

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of
4 Education held **Thursday, March 29, 2012** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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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 (excused himself at 8:00 p.m.)
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 and Mr. Scott
19 A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

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27 **OPENING PROCEDURES**

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29 **1. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET**

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31 Motion: (Murschell/Worrell) to open the public hearing portion of the
32 meeting to present the 2012-2013 proposed budget.

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34 A. The 2012-2013 Budget Presentation was made by Scott A. Campbell,
35 School Business Administrator. (Presentation attached)

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37 B. Discussion open to the public.

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39 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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41 ***Mark Pandolfo, 251 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown asked what the costs were***
42 ***when we owed our buses as compared to out-sourcing transportation? Scott***
43 ***Campbell said we had to project what we thought the costs would be to out-***
44 ***source transportation and this year it came in under what we budgeted so we did***

1 save money and also made money from the sale of the buses. That money is
2 now in the current account. **Mr. Campbell** said he could get back to Mr.
3 Pandolfo with the exact figure if he would like him to at which time **Mr. Pandolfo**
4 said he would appreciate that.
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6 **Andrew Chapkowski**, 85 Adalisa Avenue, Gibbstown asked about
7 Source4Teachers and if Mr. Campbell can explain the costs for them as
8 compared to the costs for the "old way" you used to get substitutes and also if he
9 can address the fees associated with Source4Teachers? **Mr. Campbell**
10 responded that the substitutes still receive the same amount of money which is
11 \$70.00 or \$75.00 but there are additional costs to Source4Teachers. The total
12 amount for one days' substitute that is paid to Source4Teachers is \$101.79. The
13 stipend amount that the substitute caller received before we went to
14 Source4Teachers was \$3,000.00 for the year. **Mr. Campbell** also said he could
15 get the exact figures to Mr. Chapkowski later. **Mr. Chapkowski** then asked what
16 is the salary of the part-time librarian? **Mr. Campbell** responded that it is a little
17 over \$14,000.00. **Mr. Chapkowski** asked if the board is going to go out for
18 another referendum? **Mr. Campbell** said that is up to the board. **Mr.**
19 **Chapkowski** asked if there was any accountability for misappropriation of funds
20 for when you spend money and then rescind it? Do you have to go through a
21 justification process? **Mr. Campbell** said we are held to a 10% threshold where
22 he is not allowed to transfer more than 10% out of a program without the
23 Executive County Superintendent approving it. **Mr. Chapkowski** asked what the
24 salary was of the prior full-time librarian? **Mr. Campbell** said it was in the mid
25 \$60,000.00 range.
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27 **Cheryl Pindur**, 113 South Orchard Street, Gibbstown asked if the board is still
28 considering cutting out the part-time technology position? **Mr. Campbell**
29 answered, "yes". **Ms. Pindur** said she worked in the district at Broad Street
30 School for over 30 years and she wants it known that the technology position is
31 essential. Ten years ago, technology was a TV on a cart with a VCR. Now we
32 have three times the amount of technology in our classroom and it seems to her
33 that one four-hour a day part-time person that does not receive benefits who
34 maintains all that technology should be considered essential. When she had
35 trouble with a computer, Jen Landrum was there to help her. If she had to wait
36 for Mike Grelli to come over from Nehaunsey School, she would have had to wait
37 quite a while which means she would have to "scrap those plans" and move on to
38 something else to teach. She went on to say that there are 25 classrooms with
39 25 Smartboard's, 25 Elmo's and over 95 computers at Broad Street School.
40 There are 20 Smartboard's, 20 Elmo's and possibly over 100 computers here at
41 Nehaunsey Middle School. She wants to know how the teacher's at Broad Street
42 are going to receive the necessary services to meet their needs when it comes to
43 technology and it breaks down and doesn't work? **Vincent Tarantino** said the
44 projection for the next school year is for Mr. Grelli to be at Broad Street School

1 for half a day and then be at Nehaunsey School for a half day. **Ms. Pindur** feels
2 the Board of Education, along with Mr. Grelli, has done a great job in getting the
3 district the top of the line stuff in technology but it is useless if it doesn't work and
4 that's why she feels Jen Landrum's job is essential. She also said the students
5 will lose out if the technology isn't working properly. She is asking the board to
6 re-think that decision to eliminate the part-time technology position.
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8 **Lee Lucas**, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown said he advocates for blackboards,
9 chalk, and notebooks in case the computers break down. He then said he heard
10 employee benefits have gone up around \$300,000.00 which is a lot and he would
11 like to know why? **Mr. Campbell** said there was an increase of 15% for
12 prescriptions and 14% for medical which are two of our "heavy hitters". **Mr.**
13 **Lucas** wanted to know how many pupils are in this district? **Jason Murschell**
14 answered, "518". **Mr. Lucas** said it costs \$4,515.00 per pupil for insurance costs
15 which is one-quarter of the per pupil costs. He asked what our co-pay is to which
16 **Mr. Campbell** answered, "\$5.00". **Mr. Lucas** said he advocates for a medical
17 plan that has a 20/40 co-pay plan so it can save the district some money.
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19 **Cheryl Pindur** told Mr. Lucas that he may not be aware of the fact that some
20 employees in this district have waived their benefits.
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22 **Scott Campbell** said that not all of the \$300,000.00 is health benefits. Some of
23 it is unemployment insurance, FICA share, board share, tuition reimbursement
24 costs and pension contributions.
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26 **Catrina Laster**, teacher at Broad Street School said she does not accept the
27 health benefits that are offered. She did accept them in her first year as an
28 employee here but has not accepted them since that time. She knows of several
29 others right here in this room that have sacrificed their benefits so the district can
30 save money. **Mrs. Laster** said to Mr. Lucas that she takes offense to the fact
31 that he lumps everyone in the same category and he should find out his facts
32 before he speaks.
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34 **Kathy Seacrist**, 157 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown said she sees that one of
35 the budgets goals is the continued emphasis on technology and she would like to
36 know if the numbers for Jen Landrum's salary have been worked into the budget
37 and how much it would cost each taxpayer if it were added in? **Jason Murschell**
38 said the administration had a discussion with Mr. Grelli and Mr. Grelli assured
39 them that he can handle the technology at both schools. The board will keep an
40 eye on it and if it is found to not be working, then we will take the necessary
41 steps to fill that void. **Mrs. Seacrist** wanted to know why Mr. Grelli needed an
42 assistant five years ago when there wasn't as much technology in the district and
43 now when he does need one, the position is being eliminated? **Mr. Murschell**
44 said maybe it was because at that time, the district didn't lose \$87 million in

1 *ratables. Mrs. Seacrist asked again if they tried to work the numbers to get that*
2 *\$20,000.00 position back into the budget? Mr. Murschell said they did and it*
3 *amounted to a half-cent increase.*

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5 *Andrew Chapkowski asked if there is money left over from the busing, could*
6 *that savings be used toward the part-time technology position? Scott Campbell*
7 *said that money that was generated this year falls into a fund balance. It would*
8 *have to be used between now and June 30, 2012. Vince Tarantino said*
9 *between now and the end of June, there is a possibility, with retirements, that we*
10 *could bring Ms. Landrum back in the part-time technology position.*

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12 *Cheryl Pindur asked if that means Ms. Landrum could come back next school*
13 *year or the year after or is Mr. Grelli looking at someone else to fill that position*
14 *should it become available? Mr. Tarantino said that position is not in next year's*
15 *budget but he is very optimistic that something good will come from this.*

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17 *EdnaMae Graham, teacher at Broad Street School, said that there was a lot of*
18 *money spent on a new reading program but much of that program is done on-*
19 *line. If the computers or the Elmo's are not working, it impacts what you are*
20 *doing with the students and the program. If Mr. Grelli is here at Nehaunsey and*
21 *our computers are not working at Broad Street, by the time we call him and he*
22 *gets into this car to come over here, our literacy time is over and the students lost*
23 *out on a lesson. Ms. Graham hopes that if the board is able, to please re-*
24 *consider the part-time technology position.*

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26 *Carol Lange, 33 North School Street, Gibbstown wanted to know who handles*
27 *the website because for the past three weeks, she has been trying to log on to*
28 *the parents site to read the board minutes and there is an error code; "404 error*
29 *code". Mr. Tarantino said he will let Mr. Grelli know about it and have it*
30 *corrected tomorrow.*

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32 *Mark Pandolfo wanted to know that since the consolidation is on hold, has there*
33 *been money allotted for repairs to Broad Street School? Scott Campbell said*
34 *we are required by law to put a minimum amount in our required maintenance*
35 *and it is approved every October. There is a form we have to fill out; Form M-1*
36 *and we have been doing that for a least the last ten years. It gives us a minimum*
37 *amount that we have to put in our budget and we well exceed the amount we put*
38 *in for each building. Mr. Pandolfo said the bathrooms haven't been maintained*
39 *for a long time and they are horrendous. Mr. Tarantino said he has been*
40 *meeting with Mr. Houghton and Mr. Campbell and they are looking into that are*
41 *planning some major upgrades and renovations.*

1 **Lee Lucas** said he doesn't think we are getting a new school any time soon.
2 Everyone keeps saying it is going to happen but he doesn't think so. We had a
3 tremendous ratable loss so maybe this isn't the time to start "busting up
4 concrete". **Mr. Lucas** thinks there are a lot of people in this town that don't want
5 a new school.
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7 **2. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

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9 Motion: (Murschell/Boultinghouse) to close the public hearing.

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11 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
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15 **REGULAR MEETING**

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17 **3. MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET**

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19 Motion: (Murschell/Fabiani) to approve the following:

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21 A. The approval of the following resolution:

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a school district budget
24 for the fiscal year 2012-2013 for submission to the voters and the
25 Gloucester County Executive Superintendent of Schools as follows:
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	<u>BUDGET</u>
Total General Fund	\$11,382,481.00
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 351,570.00
Totals	\$11,734,051.00

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there should be
33 raised for the General Fund \$9,447,453.00 for the ensuing School Year
34 (2012-2013); and
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of
37 Education approves the following capital projects for the 2012-2013 school
38 year:
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40 State EDA Grant Assessment: \$9.00

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42 B. **WHEREAS**, school district policy and
43 *N.J.A.C.6A:23B-1.2(b)* provides that the Board of Education shall establish
44 in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be

1 allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2012-2013
2 school year; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, maximum expenditure amount allotted
5 for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year was
6 \$14,289.00; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, travel and expense reimbursement has
9 reached a total amount of \$3,673.15 as of February 29, 2012;

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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
12 Greenwich Township Board of Education, in the County of Gloucester,
13 New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the
14 2012-2013 school year at the sum of \$11,290.00; and

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16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School
17 Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that
18 the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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20 C. **WHEREAS**, *N.J.A.C.6A:23A:5.2(a)* mandates boards
21 to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and
22 each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the
23 ensuing school year; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the tentative budget includes the
26 following appropriations:

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28 Legal \$15,000.00
29 Accounting/Auditing \$21,000.00
30 Physician \$ 2,500.00
31 Architect \$15,000.00
32 Election \$25,987.00
33 Teacher Prof. Develop. \$ 5,000.00

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35 **WHEREAS**, the Administration needs to notice the
36 Board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the
37 Board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal
38 board action; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the Board and Administration wishes to
41 minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the
44 Greenwich Township School District Board of Education establishes

1 maximums for professional development in the areas listed above at a
2 level of 50% of the amounts listed for the 2012-2013 school year.

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4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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6 **4. MINUTES**

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8 Motion: (Fabiani/Lombardo) to approve the following minutes:

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10 February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting
11 February 13, 2012 Executive Session
12 February 23, 2012 Workshop Meeting
13 February 23, 2012 Executive Session
14 March 5, 2012 Workshop Meeting
15 March 5, 2012 Executive Session #1
16 March 5, 2012 Executive Session #2

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18 *Louis Fabiani said that during the March 5, 2012 Workshop Meeting, it was*
19 *stated that he was removed from the Budget & Finance Committee when he was*
20 *running for re-election. He wants it noted for the record that he was never*
21 *assigned to the Budget & Finance Committee.*

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23 *Susan Vernacchio would like to thank the Business Office for getting these*
24 *minutes together every month. She knows it is not an easy job especially with*
25 *everyone talking over each other and she gives them a lot of credit.*

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27 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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29 **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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31 Motion: (Fabiani/Boultinghouse) to approve the following:

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33 A. Administrative Reports

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35 1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions, as of February
36 29, 2012. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)
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38 2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of February 29, 2012.
39 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)
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41 3. 2011-2012 Violence & Vandalism Report as of February 29, 2012.
42 (Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)
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1 probably would. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said she is concerned with that and feels the
2 board needs to look into it more closely especially if we are going to be having
3 more long-term substitutes. **Jason Murschell** said he would like to see that item
4 recommended to the Budget & Finance Committee for further review. **Louis**
5 **Fabiani** asked if that item was being removed from the motion? **Mr. Murschell**
6 said it wasn't being removed but future cases will be looked at. **Lisa Morina** said
7 she thought the issue was not to open it for future cases. **Mr. Murschell** asked if
8 it should not be approved tonight? **Mrs. Vernacchio** said she is just concerned
9 that we are setting precedence by offering this and she understands that the
10 person was probably the best qualified substitute but she is still concerned. **Mr.**
11 **Murschell** asked Mr. Tarantino what special certifications did Ms. Loux have?
12 **Mr. Tarantino** replied that she is certified in special education and it was very
13 difficult to get a replacement for that particular class and we managed to get Ms.
14 Loux at \$95.00 per day. If we decide not to pay the \$95.00 per day, she may
15 decide to not take the job and that will put us in a position where we have to go
16 out and find somebody else. There aren't too many people out there that are
17 willing to spend the entire year at \$75.00 a day. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said she has
18 asked the question of whether our substitute rate was a competitive rate and she
19 was always assured that it was. Now it seems it is not. **Mr. Tarantino** again
20 stated it was an extended coverage; not a daily coverage. When you look at
21 extended coverage, you are paying more for it. The law now states that after 60
22 days, that person is entitled to be put on Step I of the salary guide with benefits.
23 **Mr. Tarantino** then said with working with Source4Teachers, we don't have to
24 worry about the benefits. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said then that Source4Teachers is
25 getting the \$95.00 and who is to say they are not marking things up. **Mr.**
26 **Tarantino** said the teacher is getting the \$95.00. **Mrs. Vernacchio** wanted to
27 know how much are we paying Source4Teachers? **Scott Campbell** said it was
28 \$101.79 per day per substitute. **Mr. Tarantino** said the district is paying her the
29 additional \$20.00 per day. **Mrs. Morina** said she thought we were paying a flat
30 rate to Source4Teachers for the substitutes. She asked if we are cutting Ms.
31 Loux a check? **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "no, we are reimbursing Source4Teachers
32 the additional \$20.00 per day so that they can give it to her". **Mrs. Morina** then
33 said that we are paying her the additional \$20.00 per day. **Mr. Murschell** then
34 said it is \$121.79 per day instead of \$101.79 per day. **Mr. Tarantino** said as of
35 right now, the going rate for our substitutes is \$75.00 per day and that includes
36 what we pay Source4Teachers which is \$101.79. We have negotiated a rate of
37 an additional \$20.00 for this teacher that we will be giving to Source4Teachers to
38 pay her, but it is still \$101.79. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said it would be \$121.79. **Mr.**
39 **Tarantino** again said, "no". **Mrs. Morina** said if it were \$101.79, we wouldn't
40 need this recommendation. **Mr. Tarantino** said they are still getting their fee
41 above the \$75.00. We are negotiating with this teacher for an additional \$20.00.
42 **Mrs. Morina** said she doesn't work for us so why are we negotiating with her at
43 all; she should be negotiating with Source4Teachers? **Mr. Tarantino** corrected
44 himself and said we are negotiating with Source4Teachers. If the board wants to

1 approve it tonight, that is fine but if you decide not to, we will have to find
2 someone else to fill that spot. Basically it is going to cost the district just \$20.00
3 more a day. **Mr. Murschell** asked how many school days are left to this year to
4 which **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "60". **Mr. Murschell** then said we are talking about
5 an increase of \$1,200.00 to have a qualified, special education substitute in that
6 classroom and maintain consistency through the rest of the year and he has no
7 problem with that and we can move on it. **Mrs. Morina** asked Scott Campbell if
8 our contract allows us to pay \$121.79 or is our contract at \$101.79? What does
9 our Source4Teachers contract allow us to pay? Do we have to amend the
10 contract? **Mr. Campbell** said he honestly didn't know at this time what the
11 contract says. **Mrs. Morina** said it seems we are playing this two different ways;
12 we are negotiating with a teacher that is working for someone else but if we don't
13 have a contract through this board to Source4Teachers that allows us to pay that
14 daily rate or a flexible rate over and above \$101.79, then this recommendation
15 should not be voted on. **Damon McWhite**, a representative from
16 Source4Teachers, said that it would have to be an addendum because that is a
17 separate case but the \$101.79 is the daily rate for a substitute. With Ms. Loux,
18 she is working a long-term assignment and in that situation, most school districts
19 that we work with, have a separate rate that they pay for a long-term substitutes.
20 You do not need a separate contract; just an addendum to the contract. **Mr.**
21 **Murschell** said basically we have to authorize the district to approve an
22 addendum to the contract for Leigh Ann Loux that would be an additional \$20.00
23 a day. He then asked Mr. Fabiani if he would like to rescind his motion for items
24 A-D and make item B a separate motion to which **Mr. Fabiani** agreed.

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26 **Roseanne Lombardo** said on item A, we always had a GAP Day the Friday
27 before Memorial Day and there isn't one on the 2012-2013 calendar. **Mr.**
28 **Tarantino** said it was eliminated for this coming school year.

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30 Motion: (Murschell/Boultinghouse) to approve items A, C & D.

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32 Roll Call Vote:

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34 Roseanne Lombardo – Abstained on Item C; yes to A & D
35 Lisa Morina – Abstained on Item C; yes to A & D
36 Susan Vernacchio – Yes
37 Jason Murschell – Yes
38 Alan Boultinghouse – Yes
39 Louis Fabiani – Yes

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41 Motion: (Murschell/Boultinghouse) to approve item B as follows:

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43 B. The authorization for the school district to enter into an agreement on an
44 addendum to our contract with Source4Teachers to increase the daily rate

1 for payment to Leigh Ann Loux by \$20.00 per day from March 14, 2012 to
2 June 13, 2012.

