

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Jim Fulcomer, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Fulcomer asked for a moment of silence in honor of courageous warriors and those who died as victims of terrorism.

III. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Lauren Ciccone-Zawada, Sal Ferlise, Keith Fisher,
Sophia Gingrich, Noriko Kowalewski, Patrick Mooney,
Steve Pellecchia, Lou Tuminaro, Jim Fulcomer

ABSENT: None.

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

IV. PRESENTATION:

Fred Mitchell and Jack Wiegartner presented Certificates to the 2013 Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners.

Dr. Zito presented H&M Potter Teacher of the Year, Mrs. LeBert.

Dr. Zito presented the State of New Jersey Outstanding Safety for 2013 to Anthony Aldrich, 4th grade student at H&M Potter.

Mrs. Cimino spoke about the H&M Potter School Student Council, the H&M Potter School Core Values, and the 3rd grade student Book Club which is in conjunction with the Ocean County Library.

Ms. Worthy spoke of a recent Character Education Conference she attended and how children's character is enhanced by involvement in community services. At H&M Potter, Mrs. Cicco runs a program called Intergenerational Experience which focuses on the

students' involvement with senior citizens. The program is a coordination of efforts between H&M Potter students, Mr. Linwood from Caregiver Volunteers of Central New Jersey, and Mrs. Panarella who is the Director of Recreation at the Haven Assisted Living Facility.

Dr. Zito discussed the Dream Machine Recycle Rally. For every bottle recycled, H&M Potter gets a point. H&M Potter is a million bottles ahead of the nearest contender. The Grand Prize could be a \$25,000 grant to H&M Potter School. To date, H&M Potter has won all of the trimester contests as well.

Dr. Zito gave a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the H&M Potter School. (**Attachment #1**).

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I would like to thank Dr. Zito for the showcase presentations and programs, and I also thank the members of the public and our employees present in this auditorium for your interest in the conduct of our Board of Education business. This is the President's Report.

I take this opportunity, since this is the month of April, to remember that on April 4th one of the great proponents of public education, Thaddeus Stevens, was born. Before he became involved in politics, the majority of Americans did not have the opportunity to have a free public education and did not have a formal education at all. His state legislative leadership created the Pennsylvania free public education system and his U.S. congressional leadership introduced free public education systems to all the former confederate states. He led the U.S. House of Representatives efforts for the adoption of the 13th amendment, which outlawed slavery, and was the author of the 14th amendment, which established equality for all under state laws regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Thaddeus Stevens also believed that for democracy to work well it was very important for elected officials to keep their word. He always kept his word in his efforts to promote positive changes in American history. If everyone kept his or her word, we would have a much better democracy and one in which the people would have greater confidence in their government.

I will be appointing a special committee to review with our Superintendent and Business Administrator how to handle Governor Christie's Executive Order 128 which requires us to apply for a loan from FEMA.

Board Members, Pat Mooney and Sal Ferlise, along with our Superintendent and Business Administrator, are continuing their efforts in negotiating a new contract with our Education Association.

Yesterday's events in Boston demonstrate that there is evil in the world and further reinforce our conviction that our decision to have police protection in all of our schools was and is the right decision to enhance the safety of our students and employees.

In May, our students will be taking the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge, commonly called NJ ASK. Our teachers are busy preparing our students for the assessment, and we are hopeful that all of our students will have excellent test results again.

Our Board will be voting on four new educational initiatives tonight which will be described in Keith Fisher's Education Committee report.

In closing, I compliment the students, faculty, and administration for the cheerful display of artwork in the hallways of our schools. Thanks to such displays and the excellent maintenance of Patrick Sullivan's custodial staff our students are learning in a very positive building environment.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Bayville School:

- PTA hosted a Gift Auction Night that was very successful and widely attended.
- The Bayville Bear mascot made an appearance at the Strike Out Autism community event.
- Students have been preparing for the NJ ASK both in class and in an afterschool program.
- Therese Halcheid, poet, visited all fourth grade classes.
- Fourth grade chorus is preparing for their spring concert.
- Preschool classes are celebrating The Week of the Young Child.

Clara B. Worth:

- Easter Egg Hunt for the younger students.
- 2nd Grade Science Fair (parents and students).
- 3rd Grade Nutrition Assembly - eating and how to shop healthy.
- Student of the Month.
- NJ ASK after school prep.
- PTA School Store (1st through 4th).
- ALPS - Wake Up Berkeley.
- 10,000 Reading Challenge Began - students are encouraged to read and keep track of their hours. If they reach 10,000, they will get to select a challenge or event for the staff/school.
- Mrs. Reiser's gym class raised almost \$8,000 for Jump Rope for Heart this year.

Berkeley Township Elementary:

- Photographer Joe Cimino took the 6th grade class picture.
- MAP testing was completed.
- Reps from BTES attended the 1st Annual Strikeout Autism Baseball Challenge at Veterans Park to raise autism awareness which we will also be recognizing this Friday with the jeans day.

- Students were treated to an assembly of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by the Central Regional High School students.

H. & M. Potter:

- Cultural Diversity Assembly with Argentinian Dancers.
- Completed NJ ASK Scribe Training.
- Lunch with Principal.
- Mobile Dental Program which you just saw.
- Targeting Dads in Literacy program.
- Dream Machine Rally program which you just saw.
- Student Council Campaign.
- Carnival, once again, is this Saturday, April 20th.

April 2:

BTEA negotiations meeting.

April 4:

Follow-up with FEMA regarding gym floors.

April 5:

Met with Heather Melanson and Steve Reider and they are the people who brought to Laura Venter and I the idea of a Bridge Program that Mr. Fisher will discuss in his Education Report.

April 8:

CST Staffing Meeting.

I went to the Town Council Meeting where we recognized students who scored 299 or perfect 300 score on NJ ASK, and I also did an updated version of Just the Facts presentation which can be seen on Channel 21. The PowerPoint is also on district page webpage if anyone would like to see it.

April 9:

I went to my last New Superintendents' Academy meeting in Trenton at NJSA which has been extremely helpful.

April 10:

Kindergarten registration at Recreation Center which I will discuss a little bit later on. I met with Tim Yurcisin regarding working on our field behind BTES.

April 11:

Attended Monmouth University leadership academy for Principals and Superintendents with Dr. Henry Allen who we are going to have a jointure with next school year.

April 12:

Attended the CBW science fair and nutrition assembly.

April 16

I did finally get back with FEMA, and we have a new case manager who will be coming out and giving us updates regarding our gym floor.

I would like to thank Diane Worthy who handled our Kindergarten registration. She did a wonderful job. Secretaries from all the schools that assisted I would like to thank them. I would like to thank all of the PTAs who assisted during the 3-day program with providing a warm place for parents to see the school where their children will be attending. As of right now, we have 154 students registered with an additional registration date set up for May 22nd at the HeadStart Center in South Toms River.

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

At this time, we will open the floor to public discussion on agenda items. Has anybody signed up to speak? Is there anybody who wishes to speak? If so, please come forward to the microphone, and we will be very happy to hear what you have to say. Seeing nobody and hearing nobody, we will close the public discussion on agenda items.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**1. Education and Liaison to Central Regional: Keith Fisher, Chairperson**

Earlier today, the Education Committee met with Dr. DeClerico, Dr. Roselli, and Mr. Fulcomer was also there. We discussed a few new initiatives the district would like to implement:

- Bridge Summer Camp for 6 days from June 24-June 27 and July 1st and 2nd--it is the 6 days between the end of the school year and the beginning of the recreation program, so a lot of parents don't have a way to care for their children between that time, so we are offering this service. The information will be going home with the children and can be found on our website as well. As part of the program, certified teachers will offer a fun-filled program for all children entering 1st grade through graduating sixth grade. Parent/guardian must provide transportation to and from this camp. I urge that we approve this program.
- There is a district tuition-based full-day Kindergarten that we will offer to all out-of-district communities. This is a way for us to showcase our exceptional Kindergarten that we have had in place since 2004. We will be advertising to various outlets, and the information can also be found on our website. Some quick facts about this program. It will be a full-day session offered at H&M Potter from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is open to students living outside of Berkeley Township. Classes will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis and transportation is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. It is a positive program for the district that could help us out in a lot of ways, and again, it's for out-of-district students since we already offer a full day Kindergarten. This is something I urge we support as well.

