

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Thomas Guarascio, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Adequate notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Asbury Park Press* on February 10, 2017 and by posting the notice in all district schools, the District website, Office of the Board of Education, and the Berkeley Township Municipal Offices 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. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Guarascio, Mr. Cammarato, Mr. MacMoyle, Mr. Martino,
Mr. Pellecchia, Mr. Reuter, Mrs. Shedlock, and Mr. Ytreboe

ABSENT: Mr. Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. James D. Roselli, Superintendent
Laura Gingerelli, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dr. Jeffery Zito, Assistant Superintendent
Jack Sahradnik, Board Attorney

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During his Budget Address on February 28th, Governor Christie challenged the legislators to develop a new school funding formula and present it to him within 100 days. A new funding formula could potentially have a significant positive impact on all Berkeley Township Residents. We will be monitoring this closely.

Once the threat of winter weather is gone, The Board will be finalizing the 2016-17 school calendar and it will be approved at the April Board meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank Superintendent, Dr. Roselli, and Business Administrator, Mrs. Gingerelli for presenting to the Board a 2017-2018 Budget that does **NOT** increase the tax dollars from last year! This budget includes enhancement of the music program in all 4 schools. I realize this was a challenging budget season. By working closely with the Finance Committee of the Board, they were able to accomplish this. Thank you.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roselli requested Dr. Jeffery Zito, Assistant Superintendent, give the Schools Report to the Board (**Attachment 1**).

Dr. Roselli gave his Superintendent's Report (**Attachment 2**).

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joseph Ritchie, a boy scout with Troop #76, St. Barnabas, Bayville, NJ, is working towards the "Citizen in the Community" Badge. He questioned how long the District has had shared services with Central Regional High School. Mrs. Gingerelli provided details on the shared services.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education/Policy

Mr. Ytreboe, the Chairperson of the Education/Policy Committee, met with Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Gingerelli on 2/27/17 to review the 1st reading of the Policies that are on the Agenda tonight.

The Committee met tonight to discuss the implementation of a new World Language Program, several After School Programs including Project Starfish, a Basic Skills Program, Operation Schoolhouse, various clubs, the Drama Program and Chorus.

The Committee also discussed Project Team which is a program that promotes a positive climate and culture to help schools take a proactive approach to bullying.

A promotion ceremony will be held at Central Regional High School for all 6th graders who will be moving up to Central Regional Middle School. The goal is to celebrate the end of their time at our school system.

The Committee discussed changes to the music program to include reintroducing instrumental music to 4th grade by adding a new full-time music teacher.

Finance

Mr. Pellecchia stated that all Bills Lists and Purchase Order Reports were reviewed and approved.

Personnel/Negotiations

Mr. Cammarato advised that the World Language teacher who was terminated due to a reduction in force is the teacher who will be re-hired for the new World Language Program.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

MOTION by Pellecchia that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Items A1-A19 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Cammarato.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

All were reluctant to approve Peg Crawford's retirement.

A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirements

Recommend the Board accept the retirement of the following staff members:

Name	Position	Effective
Phyllis Hufnagel	Bus Driver - District	07/01/17
Margaret Crawford	Teacher Aide - CBW	07/01/17

2. New Hires

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as full-time employees at the contractual rate of pay, for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Position	Effective
Carol Kmetz	Bus Driver (6 hours daily)	2/6/17
Daniel Beckner	Bus Driver (6 hours daily)	3/8/17
Michele Rhinehart	Cafeteria Aide - HMP (2.5 hours/daily)	3/8/17
Katie Lantz	Teacher Aide - BTE (5.5 hours/daily)	3/8/17

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

- a) I.D. #6255-Accts. Payable-Adm. Office:
Maternity leave of absence to start 3/29/17 and continue through 8/31/17.

- b) I.D. #5251-Teacher Aide-BAY:
Extension of medical leave of absence from 2/1/17 through 2/14/17.

- c) I.D. #5750-Teacher-CBW:
Extension of medical leave of absence from 1/20/17 through 2/1/17.

- d) I.D. #5771-Clerical Worker-CST:
Medical leave of absence to start 3/31/17 and continue through 5/26/17.

- e) I.D. #4185-Bus Attendant-District:
Medical leave of absence to start 2/14/17 and continue through 3/6/17.

- f) I.D. #5738-Teacher-HMP:
Extension of child-rearing leave of absence from 9/1/17 through 6/30/18.

- g) I.D. #5511-Teacher-HMP:
Medical leave of absence to start 2/2/17 and continue through 3/22/17.

- h) I.D. #6344-IT-District:
Medical leave of absence to start 3/7/17 and continue through 3/21/17.

- i) I.D. #4726-Nurse-CBW:
Medical leave of absence to start 4/26/17 and continue through 6/30/17.

4. Substitutes

Recommend the Board approve the following substitute(s) for the assignment(s) listed below for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Position
John Barker	Teacher
Nicole Barker	Teacher
Maria Mascaro	Teacher

Nina Robinson	Teacher/Nurse
Scott Rosen	Custodian
Lucas Titus	Custodian

5. Long-term Substitutes

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

Name	In For	Effective
Danielle Stesner	I.D. #5610-Teacher-BAY	03/17/17-06/30/17
*Chelsea Conaty	I.D. #5872-Teacher-BAY	02/09/17-05/31/17
Kristin Youngblood	I.D. #6368-Teacher-HMP	03/01/17-06/30/17

***Will be paid her regular hourly salary plus an additional \$25 per diem**

6. Additional Substitute

Recommend the Board approve the following substitute teacher to substitute as an aide at the rate of \$8.44 per hour: Therese Hagan

7. Rescind appointments

- a) Recommend the Board rescind the appointment of Ashly Geiger as the long-term substitute for I.D. #5872, effective 2/6/17.
- b) Recommend the Board rescind the appointment of Dan Prima as HIB Coordinator for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year:

8. HIB Coordinator

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Jeffery Zito as the HIB Coordinator for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

9. Preschool Registration

Recommend the Board approve 2 hours at the contractual rate of pay, for the following staff members, for their assistance with Preschool Registration on 2/23/17 at the Bayville School, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and paid through the account listed:

Joann Blavat (20-220-100-105-07-0001)	Michaeleann Warchol (20-220-100-105-07-0001)
Jennifer Cooney (20-220-100-101-07-0001)	Sara Yost (20-220-100-101-07-0001)
Sandra Cotten (20-220-100-101-07-0001)	Lisa Zarra (20-220-100-101-07-0001)
Heather Ettari (20-220-100-101-07-0001)	

10. Approval of Contracts:

- a) Recommend the Board approve the addendum to the BTEA contract effective 7/1/17 through 6/30/20.
- b) Recommend the Board approve the contract for the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2017-2018 school year as approved by the County Superintendent.

11. Student Teacher Placement

Recommend the Board approve the following student teacher placement for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name	Assigned to	Start Date	Requirements
Nicole Cerrachio	CBW - Rita Starner	March, 2017	35 Hours

12. Nurse for Fun Fest

Recommend the Board approve Erica Cofone as the School Nurse for the March Fun Fest at the Berkeley Township Elementary School on 3/3/17, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the hourly contractual rate of pay.

13. Writing Curriculum

Recommend the Board approve Janet Sullivan be paid for 10 hours, at the contractual rate of pay, to align the Writing Curriculum to the NJ Student Learning Standards (NJSLs).

14. Vision Screenings

Recommend the Board approve the Lions Club providing Vision Screenings to Berkeley Township School District students.

15. Mentors

- a) Recommend the Board approve Anthony Scotto as the Mentor for Dr. Jeffery Zito, retroactive to 9/1/16, at a stipend of \$2,500.
- b) Recommend the Board approve the following teacher to perform as a Mentor, at a prorated stipend of \$1,000 to be paid over 15 weeks for an estimated amount of \$441.15:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Tia DiFiore - BAY	Chelsea Conaty

16. Preschool/Kindergarten Registration Staff

Recommend the Board approve the following staff members to assist with preschool/kindergarten registration at the Annex, on March 13-15, 2017 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the contractual rate, for the hours listed:

Date	Name	Hours
3/13/17	Patricia Olsen	1.75
	Beth Persong	1.5
	Michaeleann Warchol	1.5
	Joann Blavat	1.0
	Emalisa Haller	1.0
	Melanie Cottrell	0.5
	Sandra Cotten	1.75
3/14/17	Linda McPartlin	2.0
	Beth Persong	1.5
	Michaeleann Warchol	1.5
	Joann Blavat	1.0
	Melanie Cottrell	0.5
	Sandra Cotten	1.75
	3/15/17	Erica Cofone
Beth Persong		1.5
Michaeleann Warchol		1.5
Joann Blavat		1.0
Melanie Cottrell		0.5
Sandra Cotten		1.75

(Charged to individual salary line account/extra work.)

17. Coordinators, Sponsors & Clubs - Spring cycle

Recommend the Board approve the Coordinators, Sponsors, and Clubs for the Spring 2017 Cycle, to run for 10 sessions. (Coordinators will be paid an additional 5 hours at the hourly supplemental rate, and Sponsors will be paid for 1 hour at the hourly supplemental rate per club meeting date):

School	Sponsor	Club
HMP	Jason Miller, Coordinator & Sponsor	Healthy Paws
	Claudia Parga	Helping Hands
	Christina Lee/Kayla Crick (5 hrs. ea.)	Play Assistants
	Becky Melanson/Erin LeBert (10 hrs. ea.)	Talent Show
	Tom Ettari	Minecraft
	Tracy Foster	STEAM Challenge
	Kim Tacon	Yoga
	Hara Nemeth, Aide (if necessary) Colleen Sammond, Aide (if necessary)	

(Club dates & Time: TBD)

School	Sponsor	Club
CBW	Michelle Speidel, Coordinator & Sponsor	Lego
	Stephanie Violante	Arts & Crafts
	Kristy Roth/Laurin Wallace	Sports/Fitness
	Melissa Davenport	SWAT (S tudents W orking with A dvanced T echnology)
	Teresa LaMagra	STEAM Challenge
	Krista DesJardin, Substitute Tracey Jarossy, Substitute	
	Denise Giordano, Aide (if necessary) Peggy Crawford, Aide (if necessary)	

(Club dates: Mar. 6,13,20,27; Apr. 3,18,24; May 1,8,17 - after school for 1 hr. - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm)

School	Sponsor	Club
BTE	Joseph Zaccone, Coordinator & Sponsor	Fitness
	Michael Colarusso	Health & Wellness
	Melissa Tomaini	Vision Board
	Heather Melanson	Positive Attitude
	Luke Hurley	Chess
	Vicky Guy	Dominoes & Card Games
	Joanna Mulholland, Substitute	
	Anne Hensel, Aide (if necessary) Evelyn Mahoney, Aide (if necessary)	

(Club dates: Mar. 6,13,20,27; Apr. 3,19,24; May 1,8,15 - after school for 1 hr. - 1:50 pm - 2:50 pm)

School	Sponsor	Club
BAY	Jackie Wright, Coordinator & Sponsor	Recorder (Gr. 1-2)
	Melissa Stierle	Yoga (Gr. 1-2)
	Laurie Peters Gianna Bassford	Amazing Race (Gr. 1-2) Amazing Race (Gr. 3-4)
	Isabella Appignani	Double Dutch/Fitness (Gr. 1-4)
	Amanda McKenna	Makerspace (Gr. 1-4)
	Dawn Blumensteel, Substitute Kathy Bechtle, Substitute	

(Club dates: TBD; Time: before school for 1 hr. - 7:40 am - 8:40 am)

18. Substitute Rate Increase

Recommend the Board approve an increase in the rate for substitute aides and secretaries, effective 7/1/17, as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$8.44/hr.	\$10.00/hr.

19. Project Starfish Extend

a) Recommend the Board approve a grant in the amount of \$11,600 from the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission for the after-school program entitled "Project Starfish Extend."

b) Recommend the Board approve the following staff members for Project Starfish Extend after-school program to run from 3/7/17-5/25/17 and to be reimbursed by the Project Starfish Grant from MOESC account #20-045-100-101-07-000:

Name/School	Days	Hrs./Day	Title/Amount
Gianna Clavelli-Bassford - BTE	20	3.0	Master Teacher - \$1,800
Rebecca Melanson - HMP	10	1.5	Guidance Counselor - \$450
Theresa Pasqualetto - BTE	10	1.5	Guidance Counselor - \$450
Kimberly Tacon - HMP	20	1.5	Teacher - \$900
Melissa Stierle - BAY	20	1.5	Teacher - \$900
Jill Kramer - CBW	20	1.5	Teacher - \$900
Heather Melanson - BTE	20	1.5	Teacher - \$900
TBD	10	2.0	Bus Driver - \$2,400
TBD	10	2.0	Bus Driver - \$2,400

(Snacks & Materials = \$500)

B. OTHER BOARD ITEMS

MOTION by Mr. Reuter that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Items B1-B6 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Pellecchia.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

1. HIB Report Update

0 HIB investigations conducted for January & February, 2017.

0 HIB investigations affirmed for the months of January & February, 2017.

2. Homebound Instruction

Recommend the Board approve Homebound Instruction for the following students for the 2016-17 school year:

- I.D. #999424 - eff. 9/7/16 (as needed) - Instruction will be provided by Jennifer Sansone.
- I.D. #995366 - eff. 2/7/17 for a min. of 2 wks. - Instruction will be provided by William Turanyi.
- I.D. #999557 - eff. 3/6/17 for a min. of 2 wks. - Instruction will be provided by Katie Zaccone.

3. First Reading of Bylaws/Regulations/Policies

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the Policies/Regulations listed below:

Policy 2422	Health and Physical Education
Policy 2425	Physical Education - ABOLISHED
Policy/Reg 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students
Policy/Reg 5310	Health Services
Policy/Reg 5330.01	Administration of Medical Marijuana
Policy/Reg 8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children
Reg 7230	Gifts, Grants and Donations

4. Preschool Expansion Plan

Recommend the Board approve the Preschool Expansion Program Plan for 2017-2018.
(Available for review in Superintendent's Office.)

**5. Special Education Policies & Procedures for Eligibility Under Part B -
IDEA Statement of Assurance**

Recommend the Board approve the Special Education Policies & Procedures for Eligibility Under Part B of the IDEA Statement of Assurance for 2016-2017.

6. Use of Facilities

Recommend the Board approve the following date/activity for building use scheduled beyond custodial work hours, weekends or holiday breaks:

BAY

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29, 2017 - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Camp Invention
Gymnasium/C-Wing incl. APR

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Cammarato that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items BA1-7 be approved.

SECOND by Mr Pellecchia.

ROLL CALL: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Abstains - Mr. MacMoyle on Item 3, Mr. Martino, Mr. Reuter and Mrs. Shedlock on Item 1). Motion carries.

1. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on January 17, 2017, as well as the Special Meeting that was held on January 25, 2017, be approved. **(Attachments 3, 4 and 5)**

2. Payment of Bills

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

Bills List dated February 7, 2017
Check numbers 41121 through 41126
\$595,494.17 Bills List dated February 24, 2017
Check numbers 41127 through 41273 \$1,450,226.85
(Attachments 6 and 7)

Purchase Order Report listing
Purchase Orders numbered 17-01087 through 17-01259 \$1,453,983.85
(Attachment 8)

3. Payroll Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the bi-monthly payroll periods ending be approved:

January 15, 2017 \$1,000,373.11
January 30, 2017 \$ 994,924.37

4. Appropriation Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the months of December 2016 and January 2017 be approved. **(Attachments 9 and 10)**

5. Board Secretary's Report

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, 2016 and January 31, 2017, after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports (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. **(Attachments 11 and 12)**

6. Report of the Treasurer of School Monies

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the months ended December 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017 and that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. **(Attachments 13 and 14)**

7. Travel

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

Name	Seminar/Workshop	Dates	Not to Exceed
James Roselli and Jeff Zito - Cancelled	National Youth-At-Risk Conference Savannah, GA	3/7 - 3/9, 2017	(\$3,000.00)
Jessica Schlottfeld	Specific Language Impairment in Special Populations Webinar (registration)	3/22/17	\$75.00
Andrea Cimino	2nd Annual Women's Leadership Conf. in Monroe (registration and mileage)	3/31/17	\$225.00
Tammy Higgins	Rutgers Center for Government Services (Emergency Management) in Freehold (registration & mileage)	4/8, 4/22 & 4/28, 2017	\$450.00
Jessica Schlottfeld	Identify specific language impairments Webinar (registration)	4/26/17	\$55.00
Dan Prima	NJPSA-"Bullying Law Update 2017" (registration and mileage)	5/19/17	\$225.00

Jessica Schlottfeld	Phonological Awareness Integrating into the classroom Webinar (registration)	5/24/17	\$63.00
Laura Gingerelli	NJASBO Conference Atlantic City	6/7 - 6/9, 2017	\$1,100.00
Jeff Zito	ISTE Conference San Antonio, TX	6/25 - 6/28, 2017	\$1,550.00
Andrea Cimino	2017 National Principals Conference Philadelphia, PA	7/9 - 7/11, 2017	\$2,000.00

MOTION by Mr. Pellecchia that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items BA8-17 be approved.

SECOND by Mr Cammarato.

ROLL CALL: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains - Mr. Guarascio and Mrs. Shedlock on Items 12 and 13). Motion carries.

8. Professional Development for Certified Staff

Recommend the Board approve an additional \$7,820 to increase travel. (Fund 20)

9. Fixed Assets

Recommend the Board approve disposing of the following items:

ITEM	Asset Tag or Serial #
Auto Scrubbers	00854, 00695, 00721, 00006, S/N PF4 00030
Burnisher	00816, 00817
Floor Machines	00856, 00819, 00575, 00007
Rug Extractor	00228, 000339, 000870, 000722, 000723, S/N 18589
W/D VAC	S/N 108900003932, Tornado
Hepa Vac	S/N 0747010666

10. Transportation

Recommend the Board approve the following jointure:

HOST	STUDENT ID #	DATE	SCHOOL	PER DIEM
MOESC	997225	1/17 - 6/30/17	BTES	\$131.15

11. Medical Specialist

- a) Recommend the Board approve the use of any agency or clinic as listed by the State of NJ Department of Education "Approved Clinics and Agencies Regulated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14-5.1+5.2" @<http://www.nj.gov/education/specialized/clinics/county.shtml>
- b) Recommend the Board approve Jesse Mintz, MD, FAAP Neuro-Developmental Pediatrics to the Medical Specialist list.

12. Bus Maintenance Shared Services Agreement with Central Regional School District

Recommend the Board approve the continuation of Shared Services Agreement for Bus Maintenance with Central Regional School District for the three-year period from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020 as follows:

- Year 1: \$188,871 payable in 12 installments of \$15,739.25
- Year 2: \$198,315 payable in 12 installments of \$16,526.25
- Year 3: \$208,230 payable in 12 installments of \$17,352.50

13. Courier Shared Services Agreement with Central Regional School District

Recommend the Board approve the continuation of Shared Services Agreement for Courier Services with Central Regional School District for the three-year period from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 as follows:

- Year 1: \$10,200
- Year 2: \$10,414
- Year 3: \$10,612

14. Request for Proposals

Recommend the Board authorize the Business Administrator to release the following Requests for Proposals for the 2017-18 School Year:

- a. Legal Services
- b. Auditor
- c. Property Casualty Insurance Broker
- d. Health Insurance Broker
- e. Legal Services: Special Education, Student Matters
- g. Legal Services: Employment and Labor Issues (Arbitrator/Hearing Officer)

15. Drinking Water Plans

Recommend the Board approve the Lead Drinking Water Testing Sampling Plan and the Quality Assurance Project Plan for Lead Concentrations in Drinking Water. (Available in the Business Office)

16. Safety Grant Application

The Berkeley Township Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the grant application for the 2017 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 \$17,776 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

17. 2017-2018 Tentative Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the tentative budget for the FY 2017-18 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for review:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$33,138,384	\$28,025,975
Total Special Revenue Fund	1,264,167	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>1,945,225</u>	<u>1,945,225</u>
Totals	\$36,347,776	\$29,971,200

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 the Board will transfer \$600,000 from Maintenance Reserve to fund standard maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is \$430,000 for other capital project costs of Bayville School parking lot expansion. The total cost of this project is \$430,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey student learning standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey on April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2017-18 School Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that travel expense for the 2017-18 School Year shall not exceed \$45,000.

X. Old Business

Mr. Pellecchia commended the Business Administrator for a marvelous job on the budget. The budget came in at a zero increase in taxes. Mr. Pellecchia also commended the Board for its hard work.

Mr. Cammarato advised that it is easy for people to cast unfounded opinions, and he invited people to come to the Board meetings so that they could see how fiscally responsible the Board is. Berkeley Township is growing, and the Board will continue to reinvest in the School District.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Public Discussion on Non-Agenda Items

Jennifer Lawrence, the parent of a special education student, brought forward concerns to the Board on behalf of herself and other parents of special education students. Among those concerns were the following:

Special education students in self-contained classrooms were not invited to "Kindergarten Night."

Parents of the special education students at CBW have spoken with each other regarding the speech therapy services contained in their children's IEPs and concluded that their children could not possibly be getting the amount of speech therapy contained in the IEPs because there

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was simply not enough time in the day/week to meet those hours. Dr. Roselli said that he would have Debbie Fierra review the speech therapy times. Mrs. Lawrence advised that Speech/OT/PT staff work 3 weeks and then have one week off to have meetings and compile reports. She asked if this could be staggered.

Mrs. Lawrence also advised that the students in the self-contained classrooms do not have a "Student of the Month" and are not invited to any events.

Dr. Roselli said that "Student of the Month" could be easily implemented.


Dr. Zito advised that the District is paperless and, therefore, no notices are sent home; all events are posted on the website. Mrs. Lawrence countered that by saying she had seen invitations.

Mr. Guarascio stated he is very interested in her concerns regarding speech therapy and he would be requesting an answer from the District tomorrow.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ytreboe and seconded by Mr. Cammarato and all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Gingerelli, CPA, RSBA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary