



***Barnegat Township
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 14, 2009
Tuesday, 6:30 PM**

Barnegat High School
180 Bengal Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

OUR MISSION: The Barnegat Schools, in partnership with our community, nurture and educate our children in accordance with all core curriculum content standards to prepare them for responsible citizenship and success in life.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Houser: Would everyone please silence your cell phones or turn them off. I would like to call the Barnegat Township Board of Education Meeting of July 14, 2009 to order.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, and placed in the foyer of the Barnegat High School, the Municipal Building and filed with the Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-10.

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Adorno	Present
Mrs. Mitchell	Absent
Mr. Davis	Present
Mrs. Pilovsky	Absent
Mrs. Sarno	Present
Mr. Scully	Present
Mrs. Taylor	Absent (Joined meeting at 6:44 p.m.)
Mrs. Becker	Present
Mr. Houser	Present

Also Present: Ben Montenegro, Esq. – Board Attorney
Jason Bing, Superintendent
Dean Allison, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IV. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Houser: Would everyone please stand for the Flag salute?

All: Pledge of Allegiance

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Mr. Houser: Do we have a Motion for the approval of the Agenda/Additions. We do have one change; we are eliminating from the Agenda under XIV, Personnel Motion #14. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Sarno: So moved.

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Anyone opposed? Motion carried.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Houser: Moving on to President's Remarks. On behalf of the Barnegat Board of Education, the Administration, the Staff, we would like to welcome Mr. Jason Bing as our new Superintendent. Would everyone please rise and join us in welcoming Mr. Bing to his first Barnegat Board of Education meeting?

With that I am going to turn this over to Mr. Bing.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/CURRICULUM UPDATES

Mr. Bing: I just wanted to thank everybody for that gracious welcome. I know it is a busy time during the summer for everybody but I appreciate everybody who went out of their way to come by the Board office and welcome me, so I thank you so much. I have met a lot of wonderful people and I look forward to doing some wonderful things in this District and also opening up our doors and getting some parents and community members involved in what we plan on doing. So, I look forward to working with everybody out there. I appreciate the welcome by the way, thank you very much.

VIII. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Houser: We are going to move on to item VIII, Public Session.

In accordance with Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by and announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if appropriate. May I have a Motion to open the meeting to public comments?

Mrs. Becker: So Moved.

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Motion carried. Would anyone like to speak?

Theresa Roth: My name is Theresa Roth and I live on Compass Avenue in Barnegat. We moved here two years ago and when we first moved here you guys placed my daughter in Collins and last year she was placed in Donahue which we love both schools, absolutely. There is a rumor going around and I would like to know whether it is true or not that you will be redistricting again this year. If that is happening, basically what is going to happen is there is a high chance that my daughter is going to be going to a third school in three years? I asked last year at the meeting if you would be redistricting again next year and I was told no, absolutely not. So, I am here to see if this rumor is true or not.

Mr. Houser: Well, the school district is going to have to look at redistricting. How much that will be or what schools that will be we can't answer that yet. Actually, the Committee is just pursuing it as of right now.

Ms. Roth: Are parents going to be notified beforehand or are we just going to get a letter a week before school?

Mr. Houser: You will be notified as soon as possible, but the Committee is working on redistricting.

Ms. Roth: So basically, what you are telling me is that there is a strong possibility that by the time my daughter goes into Brackman Middle School she will have gone to four schools in four years, and that is good for her, how?

Mr. Houser: I cannot tell you exactly which children are going to be moved right now or what schools are going to be moved, like I said we are looking at it because there were concerns last year as to how the redistricting was done. So, they are going to have to take a look at it again.

Ms. Roth: So there is absolutely no care for what is happening to the child?

Mr. Houser: No, there is care, but unfortunately we do have regulations with the State and the State is looking at a lot of things in the school districts and one of the issues we have is dealing with our busing and we are trying to resolve that. We have put together a committee and we are trying to work through that. We hope that we can do this with the least amount of impact as possible, but we do have to look at it this year because if we do not it will affect our State aid next year immensely.

Ms. Roth: So it is coming out to dollars, not the welfare of the child.

Mr. Houser: No, the welfare of the child is important but we cannot jeopardize millions and millions of taxpayers' money, you just can't do that. You have to look at what the State is telling

you and what the regulations are because they do give us \$23M and we cannot jeopardize \$4-5M because we feel all our schools are good schools and our employees are good employees and unfortunately this is something we have to do this year. We are not saying it will affect your child or somebody else's child. We would like it not to affect anybody's child, but unfortunately this is what we have to do this year, we have to take a look at this.

Ms. Roth: I can tell you right now I will be going home and calling down the list of the class list for my daughter because this is unacceptable. This should have been done last year; this should not be, oh, we made a mistake let's redo it. This is what you are telling me, we did not do it exactly right last year. I came to the meetings last year and specifically asked are you going to redistrict again next year. I was told absolutely not. I was told the kids that started Donahue would end at Donahue.

Mr. Houser: Can I ask you who told you that because it was not me. It could have been the administration that is no longer here, but what happened was that last year they came out with all these new regulations and the State started coming into every school district and reviewed the school district before they were passed. They changed all the rules and now you have strict guidelines you have to conform to otherwise you jeopardize losing State aid.

Mr. Bing: You have new accountability regulations that are being phased into every school district so no school knows what facet of your operations the State is going to hit upon. Over the last six months they decided to hit upon transportation efficiency in every district in New Jersey so there really is no choice in regard to districts that collect public funds.

Ms. Roth: You may have no choice but there is one thing you can't say. You can't say that you are looking at the welfare of the child because you are not. Putting a child in three schools in three years is not beneficial to them whatsoever.

Mr. Bing: I have to agree with that, but as Bob noted you are not just talking about \$4-5M, we are talking multi-million dollars, maybe \$20-25M.

Mr. Roth: It affects my child and I am sure a lot of parents here will rank their children higher than that.

Mr. Bing: I understand, but this school district needs those funds to operate in order to provide an efficient education. I understand the social and emotional part of it, I really do, but in regard to school operation, without those funds this district along with other districts in the State will not be able to operate.

Voice: What is happening to her and other kids is completely unfair and unjust.

Mr. Bing: As Bob said we are going to try and minimize, they are at the start of the process so they will try to minimize as much impact as possible.

Ms. Roth: We are right behind Dunfee but she did not go to Dunfee when we came here you sent her to Collins. Last year you sent her Donahue and now you are going to send her to a

school; there is a big chance you are going to send her to a school where she knows nobody because all the kids on our block go to Donahue. She will not know one person in that school.

Mr. Bing: I hear you say this, but again with the State, it is like a wait and see game. We are going to have to wait and see what the State comes in with in regard to regs and monies. That is the bottom line of it. I know it affects, I totally understand how it affects your child, but the bottom line for not just Barnegat, but for every district in New Jersey is the fact that they are coming in and they are not giving us a year in advance, they are not giving us six months in advance.

Ms. Roth: They really should because this is completely unfair.

Mr. Bing: I agree, I agree.

Mr. Houser: Mrs. Clemente?

Maryann Clemente, 565 East Bay Ave.: Welcome, Mr. Bing. I happen to be the Chairperson of the Climate Action Commission so I was supposed to have set up a meeting with the Acting Superintendent, Mr. Mahon, so I will be giving your secretary a call. Anyway, the one thing that I wanted to, I have been at some Township meetings lately and the old topic of ball fields comes up all the time. I remember before you guys got elected that we were going to have the schools' fields open to the Township. Is that not happening?

Mr. Houser: It is happening; they are open to the Township.

Ms. Clemente: The ball fields?

Voice: It is happening (inaudible).

Mr. Davis: Little League uses them all of the time.

Ms. Clemente: I was at a meeting, two meetings ago when the guy from the Adult League was crying about fields and the fact that Barnegat has not been proactive in getting their fields in order. We wanted the Cadillac and we couldn't get the Cadillac so we didn't get anything. Do they have access?

Voice: (inaudible)

Mr. Davis: The men's softball league if you are talking about them are currently using the little league field.

Voice: (inaudible)

Ms. Clemente: So he has no reason to complain.

Voice: (inaudible)

Ms. Clemente: That was my next question about tennis courts. That is great news. The last thing I have is that I saw online that there was a Committee and I obviously missed the deadline since it was when I was in the hospital, SRTS. Is that alive and well, I would very much like to participate in that.

Mr. Houser: Mr. Adorno is the Chair.

Mr. Adorno: Our Safe Routes to School Committee, we are trying to have two meetings a month, one with the Board of Education members and then Committee meetings with the resident members who have been selected in the past two months. We have it open to the public. It was advertised in the Mail Bag and the Beacon. We are moving on with studies and getting a lot of ideas and things are coming through.

Ms. Clemente: OK, so there is no room on that Committee.

Mr. Adorno: We would like to have you participate as a Community member and yes, you are able to attend. To be put on the Committee at this time I would have to discuss that with the Administration.

Ms. Clemente: Alright. That is what I would be interested in, thank you very much.

Mr. Houser: Mr. Laufgas?

Bernard Laufgas: Is the Board considering alternative energy like solar? I read in the paper numerous municipalities are connected to that.

Mr. Houser: We are looking into it. We do not have anything established yet, but yes.

Mr. Laufgas: By next meeting?

Mr. Houser: No.

Mr. Laufgas: Next thing, what is going on with the marquee?

Mr. Houser: We actually discussed that and the High School Committee is working on it through...Elaine do you want to speak on this?

Mrs. Taylor: The students are raising their portion of money and we will be giving them the rest of it to have them get the marquee.

Mr. Laufgas: They are raising part of the money where is the rest coming from?

Ms. Taylor: We are putting that in.

Mr. Laufgas: The Board? Why don't you ask some of the businesses in the area?

Ms. Taylor: I think that would be up to the students if they want to solicit the businesses on their portion of it.

Mr. Laufgas: If the kids ask for it the businesses..

Ms. Taylor: Businesses right now do not have as much money as they should either right now with the economy.

Mr. Bing: Elaine, we actually today sent out letters to our local banks in regard to getting some support for that.

Ms. Taylor: OK

Mr. Laufgas: How about some other businesses?

Mr. Bing: We will be soliciting the other businesses as well.

Mr. Laufgas: OK. The next thing, you have a young man at the school who just finished, Matt Nelson. He is a quality runner, I have seen him a few times, not only at the Meet of Champions but NCAA, and he has great potential to make the Olympics. The other thing is the gate, when you have football games, track meets or any other events that involves the stadium you should open the gates.

Voice: (inaudible)

Mr. Adorno: We also have parking available at the Joseph Donahue School. I believe sometimes we open that back gate for events and that is easier to park there and a straight level walk to come into the stadium. You may be able to go around and park there as well.

Mr. Laufgas: My concern was because of that hill.

Mr. Adorno: Yes, this will completely avoid that, it will help.

Mr. Laufgas: The other thing is I would request that the Board should look for a different coach for their track team. My experience says he should be replaced, I'll put it mildly.

The next thing is the Special Olympics, there is no reason Barnegat does not sponsor a Special Olympics, especially for track. The Meet of Champions has an event for people in wheelchairs where they compete and it is a pleasure to see them compete. I think the School Board should consider that it will bring a lot of money to the town because people comes from all over the country into little Barnegat.

Mr. Bing: I have done that in my past so we can look into that.

Mr. Laufgas: The other thing in the next two or three months I am going to visit your former Superintendent with a Christmas present. The last thing is I believe the Board should allocate (inaudible) for Mrs. Mitchell so that she can fly her broom around town. Thank you.

Mr. Houser: Yes, Mr. Germano.

John Germano: I am the Director of Athletics and I just wanted to welcome Mr. Bing to the District and I would like you to know that our track coach and cross country coach, and this has been said many times, Mr. Doviak is probably one of the finest individuals that we have in this District. Not only am I an administrator in this District, I am also a parent and I hope my child gets the opportunity not just to be taught by him but coached by him. I just really want you to know that. Bernie I do respect you but I have to put the record straight that he is an absolutely fantastic individual.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Joan Womback, Surf Court: I am here to speak on my daughter's behalf and all of my children's behalf regarding redistricting. Last year my daughter moved from Collins to Donahue. In the first two months of school it was extremely difficult for my daughter. She cried every day and I did everything I could except go to class with her to help her transition from Collins to Donahue successfully. I know that in transportation the State is putting down mandates and things have to be followed, but I am wondering if in the discussion in all this and the data that is being collected, is a school psychologist being consulted with? Is anyone looking into the trauma and stress that these things have on the formative years of the children? I can first-hand give you examples of what we went through last year, vomiting, crying and going to bed crying and waking up crying, not wanting to get out of bed. Really, very challenging year for her and her teachers were beside themselves with what to do as well as us. I also have a kindergartener who would be in the same situation. My older one had to go to Donahue for the beginning of fifth grade, had to leave everything he established in Collins and start all over again, and now we are talking about the possibility of two of my children having to start all over again in another school.

I do not know where the lines in the Township fall to determine whether or not my kids would be affected by this, but according to your Code of Ethics the Board of Ed is supposed to consult with those who are affected. Isn't that considered that it is the community that is affected?

Mr. Bing: In the emails that I have read and comments as made by the other individual, that has been taken into consideration. Again, I just started July 1, but I am part of the email circle for that Committee and out of every email that is part of the conversation. I know I have seen the verbiage of limiting the impact on the students many times. As I noted before the issue is that a lot more governance is being given to Executive County Superintendents with the accountability regulations. Therefore, they have the ability now to come into Districts and say look, you can get some savings in your transportation and this is how we want you to do it. Get a Committee together, show us your plan, and we will go from there. Pretty much Barnegat, along with many other districts in this State, are in that same boat right now. It was literally thrown on most school districts; you would have never seen it coming. So, with regard to the redistricting last

year that was just bad timing to be honest with you because no one could have told you that the State was going to come in two months ago and say, listen, we believe most of the districts in New Jersey can save a lot of money in their transportation efficiencies and this is how we want you to do it. That is what is going on right now and that is the purpose of the Committee. Again, I can emphasize in every email that I have read limiting the impact on children as well as parents has been part of those emails.

Ms. Womack: Typically we do not receive our letters for school until two or three days before the start of school. The beginning of the school year can be traumatic on the child no matter what but to find out then two or three days before that another change is happening, just doubles, triples this whole situation. It is already July 14, the Committee is being put together and data is being collected, are we looking at September? Are we looking at this year? If you do not have all the data is there going to be a hasty decision made in mid-August?

Mr. Bing: Absolutely not. As part of the process, the State is requiring a large amount of data to be collected. As far as I can see by looking at where Barnegat is they are ahead of the curve compared to a lot of other districts in the State especially in the couple that I just came from, they are ahead of the curve. They actually have a Committee, they have met and I know a majority of districts have not even gotten to that point yet.

Ms. Womack: Are these open committees to the community or closed committees to just whoever is on them?

Mr. Adorno: One particular Committee where there has been some discussion on this is the Safe Routes to School Committee. As I have been open with the public and people I have spoken to in town, there is no information we are able to give. We cannot tell you times and dates and we do not have that information as we have not really discussed those particular things. Coming to the SRTS Committee, you will learn some more of the budgeting aspects and understanding where you have to be above adequacy and below adequacy or you lose your State aid. We explain what happens and the biggest thing we discuss at these meetings, you will see them advertised in the Leader, the Mail Bag or on the website, we were able to explain to many concerned parents that we don't want a man in a nice suit from the County telling us what we have to do with our budget, we want to be pro-active and be open and transparent with our community. We want to be ahead of everything and make sure we produce the proper budget so that we do not lose those funds. These are things that we discussed at our Committee meeting. Again, please look for it the Safe Routes to School Committee. We are pretty open and we will explain to you as much as we can and that will be meeting you can attend in order to get more information.

Ms. Womack: Are there Minutes on line from that meeting?

Mr. Adorno: We will be posting the next one. We are currently meeting as Administration and Board of Education. We are not meeting yet with the public, we have not set a date. We have an administrator on vacation and he will be back in a few days. We will be setting up our meeting and then we will have the public invited. One thing, we are asking the Township Committee to come in to the next meeting because of the infrastructure and the things that have to be done it

really falls on to our Township Committee as well. So, we have asked them to join us so the residents can speak their mind with them and know where our parents are going and get their feelings.

Ms.Womack: I just want to add, having two children, one now who is going to a possible third school, the second going to a second school; I want to implore you to please consider the social and emotional aspects that this has on children. It is their formative years, their brain development, etc. I live in the same neighborhood as Theresa who said they do not play with any of the children in the neighborhood; they play with kids where we drive them because that is the way it is. We have put a lot into the PTA and fundraising at Collins and then Donahue and now maybe another one so it affects everyone everywhere. I implore you to get a School Psychologist or someone who can do some research about that.

Mr. Bing: I can promise you that will be taken into strong, strong consideration and it has. Again I have not attended any of the Committee meetings having just started on July 1, but of the emails I have seen that has been a main trend and a theme in all of them. Just for those of you not familiar with what is actually going on in the State. The State has County Executive Superintendents for every County. They implemented a new adequacy formula for every district in the State. If your district does not meet the adequacy formula which at this point I believe the number is 91% of districts are not meeting the State's new adequacy formula. Then the Executive County Superintendent has the right to come into your district and make some changes. One of the changes that will be focused on, in my last trip to Trenton, was transportation and also special education so you will see that coming down the pike as well. That is as of one week ago from the last meeting that I attended.

Voice: Can I just add something as a parent. My child, I know people will talk about the children moving from schools, three schools and four schools in four years, I have a child and I completely understand the emotional problems it can have on a child. One of my children, three schools in three years, a fourth year he was held back so yet again even though he stayed in that same school, he said goodbye to his friends because they all went up and they made fun of him because he was left back. Now, he is with the babies and that made emotional problems. He still has problems making friends. So, don't think we are not going to take that into consideration because all have kids and I deal with it every day. We get phone calls and deal with it. He is improving but it is a lot of hard work. I would not want that for anybody else. If I could have had any part in saying that, so I wanted to say that.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Scott Sarno, 7 Herkimer Court: I'll start off by welcoming Mr. Bing to the district. It is nice to have you up there and hopefully you will live up to all the great reviews I have heard about you. I am sure you will. Secondly, a couple of things I wanted to ask. Under Finance #15, I think it is for lights in the gym, is this stuff that is required for us to do? I see the State is picking part of the share and the district is picking up the other part. If not required, what is the benefit for savings? I could not figure it out if costing the district \$127,000. What is the reasoning to spend money on lights? Is it required or energy savings?

Mr. Allison: It is mainly for energy saving and the break-even is about two years. I know we already fielded questions because we just opened a brand new elementary school and the light fixtures are only a year old in that school, why are we replacing them. It is a valid question. The architectural firm says we will break even in two years on our expenditures on this. Our new superintendent is already investigating an enhancement about something called a solar tube which the architect is going to look into that requires no power at all. It funnels daylight into the school. We are trying to be careful about this because when this first came up we thought we might get a lot of potential criticism because of the new fixtures; but we said we were going to save the money and everyone is pressing for us to go green.

Mr. Sarno: I understand the green aspect and saving energy but I also understand that \$127,000 is a lot of money and if you have to take it from another area to put new light fixtures in, especially new light fixtures that are one year old, it might be a little ridiculous. As long as nothing is being cut for our kids or downsized to put lights in, that is your decision. It sounds like a lot of money to put out right away.

My second question on in Personnel, #1 about the ABA Contract that I guess you are ratified tonight. Is this posted on line or will it be posted online after this meeting after it is ratified?

Mr. Houser: Yes

Mr. Sarno: OK. The only other thing I want to say is that I know Mr. Laufgas got up before me and spoke and then John got up. For some reason, I ran track all my life, cross country and I have run races and I know a little bit about running. Bernie and I have spoken before and I know some of the great runners in the five or six years the high school is opened that we have had and I think Bernie, and I think I have told you this too, I think we should cut the guy some slack. I think he is doing an outstanding job, Mr. Doviak. You spoke your piece once or twice on it and I think you should leave it at that. The guy gets out there and puts his time in and up there every day and working with all of our kids and he knows what he is doing and about running. I think you should cut him some slack and leave it at that, Bernie.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else? Mrs. Clemente.

Mrs. Clemente: I am sorry, I read through the package and I am probably going to have daggers thrown at me for asking this question but I am a financial type of person and we are in a financial type of crisis right now and I go also to the Personnel Motions #1. Why are we giving a 3% salary increase? I asked this of the Township Committee as well. Townships throughout New Jersey are asking for furloughs, for hiring freezes, salary freezes, why are we doing this?

Mr. Houser: There is a negotiation process and we are also in negotiations with the BEA, the teachers and there is some give and take in negotiations and one of the big issues going into these negotiations is dealing with medical benefits.

Mrs. Clemente: Are they giving back on medical benefits?

Mr. Houser: Yes.

Mrs. Clemente: Are they paying for some of those benefits?

Mr. Houser: Like I said we are in negotiations with the BEA and those negotiations have to be resolved.

Mrs. Clemente: Believe me, I think the teachers in Barnegat are fabulous, I don't want to feel any daggers in my back, but we are in a situation, a financial issue. Last year you guys did a great job and brought the tax rate down .05 and the Township gobbled that up plus some so our tax rates increased. This year they kept it flat and you kept it flat pretty much. Next year it will go up again. We have to start taking this economy seriously. We can't go out getting the best of everything. I am disappointed to see that there is a 3% salary increase here. I mean believe me I think the teachers are underpaid to begin with in general because we do entrust them with our children. I think we all need to take a little look at where we are spending money and what kinds of things that we can do to help improve the situation. There are so many homes for sale in Barnegat. It is really a very, it is hardship for people and we have to start waking up and smelling the roses. It is not a free ride, so I am disappointed in that. This is a done deal now? Are you still negotiating?

Mr. Houser: This will be ratified this evening by the Board so this is done deal for one year contract.

Ms. Clemente: So the medical part has not been done yet? So we don't know if it will be a plus in our favor.

Mr. Houser: The problem is I cannot speak about the other negotiations until they are resolved when we come in for ratification and then we can announce the numbers and the savings to the district. I can tell you this, we understood exactly what you are saying and the negotiating committee that was chaired by Mr. Scully fully understands and they believe they did everything in their power to do exactly what you said to save money for the district and as you know medical benefits are...

Ms. Clemente: It is outrageous. The Township I am faulting even more because they just refused to even think about looking at other things. There is no such thing as not being able to renegotiate a contract. Towns throughout New Jersey are doing it and everyday you will read an article in the paper that somebody is doing furloughs or they have a hiring salary freeze or renegotiating contracts. We need to do something; we have not shown in Barnegat that we are willing to do anything that recognizes that we realize that we are in an economic crisis. I just hope that you guys take this seriously.

Mr. Houser: We do and I think we will show you we are taking it serious and we are doing something about it.

Ms. Clemente: I was just very surprised to see that.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Voice: I am sorry; I missed most of the meeting because I could not get here on time. I know you are redistricting our children, I am from Settler's. I am just curious, if you redistrict us back to Dunfee from what I understand Dunfee is full right now so if you redistrict us back are classrooms going to be bigger, that is number one. Number two; if we choose not to put our children in the move can we keep them in the school they are at?

Mr. Bing: Where they are right now is still doing the data collection process so most of those questions are at this point cannot be answered simply because they are still collecting the data. The State gave us a template that we need to complete. Most of that data is part of that template and they are still in the process of doing it.

Voice: Will we have a right if we wanted to transport our own children to that school to keep them where we are or do we have to make the move?

Mr. Bing: In regard to redistricting? That would depend on school policy. It has been my past practice that students attend schools that they are districted into and that has been past practice in most school district.

Voice: In our school district in the past I have known people who have been able to keep their children in the school as long as they provided their own transportation.

Mr. Bing: I think that also depends on the room in the school pending what grade level your child is in and I know in my former district obviously if grade level four in one of the schools is packed it would be impossible to move a student there even if the parent supplied transportation.

Voice: It is just that our kids have been pulled from school to school right now, it is not fair. My third grader is ripped from her friends and not good psychologically.

Mr. Bing: I don't think you are going to get anyone up here to say this is going to be great for kids especially your grammar school and elementary students. Again, before we start determining, this Committee is trying to limit the impact on the kids as much as possible. A lot of this depends on the State of New Jersey right now. What their directives and what our County Executive Superintendent directives are going to be.

Voice: How close are we to finding out when this will be. Do we have another Board meeting prior to school opening to get information or just wait until last minute and just be told we are going to a school and then have to fight it?

Mr. Bing: As far as I know there will be an August Board Meeting and the Committee has a meeting schedule already set so it looks like you should have some answers by then. I don't know if you will get all the answers, but I know they are in the process of meeting and as I said before they are ahead of the curve. They have a Committee established and actually have met. From what I understand they have had several meetings and way ahead of the curve compared to a lot of districts around the State. I know they need to take into consideration your child's welfare and your scheduling as a family as well and that is being taken into consideration.

Voice: OK, thank you.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else? Seeing none do we have a Motion to close Public Session?

Mr. Scully: So Moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Houser: Moving on to IX, Approval of Minutes, do we have a Motion to approve Minutes #1-5?

Mrs. Becker: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call.

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Abstain on 4 and 5; yes to 1, 2 and 3
Mrs. Sarno	Abstain on 4 and 5; yes to 1, 2 and 3
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Abstain on 4 and 5; yes to 1, 2 and 3

1. Motion to approve the Executive Minutes from the Regular meeting of May 12, 2009.
2. Motion to approve the Executive Minutes from the Regular meeting of June 9, 2009.
3. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes from the Regular meeting of June 9, 2009.
4. Motion to approve the Executive Minutes from the Special meeting of June 24, 2009.

5. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes from the Special meeting of June 24, 2009.

X. BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MOTION

Mr. Houser: Moving on to X, Board Governance Committee Motion #1, may I have a Motion?

Mr. Scully: So moved

Mr. Adorno: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call.

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	No
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

1. Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies:

#	Section	Title	Type
7510	Property	Use of School Facilities	Revision

The above policy is revision for second reading. This revision was recommended by the Facility Committee.

XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Mr. Houser: Moving on to XI, Finance Committee Motions, a Motion to approve items 1-18.

Mrs. Becker: So moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Abstain on 18; Yes 1-17
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes

Mrs. Becker Yes
 Mr. Houser Yes

1. Motion to approve Second Bills' List for June, 2009 in the amount of \$1,172,607.29.
2. Motion to approve July, 2009 bills in the amount of \$1,076,456.31; and June payroll in the amount of \$3,264,234.30.
3. Motion to approve the Monthly Report of the Treasurer (A-149) for May, 2009.
4. Motion to approve the Monthly Report of the Secretary (A-148) for May, 2009.
5. Motion to approve Appropriation Transfers for May, 2009.
6. Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification: Line Item Status for May, 2009.
7. Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification: Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status for May, 2009.
8. Motion to approve hand checks written for June in the amount of \$135,940.84.
9. Motion to approve the following Homebound Instruction Students:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
ML	BHS	6/8/09 – For Final Exam Only
KL	BHS	5/15/09 – end of year
ES	BHS	5/29/09 – 6/17/09

10. Motion to approve the following workshops:

NAME	SCHOOL	WORKSHOP TITLE	DATE	LOCATION	WORKSHOP FEE	MILEAGE	TOLLS /PARKING	TOTAL
Jason Smith	B&G	NJ Pesticide License	7/14/09	Freehold, NJ	\$99.00	0	0	\$ 99.00
John Kozak	B&G	NJ Pesticide License	7/14/09	Freehold, NJ	\$99.00	0	0	\$ 99.00
Nichelle Glasner	BHS	Advance Placement Summer Institute	8-3/6/09	Toms River, NJ	\$800.00	\$91.56	\$5.00	\$896.56
B. Harris	RLHS	Science Habitat Workshop	7/15 and 7/29/09	Tuckerton, NJ	\$80.00	\$15.00	0	\$ 95.00
F. Sauer	JTDA	Let Your Hands Do the Talking	7/27-29/09	Toms River, NJ	\$170.00	\$30.00	0	\$200.00
L. Nelson	CSCS	Let Your Hands Do the Talking	7/27-7/29/09	Toms River, NJ	\$170.00	\$30.00	0	\$200.00
B. Harris	RLHS	Wonders of the Wetlands	8/5-8/7/09	Seaside Park, NJ	\$150.00	\$30.00	0	\$180.00

11. Motion to approve the following OOD placements:

STUDENT	PLACEMENT	TUITION	TRANSPORTATION
DM	Southern Regional Middle School	\$10,714.20 (ESY)	N/A
DS	New Hope Foundation	\$280.00 per day	N/A

12. Motion to accept the PTO donation of \$8,422.00 for Playground Equipment from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for the Joseph T. Donahue School.

13. Motion to approve the Inter-Local Services Agreement with Ocean Township Board of Education for SY 2009-2010 for the services of Lou Balka, Computer Technician at a rate of \$275.00 per day.

14. Motion to approve Professional Education Services Inc. to provide Barnegat Township School District students with home instruction services during their affiliation with South Jersey Health Care, Bridgeton, NJ at contracted rate of \$37.00 per hour.

15. Motion to authorize construction projects at the District's six schools to retrofit gym lighting with more-efficient fixtures to do its own construction with state grant funding support and to accept the Preliminary Eligible Cost (PEC) provided by the Department of Education as follows:

	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Donahue Elementary School	\$16,790	\$ 7,381
Horbelt Elementary School	\$23,862	\$10,490
Collins Elementary School	\$18,826	\$ 8,276
Dunfee Elementary School	\$23,183	\$10,192
Brackman Middle School	\$52,801	\$23,212
Barnegat High School	\$95,802	\$42,117

16. Motion to increase the prices for school lunches as follows for 2009-2010:

<u>School</u>	2008-2009 Breakfast	2008-2009 Lunch	2009-2010 Breakfast	2009-2010 Lunch
Cecil S. Collins Elementary	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.95
Joseph T. Donahue Elementary	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.95
Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.95
Robert L. Horbelt Elementary	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.95
Russell O. Brackman Middle	\$ 1.35	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.40	\$ 2.10
Barnegat High School	\$ 1.35	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.40	\$ 2.10
*Premium Lunch at High School		\$ 3.25		\$ 3.25

17. Motion to approve the following New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Membership Resolution and Membership dues for Barnegat High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Board of Education of School District No. 0185, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as provided for in Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, et. seq.) herewith enrolls Barnegat High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA.

This Resolution to continue in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted annually by the Board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 in adopting this Resolution, the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by, the Constitution Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

Administrative Responsibility – The Association must rely upon the voluntary compliance by its member schools in enforcing the eligibility standards set forth in Bylaws, Article V. Toward that end, the Principal in each member school has the affirmative obligation to report to the NJSIAA any violations of these standards. The fact that a school has disclosed that there has been an eligibility violation will not relieve the affected school of sanctions that may be imposed against it, pursuant to Article X of the Bylaws, including the forfeiture of games or events. However, the failure to disclose an eligibility violation may be grounds for imposing additional sanctions upon the offending school.

Annual dues for the 2009-2010 school year are \$2,150.00.

18. Motion to approve a three (3) year contract with XTEL Communication for a 15 MBS high-speed data circuit and internet access at a fixed contract rate of \$3,449.00 per month under the MOESC/NJASBO consortium agreement.

XII. EDUCATION COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Mr. Houser: Moving on to Education Committee Motions, Motion to approve #1-7, may I have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

1. Motion to accept the annual fire drill reports from each school and then to forward them to the county for their records.
2. Motion to have midterms and final exams at Barnegat High School and each to count as 10% of the final grade and to count as 20% on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th marking period grades.
3. Motion to approve a field trip to Cloisters in New York for the World Language Department. Students will be responsible to pay for admission.
4. Motion to approve the Barnegat Township School District to cover the RIF expenses to the elementary and middle school students in the event that enough funds are not available through donations.
5. Motion to revise the amount of the Perkins application submission for 2009-2010. The new amount is \$15,681.
6. Motion to approve the 2009-2010 BHS Program of Studies.
7. Motion to accept NCLB allocations and 2009-2010 application.

XIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – INFORMATION:

A. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – PLAYGROUND/CAFÉ AIDE – RLHS – SY 2009-2010

Ms. Tracy Smith, Playground/Café Aide at the Horbelt School has resigned effective July 6, 2009.

B. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CERTIFIED STAFF – SY 2009-2010

Kim Peace, Kindergarten Teacher at the Dunfee School, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence for maternity purposes, effective September 1, 2009 with a tentative return-to-work date of October 30, 2009.

XIV. PERSONNEL – MOTIONS

Mr. Houser: Moving on to XIV – Personnel Motions, motion to approve 1-15 with the elimination of #14, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Sarno: So moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mr. Adorno: Personnel Motions?

Mr. Houser: Yes

Mr. Adorno: Just a small comment. It was great working with the negotiation team with the Chairperson of the negotiations for Personnel Motions #1. I am very pleased with the work we had done. We promised that we did everything possible and we were satisfied with what was done on that negotiations team.

Mr. Houser: Roll Call

- Mr. Adorno Yes
- Mr. Davis Yes
- Mrs. Sarno Yes
- Mr. Scully Yes
- Mrs. Taylor Yes
- Mrs. Becker Yes
- Mr. Houser Abstain on #1, and yes to all the others

1. Motion to ratify the ABA Contract for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This contract reflects a 3% salary increase across the board.

2. APPROVE HIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM PERSONNEL – SUMMER, 2009

Motion to approve hiring Margaret Klaslo as a Substitute Teacher/Aide for the Special Education Extended Year Program for summer, 2009: Stipend: Overtime Contracted Rate.

3. RESCIND HIRING CURRICULUM PERSONNEL – SUMMER 2009

Motion to rescind the hiring of the following Curriculum Personnel for summer, 2009:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
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<i>Nancie Prevot</i>	<i>Revise SS & Develop ILA/SS units – Grade 1</i>	<i>\$630</i>
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4. APPROVE HIRING CURRICULUM PERSONNEL (3) – SUMMER 2009

Motion to approve hiring the following personnel for Curriculum as needed for summer, 2009:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
<i>1. Keri DeBari</i>	<i>Revise Drama 1</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>2. Karen Beverley</i>	<i>Revise SS & Develop</i>	<i>\$315 ea</i>
<i>3. Debbie Webber</i>	<i>ILA/SS units – Grade 1</i>	

5. APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED STAFF (2) – RLHS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve hiring the following certified staff for the 2009-2010. DOE: September 1, 2009:

- 1. Jennifer Meyer, 2nd Grade Teacher filling Maternity Leave. DOE: September 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009. Salary: Step 8/BA as per negotiated contract.*
- 2. Deanna Bartolini, Behavioral Disabilities Teacher. DOE: September 1, 2009. Salary: Step 3/BA as per negotiated contract.*

6. APPROVE HIRING NON-CERTIFIED STAFF – RLHS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve hiring Tami Pentlicki as Playground/Café Aide for the Horbelt School for the 2009-2010 school year. DOE: September 1, 2009. Salary: Step 4 as per negotiated contract.

7. APPROVE CERTIFIED STAFF TRANSFERS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the voluntary certified staff transfer of Laura D’Agostino from Behavioral Disabilities Teacher at RLHS to 3 L/LD Teacher at CSCS for the 2009-2010 school year.

8. APPROVE HIRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONNEL (3) – BHS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the following Afterschool Activities Personnel for Barnegat High School for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
<i>1. Todd Gagnon</i>	<i>Marching Band</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>2. Susan Beaudoin</i>	<i>Assistant Marching Band</i>	<i>\$3,650</i>
<i>3. Kristen Feather</i>	<i>Color Guard/Flags</i>	<i>\$2,850</i>

9. APPROVE HIRING CURRICULUM PERSONNEL (7) – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve hiring the following personnel for Curriculum as needed for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
1. Cara Walters	VHS Coordinator	\$3,500
2. Nancie Prevot	Holistic Scoring Coordinator	\$1,800
3. Kerri Gilsean 4. Marie Koslowski 5. Lynn Lintner 6. Stacy Ramsay 7. Lindsay Hoyt	Holistic Scoring Teacher(s)	\$1,500 each

10. APPROVE HIRING COACHES (3) – BHS & ROBMS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the following Coaches at Barnegat High School and the Brackman School for the 2009-2010 school year. Stipend: As per negotiated contract.

BHS

1. Michael DeTroia, Assistant Football Coach
2. Lauren Mackin, Assistant Field Hockey Coach

ROBMS

3. Lauren Ritter, Assistant Dance Team

11. APPROVE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (2) – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the following school volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year:

LMDS

1. Regina Vincenti

CSCS

2. Ivan Schwartz

12. APPROVE DISTRICT HOMELESS LIAISON – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve Eileen Ellis as Homeless Liaison for Barnegat Township Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

13. APPROVE DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve Stacy Russ as Psychological Examiner for Barnegat Township Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

14. APPROVE STIPEND – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve a yearly stipend in the amount of \$8,000 (pro-rated) to Karen McKeon, District Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction, to assume the duties of the Supervisor of Science for the 2009-2010 school year.

15. APPROVE NEW POSITION – TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR – SY 2009-2010.

Motion to establish the position of Technology Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year.

XV. SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Mr. Houser: Moving on to XV, Shared Services Committee Motions. Motion to approve #1 and #2, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Becker: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

1. Motion to approve the Inter-Local Services Agreement for Law Enforcement Officers (SRO) with Barnegat Township for two Police Officers for the 2009 - 2010 school year. The term for assignment of the officers shall coincide with the start and end dates of the 2009 -2010 school year calendar. The Board of Education shall pay to the Township the total sum equal to \$55,833.00 for each officer representing a portion of the salary of the law enforcement officers. Payment is due by October 1, 2009.
2. Motion to approve the Inter-Local Services Agreement for Law Enforcement Officer (DARE) with Barnegat Township to have one law enforcement officer assigned to Barnegat Township School District on a part-time basis during the 2009-2010 school year. The term for assignment of the officer shall coincide with the start and end dates of the 2009-2010 school year calendar.

XVI. ATHLETIC/FACILITY USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MOTION

Mr. Houser: Moving on to XVI, Athletic/Facility Use/Transportation Committee, Motion to approve #1, may I have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved

Mr. Adorno: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call.

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

Motion to allow the Pinewood Estate Volunteer Fire Department to use the Russell O. Brackman Middle School auditorium on July 25th from 5-11 pm. We will waive the building use fee and only be charging the over-time rate for the custodians.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Request resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 for the purpose of personnel/contracts.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Barnegat in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s) personnel/contracts.

The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is listed in Executive Session, Executive Discussion and Executive Information.

It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

This resolution shall become effective immediately.

XVII. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

Mr. Houser: Can I have a motion to move into Executive Session?

Mrs. Sarno: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried. We will be in Executive Session and probably be in there approximately 30 minutes, it is 7:20 p.m. Mr. Davis left the meeting.

XVIII. ROLL CALL

Mr. Allison: Roll Call returning to public portion of the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Adorno	Present
Mr. Davis	Absent
Mrs. Mitchell	Absent
Mrs. Pilovsky	Absent
Mrs. Sarno	Present
Mr. Scully	Present
Mrs. Taylor	Present
Mrs. Becker	Present
Mr. Houser	Present

XIX. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Houser: Moving on to Old Business, do we have any Old Business. There being none, we will move on to New Business.

XX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Houser: Item XXI, under New Business we have Motion #1, Motion to approve a yearly stipend in the amount of \$8,000 pro-rated to Karen McKeon, District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction to assume the duties of Supervisor of Science for the 2009-2010 school year. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

Mr. Houser: Under New Business we have Motion #2, Motion to approve settlement of litigation B.L. vs. Mitchell, etc., Docket No.: OCN-L-1272-08 and to authorize execution of settlement agreement as reviewed in Executive Session on the terms set forth in that written agreement. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Becker: So moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Houser: The next scheduled date for the Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting is August 18, 2009 @ 6:30 pm in the Barnegat High School Cafeteria. The meetings will be moved from the second Tuesday of every month to the third Tuesday of every month.

May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Allison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