- We are going to provide a program for before/aftercare. The YMCA currently does this but we would like to take a handle of it because we feel that we can offer the district teachers and provide more of an academic focus and help keep our buildings more secure. This info will be going home to parents and can be found on our district website.
- Dr. DeClerico and a few teachers met with the teachers from Central Regional and discussed the Language Arts and Math Programs, and each looked at our material from each program and each district and they both feel comfortable with what they are doing on each level, and Central felt it was a positive level with them and vice versa.
- We were visited by the staff from Seaside Heights and Lacey Township Elementary School Districts. They are implementing a Kindergarten program in their respective schools next year and they just wanted to look at us to see how our Kindergarten program and educational programs were handled. From what I understand, they enjoyed their time here.

2. Personnel & Negotiations: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson.

There will be a meeting of the Personnel & Negotiations Committee immediately following this Board meeting to review professional proposals. Also, the negotiations with our Education Association led by Board members, Pat Mooney and Sal Ferlise, are continuing.

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

I am waiting for the feasibility study before I meet with Central's Transportation Chairman.

I am also waiting for a report from the Pinelands to see what's happening with our garage. In the meantime, I came across this brochure where we can put a temporary shelter up if we are not going to get the garage the way we want it. Maybe we can do something for the workers.

4. Finance: Sophia Gingrich, Chairperson

The Finance Committee met today, April 16th. The bill list was reviewed and approved for payment.

We also reviewed and approved the purchase orders numbered 13-01309 through 13-01417 totaling \$428,214.11 for the next month's payments.

While I am at the microphone, I would just like to make a statement. I would like to direct this to Dr. Roselli. I would like to thank you for being at Read Across America, at the BTEA Fun Fest and for going to Opening Day of girls' softball. I also met you at the Little

League Field. It warms my heart to see you being so involved in so many community events. You are truly a dedicated leader of our district, of our community and as a parent. Thank you, Dr. Roselli.

5. Community Relations: Patrick Mooney, Chairperson

Congratulations to the Bayville School PTA on a successful basket auction. It was well attended and whoever attended had a good time and walked away with some nice gifts.

Everybody should have the Berkeley Township District-Wide Initiative. We are selling t-shirts. Copies are here for teachers, guardians and parents as well. We are selling Berkeley Strong t-Shirts so everyone has a form in front of them, so please fill it out. I am collecting for Bayville, so I would be more than happy to collect them.

6. Consolidated/Shared Services Ad Hoc: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson.

There will be a meeting of the Consolidated/Shared Services Ad Hoc Committee to review all shared services contracts, mainly the language of the contracts, at 5:30 pm. on May 21st before the board meeting of that date.

7. Policy and Legislation: Steve Pellecchia, Chairperson

No report.

8. School Safety: Patrick Mooney, Chairperson

No report.

9. Alternate Energy: Noriko Kowalewski, Chairperson

We met with Angelini who is our solar project company, and we have made some positive progress with them. I will be reporting some more details to the Board concerning our recommendations probably by our next meeting.

I would also like to thank Dr. Roselli for a couple of things. Especially for tonight--the presentation. The past couple of meetings you have done presentations for us, and it has been very nice of you to bring that to us. You mentioned about Channel 21 that you were at the council meeting, and the other night, I am flicking through channels and I saw the presentation on Channel 21. I was very impressed on how you presented our school district in such a positive way to promote our teachers, staff, and school district. It is refreshing. I was part of the process in selecting you, and it proves that we made a good selection, and you have done an excellent job for us. Thank you, Dr. Roselli.

10. Stokes Forest Field Trip: Sal Ferlise, Chairperson

No report.

The next car show for Stokes is September 28 from 9:00-2:00.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A13 be approved (with the removal of item 7(b)).

SECOND by Mr. Ferlise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Ms. Ciccone-Zawada on Items 9, 10, 11, 12; Mr. Fisher on Items 9, 10, 11, 12). Motion carries.

A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:

1. Leave of Absence: ACTION

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. #5771-BTE-Clerical Worker:
Medical leave to start 4/23/13 and continue through 6/18/13.
- b) I.D. #5562-BAY-Gr. 3:
Extension of child-rearing leave of absence until 9/1/2014.
- c) I.D. #5608-CBW-Gr. 3:
Maternity leave to start 5/28/13 and continue through 11/29/13.

2. Approval of Long Term Substitute: ACTION

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>In For</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ginessa Broome	I.D. #6012-CBW-LLD 3/4	5/20/13-6/18/13

3. Additional Time for Bus Driver: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve additional time for the following bus driver to transport a student attending school half day:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mid-Day</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Diane Heyboer	11:15 am-12:15 pm	4/2/13

4. Revised start date: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a revised start date for the following full-time custodial worker:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
George Murray	3/22/13	4/1/13

5. Additional Aides for Stokes: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following aides, to help on a one-on-one basis, for the Stokes trip scheduled for June 10-12, 2013:

Vicky Figurelli
Ann Hensel
Diane Skowronski
Marie Taylor

6. Administrative Helper: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following substitute as an Administrative Helper at the substitute rate of pay:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Robert Korygoski-BAY	7	11	\$72/day

7. New Hires: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Craig Kostick as a full-time electrician assigned to the district, at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 5/1/13 through 6/30/14.

8. Approval of Processor: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Maureen Bruno as the Free and Reduced Lunch Applications processor at a stipend of \$1500 for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year through 6/30/14.

**9. Reappointment of Non-Tenured Administrators & Teachers/
CST Staff: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the reappointment of the non-tenured administrators & teaching/CST staff for the 2013-14 school year. **(Attachment S1-a)**

10. Reappointment of Tenured Administrators/Business Administrator:

ACTION

Recommend the Board reappoint the tenured administrators and business administrator for the 2013-14 school year. **(Attachment S1-b)**

11. Reappointment of Tenured Teaching/CST Staff:

ACTION

Recommend the Board reappoint the tenured certificated teaching/CST staff for the 2013-14 school year. **(Attachment S1-c)**

12. Reappointment of Non-Instructional Staff:

ACTION

Recommend the Board reappoint the non-instructional staff for the 2013-14 school year. **(Attachment S1-d)**

- a) Administrative Office Staff
- b) Secretarial/Clerical Staff
- c) Technology Staff
- d) Teacher/School Aides/Bus Attendants
- e) Food Service Workers
- f) Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Supervisors
- g) Custodial Staff
- h) Maintenance Staff
- i) Mechanics
- j) Bus Drivers/School Messenger

13. Substitutes:

ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as substitutes for the assignments listed below during the *2012-2013 school year:

A. Non-Instructional:

- *Lawrence Corrigan.....Custodial Worker
- Deborah Kulka.....Clerical Worker
- James DiPiazza.....2013 Summer Technology Helper
- Ernesto Suarez.....2013 Summer Technology Helper

B. Instructional:

- *Melanie Setzer.....School Nurse
- *Heather Walsh.....School Nurse

MOTION by Mr. Pellecchia that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1 – B8 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Mooney.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Mr. Mooney on Item 5). Motion carries.

MR. TUMINARO: With the Bridge Program, is there a limit of students that are allowed to show up for this and what is the cost for this?

DR. ROSELLI: It is \$75 for 6 days. It will be run by our staff, and there is going to be an educational component of it. We did sit down with the recreation and come up with this. The rec usually hires high school kids, and this will all be run by our staff. It's going to be \$75 per child, and we are going to look at our capacity, because we think this is going to be a big hit for the community, and we are kicking around right now that we would probably cap this between the 200-250 range. The slips will go home, and we are looking to close the registration April 26th which is next Friday. It will be in BTES in South 5 Wing. It will be that whole wing on that side, and we will also use the outside

MR. TUMINARO: Obviously, this is parental transportation?

DR. ROSELLI: Parents have to provide transportation and the hours are 9-3.

MR. TUMINARO: I am just hearing it first tonight so that's why I am questioning it.

DR. ROSELLI: Flyers will be coming home, and we are going to do a global notice tonight to make sure the parents go in the book bag to find it.

B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:

1. Tuition Based Full-Day Kindergarten: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Berkeley Township School District's proposed tuition based full-day kindergarten program for non-residents as verified by the NJ Department of Education. Transportation **will not** be provided at this time.

2. Hours for Last Three Days of School: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve 4 hour sessions for the last three days of school: June 19, 20, and 21, 2013.

3. Holiday Approval: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Wednesday, July 3 as a day off for all 12 month employees. (As a result of Hurricane Sandy, we have had to substitute several holidays for days when school is not normally in session. July 4 is a contracted holiday.)

4. Approval of Grant Submission: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the submission of the Crayola Creatively Alive Children's Grant application due 6/21/13. (Each selected school will receive a \$2500 monetary grant and \$500 worth of Crayola products.)

5. Use of Facilities: ACTION

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

BTE Gymnasium (pending availability)

July 23, 24, 25 & 30 Berkeley Police-DARE - 10:00 am-2:00 pm

BTE Baseball Field

*Mon.-Fri.

(Mid-April- July 31) Berkeley Little League - 5:30 pm until dark

***(Berkeley Twp. Parks & Recreation, along with Little League, will provide the materials and labor to upgrade the field to a safe condition. No teams shall use the field until we receive word from Berkeley Recreation Dept. that the field work has been completed.)**

6. Professional Development Committee: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Dr. James D. Roselli, Superintendent, as a volunteer for the Ocean County Professional Development Committee.

7. Additional School Trip: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the addition of the following school trip for the 2012-2013 school year:

West Wind Stables
1270 Cox Cro Road
Toms River, NJ

8. Program Approval: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the Bridge Summer Camp program being offered through the Berkeley Township School District at \$75 per child for 6 days (June 24-27, July 1-2), 9 am-3 pm, until the start of Berkeley Recreation’s summer program.

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA:

MOTION by Ms. Gingrich that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 1 - 7 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Pellecchia.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Abstains – Ms. Ciccone-Zawada on Items 3 and 4; Mr. Fisher on Items 3 and 7; Mr. Tuminaro on Item 1). Motion carries.

1. Minutes: ACTION

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2013 be approved. (Attachment #B1)

2. Payment of Bills: ACTION

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

Bills List (Attachment #B2) dated April 16, 2013 \$1,263,229.08

3. Payroll Approval: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – March 2013 \$1,740,349.68

4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of March, 2013 to the 2012-2013 budget be approved. (Attachments #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 March 31, 2013, 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.

(Attachments #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 March 31, 2013, and that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement.

(Attachments #B5)

7. Travel Approvals: ACTION

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

Name	Seminar/Workshop	Dates	Not to Exceed
Eva Finamore	Monmouth Festival	4/17/13	\$75.00
Sharon Bruns	Monmouth Festival	4/17/13	\$75.00
Jeff Zito	The Essentials of HIB Investigations	4/24/13	\$157.61
Rebecca Melanson	The Essentials of HIB Investigations	4/24/13	\$125.00
Nelia Ziobro	The Essentials of HIB Investigations	4/24/13	\$125.00
Gina Boyles	Judy Freeman's Winners Workshop	4/24/13	\$189.00
Jeanne Kappler	Judy Freeman's Winners Workshop	4/24/13	\$189.00
Debbie Immerso	Judy Freeman's Winners Workshop	4/24/13	\$189.00
Kathy Palagonia	Ocean County Environmental Educators Roundtable	4/24/13	\$20.00
Kim Mitchell	Ocean County Environmental Educators Roundtable	4/24/13	\$20.00
Patrick Sullivan	3B Turf Pest Control Training	4/30/13	\$140.00
Patrick Sullivan	3A Ornamental Pest Control Training	5/9/13	\$140.00
Lisa Flynn	NJASBO Central Office Administrative Secretaries Workshop	5/14/13	\$85.00
Keith Fisher	NJSBA Annual Delegate Assembly	5/18/13	\$30.00
James Roselli	NJASA/NJAPSA Conference	5/20-22/13	\$800.00

MOTION by Mr. Mooney that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 8 - 12 be approved.

SECOND by Ms. Gingrich.

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

8. 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.

9. Receipt of Bids for Generator Installation: ACTION

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following bids at the bid opening on April 3, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Building for generator installation at Berkeley Township Elementary School as follows:

Company	Amount
Municipal Maintenance	\$122,901
Alpine East	\$129,000
Scalfo Electric	\$161,600
Ray Angelini	\$172,762

10. Award of Bid for Generator Installation: ACTION

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve Municipal Maintenance Co., 1352 Taylors Lane, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 for Generator Installation at Berkeley Township Elementary School for a total cost of \$122,901, as lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

11. Standardization of School Vans: ACTION

WHEREAS, a recommendation to standardize school vans to Blue Bird, Inc. manufactured vehicles was received from Mr. Joseph Simone, Bus Maintenance Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, said recommendation is based upon past use of and repair history of the district's current fleet of Blue Bird, Inc. manufactured school vans, and

WHEREAS, because of reliability and ease of repair of said Blue Bird, Inc. manufactured school vans, the Board of Education has made a substantial investment in a repair parts inventory and appropriate training of vehicle maintenance personnel, and

WHEREAS, the Board's investment in a Blue Bird parts inventory and appropriate personnel training would be undermined by the use of other types of school vans, and, thereby, the productivity of the district's repair facilities would be lessened, and

WHEREAS, the standardization of the district's school van fleet and the resultant optimum use of the district's repair facilities and personnel are in the best interest of the taxpayers of the district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 5:34-9.1, a Board of Education may purchase proprietary goods or services if such purchase is necessary for the conduct of its affairs, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to authorize the purchase of proprietary school vans and corresponding proprietary repair parts in order to achieve optimum use of its facilities and personnel training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Berkeley Township Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does authorize above noted standardization of school vans.

12. Request for School Taxes: ACTION

RESOLVED that the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the 2013-2014 School Year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) is \$26,708,133 for General Funds and \$1,898,675 for Debt Service, and the Township of Berkeley is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next twelve months, beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in accordance with the statutes relating thereto, and as follows:

**2013-2014 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
BERKELEY TOWNSHIP**

DATE OF REQUEST BY BOARD OF EDUCATION	MONIES DUE	GENERAL FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
JUNE 2013	July 10, 2013	\$ 2,225,678	\$ --	\$ 2,225,678
JULY 2013	Aug. 14, 2013	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
AUG. 2013	Sept. 11, 2013	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
SEPT. 2013	Oct. 9, 2013	2,225,678	1,581,737	3,807,415
OCT. 2013	Nov. 6, 2013	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
NOV. 2013	Dec. 11, 2013	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
DEC. 2013	Jan. 15, 2014	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
JAN. 2014	Feb. 12, 2014	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
FEB. 2014	Mar. 12, 2014	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
MAR. 2014	Apr. 9, 2014	2,225,678	316,938	2,542,616
APR. 2014	May 14, 2014	2,225,678	--	2,225,678
MAY 2014	June 11, 2014	2,225,675	--	2,225,675
TOTAL LOCAL TAXES:		\$26,708,133	\$1,898,675	\$28,606,808

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

XIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

My name is Maggie Lugo. I am here to address concerns that I had on April 2 with regard to my son, Matthew Lugo. He is in BTES. He has two bus stops The morning bus stop is Bay Blvd. The afternoon bus stop is Berkeley and West Broadway. That's his regular schedule. He attended the NJ ASK program on April 2nd, and he was dropped off at the wrong bus stop. I did speak to Principal Burr who was looking into the issue. What happened on that day was my mother was at the afternoon bus stop on West Broadway and Berkeley and my son, who is 10 (he looks like a Kindergartener; some of the board members do know what my son looks like -- he looks like a Kindergartener) was told to get off the bus and that this is his bus stop. Of course, he complies with authority—I've taught him that. The utmost concern of mine is safety as well as the school's. When it came down

to it, my 22 year old son, his brother, just happened to stop home and did a double take. What is Matthew doing walking on Bay Blvd. from Robbin? Absolutely, no idea. He did the double take. My mother is on the other side waiting for my son to be dropped off. Forty minutes later he is not coming. She is in a panic. Her name may sound familiar. She had a massive heart attack right in front of Veterans Park—Magda Lugo. What I am here to express is the panic that, when I found out, besides my mother's health, her anxiety, my son's anxiety, the family's anxiety, what steps I took when I found out, as I was coming home and I get the phone call that Matthew is dropped at Bay Blvd. Immediately you think safety, child predators, the attempted abduction that happened in Beachwood. I can't even express how Bay Blvd is. No one walks to BTES. There are no walkers. I live right around the corner. I go to college in the morning. Instead of taking the bus, it's easier for me to drop him off and then I go to college. In the afternoon, he gets dropped off. Long story, short is talked to Principal Burr. He went and found out that someone would contact me. He advised me that the teacher would contact me and they would look into it. He apologized up and down. My policy with my kids, and anybody who knows me, sorry does not cut it for me. I like results. The teacher, Mrs. Bellettiere, left me a message. I contacted her back. She told me what transportation had advised her. She didn't leave the name of transportation. She was in class so I told the secretary that I would contact transportation. I called transportation and spoke to Barbara. At this point, I explained the whole situation, and she told me that with the NJ ASK program there is absolutely no regular bus stops. I know that. I know this fully. She goes into the records on the computer and she says, "No, on the computer his stop is 307 Bay Blvd., regular stop, in and out." Absolutely not. It is incorrect. I didn't know the bus numbers off hand. Again, she states that the NJ ASK program is a different bus, not regular bus stops. I know that. Barbara again states to me, "Is he taking another bus home on the regular stop." I said no. That's how I have it since September—we are in April. So, if I have my son in the NJ ASK program, it is for him to go to the afternoon bus stop—absolutely not the morning. There is nobody home. I will say this to the Board, and I will say it with emotion, because I would be standing here if something happened to my son, I would hold every single one liable for his safety because I am his advocate. I have always been his advocate. I am involved in the community, and I don't think it should have happened in the first place, and it shouldn't happen to any child because I have heard, after I told my story, I hear other parents tell me the same thing. My son shouldn't have been left off the bus if he said this is not his stop. Of course, he follows authority. He saw my older son's truck in the driveway, and he's thinking, somebody is home, I'm a big boy now. He is in elementary school. He is not in high school. My concerns are for my son and for other children that this may have happened to and parents are not coming forward or maybe they just have it corrected and sweep it under the rug. I am not that kind of person. I will let you know, and I want results. I want to know why Barbara is telling me that the computer—she couldn't say why the computer had the address in and out. On top of that, talking to me condescending. As a parent. I am concerned and I am upset. I wasn't cursing at her. At any point in time, I make my point clear, what my concerns are, and I know for a fact there is also another parent...

DR. ROSELLI: We can only listen, you can only speak for yourself...

MRS. LUGO: Another thing I did want to mention is that the teacher is absolutely not the scapegoat. As far as I know the teacher does not schedule transportation—it's transportation--and I let the teacher know that. I just want to make it known. I am here tonight, and I will probably be coming back as I can because--Dr. Roselli, Congratulations, I have known you for ages, since you were at CBW--it needs to be addressed. It shouldn't happen in the first place.

DR. ROSELLI: From the time that you have known me at BTES and CBW, and the Board knows that I am an advocate for student safety. I am not going to sugarcoat it. We are addressing it. This was not the only situation. We can't publicly discuss any employee here so we are not going to violate that. What I can assure you is that we are having an Administrator's Meeting on Thursday and this miscommunication, as I am going to call it, will not happen again, because I have four children myself and I have had this conversation. When my child has his regular bus stop during his regular school day and, now this is my 6th grader, it is right in front of our house. We are lucky. We have 4 kids and they come right to our house because that's the stop in our neighborhood, but when he does an after-school activity it is completely around the block about a quarter of a mile away. Sometimes we remember, sometimes we don't. In this day and age, I don't want my kid walking home because I know there are houses along the way there that there's been problems, so I don't want my 12-year old walking by there. I definitely hear you on that level. Safety is always our #1 concern, and I can assure you that this situation is being addressed and we will do a better job of communicating pick up and drop offs specifically with the NJ ASK even if it means expanding our busing so that we have a little bit more transportation so that we can get kids a little bit closer.

MR. TUMINARO: You said this incident happened on April 2nd and today is April 16th. This is the first time I have heard about it. Was any other board member or anyone notified of this? Even our chairman?

MR. FERLISE: I don't know about it.

DR. ROSELLI: Anytime anything happens in school if anything happens with a child, with any situation, we don't reach out to the board members. We handle it because that's what you are having the administrators do. We see the families and parents as our customers, and we want the customers to be happy, so we are not always going to go to the Board.

MR. TUMINARO: Sometimes we might personally know some people who could help out. Questions and answers and even the Chairman absolutely should be notified of any kind of thing that happens, we should all be notified just to help out if we can. More hands can help out.

MR. FERLISE: I would like to know the outcome of this. I would like to make sure you come to me. I will give you my card. I want to know what happens and if it's not being taken care of, just tell me.

MRS. LUGO: I can tell you today because I pick him up on Thursdays from the program and I appreciate it. Tuesdays is hard from me. Tuesdays I don't get home until 5:00 that's why I was apprehensive when I started the program but the program is good. I have never had a problem. My oldest is 25 and I have never had a problem such as this because, again Dr. Roselli, knows I would have been here. Another point I want bring up is that I think maybe I should have been, I was concerned. It was sleepless nights. My husband, he also has heart issues. I was the one that said I was going to take care of this but if I was included in communications as maybe the Board. I did contact the Superintendent's Office. I am still waiting. They transferred me not over to Dr. Roselli. They transferred me over to someone else. She took down my information, and I have never been contacted. Barbara did leave me a message from transportation to contact her back. Do you think I am going to give her a call after she talked to me condescending? If I were old school, there would be another situation happening, but I am not like that. I just want the concerns addressed for my son and for all of the children in Berkeley.

MR. FULCOMER: Feel free to come back any time you like. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

MELISSA WHITWORTH: My name is Melissa Whitworth. I am a teacher in Berkeley teacher in Berkeley Township, 2nd grade at Potter, and I am also a past parent. My daughter graduated from BTES from 6th grade last year. She is in 7th grade now. We bought a house in Lacey, so we are Lacey school district members, and I just wanted to give you guys some positive feedback. Julie went into 7th grade in Lacey into the Advanced Honors program, and she is doing fantastic, but it's way too easy for her. She had Mrs. Carolyn Anderson for 6th grade, and Mrs. Anderson, along with her previous teachers, but Mrs. Anderson, really pushed her to her full limit, and I want to let you guys know that you guys have an amazing staff that is doing a fantastic job to push our students. Julie is getting straight A's in Lacey, has no homework, and she brings out her notebooks from Mrs. Anderson's class from the 6th grade that are all the materials that they are going over in 7th grade. It is a review for her and it's because of the skills and everything that she taught them in their class and the study skills and the strategies and the note taking skills that she is doing so well over there, and I just thought you guys should know that that was one of the teachers that she mentioned. All of the teachers were fantastic but she really emphasized the skills that she got in 6th grade because it is such a dynamic year for them, so I wanted to let you guys know there are a lot of positive things going on too.

MR. FULCOMER: Thank you. Any further discussion on non-agenda items?

MR. METOLA: Mike Metola, 104 Rose Drive. I am here representing Berkeley Basketball Association. I would like to thank the Board and Dr. Roselli for partnering with us and letting us use the gymnasiums and anything else we needed. Our program has over 600 children in it ranging from Kindergarten to high school. We have two divisions—a recreation division and a competitive/travel division. We had a fantastic year this year. I don't think we had too many issues. In an organization, every year you are going to have issues. Our issues were minimized this year. I spend a lot of time at Potter School refereeing—no issues there this year. We are the feeder program to the middle school. We

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