

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held Tuesday, October 16, 2001 in the Nehaunsey Middle School multi-purpose room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Marcucci at 7:03 p.m.

### Roll Call:

Joseph Marcucci  
Marie Downes  
Susan Filiaggi  
Frank Minniti  
Robyn Glocker-Hammond (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)  
Celia Sorbello (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Also present was Scott A. Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

### Absent:

Larry Hall

Superintendent Stephen Combs was not in attendance.

As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, a 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:

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### 2. FINANCE

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

- A. The bills as presented by the Board Secretary in the total amounts of \$29,062.17, \$39,052.36, \$9,221.99, \$44,119.45, \$197,325.39 and \$198,951.76.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- C. The acceptance of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of July, 2001. (Attachment – EXHIBIT E)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) 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 July 31, 2001, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report for the month of July (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. 6:20-2.13(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: (Downes/Filiaggi) to approve the following:

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- F. The ratification of transfers, authorized by the Superintendent, for the

months of June and July, 2001, to give balances to new accounts and to balance existing accounts. (Attachment - EXHIBIT G)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### 3. **USE OF FACILITIES**

Motion: (Downes/Filiaggi) to approve the following as a group A through G:

- A. The use of the multi-purpose room in the Nehaunsey Middle School by the GAPCAP Committee for a monthly meeting to be held on Thursday October 4, 2001, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. GAPCAP will make a \$100.00 contribution to the school.
- B. The use of the Broad Street School gymnasium by the Paulsboro Jr. High Girls Basketball Team from November 19, 2001, through March 8, 2002, 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The gym will be split between SACC and PHS until 4:00 p.m. Mr. Morina is also asked that our Sports Bus, which drops off Nehaunsey students at PHS, pick up the junior high girls and transport them back to the Broad Street School. Last year we charged \$9.00 per day for this service.
- C. The use of the lobbies at both the Broad Street School and the Nehaunsey Middle School by Greenwich Township for the purpose of the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- D. The use of the Broad Street School gymnasium by the Gibbstown Girls Basketball on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium on Wednesdays from November 27, 2001, through March 4, 2002, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- E. The use of the Broad Street School gymnasium by the Gibbstown Boys Basketball on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school - practice only, from December 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002.
- F. The use of the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium by the Gibbstown Wrestling Association on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from November 2001 through March 2002, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- G. The use of the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium by the Gibbstown Men's Basketball on Mondays and Fridays from October 2001 through April 2002.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Superintendent's Recommendations**

A. Personnel

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

1. The retroactive approval for this placement of four (4) Special Education Practicum students from Rowan University. The students listed below were placed with Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Harris, two students per classroom. Phase I began September 11, 2001 and will end on October 23, 2001.

Crouch, Lauren  
Darling, Kristin  
Magner, Andrew  
Runestad, Jaclyn

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- A. The retroactive approval for a Student Teacher from Rowan University. The student listed below was placed with Mrs. Leupold. This student is here for this first semester of the 2001-2002 school year.

Donahue, Kevin

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The teacher listed below to conduct her practicum at Nehaunsey Middle School under the supervision of Mr. Schreyer. This teacher is currently attending Rowan University to secure her Master's Degree in Student Personnel Services.

Knorr, Kristine

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- C. The following individual as a Substitute Teacher for the 2001-2002 school year. This individual has completed all required documentation because she is presently a Substitute Nurse in our District.

Kelly, Joann

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- D. The following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2001-2002 school year pending completion of all required documentation.

Tusler, Thomas C.  
Harris, Ayn

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- E. The placement of four (4) Special Education Practicum students from Rowan University. The students listed below will be placed with Mrs. Wooton and Mr. Reeves, two students per classroom. Phase II begins October 25, 2001 and ends December 20, 2001.

Hansen, Brian R.  
Merrill, Laura  
Mitchell, Devon  
Poupard, Jon P.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- F. A salary of \$45,000.00 for William Houghton, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, for the 2001-2002 school year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- G. A salary of \$53,000.00 for Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the 2001-2002 school year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Internet Safety Policy

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

- A. The Internet Safety Policy - TITLE XVII - CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION. (Attachment - EXHIBIT C)

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**5. FIELD TRIPS**

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

- A. The following listed Field Trips for both the Broad Street School and the Nehaunsey Middle School for the 2001-2002 school year:

**Pre-School Class (Mrs. Muraca)**

- 1. Cape May Zoo & Cape May Court House                      Dates to be Determined

**Kindergarten**

- 1. Discovery Museum                      November 2, 2001
- 2. Dambly's Garden Center              November 27, 2001
- 3. Dr. Perrige (walking)                  February 11, 2002  
(K & Morris's K)
- 4. Dr. Perrige (walking)                  February 12, 2002  
(K-Moran & Chalmers)
- 5. Funari's Thriftway                      April 2,3,4,& 5, 2002
- 6. Cape May Zoo                              May 10, 2002

**Kindergarten Plus**

- 1. Pat's Pizzeria                              January, 2002
- 2. Collins Farm                                May 22, 2002
- 3. Fort Billings Park                        June 3, 2002

**Grade One & Kindergarten Plus**

- 1. Glassboro Center for the Arts:  
Play-"Are You My Mother?"              November 2, 2001

**Grade Two**

1. Glassboro Center for the Arts  
Musical-“Laura Ingals Wilder:  
Growing Up On The Prairie” March 25, 2002
2. Glassboro Center for the Arts:  
Musical-:The Big Adventures  
Of Stuart Little” March 26, 2002
3. Deptford Mall-Educational Exhibit To Be Determined

**Grade Three**

1. Natural Academy of Science April 23, 2002

**Grade Four**

1. Wheaton Village March ?, 2002

**Grade Five**

1. Independence National Historical Park April 4, 2002
2. GCIT: Swim America Program June 3,4 & 5, 2002

**Grade Six**

1. Food Bank Community Service Project October 30, 2001  
April 23, 2002
2. Medieval Times January, 2002
3. PROJECT AWARE April 5, 8, & 12, 2002

**Grade Seven**

1. Chamber Repertory Theater - “Encore” November 30, 2001
2. Academy of Music

**THIS GRADE SEVEN TRIP WAS APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER'S BOARD MEETING BECAUSE REQUEST FORM HAD THE DATE LISTED AS OCTOBER 30, 2001**

**Grade Eight**

1. Plans are tentative at this time.

**Student Council**

1. Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa. June 5, 2002

**Italian Program**

1. Mario Lanza Museum & Italian Market April/May 2002

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**6. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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

- A. The following listed Extra-Curricular Activities and coordinators/advisors for school year 2001-2002.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>COORDINATOR/ADVISOR</u>
Algebra Enrichment	Suzanne Gibson
Art Enrichment	Christine McLaughlin
Audio-Visual Coordinator	
Broad Street School	Richard McClelland
Nehaunsey Middle School	Karl Tomaszewski
Bell Choir	Laura Enuco
Chorus (Broad St. & Nehaunsey)	Laura Enuco
Eighth Grade Graduation Advisor	T. William Porreca
Eighth Grade Graduation Accompanist	Laura Enuco
Future City Advisor	Karl Tomaszewski
GEPA & Calculator Prep	George Schreyer T. William Porreca
Intramural Bowling	Jody Harris Kristine Knorr
Italian Enrichment Program	Joseph Cannavo
Jr. National Honor Society	Lynn Leupold Lori Chiavoroli
Natural Helpers	Paul Kennedy Teresa DiSanto George Schreyer
Performing Arts	Lori Chiavoroli
SADD Advisors	Cathy Tortella Janet Shivers
Saturday School	Cheryl Pindur
Student Council	Janice Spoto Elizabeth Kaminski
Technology Club	Karl Tomaszewski Michael Grelli

NOTE: The stipend amounts for itemized clubs were approved on an Addendum at the August 21, 2001, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**7. QUALITY ASSURANCE ANNUAL REPORT/STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES**

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



- A. The Board of Education accept the Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR)/Statement of Assurances for submission to the Gloucester County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## **8. RESOLUTION**

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

- A. The attached agreement between the Gloucester County Special Services School District and the Greenwich Township Board of Education to provide Chapter 226 Nonpublic Nursing Services under P.L. 1991, Chapter 226 for the 2001-2002 school year. (Attachment-EXHIBIT D)

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.

Andrew DiNardo, 120 Watkins Avenue, Gibbstown, New Jersey, believes there is growing interest in the community to have the Italian language taught in the district. He would like the Board to accept his statements in the spirit of constructive feed-back. He would like to know why the district would turn down the \$18,000 to \$30,000 grant for the Italian to be installed into the curriculum. At this point, he distributed a handout to the Board from the New Jersey World Languages Curriculum which states that the foreign language to be taught in a school should be determined by the community. With 50% of the citizens in Gibbstown being of Italian heritage, he believes that it should be considered in this district. He noted that Italian is taught in Logan, Kingsway, and Paulsboro and that there are 130 students taking Italian at the High School and 30 of them are from Gibbstown. He feels these numbers will increase if Italian is offered in our district. Also, he hopes that the Board's reason for declining the grant money is not that they don't see Italian as a credible foreign language. In closing, Mr. DiNardo asked if the Board would consider two things:

1. Will the Board reconsider the position and include the program in the 2002-2003 budget?

2. When the Board works on the budget, will they notify him of the budget hearing?

William Porreca, Eighth Grade Teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, came to clear the air regarding the Washington, D.C. trip. He understands the directive of the Board and would like to absolve the Superintendent and Principal of any responsibility on planning the trip. Mr. Porreca voiced his concerns on the safety of the Washington, D.C. trip as early as 1998 and is concerned with lack of preparedness of D.C. officials. He feels Gibbstown and other local areas are more prepared for emergencies. Overall, he is left with an insecure feeling regarding the trip. Mr. Porreca stated he takes pride in the trip and of the efforts of those who help plan the trip. The main thing that he wants to convey is what would we do if something happens? Meaning, how would we be able to check other groups in the party. He does not feel that we can plan a safe trip to Washington, D.C. in 2002. Mr. Porreca also made the point that he has been pondering these thoughts for a long time and knows that some groups have suggested that they not visit and many areas have been closed to the public. His concern is for the children of the district. When the students have inquired about the trip, he has conveyed his sincerity and has answered questions factually and presented alternative trips. He has shared this with all of his classes. Mr. Porreca stated to the Board that there are four of them who have children who would go on the trip and he feels that we should re-evaluate. This summer he was going to plan a second trip but he ran out of time. The plans were to possibly go to Ellis Island and Liberty Island. Also, the possibility to go to the World Trade Center was also explored. Mrs. Leupold also spent a lot of time planning the trip to Gettysburg in what he thought might have been the best academic trip in quite some time. He feels that if the communication was a little better, that maybe the trip could have been planned.

Joseph Marcucci stated that the Board was not informed and wishes the Board would have been informed. He also thanked Mr. Porreca for the years of service in planning these trips.

Frank Minniti added that these points had not been communicated at the last meeting or before the last meeting.

Frank Boultinghouse, 228 Marshall Avenue, Gibbstown, New Jersey, asked if there will be money put into the budget next year for the Italian Program?

Joseph Marcucci answered that they do not know as of yet because the budget has not been developed and the Board has not received information from the administration regarding programs for 2002-2003.

Frank Minniti added that we have committed money for a trip for this program this year, something that is not afforded to any other after school program. The

Board does not want to take away from the basics and hurt them. He also added that he has not received one phone call or a letter from a parent supporting the implementation of Italian into the curriculum.

Andrew DiNardo said that they came there as a group to speak with the Board and wanted to keep away from personal feelings.

Joseph Marcucci responded by saying that nobody is the enemy here and that the Board looks out for the best interest of the students.

Joseph DeAngelo, 161 E. Broad St, Gibbstown, New Jersey, feels that there is a confrontational position taken by the Board regarding the budget.

## **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 *October 16, 2001*, hereby resolves that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on *October 16, 2001 at 8:00 p.m.* in the Nehauseney 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 Collective Bargaining Agreements
4. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the 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: (Glocker-Hammond/Sorbello) to enter into closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Personnel - Part-time Payroll Position
2. Negotiations - Collective Bargaining-Bus Drivers Agreement
3. Legal - Unfair Labor Practice
4. Educational - Eighth Grade Trip

Returned from closed session at 9:59 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: (Minniti/Filiaggi) to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary