

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Meeting was held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Steve Pellecchia, called the meeting to order at 6:33 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. Pellecchia asked for a moment of silence for service men and displaced citizens.

III. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Jerry Reuter

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. James D. Roselli, Superintendent
Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Robert D. Budesca, Acting Board Attorney

IV. PRESENTATION:

Dr. DyAnn DeClerico gave a *Power Point* presentation on the 2012 NJ ASK test scores. (Attachment #1)

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Pellecchia read a statement regarding the accomplishments of this Board of Education. The Berkeley Board has been very frugal keeping the tax levy steady for the last three years while at the same time improving our facilities and updating technology at no additional cost to the taxpayers. Our standardized test scores have improved and are above the state average. Our district has passed the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) where the state has recognized Berkeley Township as a high-achieving district.

Mr. Pellecchia also pointed out some of the administrative cost savings the Board has achieved. In 2009, the Assistant Superintendent's position was eliminated saving \$120,000. For the last three years, having an Interim Superintendent has saved nearly \$400,000. We are further restructuring the administrative team with the hiring of Dr. James Roselli as Superintendent. With the retiring of Arleen Lippincott at a salary of \$135,000, her replacement as Principal of Bayville School was hired at \$101,000 generating a savings of \$34,000. Dr. Roselli in his former role as Principal of BTES earned \$131,000 while his replacement will earn \$101,000 netting a savings of \$30,000. In addition to his duties as Superintendent, Dr. Roselli will continue to be assigned as Acting Director of Special Services saving the district \$131,000 a year. In the future, we have the intention of consolidating these two positions which will continue saving the district \$131,000. The total for this administrative restructuring plan amounts to a minimum savings of \$200,000 for the current school year.

Mr. Pellecchia stated that the Board will continue to monitor the expenditures of taxpayers' dollars to look for further savings. The Board has worked very hard this year to do everything for the children. He believes they made the best choice possible for a Superintendent and feels very confident that Dr. Roselli will be an outstanding leader. Mr. Pellecchia stated he would like to offer his thanks for letting him serve as a board member.

Mr. Pellecchia praised Barbara Fitzpatrick for her leadership and her continuous evaluation of the road conditions during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Pellecchia also thanked Mr. Sullivan who replaced a window that was blown in during the storm. He also thanked the Maintenance Department and any staff that had anything to do with the school system during the storm. He then thanked Ms. Venter for the fantastic job she always does.

Mr. Pellecchia wished everyone happy holidays.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Roselli reported on the following items:

- Thanksgiving came too early this year considering the number of people still recovering from the worst natural disaster in our state's history. The holiday provided a day of peace and a rare opportunity to reflect on relationships that we cherish and the gifts of life that are all too often overlooked.

Three things we should be thankful for as a district are:

- Generosity of this community during the storm was tremendous. People brought in donations and donated their time and talents. Many people including staff, board members, Little League, Berkeley Police, Mayor, and Town Council were willing to help out in any way they could.
- Compassion and cooperation after the storm assisting individuals within our community in need of help. On November 2, there was a meeting at BTES.

Staff members volunteered their time and contacted all the families to make sure everyone was doing well after the storm. We opened our doors at BTES and HMP to offer a warm and caring environment for families.

- Commitment this town has for sticking together during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and helping the community return to normal. Dr. Zito drove around to visit and check on families. Mr. Prima rode on the buses dropping things off to families. Mr. Burr was without electricity for two weeks. He stayed at the school during the day and lit a fire at home at night for his family. Mrs. Guinan suffered her own personal losses but still managed to come in to help out as did Ms. Cimino and Mr. McShaffrey. Board members came out to help including, Mr. MacMoyle, who borrowed a forklift from his job. Noted on the district's Facebook page is that we are accepting gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target. Please contact Dr. Zito if you would like to donate.
- As a result of the storm, we had 43 families displaced, 39 stayed within Berkeley Township and four registered at other schools. Thirteen staff members and two board members were also displaced.
- Thanks to all the administrators and staff who contacted all the students and families. Thanks also to Mayor Amato, Town Council, Chief DiMichele, and Rip Bondulich of Ocean County Emergency Management for keeping us safe and in the loop with updates
- During the holidays the district is working with organizations to help not only families impacted by the storm, but also families that have limited resources. These groups include the Red Cross, Berkeley Township Police Department, and "Giving Trees" in each school.
- Thanks to all the stores, restaurants, and organizations that made donations to us including Freehold Regional High School. Thanks also to Jim Byrnes, who even though he lost his home in the storm, was still coming out to help others in the community. Thanks to the Board of Education for their ongoing support and dedication to our schools and community. Thanks to all the administrators and all the Berkeley Township employees for helping out during this time. Actions speak louder than words, and everyone really pulled together to assist this community to get back on their feet.
- Received several thank you letters from area schools. Ocean Gate Superintendent, Mr. Vanalesti, thanked us for picking up the Ocean Gate students and bringing them to our Trick or Treat event. Little Egg Harbor Superintendent, Dr. Kasyan, thanked us for our assistance in working with the Red Cross to get food to needy people. Also received thank you notes from Mr. and Mrs. Barresi, Mrs. Dillane, Mr. & Mrs. Ruscitti, Lacey United Methodist Church. Thanks to Mr. Pellecchia for performing the Heimlich Maneuver that saved a woman's life.
- Thanks to our three board members, Mr. Ytreboe, Mr. MacMoyle and Mr. Reuter, for their dedication to the community and serving as a member of the Board of Education.

- The district suffered minimal damage to the schools. The biggest expense from storm damage to the school district was a fire panel at CBW. It is up and running now. The HMP vestibule is now completed. We are now moving into the new maintenance building. Regarding technology, Mr. Reid reported that backups were performed and nothing was lost. Thanks to Joe Reid for keeping things running as smoothly as possible. We had minimal loss of food thanks to the Food Service Manager, Mr. Harran, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Mr. Sullivan, who moved all the food from the three schools into Potter School. Posted on the website is a notice that we are looking for substitute cafeteria workers. The district is close to selecting a teacher evaluation tool. Thanks to Dr. DeClerico for her very thorough report on the test scores.

Clara B. Worth School

- Veterans Day Presentations – Second grade was treated to a special presentation by the local VFW members and some other classes were treated to individual presentations.
- American Education Week – Had approximately 300 parents visit the school.
- Helping Hands Bulletin Board – Nine families who were severely affected by the storm were provided with necessary supplies to help them through this difficult time.
- Book Buddies – Fourth grade students partnered up with first grade students to encourage the love of reading.

Bayville School

- Many staff members and students participated in the district Trick or Treat event held at BTES on Friday, November 9.
- On November 14 many parents and guardians visited for Parent Visitation Day. The greeting table was staffed by fourth graders who did a fantastic job of signing in parents and providing directions.
- On November 14 staff and students wore blue for Diabetes Awareness Day.
- Crazy Hat Day was held on November 16 and photos were posted on our district Facebook page.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were held at all schools on November 19 and 20.
- ShopRite Young Consumers Program is currently taking place in the third grade classes.
- Fourth graders are practicing for the Holiday Chorus Show for December 19.
- Preschoolers are practicing for their Holiday Show for December 20.
- PTA Basket Bingo scheduled for February as been changed to a gift auction which will take place in April.

BTES

- MAP Testing for fifth and sixth grade students was held the week of October 22.
- Rock gardens, as part of the school beautification project, were planted during Red Ribbon Week, October 22 – 26.
- District coat drive was held October 31 with more than 200 coats turned in.
- Food Drive on November 2 yielded approximately 500 pounds of non-perishable foods. Originally food items were to go to a food bank, but since many local residents were displaced due to Hurricane Sandy, it was decided to donate the food locally to Berkeley Rec Center which served as a distribution center for needy families.

- November 4 – 8 BTES served as a distribution center for necessary supplies to displaced families.
- On November 13 World War II Veteran, Albert Perdeck, provided an assembly to all students at BTES to share his knowledge of the customs of the American flag and his experience as a veteran in honor of Veterans Day.
- Over 120 parents attended Parent Visitation Day for American Education Week.
- Students and staff wore blue on November 14 to raise awareness for diabetes.
- 500 pounds of candy was donated to overseas troops.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were held November 19 and 20.
- Potter Creek Crusaders were recognized in the *Barneget Bay Beat*, a quarterly magazine.

H. & M. Potter School

- Completed the NWEA testing for fall.
- Teachers were officially trained in *Realtime Lesson Planner* and are creating all plans on *Realtime*.
- Potter School is the recipient of \$1,000 for being the top recycling school in the nation for this trimester.
- First grade students were visited by Mr. Mitchell to discuss fire safety.
- Fourth grade ALPS students interviewed staff for an upcoming episode of “Wake Up Berkeley.”
- Potter School has applied for 13 grants so far this year.
- “Terror in the Halls” was a great success.
- The school opened to serve over 245 lunches for the community during the week after the storm.
- HMP has donated over 40 boxes of various goods to displaced families and has created “Focus Families” (families hardest hit by the storm) which they are targeting.
- Potter School successfully conducted American Education Day and received rave reviews from parents.
- Dr. Zito conducted the second Principal’s “Lunch with Students” selected by the teachers who demonstrated good behavior and work habits.

VII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Education and Liaison to Central Regional: Dave Ytreboe, Chairperson

Mr. Ytreboe commended the administration and teachers on their tremendous test scores. Tonight the committee discussed the Advanced Learning Program (ALPs). The committee gathered more information on this K-6 advanced learning program from Dr. DeClerico. This program works with the gifted and talented students. Students meet at least every

other week for a 40 minute block and sometimes more often. The program is in compliance with the law and is in addition to the differentiated instruction offered in the classroom. Students in Grades 4-6 are involved in a stock market activity to learn strategies and economics. Intergenerational activities involve students with a cause giving students a chance to work with senior citizens to help them gain social and communication skills and also learning to be involved in volunteer work. Another activity called “Who Wants to be an Entrepreneur” introduces students to critical thinking, communication skills, and developing a business plan. There are also other creative critical thinking activities such as Jersey Shore science, “Wake Up Berkeley” which is a TV show where Berkeley students work with Central Regional students to produce a show, mock trial as an introduction into the law field, chess group, technology advisers, and a nutrition and well-being lab. Mr. Ytreboe thanked Dr. Roselli for hosting the Trick or Treat event. It was a huge success. Mr. Ytreboe thanked the Board for voting him in for his appointment as a board member and wished the district well. He congratulated the new board members.

2. Buildings & Grounds/Cafeteria/Transportation: Lou Tuminaro, Chairperson

The move into the new maintenance building has been accomplished. This includes the following departments: Buildings and Grounds, Food Services, and Transportation. The application for the bus garage addition has been made to the Pinelands Commission, and we are awaiting their determination. Due to the storm, we experienced some power outages that were gradually restored. Several trees were knocked down and some shingles were blown off Bayville School and have been replaced. Mr. Tuminaro thanked the Transportation Supervisor, Barbara Fitzpatrick, and the Maintenance Department for how well they handled the obstacles as a result of the storm.

3. Finance: Noriko Kowalewski, Chairperson

Mrs. Kowalewski thanked the administrators, teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication to the children and families of this town.

The Finance Committee has discussed and reviewed the need for a generator for the school and has authorized the business administrator to go out to bid for this.

The Finance Committee met today and all purchase orders and the bill list were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Finance Committee reviewed the following at the November 29th meeting:

Purchase orders numbered 13-00681 through 13-00762 in the amount of \$95,936.54.

4. Community Relations: Sal Ferlise, Chairperson

Mr. Ferlise met with the Stokes Foundation on November 27 to discuss future fundraising. He is most interested in a combination car show/flea market to be held at Veterans Park. He believes it should be very successful and bring in enough money to put a big dent in the

cost of the Stokes trip. Mr. Ferlise noted that their last car show brought in \$1,064.

Dr. Roselli noted that we received a \$6,000 check from Oyster Creek and also a \$1,500 donation from Piercing Pagoda. A letter was sent out to parents stating they do not want cost to be a factor in determining if their child can attend Stokes. It is the district's goal to reduce or eliminate any costs to families.

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

Mr. Fulcomer congratulated the newly elected board members and thanked Mr. MacMoyle, Mr. Ytreboe, and Mr. Reuter for serving as board members.

The Committee met today and reviewed the following: different shared services contracts, the expiration of our shared service with Lakehurst Child Study Team, the status of our shared service agreement with Head Start, the progress of our respective shared service for preschool children from Lacey, and the progress of our shared service on our technological implementation of New Jersey Smart with Toms River. We continue to explore the possibility of a shared service for Child Study Team services with Lakehurst. We are now providing transportation services for six students for the Lavallette School District. We still do not have the most recent shared service agreement signed with Berkeley Township for the use of automated work order systems, training people how to use it, and the provision for maintenance and technology work.

Our Committee wishes everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

6. Policy and Legislation: John MacMoyle, Chairperson

On November 22 the Committee reviewed the additional changes to Policy #7510 as amended.

Mr. MacMoyle thanked the Board and stated it was a pleasure to serve with them. He wished everyone luck in the future. He noted that it was an honor to take part in the search to hire Dr. Roselli and looks forward to seeing good things in Berkeley's future. He offered his thanks to Ms. Venter as well. He commended the administrators and teachers for their test scores and was happy to have his child in this district.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A11 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. MacMoyle.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Mr. Ferlise and Mr. Fulcomer on

Anticipated return: 04/02/13

- g) I.D. #5489-CST-Psy:
 Medical leave: 11/14/12-12/07/12 - unpaid
 Anticipated return: 12/10/12

3. Approval of Clerk: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Michael Betar as a clerk in the Board Office at a salary of \$35,500, effective 12/10/12 through 6/30/13.

4. Approval of Lunchroom Aide: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Lori Pereira-Arnold as a lunchroom aide at the Clara B. Worth School for 12.5 hours per week at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 12/3/30 through 6/30/13.

5. Approval of Teacher Aide: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Kevin Huff as a teacher aide at the Berkeley Township Elementary School, not to exceed 3 hours daily, at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 12/3/12 through June 30, 2013.

6. Approval of Assistant Systems Analyst: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Corey Catalano as an Assistant Systems Analyst at a salary of \$38,000 effective 1/2/13 through 6/30/13, pending Criminal History Clearance.

7. Long Term Substitutes: ACTION

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>In For</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Laurin Brown	I.D. #5796-CBW-Gr. 4	1/11/13-6/03/13
Michele Warchol	I.D. #5800-CBW-Gr. 4	12/21/12-6/30/13
Jennifer Spinoso	I.D. #5795-HMP-Kdg.	12/03/12-1/04/13
Ginessa Broome	I.D. #5711-BAY-Gr. 2	1/02/13-4/26/13

8. Approval of Contract: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the addendum to the contract for Barbara Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Pupil Transportation, effective 7/1/13 through 6/30/15.

9. Approval of Stipend: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a stipend of \$1,500 for Susan Orlowsky as the Website/Facebook Administrator for the district.

10. Schoolhouse Calendar: ACTION

Recommend the Board add the following dates to the Schoolhouse Calendar for the 2012-13 school year due to Hurricane Sandy:

- January 21
- April 1
- May 6

11. 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:**
 - Alyssa Holsten.....Aide
 - Danielle Smith.....Aide

- B. Instructional:**
 - Heather Clark.....Teacher
 - Donna Zappala.....Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1 – B3 be approved with the following amendment that we delete the words “partisan political activity” from Policy Regulation #7510, Use of School Facilities, as was recommended by the Chairman of our Policy Committee.

SECOND by Mrs. Kowalewski.

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

Dr. Roselli explained that if there is an extreme winter, we will lose days from spring recess beginning with March 29 then March 28 and so on.

Mr. Fulcomer inquired if any effort was made to coordinate the school calendar with Central Regional’s school calendar.

Dr. Roselli responded that Central Regional’s calendar is very different because of their early summer dismissal for reasons of cost/energy savings. Getting out earlier in June also allows their students to get jobs for the summer which does not apply to our students in a

K-6 district. Research shows that for every month students are out of school, they lose three months of education.

B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:

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

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

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| Policy 3125.2 | Employment of Substitute Teachers (New) |
| Policy 2363 | Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology (New) |
| Policy 2431.4 | Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (Revised) |
| Policy 2622 | Pupil Assessment (Revised) |
| Policy 3282 | Use of Social Networking Sites – Teachers (New) |
| Policy 4282 | Use of Social Networking Sites – Support Staff (New) |
| Policy/Reg. 6470 | Payment of Claims (Revised) |

Second Reading of Bylaws/Regulations/Policies: ACTION

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

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| Bylaw 0151 | Organization Meeting (Revised) |
| Bylaw 0153 | Annual Appointments (Revised) |
| Bylaw 0167 | Public Participation in Board Meetings (Revised) |
| Policy 1631 | Residency Requirement for Person Holding School District Office Employment or Position (New) |
| Policy 3324 | Right of Privacy, Teaching Staff (New) |
| Policy 4324 | Right of Privacy, Support Staff (New) |
| Policy 5117 | Inter-district Public School Choice (New) |
| Policy/Reg 7510 | Use of School Facilities (Revised) |
| Policy 8613 | Waiver of Pupil Transportation (New) |
| Policy/Reg 9270 | Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools (Revised) |

2. Adjusted School Calendar 2012-13: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve adding the following school days to the calendar for the 2012-13 school year:

- January 2 & 21
- February 15 & *March 15 (*4 hrs. students; followed by teacher inservice)
- April 1

3. Approval of NCLB Amendment: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve submission of an Amendment to the 2011-2012 No Child Left Behind application.

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 1 - 8 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Ferlise.

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

1. Minutes: ACTION

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 25, 2012 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 #B2**) dated November 29, 2012 \$ 740,630.13

3. Payroll Approval: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – October 2012 \$1,795,256.96

4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the months of September 2012 and October 2012 to the 2012-2013 budget be approved. (**Attachments #B3 & #B4**)

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 September 30, 2012, and October 31, 2012 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 #B5 & #B6**)

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 September 30, 2012, and October 31, 2012 and that the Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. (**Attachments #B7 & #B8**)

7. Travel Approvals: ACTION

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

Name	Seminar/Workshop	Dates	Not to Exceed
Carol Kiersnowski	NJ Coalition for Inclusive Children	11-30-12	\$40.00
Angela Frawley	NJ Coalition for Inclusive Children	11-30-12	\$40.00
Kristina Napolitano	Teaching Nonfiction Comprehension	12-3-12	\$100.00
Laurie Peters	Teaching Nonfiction Comprehension	12-3-12	\$100.00
Stephanie McClelland	Teaching Nonfiction Comprehension	12-3-12	\$100.00
Erin Hill	Health Benefits Training	12-14-12	\$25.00
Christine Firetto	2013 Conference for NJ Pre-K	2/25 & 2/26, 2013	\$349.00
Toniann Palmieri	2013 Conference for NJ Pre-K	2/25 & 2/26, 2013	\$349.00
Regina Avenoso	22 nd Annual NJAGC Conference	3-8-13	134.00
Robin Barraud	22 nd Annual NJAGC Conference	3-8-13	134.00
Danielle Lavallo	22 nd Annual NJAGC Conference	3-8-13	134.00
Marianne Cicco	22 nd Annual NJAGC Conference	3-8-13	134.00

8. Advertise for Bids: ACTION

Recommend that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the Business Administrator to advertise for bids for:

- Maintenance of Grounds for 2013
- Refuse/Recycling Removal Services
- Replace Kitchen Exhaust Hoods at CBW, HMP, and BS
- Generator at BTES

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Tuminaro read a statement on behalf of Mr. Reuter as follows: “Mr. Reuter would like to thank the board members for their support, and it was an honor and a privilege to serve on the board.”

XIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charles Crunkleton, 78 Moorage Avenue – Stated he was representing the Berkeley Township Taxpayers Coalition (BTTC). Their objective is to reduce the taxes of Berkeley Township taxpayers. He wanted to point out that homes damaged by the storm will have an effect on the assessment values and the tax burden. Correspondingly, the brunt of the tax burden will fall on those that do not have a reduction in their assessments and many of these people are senior citizens. He appreciates that the school tax was not increased this year and hopes that the Township and the County will also take a hard look at cost saving measures. He reminded the Board that shared administrative services between Berkeley Township Schools and Central Regional could save a significant amount of money. He asked the Board what progress has been made with the administrative shared services.

Dr. Roselli explained that there will be a brand new evaluation system instituted, and the district will be responsible for implementing this due to State mandates. This will increase the need for manpower and costs by 80%. The State has not provided any additional funding for these costs. Our administrator to student ratio is still well below the State average.

Mr. Crunkleton believes that we should still combine supervisory positions to have one person handle the same job in both the elementary district and the Central Regional district.

Dr. Roselli stated that our district has over 2,000 students and Central has over 2,000 students. In a district that size, the work would typically need to be done by two people. We are stilling looking into shared services with Lacey, Toms River and Lakehurst. Dr. Roselli asked Mr. Crunkleton to leave his phone number and he would meet with him to discuss this further.

Mr. Fulcomer stated there is legal disagreement on this issue. He considers the argument that you cannot have shared administrative services with Central Regional to be bogus. Last year three people signed their campaign literature to promise to move forward in the area of shared administrative services. This year three out of the four candidates that were elected sent out literature indicating that they were willing to sit down with Central to try and work something out. Now in January, we have six people that campaigned on the basis of shared administrative services. If those six people would honor their commitment, there will be progress next year. Mr. Fulcomer hopes those people do honor their commitment.

Mr. Pellicchia stated to Mr. Fulcomer that he does not appreciate him calling him a liar.

Mr. Fulcomer responded that he did not call Mr. Pellecchia a liar.

Mr. Pellecchia stated, “Yes, yes you did.” He continued by saying that when he explained to Mr. Crunkleton that they were informed by their attorney, Mr. Fulcomer was saying that Mr. Pellecchia was pressured by some political move, and that is not true. Mr. Pellecchia wishes Mr. Fulcomer would take those words back. Mr. Fulcomer refused to take back a word he said. Mr. Pellecchia stated that Mr. Fulcomer was definitely wrong and that he had no business saying it. Mr. Pellecchia continued saying that Mr. Fulcomer is not an attorney and, therefore, the next time he interrupts when Mr. Pellecchia is speaking, Mr. Pellecchia will not honor him.

Mr. Ytreboe explained to Mr. Crunkleton in reference to the example he used of a district having three high schools, three intermediate schools and several elementary schools. Mr. Ytreboe noted that in that situation you will have only one superintendent, but then you will have assistant superintendent’s below the superintendent with one being in charge of the elementary school, one for the middle school and one for the high school. So in that model, there still are administrative costs a layer below. So to have one superintendent for seven buildings because Central Regional also is in charge of Seaside Heights, you would have to have another layer of administration. So the cost savings may not be there.

Mr. Crunkleton had an article from the newspaper about Seaside Heights ending an agreement with Toms River and striking a new deal with Central Regional to share upper administrative services and save money. The article indicated that the Seaside Heights Board of Education will remain and that the two districts will not be consolidated. He believes this is a little different than what Mr. Pellecchia had indicated or what you were told by your legal counsel.

Mr. Budesza replied that this board was given certain advice with regard to the issues that are going on. The litigation is really between Seaside Park and Central Regional. Currently the main case was won by Central Regional in the local court before Judge Buzinski. Then it was appealed and is sitting in the Appellate Division. It has not had oral argument yet. After they have oral argument, some of these issues can be addressed. The opinion given to the Board was that certain things should not be pursued pending that suit, and the Board has to be guided by that legal opinion.

Keith Fisher – 85 Pheasant Drive – Stated that whether we want to do shared services or not, pretty soon it will become a state law. We need to look at it seriously and maybe we can save some jobs or save some areas before we are “blockaded.” We will have to work together to make it happen.

Sherry Dillane – 5 Timberline Road – Stated it was a pleasure working with Mr. Ytreboe, Mr. MacMoyle and Mr. Reuter and was sorry and disappointed that they were voted out. Not only on a professional level has she worked with Mr. Ytreboe with him being the Vice Principal of Toms River North on Diabetes, but also with him and Mr. MacMoyle during the seven days of clean up after the storm. She got to know them on a personal level and it

was a pleasure working with them at the Rec Center. They are great people. She was proud to work and serve with them. She has wanted to put her house up for sale for years, but now she doesn't think so anymore. She wanted to move out of state and out of town, but no anymore. She is very proud to be a part of Berkeley Township. She praised Dr. Roselli for how supportive he has been and has posted comments on Facebook.

Mr. MacMoyle left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

George Kaminski – 26 Ravenwood Drive – Stated he is a part of a gift-giving group called Christmas Angels that does surprise Christmas gift-giving. They have over 40 families that they are getting gift cards and toys for. They have their own Facebook page. The good news is that they have taken care of the kids. The challenge is getting gifts for the adults. They are trying to get gift cards from Home Depot, Target, etc. Look them up on Facebook. It is Christmas Angels Surprise Gift Giving. We really need things for the adults. He would love to get a link from the school's Facebook page to their site. It would be great if *The Patch* of Berkeley and/or Toms River would do an article about it. Everything goes directly to the families. It is a really good cause being run by Brian Dowd, Central Regional Class of 1993. He has done a lot of work for "Live Strong" for cancer awareness.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that the Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SECOND by Mr. Fulcomer.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

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