

OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held Wednesday, January 23, 2002 in the Nehaunsey Middle School multi-purpose room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Marcucci at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Joseph Marcucci
Robyn Glocker-Hammond
Marie Downes
Susan Filiaggi
Larry Hall
Frank Minniti
Celia Sorbello (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

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

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

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1. MINUTES

Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) to approve the following minutes:

December 10, 2001 Workshop Meeting
December 10, 2001 Caucus
December 18, 2001 Regular Meeting
December 18, 2001 Caucus

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. FINANCE

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

A. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the total amounts of \$77,382.90, \$201,558.04, \$197,601.16, and \$375,214.89 be ordered

paid. (Attachment - EXHIBIT A)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The Student Activities Report for the month of November, 2001. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Hall/Minniti) to approve the following:

- C. The Board Secretary's Report for the month of November, 2001. (Attachment - EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- D. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)*, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of November 30, 2001, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of November (Appropriations Section) and upon consultation with the district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-21.3(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Filiaggi/Minniti) to approve the following:

- E. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of November, 2001, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment-EXHIBIT D)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Hall/Downes) to approve the following:

- F. The Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of November, 2001. (Attachment - EXHIBIT E)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. USE OF FACILITIES

Motion: (Downes/Glocker-Hammond) to approve the following as a group A-D:

- A. The retroactive approval for the use of the Nehaunsey Middle School lobby on the following listed dates, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., by the Gibbstown Midget Football for the purpose of selling football banquet tickets:

- Wednesday, January 9, 2002
- Thursday, January 10, 2002
- Wednesday, January 16, 2002
- Thursday, January 17, 2002

- B. The approval for the use of the Nehaunsey Middle School lobby by the Gibbstown Girls Softball on February 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, & 22, 2002, for registration and on March 11, 2002, for the use of a classroom for a general meeting.

- C. The approval for the use of the Broad Street School auditorium by the Gloucester County Library/Greenwich Branch for a performance on Friday, April 12, 2002, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- D. The approval for the use of the Nehaunsey Middle School, Room 18 by the Greenwich Township Council for their Open Public Meetings for the year 2002. The following dates constitute all their meetings with the exception of two - January 22, 2002 and February 19, 2002, which will be held elsewhere.

February 4, 2002	March 4, 2002
March 18, 2002	April 1, 2002
April 15, 2002	May 6, 2002
May 20, 2002	June 3, 2002
June 17, 2002	July 1, 2002
July 15, 2002	August 5, 2002
August 19, 2002	September 3, 2002
September 16, 2002	October 7, 2002
October 21, 2002	November 4, 2002
November 18, 2002	December 2, 2002
December 16, 2002	

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. FACILITIES

Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

- A. The submission of an Application for Initial Approval of Substandard Instructional Area to the County Superintendent. This application applies to Room 207 in the Broad Street School.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The submission of Form M-1 to New Jersey State Department of Education. This form helps districts calculate the amount that must be budgeted into the reserve in their 2002-03 budgets. This form is submitted in conjunction with the QAAR. (Attachment - EXHIBIT F)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) to retroactively approve the following:

- C. The submission of the QAAR - Maximum Capital Reserve Statement (Addendum A) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-31 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-9.1, funds in the Capital Reserve Account may be used to finance the implementation of the capital projects in the Greenwich Township School District's Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP), but the amount in the account shall not exceed the total amount of local monies needed to implement the LRFP as indicated in the District's QAAR.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. RESOLUTION

Motion: (Filiaggi/Minniti) to approve the following:

- 1. The submission, to the County Office of Education, the Application for Extraordinary Aid, Section 19(b) of P.L. 1990, Chapter 138, for school year 2001-2002.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. LEGAL NOTICES

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

- A. The publishing of a legal notice in the Gloucester County Times on Monday, January 21, 2002, stating that Monday, February 25, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for School Board Candidates to file Nominating Petitions for the annual School Board Election.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL

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

1. The following listed individuals as Substitute Teachers for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year (pending completion of all required documentation).

Alestra, April K.
Sizemore, Dawn M.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Joseph Marcucci - Yes
Robyn Glocker-Hammond - Yes
Marie Downes - Yes
Larry Hall - Abstained
Susan Filiaggi - Yes
Frank Minniti - Yes
Celia Sorbello - Yes

Motion: (Filiaggi/Minniti) to approve the following:

2. The following Shared Services Proposal between Greenwich Township Schools and Paulsboro Schools. Details are:

Objective: To provide Paulsboro Public Schools with two (2) hours of Psychological Counseling services.

Proposal: Greenwich Township Schools is proposing to provide the following services to the Paulsboro Public Schools.

- a. Mr. Paul Kennedy, school psychologist, will provide

the two hours of counseling services to Paulsboro Public Schools for 18 weeks.

- b. Paulsboro will pay Greenwich Township School District \$48.08 per hour for Mr. Kennedy's services. This figure is based on one (1) hour of his daily rate.

Term: This Agreement is for 18 weeks between January 28, 2002 and June 7, 2002.

Cost: \$1,730.08

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. FIELD TRIP

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

- 1. The Nehaunsey Middle School National Junior Honor Society (8th grade members only) to travel to Broad St. School on March 1, 2002, to read to students in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Mrs. Leupold and Mrs. Chiavoroli will accompany the students.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. PUBLIC - AGENDA/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.

Scott Campbell, Business Administrator, updated Board Members and the audience on budget items and the status of the election. Mr. Campbell reported that it has been disclosed that all districts can look forward to having their Distance Learning Aid eliminated and state aid cut due to the constraints the state is currently under. He reported that state aid figures might not be available until April 1, 2002. This in turn would force the budget approval by the Board, advertising the budget, the budget hearing and the elections all to be pushed back. It has been discussed that the elections may be pushed back to the second Tuesday in May.

Scott Campbell then read the results of the recent Greenwich Township Board of

Education Foreign Language Interest Survey. The results are as follows:

Number of surveys sent to the public:	2,150
Number of respondents:	195 or 9.07%

Breakdown by language:

Italian	132 or 67.7%
No language added	30 or 15.4%
Spanish	13 or 6.7%
French	11 or 5.6%
Latin	5 or 2.6%
German	3 or 1.5%
Sign Language	1 or .5%

Joseph Marcucci, Board President, read a prepared statement:

“At this juncture, the Board feels it has exhausted the answering of all questions concerning the initiation of Italian within our curriculum for the 2002-2003 school year. Until the budget process is massaged and finalized, no decision can and will be made concerning the institution of Italian as a language within our district for the 2002-2003 school year. We have yet to hear from the state and county superintendent’s office concerning our aid allocation for the coming year. The Board has no further comment on this issue until the above information is received.”

Joe Duca, 219 Cucinotta Drive, Gibbstown, NJ, wanted to know if the vacant Spanish position was filled.

Superintendent Combs responded that some of the applicants have taken jobs elsewhere and that there is a small pool of certified individuals that we have to choose from and that he hoped that he would have a final answer for the February meeting.

John Fabiani, 20 Holly Place, Gibbstown, NJ, asked what would make up the Italian curriculum?

Superintendent Combs answered that the course would consist of conversation in the dialect, review of the culture and history and that the course would evolve from that point.

Lou Fabiani, 21 Oak Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked if the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report is available to the public.

Joseph Marcucci responded that it was available to the public.

Lou Fabiani then asked if money available from investments that the Board makes could be used to support new programs and could we pull from surplus available.

Scott Campbell answered that current state law requires that unreserved general fund balance or surplus that is in excess of the established statutory limitation has to be appropriated back into the budget to relieve the tax burden on the public.

This year the district was required to place \$497,000 back into the budget to give the citizens of the township some tax relief. The increase for this year was 2.9 cents and it would have been over 11 cents if this money were not placed back as required.

Frank Boultinghouse, 228 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ, asked if an advertisement has been placed in the paper for the vacant language position.

Joseph Marcucci answered that an ad for a Spanish Teacher with additional experience in Italian has been placed in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Chuck Tortella, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ, asked whose job it is to apply for grants.

Joseph Marcucci answered that the superintendent will make recommendations to the Board they will in turn approve or disapprove the submittal of the grant.

Mr. Tortella then asked who authorized the superintendent to submit the application for the Italian language grant.

Joseph Marcucci answered that no one gave the superintendent approval to apply for the funds.

10. CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board of Education for Greenwich Township, assembled in public session on *January 23, 2002*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on *January 23, 2002, at 7:30 p.m.* in the Nehaunsey Middle School located at 415 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey, for discussion of certain matters which relate to items authorized by *Open Public Meetings Act.*, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b) to be discussed in closed session.

1. Matters Involving Individual Privacy
2. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
3. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney/Client Privilege

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

Motion: (Minniti/Sorbello) to enter into closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Legal

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Returned from closed session at 9:07 p.m.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL

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

1. The following listed individual to fill the After-School activity, Italian Language Club, as its Advisory. This is for the remainder of the school year 2001-2002 at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Hall/Glocker-Hammond) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary

