

OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held Tuesday, March 18, 2003 in the Nehaunsey Middle School Multi-purpose room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Marcucci at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Joseph Marcucci
Frank Minniti
Marie Downes
Larry Hall
Robyn Glocker Hammond

Also present were Dr. Francine Marteski, Superintendent and Scott A. Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Absent:

Joseph Duca
Celia Sorbello

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. PRESENTATION #1

Gloucester County Teacher's of the Year (2002/2003) Presentation: Made by Superintendent Dr. Francine Marteski and Board President, Joseph Marcucci. The teachers recognized were:

Nora Traum, Nehaunsey Middle School
Carole Cunningham, Broad Street School

PRESENTATION #2

Thailand Trip
Presenter: Barbara Magazu

A slide presentation was given, along with a commentary, of the Thailand Trip during January of 2003.

2. MINUTES

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

- February 27, 2003 – Regular Meeting (Attachment – EXHIBIT A1)
- February 27, 2003 – Caucus (Attachment – EXHIBIT A2)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

A. Administrative Reports

1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspensions as of February 28, 2003. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B1)
2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of February 28, 2003. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B2)
3. 2002-2003 Violence & Vandalism Report as of February 28, 2003. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B3)
4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of February 28, 2003. (Attachment - EXHIBIT B4)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

- A. The acceptance of the NJDOE Special Education Monitoring Summary as read (the district is required to read the summary of this report at the board meeting following receipt of this report). (Attachment – EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The approval of the revised 2002-2003 district school calendar (including June 16 thru June 19 as early dismissal days) to compensate for snow days as listed on the attached. (Attachment EXHIBIT D)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- C. The approval for the following Gloucester County College students to observe the below-listed staff members for seven, two-hour observations over a seven-week period:

GCC Students:

Dawn Michael
 Sandi Randolph
 Stephanie Kehler
 Katie Kafka
 Coleen Fergone
 Katie Tortella

Staff Members:

Regina Hutchinson
 Nancy Sagers
 Linda Maddox
 Richard McClelland
 Elizabeth Kaminski
 Lynn Leupold

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

D. Field Trips

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

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

Grade and/or Group	Destination/Time	Date	Estimated Related Cost	Estimated Transportation Cost	Total
5	Historic Philadelphia	4/23/03	\$-0-	Bus Driver: \$250.00 Lunch: \$12.00 Tolls: \$9.00	\$271.00

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. Workshops

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

- 1. The approval for the following individual to attend and out-of-district

workshop.

Name	Workshop Title/Location/Date	Cost
G. Richard Reeves	How to Handle the Hard-To-Handle Student (6-12) Cherry Hill, NJ May 28, 2003	\$140.00 Plus mileage (to be determined) \$75.00 Substitute

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. BUSINESS & FINANCE

A. Bills Lists

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

1. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)

P53	\$216,557.16
P54	\$276,540.65
P55	\$84.58
P56	\$217,155.15
P57	\$58,324.19
P58	\$299,642.12

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Student Activities Account

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

1. The approval of the revised Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the months of November 2002, December 2002 and January 2003. (Attachments – EXHIBIT F1, F2 F3)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

2. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2003. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F4)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Board Secretary's Report

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

1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of February 2003. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll call vote that as of February 28, 2003, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of February 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. 6A:23:23-2.11(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.

D. Treasurer's Report

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

1. The approval of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of February, 2003. (Attachment - EXHIBIT H)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. Transfer List

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

1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of February, 2003, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment - EXHIBIT I)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

F. Legal Notice

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

1. The approval for a public hearing to be held on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at the Broad Street Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to present the 2003-2004 Greenwich Township School Budget.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

G. Resolution

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

1. The approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORM**

WHEREAS, New Jersey's property taxes are among the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the current system of property taxation has placed an enormous burden on the State residents and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the current system is inequitable because it is not based on ability to pay and is applied in a non-uniform manner; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to reform the property taxes that are impeding the ability of many school districts to provide a quality education, stifling the State's economy, making home ownership difficult for many, and disproportionately burdening the elderly, the young, and low income families; and

WHEREAS, remedying the problems associated with high property taxes is a legislative responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the quickest and most effective way for the Legislature to address the issue is to convene in a special session that is dedicated solely to addressing property tax reform in the State; and

WHEREAS, this special session of both houses of the Legislature should devise and consider ways of implementing property tax reform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education urges Governor James E. McGreevey and members of the General Assembly and Senate to support passage of SCR-89/ACR-161, which would direct the leaders of each house of the Legislature to convene a special session that would be dedicated solely to addressing property tax reform; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor,

all legislators representing the Third Legislative District and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. USE OF FACILITIES

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

- A. The approval for the Gibbstown Soccer Association to use Room #18 in the Nehaunsey Middle School for election of officers on March 27, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- B. The approval for the Greenwich Township PTA to use the Broad Street School auditorium for Movie Night on April 4, 2003 from 5:00 p.m. (Set up time); 6:30 p.m. show time.
- C. The approval for the Gibbstown SACC/Happy Times Preschool and Daycare to use the Broad Street School auditorium for preschool graduation practice on June 3, 4 and 5, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the Broad Street School gymnasium and auditorium for preschool graduation on June 5, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. PUBLIC - AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time when any one 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.

No Public Comment at this time.

8. 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 *March 18, 2003*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on *March 18, 2003* at *8:12 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 Relating to Public Safety and Property

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: (Glocker Hammond/Minniti) to enter into closed session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Student Concerns-Review of Emergency Management Plan

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Returned from closed session at 8:52 p.m.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

A. Emergency Management Plan

1. The approval of the Greenwich Township School District's revised Emergency Management Plan for the 2002-2003 school year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Minniti/Glocker Hammond) to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary