1		OFFICIAL MINUTES
2 3 4		e SPECIAL MEETING of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held <i>day, May 23, 2010</i> in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.
5 6 7	The	meeting was called to order by President Jason Murschell at 7:00 p.m.
8 9	Roll (Call:
10 11 12 13 14 15 16		Jason Murschell James Worrell Alan Boultinghouse Louis Fabiani Roseanne Lombardo Lisa Morina Susan Vernacchio
17 18 19		present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Scott A. pbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	was was Regu	equired under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting sent to the <u>Courier Post</u> , <u>Gloucester County Times</u> , and the <u>Township Clerk</u> . It also posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Videotaping Ilations – "The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped and anyone ng to discuss an individual child should so note.")
27	<u>1.</u>	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD AND COUNTRY
28 29	<u>2.</u>	EXECUTIVE SESSION
30 31 32 33 34		WHEREAS , the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes the Greenwich Township Board of Education to meet in Executive Session under certain circumstances;
35 36 37		WHEREAS , the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting private session;
38 39 40		NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , that the Greenwich Township Board of Education that is necessary to meet in Executive Session to discuss certain items involving
41 42 43 44		 Matters of personal confidentiality rights including but not limited to staff and or students discipline matters

1 2			 Matters which if publicly disclosed would constit unwarranted invasion of individual privacy 	ute an		
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4 5 6 7 8		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that any discussion held by the board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the meeting or confidentiality no longer exists.				
9 10 11			FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Board of E will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion executive session.			
12 13 14		Motio	: (Murschell/Fabiani) to enter into Executive Session at 7:0	5 p.m.		
15		Motio	carried by unanimous voice vote.			
16 17 18		Motio	: (Murschell/Vernacchio) to return to the Special Meeting at	8:02 p.m.		
19 20	3.	SUPE	RINTENDENT'S REPORT			
21 22		Motio	: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following:			
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24 25		A.	NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)			
26 27			1. Update of Items for Reconsideration (Attachment – EXHIE	BIT A)		
28 29 30 31		bringi	lorina asked if the Board was going to get a copy of what the pla g our scores up, especially the governance portion of the NJQSC Int Tarantino replied that he has copies and will get them to all the ers.	CA?		
32 33		В.	Extraordinary Special Education Grant (Attachment – EXHIBIT B			
34 35 36 37 38		C.	The approval for the transfer of Catrina Collier-Laster from Third teacher at Broad Street School to Basic Skills teacher at Broad S School at the approved salary of \$59,975.00 for the 2011-2012 s year.	Street		
39 40 41 42		D.	The approval for the <i>reappointment</i> of Adriana Marini-Cossetti, It Teacher, for the 2011-2012 school year at an annual salary of \$6			
42 43 44 45		E.	The approval for the <i>reappointment</i> of the Gloucester County Sp Services School District Substitute School Nurse Clearinghouse needed basis for the 2011-2012 school year in the event that the	on an as-		
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1 2 3			school nurses are absent on the same day and an approved district substitute nurse cannot be acquired. Rate of pay: full day - \$275.00; half day - \$168.00; extended day - \$340.00.
4 5 6 7 8 9		F.	The approval for the appointment of Kathleen Bailly as a part-time Educational/Remedial Specialist for the 2011-2012 school year effective September 1, 2011 at a per diem rate of \$275.00 with no benefits. Ms. Bailly will work two days per week, Thursdays and Fridays, student days only, (68 days) for a total salary of \$18,700.00.
10 11 12		Motio	n carried by unanimous roll call vote.
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	<u>4.</u>	CURF	RICULUM & INSTRUCTION: Lisa Morina, Chairperson Alan Boultinghouse Roseanne Lombardo
		Motio	n: (Vernacchio/Fabiani) to approve the following:
		A.	The approval to adopt policies, by-laws and the following curriculums of the previous Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year, consistent with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and the Curriculum Review Cycle:
20			Art: Pre-K – 8*
			Art: 6-8/Gifted and Talented
			Basic Skills Improvement Program: Pre-K – 8
			Caring Makes a Difference (responding to Prejudice, Genocide and the Holocaust: Pre-K – 8
			Computer Education: Pre-K – 8*

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Basic Skills Improvement Program: Pre-K – 8
Caring Makes a Difference (responding to Prejudice, Genocide and the Holocaust: Pre-K – 8
Computer Education: Pre-K – 8*
Cross-Content Workplace Readiness: Pre-K – 8
Family Life: Pre-K – 8
Guidance and Counseling: Pre-K – 8
Health: Pre-K – 8
Language Arts Literacy (Writing, Reading, Spelling)
Library Curriculum
Pre-Algebra: 6-8/Gifted and Talented
Algebra: 6-8/Gifted and Talented
Mathematics: Pre-K – 8
Music: Pre-K – 8*
Multicultural Curriculum: Pre-K – 8
Omega/Gifted and Talented: Pre-K – 8
Penmanship: Pre-K – 8
Physical Education: Pre-K – 8*
Science: Pre-K – 8
Social Studies: Pre-K – 8

		Substance Abuse Prevention Program
		World Languages: Pre-K – 8*
		Special Education: Pre-K - 8
1 2 3	Motio	n carried by unanimous roll call vote.
3 4 5	Motior	: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, B & C:
6 7 8 9 10 11	В.	The approval to adopt the Houghton Mifflin Language Arts Literacy Series, Journeys 2012 edition, at a cost of \$81,954.18 (half will be paid for from the 2010-2011 budget and half will be paid from next year's budget) This item was discussed and approved by the Budget and Finance Committee. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)
12 13 14	C.	The approval to accept the textbooks as listed on the attached for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D)
15 16	Motior	a carried by unanimous roll call vote.
17 18	Motior	: (Vernacchio/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, D-F:
19 20 21 22	D.	The approval to create, post and interview for an elementary school teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. This item is a new position which was not in the budget for the 2011-2012 school year.
22 23 24 25 26 27	E.	The approval to increase the number of hours budgeted for the two new instructional aide positions from three and one-half hours to six and one-half hours, salary to be determined. This item was discussed and approved by the Budget and Finance Committee.
28 29 30 31 32	F.	The approval to hire two part-time non-instructional aides to be assigned to Broad Street School for three and one-half hours per day, salary to be determined. This item was discussed and approved by the Budget and Finance Committee.
33 34 35 36 37	teache two Ki	Murschell asked what brought about the additional elementary school er position? Vincent Tarantino replied that the board had budgeted for indergarten teachers but now the numbers have increased which sutes an additional teacher and we would like to keep our class-sizes small.
38 39	Motior	a carried by unanimous roll call vote.
40 <u>5.</u> 41 42	BUDG	ET & FINANCE: Susan Vernacchio – Chairperson Alan Boultinghouse James Worrell

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

- Motion: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following:
 - A. <u>Bills Lists</u>

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8 9 1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)

No.	Amount
P62	\$261,486.00
P63	\$76,695.36
TOTAL	\$338,181.36

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1				School District for the 2011-2012 school year at an annual rate to be determined. (Current rate is \$2,500.00.)			
2 3				be determined. (Current rate is \$2,500.00.)			
4 5	4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.						
5 6 7		Motio	n:	(Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following:			
8		E.	Insura	ance Agent			
9 10 11 12			1.	The approval for the appointment of Cettei & Connell as the Greenwich Township School District insurance agent for the 2011-2012 school year.			
13 14 15 16 17 18 19		insura Cettei Browr	<i>Lisa Morina</i> asked what changed from Friday to today in regards to the insurance agent and what was the reason for changing from Brown & Brown to Cettei & Connell? <i>Jason Murschell</i> replied that it was a typographical error. Brown & Brown was incorrectly placed on the agenda when it should have been Cettei & Connell.				
20	Roll C	Call Vot	e:				
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29		James Worrell – Yes Alan Boultinghouse – Yes Louis Fabiani – Yes Roseanne Lombardo – Yes Lisa Morina – Abstained Susan Vernacchio – Yes Jason Murschell – Yes					
30		Motio	n:	(Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following:			
31 32		F.	<u>Healtl</u>	n Benefits – Broker of Record			
33 34 35 36			1.	The approval for the appointment of ISI Insurance Solutions, Inc. as the Greenwich Township School District Health Benefits Broker of Record for the 2011-2012 school year.			
37 38		Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.					
39 40		Motio	n:	(Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following:			
41 42		G.	Desig	nation Bank Depositories			
43 44 45			1.	BE IT RESOLVED , that Colonial Bank FSB be designated as the official depository for all school money, including the			

following accounts, with the number of signatures required and the person(s) authorized to sign checks or vouchers for the 2011-2012 school year, effective July 1, 2011, as indicated.

Account Title	Signatures Required	Persons Designated to Sign Checks
Current	3	Jason Murschell, President Jeanette Peel Scott A. Campbell Vincent Tarantino
Agency	1	Jeanette Peel
Salary	1	Jeanette Peel
Cafeteria	2	Scott A. Campbell Jeanette Peel
Student Activity Fund	2	Scott A. Campbell Vincent Tarantino Jeanette Peel
Capital Reserve	1	Scott A. Campbell

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Vice-President, James Worrell, to be authorized and empowered to act at all times in the absence of the President, and the signatures and acts of the said Vice-President, James Worrell, be as legal and binding as those of the President; and a copy of this Resolution be sent to Jeanette Peel, Treasurer of School Monies, and a copy be sent to Colonial Bank FSB.

Roseanne Lombardo asked where the closest Colonial Bank is and **Scott Campbell** replied that it is in Mantua, NJ. He also stated that they are not charging any fees and they will provide a courier service to pick up the daily deposits.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Fabiani/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, H-J:

H. The approval to repost for the following extra-curricular positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Position	Stipend
Italian Club	\$937.00
Jr. National Honor Society Advisor (2 Teachers)	\$937.00 Each
Music Assistants (Play – 3 Teachers)	\$300.00 Each
PEP Club (2 Teachers)	\$937.00 Each
Recreational Activities (2 Teachers) (originally posted for 1 Teacher at \$1,250.00 – 2 teachers	\$625.00 Each

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			will share stipend)
1 2 3 4		I.	The approval to move nine teacher classrooms at Nehaunsey Middle School as per the negotiated GTEA agreement.
5 6 7 8 9 10 11		J.	The approval for Board of Education Member, Alan Boultinghouse, to attend the New Jersey School Boards Mandated Training Class: Governance I – New Board Member Orientation on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Robbinsville High School, 155 Robbinsville-Edinburg Road, Robbinsville, NJ. There will be no cost to the Board.
12 13		Motio	n carried by unanimous roll call vote.
14 15 16 17	<u>6.</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>ULATORY</u> : James Worrell – Chairperson Louis Fabiani Roseanne Lombardo
17 18 19		Motio	n: (Fabiani/Worrell) to approve the following as one, A-G:
20 21 22 23		A.	The approval for appointment of The Design Collaborative as the Greenwich Township School District architect for the 2011-2012 school year.
24 25 26		В.	The approval for the appointment of The Design Collaborative as the Greenwich Township architect for the building consolidation project.
27 28 29 30		C.	The approval to reinstate the position of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at a salary range of \$55,000.00 - \$65,000.00 for the 2011-2012 school year. This item is presently in the budget.
31 32 33		D.	The approval of the revised job description #1012 Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)
34 35 36		E.	The approval to post/advertise for the position of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the 2011-2012 school year.
37 38 39 40		F.	The approval to hire ten college students for the summer work program from June 27, 2011 through August 12, 2011 (7 weeks) at an hourly rate of \$8.00 per hour.
40 41 42 43		G.	The approval to replace the 750 gallon water heater at Nehaunsey Middle School at a cost of \$24,567.00 to be replaced by a tank-less water heater.

1 *Lisa Morina* asked Mike Beukers if the school is state eligible for a cash rebate 2 from the state for the new water heater? *Mr. Beukers* responded that there was 3 only a rebate for gas units and the water heater being replaced is not gas. Mrs. 4 *Morina* then asked if anyone was interviewed or were there any discussions for 5 the position of Buildings and Grounds? Vincent Tarantino replied "no" but he 6 did have an informal meeting with Bill Houghton, who held the position 7 previously. Mrs. Morina asked if it was an interview? Mr. Tarantino replied, 8 "no, absolutely not, no interview". Jason Murschell then told Mr. Tarantino that 9 it is his responsibility to hire someone; not the board's decision. Susan 10 *Vernacchio* asked about the architect that is being appointed; The Design 11 Collaborative. She stated that when her committee was meeting to look over the 12 auditors, the attorneys and the banks, they went out for RFP's and they did 13 receive some back. Her committee also sent out an e-mail to all other board 14 members saying that if they had any other professionals that they would like to 15 get RFP's from to please let someone on her committee know. She didn't see 16 any information on architects and she knows that that is something that the board 17 was cited on with the NJQSAC. She wants to know if the board brought in any 18 other architects and do we need to get RFP's? Jason Murschell asked Scott 19 Campbell if the board is required by law to get RFP's from professionals? Scott 20 Campbell replied that we are required by law. James Worrell asked Mr. 21 Campbell if he would send out RFP's for the architects to which *Mr. Campbell* 22 responded, "yes, once I am told who to send them out". Mr. Murschell then 23 recommended that the board table item A and put it out for "Request for 24 Proposal" and vote on items B through G. Lisa Morina had another guestion 25 that was asked before but she never received a firm answer. She wanted to 26 know who walked the two architects through the buildings? Scott Campbell 27 responded that the custodians did. She then stated that in March. Mr. Worrell 28 indicated to her and to three other board members that he would have voted for FVHD and "in fact, you brought them in" and that Mr. Murschell would have voted 29 30 for them as well. She wanted to know if they would share with everyone the new 31 information that they received that made them think that The Design 32 Collaborative is a better choice? Mr. Worrell replied, "number one, the bids". 33 [When you get a bid of \$23,000,000.00 versus \$12,000,000.00]; number two, Mr. 34 **Worrell** said that he did request FVHD but it was thrown out. It was voted to 35 bring in another architect and when we looked over the facts and figures, it 36 seemed that the committee would recommend The Design Collaborative due to 37 the numbers alone. Also with FVHD, there was no fee that was solidified. The 38 board was told that they would negotiate after we signed. With The Design 39 Collaborative, it was a flat 5% and it will not go up regardless of the situation so it 40 was the committee's recommendation that we approve The Design Collaborative 41 as the architect for the building consolidation project. Mrs. Morina then wanted 42 to know if anyone had spoken with our legal council about the implications with 43 changing this vote? Mr. Tarantino responded that there was no written 44 agreement with FVHD so it was ok to change the vote. 45

1 <u>Roll Call Vote</u> :							
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	 Lisa Morina – No to item B; yes to items C-G Susan Vernacchio – No to item B; yes to items C-G Jason Murschell – Yes to all James Worrell – Yes to all Alan Boultinghouse – Yes to all Louis Fabiani – Yes to all 						
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13 14		Motic	on:	(Murschell/Fabiani) to approve the following:			
15 16		Α.	<u>Contr</u>	ract Execution			
17 18				WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and			
19 20 21 22 23			autho	WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law S.A.18A:18-5 et. seq.) no longer requires that the resolution prizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" be bid petitively:			
23 24 25 26 27				NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , by the Board of ation of Greenwich Township, County of Gloucester and State of Jersey, as follows:			
28 29			1.	The President and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts for the 2011-2012 school year with:			
 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 42 				 Bowman and Company, LLC for auditing and accounting services, John Armano, Trimble & Armano Law Firm for legal representation, Underwood Memorial Hospital for health and physician services, Cettei & Connell for insurance agent, ISI Insurance Solutions, Inc. for dental, health and prescription broker services, The Design Collaborative for the building consolidation project. 			
43 44			2.	The above contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service under provisions of the Local Public Contracts"			

- 1 Law because the above persons or firms named are licensed to 2 practice a recognized profession in the State of New Jersey as 3 above stated, and further such services to be performed cannot be 4 bid competitively because it is impossible to prepare specifications 5 for same in accordance with the above-captioned statutes. 6 7 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 8 9 INTER-DISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 8. 10 (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following: 11 Motion: 12 13 Α. The approval for the following students to participate in the Inter-district School Choice Program for the 2011-2012 school year: 14 15 16 Chelsea Cundey Gabriela Lemus 17 18 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 19 20 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Jason Murschell 9. 21 22 Jason Murschell spoke with Terri Lewis, field representative for the New Jersey 23 School Boards Association regarding our opening procedures for our meetings. 24 In their discussion it was decided to change the agenda to read, Opening 25 Ceremonies instead of Acknowledgement of God and Country. Susan 26
 - Vernacchio also looked into that with the American Civil Liberties Union. She gave copies of that information to Mr. Murschell for his reading.

28 29 10. **OLD BUSINESS** 30

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None at this time.

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35 Susan Vernacchio said that she was happy that she got to go on the Eighth 36 Grade trip to Washington, DC last Friday and that it went well. They went to the 37 Holocaust Museum and several other museums. They visited the Washington 38 Monument, the World War II, Vietnam and Koren War memorials and the Lincoln 39 Memorial. They all had a nice lunch and it was a long but wonderful day with no incidents. On June 12th, the eighth grade will also be participating in a year-end 40 41 party which will be taking place at St. Michael's Mutual Club in Gibbstown. There 42 is an eighth grade parent committee that is putting it all together. They have received several donations so it should be very little cost to the board. June 16th 43 44 is the last day of school and there are several activities planned for the students 45 and it will conclude with graduation that evening at the Broad Street School.

Vincent Tarantino wanted everyone to know that there will be Memorial Day ceremonies that will be conducted on Wednesday, May 25 at the Broad Street School and on Thursday, May 26 at the Nehaunsey Middle School. He also wanted to thank Mr. Bill Porreca for organizing the eighth grade trip to Washington, DC and to Lisa Morina and Susan Vernacchio for being chaperones on the trip.

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13 13. PUBLIC SESSION/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

21 Jason Guinaugh, 70 South Orchard Street, Gibbstown, NJ started off by saying that he is the proud father of a 5th generation of children going into the Gibbstown 22 23 School system. He thinks the school system is great as he has substituted 24 several times in previous years. He respects a lot of the decisions that have 25 been made. However, he does have a big concern on the Curriculum and 26 Instruction item concerning the World Language. He believes there has been a 27 change from this year to next year and he wanted to know if the Kindergarten 28 through Eighth Grade will get instruction in a World Language? Vincent 29 *Tarantino* replied that grades three through eight will receive classroom 30 instruction where the World Language teacher will come into the classroom and 31 instruct them. Grades Kindergarten through second will have it infused into the 32 curriculum. Mr. Guinaugh asked Mr. Tarantino if he could explain "infusion"? 33 *Mr. Tarantino* explained that every subject, such as physical education, music, art, technology, library will be responsible for teaching some world culture into 34 35 their curriculum. *Mr. Guinaugh* then asked if they will have a "specific" world 36 language teacher and *Mr. Tarantino* responded, no. *Mr. Guinaugh* asked if the 37 children in Kindergarten through second will be tested on what they are learning 38 about world language and *Mr. Tarantino* again responded, no but there may be 39 an assessment test. *Mr. Guinaugh* asked why it was changed from teaching 40 two languages to only teaching Italian? Mr. Tarantino replied that we were not 41 consistent and now with teaching one language in grades three through eight, we 42 are consistent. Mr. Guinaugh then asked why there was a change in the 43 language from Spanish to Italian and was it discussed? Mr. Tarantino explained 44 that it was discussed during Kindergarten registration and there was also a 45 survey that went home with every student for the parents to decide on whether

- 1 they wanted Spanish or Italian to be taught in the schools. *Mr. Guinaugh* said 2 that his second grade daughter shouldn't be responsible for bringing home a 3 survey of that importance. Mr. Tarantino stated that the all the students have a 4 "Thursday Folder" and all the material that needs to be sent to the parents for 5 their information is in that folder. *Mr. Guinaugh* said that something of that 6 importance, such as a change in curriculum, should be mailed home to the 7 parents; not sent home with the student because he has never seen any survey 8 about the World Language Curriculum. Mr. Guinaugh then presented the board 9 with a petition of signatures in reference to the World Language curriculum.
- 11 Robyn Glocker Hammond, 329 Carson Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ wanted to know 12 what criteria the board was using to determine what ten college students get 13 hired for the summer help positions? She wanted to know if they are using past 14 performances, number of years served with the district for summer help and when they will be notified? Vincent Tarantino replied that Scott Campbell 15 16 interviewed 14 of the 15 applicants. *Mrs. Glocker Hammond* asked who will be 17 making the recommendations and *Mr. Tarantino* replied that he will. Mrs. 18 Glocker Hammond then asked when will the students be notified? Mr. Tarantino 19 responded that it will be the next board meeting on June 13. Mrs. Glocker 20 Hammond feels that is a little late to let these kids know since many of them 21 have been home from college since the beginning of May and they count on this 22 work but *Mr. Tarantino* said it has to be a formal meeting to approve them. *Mrs.* 23 **Glocker Hammond** is recommending to the board in future years to not wait six 24 weeks after these college kids are home as they would like to know before they 25 get home that they have a job to go to. She then asked Mr. Campbell if he looks 26 at the past performances and the number of years they have worked as criteria? 27 *Mr. Campbell* stated that he does and there was been a handful who have prior 28 experience that will be taken into consideration.

30 <u>14.</u> ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: (Fabiani/Boultinghouse) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary