

OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held **Monday, March 28, 2011** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Loraine LaPalomanto at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Loraine LaPalomanto
Louis Fabiani
Roseanne Lombardo
Lisa Morina
Jason Murschell
Susan Vernacchio

Also present were Mr. Vincent Tarantino, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Absent:

James Worrell

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.”)

FLAG SALUTE

1. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET

Motion: (LaPalomanto/Murschell) to open the public hearing portion of the meeting to present the 2011-2012 proposed budget.

- A. The 2011-2012 Budget Presentation was made by Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator. (Presentation attached)
- B. Discussion open to the public.

Lee Lucas, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked why the medical costs went up 20%? **Scott Campbell** replied that they are **projected** to go up 20% and it is because we were locked into an 18-month agreement that expires

bid in June and we could either stay with the same company or put it out to see if we can beat that rate.

Cheryl Pindur, 113 South Orchard Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked why we have to cut back so much? Why haven't we cut back on field trips and extracurricular activities like other states and school districts have done? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that starting in the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education has agreed to pay for the transportation of all field trips but the cost for admissions will now be passed onto the parents. Also the clubs for the elementary school, with the exception of the music program, have been eliminated. The middle school clubs will stay with a few modifications. **Mrs. Pindur** then asked about a note that went home with the students about selecting either Italian or Spanish and why wasn't that given to all taxpayers? **Mr. Tarantino** responded that it is in the early stages right now and it will be up to the Board of Education to make that decision if they want to send that out to the taxpayers. **Mrs. Pindur** asked why was there a question about which language to choose? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that in K-8, there are two different foreign languages that are taught and the direction we are going in the elementary school, is the elimination of a foreign language position. The foreign language will then be infused into the curriculum. **Mrs. Pindur** asked, "how"? **Mr. Tarantino** asked **Mrs. Pindur** to call him in the morning and he will be more than happy to discuss it with her. **Mrs. Pindur** stated that in this day and age all the other countries in the world are teaching English, French, Spanish, German and other languages. Here we finally get a language at the elementary school level where it is needed and where the kids really pick up on it and it is being eliminated. **Mr. Tarantino** stated that as far as he was concerned, the children really need more basics and less foreign language. He added that if you look at the direction that the county is taking, it is a luxury to have a foreign language in the elementary school and many districts have already done away with it. **Mrs. Pindur** then asked when we were going back to one school? **Mrs. Pindur** asked if it will happen by next year or the year after? **Loraine LaPalomente** replied that we are working on that but since she is not the chairperson of the Building Committee any longer she will have Jason Murschell, who is the chairperson, respond to that. **Jason Murschell** then stated that it is up to the architects that we picked to come up with the right plan that is going to suit the districts educational needs for the children. The architect is going to sit down with the educational staff to see what our needs may be and that is going to take some time. **Mrs. LaPalomente** added that we were moving along but she was downgraded from the chairperson position to just a committee member. With Mr. Murschell periodically away serving our country, she had asked our Board President if Lisa Morina could join our team to talk to the architects to get some more information from them and at that time the Board President decided that we did not need Mrs. Morina on our committee to continue on the movement in the right direction. **Mrs. LaPalomente** then added that she brought the election of the architect to the

board at that time so we can continue forward. We did elect an architect that we felt could do the job that we needed to have done and we were going to negotiate some costs. The other architect that we interviewed that was not chosen had four lawsuits against them and one even with the Paulsboro School district so we didn't want that architect. At that time, "I was then downgraded to just a committee member" and Jason Murschell was put on as Chairperson because we brought that to the election. **Ms. LaPalomento** made a statement that she and Mrs. Morina were at the senior citizens meeting and Louis Fabiani brought up the fact that the new architect that we chose was going to cost us \$30 million. **Ms. LaPalomento** would like to know where Mr. Fabiani got that figure? **Mr. Fabiani** replied that he never said that. He said preliminary estimates show it to be around the \$20 million range. **Ms. LaPalomento** emphatically stated that it was an incorrect figure and we never talked to the architect about costs. She would like Mr. Fabiani to know that he is still a board member and still under the "code of ethics" and he can't go out and misrepresent the board with false facts.

Chuck Tortella, 414 Swedesboro Road, Gibbstown, NJ stated that with the current budget that is being proposed, it does include some cuts in instruction and personel. He wanted to know if there are any other projected cuts that we don't know about? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that there are none that he is aware of. **Mr. Tarantino** also stated that some of the cuts we made are because of the decrease in anticipated enrollment and right now we don't know what the final figures are for Kindergarten. If we get more kids in Kindergarten that would warrant a third teacher, then one of our teachers would not be let go. **Mr. Tarantino** explained the scenario: The Media Specialist will be retiring. So the new teacher that is hired will be the Media Specialist/Technology Specialty/Gifted & Talented teacher. The position presently at the elementary school will be transferred to the middle school. The person that was recently hired at the middle school will be let go. There is a possibility of one other position being eliminated but he would have to speak with the board about it. **Mr. Tortella** then asked about the cafeteria and if the decision to privatize was a good economic move? **Scott Campbell** replied that it was and added that the cafeteria had been running in the deficit and now they are operating well. There have been no complaints about the quality of food, the prices and so forth. **Mr. Tortella** asked that when the budget went through last year, was the decision on the cafeteria already made? **Mr. Campbell** responded that it was not. It was something the board decided that the incoming board would make the final decision after the election.

Paul Morlachetta, 17 Holly Place, Gibbstown, NJ stated that as he understood it during the brief conversation, as of yet, the board has no architect. **Loraine LaPalomento** replied that we do have an architect. **Mr. Morlachetta** then stated that there was no salary attached to that so called architect. And if that is correct, then candidates or people representing the school board shouldn't be

quoting figures out to the general public if they aren't actually bonafide by the board. That should be made public.

Terry DiSanto, School Psychologist, stated that during Mr. Campbell's presentation of cost saving measures, it is important for the parents to know that in addition to the loss of three staff members, we will also have a decrease in the delivery of some of our special area subjects such as foreign language and computer/library and all extra-curricular activities at the elementary school.

Vince Tarantino added, "with the exception of the music program."

Lori Bass-Riley, 612 Betty Rose Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ wanted to clarify several things. She asked if the library will now be combined with computers and will the media/technology/gifted & talented person be handling all that? **Vince Tarantino** replied, "correct". **Mrs. Bass-Riley** then asked if the children will have any learning as to how to look up books in the library to which **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "correct". She then asked if this will be done all in one period; the period they would spend at computers and again **Mr. Tarantino** replied, "correct". Her concern is that how will they learn the basics of computers and the basics of library usage? **Mr. Tarantino** responded that we will have a librarian (which is the Media Specialist) that will also teach technology while teaching library skills. He also added that it is only one period per week. **Mrs. Bass-Riley** asked if the computers will be in the library? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that they could be or the teacher will take the students down to the computer lab. **Mrs. Bass-Riley** asked how many positions will be lost? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that the Gifted & Talented/Technology teacher will be moved to the middle school and replace someone there. We also have a reduction-in-force at the first grade level. We have two Kindergarten classes going into three first grade classes so unless we get an increase in the Kindergarten enrollment, we will have to let one teacher go at the first grade level. Should there be a large Kindergarten enrollment, then that teacher will move to the Kindergarten level. He added that there will also be a foreign language teacher that will be eliminated. **Mrs. Bass-Riley** asked how the foreign language will be "infused" into the curriculum and will the teachers have special education since they are not foreign language specialists? **Mr. Tarantino** responded that they will have a plan for that.

Sharon Gomez-Salvatore, 122 Bacchus Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ made a statement about the foreign language in our schools. She stated that the language programs helps students maintain and receive jobs because they were able to be bi-lingual. Her son is an engineer and he was able to get that job because he was fluent in Spanish. His friend, who is also an engineer and came through Greenwich Township School was able to get her job because she was fluent in Spanish starting from elementary school through high school and into college. She added that being bi-lingual will certainly help our students in the future. Infusing it into the curriculum will make it really difficult for the teachers and the students. She also added, "when we are trying to make our students

maintain their level of intensity in the job world, it would certainly benefit them to be bi-lingual.” So in closing, she feels that infusing doesn’t always work and the district should be careful about doing that. **Vince Tarantino** asked Mrs. Salvatore when was the last time she was in a Kindergarten or first grade classroom. **Mrs. Salvatore** replied, “about ten years ago and that’s where I learned that it didn’t work.”

Lee Lucas said that he agrees that there should be no foreign language in Kindergarten through eighth grade and that the kids have plenty of time in grades 9-12 to learn it. He added that people that come to this country should learn English. **Mr. Lucas** then asked why the changes were made on the committees? **Lisa Morina** replied that the Board President was not here to answer that question. **Mr. Lucas** asked why the President was not present at the meeting? **Louis Fabiani** responded that Mr. Worrell was having a medical procedure done.

Joann Parker, 110 Mellon Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ wanted to applaud Mrs. Gomez-Salvatore stating that she spoke beautifully and she agrees with her. She also stated that she heard that there is a vote going around as to what language will be taught. **Vince Tarantino** replied, “correct”, to which **Ms. Parker** responded, “that’s just wrong.” She added that anything that is taught in this school should be based on research as to what is the best for our students here, in high school, college and out in the world.

Vince Lombardo, Harmony Road, Gibbstown, NJ thanked the board for saying the pledge of allegiance but wanted to know what “Acknowledgement of God and Country” meant? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that it was something that is put on the agenda and the prayer is up to the prerogative of the President or Vice-President.

Martin Ware, 706 Lock Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ questioned if there was a curriculum counsel set up? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that there is a curriculum committee. **Mr. Ware** explained that his daughter brought home a survey and she was really bothered by it and he wanted to know whose idea it was to send those home with the students? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that it was his idea and it was meant for the parents to read and make suggestions to the board. **Mr. Ware** stated that his daughter didn’t want to vote on it because she didn’t want to see anyone lose their job. He also wanted to know that if the decision is made to go to one building, is the board going to have to float a bond in order to get the money to pay for it to which **Mr. Tarantino** responded, “yes”. **Mr. Ware** then asked why wasn’t the decision made to consolidate when the state was going to give us some money? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that there is still money out there and available and that is why the Board of Education is considering consolidation. **Susan Vernacchio** stated that there was a task force that researched all the possibilities and they came back to the board with their

suggestions. All the proper procedures were followed. **Louis Fabiani** stated that in 2004, the board came up with the referendum to expand Nehaunsey Middle School and the voters turned it down twice but with the enrollment being down in the last six years, the board is looking to consolidate again. He went on to say that the board interviewed architects for the job and one group was significantly lower than the other group. **Lisa Morina** interjected and said to Mr. Fabiani that on February 15, the board had chosen an architect and that while she respects Mr. Fabiani's decision, he voted no for that architect. **Mr. Ware** then asked about the NJQSAC and how our scores were? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that the board is appealing one section right now and he will give the board and the public a full report at the next board meeting held on April 11, 2011.

Mark Montemore, Broad Street, Gibbstown, NJ stated that if Mr. Fabiani's misrepresentation of the architect was wrong, then why can't the board get the figures out to everyone? **Loraine LaPalomente** replied that with Jason **Murschell** now being the chairperson on that committee, we will be having a meeting and will get those figures out to the public. **Lisa Morina** then stated to Mr. Montemore that the board has chosen an architect. They did not choose a price, a school or a design. They chose an architect that they felt they could work with. **Mr. Montemore** then asked about the lawsuits that were brought on to the other architect that the board had not chosen and if those lawsuits were resolved to which **Ms. LaPalomente** answered that the information was out there to the public.

Chuck Tortella wanted the public to know that this part of the discussion is supposed to be about the budget and the discussions going on now should be done at the next public portion of the meeting.

Paul Morlachetta commented that the general public should be knowledgeable about the fact that the issue between these two buildings is that Broad Street School looks better; that is the whole issue. The process of the education of our children has never been discussed. The only issue is that they have a beautiful stone façade on Broad Street. The senior citizens of this town in particular are saying that they went to school there so let's leave it that way. The school board has to determine what is best for the students and not a brick façade.

Jane Hare, 301 Memorial Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said she has been offended several times by being told that she is attached to the school. She didn't go there and she is not attached to it. She read in the paper that it's a sentimental liking for the school and she is tired of hearing that and being accused of being sentimental to the Broad Street School. She also stated that the architect that presented those plans said it was built like a bomb shelter.

Lisa Monte, 651 Pieta Place, Gibbstown, NJ stated that she wants to show her support for the full time foreign language program as referenced by Mrs. Salvatore and Ms. Parker.

Christine Nastasi, 721 Allen Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said she heard from the presentation that the tax rate is going down so she doesn't understand why the board is cutting the foreign language program. She stated that it isn't fair to say that Spanish is a luxury. **Vince Tarantino** responded that our Kindergarten through fourth-grade students spend 80 minutes a week in Spanish and more emphasis should be placed on the basics, not learning a second language. **Mrs. Nastasi** said that now when the students get to middle school, they are learning "uno, dos, tres", when they should be learning that in Kindergarten. **Mr. Tarantino** countered with the fact that there are many schools in the district and the State of New Jersey that do not have a foreign language in the elementary school; they infuse it into the curriculum and the students are still learning a foreign language. **Mrs. Nastasi** asked if there are studies on that and **Mr. Tarantino** replied that there are. He also feels that the children need more basics then they do a foreign language. **Mrs. Nastasi** then asked why give them more basics if some of the children don't need it? **Mr. Tarantino** responded that it is his job to make that determination and he feels they need more basics and he also said this isn't about money; it is the way we deliver instruction. The teachers will now have 120 minutes more of instruction with the students which will include one period a week where they will take their students to the library and computer class.

Kathleen DiBella, 37 North Orchard Street, Gibbstown, NJ asked if there was a decrease in test scores? **Mr. Tarantino** replied that there hasn't been at this point. **Mrs. DiBella** then asked what he was basing his opinion on to say that the children need more basics and how is he evaluating that? **Mr. Tarantino** responded that he was looking at the future.

2. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: (Morina/Lombardo) to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

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 28, 2011** hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on **March 28, 2011**, at **8:21 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library, Room 48, 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.

- Matters Required By Law to Be Confidential
- Matters Involving Individual Privacy
- Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

It is anticipated that such matter 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: (Morina/LaPalomato) to enter into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Personnel

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REGULAR MEETING

4. MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET

Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomato) to approve the following resolution:

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a school district budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for submission to the voters and the Gloucester County Executive Superintendent of Schools as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>
Total General Fund	\$11,780,361.00
Total Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 357,863.00</u>
Totals	\$12,138,224.00

(2011- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$9,965,605.00 for the ensuing School Year 2012); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following capital projects for the 2011-2012 school

year:

Purchase of Maintenance Equipment: \$13,269.00
State EDA Grant Assessment: \$ 6.00

B. **WHEREAS**, school district policy and *N.J.A.C.6A:23B-1.2(b)* provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expenses reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year;
such
and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2010-2011 school year was \$5,321.00; and

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$1,048.78 as of February 28, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Township Board of Education, in the County of New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel 2011-2012 school year at the sum of \$6,859.00; and
Gloucester,
maximum for the

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

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

WHEREAS, the tentative budget includes the following appropriations:

Legal	\$15,000.00
Accounting	\$16,000.00
Physician	\$ 3,900.00
Architect	\$20,300.00
Election	\$ 7,608.00
Teacher Prof. Dev.	\$ 8,000.00

WHEREAS, the Administration needs to notify the Board if there arises a need to exceed said maximum. Upon which the

Board may board

adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal action; and

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

establishes above at a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Township School District Board of Education maximums for professional development in the areas listed level of 50% of the amounts listed for the 2011-2012 school

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. MINUTES

Motion: (Morina/Lombardo) to approve the minutes:

- February 15, 2011 - Regular Meeting
- February 15, 2011 - Executive Session
- March 7, 2011 - Special Meeting
- March 14, 2011 - Workshop Meeting
- March 14, 2011 - Executive Session

Roll Call Vote:

- Lorraine LaPalomente – Yes
- Louis Fabiani – No to February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting; yes to all others
- Jason Murschell – Yes
- Lisa Morina – Yes
- Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
- Susan Vernacchio – Yes

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Motion: (Fabiani/Morina) to approve the following as one, A1-A4:

A. Administrative Reports

1. Enrollment Statistics, Fire Drills and Suspension, as of February 28, 2011. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B1)
2. School Health Services Monthly Reports as of February 28, 2011. (Attachment – EXHIBIT B2)

3. 2010-2011 Violence & Vandalism Report as of February 28, 2011.
(Attachment – EXHIBIT B3)
4. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer as of February 28, 2011.
(Attachment – EXHIBIT B4)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Jason Murschell, Chairperson
Lorraine LaPalomanto
James Worrell

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

A. The retroactive approval to extend the medical leave of absence of Maureen Jenzano, Teacher, until March 21, 2011. Mrs. Jenzano was scheduled to return on March 7, 2011. Mrs. Jenzano has exhausted her FMLA and will continue to use accumulated sick time during this period. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C1)

B. The retroactive approval for the appointment of the following staff member as a mentor teacher for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. As Ms. Kuni is a replacement teacher, she will be responsible for the mentoring fee. required

<u>Replacement Teacher/Grade Level</u>	<u>Mentor Teacher</u>
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Jamie Kuni (Special Education)	Jody Harris
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C. The approval for the maternity/medical leave of absence of Allison Delaney, Special Education Teacher, from September 1, 2011 to November 23, 2011. Mrs. Delaney will be using FMLA, NJFLA and sick days as needed. (Attachment – EXHIBIT C2)

D. The approval for the appointment of the following Substitute Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Substitute rate will be \$70.00 a day, up

to and
\$75.00 a

including ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, the rate increases to
day.

Omar Winfrey

- E. The approval of the appointment of Kerri Sullivan as a substitute secretary for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Substitute rate will be \$8.50 per hour.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

POLICY/REGULATIONS

Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson
Lisa Morina
James Worrell

Motion: (Morina/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

A. District Policies/Regulations

1. The approval of the following list of new and/or revised district bylaws, policies and regulations on **second** reading:

POLICY/REGULATION	TITLE
Policy 1140	Affirmative Action Program (<i>New</i>)
Policy 1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 1530	Equal Employment Opportunities (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 2260	Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 2415.04	Title I – District Wide Parental Involvement (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy/Regulation 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 6360	Political Contributions (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 6362	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards (<i>Revised</i>)
Policy 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situation (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420	Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420.2	Bomb Threat (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (<i>Revised</i>)
Regulation 8420.10	Active Shooter (<i>New</i>)
Policy 8740	Bonding (<i>Revised</i>)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Roseanne Lombardo, Chairperson
Lisa Morina
James Worrell

Motion: (Murschell/Fabiani) to approve the following as one, A-E:

- A. The *retroactive* approval for the appointment of the following teaching staff members for the grade/group/special area chairperson positions for the 2010-2011 school year listed below:

GRADE LEVEL	LOCATION	STAFF MEMBER
Kindergarten	Broad Street School	Stephanie Beckett
Grade 1	Broad Street School	Kiley Barker
Grade 2	Broad Street School	Kim Chila
Grade 3	Broad Street School	Patricia New
Grade 4	Broad Street School	Sandi Schappert
BSIP	Broad Street School	Susan Zimmermann

- B. IDEA Grant

1. The approval of an amendment to the 2010 IDEA Grant as follows:

NON-PUBLIC PRESCHOOL	
From Instructional Supplies	\$2947.00
To Instructional Supplies	\$2249.00
Other Purchased Services (teacher in-service)	\$698.00
Total (figure remains the same)	\$2947.00

- C. Workshops

- out- 1. The retroactive approval for the following individuals to attend of-district workshops:

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION/DATE	COST
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Angela Addeo	Second Annual Gloucester County Certification In-Service Gloucester County Fire Academy Clarksboro, NJ 3/17/11 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage
Maria Gorman	Ceramics in the Arts Curriculum Workshop Rowan University Glassboro, NJ 3/25/11 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	\$148.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute

2. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district workshops:

NAME	WORKSHOP TITLE/LOCATION /DATE	COST
Daniel Giorgianni	Bridging the GAP: DYFS School Personnel and Providers Gloucester County College Sewell, NJ 4/6/11 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$-0- Plus Mileage
Angela Addeo	2011 FMLA Compliance Update Wyndham Hotel Mt. Laurel, NJ 4/18/11 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	\$249.00 Plus Mileage
Jody Harris Sharon Gomez-Salvatore Catrina Laster	Level I Smart Notebook Training Total Video Products Office Mickleton, NJ 5/2/11 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$149.00 each Plus Mileage Plus Substitutes
Vanessa Gottesfeld	Specially Designed Instruction for Students With Moderate to Severe Cognitive Disabilities Learning Resource Center Mullica Hill, NJ 5/12/11 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	\$11.00 Plus Mileage Plus Substitute
Dan Giorgianni	Anti-Bullying Specialist Training Camden County Regional Emergency Training Center Blackwood, NJ 5/20/11 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	\$75.00 Plus Mileage

D. Field Trips

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

GRADE AND/OR GROUP	DESTINATION/TIME	DATES	ESTIMATED RELATED COST	ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COST	TOTAL
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Grade 3 G & T	Sylvia Earle Park Gibbstown, NJ 1:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	4/29/11	\$-0-	Students will be walking from Broad Street School	\$-0-
Grade 4 G & T	Sylvia Earle Park Gibbstown, NJ 9:35 p.m. – 10:30 a.m.	4/29/11	\$-0-	Students will be walking from Broad Street School	\$-0-
Grade 3	Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge Medford, NJ 8:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	5/24/11	Tickets: \$441.00 Nurse: \$280.00	Driver: \$300.00	\$1021.00

E. Grants

1. The approval to accept the Greenwich Township School District No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant Award for the fiscal year 2011 as listed below:

PROGRAM NAME	REPORT NUMBER	FY 2010 ALLOCATION AMOUNT
NCLB Consolidated	NCLB 183011	
Title I, Part A		\$81005.00
Title II, Part A		\$23194.00
Title II, Part D		\$184.00
Total Allocation		\$104383.00

Susan Vernacchio questioned item A and why there were only grade level chairpersons for the Broad Street School and not the Nehaunsey Middle School? **Vincent Tarantino** responded that he spoke with the Middle School principal, Alisa Whitcraft, and she informed Mr. Tarantino that they do things differently at that level. There is more built in time for grade level meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Susan Vernacchio – Yes
Loraine LaPalomente – Yes
Louis Fabiani – Yes
Roseanne Lombardo – Abstained on item A for Kim Chila; yes to all others
Lisa Morina – Abstained on item A for Kim Chila; yes to all others
Jason Murschell - Yes

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion: (Fabiani/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

A. Bills Lists

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

No.	Amount
P41	\$259089.52
P42	\$256835.45
P43	\$210514.78
P44	\$8.00
P45	\$284251.39
P46	\$6774.74
P47	\$265262.39
P48	\$315361.19
TOTAL	\$1598097.46

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (LaPalomoto/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

B. Cafeteria Payments

1. The approval for the following cafeteria payments for March, 2011 as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are ordered paid.

CK#	DATE	PAYABLE TO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
954	2/28/11	Thrower Mechanical	Repairs	\$246.00
955	2/28/11	Hobart	Equipment Repairs	\$166.52
956	2/28/11	Nutri-Serve		\$3455.87
957	2/28/11	Greenwich Twp. BOE	Printer Reimbursement	\$99.99
958	2/28/11	Nutri-Serve		\$6486.93
959	2/28/11	Thrower Mechanical	Repairs	\$261.76
960	3/18/11	Nutri-Serve		\$3075.27
961	3/18/11	Nutri-Serve		\$5130.70
962	3/18/11	Nutri-Serve		\$4026.87
963	3/25/11	Nutri-Serve		\$6168.84

		February/March	Total Pay Out	\$29118.75
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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomato) to approve the following:

C. Student Activities Account

1. The approval of the Student Activities Account Monthly Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2011. (Attachment EXHIBIT E)

D. Board Secretary's Report

1. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of January 2011. (Attachment – EXHIBIT F)

- a. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)*, the Greenwich Township Board of Education certifies by a roll as of **January 31, 2011**, after review of the Secretary's Reports for **January, 2011**, and consultation with the district officials, to the knowledge no major account or fund has been expended in violation of *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)4* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

call vote that Board upon best of our over 23A-16.10(c)4 and that meet the district's financial fiscal year.

E. Treasurer's Report

1. The approval of the Treasurer's Report in accordance with *18A:36* and *18A:17-9* for the month of January 2011. The Report and the Secretary's Report are in agreement of January 2011. (Attachment – EXHIBIT G)

17- Treasurer's for the month

F. Transfer List

1. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the month of January 2011, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment – EXHIBIT H)

accounts and EXHIBIT H)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Fabiani/LaPalomato) to approve the following as one, G-H:

G. Contracts

1. The *retroactive* approval to dissolve the contract between the Greenwich Township Board of Education and the Wenonah Elementary Board of Education for shared business services effective February 22, 2011.
2. The approval of the Non-Public Textbook Purchasing Program contract between Gloucester County Special Services School District and Greenwich Township Public School District for the 2011-2012 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT I)
3. The approval of the contract for Participation in Cooperative Transportation Services between Gloucester County Special Services School District and Greenwich Township Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year as per the attached. (Attachment – EXHIBIT J)

H. Contracts – Out of District Placements

1. The *retroactive* approval of the contract between the Salem County Board for Vocational Education and the Greenwich Township Board of Education for student #2010-14 to attend Salem County Vocational Technical School in Woodstown, NJ from September 1, 2010 through September 27, 2010 at a tuition rate of \$1,010.00. (Attachment – EXHIBIT K)
2. The *retroactive* approval for student #2010-15 for home instruction as provided by Brookfield Schools/Underwood Memorial Hospital at 2011. the contract rate of \$30.00 per hour effective March 21, (Attachment – EXHIBIT L)
3. The *retroactive* approval for student #2010-10 to receive one hour per day of individual support at Here We Grow Preschool/St. John beginning school year. of God Community Services at a rate of \$25.00 per hour March 7, 2011 and for the remainder of the 2010-2011 (Attachment – EXHIBIT M)
4. The approval of the contract between the Gloucester County Special Services School District and the Greenwich

Township
Center for
(formally Regional
- \$680.00).

School District for Professional Services through the
Regional Education Support Services – CRESS
Council) for student# 2010-16 (assessment fee

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Louis Fabiani, Chairperson
Roseanne Lombardo
James Worrell

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

- A. The retroactive approval for Gibbstown Girls Softball to use the
Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium for softball tryouts
and registration on Monday, March 14, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00
p.m.
- B. The retroactive approval for a Family Fitness Night to be held on
Broad Street Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the
School gymnasium.
- C. The retroactive approval for Gibbstown Softball to use the open fields in
the back of Broad Street School for softball practice from Monday,
March 21, 2011 through Thursday, June 30, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to
7:30 p.m.
- D. The approval for Guardian Angels Regional School to use the Broad
Street School auditorium on the following dates and times:
- | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Monday | May 9, 2011 | 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | May 11, 2011 | 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| Friday | May 13, 2011 | 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | May 14, 2011 | 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
- E. The approval for Gibbstown SACC to use the Broad Street School
auditorium on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 through Thursday,
May 26, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for preschool graduation
practice and the Broad Street Auditorium and cafeteria on Thursday,
May 26, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for preschool graduation.

F. The approval for Gibbstown SACC to use the Broad Street gymnasium and playground for recreation after school and during summer hours from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

Roll Call Vote:

Jason Murschell – Yes
Susan Vernacchio – Abstained on items E & F; yes to all others
Lorraine LaPalomento – Yes
Louis Fabiani – Yes
Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
Lisa Morina – Yes

Vince Tarantino wanted to thank Steve Wehrle, Physical Education teacher at Broad Street School and all the parents, staff and children that participated in the “Family Fitness Night” held on March 17. It was great to see all the parents come out and support this great activity.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Lorraine LaPalomento, Chairperson
Roseanne Lombardo
Lisa Morina

No updates at this time.

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Susan Vernacchio, Chairperson
Lisa Morina
James Worrell

Susan Vernacchio stated that the Public Relations Committee met and discussed how they can get more accurate information out to the parents and the public regarding the two schools. She stated that her committee will also be meeting with **Jason Murschell** and his Building Committee to coordinate their information.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Jason Murschell, Chairperson
Louis Fabiani
Lorraine LaPalomento

Jason Murschell stated that the Building Committee will schedule a meeting this week to see where we go from here and he will also meet with **Susan**

Vernacchio and her Publicity Committee to get this process started.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lorraine LaPalomento

Louis Fabiani

Jason Murschell

No reports at this time.

8. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. James Worrell, Board President

No reports at this time.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Louis Fabiani had the privilege of attending Grandparent's Day at Broad Street School and he said it was a great turnout with positive feedback. He was very impressed with the mannerisms of the students and how respectful they were.

Vince Tarantino also wanted to thank his staff for their participation.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Scott Campbell spoke about the newspaper ad for the budget which was placed in the Gloucester County Times. The cost of that ad was \$639.00 and just as a comparison, the same ad in the Courier Post, for the Cherry Hill School District, which is a much larger district than ours, was \$339.00. That is a \$300.00 difference. There was an issue several years ago about the district using the Courier Post as the paper of record instead of the Gloucester County Times and this is why we used the Courier Post. We are looking at curtailing costs and this is something the board should look into for the next school year.

Vince Tarantino spoke about the "First Annual No Talent Talent Show" which will be held on 4/1/11 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. He also wanted to thank Denise Grovatt and the PTA for all their help and for everything that they do.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Vince Tarantino read a thank you letter from Shady Lane Nursing Home thanking the Middle School students for reading to the residents during "Read Across America Day". **Lisa Morina** wanted to add that several people including Freeholder Chila and Freeholder Simmons had mentioned to her how happy they were with how everything went. They mentioned how wonderful the students

were and how they interacted with everyone and she thought that it spoke well for our students in this district. She gave kudos to Mr. Mettler and Mrs. Traum.

12. 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 you 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.

Lee Lucas, 361 Democrat Road, Gibbstown, NJ asked if the district was going away with Spanish? **Vince Tarantino** replied that it was still in discussion. **Mr. Lucas** said he hoped the district does do away with it and can't understand why all the people who got up to speak are so passionate about keeping it in the curriculum. **Mr. Tarantino** responded that they are concerned with the education of their children. **Mr. Lucas** also wanted to know why the board wants to consolidate? **Mr. Tarantino** stated that the board has the interest of the community as heart and it will be up to the townspeople to let the board know what they want.

Denise Grovatt, PTA President, wanted everyone to know what they are sponsoring a Family Fun Night on Thursday, April 14, 2011.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

10:4- Pursuant to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 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 28, 2011** hereby resolves than an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on **March 28, 2011**, at **9:35 p.m.** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library, Room 48, 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.

- Matters Required By Law to Be Confidential
- Matters Involving Individual Privacy

It is anticipated that such matter 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: (Lombardo/Vernacchio) to enter into Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Legal

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion: (LaPalomente/Murschell) to return to the Regular Meeting at 11:40 p.m.

13. APPOINTMENT

Motion: (LaPalomente/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, A-B

A. Special Counsel

- at the
- a. The recommendation to approve Mark G. Toscano, Esquire of Comegno Law Group, Moorestown, NJ as Special Counsel rate of \$175.00 per hour.

B. Contract Execution

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

resolution
Services” be bid

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 18A:18-5 et. seq.*) no longer requires that the authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional competitively:

Jersey,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Greenwich, County of Gloucester and State of New as follows:

- 2010-2011
1. The Vice-President and School Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts for the school year with:
 - a. Mark G. Toscano, Esquire, Comegno Law Group for legal services.
 2. The above contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the above persons or firms

named are
State of New
services to be performed
impossible to prepare
with the above-captioned

licensed to practice a recognized profession in the
Jersey as above stated and further such
cannot be bid competitively because it is
specifications for same in accordance
statutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Susan Vernacchio – Yes
Loraine LaPalomente – Yes
Louis Fabiani – No
Roseanne Lombardo – Yes
Lisa Morina – Yes
Jason Murschell - No

Motion passes 4 yes's to 2 no's.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (LaPalomente/Lombardo) to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary