

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at Berkeley Township Elementary School, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Noriko Kowalewski, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Adequate notice of this Meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag. Mrs. Kowalewski asked for a moment of silence for our troops overseas.

III. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Stephen Pellechia

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Mooney, second by Mr. Cammarato, and all in favor that the Board moves into Executive Session at this time, 5:38 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and contracts.

V. ROLL CALL:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Tuminaro, and all in favor that the Board reconvene into Public Session at this time, 6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Stephen Pellechia

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

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Noriko Kowalewski welcomed everyone back after a long weekend. She discussed how the weather is taking its toll on the school calendar and school budget. Mrs. Kowalewski thanked the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and maintenance crew and custodians for their hard work in keeping the grounds free of ice and snow and safe for the students.

Mrs. Kowalewski advised that the Board will be working with Mrs. Venter on the 2014-2015 School Budget with the goal of keeping the increase lower than the 2% cap.

Mrs. Kowalewski asked for a Motion to support Resolution No.14-84-R entitled “Resolution of the Township of Berkeley, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Requesting the State of New Jersey and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers add the shores of Island Beach State Park to its Dune Project.”

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Board President the Board accept the request of Mayor Amato and the Council for the Board to support Resolution 14-84-R.

SECOND by Mr. Ferlise.

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

This concludes the President’s report.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. **SCHOOL REPORTS**

Bayville School:

- PTA sponsored a Family Bingo Night that was attended by over 200 children and their families.
- Bayville School celebrated 2 spirit days: Dress Up Day and Sports Jersey Day.
- Kindergarten students presented their Valentine’s Show for their families.
- Almost all tickets for the PTA gift auction have been sold.
- We are looking forward to our Musician in Residence Program which will begin soon. This was made possible by the \$10,000 grant awarded to Bayville School.

Clara B. Worth School:

- Literacy Night for kindergarten students and their families was a big success with Mrs. Hoffman.

- Mrs. Reiser organized a wonderful PTA night activity for the fourth grade students and their families.
- Mr. and Mrs. Beck provided a fun filled music night for all first grade students and their families.
- Students of the Month were honored at the PTA meeting.
- Super Hero Day was January's theme day.
- Dental Smile Program visited for the day and helped many children who do not have access to a dentist.

H. & M. Potter School:

- February is officially Wellness Month at HMP. We will be doing lessons and will be visited by Cross Fit which will be demonstrating lessons for kids to get up and move.
- Our Student Council will be meeting with Jeff Harran from the cafeteria to discuss lunch option for the children.
- Mrs. Cimino had her book club at the Berkeley Branch of the Ocean County Library on February 12, 2014 at 7:30 pm.
- March 3rd we will be celebrating Read Across America Day and each grade level is going to be reading novels for a book sharing day.
- Board of Education members are invited to pick a time or grade and we will provide the novel for them to join in the book discussion.
- HMP celebrated the Chinese New Year by having a huge dragon parade down the hallway while authentic Chinese music was played. The students celebrated with Chinese fortune cookies.

Berkeley Township Elementary:

- Archery Program has begun for all 5/6 grade students.
- Ms. Guarascio and Ms. Sanchez's 6th grade classes went to CBW to read to the 1st grade.
- Camfel Assembly hosted by BTES PTA. This is an assembly that stresses making positive choices.
- BTES hosted a "Back to School Night" for two new teachers that have started in place of our new supervisors.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Jan. 9:

Administrative Meeting BOE.

Jan. 13:

Attended Town Council Meeting recognizing BTSD students who achieved perfect scores on NJASK testing.

Jan. 14:

Special Education Directors meeting hosted @ BTES.

Jan. 15:

Attended Marzano training - new observation process utilized by BTSD.

Jan. 17:

Tour of all schools with new BOE members: Edward Cammarato, John MacMoyle, Keith Fisher, and Lou Tuminaro.\

Jan. 23:

Supervisors meeting BOE.

Harlem Wizards Community Event Meeting at HMP - more info. To follow. Berkeley Staff vs. Harlem Wizards, Saturday, May 3rd, 7 pm at Pine Belt Arena, Toms River - all 4 schools PTA's working together to provide fun family night event.

Jan. 24:

Ocean County Sheriff's Office tour of BTES. They will be conducting training in the evenings at BTES. Happy to assist them!

Jan. 27:

Transportation meeting BOE.

Jan. 28:

Calendar meeting with Lacey, Central Regional, Island Heights Supt. – attempt to create similar calendar for all schools.

Jan. 30/31:

Attended Techspo meeting in Atlantic City. Outstanding information for all districts as technology continues to change and improve our operations and as we prepare for PARCC testing, online state testing.

Feb. 3:

Set up first aid training with BTEA President Gerry Duggan and Vice President Mike Conforti for all staff that supervise children in the cafeteria during lunch periods.

Feb. 6:

Attended Great Race for 3rd graders at HMP.

Dr. Roselli discussed the “challenging” weather and advised that he is in constant contact with the Berkeley Police and other Superintendents when reaching the decision regarding delayed openings and/or school closings. As always, student safety, as well as the safety of the staff, is the number one priority.

Dr. Roselli suggested that everyone look on the btboe.org website to review the Bus Safety Information.

VIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Various members of the public spoke to urge the Board to adopt the resolution entitled “Dunes at Island Beach State Park” under Business Administrator’s Agenda Item XII.

Councilwoman Noonan thanked Board for its support. She advised that the Water Advisory Committee has met with the DEP, and the Town is hopeful that will be effective. Everyone is aware of ratables, safety, etc., and she doesn’t have much faith in resolutions. She believes things are better achieved face-to-face. The Board of Education takes care of the children, and the Town takes care of the ratables and town property.

Jim Byrnes asked if there were any more displaced children, and Dr. Roselli advised that as of November 1 there were no more displaced children. Mr. Byrnes discussed the upcoming Barnegat Bay Blitz. He also discussed the dune replenishment and said that the dunes at Island Beach State Park will become an environmental issue. He passed around a map showing all of the houses that were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. He suggested that the Board of Education focus on education and leave the dunes problem to the township.

Kathy Fulcomer asked how many members of the Textbook Committee there are and suggested that the Committee be careful when selecting textbooks. Mrs. Fulcomer also asked if there was any testing regarding Social Studies content. Mr. Roselli advised that all testing would be done online next year and would include Math and Language Arts and eventually Science would be added.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**1. Alternate Energy Committee: Lou Tuminaro, Chairperson**

The Alternate Energy Committee met on February 12. In attendance were Lou Tuminaro, Jim Fulcomer, Sal Ferlise, Noriko Kowalewski, Jack Sahradnik, Dr. Roselli and Laura Venter. The Power Purchase Agreement has not yet been signed. The Board Members who were present want the Board Attorney to give the following deadlines: March 1st deadline for inspection by RAI employees with District Buildings & Grounds Supervisor to ascertain impact of design, and March 15th for final date to execute contract.

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

Sal Ferlise met with the Town Engineer, Dr. Roselli, and the owner of the company that installed the gym floors at B.T.E.S. There were 1/8” gaps in some of the floor boards. There were also 7 or 8 pieces of loose coping and a ramp not properly installed. The company owner said he would repair the coping and the ramp and that the gap in the floor boards would close up some time in May.

On January 8, 2014, Sal Ferlise met with Mrs. Venter and Dr. Roselli to discuss the public address system including getting portable microphones for the auditorium or using the Music Room for the monthly Board meetings and, if required, on special occasions using the Auditorium.

On January 18, 2013, Sal Ferlise was notified that the basketball hoops at Bayville School were damaged but they have since been repaired.

On January 27, 2014, Sal Ferlise discussed bus safety issues with Dr. Roselli, Mr. Cook, the Berkeley Police, and Barbara Fitzpatrick. Once the weather is better, the bus drivers will be given special training on the use of the fire extinguishers.

Baseball batting cages will be installed in the B.T.E.S. lunchroom.

3. Consolidated Shared Services: John MacMoyle, Chairperson

The Consolidated Shared Services Committee met prior to tonight's Board Meeting. In attendance were John MacMoyle, Edward Cammarato, Noriko Kowalewski, and Laura Venter. John MacMoyle advised that on January 9, 2014, he attended the Shared Services Summit with Mayor Amato, several members of the Board and Central Regional to discuss ongoing shared services opportunities and any additional ideas.

4. Education/Policy: Patrick Mooney, Chairperson

The Committee will meet next month but Patrick Mooney asked the Board for their support of the resolution for the approval of new textbooks on Superintendent's Agenda Item B.5.

5. Fair School Funding: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson

The Fair School Funding Committee held a meeting today. In attendance were Jim Fulcomer, John MacMoyle, Noriko Kowalewski and Laura Venter. Mr. Fulcomer advised that the Fair School Funding Committee has been established this year to promote the adoption of the Fair School Funding Act which will greatly increase the amount of State Aid the district receives. He stressed the importance that the Board increase its efforts to promote this Act. Mr. Fulcomer advised that Berkeley Township suffered a great loss of tax ratables from Superstorm Sandy due to the absence of Army Corps of Engineers dunes at Island Beach State Park and other parts of the Barrier Island. The municipal and school tax increases were softened this fiscal year because the three governmental units in Berkeley Township had available to them Federal Community Disaster Loans in the amount of \$5 million each. The two school districts took a partial draw from these loans and Berkeley Township used the entire \$5 million allocated to it in this year's budget. In 3 or 4 years, the three governing bodies under current federal law will have to start repaying these loans. Mayor Amato has told Jim Fulcomer that the tax ratables are less this year than last year. The adoption of the Fair School Funding Act would allow the Board to cushion the full impact of the loss of tax ratables as the federal funds disappear. The Fair Funding Committee recommended that the Board direct the Business Administrator to send letters to the following asking them to support the Fair School Funding Act: Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto.

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

SECOND by Mr. Cammarato.

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

6. Finance: Edward Cammarato, Chairperson

The Finance Committee met on February 12. In attendance were Edward Cammarato, Sal Ferlise, and Laura Venter.

The bills lists were reviewed and approved for payment.

Also reviewed and approved were the purchase orders numbered 14-00870 through 14-00978 totaling \$192,961.35.

The Committee reviewed four (4) RFPs for the Re-Roofing of H. & M. Potter School and chose Yezzi Associates as the Architect for the project.

The Committee will be meeting on March 4 to discuss the budget.

7. Personnel & Negotiations: Steve Pellechia, Chairperson.

No report.

8. School Safety: Keith Fisher, Chairperson.

The School Safety Committee will be meeting with the School Safety Officer on February 20th to discuss the school security initiative for Berkeley Township.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A8 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Cammarato.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Mr. Fisher on Items 3 and 7; Mr. MacMoyle on Items 3 and 7). Motion carries.

A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:

1. Retirement:

ACTION

Recommend the Board accept the retirement of Karen Simone, Teacher Aide assigned to the Bayville School, after 25½ years in district, effective 6/20/14.

2. Leave(s) of Absence: ACTION

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

- a) I.D. #4678-Teacher Aide-HMP:
Medical leave to start 1/21/14 and continue through 1/31/14.
- b) I.D. #5771-Clerical Worker- BTE:
Medical leave to start 3/11/14 and continue through 4/11/14.
- c) I.D. #5567-Teacher Aide-CBW:
Unpaid FMLA to start 2/20/14 and continue through 3/6/14.

3. Revised Start Dates: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve **revised start** dates for the following staff members as indicated:

Steve Rieder - Supervisor (10 mo.) - from 1/6/14 to 1/13/14
Lisa Lapsley - Supervisor (10 mo.) - from 1/6/14 to 2/18/14

4. Homebound Instructor: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following teaching staff member as a homebound instructor, at the hourly contractual rate of pay, for the 2013-2014 school year:

Donna Culetto – BAY

5. Rescind Long Term Substitute: ACTION

Recommend the Board rescind the appointment of Christina Gubitosa as the long term substitute for the maternity leave of I.D. #6277-LLD-HMP, effective 2/13/14.

6. Approval of Long Term Substitute: ACTION

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

<u>In For</u>	<u>Effective</u>
I.D. #6277-LLD-HMP	02/13/14-06/22/14

7. NJ ASK Prep Sessions Teacher Approvals:

ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following teachers for the NJ ASK (NJ Assessment Skills & Knowledge) Prep Sessions to be held after school and will run for 10 sessions, 90 minutes per session, beginning in March. Teachers will be paid \$62.42 per session. Supervisors will be paid \$104 per session. Substitutes will be paid \$62.42 per session. This program is supported mainly through NCLB funds.

Bayville School	CBW	HMP	BTES
Kristine Napolitano	Denise Mannarino	Tom Ettari	Kim Mitchell
Jacqueline Gravely	Diane Kulka	Erin Miller	Christine Wojciechowski
Jennifer Carlucci	Laurin Wallace	Kristen Kane	Angelo Guadagno
Diane Fraone	Robyn Romano	Tracy Foster	Melissa Tomaini
Laurie Peters	Teresa LaMagra	Kevin Waldron	Sharon Dominy
Nina Britton	Tracey Jarossy	*Kerry Castles	Tracy Smith
		*Allyson Lorenc	Catherine MacMoyle
			Sue Bellettiere
			Adam Steinmetz
			Joe Zaccone
			Victoria Guy
			Luke Hurley
			Melanie Biscardi
			Jennifer Sansone
			Kathy Palagonia

*Kerry and Allyson will each do 5 sessions.

Bold indicates Supervisors

Substitutes are as follows: Stephanie Rosetti, Megan Bowens, Gina Boyles, Kim Garbacki, Michael Peterson

8. Substitutes:

ACTION

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

A. Non-Instructional:

Heather Krikorian.....Bus Attendant

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

B. Instructional:

Andrea Brierley.....Teacher
 Jennifer McLaughlin.....Teacher
 Karen Russo.....Teacher
 Jessica Silva.....Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Mooney that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1 – B6 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Tuminaro.

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

B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:

1. Out-of-District Placement: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve out-of-district placement for the following student for the 2013-2014 school year:

I.D. #998167 - Hawkswood School - effective 12/19/13

2. Homebound Instruction: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Homebound Instruction for the following student for a minimum of two weeks:

I.D. #995643 - eff. 1/6/14 - Instruction will be provided by Sharon Dominy

3. Fieldwork Approval: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Katherine A. Orlando, an Occupational Therapist student at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, to complete Level 1 fieldwork observation (no direct student contact) under the direction of Carol Kiersnowski, Occupational Therapist for the district, effective on or about 2/5/14 through 4/16/14, one day per week for ten (10) weeks.

4. Additional School Trips: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following additional school trips for the 2013-2014 school year:

Grounds for Sculpture	Toms River Fitness
18 Fairgrounds Road	213 Route 37 East
Hamilton, NJ 08619	Toms River, NJ

Winding River Ice Rink
1211 Whitesville Road
Toms River, NJ

5. Approval of Text Books: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following text books:
States & Regions 2012 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co.

(This resource was selected by a committee to align our curriculum with the NJ Core Curriculum Standards for Social Studies.)

6. Use of Facilities Date Change: ACTION

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

HMP - 5/17/14 (was 5/3/14) Carnival 8:00 am-7:00 pm

XI. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA:

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

SECOND by Mr. Cammarato.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Mr. Fisher on Item 3; Mr. Tuminaro on Item 1a). Motion carries.

1. Minutes: ACTION

- a. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2013 be approved.
- b. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on January 7, 2014 be approved.

2. Payment of Bills: ACTION

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

Bills List dated January 23, 2014 (Attachment B1)	\$ 840,650.49
Bills List dated February 18, 2014 (Attachment B2)	\$ 744,426.17
Purchase Order Report (Attachment B3) listing purchase orders numbered 14-00996 through 14-01215 totaling	\$ 424,482.42

3. Payroll Approval: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – December 2013.....\$1,774,515.18

4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of December 2013 to the 2013-2014 budget be approved. (Attachment 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 December 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. (Attachment B5)

6. Report of the Treasurer of School Monies: ACTION

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ended December 31, 2013, and that the Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. (Attachment B6)

7. Travel Approvals: ACTION

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

Name	Seminar/Workshop	Dates	Not to Exceed
Steven Rieder Lisa Lapsley	Required School Leader Training, School Law, Governance, Ethics, and Current School Law	2/6, 3/6, 4/3 & 5/1/2014	\$150.00
Melissa Puri	NJMEA Convention	2/20 & 2/21/2014	\$160.00
Janet Beck	NJMEA Convention	2/20 & 2/21/2014	\$160.00
Isabella Appignani	NJAHPERD Annual Convention	2/24 & 2/25/2014	\$130.00

Kristin Ellingham Christina Lee	One Day Starlab Training	2/25/2014	\$160.00
Kathy Germinario Gianna Bassford Angela Frawley LaurieRae Mongaliri	Practical Strategies to Address Executive Functioning Skills	2/28/2014	\$675.00
Joe Reid	Google in Education	3/13 & 3/14/2014	\$300.00
DyAnn DeClerico	NJ ASK District Test Coordinator Training – mileage reimbursement	3/19/14	\$25.00
Teresa Pasqualetto	NJ ASK District Test Coordinator Training – mileage reimbursement	3/21/2014	\$30.00
Kristin Flynn	Self Regulation Workshop	4/9/2014	\$225.00
Barbara Fitzpatrick	Fleet Management Training	4/1, 4/3, 4/8, 4/10 & 4/15/2014	\$550.50
Barbara Fitzpatrick	Routing and Scheduling Training	4/29, 5/1, 5/6, 5/8, 5/13 & 5/15/2014	\$770.60
DyAnn DeClerico	NJAFPA Spring Training Institute	6/4 & 6/5/2014	\$350.00
Laura Venter	NJASBO Annual Conference	6/4-6/6/14	\$750.00
Jeff Zito	Advance Digital Age Learning	6/28 - 7/1/2014	\$2,000.00
Kirk Burr	2014 NAESP Conference	7/10, 7/11, 7/12/2014	\$2,000.00

MOTION by Mr. Mooney that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items 8 – 19 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Tuminaro.

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

Jim Fulcomer asked if the reason we able to return the CDL money is a result of more retirements than usual. Laura Venter advised that it was a combination of several items. Staff took maternity leaves of absence, and, therefore, instead of paying teachers at their contractual rate, we are actually paying subs for them while they are out. The Child Study Team Director is out and not being paid. We also had lower than expected renewals on health insurance this year.

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

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

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

9. Jointure Contract: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools (joiner) and Central Regional (host) to transport one student (I.D. #998167) to attend Hawkswood School from January 2, 2014 through June 13, 2014.

10. Approval to Accept 2014 NCLB Grant Award: ACTION

Recommend that the Board approve and accept the 2014 NCLB Grant Award totaling \$263,522 as follows:

Title I-Part A	\$206,265
Title II-Part A.....	\$ 57,257

11. Approval to Apply for Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Funds: ACTION

Recommend that the Board grant permission to apply for funds in the amount of \$3,026 to support the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2013-2014 School Year.

12. Board Representatives for Sick Leave Bank: ACTION

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

- Keith Fisher
- Noriko Kowalewski
- Patrick Mooney
- Lou Tuminaro

13. Request for Proposals: ACTION

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

- a. Banking
- b. Food Service Management Companies

14. Child Study Team Shared Services Agreement with Island Heights School District:

ACTION

Recommend the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve continuation of Shared Services Agreement for Child Study Team Services with Island Heights School District for the three-year period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 as follows: \$30,600 for the 2014-2015 school year, \$31,200 for the 2015-2016 school year, and \$31,800 for the 2016-2017 school year.

15. Custodial Shared Services Agreement with Island Heights School District:

ACTION

Recommend the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve continuation of Shared Services Agreement for Custodial Services with Island Heights School for the three-year period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 as follows: \$82,790 for the 2014-2015 school year, \$84,445 for the 2015-2016 school year, and \$86,135 for the 2016-2017 school year.

16. Courier Shared Services Agreement with Central Regional School District:

ACTION

Recommend the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve continuation of Shared Services Agreement for Courier Services with Central Regional School District for the three-year period from September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 for a fee of \$10,000 per year.

17. Bus Maintenance Shared Services Agreement with Central Regional School District:

ACTION

Recommend the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve continuation of Shared Services Agreement for Bus Maintenance with Central Regional School District for the three-year period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 as follows: \$13,990 per month for the 2014-2015 school year, \$14,270 per month for the 2015-2016 school year, and \$14,555 per month for the 2016-2017 school year.

18. Award of Request for Proposal for Architect for Re-Roof of the H.&M. Potter School:

ACTION

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve Yezzi Associates as the Architect for the Re-Roofing of the H. & M. Potter School, for a total cost of \$31,900.

19. Approval to Payoff CDL Loan:

ACTION

WHEREAS, Executive Order 128 required school districts to apply for a FEMA Community Disaster Loan (CDL);

WHEREAS, Berkeley Township Board of Education submitted said application on April 18, 2013 for \$365,211 and funds were received on October 31, 2013;

WHEREAS, FEMA has set an interest rate of 1.5% on the CDL causing Berkeley Township Board of Education to incur approximately \$15 per day in interest charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education does not wish to incur additional interest charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to pay off the full principal balance and accrued interest of the CDL as soon as payoff amounts can be obtained.

XII. OLD BUSINESS:

Dunes at Island Beach State Park:

ACTION

WHEREAS, low points in the deficient dunes at Island Beach State Park acted like water cannons pointed at Good Luck Point in Bayville, New Jersey, and helped to raise the flood levels that adversely affected the maritime areas of Berkeley Township and other municipalities on the Barnegat Bay basin during Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers would build dunes that would do a much better job protecting the residents and vacationers in the Barnegat Bay watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education requests the Governor of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Legislature grant easements to the Army Corps of Engineers to build state-of-the-art dunes for the entire length of Island Beach State Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education directs our Board Secretary to send a letter, along with a copy of this resolution, to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the State Senate President, the Speaker of the State General Assembly, all State legislators representing Ocean County districts, and State Senator Bob Smith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Township Board of Education directs our Board Secretary to send a copy of this resolution to all Boards of Education representing constituents in municipalities with maritime areas in the Barnegat Bay Basin.

Board Member Jim Fulcomer urged the Board to adopt the resolution. He advised that this resolution was different from the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council in that the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council is directed to the State of New Jersey whereas this resolution directs the question to the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey

Legislature. If the Governor decides he wants to have dunes built there, he can have them built by an Executive Order. If the Legislature wants the dunes, they can do it by legislation. Mr. Fulcomer again stressed the importance of the Board adopting this resolution because, as a School Board Member, he believes that the Board has an obligation to be advocates for the maritime children who were driven out of their homes by Superstorm Sandy. He stressed that this situation could be equated to the Board's legal obligation to report cases of child abuse to DYFS. Mr. Fulcomer advised that Seaside Heights Elementary School was destroyed because of the absence of Army Corps of Engineers dunes at Island Beach State Park and other areas. The District used school buses and school facilities to deal with the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. The District also submitted an application to FEMA asking for payment toward gym floors arguing that the moisture that undermined the old gym floors resulted from Superstorm Sandy. Mr. Fulcomer again reiterated that none of these unfortunate impacts on our maritime school children would have occurred had Army Corps of Engineers dunes been in place for the entire length of Island Beach State Park. Mr. Fulcomer educated the audience on the history of storms and the fact that every ten years hurricanes approach close enough to the New Jersey coastlines to send waves over the Barrier Islands into our bays. History tells us that the devastation that we experienced from Superstorm Sandy can happen again if the dunes aren't raised. Mr. Fulcomer stressed that those who died in the Barnegat Bay Basin would not have died if the dunes had been raised. Mr. Fulcomer also mentioned that passing this resolution is a matter of life and death and passing this resolution doesn't cost anything and will make for a much safer environment for maritime constituencies if it is implemented by the Governor and the State Legislature. Again, Mr. Fulcomer stressed that the Governor and State Legislature have to respond and if enough municipalities join in, and given that the Governor is running for President, the Governor will do what we want him to do.

Board President Noriko Kowalewski advised that at the December School Board Meeting, this resolution was tabled in order that the Board could gather more information concerning whether or not this resolution was applicable to School Board Business. The resolution was forwarded to the New Jersey School Boards Association ("NJSBA") who determined that the resolution was not appropriate for school board action. The NJSBA advised that the resolution was a township issue, not a school board of education issue, and that is why the Board voted to support the Mayor and the Town Council's resolution brought before the School Board earlier this evening.

Board Member Jim Fulcomer advised that he wanted to address the misinformation given by Mrs. Kowalewski. Mr. Fulcomer said the information given by Mrs. Kowalewski is all hearsay and he thinks that what Mrs. Kowalewski is saying is a disgrace. Mr. Fulcomer believes that adopting this resolution is a matter of life and death, and it is the School Board's duty to protect our children and adopt this resolution.

Mr. Fisher commented that he keeps hearing about the safety of the children yet he doesn't see any resolutions being brought to the Board relating to other safety issues such as drug abuse. Mr. Fisher believes that drug abuse is a greater issue and that should be in the forefront of the Board's discussions. If the Board is going to keep talking from the angle of children's safety, then the Board should start with the fight against drugs and heroin abuse and many of those issues begin at home. Mr. Fisher stressed that he is not saying the dunes are not an important issue, but he reiterated that if the Board is discussing children's safety then it should start at home.

Board Member Edward Cammarato agreed that the dune issue is important. He said his father is still not in his home because of the inability of the State, FEMA, the National Flood Insurance Program, and various municipalities' inability to decide how high a home needs to be elevated and what needs to be done. Mr. Cammarato, however, doesn't believe the Board should be taking this resolution under advisement. Mr. Cammarato advised that because he is a new board member, he wanted to do some research to see if this resolution was, in fact, an issue that the School Board should consider. Mr. Cammarato explained how he searched the New Jersey School Board Association's website and under "Legislative Corner" on the website are 21 different legislative items being discussed and none of these items pertain to dunes, easements or flooding. He also did a generic search of the word "dunes" and only got one hit that mentioned "dunes" in connection with directions to a particular location. Finally, Mr. Cammarato read Number 10 of the *Ten Commandments of Effective School Board Members* which states: "Remember it's all about education. Your decisions and actions should be driven by what best serves to educate the children in your district." Mr. Cammarato stated that he did believe that the dunes were a critical issue and felt that the Mayor and Town Council should continue to pressure governing bodies to make the dunes as high as feasibly possible. He did not, however, believe that this was a decision for the school board, and he based his opinion mainly on Number 10 of the *Ten Commandments of Effective School Board Members*.

Board President Kowalewski asked for a roll call vote on the resolution.

Board Member Jim Fulcomer advised that he is entitled to speak twice. He reiterated that the State Legislature has the power to introduce legislation on the dunes and the reason it has never done that is because there has not been a strong public outcry to have the dunes raised at Island Beach State Park. Mr. Fulcomer again advised that the Municipal Council has not addressed the Governor and State Legislature—the two sources that have the power to address this issue. Mr. Fulcomer said all of the governing bodies need to work together to get the dunes raised and that by not adopting the resolution, the School Board is turning its back on school children who are affected by storms. He commented that if the School Board does not accept this resolution and someone dies because the dunes are not raised, then the School Board has to share in that responsibility because you failed to do the right thing.

Board President Kowalewski ended the discussion and asked for a roll call vote on the resolution.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer that the resolution under "OLD BUSINESS" entitled "Dunes at Island Beach State Park" be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Ferlise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (3 Ayes, 4 Nays – Mr. Cammarato, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Tuminaro and Mrs. Kowalewski, 1 Abstain – Mr. MacMoyle). Motion fails.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

XIV. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A member of the public who is a geologist and whose area of expertise is coastal processes advised that he has studied the history of Bayville not just over 20 years but over millions of years. There are natural processes that have been taking place for millions of years, and if the Board wants to know more about it, he will make himself available for a workshop.

Mrs. Fulcomer had four questions for the Board. First, she asked if the Berkeley Township School District teaches cursive, and Dr. Roselli advised that it does not and has not for many years. Dr. Roselli also mentioned that with regard to her question about the Social Studies Committee, there are 14 members on the Committee including Gerry Duggan, Dyann DeClerico, and Keith McShaffrey.

Mrs. Fulcomer asked if the Board was considering lengthening the school day as mentioned by Governor Christie. Dr. Roselli advised that there are contractual issues involved and he doesn't know where this will lead. Mrs. Fulcomer expressed her opinion that the school day should not be lengthened.

Mrs. Fulcomer stressed to the Board that memorization is an important skill and urged that the district should not fall into the trap of getting rid of memorization because it's a useful tool and helps our mental acuity. Dr. Roselli assured her that the children are required to memorize many things on a daily basis.

Mrs. Fulcomer suggested that there should be programs for students who are "painfully" shy because these programs will help them come out of their shell. Dr. Roselli advised that from Kindergarten to 6th grade there are many opportunities for the children to overcome their shyness.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Tuminaro to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SECOND by Mr. Mooney.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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