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4 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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6 **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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8 **POLICY/REGULATION**

9 Jason Murschell, Chairperson

10 Louis Fabiani

11 Lisa Morina

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13 No report at this time.

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15 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

16 Lisa Morina, Chairperson

17 Alan Boultinghouse

18 Roseanne Lombardo

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20 A. **Memorandum of Understanding**

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22 Motion: (Murschell/Boultinghouse) to approve the following as one, A-D:

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24 1. The *retroactive* approval for the submission of the Memorandum of
25 Understanding in support of the State in its implementation of an
26 approved Race to the Top 3 federal grant program.

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28 B. **No Child Left Behind Grant Award**

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30 1. The approval to accept the Greenwich Township School District No
31 Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant Award for the fiscal year 2012 as
32 listed below:

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PROGRAM NAME	REPORT NUMBER	FY2012 ALLOCATION AMOUNT
NCLB CONSOLIDATED	NCLB 183011	
TITLE I, PART A		\$74,863.00
TITLE II, PART A		\$20,944.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION		\$95,807.00

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35 C. **Field Experience Student**

- 1 1. The approval for the following Rowan University student for full time
 2 special education student teaching placement from May 7, 2012
 3 through June 13, 2012:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Janna Marie Tighe	Heather Crisostomo Broad Street School

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 9 D. Field Trips

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 11 1. The approval of the Request for Educational Trip/Transportation for
 12 the following:

Grade and/or Group	Destination/Time	Date	Estimated Transportation Cost
PreSchool (with Kindergarten)	Cape May Zoo and Park Cape May, NJ 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	5/22/12	Two Buses \$600.00

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 15 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 17 **REGULATORY**

18 James Worrell, Chairperson
 19 Louis Fabiani
 20 Roseanne Lombardo

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 22 Motion: (Lombardo/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, A-F:

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 24 A. The *retroactive* approval for Gibbstown Girls Softball to use the open fields
 25 in the back of Broad Street School for softball practice from Monday,
 26 March 26, 2012 through Monday, June 25, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00
 27 p.m.
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 29 B. The approval for Guardian Angels Regional School to use the Broad
 30 Street School auditorium on Wednesday evenings, April 4, April 11, April
 31 18 and April 25, 2012 as well as on Monday, April 30, 2012 and
 32 Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for rehearsals for
 33 their school musical presentation. (The dates for the musical were
 34 approved at the March 5, 2012 Workshop Meeting.)
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 36 C. The approval for the Amazing K-4 Math Race to be held at Broad Street
 37 School in the second floor classrooms on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 from
 38 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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- 1 D. The approval for the Nehaunsey Middle School Talent Show to be held in
2 the Broad Street School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 from 6:00
3 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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- 5 E. The approval for Gibbstown SACC to use the Broad Street School
6 auditorium on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 through Thursday, May 31, 2012
7 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for preschool graduation practice and the
8 Broad Street auditorium and cafeteria on Thursday, May 31, 2012 from
9 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for preschool graduation. (Attachment – EXHIBIT
10 C3)
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- 12 F. The approval for Gibbstown SACC to use the Broad Street School
13 gymnasium during the 2012-2013 school year only and the Broad Street
14 School playground throughout the year. SACC is a 501C-3 Non-Profit
15 Organization. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C4)
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17 **Louis Fabiani** said there are three functions going on at the Broad Street School
18 on April 17 and with the number of cars that will be moving in and out of the
19 facility, he would like to know if the Amazing K-4 Math Race can be moved to the
20 Nehaunsey School for safety reasons? **Jason Murschell** asked Mr. Tarantino
21 who was in charge of these functions? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that the Broad
22 Street staff will be in charge of the Amazing K-4 Math Race and the Nehaunsey
23 School staff will be in charge of the 5-8 Talent Show along with parents. **Mr.**
24 **Murschell** said with the K-4 being upstairs, they are not in their own classrooms
25 so moving it to Nehaunsey is not a problem because they still will not be in their
26 own classrooms. His other issue is that the Talent Show and the election have
27 been scheduled for some time now but this is the first time he is being presented
28 the Amazing K-4 Math Race. **Susan Vernacchio** said in the past several years,
29 there have been activities going on at Nehaunsey and there was never an issue.
30 **Mr. Murschell** said he heard of complaints about parking and people not being
31 able to get into the building. **Roseanne Lombardo** said there is better parking
32 over at Broad Street than there is here at Nehaunsey. **Mr. Murschell** said there
33 is better parking for one event but you are talking about all nine grades having an
34 activity in one school along with a school election going on. **Mrs. Vernacchio**
35 feels it is great that the staff is willing to put in the time. **Lisa Morina** said that is
36 what would happen if we consolidated; everyone would be in one building
37 anyway. **Mrs. Vernacchio** said that is a good point and a good chance to see
38 what traffic is going to be like with one building. **Mr. Murschell** said traffic during
39 the day when you are switching classes is organized with the administration but
40 traffic outside--we wouldn't have hundreds of cars going through the parking lot
41 during the school day. **Mrs. Morina** said when we listened to the public
42 comments about safety on Broad Street, it was a big concern with parents so
43 maybe this is a chance to see if moving into one building is the way to go—to see
44 if this is something we can handle in that facility. **Mr. Murschell** again said that

1 *having three functions at one time is not realistic of what it would be moving into*
2 *one building. **Mrs. Morina** said the starting times for the activities are staggered*
3 *so you have one start at 4:00, one at 5:00 and one at 6:00. Then one ends at*
4 *7:00, one ends at 8:00 and one ends at 9:00 so everyone will not be leaving the*
5 *building at the same time like you have at Graduation, Back to School Night or*
6 *the musical. **Mr. Tarantino** said these are good activities to have as other*
7 *districts have done the same thing where the school is packed. He feels it is*
8 *good for the district but it is up to the Board of Education to make the final*
9 *decision.*

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11 Roll Call Vote:

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13 Jason Murschell – No to item C; yes to all others
14 Alan Boultinghouse – No to item C; yes to all others
15 Louis Fabiani – No to item C; yes to all others
16 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
17 Lisa Morina – Yes
18 Susan Vernacchio – Abstained on items E & F; yes to all others

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20 Item C does not pass.

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22 ***Lisa Morina** wanted to know exactly how many students will be participating in*
23 *the K-4 Math Race? **Nora Traum** said that while it looks like two separate*
24 *events, last year, we had a Family Math Night for K-8 and the school election*
25 *here at Nehaunsey all on one night. When you moved the voting to Broad*
26 *Street, we decided to divide the event into two events that still involved the entire*
27 *district and also move it to Broad Street School. It is a bigger school and with*
28 *splitting up the two groups, it allows the voting and where we are in contact with*
29 *the voters coming in and out to not be an issue. The Nehaunsey students will be*
30 *down in the auditorium and the Broad Street students will be upstairs. There will*
31 *not be any conflict or contact with the voters in the gymnasium. **Mrs. Morina***
32 *said having participated in that Math Night when her son was a student, it is a*
33 *really fun event for the parents and the children and she is sorry the vote didn't*
34 *pass. **Jason Murschell** said it is not like they can't have it, he would just like it*
35 *moved to Nehaunsey School. **Susan Vernacchio** said it makes it difficult as a*
36 *parent especially is you have one child in an activity at Broad Street and one*
37 *child in an activity at Nehaunsey. **Louis Fabiani** then said maybe we can speak*
38 *with the Chief of Police to see if they will have enough police to help with traffic.*
39 ***Mr. Murschell** said as long as it is not an additional cost to the district and the*
40 *police can provide adequate personnel for safety reasons. **Mrs. Vernacchio***
41 *asked if all of the administrators are participating? **Terry DiSanto** said the*
42 *children will not be "unsupervised", they will be with their parents and we do not*
43 *anticipate any child running out in the parking lot any more than they would at*
44 *Nehaunsey School. The maintenance staff and all the teaching staff will be in*

1 attendance that night to assist with supervision and parking. **Mr. Murschell** said
2 he was here the past several years when Nehaunsey has had functions with an
3 election going on and it has been a nightmare. **Mrs. DiSanto** said she has never
4 heard of any complaints; not even from the County Board of Education. She
5 then asked Mr. Tarantino if he ever had any complaints last year and he said he
6 did not. **Mr. Tarantino** then said to the Board of Education that he will speak
7 with the Chief of Police and have an officer in the building and also outside the
8 building. There will be enough supervision upstairs with the K-4 kids and also in
9 the auditorium with the 5-8 kids so he personally will help out in the parking lot.
10 **Mr. Murschell** then said he would like to change his vote to yes for item C.

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12 Motion: (Murschell/Vernacchio) to approve Item C:

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14 Roll Call Vote:

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16 Alan Boultinghouse – No
17 Louis Fabiani – Yes
18 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
19 Lisa Morina - Yes
20 Susan Vernacchio – Yes
21 Jason Murschell – Yes

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23 Item C passes by a vote of 5-1

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25 **BUDGET & FINANCE**

26 Susan Vernacchio – Chairperson
27 Alan Boultinghouse
28 Jason Murschell

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30 **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

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32 Motion: (Boultinghouse/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A-D:

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34 A. Bills Lists

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36 1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the
37 following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D1)

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No.	Amount
P63	\$276,273.48
P64	\$18,191.24
P65	\$8,547.15
P66	\$801.84

P67	\$255,734.07
P68	\$119,438.40
P69	\$163.00
P70	\$45.75
P71	\$161,331.00
P72	\$35.00
P73	\$88,420.78
P74	\$257,352.62
P75	\$102,444.84
P76	\$50.00
P77	\$24,471.08
P78	\$8,413.63
P79	\$19,298.50
P80	\$20.00
P81	\$118,123.48
P82	\$241,184.98
P83	\$18,265.88
P84	\$45.75
TOTALS	\$1,718,652.47

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B. The approval for the following checks to be voided. (Attachment – EXHIBIT D2)

Check#	Vendor	Amount
12484	Blackboard Connect	\$1,350.00
12900	BESCO	\$1,059.17
902	Steve & Company	\$300.00

C. Student Activities Account

1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the months of January 2012 and February 2012. (Attachments – EXHIBITS E1 and E2)

D. Contracts

1. The approval to renew the food service management contract between the Greenwich Township Board of Education and Nutri-Serve Management, Inc. at the flat fee of \$14,700.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

1 Roll Call Vote:

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3 Roseanne Lombardo – Yes

4 Louis Fabiani – Yes

5 Lisa Morina – Abstained on bills list #75 (PO# 981-12); yes to all others

6 Susan Vernacchio – Yes

7 Jason Murschell – Yes

8 Alan Boultinghouse – Yes

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10 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

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12 ***Lisa Morina** said at a prior meeting, a parent expressed a concern about heroin*
13 *bags being picked up off the street and we assured her that we would send*
14 *information home. She wants to know if that was ever done? **Vincent***
15 ***Tarantino** responded that the information has not yet gone home. **Mrs. Morina***
16 *said to Mr. Tarantino that when he meets with the Chief of Police regarding*
17 *election night, would he please get some information about that because she is*
18 *concerned some kid will pick up one of the baggies and put it in their mouth. She*
19 *said something should go home in the Thursday folder about how to talk to your*
20 *child.*

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22 ***Mrs. Morina** asked Scott Campbell if we have executed the contract for the*
23 *energy audit yet to which **Mr. Campbell** replied, “yes we did”. **Mrs. Morina***
24 *would like a copy of that contract and she also wanted to know when they*
25 *expected to start working on that? **Mr. Campbell** said he didn’t know when they*
26 *are going to start working on it. **Mrs. Morina** said back in January we had a*
27 *great urgency to do this energy audit and tomorrow is April 1. **Mr. Campbell** said*
28 *it was executed upon attorney review. **Mrs. Morina** said she knew there was a*
29 *delay; it took a while for them to get you the contract but her concern is “we*
30 *circumvented the state process because they had an awareness of the school*
31 *and we wanted to get that work done in the summer”. We could have gone out*
32 *to the state and done it a different way; we have had this discussion over and*
33 *over. But for it to be almost April 1 and we still don’t have a schedule or a*
34 *timeline as to when this audit will be started makes her a little concerned. She*
35 *said you can’t have it both ways; you can’t say there’s urgency to get it done in*
36 *January and you are in April and it isn’t even on the agenda so she would like a*
37 *copy of that contract, a schedule for when they are going to start and what their*
38 *milestones for completion are.*

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40 ***Susan Vernacchio** said we need to move forward with strategic planning*
41 *because it helps when you are trying to put a budget together and to see where*
42 *we are headed as a district. **Lisa Morina** said she is the chairperson of that*
43 *committee and they are waiting until after the school board election.*

1 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

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3 *Lisa Morina said another comment she read “loud and clear” when she re-read*
4 *the minutes tonight is there are parents who are concerned about our situation*
5 *with renewal of the Superintendent’s contract and since school board members*
6 *are not allowed to talk to the solicitor independently, she is asking Jason*
7 *Murschell for a formal request to have our solicitor look into the legalities of that.*
8 *It is N.J.S.A.18A:66-53.2(b) and specifically addresses pension. We can*
9 *reassure the public who have questions that, should we decide to take one route*
10 *over another, that we have “explored the legalities of doing that”.*

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12 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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14 *Jason Murschell read a letter from Susan Vernacchio, not as a board member*
15 *but as director of Gibbstown SACC regarding the questioning of their non-profit*
16 *status.*

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18 **11. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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26 *Lee Lucas, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown wanted to reiterate what he said*
27 *before about the employee benefits going up by \$300,000.00. He still feels the*
28 *district should have a 20/40 co-pay. He wanted to know who decides what*
29 *medical plan the district gets? Vincent Tarantino said it is decided in the*
30 *negotiations phase of the teacher’s contract. Mr. Lucas wanted to know when*
31 *their contract will be up? Scott Campbell replied, “June of 2013”. He concluded*
32 *by saying that the second most important thing that a school board does is the*
33 *budget; the first important thing is contract negotiations.*

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35 *Andrew Chapkowski, 85 Adalisa Avenue, Gibbstown said he received*
36 *disturbing information and bills from two law firms concerning a board member*
37 *and e-mails that were sent. It was mentioned in a public meeting and he would*
38 *like to know the status of those investigations and what actions the board has*
39 *taken? He also wants to know why the district has spent so much money in*
40 *dealing with this situation about Mr. Worrell sending an inappropriate e-mail to a*
41 *staff member? He finds it disturbing that he is still a board member and that the*
42 *situation has been covered up for a couple of years. He said the district has had*
43 *to pay approximately \$8,000.00 in legal fees last year alone. He wishes Mr.*
44 *Worrell was here to answer his questions. Jason Murschell said he will attribute*

1 *Mr. Chapkowski's comments to youth. Politicking, at a time like this, is appalling*
2 *especially without knowing all the information. He also said there has been no*
3 *public information regarding any of our legal bills so for Mr. Chapkowski to say it*
4 *is against one particular board member is just here-say. He said that Mr. Worrell*
5 *did have a family emergency or he would have been here. **Mr. Chapkowski** said*
6 *he has public records that he attained through OPRA, (Open Public Records Act)*
7 *that specifically named Mr. Worrell in the accusations along with the staff*
8 *member. He was denied the actual e-mail because apparently it wasn't school*
9 *business but according to the schools' internet policy, if you send lewd and*
10 *inappropriate e-mails, it is covered under school policy. He also said he is not*
11 *politicking; when money is misappropriated and someone does an inappropriate*
12 *action that costs me and all other taxpayers, he would like to know why, what the*
13 *results were and why is was covered up? He again stated that it was mentioned*
14 *in a public meeting. **Mr. Murschell** asked Mr. Chapkowski if all the board*
15 *members are still on the board because if they were found in any wrong-doing,*
16 *they would have been "kicked off" the board. **Mr. Chapkowski** asked what was*
17 *an acceptable attendance rate for a board member? **Mr. Murschell** said he will*
18 *have to look up what the actual statute/policy says. There is something*
19 *regarding the number of meetings you can miss consecutively. **Mr.***
20 ***Chapkowski** concluded by saying that it was not politicking; it was concern. **Mr.***
21 ***Murschell** said it was campaigning.*

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23 ***Mark Pandolfo**, 251 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown said he is allowed to bring it*
24 *up because we all had a concern about it. He said he was going to get up and*
25 *ask those questions if Mr. Chapkowski didn't.*

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27 ***Martin Ware**, 706 Locke Avenue, Gibbstown said Mr. Chapkowski just happened*
28 *to step up first but there were a few other people that wanted to ask those*
29 *questions. He said not to berate Mr. Chapkowski; he has the same concern as*
30 *many of us had and he didn't feel it was fair for Mr. Murschell to call it politicking*
31 *when someone in the audience wants to ask a question. **Mr. Ware** then said it*
32 *didn't know there was a problem with the SACC program. He wanted to know if*
33 *someone was challenging them? **Mr. Tarantino** said no one is challenging*
34 *anything. There was information that he needed and he received it.*

35 36 **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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38 Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-*
39 *6, et seq.*, which provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may
40 be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution.

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42 The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on
43 **March 29, 2012** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public
44 shall be held on **March 29, 2012 at 8:59 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle School

1 Library, Room 48, located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for
2 discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public*
3 *Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b)* to be discussed in closed session.
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- 5 • Matters Required By Law to Be Confidential
- 6 • Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- 7 • Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
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9 It is anticipated that such matter may be disclosed to the public upon the
10 determination of the Board that applicable exception no longer applies and the
11 public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.
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13 Motion: (Murschell/Boultinghouse) to enter into Executive Session at 8:59
14 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 15 • Personnel
- 16 • Legal
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19 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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21 Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to return to the Public Hearing/Regular
22 Meeting at 9:34 p.m.
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24 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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27 **13. ADJOURNMENT**
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30 Motion: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.
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32 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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35 Respectfully Submitted,
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41 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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