

February 9, 2012
Regular Meeting

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Meeting was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Laura Venter, called the meeting to order at 6:34 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.

III. A. APPOINTMENT TO FILL BOARD VACANCY:

Motion by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mrs. Kowalewski, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that David Ytreboe be appointed to fill the board vacancy created by the resignation of James Byrnes.

B. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Ms. Venter issued Oath of Office to new board member, David Ytreboe. He was seated at the dais.

IV. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Sal Ferlise, Jim Fulcomer, Sophia Gingrich,
Noriko Kowalewski, John MacMoyle, Dawn Parks,
Steve Pellecchia, Lou Tuminaro, David Ytreboe

ABSENT: None

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

V. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT:

Ms. Venter calls for nomination for *Office of President*.

Nominee	Nominated By	Second By
Steve Pellecchia	Jim Fulcomer	Sal Ferlise

Close nomination.

Roll call vote on nomination for Vice President. (8 Ayes, 1 Nay – Ms. Parks, 0 Abstains).

VI. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Ms. Venter calls for nomination for *Office of Vice President*.

Nominee	Nominated By	Second By
Jim Fulcomer	Sal Ferlise	Lou Tuminaro

Close nomination.

Roll call vote on nomination for Vice President. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains).

VII. PRESENTATION:

The following certificates were given to students for their excellence in school bus evacuation procedures by the Acting Transportation Supervisor, Ms. Barbara Fitzpatrick:

H & M. Potter:

Amaya Covin
Cameron Covin
Brody Bellerjeau
Hope McGivney
Paul Hitchuk

Clara B. Worth School:

Jacob Buccose
Shane Erickson

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Vicari reported on the following items:

- President's Weekend – School will be closed on Friday, February 17, and Monday, February 20, 2012.

- Bullying Policy – Berkeley Township Schools have been a leader in anti-bullying training. Harassment or bullying of any kind is not accepted at all in our district. The State has stepped back from mandate due to funding. We educate students, parents, and staff, and have an Anti-Bullying Policy. The days of accepting a school yard bully are gone. On March 16th Professional Day there will be additional training on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB).

All teens and adults are invited to attend “Bullying 101” at the Ocean County Library Little Egg Harbor Branch on Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. or on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Toms River Branch – Mancini Hall. The program will be discussing the new Student’s Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights that was signed into law in New Jersey in January 2011 and what it means for students, parents, and schools. Professional Development Certificates will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education. Registration is required.

- STARBASE Program – Since 2007 the STARBASE Program joined with the Naval Base to develop a curriculum that focuses on science and math. Mr. Vicari and Dr. Roselli were shown one project costing \$580 million! The average salary for navel engineering equals \$92,000. This is sponsored by the U.S. Government to advance our students in math and science and instill desire in students to be involved in math and sciences seeking careers utilizing those skills.
- Dr. Roselli, Acting Director of Child Study Team, has met with all Special Services teachers. Administrators are working two additional hours a day to cover administrator shortage at no charge.
- QSAC is coming up
- Mr. Vicari attended the Ocean County College Education Advancement Board meeting on teacher training programs. Seamless transitions are very important throughout a student’s advancement through the years. Proud in Berkeley Township that we hire outstanding teachers. Our teachers have great attitude, personality, a total package.
- Friday, March 16th – Professional Development Day for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying, First Aid, and the curriculum Dr. DeClerico is working on. Our staff works hard.

IX. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**1. Education and Liaison to Central Regional: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson**

Mr. Fulcomer reviewed the Fair Funding Plan for New Jersey requesting an even amount of money for each student in the state. If adopted \$7,481 per student would be Berkeley Township's share which comes to approximately \$15 million as compared to the approximate \$1,000/student we receive now.

Stokes Forest Field Trip – continue to pay or fund \$150 per student and eliminate one night. It will be supplemented by parent paying \$150. The trip is still in the curriculum.

Mr. Fulcomer asked Mr. Vicari, the great philanthropist, to agree to extend his stay because Berkeley Township is not in a financial position to get a replacement at this time.

Mr. Vicari responded that it was not a unanimous vote by the Board. The ethics vote was filed against Mr. Pellecchia, who works for the Ocean County Board of Elections. Mr. Pellecchia does not work for me as a Freeholder. Mr. Pellecchia is a hard-working man, no pay as a board member, and to have the stress and aggravation of an ethics complaint is not right. Mr. Vicari stated he will not entertain extension of his contract.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Parks, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Board approve the following Resolution for the Fair School Funding Plan:

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Township Board of Education believes that every child should have equal resources of state aid distributed by the legislature for an education in the State of New Jersey by utilizing a fair school funding mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the current distribution of state aid for education to the schools has not been distributed in a fair and equitable manner to provide property tax relief to all the citizens of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Article III., Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, "The powers of government shall be divided among three distinct branches, the legislative, executive, and judicial. No person or persons belonging to or constituting one branch shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others, except as expressly provided in this Constitution;" and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, "the Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all children in the State between the ages of five and eighteen years;" and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 2, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the fund for the support of free public schools... shall be annually appropriated to the support of free public schools, and for the equal benefit of all the people of this State;” and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph 7.a. of the New Jersey State Constitution states, the income tax is to be “annually appropriated... exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes;” and

WHEREAS, this body can no longer bear the burden of the continued diversion of its fair share of state school aid for the students between the ages of five and eighteen years of age who reside within this jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education do hereby call upon the legislature of the State of New Jersey to fulfill its constitutionally assigned duty to distribute the state aid for education to the school districts in this state in a fair manner that is for the equal benefit of all the people of the state and not by means that are prejudiced by the actions of special interests that may have been presented before the court or other venue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean Jr., Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Assembly Minority Leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request our legislative delegation to become co-sponsors of the fair school funding legislation formulated by State Senator Michael J. Doherty and Assemblyman John DiMaio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we direct the Board Secretary to forward this resolution to our district state legislators requesting their support and sponsorship of this legislation.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Parks, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Ms. Gingrich and Mr. Ytreboe) that the Board continue to fund the Stokes field trip supplemented by parents paying \$150 per student, and eliminating one night from the trip.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Parks, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Ms. Gingrich) that the Education Committee recommend to the Finance Committee to make the provision for the Stokes field trip in next year’s budget.

Mr. Ferlise noted that the Stokes trip is a 42 year-old tradition.

2. Finance: Sophia Gingrich, Chairperson

Ms. Gingrich 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 February 9th meeting:

Purchase orders numbered 12-00993 through 12-01145 in the amount of \$334,211.77.

3. Community Relations: Sophia Gingrich, Chairperson

Ms. Gingrich noted that Sherry Delaney's son, Devon, has Type 1 diabetes. Added to this he has hypoglycemic unawareness. It is recommended that he have a diabetes alert dog. To make a donation you can go to Guardian Angels Service Dogs.com. This dog costs \$18,000. \$4,100 has been raised so far. Ms. Gingrich placed an ad in Holiday City papers for donations.

A fundraiser will be held on February 13th at Pizza Hut on Route 37 Toms River from 5-9 p.m. 20% of cost goes towards this cause. Another fundraiser will be at the Forked River House on Sunday, February 25th, 12-4 p.m. Silent Auction

4. Policy & Legislation: Dawn Parks, Chairperson

The Committee met Tuesday night. On tonight's agenda are the policies reviewed for the first reading.

5. Personnel & Negotiations: Steve Pellecchia, Chairperson

Mr. Pellecchia stated the Committee has met and will meet again on February 21st. They are moving along in negotiations.

XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Pellecchia thanked everyone for their support. He is sure that everyone will make sure he does a good job.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Tuminaro and carried upon Roll Call Vote (8 Ayes, 1 Nay – Ms. Parks on Items A10 and A12, 2 Abstains – Mr. MacMoyle on Items A3 and A13b; Mr. Ytreboe on Items A1-A15 and B1-B8) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A15 and B1 – B8 be approved:

A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:**1. Resignation: ACTION**

Recommend the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Gisele DeForest, Guidance Counselor assigned to the Clara B. Worth School, effective 7/1/12. (Ms. DeForest is retiring after serving the district for 25 years.)

2. Leaves of Absence: ACTION

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

- a. Employee I.D. #5708-BTE-Gr. 5:
Maternity leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 3/5/12 through 6/1/12; followed by an unpaid leave under the FMLA, effective 6/2/12 through 6/30/12.
- b. Employee I.D. #4811-BAY-Aide:
Medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days for approximately 6-8 weeks, effective 2/7/12.

3. Long Term Substitutes: ACTION

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>In For</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Stephanie Murphy	Employee I.D. #5336-BAY-Gr. 1	1/2/12-TBD

4. Real Time Coordinator: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Marylou Bartelli as the Real Time Coordinator at a stipend of \$500.

5. DYFS Liaison: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Theresa Pasqualetto as District Liaison to the Division of Youth and Family Services.

6. Homebound Instructors: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following staff members as Homebound Instructors for the 2011-12 school year:

Susan Bellettiere
Lorraine Johnson

7. Salary Adjustment for School/Teacher Aide: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve an additional \$500 for school/teacher aide Christinya Leifert, Bayville School, for meeting the requirements of being certified or having 60 college credits.

8. Assistant Systems Analyst: ACTION

Recommend the Board appoint Timothy Belthoff as an Assistant Systems Analyst, 12 month position, at an annual salary of \$40,000, effective 2/10/12 through 6/30/12, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.

9. Approval of Nurse for Fun Fest: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Barbara Pinheiro, School Nurse at BTE, to attend the after school February Fun Fest on 2/24/12 as the nurse, from 2-4:30 pm and be paid at the hourly supplemental rate of pay for that period of time, due to the potential for injury and need for inhalers.

10. Approval of Additional Work Hours: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve additional work hours for the following clerical worker at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 2/10/12:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Emanuela Giovatto-Amato	20 hrs./week	25 hrs./week

11. Bus Driver Additional Hours: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve additional hours for the following bus driver, at the hourly contractual rate of pay, due to an additional van route, effective 2/1/12:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jessica Mayers	4.25 hrs. daily	6 hrs. daily

12. Approval to Advertise Position: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve advertising an additional clerk position for the responsibility of Health Insurance Benefits.

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:

- Lucille Daletto.....Custodian
- Lori LeFaucheur.....Custodian
- Michelle Lorenzo.....Clerical Worker/Aide
- Donna Keyrouse.....Clerical Worker/Aide
- Donna Mascio.....Clerical Worker/Aide
- Jocelyn Nasr.....Clerical Worker/Aide
- James Piltzecker.....Bus Driver
- Tracy Romero.....Aide
- Dawn Webb.....Bus Attendant

B. Instructional:

- Jean Amon.....Teacher
- Caitlin Carey.....Teacher
- Karyn Dynak.....Teacher
- Lauren Falconburg.....Teacher
- Courtney Guadagno.....Teacher
- Janine Lowe.....Teacher
- Jamie Mansuy.....Teacher
- Randolph Romanowski.....Teacher
- David Simon.....Teacher
- Danielle Stesner.....Teacher
- Justine Mascola.....Teacher

14. Extension of Assignment: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the extension of assignment for Angela Frawley, long term substitute, to continue covering the MD class at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, for the remainder of the school year.

15. Temporary Transfer of Assignment: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the temporary transfer of Corey Steinmetz, MD teacher assigned to the Berkeley Township Elementary School, as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>
MD - BTE	MD-In district 1 on 1	1/23/12-3/05/12
MD-In district 1 on 1	Gr. 5 - BTE	3/06/12-6/30/12

B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:**1. Homebound Instruction: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve homebound instruction for the following students, for a minimum of two weeks:

- a) I.D. #996594 - effective 1/17/12 through 1/27/12
Instruction will be provided by Melissa Tomaini
- b) I.D. #995435 - effective 1/16/12
Instruction will be provided by Lorraine Johnson

2. Homebound Instruction Extension: ACTION

Recommend the Board extend the homebound instruction for the following student through 3/1/12:

I.D. #996279 - Instruction will continue to be provided by Lisa Spano (This student was Board approved on 1/12/12 but only until 2/9/12.)

3. Out-of-District Placement: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve out-of-district placement for the following student, for a minimum of 30 days, effective 1/30/12:

I.D. #996594 - New Road School

4. Approval of Class Trip: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a Bayville School 4th grade trip to travel to Trenton on May 18, 2012 for a tour of the New Jersey State Assembly Chamber.

5. Additional Class Trip Approval: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the addition of the following Class Trip for the 2011-2012 school year:

Lakehurst Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, NJ

6. First Reading of Bylaws/Regulations/Policies: ACTION

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

Policy 5516	Use of Electronic Mail & Recording Devices (Revised)
Policy 1230	Superintendent’s Duties (Revised)
Policy 1522	School-level Planning (Revised)
Policy 2132	School District Goals and Objectives (Revised)
Policy/Reg 5561	Use of Physical Restraint (New)
Policy 6150	Tuition Income (Revised)
Policy 6220	Budget Preparation (Revised)
Policy 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (New)
Policy 6820	Financial Reports (Revised)

Abolished Policies/Regulations: ACTION

- b. Recommend the Board approve abolishing the following Policies/Regulations:

Policy/Reg 2461	Special Education/Receiving Schools
Reg 2461.01	Special Education/Receiving Schools-IEP Implementation
Reg 2461.02	Special Education/Receiving Schools-Suspension/Expulsion
Reg 2461.03	Special Education/Receiving School-Pupil Records
Reg 2461.05	Special Education/Receiving Schools-IEP Compliance
Reg 2461.08	Special Education/Receiving Schools-In-Service Training

7. In District Placement: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a one on one in district placement for the following student, effective 1/26/12 through 2/24/12:

I.D. #994875

8. Homebound Instruction: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve homebound instruction for the following student, for a minimum of two weeks, effective 2/2/12:

I.D. #994322

Instruction will be provided by Lisa Spano

XIII. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Gingrich, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Mr. MacMoyle on Items 1a and b; Mr. Tuminaro on Items 1a, b, and d; Mr. Ytreboe on Items 1-12) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 1 - 12 be approved:

Mr. Vicari commented that he may have to cancel any Administrative travel due to shortage in staff.

1. Minutes: ACTION

- a. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 10, 2012 be approved. (**Attachment #B1**)
- b. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session held on January 10, 2012 be approved. (**Attachment #B2**)
- c. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 12, 2012 be approved. (**Attachment #B3**)
- d. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Executive Session held on January 12, 2012 be approved. (**Attachment #B4**)

2. Payment of Bills: ACTION

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

Bills List (**Attachment #B5**) dated February 9, 2012 \$1,149,665.64

3. Payroll Approval: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – January 2012 \$1,726,156.36

4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of December 2011 to the 2011-2012 budget be approved. (**Attachment #B6**)

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 December 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 #B7**)

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 month ended December 31, 2011, and that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. (**Attachment #B8**)

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>
Carol Kiersnowski	Self-Regulation in Children	2/22/12	\$199.99 (Revised)
Nicole Frazier	Language Arts Visitation	2/13 or 2/22/12	31.10
Amanda McKenna	Language Arts Visitation	2/13 or 2/22/12	31.10
Lindsay Krug	Language Arts Visitation	2/13 or 2/22/12	31.10
Jeanne Kappler	Language Arts Visitation	2/13 or 2/22/12	31.10
Kristine Chudzik	Motivating the Young Nonverbal Child to Talk	3/2/12	189.00
Elaine Ritchey	Motivating the Young Nonverbal Child to Talk	3/2/12	189.00
Isabella Appignani	Ride the Wave of Change	3/5 & 3/6/12	120.00
Arleen Lippincott	Learning About the 4 Teacher Evaluation Systems	3/6/12	114.70
DyAnn DeClerico	Learning About the 4 Teacher Evaluation Systems	3/6/12	106.96
James Roselli	Special Ed Directors Meeting	3/9/12	27.58
Amanda McKenna	Meet/Exceed Common Core	3/12/12	219.00
Gina Boyles	Developing Narrative and Non-Fiction Units of Study	3/15/12	100.00
Jeanne Kappler	Developing Narrative and Non-Fiction Units of Study	3/15/12	135.34
Nicole Langer	Writing Strategies That Work	3/19/12	225.00
Helen Pecelli	Writing Strategies That Work	3/19/12	225.00
DyAnn DeClerico	NJ ASK	3/20/12	41.03
Kristina Napolitano	Writing ELA Curriculum	3/20/12	14.57
Lindsay Krug	Nonfiction and Writing Workshop	3/22/12	100.00
Janet Sullivan	Nonfiction and Writing Workshop	3/22/12	135.86

Lisa Lapsley	Nonfiction and Writing Workshop	3/22/12	100.00
Joseph Simone	N. J. Pupil Transportation Conf. & Equipment	3/26/12	100.00
Amanda McKenna	Best Practices for Teaching Non Fiction	3/28/12	100.00
Kristina Napolitano	Best Practices for Teaching Non Fiction	3/28/12	134.72
Kristin Flynn	Practical Strategies f/Occupational Therapists	3/28/12	225.00
James Roselli	Special Ed Directors Meeting	4/18/12	53.94
Jennifer Carlucci	Co-Teaching Conference	4/30 & 5/1/12	369.00
Jacquelyn Gravely	Co-Teaching Conference	4/30 & 5/1/12	369.00
James Roselli	Special Ed Directors Meeting	5/11/12	27.58
Laura Venter	NJASBO Convention	6/6-6/8/12	605.00

8. Board Representatives for Sick Leave Bank: ACTION

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

- Jim Fulcomer
- Sophia Gingrich
- Lou Tuminaro

9. Approve Holman & Frenia, P.C. to Certify W-2's: ACTION

WHEREAS, the Accountability Law requires certification of various tax information as it relates to Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Business Administrator’s taxable income,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Holman & Frenia, P.C. to complete required certification.

10. Online Cafeteria Payments: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve opening Merchant Account with Bank of America to process online payments for school lunch accounts and further to authorize a \$2.00 processing fee per transaction.

11. Change Orders For BS HVAC Upgrades: ACTION

The following Construction Change Order as recommended by the Architect:

EACM Corp Change Order #1:

The Contract is changing as follows:

1. Relocate gas line.....	\$2,717
2. Additional molded case circuit breaker	<u>283</u>
Total	\$3,000
3. Allowance credit	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total Change Order	\$ 0

12. IDEA Final Report: ACTION

Recommend the Board accept the IDEA Final Report for 2010-2011 Basic and
Preschool Grant as follows:

IDEA Basic.....	\$416,664
IDEA Preschool.....	\$ 24,808

XIV. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

XV. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

XVI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Former Board President, Mr. Byrnes, thanked the Board. He came here and built this building. Great staff, personnel, and administration. He thanked everyone. And noted it is a better district now than when he came here.

Mr. Vicari is very thankful for Mr. Byrnes’ assistance during construction. His expertise was useful in making sure contractors and subcontractors not only were up to code but exceeded code. He saved money on change orders. As a former contractor, he was able to navigate through paperwork and drawings. He worked with Dr. Roselli and myself to produce this wonderful facility.

Mr. Byrnes congratulated Mr. Pellecchia and the other new board members. The Superintendent search is coming up. It’s tough to keep politics out of it. We all saw what happens when it does, attorneys packing up in middle of meeting, etc. It’s just rude. Mr. Byrnes offered help in energy if needed.

Mr. Byrnes noted there is a letter at each board member’s spot from the Foundation asking for contributions from parents for Stokes trip. He said he will be back at future board meetings.

Mr. Byrnes also noted there were ugly comments put in paper regarding pedophiles. These are different times. Look what happened at Penn State. God Bless Joe Paterno. At no point did I refer to pedophiles at Stokes. I just wanted to clear the air and clarify that. Mr. Byrnes also said that comments had been made when he missed a Foundation meeting.

That night was his daughter's birthday and many of her friends were going to be there, so he couldn't be at the meeting.

Mr. Ytreboe shared a story when Mr. Byrnes was at the bus stop of Mr. Ytreboe's daughter in the rain because he heard there was a problem. Mr. Byrnes showed commitment and went above and beyond.

Mr. Pellecchia thanked Mr. Byrnes for his well wishes and noted he has a large pair of shoes to fill.

Ms. Crawford read a letter requesting permission to do a cookbook fundraiser for Stokes.

Mr. Vicari said Dr. Roselli told him the last cookbook they did only raised \$300. Who takes responsibility for a recipe that may contain peanuts or other items that could cause allergic reactions?

The next Education Committee meeting will be on March 8th at 5:30 before the board meeting.

Bus driver, Phyllis Hufnagel, asked if a door to access the bathroom in the bus garage would ever be done.

Mr. Vicari stated Mr. Ferlise and Mr. Byrnes were working with the architect.

A concerned grandparent spoke in favor of Stokes. She is confused. She heard Foundation was handling the trip and now hears that the parents are going to be asked to pay with some possible support from the school district. She noted it was an inspiring trip. They have been waiting for an informational packet. One never came.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION

MOTION by, Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. MacMoyle, and all in favor that the Board Meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Venter, CPA, RSBA, RSBO
Business Administrator/Board Secretary