

October 13, 2011
Regular Meeting

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Meeting was held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, James Byrnes, called the Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Adequate notice of this Meeting has been given in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. FLAG SALUTE:

The Meeting was opened with a Salute to the Flag. Mr. Byrnes asked for a moment of silence for the troops. For Constitution Week, please take a moment to think about our Constitution, what the troops are fighting for, and what we have had to fight for.

III. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Bacchione, Sal Ferlise, Jim Fulcomer, Sophia Gingrich,
Noriko Kowalewski, Steve Pellecchia, James Byrnes

ABSENT: Thomas Grosse, Dawn Parks

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph H. Vicari, Interim Superintendent
Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
John C. Sahradnik, Board Attorney

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Remi-Jean Christiansen, Grade 6, Berkeley Township Elementary School was presented with a certificate for being the 2011-2012 Berkeley Township School District Calendar Cover Contest Winner.

B. Ms. Venter introduced the district's auditor, Mr. Frank B. Holman, III, CPA, PSA, of Holman & Frenia P.C., to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the district for the year ended June 30, 2011. Mr. Holman reported that the district was in very good financial shape. There were no findings or recommendations. Mr. Holman complimented Ms. Venter on the excellent job she does for the district.

Mr. Vicari also thanked Ms. Venter and her staff for the great job they did. For the past seven years, there have been no findings or audit recommendations.

Mr. Fulcomer also commended Mr. Holman and Ms. Venter on the audit. It helps to bring pride to the school system.

- C. Dr. DyAnn DeClerico gave a presentation on the NJ ASK testing results. (See **Attachment #1**)

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Vicari thanked Dr. DeClerico for doing an excellent job. He noted with the support of this Board they completed a major building project and implemented an early childhood program. Berkeley Township is one of the few school districts that has full-day kindergarten. Mr. Vicari commented that he appreciates the efforts of Dr. DeClerico, the administrators, teachers, aides, and support staff for their hard work. They do an outstanding job even though Berkeley has a 28% poverty level. The surrounding districts are C/D DFG and they receive 40% state aid. We get less than 5% state aid. The Abbott districts receive the highest percentage of state aid – 95%. In the state of New Jersey it seems the lower the test scores, the worse you do, the more money you get. Mr. Vicari stated he wished more people were here tonight to see how well we are doing and that credit should be given to the teachers, aides, and all support staff for working together. This needs to get out to the public in a press release. We set the foundations for students for their futures 20 years from today.

Mr. Vicari reported on the following items:

- There was no violence and vandalism in our district last year.
- Mr. Vicari wanted to let the Board know the importance of the professional day they had for teachers this week. Since things are changing so rapidly, we need to keep our teachers informed and up-to-date with things that are taking place. He thanked the Board for their continued support.
- Back-to-School Night – Very successful and the focus was on communication. Mr. Vicari commended the teachers as they really “adopt” their students for ten months. They did a great job meeting with the parents and staying in communication with them all year.
- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying policies have been implemented.
- Week of Respect and Constitution Week – all classes were involved with this in the schools.
- Safety – All schools have an evacuation plan in place and drills are practiced. Fire drills are also conducted.

Mr. Vicari noted that all our teachers are very supportive of the Board's policies and they deserve a round of applause.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Byrnes stated that he attended Back-to-School Night at the three lower elementary schools. Schools looked great and teachers were amazing. It was good to see the parking lot filled with cars. The parents were very involved and enthusiastic.

Special Ed teachers, Ms. Stacey Kakos and Ms. Jennifer Garcia were holding a meeting at CBW for approximately 20 parents. Mr. Byrnes entered the meeting unannounced. He was very impressed with these teachers and commended them. If he had a child in their class, he felt they would be in good hands. They both did a wonderful job with the parents.

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**1. Finance: John Bacchione, Chairperson**

Mr. Bacchione reported that the Finance Committee met today and all purchase orders and the bill list were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Finance Committee reviewed the following at the October 13th meeting:

Purchase orders numbered 12-00432 through 12-00629 in the amount of \$930,156.95.

Mr. Bacchione noted that in 2010 they refunded the school bonds. The results of the refunding created an economic gain on the transaction with a net present value savings on interest expense of \$754,972.

2. Policy & Legislation: Dawn Parks, Chairperson

Ms. Venter reported that the Policy Committee has been meeting monthly before each board meeting. Ms. Parks was not at the meeting to give her report.

3. Personnel & Negotiations: Steve Pellecchia, Chairperson

Mr. Pellecchia had nothing to report.

4. Buildings & Grounds/Cafeteria/Transportation: Tom Grosse, Chairperson

Ms. Kowalewski reported that the Transportation Committee met on September 29, 2011. Present were Mr. Grosse, Mr. Byrnes, Ms. Kowalewski, and Ms. Parks via conference call. Mr. Grosse was not at tonight's meeting and will give the report at the next meeting.

Mr. Byrnes noted that they have had a substantial savings in transportation this year. The board members have been out on the road checking the stops and bus routes. The Committee will revisit these routes and maybe tweak them by adding a few stops or a bus. We are unable to have buses stop at everyone's house. It just isn't feasible. The Committee is reviewing the rest room situation out at the bus garage. Transportation has been having a problem getting subs. The Transportation Supervisor will be out for a while so Ms. Barbara Fitzpatrick will be filling in as the Interim Supervisor.

Mr. Byrnes stated the first day of school was a disaster and was unacceptable. They are aware of the situation and they are going to tweak it. Please be patient and things will happen.

Mr. Byrnes commented that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has advertised for Requests for Proposals for a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The SREC's value has dropped. We will revisit this and maybe not do some roofs. The next step is to do an energy audit by five preapproved companies that were selected by the State. After this is done, the next step is to hire an ESCO company. There are 20 companies that will come out and tell you what improvements to make. The savings from the electric and from the grants will fund the improvements.

Ms. Venter discussed the BPU Energy Program.

5. Education and Liaison to Central Regional: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson

Mr. Fulcomer stated the Committee reviewed the district's activities held during Constitution Week and Columbus Day, and they were found to be very good. There will be a very extensive Veterans Day program. The Board is honored to have a Veteran as the Board President. A new pilot assessment program for Language Arts is being considered for Potter School. At the next committee meeting they will review the essay writing programs and the Christmas season activities. Christmas is a national holiday. The Committee also reviewed the class size program and would like to compliment administration for reducing the class size differences between the schools since last year. However, Mr. Fulcomer noted the following at Potter School: a first grade teacher has five more students than the smallest class, in third grade three more students than the smallest class, and fourth grade three more students than the smallest class. In BTES there was only one case in fifth grade where a teacher had four more than the smallest class. Mr. Fulcomer wanted to know what is the reason for this.

Mr. Vicari responded some items may be due to the class make up, such as, presence of special education students or an inclusion teacher.

Mr. Zito explained the transient population also plays a role.

Mr. Ferlise mentioned that some of our buses are filled to capacity. He asked if this could be reviewed to see if something could be done about it.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA:

Mr. Vicari thanked the administrators for being here at the meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Pellecchia and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A13 be approved:

A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resignation: ACTION

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Laura Sullivan, bus aide assigned to the district, effective 9/1/11.

2. Leaves of Absence: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a leave of absence for the following staff members:

- a. Melanie Cottrell-BAY-Clerk Typist:
Extension of medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 10/3/11 through 11/30/11.
- b. Geraldine Kerrigan-BAY-Transportation:
Medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 9/8/11.
- c. Brynne Chacon-CBW-RC:
Maternity leave utilizing accumulated available sick days, beginning on or around 10/24/11; followed by an unpaid leave utilizing the FMLA; followed by an unpaid child rearing leave through 6/30/12.
- d. Robert Damiano-B&G-Supervisor:
Extension of medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 10/1/11 through 11/30/11.

- e. Deborah Cerbone-BTE-School Aide:
Medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 9/26/11.
- f. Janet Beck-CBW-Music:
Medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 10/19/11.

3. Revised Bus Drivers/Bus Attendants Hours: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the attached revised list of bus drivers/bus attendants hours for the 2011-2012 school year. (**Attachment #2**)

4. Revised Work Hours for Special Education Aides: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve revised work hours for the following special education aides, effective 9/6/11 through 9/18/12:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Christine Leifert (LLD 3 & 4) | 4.8 hrs. | 4.75 hrs. |
| Shannon Enright (1-1 Cerebral Palsy) | 4.8 hrs. | 4.75 hrs. |

5. Transfers/Reassignments: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the transfers/reassignments of the following staff for the 2011-2012 school year:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cathy Katsianis-Teacher | BTE-RC | BTE-LLD-5/6 |
| Barbara Conrad-Extraordinary Aide | BAY | HMP |

6. Long Term Substitutes: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as long term substitutes, meeting the criteria established by the Superintendent, at the rate of \$100 per diem:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>In For</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Laurin Brown | Marc Troccola-CBW-Autism | 09/08/11-09/30/11 |
| Maureen Price | Justin Mannarino-CBW-Incl.-4 | 11/01/11-11/30/11 |
| Melissa Hartwell | Brynne Chacon-CBW-RC | 10/24/11-06/30/12 |

7. Approval of Operation Schoolhouse Personnel: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following personnel for Operation Schoolhouse for the 2011-2012 school year at the hourly supplemental contractual rate of pay, effective October 17, 2011:

Gail Salmon - BAY - Teacher/Coordinator
 Kirk Burr - BTE - Rotating Teacher
 Robyn Romano - HMP - Rotating Teacher
 Esther Nardino - CBW - Rotating Teacher
 Laura Bale - CBW - Rotating Teacher
 Kathy Palagonia - BTE - Rotating Teacher

8. Approval of Head Cook: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Donna DeSilva as Head Cook at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 10/14/11 through 6/30/12. (Ms. DeSilva replaces the Head Cook who resigned.)

9. Approval of Assistant Cook: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Julie Ann Harman as Assistant Cook at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 10/14/11 through 6/30/12.

10. Homebound Instructors: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following teaching staff members as homebound instructors for the 2011-2012 school year at the hourly supplemental contractual rate of pay:

Esther Nardino (CBW)
 Sharon Dominy (BTE)
 Laura Bale (CBW)
 Kathy Palagonia (BTE)
 Kirk Burr (BTE)
 Robyn Romano (HMP)
 Donna Culetto (BAY)
 Lisa Spano (BTE)

11. Revised Start Date: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a revised start date for the following new teaching staff member:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Melissa Puri-BTE- Music | 09/01/11 | 10/04/11 |

12. Salary Adjustment: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a salary adjustment for the following individual:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Theresa Pasqualetto | \$67,193.00 | \$68,693.00 | College Credits | 9/1/11 |
| | (Step 13-BA+30) | (Step 13-MA) | | |

13. Substitutes: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as substitutes for the assignments listed below during the 2011-2012 school year:

A. Non-Instructional:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Theresa Jackson | Custodian |
| Peter Avallone..... | Custodian |
| Deborah Kadlac..... | Bus Driver |
| Donna Nardone..... | Aide/Clerical Worker |
| Joy Barber..... | Aide |
| Shannon Enright..... | Bus Attendant |
| Mary Krzykowski..... | Aide |
| Dawn Ward..... | Aide |

B. Instructional:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Julitta D’Adamo..... | Teacher |
| Joy Barber..... | Teacher |
| Joseph A. Burger..... | Teacher |
| Heather Clark..... | Teacher |
| Nicole Drummond..... | Teacher |
| Mary Freudenberg..... | Teacher |
| Jessica Gest..... | Teacher |
| Kristen Hendrixson..... | Teacher |
| John Laboy..... | Teacher |
| Grace Leatherman..... | Teacher |
| Kristy Roth..... | Teacher |

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Pellicchia and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1 – B13 be approved:

B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:**1. Week of Respect: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the first week in October of each year as a “Week of Respect.”

2. School Violence Awareness Week: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the third week in October of each year as “School Violence Awareness Week.”

3. Homebound Instruction: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Homebound Instruction for the following students:

I.D. #996151 - for a minimum of four weeks, effective 9/7/11

I.D. #994801 - for a minimum of two weeks, effective 10/5/11

4. Temporary Tutoring: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve temporary hospital tutoring for student I.D. #995496 for the 2011-12 school year.

5. Out-of-District Placement: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve out-of-district placement for the following student:

I.D. #996134 - Rugby School - effective 9/7/11 for the 2011-12 school year.

6. Rescind Out-of-District Placement: ACTION

Recommend the Board rescind the out-of-district placement of the following students as indicated:

I.D. #995386 - New Road School - for the 2011-12 school year

I.D. #993490 - Children’s Center of Monmouth County - (temporarily) for the 2011-12 school year

I.D. #993456 - Children’s Center of Monmouth County - Consultation & Home Training Services for the 2011-12 school year

7. NJASK Test Results: ACTION

Recommend the Board accept and approve the 2011 NJASK test results as reported by Dr. DyAnn DeClerico, Director of Elementary Education.

8. First Reading of Regulations/Policies: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the following Regulations/
Policies listed below: **(Available for review in Superintendent's Office)**

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Policy 2436 | Activity Participation Fee Program (New) |
| Policy/Reg 5111 | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (Revised) |
| Reg 5512 | Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Investigation Procedure |
| Policy/Reg 6740 | Reserve Accounts (New) |
| Policy 6360 | Political Contributions (Revised) |
| Policy/Reg 6422 | Budget Transfers (Revised) |
| Policy 8420 | Emergency & Crisis Situations (Revised) |
| Reg 8420.1 | Fire & Fire Drills (Revised) |

Abolish Policies 5512.01 and 5512.02 (now under Policy 5512)

9. Second Reading of Regulations/Policies: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the second reading of the following Regulations/
Policies listed below: **(Available for review in Superintendent's Office)**

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| ByLaw 0144 | Board Member Orientation and Training |
| ByLaw 0174 | Legal Services |
| ByLaw 0177 | Professional Services |
| Policy 1220 | Employment of Chief School Administrator |
| Policy/Reg 1570 | Internal Controls |
| Policy/Reg 6111 | Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program |
| Policy/Reg 6471 | School District Travel |
| Policy 7434 | Smoking on School Grounds |
| Policy/Reg 8461 | Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse |
| Policy 9700 | Special Interest Groups |

10. Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials 2011: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the *Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials* for the 2011-12 school year. **(Available for review in Superintendent's Office)**

11. Internship: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the start of the Administrative Internship for Steven Rieder at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, effective immediately.

13. New Student Enrollment: ACTION

Recommend the Board accept for entrance into kindergarten at the H. & M. Potter School, new student B.L., effective 10/14/11.

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Pellecchia, second by Mr. Fulcomer, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 1 – 7 be approved:

1. Minutes: ACTION

- a) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2011 be approved.
- b) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Executive Session held on September 8, 2011 be approved.

2. Payment of Bills: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following items as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be approved:

Bills Lists (**Attachment #3**) dated October 13, 2011 \$20,465,507.19

3. Payroll Approval: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – September 2011 \$1,713,684.66

4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the months of June 2011 (Final Post Audit) July 2011 and August 2011 to the 2011-2012 budget be approved. (**Attachment #4, #5 and #6**)

5. Board Secretary's Report:**ACTION**

RESOLVED that through the adoption of this resolution, we, the Berkeley Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify that as of June 30, 2011 (Final Post Audit), July 31, 2011, and August 31, 2011, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **(Attachment #7, #8 and #9)**

6. Report of the Treasurer of School Monies:**ACTION**

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the months ended June 30, 2011 (Final Post Audit) July 31, 2011, and August 31, 2011, and that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. **(Attachment #10, #11, and #12)**

7. Travel Approvals:**ACTION**

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the following travel:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Seminar/Workshop</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Not to Exceed</u> |
|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
| DyAnn DeClerico | Affirmative Action Officer Training | 10/14/11 | \$ 84.20 |
| Thomas Carbone | Operations, Maintenance & Vat Refresher | 10/14/11 | 205.00 |
| Patrick Sullivan | Operations, Maintenance & Vat Refresher | 10/14/11 | 205.00 |
| Kristina Napolitano | Reading, Writing & the Common Core | 10/18/11 | 209.00 |
| Jeanne Kappler, Gina Boyles, Debbie Immerso, Nicole Frazier | Reading, Writing & the Common Core | 10/18/11 | 884.00 |
| Jeff Zito, Jim Roselli, Mary.Guinan | Strategic Reading Intervention | 10/21/11 | 53.14 |
| Jim Byrnes | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 448.00 |
| John Bacchione | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 448.00 |
| Sal Ferlise | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 448.00 |
| Sophia Gingrich | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 448.00 |
| Steve Pellecchia | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 256.00 |
| Tom Grosse | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 51.00 |
| Dawn Parks | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 51.00 |
| N. Kowalewski | NJ School Boards Convention | 10/24-26/11 | 51.00 |
| Kristina Napolitano | Curriculum Meeting – Focus ELA 3-5 | 10/24/11 | 7.93 |
| Kim Garbacki | Improving Student Performance | 11/2/11 | 150.00 |
| Michael Colarusso | Improving Student Performance | 11/2/11 | 150.00 |
| Kevin Waldron | Improving Student Performance | 11/2/11 | 150.00 |
| Michael Caufield | Operations, Maintenance & Vat Refresher | 11/16/11 | 205.00 |
| David Ferry | Operations, Maintenance & Vat Refresher | 11/16/11 | 205.00 |

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| Diane Beard | iPad Workshop | 11/16/11 | 212.50 |
| Karen Quartuccio | Activities & Resources to Manage Behaviors f/Autism & Sensory Process Disorders in Children & Adolescents | 11/16/11 | 179.00 |
| Kristen Huber | Autism & Sensory Processing Disorders | 11/16/11 | 139.00 |
| Cheryl Ernest | Autism & Sensory Processing Disorders | 11/16/11 | 139.00 |
| Eileen Clemente | Autism & Sensory Processing Disorders | 11/16/11 | 139.00 |
| Stacey Kokos | Autism & Sensory Processing Disorders | 11/16/11 | 139.00 |
| Cindy Gannon | Autism & Sensory Processing Disorders | 11/16/11 | 139.00 |
| Debbie Fierra | Autism & Sensory Processing Disorders | 11/16/11 | 139.00 |
| Patrick Sullivan | Hazard Communication Training | 11/18/11 | 20.00 |
| Debbie Immerso | NJASL Annual Fall Conference | 12/2/11 | 125.00 |
| Melia Hoffman | Annual Fall Conference for School Librarians | 12/2&3/11 | 85.00 |
| Shawn Livingston | Teaching Struggling Readers | 12/5/11 | 253.10 |
| Kim Mitchell | Teaching Struggling Readers | 12/5/11 | 219.00 |
| Melanie Biscardi | Teaching Struggling Readers | 12/5/11 | 219.00 |
| Cheryl Perone | Best Practices to Differentiate Your Writing | 12/6/11 | 215.00 |
| Kathryn Mooney | Best Practices to Differentiate Your Writing | 12/6/11 | 215.00 |
| Lori Byron | Strat. f/Working Together in Inclusive Classrm | 1/12/12 | 225.00 |
| Robyn Romano | Strat. f/Working Together in Inclusive Classrm | 1/12/12 | 225.00 |

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mrs. Kowalewski, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 8 – 17 be approved:

Mr. Byrnes commented that Item 13 was at no cost to the district.

8. Board Representatives for Sick Leave Bank: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education appoints the following three board members as its representatives for the Sick Leave Bank Committee:

- John Bacchione
- James Byrnes
- Jim Fulcomer

9. Approval to Submit IDEA-B Grant Application: ACTION

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Basic & Preschool Flow through Application as follows:

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| IDEA-B Basic..... | \$427,825 |
| IDEA-B Preschool..... | \$ 24,820 |

10. NCLB Title I and Title IIA Funds: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following teachers to be paid from NCLB Title I funds as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Tom Ettari | \$37,500 |
| Tracy Foster | \$37,500 |
| Kristina Napolitano | \$37,500 |
| Kim Mitchell | \$37,500 |

Also recommend the Board approve the following teacher to be paid from NCLB Title IIA funds as follows:

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|---------------|----------|
| Nicole Langer | \$28,000 |
|---------------|----------|

11. Tuition Rate Cap for Out-of-District Educational Facilities: ACTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Constitution calls for every public school child to receive a thorough and efficient education, and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Township Board of Education considers it an honor to provide that education by developing and sustaining a learning environment that fosters growth in scholarship, character and initiative for *all* learners, and

WHEREAS, in the process of meeting the needs of all learners the Berkeley Township School District at times requires the services of outside educational facilities to meet the Individualized Education Programs of its students, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has instituted a two percent cap to school districts' general fund tax levies in an effort to ensure the most prudent spending of taxpayer dollars, and

WHEREAS, the annual increases to rates for out-of-district facilities that offer special education services at times far exceed two percent, and

WHEREAS, the inconsistency of requiring a two percent cap on local districts' spending while not controlling the costs of other educational facilities to which local districts often send students creates an unfair hardship for school districts that must channel already limited resources toward meeting these tuition rate increases, and

WHEREAS the Berkeley Township Board of Education believes it is in the State's control to implement the same "cap" on special education tuition rates as it does on local school district's tax levies, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education respectfully requests the State impose the same two percent cap on these tuition costs that weigh heavily on the financial position of school districts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary will file a copy of this resolution with the Legislative offices, the office of the Ocean County Superintendent and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

12. Reject Warehouse Building Bids: ACTION

Recommend the Board reject all bids received for the Warehouse Building on August 23, 2011 as being over budget.

13. Architect to Revise/Rebid Warehouse Building: ACTION

Recommend the Board authorize Yezzi Associates, L.L.C., Toms River to redesign and rebid Warehouse Building.

14. Request for Proposals: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve to reissue Request for Proposals for Solar – Photovoltaic Power (Power Purchase Agreement).

15. Accept Audit Report: ACTION

RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2010-2011 school year as prepared by the firm of Holman & Frenia, P.C.

16. Corrective Action Plan: ACTION

Note – there were no findings or recommendation to yield a Corrective Action Plan.

17. MOCSSIF 2011 Safety Grant Award: ACTION

Recommend the Board accept the MOCSSIF 2011 Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$17,546.99.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferlise reported that he visited the bus garage at 6:00 a.m. one morning and saw a 54 passenger bus with all its wheels up off the ground and realized how dangerous this situation can be for our bus drivers. He would like to commend bus mechanic, Joe Simone, for bringing this to the board's attention. He would also like a letter of commendation sent to Mr. Simone.

Mr. Byrnes said he gave a sketch to Ms. Venter of how they can make changes to the bathroom to accommodate the bus drivers without them having to go through the garage. Ms. Venter is getting quotes to have this work done.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Byrnes noted that there was a posting for a breakfast aid for one-hour daily. He suggested the Personal Committee look into this and perhaps establish a minimum number of hours.

A "Meet and Greet" has been planned for November 17, 2011 for 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Berkeley Township Elementary School. Invitations to surrounding Boards of Education have been sent out. Two board members have been invited from Island Heights, Central Regional, Ocean Gate, Seaside Heights, Seaside Park, and Lacey Township.

Mr. Byrnes questioned our availability for Channel 21, which is the Central Regional channel. Mr. Vicari will contact Central Regional to ask if we can use their channel to put out information about our schools.

This year the National School Boards Convention will be held in Boston from April 21-23, 2012. Mr. Byrnes asked if any board members would like to attend since it is relatively close to our area. The Board will pay the registration fee. Board members would be responsible for paying for their own lodging, food, and transportation. At the next meeting, we can make a recommendation for whoever wants to attend.

XIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Peg Crawford gave an update on the meeting of the Education and Environmental Foundation. They have a lot of good ideas and hopefully they will be able to have this program at no cost to the students. The Foundation will be meeting again next Tuesday and everyone will bring their thoughts, ideas, and plans along with concrete facts.

Cheryl Altieri also stated that they had many fund raising ideas for the Education and Environmental Foundation. One of them was to form an Entertainment Book with coupons for local businesses in Berkeley Township. They also were able to get the School of Conservation to reduce their cost per student and there would be no charge for the teachers that attend. The cost for Stokes now is about 1/3 of what it originally cost.

A parent whose son was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes spoke about the Diabetes Foundation and would like to try to form a support group. She would like to make the school staff aware that there are new laws in New Jersey and that the staff needs to be educated on how to treat a child with diabetes.

Mrs. Gingrich asked the parent for her name and address and she will put her in touch with a group that she is familiar with.

Mr. Fulcomer suggested the parent give him all the diabetes literature and information, and as chair of the Education Committee, he will bring it up for discussion.

Mr. Vicari addressed the parent saying that she shouldn't think her son can't live a normal life. With proper treatment and care he can. This district has a large percentage of students with special needs and they have tailor made plans for them. Mr. Vicari stated he will take care of making sure that the staff becomes aware of these laws.

A parent brought up a bus issue that there are approximately 15 students at this particular bus stop. She wanted to thank the board for trying to work out this problem. She was also concerned that if we should get another major snow storm like last year, the town piles up the snow at this bus stop and there would be no where for children to stand.

Mr. Vicari noted that November is Diabetes Awareness Month. He will do a resolution for Berkeley Township and the County of Ocean for all 33 towns.

Another parent spoke about a bus issue.

Mr. Byrnes assured the parent that they will look into the situation.

A member of the public had a question that if bus mechanics were working on two Berkeley Township buses, were the mechanics both Central mechanics and Berkeley Township mechanics.

Ms. Venter explained that while we may be servicing Central's buses, all the mechanics work for Berkeley Township. This is a shared service that we are doing with Central Regional.

This same person wanted to know why there are so many bus issues when they have a fill-in supervisor who is also a bus driver as she has an advantage because she knows the routes and bus stops. This supervisor should know where is the better place to have the bus stop.

Ms. Venter informed everyone that they have done some consolidation of bus stops.

Mr. Duggan objected that personnel issues cannot be discussed during a public board meeting.

Board attorney, Mr. Sahradnik, agreed that this is a personnel matter and cannot be discussed at a public meeting.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Pellecchia, and all in favor that the Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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