautiful, new looking, acting, feeling school. He also said that if we aren't
24 going to do it right, then we don't do it at all.

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26 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, doesn't feel that this consolidation
27 is going to save that much money. He said that many surrounding towns would
28 love to have the problem we have here and that is too much classroom space.
29 He wants to know how that became a problem and a reason to spend ten million
30 dollars. He wants the school board to keep the two schools. If the school board
31 abandons one of these buildings, the township will get one of these buildings
32 and they don't have to go to referendum to renovate it. They will be able to do
33 whatever they want and spend millions more. That is a fact that was not put into
34 the consolidation project.

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36 **Denise Grovatt**, 540 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, and PTA President stated
37 that the PTA does a lot of projects throughout the school year and she wanted to
38 know where would the parents and people park that are attending the PTA
39 sponsored activities? The architect said that there is parking on Railroad
40 Avenue but the reason for this presentation is to get input from all the public and
41 we can address those issues.

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43 **Kevin Leaf**, 524 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, wanted to know what the
44 difference was in the two proposals as far as cost to what we are paying now and
45 how long do we have before we **have** to do something? Is it an emergency? **Mr.**

1 **DeLosso** replied that the infrastructure costs with the roofs, the HVAC system
2 and the asbestos and also the ADA issue with Broad Street School, those issues
3 have to be addressed.
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5 **Lisa Morina**, School Board Member, asked why there was a discrepancy on the
6 two slides for infrastructure costs between Broad Street School and the
7 Nehaunsey Middle School? The Nehaunsey School slide shows \$95,000.00 for
8 ADA, \$250,000.00 for food services and \$300,000.00 for environmental and on
9 the Broad Street slide, they are missing. **Mr. DeLosso** said that the food
10 services cost is included with the new cafeteria costs; the ADA is included in the
11 new construction cost because of the elevator. **Mrs. Morina** said that there will
12 be other ADA issues at Broad Street School to which **Mr. DeLosso** said that
13 there will be plumbing issues, electrical issues and other issues. **Mrs. Morina**
14 said she understood that but where is the ADA and environmental costs for the
15 Broad Street School? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that HazMat is the environmental
16 cost on the Broad Street slide. **Mrs. Morina** said that he has them separated on
17 the Nehaunsey slide. **Mr. DeLosso** said that the environmental issues on the
18 Nehaunsey slide are for the D.E.P. conditions. **Mrs. Morina** asked if he
19 anticipates any D.E.P. issues at the Broad Street School to which **Mr. DeLosso**
20 replied, "I don't anticipate D.E.P. issues at the Broad Street School" but he
21 anticipates ADA issues because of the need to upgrade the bathrooms and
22 the need for putting in ramps.
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24 **Susan Vernacchio**, School Board Member, wanted the public to understand that
25 they, as a school board, have not seen this presentation before. "I'm seeing it
26 the same time you're seeing it." She explained that she was elected to look at
27 things like this and she hasn't had a minute to do that. The Committee looked at
28 it but the rest of the board has not. She apologized to the public in that if they
29 have a question for her personally, she said she is in the same boat they are and
30 she will not be able to answer it. **Mr. DeLosso** said that Mrs. Vernacchio is
31 correct in that only the committee saw this report; not the whole board.
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33 **Loraine LaPalomente**, 161 South School Street, Gibbstown, stated that in
34 regards to Mrs. Vernacchio's last comment about the board not knowing about
35 this presentation, you as a board are going to make the final decision as to
36 which school we are going with and then you float the bond to the public. But
37 we, as a public, don't choose; the board does and Ms. LaPalomente has a
38 concern with that and she would hope that the board, as a whole, understands
39 what's going on before we go to the bond referendum. She then asked if there
40 was a "cushion" in the costs if you should break down walls and find any HazMat
41 material? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that it is included in the \$3,000,000.00 "soft-
42 costs". **Ms. LaPalomente** also wanted to know when they would be doing this
43 construction? Will you be doing the work in the summertime and during the
44 holidays and what would happen if you are behind as what happened to the
45 Clearview School District? Their project went over and they had to use trailers.

1 Does the soft-cost include trailers if we had to resort to that? **Mr. DeLosso**
2 replied that he doesn't feel you need trailers if the project is scheduled properly
3 and also what there is here at this district that they didn't have at the Clearview
4 district is that there is additional classroom space that could be used. You don't
5 need to rent trailers. If the board chooses Nehaunsey, the additions could take
6 place with minimal disruption and a good portion of the construction could take
7 place at Broad Street with minimal disruption. But there are other issues that will
8 disrupt the Broad Street School such as replacing the boiler or the mechanical
9 system. **Ms. LaPalomento** asked if there is enough money in the "soft-costs" to
10 handle all that needs to be done? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that he believes there is
11 enough to handle the projects as they represented them. He went on to say that
12 if there are changes that the board would like to make, they, The Design
13 Collaborative, will respond to those if they want something incorporated because
14 it is the first time they have seen the entire package with all the numbers tonight.
15 **Ms. LaPalomento** responded by saying that that "surprises" her and "concerns"
16 her.

