

June 28, 2012  
Regular Meeting

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Meeting was held on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Steve Pellecchia, called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. Please stand for a moment of silence honoring our troops.

**III. ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carole K. Morris, Interim Superintendent  
Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
John C. Sahradnik, Board Attorney

**IV. PRESENTATIONS:**

**Teacher of the Year** –Mr. Prima announced Ms. Karen Roth, Teacher of the Year for Clara B. Worth School. Mr. Prima made a brief statement regarding Ms. Roth's skills and accomplishments.

**Student Awards** – Mrs. Guinan announced the winners of the Ocean Fun Day Science Competition as follows:

**Permeable Surfaces – First Place:** Berkeley Township Elementary School:  
Jaelyn Ashmen  
Daniel Dono  
Keira Leighton  
Ashley Wilson

**Handling Halite – Second Place:** Berkeley Township Elementary School:  
Sarah Dowdy  
Donald Pastures  
Brandon Stevens

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION by Mr. MacMoyle, second by Mr. Ferlise, and all in favor that the Board move into Executive Session at this time, 6:45 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel, pending litigation, and contract negotiations as outlined under the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board will be reconvening into Open Session following the Executive Session. The Board of Education will take public action at this evening's Public Meeting. When, and if, the Board of Education takes action on any of the matters, the action will be disclosed to the public. Minutes will be made available when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**VI. RESUME MEETING:**

MOTION by Mr. MacMoyle, second by Mr. Tuminaro, and all in favor that the Board move into Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

**VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Pellecchia expressed his appreciation for all the volunteers/chaperones involved with the Stokes field trip and read their names (**Attachment #1**).

Mr. Pellecchia noted that Berkeley Township School District has been very frugal with our tax dollars. For the third year in a row, this board is not raising property taxes while at the same time they are improving and upgrading our facilities, updating our curriculum, materials, and textbooks at no additional cost to the taxpayers. Our NJASK scores have dramatically improved in math, language arts and science. Students' scores in regular and special education are above the state average. Our district has passed the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) whereby the State has identified Berkeley Schools as a high-performing district.

Mr. Pellecchia also noted some of the administrative cost savings that were achieved. In 2009, the position of Assistant Superintendent was eliminated saving the district \$120,000. For the last three years, not hiring a permanent Superintendent has saved nearly \$400,000 with the help of Arleen Lippincott and Joseph Vicari. Now with the hiring of Dr. James Roselli, we are going to further restructure our administrative team. With the retirement of Arleen Lippincott as Bayville School principal at a salary of \$135,000, her replacement will earn approximately \$101,000 generating a savings of \$34,000. With Dr. Roselli

moving into the Superintendent's position, his principal's salary was \$131,000. His replacement will be earning approximately \$101,000 creating a savings of \$30,000. Dr. Roselli will also be assigned as Acting Director of Special Education Services with the intention of consolidating these two positions. The district will save an additional \$131,000. This will bring our administrative restructuring plan to a savings of a minimum of \$200,000 for the ensuing school year. The district will continue to monitor expenditures of taxpayer dollars to look for further savings. Mr. Pellecchia is pleased that Dr. Roselli has been selected to lead our district. It is important that with the many changes in education law we have a full-time superintendent dedicated to our administrators, teaching staff and students 100%.

MOTION by Mrs. Kowalewski, second by Mr. Tuminaro and carried upon Roll Call Vote (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Board approve the appointment of Dr. James Roselli as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2012 at a salary of \$148,000.

Dr. Roselli's appointment was received by applause and a standing ovation by the public.

Dr. Roselli offered his thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting this evening. He spoke of the opportunities presented to him by the former Superintendent, Dr. Suriano. He noted that Mr. Vicari had been a great mentor to him. One of the things Mr. Vicari always said was it is all about family. He thanked the staff for attending the meeting tonight. Dr. Roselli thanked the Board for their unanimous support. He stated he has always been an advocate for children. Dr. Roselli thanked Interim Superintendent, Carole Morris for filling in this past month.

Mr. Pellecchia thanked Ms. Morris for the outstanding job she has done in the role of Interim Superintendent.

Ms. Morris wished Dr. Roselli well in his new position.

Mr. Tuminaro left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

#### **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA:**

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. MacMoyle and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A6 be approved:

Mr. Ferlise had a question on Item A3 as to why there was no Safety Patrol Coordinator for HMP.

Ms. Venter explained that the principal from HMP has been on vacation so it will be on the August agenda.

**A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:****1. Retirement/Resignation: ACTION**

- a. Recommend the Board accept the retirement/resignation of the following staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years in District</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Arleen J. Lippincott	Principal-BAY	31 (retiring)	9/1/12
Andrew Lomrantz	Computer Tech.	4 (resigning)	7/1/12

**2. Leaves of Absence: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve a leave of absence for the following staff members:

- a. I.D. #5876-CBW-Gr. 1:  
Maternity leave of absence utilizing 33 accumulated available sick days, effective 9/1/12 through 10/23/12; followed by an unpaid child rearing leave utilizing the FMLA effective 10/24/12 through 11/30/12.
- b. I.D. #5562-BAY-Gr. 3:  
Maternity leave of absence utilizing 50 accumulated available sick days, effective 9/1/12 through 11/23/12; followed by an unpaid child rearing leave utilizing the FMLA effective 11/24/12 through 6/30/13.
- c. I.D. #5708-BTE-Gr. 5:  
**Extension** of unpaid maternity leave of absence effective 9/1/12 through 6/30/13.
- d. I.D. #5610-BAY-Gr. 3:  
**Extension** of unpaid child rearing leave utilizing the FMLA effective 9/1/12 through 10/12/12.
- e. I.D. #5240-CBW-Kdg:  
**Extension** of unpaid child rearing leave utilizing the FMLA effective 9/1/12 through 11/30/12.
- f. I.D. #6157-BAY-Secretary:  
Medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 7/6/12.

**3. Extra-Curricular Positions: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of the following staff members to the stipend extra-curricular position as listed for the 2012-13 school year, at the contractual rate of pay, effective 9/1/12 through 6/30/13:

**Safety Patrol Coordinator:** Isabella Appignani - BAY  
Michael Conforti - BTE  
Teresa LaMagra - CBW

**4. Revised Hours for Cafeteria Workers: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve revised hours for the following cafeteria workers for the 2012-13 school year, effective 9/1/12:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Donna DiSilva	6 hrs. daily	6.25 hrs. daily
Mary Stanley	6.5 hrs. daily	5.5 hrs. daily
Susan Steele	5.5 hrs. daily	6.5 hrs. daily

**5. Payment for Kindergarten Orientation: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve payment for the Kindergarten teachers attending Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, August 30, 2012, which is not a contracted day, for 2 hours, at the contractual rate of pay.

**6. Transfers/Reassignments: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following transfers/reassignments for the 2012-13 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Marianne Cicco	CBW-ALPS/World Lang.	HMP-ALPS/World Lang.
Danielle Lavallo	HMP-ALPS/World Lang.	CBW-ALPS/World Lang.
Brynne Chacon	CBW-RC-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 2	CBW-LLD-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 4
Diane Kulka	CBW-LLD-Gr. 3/4	CBW-LLD-Gr. 2/3
Alexandria Terry	CBW-Autism	CBW-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 1
Jill Kramer	CBW-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 4	CBW-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 1
Stacy Kakos	CBW-Autism Behaviorist	CBW-Guidance Counselor
Lori Letizia	HMP-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 2	HMP-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 4
Melisa Whitworth	HMP-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 3	HMP-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 2
Anna McDowell	HMP-Inclusion-Gr. 3	HMP-Inclusion-Gr. 2
Corey Steinmetz	BTE-MD Class	BTE-LLD-Gr. 5
Gianna Bassford	BTE-Inclusion-Gr. 6	BTE-LLD-Gr. 5/6
Charles Hurley	BTE-LLD-Gr. 6	BTE-Inclusion-Gr. 6
Lorraine Johnson	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 3	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 1
Amanda McKenna	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 3	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 2
Jennifer Carlucci	BAY-Spec. Ed. Inclusion	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 3
Nicole Ettari	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 2	BAY-Reg. Ed.-Gr. 3

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Ytreboe and all in favor that the Superintendent delete Item A7 from the Agenda.

**The following item was deleted from the Agenda.**

- 7. Custodial Worker:** **ACTION**  
 Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Robert Klein, to fill a vacancy, as a full-time custodial worker assigned to the Berkeley Township Elementary School, at the hourly contractual rate of \$11.96, effective 6/8/12-6/30/13.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. MacMoyle and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Mr. Ferlise on Item A10) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A8 – A14 be approved:

- 8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding:** **ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the following staff members, effective 7/1/12 through 6/30/13 as amended by law: **(Attachment #2)**

- a. Teaching/CST Staff
- b. Secretarial/Clerical Staff
- c. Teacher/School Aides/Bus Attendants
- d. Food Service Workers
- e. Custodial Staff
- f. School Bus Drivers/Messenger

- 9. Additional Extended School Year Program Aide:** **ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following staff member as an additional Extended School Year Program aide, at the contractual rate of pay, effective 7/9/12 through 8/9/12, at the H. & M. Potter School, for a total of 20 days (excluding Fridays):

Shannon Enright - Special Ed. Aide - 5 hrs. daily

(This position is necessary due to an incoming tuition student from Island Heights who requires a one-on-one aide.)

- 10. Approval of Stokes Chaperones:** **ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the attached list of Stokes Chaperones provided by Melisa Whitworth, for the class trip on June 11-13, 2012. **(Attachment #3)**

**11. Approval of Extended School Program Bus Drivers & Bus Attendants:**

**ACTION**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the attached list of extended school program **bus drivers**, at the contractual rate of \$17.30/hour, effective 7/9/12-8/9/12. (**Attachment #4**)
- b. Recommend the Board approve the attached list of extended school program **bus attendants**, at the contractual rate of \$16.98/hour, effective 7/9/12-8/9/12. (**Attachment #5**)

**12. Summer (July/August) Substitutes:**

**ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following personnel as substitute bus attendants/messenger, if needed, for July and August:

Alice Bobinski  
 Donna Burdi  
 Lucy Daletto  
 Sheri Gutierrez  
 Cathy Hoglebe  
 Dawn Marie Kuch  
 Lori Lefaucheur  
 Richard McDowell  
 Robert Martin  
 Jessica Mayers  
 James Piltzecker

**13. Approval of Teachers for Common Core Standards:**

**ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following Media/ALPS teachers to complete curriculum to align with Common Core Standards integration of English Language Arts, Technology, and Research Skills, for a stipend of \$300 each, paid by NCLB funds:

Regina Avenoso	Katherine Palagonia
Robin Barraud	Melia Hoffman
Marianne Cicco	Deborah Immerso
Danielle Lavallo	Melissa Stierle

(Curriculum will be completed by 9/30/12.)

**14. Substitutes:**

**ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the attached list of individuals as substitutes for the assignments listed during the 2012-2013 school year. (**Attachment #6**)

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Ferlise and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Item A15 be approved:

**15. Resignation: ACTION**

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Jenny DiVone, grade 1 teacher assigned to the Bayville School, effective 6/30/12.

MOTION by Mr. MacMoyle, second by Mr. Fulcomer and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1 - B5 be approved:

**B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:**

**1. Approval of Internship: ACTION**

Recommend the Board of Education approve a School Psychologist Internship for Kevin J. Huff, under the direction of Michael Betts, Psychologist for the district, effective 7/1/12 through 6/30/13.

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

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the following Regulation/Policy: **(Available for review in Superintendent's Office)**

Policy/Reg 2361      Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/  
Computers and Resources

**3. Eco-Friendly Garden: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the creation of an eco-friendly garden at the Berkeley Township Elementary School in an effort to teach students about the environment. (The area for this project will be outside the cafeteria so students can view the progress while on their way to lunch. Walmart has graciously donated plants to assist in this effort.)

**4. Additional Class Trip: ACTION**

Recommend the Board approve the addition of the following Class Trip for the 2012-13 school year:

Blackbeard's Cave, Bayville, NJ



**5. Resignation of Board Member: ACTION**

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Dawn Parks, effective 5/24/12.

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

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. Ytreboe, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Mr. Ferlise on Item 1c and 1d also his payment on Bills List) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 1 – 7 (excluding Items 1a and b) be approved:

**1. Minutes: EXCLUDE ITEMS 1a AND 1b ACTION**

- a. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 24, 2012 be approved.
- b. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Executive Session held on May 24, 2012 be approved.
- c. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 11, 2012 be approved.
- d. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session held on June 11, 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 ( <b>Attachment #7</b> ) dated June 28, 2012 . . . . .	\$ 954,788.56
---	---------------

**3. Payroll Approval: ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

Payroll – May 2012 . . . . .	\$1,775,825.95
------------------------------	----------------

**4. Appropriation Transfers: ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of April 2012 to the 2011-2012 budget be approved. (**Attachment #8**)

**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 April 30, 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. **(Attachment #9)**

**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 April 30, 2012, and that the Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. **(Attachment #10)**

**7. Travel Approvals: ACTION**

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

Name	Seminar/Workshop	Dates	Not to Exceed
DyAnn DeClerico	Title 1 Tech Assistance f/New Program Directors	7/17/12	\$37.53

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mr. MacMoyle, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Items 8 – 18 be approved:

Mr. Fulcomer noted that the Board has already approved a similar Resolution to Item 18, however it is good to do it over again as it reminds our legislature that we have not forgotten about it, and we are very interested in what they are doing on that issue. He also questioned the meaning of “TBD” on Items 9d, e, f, and g.

Ms. Venter explained that these items will be determined by the host district when their routes for these special education students have been completed.

**8. Professional Appointments: ACTION**

- a. Attorney:**  
Recommend the Board appoint John C. Sahradnik as Board Attorney for the 2012-2013 school year at an hourly rate of \$140, plus reimbursable costs.

- b. Auditor: ACTION**  
Recommend the Board appoint Holman & Frenia, P.C., as Auditors for the 2012-2013 school year for \$29,000.
- c. Conflict Attorney for Central Regional Dissolution: ACTION**  
Recommend the Board appoint R. C. Shea & Associates as Conflict Attorney for the Central Regional Dissolution for the 2012-2013 school year at an hourly rate of \$135.
- d. School Insurance Agent: ACTION**  
Recommend the Board appoint John Hill Agency as School Insurance Agent for the 2012-2013 school year.
- e. School Health Insurance Brokerage: ACTION**  
Recommend the Board appoint Connor Strong & Buckelew as the Health Insurance Broker for 2012-2013 school year.
- 9. Jointure Contracts: ACTION**
- a.** Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools (Berkeley Township as host district) and Island Heights to transport one student (ID #997196) at the rate of \$42.94 per diem to attend H. & M. Potter School 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 9, 2012 through August 9, 2012.
- b.** Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools and Central Regional (as host district) to transport two students (ID #994896 and ID #994155) at the rate of \$120 per diem to attend New Road School 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 2 through August 13, 2012.
- c.** Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools and Central Regional (as host district) to transport two students (ID #994801 and ID #994386) at the rate of \$187.80 per diem to attend Manchester Regional Day 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 2 through August 7, 2012.
- d.** Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools and MOESC (as host district) to transport two students (ID #997038 and ID #996134) at a rate to be determined by the host district to attend the Rugby School 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 9 through August 17, 2012.
- e.** Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools and MOESC (as host district) to transport one student (ID #996594) at a rate to be determined by the host district to attend the New Road School 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 2 through August 13, 2012.

- f. Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools and MOESC (as host district) to transport one student (ID #993490) at a rate to be determined by the host district to attend Children's Center of Monmouth County 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 2 through August 24, 2012.
- g. Recommend the Board approve a transportation jointure between Berkeley Township Schools and MOESC (as host district) to transport one student (ID #995386) at a rate to be determined by the host district to attend Coastal Learning Center South 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 2 through August 13, 2012.

**10. Tuition Contracts: ACTION**

- a. Recommend the Board approve Island Heights student (I.D. #997196) for the 2012-2013 ESY Program from July 9 through August 9, 2012 for a total of 20 days at \$38.64 per diem as well as \$91.39 per diem for aide.
- b. Recommend the Board approve Island Heights student (I.D. #997196) for the 2012-2013 school year at \$15,779/year.

**11. Renewal of Sodexo Food Management Contract: ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, districts are permitted to renew contracts at an increase less than or equal to the Consumer Price Index, and

**WHEREAS**, Sodexo has agreed to renew its 2011-2012 contract at an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Berkeley Township Board of Education does hereby renew Sodexo for 2012-2013 with the following fees and pricing:

**General Support Services Allowance**

General Support Services Allowance equal to Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$36,824.00) for the 2012-2013 contract year, payable in (10) equal installments of Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and 40/100 Cents (\$3,682.40) September through June, computed at the end of each Accounting Period and prorated for any partial Accounting Period. Partial Accounting Period shall be defined as a period of time less than one (1) month.

**Management Fee**

District shall pay Sodexo a Management Fee in an amount equal to Fifty Eight

Thousand Eighty Nine Dollars (\$58,089.00) per year payable in ten equal installments of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Dollars and 90/100 Cents (\$5,808.90), September through June, for the 2012-2013 contract year. The Management Fee shall be calculated at the end of each Accounting Period during the school year and prorated for any partial Accounting Period. Partial Accounting Period shall be defined as a period of time less than one (1) month.

**Guarantee:**

District and Sodexo shall work together to ensure a financially sound operation and shall guarantee financial results for the 2012-2013 school year as follows.

**Break-even Guarantee:**

If Food Service operations result in a Deficit during the 2012-2013 school year, the following shall apply: Sodexo shall reimburse District for the Deficit in an amount not to exceed one hundred percent (100%) of Sodexo's annual Management Fee ("Sodexo's Share"). Sodexo reserves the right to recover any such reimbursement made during the current contract year from that year's Surplus on a monthly basis; and Deficit in excess of Sodexo's Share shall be borne by the District.

**Prices**

Breakfast - \$1.50, Lunch - \$2.25, Milk \$0.35, Split Session Milk \$0.35.

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley Township Board of Education has determined that the following amount is available for such purpose and an amount not to exceed the



**16. Award Bid for CBW Reroof Project: ACTION**

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve Strober-Wright Roof as lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for the proposed Reroofing Project at Clara B. Worth School as per contract specs for a total cost of \$743,500.

**17. Donation of Property: ACTION**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 1108.04 LOT 1.01 TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education for the Township of Berkeley (“Board”) presently owns property identified as Block 1108.04 Lot 1.01 on the tax map of the Township of Berkeley, a description of which is attached hereto as Schedule A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board had determined that it no longer needs Block 1108.04 Lot 1.01 for school purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is permitted to dispose of real property via donation to qualified entities such as the Township of Berkeley pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:20-9; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Berkeley will utilize this property for future recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Berkeley, in appreciation of this donation, has offered to assist the Board in a future paving project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board to donate Block 1108.04 Lot 1.01 to the Township of Berkeley for use by the municipality for recreational purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Berkeley Township Board of Education that:

1. The donation of Block 1108.04 Lot 1.01, as outlined in Schedule A, to the Township of Berkeley pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:20-9 is authorized.
2. The Administrator is authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate this Resolution.

**18. Distribution of State Aid For Education in a Fair Manner: ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berkeley Township Board of Education believes that every child should have equal resources of state aid distributed by the legislature for an education in the State of New Jersey by utilizing a fair school funding mechanism; and

**WHEREAS**, the current distribution of state aid for education to the schools has not been distributed in a fair and equitable manner to provide property tax relief to all the citizens of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Article III., Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “The powers of government shall be divided among three district branches, the legislative, executive, and judicial. No person or persons belonging to or constituting one branch shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others, except as expressly provided in this Constitution;” and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all children in the State between the ages of five and eighteen years;” and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 2, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the fund for the support of free public schools...shall be annually appropriated to the support of free public schools, and for the equal benefit of all the people of this State;” and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section I, Paragraph 7.a, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, the income tax is to be “annually appropriated...exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes;” and

**WHEREAS**, this body can no longer bear the burden of the continued diversion of its fair share of state school aid for the students between the ages of five and eighteen years of age who reside within this jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Berkeley Township Board of Education does hereby call upon the Legislature of the State of New Jersey to fulfill its constitutionally assigned duty to distribute the state aid for education to the school districts in this state in a fair manner that is for the equal benefit of all the people of the state and not by means that are prejudiced by the actions of special interests that may have been presented before the Court or other venue.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution of Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce, 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislatures, Ocean County Clerk, and Mayor Carmen Amato.

**X. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.



**XI. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****1. Personnel & Negotiations: Sophia Gingrich, Chairperson**

Mrs. Gingrich announced the Committee has made a one-year settlement with the Berkeley Township Education Association (BTEA). The settlement provides a one-year extension of the existing contract and only a step movement.

The Committee is also very proud of the Board's selection of a new superintendent tonight. After several evenings of interviews with many qualified candidates, they chose Dr. Roselli to oversee the education of our students. His commitment to the children and the district's four schools, his vision for future education, and his experience made him the perfect choice. Mrs. Gingrich then congratulated Dr. Roselli.

**2. Community Relations: Sal Ferlise, Chairperson**

Mr. Ferlise thanked all those involved with the Stokes trip including the retirement community, sponsors, parents, school board, administration, and students.

On June 21, Mr. Ferlise along with the Stokes Foundation members attended a Central Regional Board Meeting and thanked them for all the help they gave us. Without the help from Central Regional, it would have made the Stokes trip difficult.

The Committee met with the Stokes Foundation and discussed the Car Show for August 11. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Mr. Ferlise voiced his displeasure regarding the negative comments made about the Stokes trip. He stated he went on the trip and never saw or heard anything to substantiate the negative statements that were made.

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

Mr. Fulcomer thanked the eight employees from Central Regional that helped out with the Stokes trip. The trip would have been very difficult without them.

Mr. Fulcomer has requested information from Ms. Venter regarding shared services, the amount of money the district makes from them, and the costs of transportation.

**4. Finance: Noriko Kowalewski, Chairperson**

Mrs. Kowalewski reported the Committee met last night and all purchase orders and the bill list were reviewed and approved for payment. They also reviewed the RFQ's for professional appointments and they are on the agenda tonight for approval. The Board has decided to once again replenish reserves for future projects therefore reducing the need to raise taxpayer dollars.

The Finance Committee reviewed the following at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Purchase orders numbered 12-01596 through 12-01776 in the amount of \$476,330.25.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ytreboe congratulated Dr. Roselli on his appointment as Superintendent. He believes that Dr. Roselli will continue to work diligently to make Berkeley Township Schools a progressive school district. As a fellow educator, he feels extremely comfortable selecting Dr. Roselli due to the fact that he can hit the ground running and prepare our district for September. Dr. Roselli will continue to serve the district as Director of Special Services.

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

Mr. Charles Crunkleton of the Berkeley Township Taxpayers Coalition stated their goal was to actively pursue ways to reduce property taxes for property owners in Berkeley Township but not at the expense of the education of our children. He thanked the Board and Ms. Venter for getting the Fair School Funding Resolution into the agenda so quickly. He explained that the Fair School Funding Plan suggests that all students be treated equally and that income tax funds for free public schools be distributed on the basis of number of students. For the 2011-2012 school year this amounted to \$7,481 per student. Presently, this distribution is not equal. Financially challenged school districts known as Abbott districts last year received approximately 57% of the state aid which includes about 31 districts. The remaining 43% of the state aid was shared by 575 districts. For example, Berkeley Township has 2,033 students and received \$2,117,000. Asbury Park, which is an Abbott district with 2,316 students, received \$57,000,630. If the Fair School Funding Plan was used, Berkeley Township would receive approximately \$15,200,000. Asbury Park would receive \$17,300,000. If you compare the test results of Berkeley students against Asbury Park, Berkeley is much higher. The additional amount of aid spent on the Abbott districts is not producing the educational level expected. It is money that is being wasted.

On behalf of the Town Council, Mr. Byrnes extended his congratulations to Dr. Roselli on his appointment as Superintendent. They are looking forward to working with him. Mr. Byrnes agreed with Mr. Ferlise regarding the blogs on the Stokes trip. The blogs were brutal and people need to get a life. Mr. Byrnes stated he had a great time at Stokes and can't wait to go back again next year.

Mrs. Sherry Dillane spoke about the ongoing fundraiser for her son, Devon, who has Type I diabetes and suffers from hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia unawareness. They have been trying to raise money to purchase a Diabetes Awareness Dog (D.A.D.) for her son.

Ms. Linda Guan, a single mom, also spoke of her son having Type 1 Diabetes. She noted that her son was on a class trip and his medication was left at school. She was able to leave work and get his medication, however, this could have been a deadly situation. She doesn't want to point fingers or names, she just wants accountability to realize how serious this disease can be. She would like to have her son have a normal life. She wants to see that diabetes awareness education continue.

An aunt of a student commented that the Stokes trip worked out fine. She addressed Mrs. Morris stating that she hopes she understands better now why she was in her office questioning the details of the Stokes trip. She felt Mrs. Morris was insensitive and unprofessional. She said she walked away feeling worse than when she went into her office.

Mrs. Morris responded that she has been in education over 40 years and feels that this was a tremendous misjudgment of her. Mrs. Morris explained that she was unable to discuss the child with her as she is not his legal guardian nor the parent, and this is why she did not engage in the conversation. This was unfortunate and for that, Mrs. Morris does apologize, but this is the law. Mrs. Morris noted that she is not permitted to discuss another child with someone who is not a parent or guardian. Mrs. Morris again apologized if she offended her in any way. Mrs. Morris does agree that before a trip, answers should be upfront to parents whether or not a nurse will be on a trip and everything should be in order before the trip occurs.

Mr. Gerry Morey, Chairman of the Educational and Environmental Program Foundation, stated there was a nurse on the trip. The Foundation is paying for the nurse. He would like to see that everything that was said in the past about this program be gone and would like the program to move forward. He was highly offended by some of the blogs in the press. He is tired of the way people hide behind names on these blogs and don't have the courage to come forward and say it in public. Mr. Morey spoke highly of all the chaperones that came on the trip which included board members, former board members, staff members, four police officers, first aid personnel, a nurse, Mr. Byrnes who was combat medic in Vietnam. As far as medical personnel was concerned, there were sufficient people there. Stokes is also a state park that has medical personnel and park police officers. The problem this year was that we didn't get this trip going until February or March. Our dream this year is to begin our fundraisers with the Sal Ferlise Car Show on August 11. All the money raised from this Car Show is going directly back to the Foundation for the Stokes Program. There are other fundraisers that are planned. At their August meeting, they will send a letter to the new Superintendent requesting that he have a round table meeting with the Foundation. We hope to get things rolling by the time school starts in September that we can make it more successful this year.

Mr. Jerry Duggan, President of the BTEA, thanked the Board for moving forward with their contract continuance.

Mr. George Kaminski commented that he went to Stokes when he was in fifth grade at Bayville School, and it was a very memorable experience. He wanted to introduce himself as he is running for the Board of Education in November.

Mr. Keith Fisher would like to offer a quick observation as a taxpayer. He would like to know why we spent money looking for a Superintendent with a firm when the candidate was right before us the whole time.

Mr. Pellecchia answered that we had eight candidates that were all well qualified each in his own right. However, in the final analysis, Mr. Roselli turned out to be the best candidate.

Mr. Ytreboe interjected that in 2008 he witnessed the board looking for a Superintendent. That search only involved a few committee members. Never before had everyone not been involved with the search. Mr. Ytreboe also felt they should have used an outside firm at that time. This is an important decision and any stakeholders should be able to give their input. In doing so, we are able to truly pick the best candidate.

Mr. Fisher asked if Mr. Ytreboe's boss was related to Mr. Roselli.

Mr. Sahradnik replied that there was some relationship, however, pertaining to the Code of Ethics, it is very remote. There is no financial interest or incentive involved. So there was no violation. Mr. Sahradnik did check the Statutes and there was no conflict requiring Mr. Ytreboe to abstain.

Mr. MacMoyle stated he thought the consulting firm doing the Superintendent's search did a great job bring top candidates to the Board. This was a very important decision and one where the Board spent a lot of hours after work meeting, discussing, and interviewing candidates so that we would make the best decision for a five-year superintendent for this district. He is very confident that the Board made the right decision. It was also very helpful talking to other candidates. So this was money well spent.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Mr. Ferlise, second by Mr. Fulcomer, and all in favor that the Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Laura Venter, CPA, RSBA, RSBO  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary