

March 18, 2014  
Regular Meeting

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

A Berkeley Township Board of Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Berkeley Township Elementary School, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Noriko Kowalewski, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Adequate notice of this Meeting was 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. Mrs. Kowalewski asked for a moment of silence for our troops overseas.

**III. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Edward Cammarato, Sal Ferlise, Keith Fisher,  
Jim Fulcomer, John MacMoyle, Noriko Kowalewski,  
Patrick Mooney, Stephen Pellecchia and Louis Tuminaro

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. James D. Roselli, Superintendent  
Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Jack Sahradnik, Board Attorney

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

I'd like to welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. As President of the Board, I'd like to remind board members of the following:

The Barnegat Bay Blitz is a partnership event spearheaded by the NJ DEP and the NJ Clean Communities Council. It is an effort to bring together citizens, students, businesses and local governments to help clean up and foster a greater appreciation for the 660 square mile Barnegat Bay watershed. This event will take place on April 25, 2014. If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile event, please go on the New Jersey DEP website.

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m., the Berkeley Staff will be versing the Harlem Wizards Basketball team. This event will take place at the Pine Belt Arena. For more information on this event and to purchase tickets, please visit our website, [www.btboe.org](http://www.btboe.org), under "Community Events." Any board members interested in attending, please let me know by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lastly, instructions for completing the CSA evaluation were given to you tonight. If you haven't already done so, please complete at your earliest convenience.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

This evening I have some mandatory items to cover as they pertain to the NJDOE and BTSD.

Let's discuss the weather and our ever-changing district calendar. Our original calendar had us ending on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If we did not have to use the two snow days we built in, we would have ended on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Let's recap:

We had a power outage on March 11 sending CBW students to HMP, then back to CBW when power was restored. We had 3 early closings, 4 school closings, and 5 delayed openings.

We hope to not touch Spring Break, Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We may possibly borrow Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, which is scheduled to be a day off. This is all tentative, and we must get through the next 2 to 3 weeks before we can officially determine a date.

On each school's website under the tab *Parent Information*, each school has posted their School Self-Assessment Harassment and Intimidation grade report.

Beginning with the September 2011-2012 school year, the BTSD has implemented the requirements found in the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act by providing training and programs to assure a bully free climate in each of the schools. As required by law, the grades for each school are posted. The maximum grade of the Self-Assessment is 75 points based on 8 areas:

1) Programs 2) Training 3) Instruction 4) Curriculum 5) Personnel 6) School Level reporting, 7) Investigation, and 8) Reporting

BAY - 56  
BTE - 60  
CBW - 58  
HMP - 67

District grade was a 60.

This is the first year we received a grade on our Self-Assessment, and we will analyze our information during upcoming administrative meetings in an effort to attain close or maximum points in each of the 8 categories as we remain diligent in our efforts with regard to Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

### **Bayville School:**

- Students and staff enjoyed 2 musical assemblies – Bach to Rock and David Fry Folk Songs. Both assemblies were funded through the New Jersey Recovery Grant won by Bayville School.
- PTA sponsored Literacy Night was enjoyed by students and staff on Friday evening, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Eleven students participated in the Young Author's Conference held at Lacey High School on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Seventy-seven readers, including parents and community members visited Bayville School for Read Across America Day.
- Shop Rite Parent/Student Night was held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The families enjoyed the math activities that had been planned for them.

### **Clara B. Worth School:**

- First grade performed Seussical the Musical to parents and students.
- Read Across America - Huge Success - approximately 100 parents volunteered to read.
- Second grade Family Art Night - 130 participants - Mrs. Roth did a wonderful job.
- CAP program visited 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.
- Ocean County Health Department - spoke to kindergarten and first grade about appropriate dental health.

### **H. & M. Potter School:**

- Teacher training in Tourette's Syndrome - March 12, 2014.
- Mr. Waldron and Mr. Colarusso won a Math Grant - (Reflex Math - Online Math Fact Builder.)
- Path Renewal Program - March 25, 26 & 27 - (Lessons on Stress Relief post "Sandy".)
- "Wizards Pep Rally" - March 21, 2014
- Gift Auction - March 29, 2014

### **Berkeley Township Elementary:**

- Selected classes celebrated Chocolate Week.
- Mrs. Maione's class completed phase two of the Rain Barrel Challenge as part of the Barnegat Bay Blitz.
- Reading Buddies with Mrs. Bassford's class - reading to the children at Bayville School.
- BTES Fun Fest took place on February 28, 2014
- Hosted the Central Regional High School Drama Club presentation of Guys and Dolls.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:****Feb. 19:**

Fred Mitchell - Fire Prevention/Attending all drills at schools

**Feb. 20:**

Administrative Meeting - Board Office

**Feb. 25:**

Ocean County Superintendents Roundtable - Ocean County College

**Feb. 26:**

Tour of Pine Belt Arena - For upcoming district-wide event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Harlem Wizards - ticket sales are excellent. Anyone interested can get forms at any of our 4 schools - make check to PTA.

**Feb. 28:**

Attended Fun Fest at BTES.

**Mar. 4:**

Attended Teacher of the Year Presentation - Congratulations to:

Bayville	-	Diane Fraone
BTE	-	Laurierae Mongaliri-Mullin
CBW	-	Melia Hoffman
HMP	-	Amy Sherwood

They all will be deservedly recognized at the June BOE Meeting.

**Mar. 5:**

Read Across America - Read at all 4 schools

**Mar. 12:**

Administrative Meeting - Board Office

**Mar. 14:**

Inservice - after 4 hour session for students.

The Berkeley Township School District, along with many school districts in New Jersey, faces two very real challenges when developing a balanced and responsible budget. The first challenge is the 2% cap imposed on the tax levy. The second challenge is the decrease in state aid that is allocated to our school district. These two factors result in the search for innovative ways to produce revenues.

Our district prides itself in maintaining a safe and secure environment for students and staff. For that, I would like to thank the Board of Education, Mayor Amato, and Chief DiMichele for their support and assistance in establishing a police presence in Berkeley Township Schools on a daily

basis. Educationally, the goal of our district is to maintain and enhance programs and services to our students while providing fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers. Our facilities remain among the best maintained school districts in Ocean County.

As the Superintendent of Schools, an educator, and a father, I recognize how important academics and athletics are in order to keep students on a successful path in their educational journey. Sports were a driving force in my life that taught me the importance of hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

### Academics

In physical education classes throughout our schools, students participate in team based sports, such as football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and baseball.

There is a proven link between participation in sports and academic achievement. According to Ann Rosewater, in a report titled "Learning to Play and Playing to Learn," published in 2009, "Millions of children participate in sports every day, every week, every year. High quality organized sports are a gateway to academic achievement, better grades, improved chances of attending college and success in the labor market- and these benefits are especially important for low income youth."

### Drug Prevention

We are fortunate to have an award winning D.A.R.E. program in our district and we can thank Mayor Amato and Chief DiMichele who work with us in order to provide the services of Officer Scott Selby on a daily basis to instruct our children. Studies indicate that young adults and teenagers who are physically active and participate in team sports were found to be less likely to engage in unhealthy behavior such as substance abuse than those not involved in team sports. (DiscoveryHealth.com, 2003)

### Adolescent Obesity

- In the past 30 years, obesity rates have doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents. (CDC)
- In the United States, the number of children ages 6-11 who were obese increased from 7% in 1980 to nearly 18% in 2012. (CDC)
- A study by the American Heart Association has shown that obese children's arteries resemble those of a middle aged adult. These children are being sentenced to a future of increased cardiovascular disease and disability.

### Decline in Little League Enrollment

Enrollment has steadily declined in Little League. From 2000-2009, the latest year for which the figures are available, the number of children aged 7-17 playing baseball fell 24%, according to the National Sporting Goods Association. According to the Lacey Little League President who recently attended a President's Meeting, enrollment is down in Little League throughout Ocean County.

Len Coleman, a former president of the National League, is quoted as saying, "The days of kids being born with a glove next to their ear in the crib and boys playing catch in the backyard by age three, these are over."

### Baseball Instruction

The equipment purchased for the batting cages will be used by all 550 students at Berkeley Township Elementary School as part of the physical education program for many years to come. This is aligned with the Berkeley Township School District Physical Education Curriculum, which specifically refers to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards for throwing, catching, motor skills development, sportsmanship, and safety.

The cost for the baseball equipment was approximately sixteen thousand dollars. Six thousand dollars of that purchase was turf ordered on the recommendation of the gym floor installer to protect our investment, the newly renovated gym floors. The turf will also be used for our physical education classes and our adaptive physical education classes throughout the school year.

### Revenue Based Initiative

The batting/pitching facility will be open for business on Monday, March 24, 2014 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. as a way to generate potential revenue for our school district. We will be accepting sign ups at our open house on Thursday, March 20, 2014. Teams must pay in advance prior to using the facility. We hope to have payment options online so teams and individuals can pay directly through PayPal. Teams and individuals will enter through Door 9 at the rear of the Berkeley Township Elementary School in order to go directly into the gym where a district employee will assist them in using the facility.

There are two cages available for rent. Residents may rent one cage for \$25 per hour or both cages for \$40 per hour. Non-residents may rent one cage for \$50 per hour or both cages for \$80 per hour. This resident and non-resident rate is similar to how the municipal golf course, Cedar Creek, provides a financial break for our residents. I have two sons who play baseball and if their teams choose to rent the cages, I will be paying the non-resident rate as well. As a person who has been involved with baseball my entire life, I know how expensive it is to bring teams and children to an indoor hitting facility to practice. Our rates are competitive and reasonable.

In addition, this potential revenue may help to offset the costs of non-curricular budget items, such as the presence of Berkeley Township Police Officers in our school and the long standing Stokes trip.

Throughout my career in Berkeley Township, parents have consistently expressed to me that there are limited options available in our community for children to participate in during the evening. We are offering something positive and beneficial for our kids and young adults to do with mom and dad or a team. Perhaps providing baseball instruction in this different way during the school day might encourage students to join a baseball or softball team.

As a result of budget limitations, many districts are looking at ways of developing potential revenue. We have been able to develop revenue through our tuition based preschool program. We have even offered available spots at the kindergarten level on a tuition basis to provide this service for non-residents whose districts don't offer a full day program.

As a pre-k through grade 6 district, we have limitations on ways we can generate revenue. School choice is not typically something that is suitable for elementary school students. Families typically want their children to attend a "neighborhood school" in order to attend their children's conferences, programs, plays and be a part of the school community.

We will continue to explore ways to generate revenue for our district. The indoor batting facility is one such avenue that we are utilizing in an effort to attempt to ease the taxpayer's burden. There will be an open house this Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

I would like to thank the Board, administration, and staff for their support. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff of teachers, backed up by dedicated administrators, hardworking support staff, and outstanding students who are eager to learn. The involvement of concerned parents and strong PTAs at all four schools complete the formula that makes Berkeley Township School District one of the best in Ocean County.

#### **VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **1. Education/Policy: Patrick Mooney, Chairperson**

The Education/Policy Committee met this evening. Agenda items included the impact of additional supervisors, progress of the new observations, the new social studies program and the revisions to the facilities use policy. The addition of the two new supervisors has been a positive impact for the schools and district. A list of their duties was provided, and it is amazing to think how these duties got accomplished prior to the addition. As far as the observations are concerned: to date 306 have been completed and 159 pre-conferences have been completed. The new social studies program is ready to go for the 14-15 School Year and a wide range of areas will be taught to the students from local issues to U.S. history. We discussed the revision to the school's Facility Use Policy which will be introduced tonight. The only additional change recommended to the policy as it is now would be to define what constitutes a Berkeley team and a requirement that proof of residence of coaches and players be provided so that proper hourly rates are charged.

##### **2. Personnel & Negotiations: Steve Pellechia, Chairperson.**

No report.

**3. Buildings & Grounds/Cafeteria/Transportation: Sal Ferlise, Chairperson**

No official report. Sal Ferlise commented on how reasonable the price of the batting cages was and how the cages will generate revenue for the District. He saw no improvement in the spacing of the gym floors but is hopeful that in May the floors will close up. Mr. Ferlise praised the bus drivers on the fact there have been no accidents in spite of the bad weather. Sal Ferlise wanted to let his neighbors know that he voted "Yes" on the Dunes resolution.

**4. Finance: Edward Cammarato, Chairperson**

The Finance Committee met last week to review the preliminary budget, and they feel it is a fair and honest budget.

The bills lists were reviewed and approved for payment.

Also reviewed and approved were the purchase orders number 14-0126 through 14-01395 totaling \$557,045.27.

**5. Consolidated Shared Services: John MacMoyle, Chairperson**

No report.

**6. School Safety: Keith Fisher, Chairperson.**

The School Safety Committee met with Officer Selby to discuss the District's current arrangement with the police officers in the schools. The arrangement is positive in two ways: (1) it is a deterrent to the public and (2) children are less fearful about speaking with police officers outside of school. We are leading the state in this type of partnership.

**7. Alternate Energy Committee, Lou Tuminaro, Chairperson**

No report.

**8. Fair School Funding: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson**

The Fair School Funding Committee met and reviewed a list of school boards that would benefit from the Act (which is most of the school boards in the State of New Jersey). The Committee voted to unanimously recommend that the Board direct the Board Secretary to send e-mail communications to all school districts that would benefit from the enactment of the Fair School Funding Act asking them the following questions: (1) Are they in favor of the Fair School Funding Act; and (2) Have they adopted a resolution directed to the state legislature and the governor asking them to support the Fair School Funding Act. I have placed a copy on everyone's desk of a Petition that will be circulated (not at the Board's expense).



MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer to accept the recommendations of the Fair School Funding Committee.

SECOND by Mr. Ferlise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A5 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Pellecchia.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

### A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:

#### 1. Leave(s) of Absence: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a leave of absence for the following staff members (start and end dates are subject to change):

- a) I.D. #5571-Teacher Aide-HMP:  
Unpaid Medical leave through FMLA to start 2/26/14 and continue through 3/28/14.
- b) I.D. #4745-Bus Driver-District:  
Medical leave to start 2/19/14 and continue through 3/19/14.
- c) I.D. #5738-Kdg.-HMP:  
Maternity leave to start 4/22/14 and continue through 1/2/15.

#### 2. Approval of Long Term Substitute: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Sandra Liguori as a long term substitute, meeting the criteria established by the Superintendent, at the rate of \$100 per diem (start and end dates are subject to change) for the following:

<u>In For</u>	<u>Effective</u>
I.D. #5510-Teacher-BAY	Retroactive to 1/15/14

#### 3. Approval of Nurse for Fun Fest: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Barbara Pinheiro, RN, for the February Fun Fest on 2/28/14 as school nurse, from 2-4:30 pm and be paid at the hourly contractual rate of pay.

**4. NJ ASK Prep Substitutes: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following staff members as substitutes for the NJ ASK Prep Sessions to be held after school, beginning in March, at the rate of \$62.42 per session:

- Kathy Bechtle - BAY
- Amanda Rogerson - BAY

**5. Substitutes: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as substitutes for the assignments listed below during the 2013-2014 school year:

**A. Non-Instructional:**

- Jennifer Alexander.....Aide/Clerical Worker
- Danielle Andolora.....Aide
- Mary Canzoneri.....Aide/Clerical Worker
- Donna DeSilva.....Custodian
- Chesey Friggle.....Aide
- Lee Holmberg.....Aide
- Jennifer Rich.....Aide/Clerical Worker

**Note - All substitute aides approved by the Board will also be able to substitute as bus/school/teacher aides.**

**B. Instructional:**

- Danielle Andolora.....Teacher
- Tara Apgar.....Teacher
- Chrystal Bonowicz.....Teacher
- Jennifer Breyta.....Teacher
- Kayla Crick.....Teacher
- Erica Sedlack.....Nurse
- Cheryl Salsano.....Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1 – B3 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

**B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:**

**1. Use of Facilities Time Change: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following time change for building use scheduled beyond custodial work hours, weekends or holiday breaks:

BAY - 4/4/14 PTA Annual Gift Auction 3:30 pm – **12:00 am** (was 11:30 pm)

**2. First Reading of Regulation: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the Regulation listed below:

Regulation 7510 Use of School Facilities

**3. Approval of Calendar: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the school calendar for the 2014-15 school year. **(Attachment S1)**

**IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA:**

MOTION by Mr. Mooney that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items 1 – 7 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Tuminaro.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 1 Nays – Mr. Fulcomer on Item 1a, 4 Abstains – Mr. Fisher on Item 3; Mr. Fulcomer on Item 2; Mr. MacMoyle on Item 3; Mr. Pellecchia on Items 1a and 1b). Motion carries.

**1. Minutes: ACTION**

**a.** RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18, 2014 be approved.

**b.** RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Executive Session held on February 18, 2014 be approved.

**2. Payment of Bills: ACTION**

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

Bills List **(Attachment B1)** dated March 18, 2014.....\$1,927,462.17

Purchase Order Report (**Attachment B2**) listing purchase orders numbered 14-01216 through 14-01395 totaling.....\$ 557,045.27

**3. Payroll Approval: ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – January 2014.....\$1,848,143.30

**4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of January 2014 to the 2013-2014 budget be approved. (**Attachment B3**)

**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 January 31, 2014, 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 B4**)

**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 January 31, 2014, and that the Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. (**Attachment B5**)

**7. Travel Approvals: ACTION**

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

Name	Seminar/Workshop	Dates	Not to Exceed
B. Persong	Semi Spring 2014 Regional Meeting	3/21/2014	\$31.50
D. Fierra	Bullying/Harassment and Students with Disabilities Seminar	3/24/2014	\$150.00
K. McShaffrey	Bullying/Harassment and Students with Disabilities - Mileage	3/24/2014	\$26.60

K. McShaffrey L. Lapsley S. Rieder A. Cimino	Bullying/Harassment and Students with Disabilities Seminar	3/24/2014	\$600.00
J. Zito	Ocean First Crowd Funding 101	3/24/14	\$15.80
J. Zito M. Guinan	A Focus on PARCC Assessment	3/25/2014	\$43.72
J. Zito	Spring User Group Meeting	4/3/14	\$2.91
A. Cimino	NJ Common Core State Summit	4/3/14	\$25.31
E. Finamore	Monmouth Symposium for Educators	4/7/2014	\$80.00
K. Roth	Monmouth Symposium for Educators	4/7/2014	\$80.00
L. Venter C. Stalowski	Family Leave Act Workshop Registration and mileage	4/8/14	\$200.00
S. Spafford	Self Regulation-Effective Strategies for Children with ADHD, Autism, Learning Disabilities or Sensory Disorders	4/9/2014	\$199.99
P. Sullivan	NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association Expo Travel Expenses	4/14-4/16/14	\$110.00
A. McDowell M. Whitworth	BER Workshop	4/29/2014	\$458.00
J. Ritchie	LBI Arts PD Workshop	4/30/2014	\$80.00
B. Pennell	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Barnegat Bay Environmental Educators Round Table	4/30/2014	\$25.00
K. Palagonia	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Barnegat Bay Environmental Educators Round Table	4/30/2014	\$25.00
L. Peters	Practical Strategies to Implement New Common Core Math	4/30/14	\$235.00
Dr. J. Roselli	NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Conference	5/21-23/2014	\$450.00

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items 8 – 14 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Mooney.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 1 Nay – Mr. Fulcomer on Item 9, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

**8. Request for Proposals:**

**ACTION**

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education authorize Business Administrator Laura Venter to release the following Requests for Proposals for the 2014-2015 School Year:

- a. Legal Services
- b. Auditor
- c. Property Casualty Insurance Broker
- d. Health Insurance Broker

**9. 2014-2015 Tentative Budget:**

**ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the tentative budget for the FY 2014-15 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for review:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Local Tax Levy</b>
Total General Fund	\$31,931,610	\$27,032,474
Total Special Revenue Fund	602,108	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>1,909,439</u>	<u>1,909,437</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$34,443,157</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,941,911</u></b>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, Bayville, New Jersey, on April 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2014-2015 School Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education requests the approval of a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$750,000. The District intends to utilize these funds for the Re-Roof Project at the H.&M. Potter School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that travel expense for the 2014-2015 school year shall not exceed \$42,460.

**10. Safety Grant Application:**

**ACTION**

The Berkeley Township Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the grant application for the 2014 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's MOCSSIF Subfund for the purposes described in the application in the amount of \$23,219.99 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**11. Private Schools for the Disabled: ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, private schools for the disabled may provide state approved breakfasts and lunches to students at no cost to the students' family; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey is now requiring for profit private schools for students with disabilities to charge for reduced and paid lunches unless a majority of school districts pass resolutions objecting to the meal charges,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Berkeley Township Board of Education endorses not having to charge families for meals provided, and private schools for the disabled do not have to apply for reimbursement from the Child Nutrition Program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary send certified copies of this resolution to any private school requesting it.

**12. Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Reserve: ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley Township Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into the Capital Reserve and Maintenance Reserve Accounts at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive County Business Administrator has also advised the Business Administrator to utilize this provision of the statutes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley Township Board of Education has determined that the following amounts are available for such purpose and amounts not to exceed the following will be transferred:

Maintenance Reserve	\$1,000,000
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Berkeley Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make these transfers consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

**13. Renewal of Contract for Maintenance of Grounds: ACTION**

Recommend that the Board approve, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42, the contract with D'Onofrio & Son Inc., 47 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood, New Jersey, for Maintenance of Grounds Services for the period March through December 2014 for all locations in the amount of \$27,230.

**14. Renewal of Contract for Refuse Removal: ACTION**

Recommend that the Board approve, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42, the contract with Republic Services of New Jersey, 1861 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, New Jersey, for Refuse Removal for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 for all locations in the amount of \$3,355/month from September through June and \$989/month for July and August.

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Item 15 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Cammarato.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

**15. Rescind Transportation Jointure: ACTION**

Recommend the Board rescind the transportation jointure between Berkeley Township School District (Joiner District) and Central Regional School District (Host District) for the following student:

I.D. #998167 – Hawkswood School

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Judy Noonan discussed the Fair School Funding Act and said that she and Jim Byrnes went to a meeting in Trenton and were told by Senator Sweeney that "the money follows the children." She also read the attached e-mail from Senator Connors regarding School Funding.



Jim Byrnes reiterated what Judy Noonan said about “the money follows the children” and told the Board that the Town Council is 100% behind the Board on the Fair School Funding matter.

Lloyd Mulligan and Nancy Cyber spoke about their involvement with the Support the Troops Project and Cell Phones for Soldiers. Nancy asked if the schools could hold a contest for two months where students would bring in old cell phones for donation. Once phones are collected they are sent to a recycler and they are given credit towards 60-minute phone cards. To date, Nancy has collected over 14,000 cell phones and was able to donate over 49,000 60-minute phone cards to the troops. The top student would win a family 4 pack to the Blue Claws, and the top class would have a pizza party.

Kathy Fulcomer asked about the new social studies curriculum and suggested that at some point staff should go to workshops which focus on the Constitution. She also said that the New Jersey State Bar Association runs very good workshops. Mrs. Fulcomer asked about the observation process and whether or not retirees could do part-time observations, but Dr. Roselli advised that only district employees can do observations.

Mr. Fulcomer questioned whether or not Mrs. Moore does observations. Dr. Roselli advised that Mrs. Moore is allowed to do observations because she is an employee of the district. Retired people who are interim supervisors can perform observations.

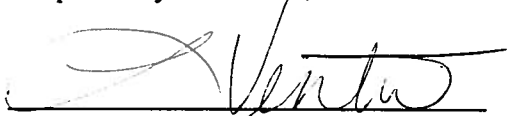
### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION by Mr. Mooney, second by Mr. MacMoyle, and all in favor that the Board moves into Executive Session at this time, 8:06 p.m., for the purpose of discussing contracts. No action will be taken after Executive Session.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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