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18 **Sharon Salvatore**, 122 Bacchus Avenue, Gibbstown, said that she hears there
19 is an environmental issue here at Nehaunsey School but has there been an
20 environmental study at the Broad Street School considering the plants that were
21 built around Broad Street School? She also said that there is an eagle's nest
22 around the pond that is a block from the Broad Street School. There have been
23 eagle's nesting by the football field which isn't even a block from the Broad Street
24 School and that is a concern of hers. She also feels it is a safety concern for
25 the students at Broad Street School with the sidewalks being so close to the
26 road. **Mrs. Salvatore** said that if we are going to make an old building better or a
27 semi-older building better, then we have to think about the children and how their
28 safety will be affected. "We would need sidewalks by the school instead of out
29 by the road." She went on to say that drop-off systems are great but they get
30 congested and if there is a football game, parents park all over and that includes
31 by the school and if there is an event going on at the school, where would we be
32 parking? Those are things that Mrs. Salvatore would like addressed.

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34 **Dave Hanly**, 254 Aston Drive, Gibbstown, asked about the time-line for the
35 construction and how long it would take? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that he wouldn't
36 want to go to a December referendum because it is too fast, but the only reason
37 he would suggest that is if word came down from the state that there was limited
38 amount of money there. He suggested that the board digest the presentation
39 that was here tonight and "not rush into anything". If we went to a January, 2012
40 referendum, the bidding will start in June, 2012 and then we would take
41 advantage of some of the summer months but you are looking at a year and a
42 half to two years of construction. **Mr. Hanly** also asked about the \$500,000.00
43 infrastructure costs and with Nehaunsey being 30 years younger, why is it so
44 much? **Mr. DeLosso** explained that Nehaunsey School is all electric heat so it
45 costs twice as much to run this school. **Mr. Hanly** wanted to know why the

1 infrastructure costs at Broad Street School are not as much as they are here at
2 Nehaunsey being Broad Street is so old and are you going to update the
3 schools? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that the majority of the costs of Broad Street
4 School are the plumbing and the HVAC, then the windows and the roof. Both
5 schools have roof problems but not as much here as they do at Broad Street
6 School. This school is smaller and will need to be built out whereas the Broad
7 Street School you will not need to build out as much. **Mr. Hanly** asked if they are
8 going to renovate everything? **Mr. DeLosso** said that everything will look brand-
9 new. We will be replacing the ceiling system, the windows, the piping, the uni-
10 vents in each of the rooms; you have to repair what you are disrupting. "Is every
11 square foot of that building going to be refurbished? No." **Mr. DeLosso** went on
12 to say that they are looking at every major expenditure that will serve your
13 children for the next 25 years which is the length of the bond. **Mr. Hanly** also
14 had an issue with the parking situation. He said that Gibbstown isn't going to get
15 any bigger than it is now but there still isn't enough parking at either building and
16 that needs to be addressed. He then went on to say that he was under the
17 impression that the school board had already decided that we are getting a new
18 school and that the architects are here tonight so they can decide what school
19 that would be. **Mr. DeLosso** replied that if he gave that impression during his
20 presentation, then he apologizes because "that is not the case". He said that the
21 board has asked them, The Design Collaborative, to explore both options to see
22 what could be done, what the cost ramifications are and if either of the buildings
23 were to close, treating them both fairly; that is what the board has asked and that
24 is what they have in front of them tonight. **Mr. DeLosso** also said that they have
25 gone through meetings with the committee and the administration. **Mr. Hanly**
26 feels that we need a lot more information on this presentation before we can
27 pass the vote because he feels it is very vague. **Mr. DeLosso** said that we are
28 not trying to sell the public anything; we are trying to give you data and a
29 benchmark to work on. This is not meant to be a "final decision" on anything
30 other than giving you and the board "information".

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32 **Susan Vernacchio** stated that the last time that we, the school board, went out
33 for referendum, we had two proposals in front of us; one for Nehaunsey and one
34 for Broad Street and Nehaunsey Middle School was dramatically cheaper than
35 Broad Street School. Now all of a sudden, Broad Street is cheaper than
36 Nehaunsey. She knows that we have to bring up elevation she understands
37 about the D.E.P. issues but her question is, other than those things, is there
38 anything else that would make the numbers change so dramatically? **Mr.**
39 **DeLosso** replied that he can't speak for the prior referendums but based off of
40 the square footages and based off of your program needs, these are the
41 numbers that are required for both schools. We haven't had meetings with the
42 teachers yet which would be very critical with this process.

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44 **Vincent Tarantino**, Interim Superintendent, addressed those issues in saying
45 that we had representatives from the administration from each building meet with

1 the architects to give them some ideas in general as to what is needed. **Mr.**
2 **Tarantino** went on to say that he asked for volunteers from his staff at the Broad
3 Street School and once the board makes a decision on what school, (it is still in
4 the exploratory stages) that is when the teachers will come in and tell us what
5 they need in each classroom. Everyone on the staff will have an input as far as
6 he is concerned.

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8 **Megan Sizemore**, teacher at Broad Street School, stated that currently the
9 Broad Street teachers had to purchase their own air conditioners if they wanted
10 them and she wanted to know if the air conditioning for the Broad Street School
11 is incorporated in the cost that we didn't really see? **Mr. DeLosso** explained that
12 it is the HVAC (heating, ventilation & air conditioning) item that is listed.

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14 **Leonard Hurff** stated that this is a nice meeting but there are too many
15 questions that still have to be answered that have not been answered. He said
16 that Broad Street is a county road and if we don't want trucks to go down Broad
17 Street, we can say that and they will put up a sign that reads, No Trucks. If we
18 have to, we can make one-way streets. We pay them, (the county) so they have
19 to do what we want. So no matter what the logistics are, if we make up our
20 minds, either school, we can do what we want; not what the council wants; we
21 are the voters and we just have to get some answers. **Mr. Hurff** also wants to
22 know, before he votes, what will happen if we do away with one building?
23 Somebody has to do the research because people want to know what will
24 happen; somebody needs to tell us.

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26 **Fran Traband** said she was reading the reports and sees how everyone is
27 concerned about how much work needs to be done at Broad Street but she sees
28 that there is just as much work that needs to be done here at Nehaunsey. She
29 thinks it puts them both up in the air as far as expenses go. She also said that
30 she read where they are putting in fans at the cost of \$8,000.00 to alleviate the
31 mold problem so the children don't get sick. Mold is a very sickening situation so
32 you have to keep your eye on that.

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34 **Mark Pandolfo** said that the bottom line is and what everyone wants to know is
35 how much are our taxes going to go up? If it means that his taxes are going to
36 go up \$10.00 or \$12.00, then he will go with what he feels is truly the best option
37 but if it is going to go up \$50.00 or \$100.00, then that is what he wants to know.
38 **Mr. Pandolfo** went on to say that based on the numbers in the presentation, he
39 doesn't know how much his taxes will go up. **Mr. DeLosso** replied that he
40 doesn't know the answer to that either.

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42 **Chuck Tortella**, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, asked if there was any
43 communication with Mayor and Council in regards to this process and also what
44 is going to happen with the other building? **Mr. Tortella** was reverting back to
45 what **Mr. Lucas** said in that if the Board chooses to consolidate to Broad Street

1 School, what is going to happen to this building? Is the borough going to use this
2 building? Is the board going to rent it because East Greenwich is floating a bond
3 and looking for space? He would like to know that information before the
4 referendum.

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6 **Kevin Leaf** wanted to know that if we vote yes for the referendum, will we know
7 what school was chosen? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that the public will know which
8 school the board decided on before the referendum.

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10 **Lee Lucas** said that he is looking around the audience tonight and he doesn't
11 see the Mayor here and he thinks that is funny because Mayor Shivery and the
12 council passed a resolution at the municipal meeting a few weeks ago, to have
13 this meeting. **Mr. Lucas** said that they are the ones who came up with this idea.
14 But I guess when they found out it was going to be a school board meeting, they
15 "ran and hid". **Mr. Lucas** said that he doesn't see one council member here
16 tonight.

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18 **Mark Wilgus**, Democrat Road, Gibbstown, said that in defense of the Mayor and
19 council, there was a discussion at their meeting for them to be here tonight but
20 they didn't want to make this a political type of meeting; they wanted it to be an
21 informational meeting. **Mr. Wilgus** wanted to make that clear in fairness to the
22 Mayor and Council.

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24 **Lee Lucas** replied that he thinks that the politics wouldn't work out for them; that
25 is why they aren't here.

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27 **EdnaMae Graham**, teacher at Broad Street School, said she would like to go
28 back to the issue of student drop offs at Broad Street School. She said that right
29 now, the teachers park behind the school on the other side of the fence by the
30 playground. She said that on inclement days, especially when there is snow on
31 the ground, it is a long distance to travel to get into the school and the sidewalk
32 on the School Street side is pitched and very difficult to navigate even on a good
33 day. Right now on inclement weather days, we park on the black top in the back
34 of the school so she feels that this issue needs to be addressed. When the
35 school has events like "Back to School Night", there needs to be a place to park.
36 **Mr. DeLosso** said that they will look into that if Broad Street is the direction that
37 the board wishes to go.

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39 **Sharon Salvatore** had a question for the Board in reference to Mrs.
40 Vernacchio's statement that this is the first time that she has seen this
41 presentation. She is hoping that since the Board has chosen The Design
42 Collaborative as the architect of record, that they have looked to see if there are
43 any pending lawsuits, lawsuits and why there were lawsuits against your
44 company and if so, have they looked at the "specs" for the building modifications
45 that you made on other projects and have they been met or have they been

1 higher at the end of the construction? We, as residents of Gibbstown, have
2 these concerns about cost and she hopes the board keeps this in mind.
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4 **Lisa Morina** said that the cost savings that you identified for either building when
5 you put them at a side by side comparison basis, you are not considering any
6 roll-back or roll-over. So in other words, if you take Broad Street School, you are
7 going to have additional costs per year with the addition of more students,
8 increased electricity usage and so on. So those are not the true numbers it will
9 cost to run Broad Street School. **Mr. DeLosso** replied that that holds true for the
10 Nehaunsey School also. **Mrs. Morina's** second question has to do with the bond
11 referendum and she said that **Mr. DeLosso** mentioned that right now the New
12 Jersey D.O.E. is in a 15-month holding pattern. But looking at potentially going
13 out for referendum at the latest in March, 2012, has the D.O.E. mentioned or
14 discussed publicly that they are going to release any funding? She feels it is kind
15 of a moot point right now because if we don't have the 40%, we should not move
16 forward. **Mr. DeLosso** stated that, "if you don't have the 40%, you should not
17 proceed. You are absolutely correct." He went on to say that he received
18 information that there is a pile sitting on the director's desk and politically he is
19 being pressured to release some dollars to help with the economy and to
20 address some of the needs of the schools that have applied. **Mrs. Morina**
21 wanted to know if that was a pile of money or a pile of applications? **Mr.**
22 **DeLosso** responded that it was a pile of applications for debt service aid which is
23 approved by the legislature and the governor has not allowed that to go through
24 until he is comfortable that the legislature and the state budget can absorb it.
25 **Mrs. Morina** then said that starting construction by next summer is probably not
26 going to happen because we don't even have our application in. **Mr. DeLosso**
27 replied that if the state decides to start releasing state aid, we will do what has to
28 be done in order to get your share of the state aid but as to when that is going to
29 occur, he doesn't know. He did say that it is imminent but they are going to act
30 on the applications that are sitting on the director's desk as quickly as possible in
31 that order, then continue to take additional applications. **Mr. DeLosso** went on to
32 say that until you have the preliminary eligible cost letter issued from the
33 Department of Education that states in plain English that they are giving
34 you a certain amount of dollars, you don't have the authority to proceed on
35 a referendum from the state. **Mrs. Morina** then wanted to clarify that is it our
36 intent to go to the Commissioner of Education with both schools or choose a
37 school prior to submitting our application? **Mr. DeLosso** replied that the state aid
38 is based on square footage and student enrollment. When you look at student
39 enrollment for each grade level, there is 120 square feet per student in grade
40 levels pre-K to grade five (5) and in grade levels six (6) through eight (8), there is
41 134 square feet allocated per student. If you take those calculations with both
42 buildings as they are presently open, you would not have any "eligible" square
43 footing because you have too much square footage. So you would not get state
44 aid for any new construction whatsoever. In order to get the state aid, for any
45 new construction, one selection has to be made whether it is Nehaunsey Middle

1 School or the Broad Street School and it won't be any greater than the \$143.00
2 per square foot. So in answer to Mrs. Morina's question, you can't go to the
3 Commissioner with both buildings; you have to choose one. **Mrs. Morina** then
4 stated to her fellow board members that based on that situation in that the D.O.E.
5 is not releasing state aid just yet, that we should take our time and not push this
6 ahead and to also make sure we evaluate this as a whole board and look at all
7 the different options. It is quite possible that we are costing the taxpayers money
8 in the long run by "shoving this down their throats" by not taking our time.
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10 **Jason Murschell**, School Board President, stated that Mr. DeLosso indicated in
11 his previous presentation that with the current economic conditions, it is easier to
12 negotiate with the contractors regarding the price. What **Mr. DeLosso** actually
13 said was that the bidding market is extremely competitive and we are getting very
14 good bidding prices. If you look back at three or four years ago, they were at
15 least 20-30% higher than they are now. **Mr. Murschell** then said that it is fair to
16 say that in the current conditions, we can get some of the best prices that we can
17 and then should things turn and we have to sit on it, we can still save a
18 substantial amount of money. **Mr. DeLosso** said that potentially those things
19 exist. He also reiterated his point that unless something comes down from the
20 state that says you are getting a specific amount of funding, don't go out for
21 referendum in December. "Take the time to look at what your decision is." You
22 have a lot of input here tonight and we can help you address those questions.
23 Whatever direction you desire to take, we will give you the best answers to those
24 questions.
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26 **Leonard Hurff** said that he didn't know about anybody else but he feels that
27 there are a lot of things that the board hasn't told us. He wants to know what is
28 going to be done to the building that is left and he would like to hear some ideas
29 on what they plan on doing with the school that is vacant. He has heard a lot of
30 scenarios but as a taxpayer, he wants to know.
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32 **Lee Lucas** stated that Mr. Hurff had an excellent question and in answer to that,
33 Mr. Lucas said that the reason they are doing this is so the township can "get
34 their mitts on this building". They want a bigger police station and a bigger
35 municipal building. That is why they didn't come tonight because they knew I
36 would say that. They want a bigger municipal building and they will spend
37 millions of dollars to get it and you will not be able to do anything about it.
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39 **Mr. DeLosso** then thanked everyone for their participation tonight and concluded
40 his presentation.
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42 **Jason Murschell** stated to Mr. DeLosso and The Design Collaborative that they
43 put a lot of time into this presentation and they gave the school board a good
44 solid base to work with and a good amount of information to look at and he
45 appreciates it.

1 **Louis Fabiani** said that based on the presentation given by The Design
2 Collaborative that running the Broad Street School will be less money and the
3 state aid that might be available later down the road and the fact that this district
4 is spending 2.3 million dollars, consolidation will go a long way to decreasing that
5 figure. I believe the citizens of this district deserve our due diligence that they
6 allow the money that is spent every year for education in the present state of the
7 economy. I would like to make the following motion: That Broad Street School
8 be made the school of choice and that The Design Collaborative be given the
9 authority to do what is necessary for a referendum to be brought to the voters of
10 this district as soon as possible. This referendum would also make the Broad
11 Street School the sole operating school in Greenwich Township and to allow for
12 the final step of the consolidation process.

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14 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the Broad Street School as the school
15 board's choice for the school consolidation project.
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17 **Lisa Morina** would like to suggest to the public that "that is an embarrassment to
18 this board. There is a committee that was formed specifically to push the Broad
19 Street School forward; not that I am opposed to the Broad Street School or nor
20 am I for the Nehaunsey School; I am for the taxpayers." She stated that there
21 were several members of this board that got this presentation when we sat down
22 at 7:00. "This is supposed to be special meeting. I'm frankly ashamed of this
23 board. We were not supposed to have any business conducted." There are a
24 few agenda items, one that was brought up from the floor for a workshop that
25 was given to her as an apology. **Mrs. Morina** went on to say that "we are going
26 to bring up from the floor a resolution, that is so important to the taxpayers of this
27 community, without full discussion of this board, I found that to be, I don't know,
28 "absurd", "embarrassing", and frankly I question the ethics." We are a board of
29 seven; we are not a board of two or three and for that to be done, I think it is
30 shameful for every person who voted for those of us who are being excluded in
31 this decision. "And I don't know why this has to be rushed through. We just
32 heard from The Design Collaborative that there is no public money available so
33 for this to be rushed through to be put on as a referendum item prior to the end of
34 the year, frankly is "unconscionable" and it really is a disgrace for the taxpayers
35 of Greenwich Township." "Not to mention the students", said **Susan**
36 **Vernacchio**.

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38 **Jason Murschell** said that there was no mentioning in that motion of a date and
39 that all it said was that we would choose the Broad Street School and would like
40 to see it through to a referendum as quickly as possible which would indicate that
41 all the proper steps be taken including making sure there is money from the
42 state. As far as the seven members of the board, a motion was brought and it
43 was seconded. Every member will get a chance to voice their opinion, whether it
44 be yes or no. We are not excluding anyone from their vote. **Mr. Murschell** said
45 that he was just going to speak for himself in that when we ran for this board two

1 years ago, I ran strictly on the platform that I would vote for Broad Street School.
2 He also said that he made sure that he would absolutely look at the options for
3 Nehaunsey School as well, because we aren't going to spend twice as much for
4 one school as the other. But looking at the presentation, it isn't that much more
5 or less expensive for one school or the other, "then I am going to stick to the
6 thing that 700 people voted for me out of 1100 to do. And that was all I ran on"
7 and that was to look at Broad Street School.
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9 **James Worrell** stated that "the committee was not formed to choose any school;
10 the committee was formed to go out and get an architect, to have them look at
11 the facts and figures, come back to us and let us know what they feel the cost is
12 going to be." As far as the Mayor and Council not being present tonight, they
13 spoke with their attorney and were told it would violate the "sunshine law". He
14 went on to say that of the two buildings, the building that is "most sellable" and
15 "most leaseable" would be the Nehaunsey School so we would not be stuck with
16 a "white elephant". We have been approached by another school district
17 questioning the availability of leasing this school. **Mr. Worrell** said that the Broad
18 Street School will be brought into the 21st century. He said that there is no mold
19 in the basement or the crawlspace at Broad Street School because he has been
20 there and crawled in the crawl space and he also has been on the roof. **Mark**
21 **Pandolfo** said that he would like to see the study on that. **Mr. Worrell** said that
22 "this committee did not go into this with a school in mind. This committee went
23 into this to get an architect and look at what we have. What's going to be more
24 cost effective for the taxpayers of this township." He also stated that this
25 presentation that was given tonight was not the same one the committee saw so
26 he was seeing it for the first time just like the rest of the board. **Susan**
27 **Vernacchio** then wanted to know why you would make a decision on something
28 that you saw for five minutes? She also said that Mr. DeLosso told us to wait.
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30 Roll Call Vote:

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32 Alan Boultinghouse – Yes
33 Louis Fabiani – Yes
34 Roseanne Lombardo – No
35 Lisa Morina – No
36 Susan Vernacchio – No
37 James Worrell – Yes
38 Jason Murschell - Yes
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40 **2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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42 Motion: (Murschell/Worrell) to approve the following:
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- 1 A. The approval for the appointment of the Jennifer Kirk as a Substitute
2 Custodian for the 2011-2012 school year. Substitute rate of pay will be
3 \$8.50 per hour.
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5 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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7 **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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9 **REGULATORY**

10 James Worrell, Chairperson

11 Louis Fabiani

12 Roseanne Lombardo
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14 Motion: (Worrell/Murschell) to approve the following:
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- 16 A. The approval to purchase exhaust fans for the Nehaunsey Middle School
17 to eliminate the excess moisture problem. Cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.
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19 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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21 The following items are informational:
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- 23 B. The Committee agreed to replace the air conditioning compressor at
24 Nehaunsey Middle School with a window unit in lieu of the \$2,250.00
25 replacement cost of the compressor. The cost for the window unit is
26 \$399.00.
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- 28 C. The Committee discussed and authorized replacing the broken air
29 conditioning units at Broad Street School. Bill Houghton is in the process
30 of identifying the broken units. No decision to purchase will be made until
31 it is determined how many units need to be replaced.
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- 33 D. The Soccer Association has requested that cameras be installed on the
34 playing fields owned by the Board of Education due to excessive
35 vandalism. Bill Houghton will be meeting with Michael Grelli and Brian
36 Nastase, electrician, to determine if cameras can be installed and
37 connected to the district's computer system.
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- 39 E. The Committee discussed the need for a generator at Broad Street School
40 to accommodate the district's and the township's needs. Discussion is
41 ongoing.
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- 43 F. The Committee authorized a local plumbing company to conduct a smoke
44 test at Nehaunsey Middle School to determine if there is a sewer gas leak
45 at the school. The cost of the test is \$500.00. Previously the plumber

1 tested the sewer line by placing a camera in the line to determine if there
2 was a break in the pipe, but did not find anything.

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4 G. The Committee authorized Bill Houghton to seek quotes for
5 removing the hot water tank at Nehaunsey Middle School. There is a
6 possibility that the district will be able to be compensated for the metal
7 value of the tank.
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9 Motion carried to accept the informational reports as read.

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11 **POLICY/REGULATION**

12 Jason Murschell, Chairperson
13 Louis Fabiani
14 Lisa Morina
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16 No report at this time.

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18 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

19 Lisa Morina, Chairperson
20 Alan Boultinghouse
21 Roseanne Lombardo
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23 Motion: (Murschell/Fabiani) to approve the following:

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25 A. Workshops

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27 1. The approval for the following individuals to attend an out-of-district
28 workshop:
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NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
Alisa Whitcraft Robert Harris	McRel Administrator Training Delsea Middle School Franklinville, NJ 10/14/11 and 10/19/11 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$499.00 each (Plus \$250.00 each for software license and handheld device to use when trained) Plus Mileage

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31 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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33 **BUDGET & FINANCE**

34 Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson
35 Alan Boultinghouse
36 Roseanne Lombardo
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38 No report at this time.
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1 **4. 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 you concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You will
6 be notified either at this meeting, by letter, or telephone of any action the Board
7 does take.
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9 ***Jen Campbell**, 59 Mason Avenue, Gibbstown, wanted to express her concerns
10 about her daughter’s bus that ran a stop sign two days in a row and was
11 speeding with a bus load of children. **Vincent Tarantino** said that these
12 complaints were brought to the transportation office and taken care of.*
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14 ***Lori Chiavoroli**, teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, started by saying that she
15 was a little emotional and she doesn’t know where to begin. She said that she
16 has been teaching in this district for over 30 years and it has been a blessing
17 because she is happy to be a part of this district. She said it doesn’t matter what
18 school she teaches in, whether it be Broad Street or Nehaunsey. She just wants
19 it to be a safe, cheerful, happy environment. **Mrs. Chiavoroli** went on to say that
20 in her class this week, her students are learning about the American Government
21 and how a representative government is supposed to work and how wonderful it
22 is. She actually was “toying with the idea” of having her students attend a board
23 meeting but said that if she had done this tonight, she would have been
24 humiliated for her students and then would have been nervous about going into
25 her classroom tomorrow to try to answer their questions about what went on here
26 tonight. She told the board that they are elected officials that are supposed to
27 represent the voters and instill confidence for us in you but she doesn’t have
28 confidence in the board right now. “You scare me to death”. She looked to board
29 member Alan Boultinghouse and said that he was engaged in a conversation
30 with Mrs. Morina at the same time Mr. Murschell was making a motion and while
31 he was engaged in that conversation, they called his name for a vote and he
32 voted, “yes”. She didn’t think he knew what he was saying “yes” to and that
33 scares her. She went on to say that she has been to many board meetings over
34 the years but in the ones that she has been to this year, she noticed that Mr.
35 Boultinghouse doesn’t openly express his opinion about anything. It appears to
36 her and she stated that if she was wrong, she apologizes, but it appears to her
37 that he votes yes to whatever. “I would feel so much better if I heard your opinion
38 about things one way or the other.” She then turned to Louis Fabiani and told
39 him that the motion he made was brought here tonight, in his pocket, and was
40 “typed out”, “scripted” and “planned.” You put it on the table without any
41 consideration about the people who were here and the concerns that they
42 expressed and the architectural firm that was in such controversy with this board.
43 They are ones that you embraced, the ones that you wanted and the gentleman
44 who made the presentation, said that he felt that it was wise to take one step at
45 a time and not rush into anything. “The very man in whom you put your*

1 confidence. " Then he walked out and half the people in here walked out and
2 then you take out your "script" and you made that motion and I feel like this
3 meeting tonight was just a "show" and a "sham"; she is sorry but that is how she
4 feels. She said that Mr. Fabiani made this happen so that when everyone left, he
5 would "slide in that motion". She said that she is on the verge of tears. She is
6 embarrassed, humiliated and ashamed and in all the meetings that she has been
7 to, she has never felt compelled to say that. She even thought about not saying
8 anything tonight but if she had not, she would have gone home and tossed and
9 turned all night. She wondered what the townspeople, who were here and left,
10 will think that you, as a governing body, were going to take their ideas and take
11 them back to committee and the architect and fine tune everything but it appears
12 that you didn't even care what their concerns were tonight. You just shoved it in
13 their face. She concluded by saying that she was "so sad" and "so humiliated".
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15 **Sharon Salvatore**, teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School and resident of
16 Gibbstown stated that she is very disappointed at how the board pushed through
17 that vote. She thinks it should be retracted because you are representing not just
18 those who voted for you, you are representing all the people in Greenwich
19 Township. We were told by the architect that there is "no rush". The news is
20 telling us that there is a "double recession" so time we have. But for you to bring
21 this to the people of Greenwich Township in that manner, is extremely
22 disappointing.
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24 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, finds it hard that Mayor Shivery
25 could not attend this meeting because of "legal reasons". He is a resident of this
26 town and he could have come. "That's ridiculous." And you are going to make a
27 \$10 million decision? **Mr. Lucas** asked School Board President Jason Murschell
28 why he wants to consolidate the schools? **Mr. Murschell** replied that after the
29 initial expense of the bond and the savings we will have after closing the other
30 school and the credits we will get for the solar energy, it is going to save money
31 in the long run. Sometimes we have to see beyond the next five or ten years, but
32 in 15 years when we see that money, that three or four hundred thousand dollars
33 that we save, we will be able to buy new equipment and new programs for the
34 kids. We may be able to bring back the band or home economics for the kids.
35 **Mr. Murschell** went on to say that it takes time to get there. It is not an overnight
36 decision. **Mrs. Vernacchio** and **Mrs. Lombardo** interrupted by saying that "it
37 was a ten-minute decision"! **Mr. Murschell** then said that it has been years since
38 the last "failed" referendum of which a lot of the people had been saying that they
39 wanted to go to Broad Street School. We wanted to make sure that we looked at
40 the numbers and the savings at Nehaunsey came in at \$10 million and the
41 savings at Broad Street came in at \$20 million. You can't very well justify that.
42 Nobody is saying that we can't take all this wonderful information from the public
43 to the architect. Listening to the ideas from the public tonight is not going to
44 change it by millions of dollars at either school that would justify it one way or the
45 other. **Mr. Lucas** then said that the reason the board wants to consolidate is

1 because they will save money? He said that the solar cannot be counted on
2 because it is subsidized by the federal government and will probably stop one
3 day and it is not very economical. **Mr. Lucas** also noticed in the plans that there
4 is a Pre-K program and he knows a lot of people want to start their kids in school
5 at age three. So there is the labor costs of the teachers and programs and he
6 wants to know if you are considering that as part of the cost? **Mr. Murschell**
7 replied that as far as Pre-K, his opinion is that as much education that they can
8 get, the better. He has no problem with putting children in school at age three
9 because that is just going to benefit our kids.

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11 **Mark Pandolfo**, Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, said that when they did the study
12 years ago about consolidating schools, Nehaunsey was the cheaper of the two
13 schools. Now all of a sudden, Broad Street is the cheaper one. Why the
14 difference now? I know it is a different architectural firm; an architectural firm that
15 “you four” wanted that had different numbers and he knew that those four “ran”
16 on Broad Street School. **Mr. Pandolfo** stated as he did earlier that he is not
17 opposed to either school but he thinks there is “a lot of shady things going on”.
18 Maybe this is the school to get rid of. This is a very doable school when it comes
19 to selling it. But if this school is so good; good enough to get rid of, then why
20 don’t we keep it for our kids? I remember the other referendum that we had
21 around eight years ago and Nehaunsey was the most economical one.

22 **Roseanne Lombardo** said that there was a lot more funding back then also. **Mr.**
23 **Pandolfo** then asked what it was before the funding, and **Mrs. Lombardo**
24 replied that the numbers were much better for this building. **Louis Fabiani** stated
25 that originally the referendum back in 2004 did not include the Broad Street
26 School. **Mr. Pandolfo** asked if they did a study of what it would cost? **Susan**
27 **Vernacchio** responded, “yes they did”. **Mr. Fabiani** said that it was after the
28 people of Gibbstown forced the board at that time to show them what the price
29 was for the Broad Street School. At the time, the Nehaunsey School was \$14
30 million and the Broad Street School was \$15 million. It was a \$1 million
31 difference but we were never given the choice. **Mr. Pandolfo** responded by
32 saying that “we were not given the choice here either.” **Mr. Fabiani** said that the
33 architect said that we can only present one choice to the state. **Mr. Pandolfo**
34 said that the board didn’t even give us the chance to go home and talk to our
35 family members about it. He told **Mr. Fabiani** that he is not for this school or for
36 the other one but eight years ago he was told that Nehaunsey is the better
37 school; now you are telling me that Broad Street is the better school. “I am
38 perplexed.”

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40 **Leonard Hurff**, 608 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, interrupted by saying that
41 he understands that **Mr. Pandolfo** is “perplexed” but he asked him if he has seen
42 any new housing going on in this town to which **Mr. Pandolfo** replied, “no”. **Mr.**
43 **Hurff** said that you have to be above sea level so you can’t build here.

1 **Mr. Pandolfo** went on to say that he doesn't know what is the best way to go. All
2 he knows is that he wants the best. He told the board that maybe they should
3 have had two architects. **Lisa Morina** stated that the other board actually had
4 voted on another architect back in February, then after the election, this board
5 rescinded that vote and chose The Design Collaborative. **Mr. Fabiani** said that
6 what transpires here is going to go to the voters who have the final say and we
7 don't know what the outcome will be. The two referendums for Nehaunsey
8 failed. **Mr. Pandolfo** said that the board members didn't even see the
9 presentation tonight until they sat down. They had no idea what was going to be
10 presented tonight. **Roseanne Lombardo** told Mr. Pandolfo that she was on the
11 committee with Lou Fabiani and Jim Worrell and she saw the first presentation
12 over the summer. She was invited in with all the administrators. She thought it
13 was a good presentation; there were no exact numbers back then. But she also
14 said that she "had no clue what was going to happen tonight". All she knew is
15 that they were having this meeting tonight to see what we can do with Broad
16 Street School and what we can do with Nehaunsey School. She said that she
17 really wanted to go home and look over her paperwork to see what the difference
18 was. She also understands Mr. Pandolfo's desire to have a "beautiful school" for
19 his kids to go.

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21 **Frank Wydenowski**, 41 North Home Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said that he
22 understands why the board did what they did because next week the state could
23 release the money and then we won't have anything ready to go. But his
24 question is that who will benefit from Nehaunsey being leased out? Does the
25 school benefit from the money from the lease, does the township benefit or does
26 each individual resident benefit where we will get a tax break where our taxes
27 don't go so high? **Jason Murschell** replied that since the school is the owner of
28 the property, the school district would benefit. Those funds would be used for
29 future programs once the bond referendum has been paid for and eventually it
30 would lead to a tax decrease. As far as the use of the building, it is all just
31 speculation until the bond referendum is passed and the board can't enter into an
32 agreement with any group until that time.

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34 **Denise Grovatt**, 540 Tomlin Station Road, Gibbstown, NJ stated that she agrees
35 with Mrs. Chiavoroli in that she is disappointed. She is hearing that when she
36 voted for board members, she basically voted for a school. To her that is
37 disappointing because she thought she was voting for a person who was the best
38 interest for us, our students and our township; not for a building. She went on to
39 say that she was not aware of that and she would like to know if there are any
40 other "hidden things" that we voted for besides our students and the people in
41 our town. What else do we not know because it didn't say that when I went in
42 that voting booth that if I voted for Mr. Fabiani that I was voting for the Broad
43 Street School. I wasn't aware of that. **Louis Fabiani** explained that when he ran
44 four years ago, he ran to give the people of Gibbstown the opportunity to vote for
45 the Broad Street School. **Mrs. Grovatt** wanted to know why you would vote for

1 a building? Why would you not vote for what is the best interest for the school?
2 "A building is just a building". Why is it not for our children and what the children
3 need and what our township needs? Why are you voting for a building? **Mr.**
4 **Fabiani** said that in 2004 & 2005, the voters in Gibbstown turned down the
5 Nehaunsey referendum twice. It has been six years now so when he ran, he ran
6 with the idea that he was going to present to the people, if possible, the
7 opportunity to vote for the referendum for the Broad Street School. **Mrs. Grovatt**
8 said it should be what is inside the school; not the building itself. You made that
9 motion without going back and discussing it. The rest of the board should have
10 had an opportunity to discuss it. She said that she is not for one building or the
11 other. She wants what is best but for you to make that decision and come in with
12 your "typed" letter, you had already decided it so it was a moot point to have this
13 meeting and have the public here because you had already made your decision
14 and it makes me afraid of what else you are going to discuss and make decisions
15 on without getting the rest of the board involved. You are going to do what you
16 want to do and not what is best for everyone else because you have the majority
17 vote. What gives you the right to make that decision on your own with just a few
18 people and not the rest of the board? From what she understands, it is
19 supposed to be all of the board making the decisions together. It seems that it
20 never works that way because it is always 4 against 3. **Mr. Fabiani** responded
21 by saying that "we are in a represented form of government right here".
22 Everybody has their own opinion and his opinion is that he feels that the
23 residents of Gibbstown should have an opportunity to vote for the Broad Street
24 School. That was how he voted. **Mrs. Grovatt** said that if you listened to the
25 people out here, you should have at least gone back and discussed it with each
26 other. **Mr. Fabiani** said "that's the way it is". **Mrs. Grovatt** said "that is not
27 the way it is supposed to work." When we first started this, we talked about the
28 "ethics committee." We sat and learned about ethics and I don't feel that this
29 board is following ethics and frankly I am very upset about this. I have never
30 been more disappointed sitting at a board meeting. **Mrs. Grovatt** concluded by
31 saying that we are just the public and she feels that our opinion doesn't matter.
32 She went on to say that she takes pride in this school and she does a lot for this
33 school and it is all voluntary and she is really upset at the way you people are
34 treating each other and the way you treated the public. She feels that everything
35 that we do to help the school you are doing for a building and not what is inside
36 the building. She sees Mr. Tarantino trying to help the children and all the efforts
37 put into the students but she only hears about the board talking about a building
38 and not what it inside the building. She said that if Broad Street is what's best for
39 the children, then that is what she wants to hear; what is best for them and not
40 what is best for you guys sitting up there.

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42 **Megan Sizemore**, teacher at Broad Street School, wanted to thank Lori
43 Chiavoroli because she has an eloquent way of putting things. **Ms. Sizemore**
44 went on to say that eight years ago, she was hired here as a teacher and
45 considers it a blessing to come back and teach across the hall from where she

1 *went to Kindergarten and to work with some of the same co-workers that taught*
2 *her. But she said that in the eight years that she has been here, the moral at*
3 *Broad Street is at an all-time low. She also said that she works with five-year*
4 *olds and she couldn't help but notice that the whole time Mrs. Chiavoroli was*
5 *speaking, no one made eye contact with her and if you are not aware, next week*
6 *is "Respect Week" in school. She welcomed everyone to come into her*
7 *Kindergarten class between 1:45 p.m. and 2:25 p.m.; we are teaching all about*
8 *respect.*

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10 **Alan Boultinghouse**, board member, wanted to respond to Mrs. Chiavoroli in
11 *regards to her saying that he cast a vote while engaged in a conversation with*
12 *Mrs. Morina. He stated that he was being insulted by her and he was*
13 *responding. Mrs. Chiavoroli said that those are just observations that she made*
14 *and she did not intend to insult him in any way. She didn't name call; it was just*
15 *an observation. Mr. Boultinghouse went on to say that the reason he voted yes*
16 *is because he received the agenda ahead of time and read through it and there*
17 *was nothing that he disagreed with so when the vote came up, he voted for it.*
18 **Mrs. Chiavoroli** responded by thanking Mr. Boultinghouse for clearing up the
19 *fact that he did indeed read through the agenda and he knew he was voting yes*
20 *for everything. He explained his actions and she appreciates that.*

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22 **Janet Shivers**, teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, asked if the board had a
23 *plan if this referendum doesn't pass? She has heard the senior citizens come in*
24 *and say they don't want their taxes to go up and they are a big majority in this*
25 *community. She is concerned that if we put "all our eggs in one basket" and*
26 *consolidate to Broad Street School and the referendum doesn't pass, what are*
27 *we going to do; aren't we are going to have to deal with what we have now?*
28 **James Worrell** said that we would turn around and go with another referendum.
29 **Lisa Morina** stated that the assumption was made that the previous referendums
30 *failed because it was for Nehaunsey School but in reality, and Mrs. Shivers*
31 *agreed with her, no one wanted their taxes to go up. Mrs. Shivers also said that*
32 *she has heard it from more than one senior citizen and even after the last*
33 *presentation, some of them even went up to Mr. Tarantino to express their*
34 *concerns about their taxes going up. That is something we have to look at; not*
35 *just try to save one building or the other.*

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37 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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39 Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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41 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent