



***Barnegat Township  
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 17, 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.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Houser: I would like to call to order the Barnegat Board of Education meeting of November 17, 2009.

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

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

**IV. FLAG SALUTE**

Mr. Houser: Would everyone please rise to salute the Flag?

All: Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS**

Mr. Houser: We have one change to the Agenda. We will move Finance Motion #10 off to discuss at Executive Session.

Mr. Houser: Mr. Bing, will you come up for the Students' of the Month from the High School?

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to **Ms. Schuler's Art Class** for the great job that they did on decorating the "Haunted School Bus" for the Halloween event run by the town on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A job well done!!!!
- Congratulations to the following **Barnegat High School** students and their parents/guardians. These students were named "Student of the Month" for the month indicated below:

Mr. Bing: Barnegat High School Students of the Month for September are as follows:

### Students of the Month **September, 2009:**

Justin Plaia – Freshman  
Marlena Brazill – Freshman  
Kelly Maloney – Sophomore  
Ryan Albanese – Junior  
Doug Falk – Senior

### Students of the Month **October, 2009:**

Mr. Bing: Barnegat High School Students of the Month for October are as follows:

Jessica Segarra – Freshman  
Brittany Elsasser – Sophomore  
Constanze Bauer – Junior  
Eddie Ihnken – Senior

### Students of the Month **November, 2009:**

Mr. Bing: The following are the Barnegat High School students of the month for November:

Shayna O'Boyle – Freshman  
Kevin Lodato – Sophomore  
Lauren Benzinger – Junior  
Michaela LaPatin – Senior

Mr. Bing: Our Barnegat High School Students of the Month for November. Thank you, guys. Very quickly Principal Kiewe wanted me to mention two of his teachers over at Horbelt.

**Kerri Gilsenan and Kim Gorecki**, held a building-wide jeans day and raised money for *Oceans of Love* billboard radio-thon. When they brought the money, \$396.00, to the billboard radio-thon the ladies were on the radio (105.7) and the announcer gave a great plug for Horbelt School and the community as a whole. Mr. Kiewe thought this was a great story and a great compliment to his staff and particularly these two ladies, so I thank them very much for their efforts.

Mr. Houser: Mr. Germano and Mrs. Rogers?

Mr. Germano: Mrs. Rogers is the Tennis Team Coach and we just wanted to say congratulations to the high school Girls' Tennis Team as the B-South Champions.

Mrs. Rogers: (inaudible)

Mr. Germano: The team was called up for recognition. (inaudible)

Mr. Houser: Congratulations, good job. We will move on to the Barnegat High School Vice President of the Executive Board, Bill Gross.

Bill Gross: Thank you. I just want to let everybody know that in Student Government we are hard at work. We have the seniors and the juniors working on their proms; the sophomores are working on their annual talent show and the freshmen are tossing around a couple of fund-raising ideas and they will select one in the near future. As a whole we worked on the Powder Puff Football Game that will take place tomorrow and we invite everyone to come out and support us with that, it is always a lot of fun.

Again, as a whole we are currently working on the holiday toy run which was very successful last year and we are hoping for that same success this year. Also we would like to welcome everybody to check out the upcoming events and everything we have planned on our school website on the calendar. Thanks.

## **VI. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Mr. Houser: We will move on to President's comments. Under QSAC which is a three-year assessment program that the State established to evaluate school districts, Barnegat Board of Education policy and for the New Jersey School Boards Association, every school district is required every year to establish district and Board goals. Every school district is required to report out to the public an update twice a year on those goals. Mr. Bing will be presenting the update on district goals at next month's Board meeting and I will be updating you on the Board goals tonight.

The Barnegat School District underwent the QSAC assessment for the three-year period from July, 2005 through June, 2008. Under the Board Governance section, the Barnegat School District received a grade below 70 so the school district had to present the plan to correct the actions that caused the district to receive a grade below 70. The issues that caused the low grade were as follows:

1. Linda Mitchell, as President of the Barnegat Board of Education did not have the Board of Education complete the Board Self-Evaluation for two of the three years as required by QSAC and the Board of Education policy.

2. Mrs. Mitchell, as President of the Barnegat Board of Education, did not have the Board of Education complete the Superintendent's evaluation for two of the three years as required by QSAC and per Barnegat Board of Education policy.
3. Mrs. Mitchell, as President of the Barnegat Board of Education, did not have the Board of Education do the Code of Ethics discussion three years out of the three years as required by QSAC.
4. Brian Falkowski, as Board Secretary, when he left on August 1 and was paid an additional fee for one month to work on the transition, in his leaving never resolved the Treasurer's Report for June, 2008 as required.

The four issues have been resolved or are being resolved by the Board of Education doing first, the Board self-evaluation which we did last year and we are working on this year. The Superintendent's evaluation which we did last year and are working on this year; and the Board having a discussion on the Code of Ethics which we did last year and we are continuing to do this year.

In regard to the issue of the Treasurer's Report, this is still an ongoing issue that is part of the annual financial report that the Board will be voting on tonight. The Barnegat Board of Education goals for the 2009-10 school year are as follows:

1. Investigate the Board certification process through New Jersey School Boards Association. We are having training session with the New Jersey School Boards Association this Thursday and we are working through that process.
2. Develop and implement the annual evaluation calendar to continue to complete the CSA (Chief School Administration) review and Board Self-evaluation in a timely manner. We achieved this last year and this year we are having all the meetings and we scheduled everything to complete this process this year.
3. Establish the new Chief School Administrator as the educational leader in the district. We have combined the Public Representation Committee with the Superintendent meeting that is now called the Superintendent/PRC Committee meeting. That meets the last Tuesday of every month and this Committee was formed in an effort to have the community communicating directly to the Superintendent. We also, through our training with New Jersey School Boards, that we are having this Thursday working to achieve this goal.

In regard to the annual financial report and the comments that we received in that report, Business Administrator Tom McMahon and Board Secretary Brian Falkowski did not have certain accounts set up properly including the Community Education Account and the Student Activities Funds. Barnegat ex-Superintendent, Tom McMahon, did not certify payroll registers from July, 2008 through December, 2008 as required.

Board Secretary, Brian Falkowski, did not properly rollover an encumbrance from June 30, 2008 which caused the Treasurer's Reports for the 2008-09 school year to be off. Barnegat ex-Superintendent/Business Administrator, Tom McMahon, failed to request financial information from the School Development Authority as required.

What we have found is that the Barnegat School District under the past administration would hold over bills from the previous year for as much as \$1M+. Legal bills were not paid for years, many bills were held over until the next year and the tuition for Southern Regional that is close to \$500,000 was not paid. Ex-Barnegat Superintendent, Thomas McMahon, claimed that the Barnegat School District did not owe this money, so Southern Regional had the state do an audit in which they have told us that we do owe that money and it must be paid this year.

The current Administration and Board of Education has now implemented a practice that we will pay all the bills that are due in that current school year and we will not jeopardize our school district by passing on the school district debt to another school year. Also the current Administration and Board of Education are making sure that all of the comments in the annual financial report are corrected this year. With that, I will now turn the floor over to Mr. Bing.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/CURRICULUM UPDATES**

Mr. Bing: We have a presentation from our Auditors, so I would like to call up our auditor firm, Holman and Frenia, our speakers tonight from that firm will be Frank Holman and Jerry Conaty.

Mr. Holman: My name is Frank Holman and Jerry Conaty was your manager in charge of the engagement here and Jerry has all of your answers. I will turn the microphone over to him.

Mr. Conaty: Thank you very much. As Frank said, I am the manager in charge of the job, Jerry Conaty. I worked very closely with Dean over the last couple of months to get the audit filed and completed and do all the testing required by the state and federal governments throughout the year. I am pleased that we had the audit filed on time this year, thanks to a lot of help to Dean and his staff and I would like to thank them for all the help they provided to us.

I am going to go over a brief highlight of the financial statements with you guys. We went over it in depth with the Finance Committee and I have gone over it in more detail with Dean throughout the last couple of months as we have gone through.

I want to start on page eight, this is our Independent Auditor's Report and it says we have given the Board an unqualified opinion which is the best that we can give stating that the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. After that on page ten is the Management Discussion and Analysis. This analysis provides financial highlights and a lot of relevant information for the district as a whole and it is done by Dean Allison and Jason Bing so that it gives a history of what happened in the district throughout the year from their words exactly.

Next, on page 22, this is our Statement of Net Assets or our Balance Sheet. You can see that our assets went down quite a bit over the year, about \$33M. A lot of that is due to the spending for the capital projects of a lot of different schools we had going on throughout the year. Those projects were administered by the School Development Authority or SDA. Next, on page 23 is your Income Statement for the year. The two funds that I consider the most important for a school district are your general fund and your special revenue fund. Those are your general

operations, the two funds that run your day to day operations for the school district as a whole. Our revenues for the year between those two funds from this year compared to last year increased \$480,000 to cover a lot of the expenses we had, we were budgeting for. But, I am pleased to say that only \$4,000 of that increase came from local tax levies. So, Dean we had more money coming in from the state and federal government to balance some of those increases in expenses.

Down towards the bottom we had a change in fund balance of \$299,000 which is less than 1% of what your total revenues are so you can see that we are doing a good job making sure that the money we are getting in we are spending and not accumulating funds to save for a rainy day. From there, the last schedule I want to point out is on page 54. This is the Schedule C-1 and this provides a lot more detail and breakdown the information on the B and A exhibits in more detail. The important thing I want to point out on the C-1 exhibit was that we were \$400,000 under budget for the year and when you compare that to a budget of \$48M, it is right around 1% of what our budget is. It is good to see we had strong budgeting and not bumping up the budget to make sure that we have enough room to spend on whatever we need. We are doing a good job of cutting the fat and making sure we are only spending what we need.

With that we did have a couple of comments of recommendations that we have gone over with the Finance Committee in detail and Dean in detail so with that if the Board has any other questions.

Mr. Bing: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Allison: I would like to say one thing in complimenting Mr. Jerry Conaty and the firm of Holman and Frenia. We had quite a few issues in the financials and we had gaps in our data and mismatches and everything and Jerry helped us through that. In order for us to file on time that last week I don't know how many hours of sleep he got over the five days but it wasn't very much. I received emails and the time stamp was 4:30 a.m. in the morning and he was coming into our office at 8:30 a.m. in the morning. So, I want to thank you, Jerry, publicly for the exceptional commitment you showed to make this happen and get us filed on time and also to help us get all the mismatches so we can start this year fresh with a good set of books. I do appreciate that and I thank you, Mr. Holman, for having him on your staff.

Mr. Holman: Thank you, Dean, but now he will need a raise though. We want to thank the Board thank you.

Mr. Bing: We will discuss the night hours that Jerry and Dean might have kept at a later moment; I think their night life might affect their day game, but we will discuss that later. Just some quick comments and updates of things we have been doing over the last few weeks. In exactly two weeks on our district website you will see a performance dashboard posted. That dashboard looks just like a car's dashboard and correlates with our QSAC reports in such sections of personnel, buildings and grounds. It will have every piece of vital paperwork and plan that the state has that we submit to the state that the district does posted on the website for everyone to see. This includes your Long Range Facility Plan, your Professional Development Plan, your QSAC results, and your Tech Plan. It will be a great resource for our community if

you want any information about the district. Everything and anything will be in that section. It should be up in about two weeks. Our wonderful tech person and my secretary, Helen, are working on that and they have been doing a wonderful job.

Very quickly, our 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms, I would like to compliment Bob Osborne and Rich Morrill and their staff, custodians, maintenance staff and also Jon Jones and his tech team. They have been working overtime to upgrade our classrooms with Smart boards, video projectors and document cameras over the last three weeks. Over the break they moved about 20-25 boards into each school. I believe the high school is done at this point as well as Brackman almost. You have to come in and work your magic still.

The physical layout is already done so if you are looking at a school such as Barnegat High School; you are looking at about 55 classrooms now that are upgraded to 21<sup>st</sup> Century classrooms. It is an exciting time for our teachers and an exciting time for our kids. We are looking to finish off our elementary schools within the next two to three weeks, so we look forward to that.

Detail Electronic Calendar – I would like to thank Helen Behrens for working and working and to Jon Jones for getting a calendar up on our website. We have been getting recommendations and suggestions to get one master calendar that everybody can go to and see what is going on so they do not have to go to a thousand different resources. So, on our website right now you will see a PTO electronic calendar and on that calendar is every PTO event from all the schools, the Foundation events, Barnegat Township Foundation events and also Booster Club events. So, you can see what is going on where the conflicts may lie and where they will not. It is a great resource for our community and I thank those two very much.

Security update – I would like to thank Tom Topoleski, the head of our Security, and he is working very diligently to upgrade and keep all of our schools safe. You will see over the next month or so when you approach our schools, obviously you have noticed that our schools are now 24 x 7 and the doors are locked during the day. When you come to the door you will see a video camera that shows your image into the office and into our security desks and you will also in about a month a smaller camera where if your ID is asked to be shown, that camera will show your ID to our building secretaries and also our security. He has been working diligently on that so I would like to thank him for doing that.

Electronic Grading – Our Genesis system for our Middle School and high school, we have some brave teachers who have decided to pilot that over the next month or so and it will be up and running and live I believe the end of the third marking period. As we discussed at our, I believe, our September meeting, that is a 24 x 7 device that allows middle school parents and high school parents and middle school students and high school students to check their grades at any time. It is an online grade book. So parents can keep up-to-date with their students' grades and homework. It is a wonderful tool and I would just like to quickly thank our teachers. We had a date of going around the third marking period. We had a few teacher volunteers to actually do it sooner and have been working diligently to get it up a piloted and see how it runs and try and fix any little errors before it goes live for everybody. So, I give a big thanks to those teachers.

Mirage – For those of you who did not have the opportunity on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Mirage Players did a wonderful play, Guys and Dolls and it really was quite spectacular so I would just like to give them my kudos on a wonderful show.

Teachers’ Professional Development – We are now full swing into Professional Development for our teachers. Obviously, as noted, we have a lot of new things going on including technology. We are lucky enough to have a wonderful group of teachers who have taken all of these new things and just grabbed it and run with it so we are looking forward to our continued professional development program.

Safe Routes to School meetings – I believe we have had two over the last month at Donahue School and last night at Barnegat High School as well. Please take a look on our website in the next week and you will see a calendar of more meetings where we would like you to come and give us your input.

It has been a busy month. Finally, we are very lucky, I dare say, honored, to have Officer Mark Bernstein here. Mark has done some absolutely wonderful things for this district and he is going to run through a program that is going to be new for this district this summer. It is absolutely a wonderful program and we invited Mark to just tell you a little bit about it. So, Mark, I would appreciate it if you would come up.

Mark Bernstein: Officer Bernstein gave an in-depth power point presentation of the Junior Police Academy that will be run in the District next summer.

## VIII. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Houser: We are going to move on to the Public Session.

The Barnegat Township Board of Education appreciates and welcomes public comment, advice and suggestions especially when it is intended to assist/help the Board of Education. Please feel free to speak to the board during the public session. Comments and discussion will be limited to one five (5) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification. Public comment at Special Meetings of the board shall be related to the call of the meeting. **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.** Your anticipated courtesy to the members of the public and the Board is appreciated.

Motion to open the meeting to public comments.

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved.

Mrs. Sarno: Second

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

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried. Do we have anyone from the public who would like to speak?

Mr. Bernard Laufgas, Schooner Ave.: I am not affiliated with any organization, I am not a communist, I am not a Nazi, and I don't belong to the Muslims. I just want to get this straight.

The first thing, where is the clock?

Mr. Houser: We have 4:38 and counting.

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

Mr. Bing: We just had a meeting with Ocean First as well. They are moving forward on their end and I believe the time line is two weeks, so they will let me know when we will have another meeting. We just had a meeting with them last week.

Mr. Laufgas: OK, because you have a young man that did extremely well. He has been finishing in the top, first or second and at the state championship he finished sixth, it was raining, so I understand he probably would have done better.

My other thing is on October 3 there was a cross-country meet. How come Barnegat did not have a boys' team there?

Mr. Bing: I will ask John Germano.

Mr. Laufgas: I can tell you why, because Mr. Doviak was too busy and he had to go to a wedding in Virginia or South Carolina. What is more important, the kids who have been training for the meets or his going to a wedding of a family member? I think that is very unfair to the kids that were looking forward to the meet. I know Matt Nelson was very upset; he is one of the tops in the State and will probably be the best in the country. What Doviak did to that team is very unfair. John, let me finish and then you can say what you want to.

I have spoken to the Board a number of times, why do you not look next year for a coach who cares about the kids? Doviak does not. He asked me why I don't look him in the face. How come I don't talk to him? I said, do you really want to know? He said yes. I said you were just like my high school coach; you stink. The parents were there and some of them don't think very much of him. There is a kid on the team that could have been as good as Matt Nelson or even better, but the kid is not doing too well. The problem is Doviak. Think of changing that coach. I have a little bit of experience, some 40 years in running. I know when a coach is good and when a coach is bad. In order for the team to do well you need a coach that the kids have confidence in. Doviak doesn't match. You should look for a different coach. Thank you.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Mr. Doviak is a very dedicated and devoted coach. The hours he puts in with our children is amazing so my opinion is that he is a fantastic coach. I never coached track or

anything like that, but I know the amount of hours he puts in and to him I say, thanks for the good work you have done, you are dedicated to the kids.

Mr. Adorno: I have a comment also that I would like to say. Just yesterday I actually had a five minute conversation with Mr. Doviak as he was chaperoning the referees for the high school football game. I was actually very excited because I sort of made a promise with him that I actually would like to see him coach my daughter who is coming up and my son in the next couple of years. I think he is a fine coach, I think he is a very fine coach.

Mr. Laufgas: (inaudible from audience)

Mr. John Germano, Director of Athletics and also Mr. Doviak's direct supervisor: He was on personal business. I gave him permission to go. He takes those kids every single week across the state, all over the country. Those kids are not denied any opportunity whatsoever to compete in the Shore Conference or at the State level. He is a fantastic individual, he is a wonderful asset to not only our kids, and I could not agree more with Mr. Adorno because I want my daughter and son to be with him.

Dean Kinder: My daughter is here for a Student of the Month award for the elementary schools. What happened to that? I know there are a couple of other parents here.

Mrs. Becker: For the Brackman School?

Mr. Kinder: The looks tell me one of us missed the memo, the Brackman.

Mrs. Becker: We were told that was changed.

Voice from audience: (inaudible).

Dean Kinder: The announcement at the school was for the football team. The football team whatever was going on with them tonight was cancelled but nobody said anything about the Student of the Month awards.

Mr. Bing: We were of the understanding that the Student of the Month was pushed back to December.

Mrs. Becker: We did not receive the information and the Principal is not here.

Mr. Bing: Let me talk to Steve tomorrow there must have been a miscommunication there because our understanding was that it was pushed back to December. I am sorry about that.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Nancy Bruno, 5 Janelle Drive: I am sorry but I cannot sit by and let Mr. Laufgas say his say about a coach and a teacher in this district when he has had no children interact with the man. My child has been involved in cross country and track since sixth grade and he is now a

sophomore in this school. He has had nothing but good words and good response to what Mr. Doviak has done for these students. Mr. Doviak goes way beyond what I have seen any other coach do all year around, through the summer. He spends so much of his own personal time working with these children, up 6:00 a.m., being at the field with them by 7:00 a.m. Running with them through this town, not letting them go run on their own and come back while he is having a cup of coffee. He is with those children and he knows what they are doing and maybe that is why they made it to the States for the first time this year. A bad coach would not have that happen with his children so maybe we should think about the whole season and all the years he has dedicated to his job and not condemn a man for one day. Thank you.

Kimberly Bopp, 3 Forester Drive: I am extremely concerned that we will be losing our buses due to a state mandate that will lower transportation costs. While I do understand the very difficult position this puts our Board in I ask that you consider that lowering our transportation costs, meaning that our children will have to walk, bike or be driven to school. I can tell you now that my children, two of which are in elementary school, one who in two years will be entering school, will not walk or bike to school. I know there are other parents who are as concerned as I am and will opt to drive their children to school. So, instead of having several buses on the road we will have many more cars on our roads which will cause more traffic and more opportunities for accidents especially for parents who are trying to not only get their kids off to school safely but to get to work themselves on time.

Last year 800 children were killed as pedestrians, bicyclists or passengers in a family car on their way to work or from school. No child was killed in New Jersey on a school bus. According to the State Department of Transportation, being on a school bus is 172 times safer than in a car and at least 200 times safer than walking. Study done in 2002, Barnegat Boulevard was classified as a hazardous route by our State. Eight years later more cars are on that road due to the expansion of the road and more housing developments. I have seen, personally, cars running lights, not driving the speed limit. I also, personally, have almost been rear-ended several times turning into Collins and Brackman. How can the state tell us that our children have to cross this road if it is considered hazardous?

I have also been told that we will be exploring volunteers holding positions where our children will be crossing at intersections and I am also concerned that volunteers cannot be held accountable. What happens when we have the first bad weather, snow, their own sick child? How can we hold them accountable if they do not show up? How does my first grade son in a few years know that one of those volunteers is the right person there? In our day and age with child predators living in our neighborhoods, children abduction stories every day on the news in our country. No child should be walking or bicycling to school. The safest route is the route we take on our buses. Our children trust those bus drivers; I never doubt one single second that my daughters will get to school or home safely on a bus.

I am asking this Board to please act as our intermediary with the state and please share with them our concerns because our children are our first priority and I ask that you think as parents about your own children and just please put our kids first like you say that you do. I believe that you do, keep our buses, thank you.

Mr. Houser: If you can please attend one of the Safe Routes to School meetings because here is what is going on. Basically, a couple of years ago the state put a County Superintendent in charge of each district and so we now have a County Superintendent by the name of Dr. Bruce Greenfield. What their job is to come in and look at the financial situation and QSAC and all the financial situations in the school districts. This was just put in place; actually last year was the first time they did it. Previous years the school district put together a budget, submitted it to the state and if the taxpayers approved it, it was passed. This past year they came in and looked at our budget and told us the concerns with some of the administrative positions and different things they thought we were over adequacy and they brought up our transportation issue. The Board of Education made a decision at that point to work with the state because they are holding state aid over our heads; we get approximately \$23M from the state. This past year \$3M actually came from the federal government and they held out \$2M from our school district for last year's budget. Meaning, we did not get that money until July so it came out of this year's money. The state is looking at just Barnegat School district alone for what happened last year, a \$5M deficit for our school district. You all read in the paper today regarding the \$8B that they are concerned they will not have next year.

We are looking at some drastic things that are going to happen in the state. What we told the state and the county superintendent last year was we look at the positions we had to cut, we came out to the public, had meetings with the public, we talked to the public so we did everything in front of you and got public input. The positions we had to cut, what we did was make sure that those positions would be able to be filled through the summer because there are usually 70/80 openings in the school district, we did not want anybody to lose their job. We get it and we understand and we are against people losing their jobs. So we want to make sure that they have someplace else to go if the state is looking to cut positions. I know people have asked us why you don't take the state on. Well, when they are holding \$23M over your head, we feel it is better we work with the state and we come up with plans. That is what they are looking for. If we do not do anything with Safe Routes this year because we basically got away with it last year, where we did not do anything to our transportation budget. In fact, it was one of the few budgets we increased; if we do nothing this year we gamble, then we will let the state tell us what to do with the employees that work here, the children that go on the buses. Because what they can do to us is, if we are over adequacy \$2-3M on transportation they can just take it away from us. They are looking for excuses, every school district in the state, not to give your state aid.

So, it could mean we get \$20M this year instead of \$23M and the problem is you have to come up with a plan so what we tried to do was coming out of the budget, we told all the public that we were going to come up with a Safe Routes Program, the Program both for state and federal initiative and we would have meetings with the public to talk to you about what was the best way to do this and that we would not make any children walk any place that was unsafe. The idea was that we were not looking to cut bus drivers or anything, I am not saying if people retire we would be able to replace them, but we are going to need the busing in the school district. We cannot cut it out because people can't walk across the parkway from west of the parkway. There are certain areas that are going to be issues even if the town put in all the sidewalks that are necessary throughout the town. The Township had to put a grant in to get the sidewalks done because that is their responsibility and that grant was not passed. So, we do not have the money to do the signage or curbs to a lot of these areas.

What is going to happen to tell you the truth, no matter what rumors you are hearing, this Board of Education is not looking to do anything for the budget except we are looking at Safe Routes and the redistricting issue, which I know people have complained about, saying last year they were told from the past administration that we would not have to do redistricting. Unfortunately, when you look at how it was redistricted, it was an administrative decision and this Board argued with the administration at the time, but it was their decision and the Board had to follow the decision of the administration. We did the redistricting. We have to look back at that because that may be able to solve a lot of the problems and save some of the money in transportation. That is where we are with this thing and I honestly believe that the way we are going is the better way to do it than to just say to the state we are doing what you are telling us to do and just ignore it because I think they will use that as an excuse to take money away from us. So, we are asking everyone including the employees in the district to please participate in this, be part of this process because we are not looking to cut jobs. Nobody on this Board of Education wants to cut jobs and if we have to cut positions because the state feels they are not necessary then we need to either create new positions or find people places to work. We know in this economy and the way things are that we have to do the best job we can. Our job as Board of Education members is to make sure that the students get a quality education, but we also do have a responsibility to the taxpayers. So we are trying to keep taxes as level as possible and to also make sure the children are getting a quality education. That is what we intend to do. So, I ask everyone to understand that it is not a Board of Education decision, we do not want to cut busing in the district but we also do not want to jeopardize our state funding.

So, that is what this is about, it is about doing the best for the students and having a plan so that if the state comes in and says what are you doing, we can show them we have a plan. This plan may take us five years, seven years, three years but at least we have a plan. The 2002 survey that you spoke about, the engineering survey, is problematic to the school district and I will tell you why. All it proves to the state is that we knew in 2002 what the areas were that needed to be fixed and we did nothing. I am not saying that Barnegat School district was the only one that did this. A lot of school districts did that, they did the study and put the study out and thought that would be an excuse not to follow state law. The state law was there forever, that basically if you live within two miles as long as a safe situation you are supposed to be walking. That is the state law in place forever. They thought they could get away with it and they did get away with it for a number of years. Then all of a sudden the taxpayers got fed up and you start reading what is going on with taxes.

Property taxes, people are upset with property taxes so they are looking at every public sector whether it is a school district, a township, why are your property taxes so high. So, now, we got all these new rules and regulations in place and like I said they are looking for excuses to come after school districts and take money away. Honestly, they don't have it. We went through this, we have an education on Safe Routes and I personally travel all over the country and Safe Routes is going on. I have seen it in Minnesota, Florida and all over the country. It is just not here in Barnegat or just in New Jersey. It is an issue because taxpayers are upset that the property taxes are going up. And now when the state is trying to put alternatives in people are getting upset because they don't want to give up certain things.

We don't want it to stop; we do not want to cut all these things. But, we do want to do the right thing and that is why we have the Committee and that is why we have the Public Representation (PRC) Committee meeting every month so that we can talk to public and get input from them. If they are going around in their development and there are unsafe situations like you are talking about and mentioned to us we need them documented. We have asked parents to fill out surveys for us so we can put together the information in January or February whenever we are meeting with the County Superintendent and the County Business Administrator talking about budget that we can show them these are our issues and why we are doing that. We believe wholeheartedly that by doing this we are going to save this district millions of dollars. We can prove it because the summer camp situation which I am not saying was like busing, but the summer camp situation was when they came in to review our budget, our budget had failed the previous year and we started charging for the summer camps for the first time, knowing that the state was coming after us.

All the meetings we go to we get opinions and ideas what they are targeting. We knew summer camps was going to be problematic so by doing what we did and charging a small fee, they allowed us to keep that in there and allowed us to continuously move. The idea is they want that to be totally cost-effective and out of the regular budget and funded 100% by parents. We didn't just want to do that to parents, people were counted on it so we wanted to slowly move towards the fact that we can get where we wanted to be and the state allowed it to happen because we had a plan. This is similar to that; we will have a plan and go in with the state and work with them and do everything we can to make sure that children are safe if they have to walk and people keep their jobs, the employees keep their jobs.

Anyone else?

Eileen Garvin, 35 Windward Drive: I know what you said and I understand where you are coming from but maybe this can give you some ammo to go to the Board with some suggestions concerning the hazardous route. This is like working toward one common goal, our children, which we heard before concerning these hazardous routes. Can you tell me where the line will fall between what is considered safe and what is not considered safe? You have already purchased smart boards and I understand technology is good, I understand that. But, I would rather put some of that money towards security and saving our buses for our children. Do you know what happens when kids walk? They aren't walk-savvy; they do not walk in a straight line. They tend to not know their surroundings and they do not pay attention to it. They are not like little angels. At my bus stop they tend to play tag and they run after each other and almost run into the streets. We have had to stop our kids by stepping in front of them from running into the cars that are coming by. They do it all the time, it is something they don't think about, it is just fun. There are some things I am concerned about and was hoping you could add a bus to the amount of buses we have because the area which children walk in one area in particular there has been 500 police calls made in that one area in one year alone. If there is any way you can help us to get an extra bus that would be a God-send.

Another one from a parents' point of view, times have changed and we do not leave our doors unlocked and we do not send our kids out to play anywhere. They no longer just go out and play with anyone, we make play dates. We need to know where are kids are and that they are safe

everywhere they go. We drive them where they go because we do not want them to walk, it is not safe. Just last month alone down the street from me, there was a high school girl who was approached by someone in a truck and tried to pick her up. She had just gotten off the bus and was walking hardly a block and it wasn't safe for her. The police were called and it was something that actually happened and it just blew my mind that for that short distance this girl was in trouble. Thank God she was alright and got home safely but just think about all of these little kids that will be running all over the road everywhere at certain times of the day and parents are not going to be there. Not every child has a parent with them at every point in time. Once our buses are gone we can't get them back, we will not have them anymore. Please help us; let us keep our buses and our security guards. Thank you.

Mr. Bing: Just very quickly I will answer the first part of that. The federal funds, we are told what to do with those. So you were given choices what to do technology, building repairs and things of that nature so those funds could not be used for that; we considered that as well. As you know and Bob noted, the town, I believe, this was the third try that they put in for the Safe Routes grant. I have seen the grant, it was very well written so I believe the next time it is open they will put in for it again so we will see what happens. I believe the state did put aside about \$23M this year for Safe Routes. Hopefully, they will be able to put that much up in the near future.

Mr. Houser: One of the other things we need to look at is Dunfee is one of the schools that has been walking for eleven years. So, it is problematic for a school district when people live right across the street from a school and are not being bused. I will admit the excuse has been that we do not have a sidewalk and we may be able to use that for a little while. It is going to be problematic that we are basically not following the state laws. Regarding the security guards, this Board of Education has had no discussions what so ever on doing anything with security guards and we are not having any discussion on the budget except for the Safe Routes issue and the reason being is we were basically told we will not be able to do what we did last year and come up with a Transportation budget that is higher than the previous year. We need to do something with transportation. That is our only goal, that is the only thing right now we are looking at and focusing on and that is the Safe Routes program, the busing issue and redistricting issues because we have to do those things and be prepared for the budget.

Now, what is going to happen with jobs in the district and everything, like I said we have our fingers crossed that we are going to get our state aid. If we get our state aid we think as a school district we are ok. We have done our homework and we know what we need to do and we have done some things with your cooperation, meaning the employees in the district, with the medical benefit situation that was just negotiated and some of the things that actually helped you save your jobs. That is what we are looking to do and I keep emphasizing that because we understand what the stat is targeting and they basically told us that they were pushing all districts toward the state health benefit plan which you all went into which did save us money and we want to thank you for negotiating the contract with us back and forth. I think it was good give and take, but that is doing to help us moving into this year's budget. We feel totally prepared to go in with the budget except for the fact we are concerned with state aid. Where is the state going to get this money? I keep emphasizing that, I am not trying to put money before children but we all know it will be really, really hard on us if they turn around and take a couple million dollars away from

us. That will be a lot of jobs because even when we got the federal stimulus money this year every school district had to do a report on how many jobs would be lost and I think our district was 47 jobs and that will affect us back into the classrooms. That is just the \$3M federal stimulus money that does not include the \$2M the state took away that waited a month and took out of this year's budget from us.

So that is what we are faced with, we see reality that the state is trying to do certain things and I am not trying to keep repeating myself but that is what we are facing. We have to look at the transportation issue, if we try to take the money someplace else you know what they are going to do to us? They will let us take that money and save it and still force us to put down transportation which means it will take money away from the children and from the employees. It is something we cannot do. Even now the state has set up the formula that even if you wanted to go out and try to raise taxes which we were not a proponent of, we believe we are not going to try and raise taxes. But, even if you try to raise those monies there is a 4% cap on the tax levy for every school district now. So, in Barnegat you are talking about \$900,000. So if they even take \$2-3M away from us, even if you wanted to which we do not, put it on a tax levy and have the people vote on it there is not enough money there. You cannot raise it above 4% because that is the new regulations and state law. So, I just want to keep emphasizing that we understand the concerns for the safety of the children, we do need you to document situations, but a lot of these things are hard for us to go back and argue with the state when we have a school that has been walking for eleven years and has not been problematic to the school district. So what we are trying to do is work with the community, we have the police involved with us, we have the Township involved with us, we have the County involved with us because we have some County roads we are working with. We cannot do anything to this town without the Township approval; we can't do anything to the County roads without County approval. So, all of these things with meetings have to be done so your concerns have to be dealt with. If they are not dealt with and are not safe, than that area can't walk.

Mrs. Sarno: Mr. Houser may I add something?

Mr. Houser: Go ahead.

Mrs. Sarno: As far as the security issue, I just want to say it is a bunch of lies. I don't know who has said this to you guys, or who has brought it out, but I am glad that you came and are finding out the answers from the people up here. Whoever has been spreading that rumor or whoever has been talking to you is just a bunch of lies and I would like to put that to rest. Our security is very important; we all have children in the school district and we would not do anything to jeopardize our security. So, again, please stop listening to lies.

Mr. Adorno: Mr. Houser, I have a few comments for Safe Routes to School. I have been to almost all of our meetings and I am actually the Chairperson of that Committee. I want to be able to say, because I see there is a large majority of you that are here, and I have said it before. I just want there to be an understanding that we have discussed in our committees, we know the current situation that our transportation department is in and spread so thin. As far as being able to get to your routes on time, how we are situated with our elementary schools, being able to pick the kids up and get them home. We have looked at eliminating some of that busing for after

school activities; we have worked very closely with your Director of Transportation. I have said this in the meetings and I will say it here, why we are looking at this, and there has to be some kind of savings and some kind of plan. One thing that always stayed in my head as well is it will become a better working environment for all of you. You will not be spread so thin, you would be able to have the packages that you need, not having to worry about that you will have to stay working an extra two hours longer. By actually consolidating bus routes or eliminating some of those areas that could walk, it actually would be a better situation for you guys with the elementary school level, because we understand that you are spread very thin with that. We have had these conversations; we know that you are maxed out to the limit. We know you are doing what you are doing. We also know we have to retire buses, we put in for four buses this year. That is almost a little more than \$250,000. If we eliminate some routes and there are kids that can walk in Safe Routes to School model, we may not have to purchase the other eight more that are needed. We could possibly retire and consolidate, but what do you do with those drivers? I am sure your Director will present that to us because the most important things to us are your children's education, their safety and we support our staff. The last thing we need at this economic time is our staff not to have jobs. So we support that, it is our fiduciary duty as elected officials to do what is right with your money and we will not allow someone to tell us that you just have to cut this and that is it. If we present the plan and it is not safe, the children will not walk. I have said this. If it is safe then we have to.

Ms. Roz Marchese, 173 Bayshore Drive: I just want to make sure that I understand correctly and there is nothing in the budget at this point to cut any of our security guards because we are hearing a lot of rumors that they are going to eliminate elementary security guards and the secretaries, and by the way I am a secretary in the Dunfee School. The secretaries are going to have people come in and checking their IDs and we just want to make sure that our students are safe. As secretaries, it is very hard to watch the front door and to do your job and there might be a safety problem if they are considering eliminating security guards and having secretaries checking these people's IDs.

Mr. Houser: I just want to emphasize again that anything that happens in the budget you will all know, the public will know. We will come out once we find out where we are with state aid we will come out to the public and having meetings just like we did last year and talk about any positions that have to be cut. We are hoping none will have to be cut, but if the state comes back out and says we need to do this, we need to do that and we need to cut the budget, you will be the first people to know. We will have dialog back and forth with both the Union and the public, you will know what is going on here. We will not hold back anything because like I said if it ends up being an issue with money, we will need to know what you all think we should do and where are we going with this. How are we going to do this? We don't tend to say we have all the answers up here. We want open communication, open dialog with the public, open dialog and communication with the employees. We want you to know what is going on. Again, there has been no discussion by this Board of Education to cut any positions. Now, if somebody leaves the district and there is a position open and there is a feeling that we can work something out or do something between budgets, there might be something we work out. Like, tonight we are voting on a position where we are going to save about \$70-80,000 between benefits and everything so we are not going to fill one of the administrative positions. We will work it out temporarily and find out what we need to do and if it will even work, but it is saving the district

money. Other than that there is no talk to do anything yet because if we come up with all these ideas, we are just wasting our time until we find out what the state is doing and where we are going with the budget, which we have not even started working on the budget yet at all and we won't until January. Each school will start putting information together for the Board, but the Board will not be involved until January and then the Board at the end of the day will make the decision that will be voted on. That is where we are as far as the budget and any positions getting cut or anybody doing any other jobs. That stuff has not been discussed by this Board.

Ms. Marchese: Thank you.

Mr. Adorno: Mr. Houser, I had a question for those on the Security Committee. My question is for anyone chairing the Committee since it is a combined Committee, at any time have you had any discussions in regard to security and what they are speaking about?

Mrs. Pilovsky: Absolutely no.

Mr. Adorno: OK, thank you.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Gene Russo, 11<sup>th</sup> Street: I have a question regarding special needs children and transportation. Will the two mile, let's play devil's advocate for a second, and say that it is now mandatory requirement for the two mile walk. How does this affect the special needs children?

Mr. Bing: Special needs children are in a different category. It does not affect special needs children.

Mr. Russo: OK, thank you. One more thing, the transportation budget and support for aides for special needs is that subsidized in any way by any state or federal funds, separate and distinct from the transportation budget?

Mr. Bing: We receive funds that are called IDEA funds and they are from the federal government. I believe any school administrator will tell you the same; they are not even close to being sufficient to support most schools. A large portion of our special ed students are supported by our taxpayer money because the funds from the federal level are lacking. We did get a slight increase this year; my understanding is that we were supposed to get another increase for the upcoming year. Obviously, with what is going on with the economy and our state and the change in administration that is probably up in the air right now.

Mr. Russo: Thank you and one more question. The transportation for special needs is that mandated?

Mr. Bing: Yes.

Mr. Russo: Thank you very much for your time and consideration, I appreciate it.

Scott Sarno, 7 Herkimer Court: First of all under Personnel Committee Motion, #3, the approval of hiring interim facilities supervisor. It has here 90 day interim basis, additional \$15,000 each. Is that prorated \$15,000 or is that \$15,000 extra for three months of work?

Mr. Bing: That is pro-rated for when they took over the position.

Mr. Sarno: Ok, because it does not say pro-rated, it just says, I am thinking you gave them \$15,000 for three months of work. Secondly, on the way over here dropping my kids off at my brother's house and one of my sons asked me a question. What a certain word means, he said today while he was out at recess, has been there for awhile, at the Horbelt School on the wall by the art class is a couple of words spray painted on the wall and he said it has been there for awhile. He asked me what it meant. I told him what I could tell him about it, but if you could have somebody look at that please. He said it has been there and my younger son said the same thing. It is spray painted with white paint, one word is spelled out and the other word he said he couldn't remember how it was spelled. Very inappropriate, I hope it has not been there as long as they say it has been there where the kids play, it is by the art classroom, so if you could look into that.

Thirdly, everyone else touched on it, security issues. I take you at your word, obviously, everybody up there, that nothing has been discussed. I think that would be a huge mistake to even consider doing anything with the security in the district. I know it has been something that has been pushed for the last two years to get actual security guards at the desk and I think it is something you do not even want to go near taking it away.

Lastly, and I wrote this on my paper when I first got in here before everyone spoke. I wanted to actually say that the Board should take a minute or two to congratulate Matt Nelson. I follow him in the newspaper, I follow running in the newspaper and I run every day on a great season which many of you might not even know. For a freshman to do what he has done to this point is, and I have been running 30 years, and it is one of the best freshman seasons in cross country I have seen in the 30 years I have been involved with it. He deserves and his coach, because no matter what you may think, Bernie, I had my amount of talent, I know you are sleeping, God Bless You. You can have the world of talent but not matter how much talent you have unless you have somebody to guide you, coach you and push you every day, motivate you and work with you, God given talent only takes you so far. To get where he has gotten to this point, you don't just get there on talent. Believe me, I know that. Today, I know I seen you up there, John, I was up at the track today doing a work out for myself and I saw Coach Doviak with Matt Nelson by themselves working on the track because he has a Meet of Champions this weekend that he qualified for. Most of them working, I have seen them many times at Barnegat Trail, him running with all the kids, the girls, not just standing there watching, interacting with them. You may a little bit about running, I think I know quite a bit about running, Bernie, and I still practice running and run races every week and I am very involved in it. Believe me no kid is getting to where this kid got without somebody coaching him and coaching him well. So, you have your opinion and others have theirs. Thank you.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Donna McKay, 40 Starboard: I have a question about the redistricting. I know that two years ago we got redistricted and my daughters had to go to another school. Now, we are being redistricted again and I am sure being changed to Dunfee because I am one-half mile from there. I had a question about who ultimately in 2007 or 2006 when redistricted before in administration did that redistricting. Didn't the Board have to approve that in the end? Now, who is doing the redistricting, do we have an outside source and how are they doing it? Are they going with a helicopter aerial, or are they walking it? One more thing, my daughter is now in Donahue and if she gets redistricted to Dunfee I will have a choice I hear whether I want to keep her there but I would have to drive her. I have a kindergartner coming in and I would like her to be with her sister but I hear that will not be a choice. Is there any consideration at all for that?

Mr. Houser: I will start and I will let Mr. Bing answer the other questions. I will talk a little bit about the redistricting since Mr. Bing was not here. The one two years ago? What basically happened was that there was a Committee set up; George Delaporte from the Collins School was on the Committee as the Chairperson for the administration. Mrs. Sarno was on that Committee and who else? Elaine Taylor was also on and basically what happened was the administration made a decision that because of the size of Collins they did not want to split up the children so they felt it would be in the best interest of the children to move the children from Collins over to Donahue no matter where they lived. We knew it was going to be a problem; we already knew we were going to have some issues with transportation down the road and we were adamantly against doing that. The administration argued the fact that this is our administration decision; we are the experts you basically need to follow our road. There was heavy discussions back and forth and many arguments, although the Board I will tell you right now, was totally against it, we followed the administration's decision on doing it the way they did it. Knowing we all said it point blank to them that this is going to come back and bite us and we will be back dealing with this thing in a short period of time. Again, it was their decision and that was the way it was dealt with, it was an administrative decision. Although, you are right, the Board did vote on it, but we voted on it because of the recommendation from administration.

Mrs. Sarno: I helped Chair that Committee from the Board's point of view. We did come up with a plan for the redistricting which was basic and common sense. At that point, there were actually people in the audience who wanted to make fun of my plan, whatever. Pretty much we will probably go back to what our original plan was, but we didn't know anything, the administration knew everything so we said fine, we would go with their routes and now here we are. We will be going back to the plan which we wanted. That is all I wanted to say. Basically, that plan was keeping the children in their schools by their homes instead of sending Settlers to Donahue and we are going to keep Settlers and put it in say five different areas and break it up that way. So we don't have buses driving our kids right past the school that they could literally walk to in a few minutes instead of driving them across town. It did not make sense to us but apparently we didn't know what we were talking about, so we had to go with the administration.

Mr. Bing: We currently have a transportation specialist working on the redistricting, EDULOG, and we have used them in the past, our Transportation Director has used them in the past. We met with them and we asked them to follow a few criteria. One being, we do not want to be back here in another three years so the redistricting they are doing will take into account five to seven years worth of student projection numbers to make sure the schools in the new redistricting can

handle the anticipated students that will come into the district. We are expecting over the next few years quite a few to come into the district so our schools need to be able to handle that. Any plan that we present needs to be able to handle that. So that is one of the criteria. Another piece of the criteria was the neighborhood school model. That has been talked about all night, that if a student lives across from the school students should be going to that school and not bused seven miles to a different school. So those are some of the criteria and we are using a transportation specialist. There is in regard to the redistricting, there is a policy on our website that was approved by the Board that does spell out the criteria in regard to moving schools. At the top of my head I cannot rattle off those criteria, but it is on our website under the policy section. That has been newly updated and it has been up there for about two months. That should answer that particular question.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Madeline Lockter, 466 Nautilus Drive: I am a school bus driver and have driven a bus in Barnegat for 28 years. For 28 years the roads were dramatically different than they are right now. We have so many more vehicles on the road and when you are out there driving these children back and forth to school from morning to night you see what goes on with those roads. I don't know what the state deems as hazardous because I have not looked into that or spoken to someone about that. I am very interested in the Committee you have on that. I know some of our drivers were on the Committee, but I know more would like to get more involved with it because it sounds very interesting. We do want to get involved on the Committee so we can hear statistics on what the state comes up with. I know financially I understand completely what you are saying about the burden you have, but how could you put a dollar sign on a child's life? You just can't do it. No matter how much the state is going to give you and everything, you still have to look at it that way. I have seen drivers go through red lights, they don't stop, and it is dark in the morning and dark at night. It is hard for us to see the children. Do you really expect these drivers to see these children running across the road when it is dark and at night? I just can't see it happening. They go through the red lights. You see this big flashing red light and a big yellow school bus and they still run through the lights. Or, they come to a screeching halt when they see a child coming across the street. You just wonder about what will happen when they are walking.

You brought up the Dunfee School, that they walk to school. Well, my children did walk to the Dunfee School over eleven years ago and I walked them. I was one of the lucky parents that were home and I could walk my children to and from school. When I used to walk them to school there were hardly any cars on the roads. We did not even have crossing guards, we did not need them. That is because there were not so many vehicles on the road. Now the children walking to the Dunfee School, which I do the Dunfee School right now, I am a bus driver for the Dunfee School this year, I see so many children walking to the Dunfee School that if the crossing guards were not there to cross them I don't know what would happen to them. Thank God they are there and I appreciate them being there. We used to have one bus for the Dunfee School and now we have three buses at the Dunfee School. That is how many more children are going there. It is still not a safe route to walk, you still have to be careful, you still have to watch them and I still see the cars running through the traffic lights and stop signs. It is very hazardous out there and like I said I am very interested in that Committee and I would like to be on it just to voice

my opinion of how those roads have changed. When I first moved here there was one traffic light, now I lost count of the lights in Barnegat. It is just not going to stop, it keeps growing and there are more homes going up and more children coming in. I really want to know what the state deems as safe and not safe that is my biggest question. Thank you.

Mr. Houser: We more than welcome you to participate in the committee. I think we do need more participation on the committee because at these meetings the Township and the police are there and you have everyone there to talk about questions. To be honest with you in a lot of areas we understand what you're saying and we know there has to be more signage and police presence and crossing guards. All those things are why we are doing this so we can make sure these people are in place if and when we have to walk in certain areas.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else?

Lou Balka, BEA Union President: Mr. Bing and Board, but first before I begin my speech, hearing the statistics from Kim Bopp today I would first like to commend our bus drivers for your commitment to our children. Thank you.

Back in 1996 there was a special referendum run in the month of August. That referendum dealt with hazardous routes. In this community concerned parents and taxpayers voted overwhelmingly, I don't recall, but I was very heavily involved within that campaign. I believe it was like 2,000 to 14. This district, this community, this township has a grave concern about our children and I would like to commend them for that.

Now, talking about state aid, I have never come across a state official, a county official that would remove funding for our children for our children to walk through hazardous routes. Now, I looked at the 2002 study and it clearly states that Barnegat Boulevard North is unsafe. The volume of children that walk through that four-lane highway is too great for any crossing guard to handle. Did this Board see that study?

If we share that with the township, the county and the state, I find it hard to believe that they would deem that a safe walking route. There are two 25 mph amber blinking lights. I will tell you what, when I turn into the school I look in my rearview mirror. Do you know why? I am afraid I am going to get hit in the backside. It is hard to enforce. In fact, I have talked to crossing guards and the township, the county and the state should talk to those crossing guards that were there; they were scared crossing children.

I think and I hope this Board will work with our concerned parents and listen to our drivers' concerns and declare these routes hazardous to the state, the county and maintain the safety of our children in this community and keep the parents' piece of mind. Thank you very much.

Mr. Houser: You referenced the 2002 study; you can't just give the 2002 study to the state and say it was hazardous in 2002. Again, because what that study is supposed to tell you is what needs to be fixed in each one of the school districts so that children can walk safely. That is a problem because since the 2002 study we have had two more schools built, one of them we are sitting in, the other is the Donahue School so we had to do a 2009 study. The study has to come

out with a report on what needs to be done to make the school a safe walking route. That is what they want to know. They do not want to know what we can't do, they want to know what we can do and how much money it will cost and how will we project to do it in the future. So, we understand, we are looking at what you are telling us, but the problem is that is not what the state is looking for. The 2002 study again, is problematic to the Board of Education and the Barnegat School District because what it says is yes, there are all these things that need to be done, but the job of this Barnegat School District should have been to do what we are doing now. They should have gone to the county who has sole discretion on any county road; they should have gone to the township and the police department and came up with a strategic plan of how they were going to fix this. That is what we need to do know. We hear you and understand your pain, but this has to be looked at as what are we going to do to make this happen and a projection plan as to how we will make it safe. The fact that it is not safe, we can talk to the county and if the county decides they have to put more lights up, more signage, but they will not do it for a couple of years, then guess what? We have the documentation to provide to the state that this is what the county says we need to make it safe to walk across Barnegat Blvd., and this is what we will show the state. That is what we are trying to do. I don't know how many times we can put this out there other than to say we have to have a plan. We want the bus drivers' input and the employees and public input but the mind set that we think that the state and our government officials are just going to say it is not safe to walk because we tell them that isn't going to work. We need all these other entities to be a part of it because we have no jurisdiction as a school district over any of the roads in this town. Never mind the county roads that the township has no jurisdiction over.

What we need to do is combine everybody together, figure out how we will do this to the best of our ability and come up with a plan that we keep talking about. So, we understand your pain, we hear you and we will work with you, but there really isn't any other alternative here but to work with us on this. I see the alternative being a negative for you; I really do because to think our politicians are not hearing the taxpayers you just saw it in the Governor's election. The people here, the taxpayers are voicing their opinions and coming out all over the place in the public sector. You are seeing people's wages being frozen, people being furloughed, everything they are doing to attack the public sector which isn't all our fault. I mean, they want to raid your pension plans. Is that how they will save you this year? They will raid your pension? Some of the things that are going on are not right; we have to work together on this and I keep emphasizing there is really no alternative here except to work with us on it. Have faith with us, we will listen to you and we will come back and tell you what we are being told and present all the reports we can to you and you will sit in. We will have county representatives at these committee meetings, the township will be there like I said before and the police and you can have input back and forth on what will be done. You will be able to bring in documentation and surveys; all the parents and public and employees why you feel these sidewalks and areas are not safe. We will have the dialog from these other entities to put it all together in a plan and then sit down with the state and argue with them.

Unfortunately, you would like to believe that the state and politicians are telling you that they will not make any child walk when it is unsafe. Of course they are going to tell you that because that is not popular, but what they are going to do, if they tell you they are not going to hold out funds to school districts that is not true. We were already told last year point blank, and some of

the people were in the room with me when we were at this meeting, that we can either do what they are recommending or put our budget in for approval and they will shoot it down and find other things we need to cut besides what they recommended. That is what is going on in the state right now with the budgets. They are laying out this is our recommendations, if you don't follow them, we are not telling you that we will hold funds and what we are going to do but we can promise you that we will find other areas to cut. That is what we are faced with and that will affect the children's quality of education especially if we would have to lay off teachers or do anything like that which is unbelievable. We never want to get to that point. That is what we are faced with, we are afraid never mind cutting a couple of bus routes out of the equation and maybe not buying new buses at \$90,000 per bus for the next couple of years and just making people, like Mr. Adorno said, make busing more efficient and keep people working. We think that is a better alternative than again gambling with the state and let them come back and tell us and then we have to cut 100 people's jobs.

I am telling you, and that is coming from us directly, we have had these meetings and I don't know if anyone has talked to other people in Trenton, but I can promise you that this is what is being told to us and we are sitting across from these people. I am also involved in my work life in Trenton and everything else and when I can I try and pick people's brains on what is going on in school districts because I am on this Board of Education and I am concerned with what is going on. I am telling you right now the sentiment in Trenton is to go after public sector. Whether it is township, people you are reading about or school districts, they are trying to cut as much funds as they can out of them and their excuse is for school districts, especially when 60% of the property taxes are going towards schools, they are looking to cut and cut and cut. We can't allow that to happen. That is what we are faced with, we all feel your pain and we want to make sure everything is safe and we will work through the safety issues and at the end of the day it will be a consensus of everyone involved on the safe situation as far as the children walking.

Anyone else? Seeing none I am going to ask for a Motion to close public comment.

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved.

Mrs. Taylor: Second

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

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried. We will move on to item IX, approval of Minutes. Do we have a Motion to approve Minutes 1-4?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved.

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll call.

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

## IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes from the Special meeting of October 13, 2009.
2. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes from the Regular meeting of October 20, 2009.
3. Motion to approve the Executive Minutes from the Special meeting of October 13, 2009.
4. Motion to approve the Executive Minutes from the Regular meeting of October 20, 2009.

Mr. Houser: Moving on to Item X, Finance Committee Motions. Motion to approve #1-13; removing #10, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved.

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mrs. Sarno: Yes, #8 can you explain that for us as far as what EDULOG redistricting proposal is? The cost of \$4,500?

Mr. Bing: That is the transportation specialist.

Mrs. Sarno: OK. Also, #13, what are the benefits of switching over to this NJ gas ACES and how much are we going to save compared to what we already have and is there any assurance that this company will not turn around and jack up the prices on us once we are signed with them and also is it federally regulated?

Mr. Allison: That is me, Mrs. Sarno. The ACES is actually both for gas and electric and for gas Mrs. Pilovsky asked me to reach out to them and see if they could project savings. They said

they could not for the prior year because the gas price was so volatile but they assured me with 100% guarantee that had we not participated we would have paid more for our gas last year. ACES also, and this is not a company, it is a consortium of school districts which is supported by NJ School Boards and NJ Administrative professional organizations. Then, there will be another one coming up that is ACT which is Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications. Basically, what is happening here, is this Resolution does not commit us to a given company for providing this, it commits us to a bid and what happens is when they gather together, you have all heard of volume discounts, when they gather the volume discounts from a lot of school districts, then that vendor will give us a better price because we have that volume that they can make a profit on. So, I think it is a good thing for us to do.

Mrs. Sarno: Ok, thank you.

Mr. Adorno: Can I make a small comment just in regard to our home and natural gas? It is almost like that ENEX energy instead of getting your gas from other suppliers, you have ENEX energy do it and lock you in at a rate for so many months once they can prove to you according to your consumption of use, it is very similar. There is no obligation you can remove yourself from it at any time.

Mrs. Sarno: I know those places are calling everybody's houses and guaranteeing "x" amount of percentage of a savings, but I also know that they can turn around in a couple of months and once your are locked in, jack up the price because I did some research on that myself. That is why I wanted to make sure we were not going to get into that situation here. OK, thank you.

Mr. Houser: Any other discussion? Roll Call.

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Abstain on 1 and 2; yes on the rest
Mrs. Pilovsky	Abstain on the bills list PO 104870 and everything else, yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	On the bills list #1, I would like to abstain on PO 103496 and yes on everything else
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

## **X. FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS:**

1. Motion to approve November bills in the amount of \$1,279,537.44; and October payroll in the amount of \$2,553,723.35.
2. Motion to approve hand checks written for October in the amount of \$992,093.77.
3. Motion to approve the following Homebound Instruction students:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
TG	BHS	10/15/09 to 10/30/09
WS	BHS	10/15/09 – 10/30/09
LF	ROBMS	10/19/09 – 10/30/09

4. Motion to approve the following workshops:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>TOLLS/PKG.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
E. Ellis	CST	Introduction to Community Based Instruction	Pennington	11/19/09	\$11.00	\$37.20		\$48.20
E. Ellis	CST	Community Based Instruction Mini Conference	East Orange	12/10/09	\$11.00	\$51.46		\$62.46
E. Ellis	CST	Community Based Instruction Job Coach Training	East Orange	1/12/10	\$11.00	\$51.46		\$62.46
Melissa Smith	BHS	TRPS- Foreign Language	Cherry Hill	12/3/09	\$215.00	\$27.06		\$242.06
James Pandolfo	BHS	TRPS- Foreign Language	Cherry Hill	12/3/09	\$215.00			\$215.00
Katie Melanson	BHS	TRPS- Foreign Language	Cherry Hill	12/03/09	\$215.00			\$215.00
Mary LaBruna	BHS	Special Ed- Standards	Jamesburg	12/1/09	\$150.00	\$35.67	\$6.00	\$191.67
Karen McKeon	BHS	Grant Writing Training	Galloway	12/3 and 12/4/09	\$658.00	\$48.19	\$14.00	\$720.19

5. Motion to approve the following Out-of-District Placements:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TUITION</u>	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>
ST	Little Egg Harbor	\$28,349 prorated @ approximately 142 days x \$157.49 per day = \$22,363.58. One-on-One Aide Service Fee \$35,677.32 prorated @ approximately 142 days x \$198.21 per day = \$28,145.82	N/A
CW	Somerset Hills School Residential to	Tuition (10 months) = 210 days x \$289.71	N/A

	Children's Home Residential	per day prorated = \$47,802.15. Children's Home. Tuition (10 months) = 210 days x \$397.00 per day = \$86,149.00.	
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6. Motion to accept donation of One Dell Dimensions 8200 Computer, speakers, CRT 19" Monitor, disks, various software, books and manuals at an estimated value of \$1,133.00 from Mr. Michael Pappas of Barnegat, NJ.
7. Motion to approve overtime pay for secretary to work on the website at an approximate rate of \$22.14 an hour (OT rate) for a period of five weeks at ten hours per week, not to exceed \$1,120.00.
8. Motion to approve EDULOG Redistricting Proposal – Boundary Realignment Study at a cost of \$4,500.
9. Motion to accept Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for SY 2009-2010.
- ~~10. A motion to authorize Speizle Architectural Group, Inc. to submit the Barnegat High School Weight Room project to the Department of Education on behalf of the Barnegat Township School District for approval.~~
11. Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the audit findings of Holman & Frenia, P.C., and to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the recommendations detailed in the audit presentation and as detailed on the Audit Synopsis distributed to the public.
12. Motion to appoint Dean Allison, Business Administrator as School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner for the 2009-2010 school year.
13. Motion to approve the following Resolution for participation in ACES gas bid.

A RESOLUTION BINDING THE BARNEGAT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES  
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES ("ACES") Bid  
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply

services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Barnegat School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.  
NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by the Barnegat Board of Education at its meeting on November 17, 2009.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title Name and Title

On Behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Ocean, State of New Jersey

#### XI. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – INFORMATION:

1. The week of November 16-20, 2009 is American Education Week. As in the past, the elementary schools will observe this week by inviting all parents/guardians to visit the schools and spend some time in their child's classroom. Letters will be sent to the parents/guardians announcing the dates/times set aside for these visits.
2. To make sure that we are keeping current, new bullying programs are being explored and implemented at all of our schools.
3. The Young Author's Conferences will be held in January, 2010.

- K-2 Author’s Presentation
  - 3-5 Writers in Residence
  - 6-8 Writers in Residence
4. Family Reading Night will again be sponsored by Causeway Ford. This will be held in February, 2010.
  5. There was an ASK Parent Information Night (Grades 3-8) at ROBMS at 6:30 pm on November 12, 2009.
  6. Various board members, the superintendent, the affirmative action officer, and Karen McKeon have been invited to attend a State/County-wide initiative on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying to be held on December 2, 2009 from 9:00 am in the high school library.
  7. Alex Majewski, a science teacher at BHS, will have students participating in the Robotics/Canoe Race Competition at OCC on December 4, 2009. Good Luck to all participants!

Mr. Houser: Moving on to XII, Education Committee Motions, Motion to approve Items 1-3, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Sarno: So moved.

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call

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

## XII. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MOTIONS:

1. Motion to approve the Medallion Employment Contract for Job Coaching/Training

A motion to approve the Medallion Employment contract for special education job coaching/training has been submitted by the education committee after discussion/clarification.

2. Motion to approve Teacher Resource Video List

Motion to approve the Teacher Resource Video list (attached) plus additions listed below:

Videos - Excepts **ONLY**

JFK – US II

Gods and General – US I

Miracle - US II

Lies My Teacher Told Me – Debate

Unsolved History – JFK – US II

Gossip – English 10

3. Motion to approve additions to the Novel List

Thin Wood Walls – David Patneau – Grade 8

Anthem – Ayn Rand – Grade 8

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman – Grade 8 SE

So B It – Sarah Weeks – Grades 6 and 7

**XIII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - INFORMATION:**

A. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION (1) – CERTIFIED STAFF – SY 2009-2010

Margaret Raylman, ESL Teacher has submitted her letter of resignation effective January 1, 2010.

B. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE RETURN TO WORK DATE – (1) CERTIFIED STAFF – JTDS – SY 2009-2010

Beth Rapolla, JTDS, Basic Skills Teacher has submitted her letter of return from maternity leave on January 4, 2010.

C. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN LEAVES OF ABSENCE – (2) –CERTIFIED STAFF – SY 2009-2010

Mrs. Lauren Macken, Special Ed Teacher at the Russell Brackman School, has submitted notification of a change in the beginning of her medical leave of absence for maternity purposes. Changed from November 30, 2009 to November 9, 2009.

Mrs. Jaclyn Werzinger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at the Cecil Collins School, has submitted notification of change in her medical leave of absence effective October 8, 2009 with a tentative return to work date of September 1, 2010.

D. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE (3) – NON-CERTIFIED STAFF – SY 2009-2010

Mrs. Susan Stein, Buildings & Grounds Secretary, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence, due to surgery, effective December 1, 2009 with a tentative return-to-work date of February 1, 2010.

Ms. Kimberly Rady, Buildings & Grounds Secretary, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence, due to surgery, effective November 18, 2009 with a tentative return-to-work date of November 30, 2009.

Mr. James O’Hearn, Transportation Department, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence, due to surgery, effective November 3, 2009 with a tentative return-to-work date of 6 to 8 weeks.

**XIV. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - MOTIONS:**

Mr. Houser: Moving on to Item XIV, Personnel Committee Motions, #1-17, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved.

Mrs. Becker: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll call

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	#8, no, #16 abstain and the rest yes
Mrs. Pilovsky	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes on 1-5; no on 6; yes 7-14; yes on 15 (1) and no on 15 (2); yes of 16 & 17
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Abstain on #15 and #16; yes to the others

1. APPROVE EMERGENT HIRE – BHS – CERTIFIED STAFF – SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the emergent hire of Andrew McTaggart (replacing Marc Getz) Social Studies Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. DOE: Emergent Date. Salary: \$42,800 Step: 1-BA

2. APPROVE HIRING - ROBMS - SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TO FILL MATERNITY LEAVE – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve hiring Tara Hathaway (filling maternity leave for Lauren Maken) starting November 9, 2009. Salary: \$75.00 per diem.

3. APPROVE HIRING INTERIM FACILITIES SUPERVISORS - (2) - 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve hiring Bob Osborn and Rich Morrill on an interim 90-day basis at an additional \$15,000 each. DOE: November 1, 2009

4. APPROVE HIRING ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH FOR THE SPRING SEASON – BHS

Motion to approve hiring Daniel M. McCoy as the assistant baseball coach for the spring season (2010) at Barnegat High School – Salary: As per negotiated salary guide.

5. APPROVE HIRING ASSISTANT GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH – BHS - 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve hiring Katherine Brown as the assistant girls' basketball coach for the 2009-2010 school year at Barnegat High School – Salary: As per negotiated salary guide.

6. APPROVE HIRING NIGHT CUSTODIAN (1) – 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve hiring Loren Tilton as night custodian starting December 15, 2009. Salary: \$26,064 plus night differential Step: 6

7. APPROVE HIRING SUBSTITUTE STAFF – (17) – SY 2009-2010

Certified Staff

1. Matthew Aniski, applying for substitute certificate
2. Jonathan Pandolfo, applying for substitute certificate
3. Kerri Phalon, applying for substitute certificate
4. Peter Dwulet, applying for substitute certificate
5. Sara LaPatin, applying for substitute certificate
6. Michael Villiez, applying for substitute certificate
7. Daniel Grey, substitute certificate
8. Jennifer Hopping, certified substitute
9. Cheryl Nicholetti, certified substitute
10. Nichole Martin, certified substitute
11. Tina Martin, certified substitute
12. Joann Johnson, certified substitute
13. Sara LaPatin, applying for substitute certificate
14. Lauren Raney, applying for substitute certificate

15. Katherine Brown, certified substitute

Support Staff

1. Frances Beenders, remove from the substitute support list.
2. Kateri Ravaioli, substitute security guard.
3. Joann DiStefano, substitute secretary.

8. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Motion to approve the revised job description for Attendance Officer.

9. APPROVE HIRING – PTA – VOLUNTEERS – RLHS – 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve the following Volunteers for the Robert L. Horbelt School for the 2009-2010 school year:

Amy DeSanto	Andrea Rios	Anthony Morici
Alison Morici	April Gomes	April Savino
Beth Gottesman	Bobbi Belasco	Bonnie LoPiccolo
Carla McMahon	Carol DiCandia	Cathy Steup
Ed Steup	Cheryl Hagerman	Cheryl Lombardi
Christina Lauer	Christine Denichilo	Christine DiGrazio
Christine Purdon	Christya Quelch	Clara Simon
Danielle Mezzina	Danielle Peterson	Danielle Porcelli
Dawn Hare	Dawn White	Debra Schroeder
Dianne Sullivan	Donna Barreca	Donna Rawley
Doreen Cotton	Doreen Geduldick	Dyan Farber
Ellen Lloyd	Erica Luup-Blaney	Germaine Alfinez
Gina Silvestri	Grace Paulhus	Heather Bottles
Jackie Cloke	Jake Schmitz	Mary Schmitz
Jan Dominski	Janet D’Agostini	Janice Caponera
Jeannie Frusco	Jennifer Giaccone	Jennifer Goble
Jennifer Rogalski	Joann Hause	Joanne Gelato
JoAnne Lowenberg	Jodi Cannizzaro	Judy Coupe

Karen Helfrich	Kathleen Thelin	Kathy Albanese
Kathy Ciacciarelli	Kathy Darmstatter	Kathy Herring
Kelly Walsh	Derry DeNigris	Kim Fetzer
Kim Fieramosca	Kim Germano	Kim Gonzalez
Kim Wheeler	Laura Miller	Lauren Sarno
Laurie McAvoy	Laurie Passenti	Leonara Dattilo
Linda Leary	Lisa Schmalz	Lisa Shields
Lisa Suriano	Lisa Zalewski	Lisa Zizmont
Lori Terranova	Maria DeSanti	Maria Pereira
Mariel Wolcott	Marissa Haines	Melissa Curry
Meredith Jackstadt	Michele Docherty	Michelle Denguer
Mike Rich	Miranda DeStefano	Nancy Gumbrecht
Nikki DiAngelo	Patricia McLaughlin	Patty Bevacqui
Paula Moore	Rebecca Maxwell	Robin Kisielius
Roxy Stout	Sharon Costello	Sharon Shugar
Stacey Hoffman	Stacey Powers	Stephanie Brozyna
Stephanie Brugnoli	Sue Gorman	Susan Sauer
Tami Pentlicki	Tammy Farenga	Tammy Manfredi
Tammy McMahan	Tara Maggio	Taraneh Quinn
Tasha Maggio	Taraneh Quinn	Tasha Castaldi
Theresa Lustenberger	Tracey Coleman	Valerie Morris
Virginia Watts	Zuleika Hanvey	

10. APPROVE HIRING - PTA -VOLUNTEERS FOR ROBMS - 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve the following Volunteers for the Russell O. Brackman Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year:

Tammy Swank	Della Larkin	Karen DeCico
Nancy Hickman	Jennifer Wireman	Judy Coupe
Allison Walker	Clara Simon	Deborah Breza

Lin O'Connor	Lisa Golden	Cheryl Snover
Denise Parker	Pamela Martin	Valerie Morris
Jennifer Rouze	Tom Rouze	Jeanine Laverty
Cindi Grobelny	Michelle Rohan	CeCe LaPoint
Gina Cordelle	Monica Gonzales	Kathy Picone
Kimberly Lally	Stephanie Lombelino	Joanne Gelato
Theresa Daniele	Karen Moran	Dora Puglia
Joanie Mazzella	Tricia Nokes	Donna Rawley
Colleen Freeman	Karen Algaze	Debra Digirolamo
Theresa Nichols	Jacqueline Moran	Sandy Hoeler
Tammy Manfredi	Lisa Fischer	Michelle Ridgeway
Cheryl Lombardi	Tonya Muller	Dee Falk
Tina Horvath	Dianne Sullivan	Pamela Srzozynski
Richard Williams	Jennifer Johnson	Bernadette Connors
Pamela Hogan	Lisa Schalz	Mary Kern
Linda Tonnesen	Trucy Snowden	Sandra Kellogg
Laura Oloughlin	Joann Hause	Geninne Ciccarella
Merrilee Jecas	Mary Seqarra	Gina Meterko
Joan Kampo	Gina Koser	Annette Cortes
Christine DiGrazio	Fawn Bradley	David Rola
Maria Conklin	Lori Beyer	Tricia Nokes
Sharon Costello	Lori Scully	Paula Hollister
Marqie Smith	Shannon Anderson	Debi Buckley
Debi Culp	Cindy Mauceri	Heather Kinder
Eileen Malia	Jamie Sleschner	Lisa Daley
Patty Frost	Scarlett Biezewski	Tony Costello
Colette Bach	Michelle Maltas	Christine Turchio
Ami Lombardo	Megan Bagarozza	Millie Ulrich

Puala Moore	Laura Stiles	Joe McKenna
Frank DiGiovanni	Lori Terranova	Gina Mackay
Elizabeth Smith	Kathleen Falco	Dianna DiGiovanni
Catherine Pennell	Gloria Velez	Liz Federovitch
Christine Cullen	Kelli Marcotte	Joanne Musico
Debra Cutano	Kim Murphy	Christina Philpot
Joette LaBoy	Marlene Walker	Jennifer Brazill
Linda Leedom	MaryEllen Barbien	

11. APPROVE HIRING - PTA -VOLUNTEERS FOR CSCS - 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve the following Volunteers for the Cecil S. Collins School for the 2009-2010 school year:

Denise Modica	Kim Cappuccio	Rhonda Daley
Karen Holohan	Lin O'Connor	Sandi Gomez
Tracy Connors	Tracey Sundberg	Lori Kasco
Cathy Connors	Lynne Traister	Laurelanne Hise
Tiffany Hindermeyer	Linda Rietman	Melissa Simoes
Sam Pringle	Robin Guiro	Dianna DiGiovanni
Barbara Neuner	Cheryl Bohnsack	Jill Applegate
Danielle McGillis	Della Larkin	Patricia Corbett
Nikolina Lozito	Melody Krey	Stefanie Anddina
Chad Anddina	Sue Ellen Boyer	Susan Grafje/Hayes
Myrna Erwin	Terri Celeste	Judy Fitzmaurice
Jasmine Lazrue	Rene Wrigley	Cheryl Cramer
Shani Pucylowski	Nicole Parodi	Carmen Tumminelli
Bonnie Pukash	Christine Cullen	Adriana Kubicz
Kiersten Fraser	Debra Majewski	Carine Polcaro
Lisa Daley	Dee Lynch	Annette Frankiewich
Cherie Meara	Debra Baranowski	Tami Wolfelsperger

Bev Hammeke	Mary Kay Erickson	Tracey Peterson
Juvy Acosta	Stephanie Bush	Jaonne MacHugh
Judith Saez	Barbara Wolf	Colette Bach
Courtney Schuber	Susan Quinn	Melissa Andrews
Kim LaRocca	Tiffany Horan	Kimberly Bowie
Lisa Fisher	Debi LaMantia	Jen Fitzpatrick
Andrea Vanna	Anastasia Dimitrios	Mary Burns
Annie McKenna	Rosemarie Kessinger	Gina Koser
Kelly Wilson	Beabara Neaves	Teri Nelson
Sue Siciliano	Kelli Towlen	Megan D'Arienzo
Denise Pittore	Evelyn Pittore	Dawn Furrule
Victoria Shane	Toyo Peluso	Austin Rauch, Sr.
Noel Toner	Marianna Favuzzi	Cindy Omelczuk
Andrea Walsh	Kelly Crawford	Danielle Sullivan
Linda Meehan	Bari Cohen	Denise White
Kim Doty	Juliet Tai	Marge Rydarowski
Toni Beers	Christine Rubello	Liz Federovitch
Kim Tagliarino	Tina Harrison	Karen Quinn
Shannon Seaman	Debbie Kreudi	Theresa Zavodsky
Tisha Tompkins	Jen McQuown	Robin Hanna
Stacey Fahringer	Beve Hammeke	Darlene Lutz
Heather Ponzio		

12. APPROVE HIRING - PTA -VOLUNTEER FOR LMDS (1) - 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve the following Volunteer for the Lillian M. Dunfee School for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Regina Vincenzi

13. APPROVE HIRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONNEL (1) – BHS – SY 2009-2010

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

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1. Todd Gagnon	Jazz Band	\$2000.00

14. APPROVE HIRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONNEL (2) – ROBMS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the following After School Activities Personnel for the Russell O. Brackman Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
1. Susan Stashkevetch 2. Shirley Holly	Co-Advisors of the REBEL2 Group	\$500/each

15. APPROVE HIRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONNEL (2) – RLHS – SY 2009-2010

Motion to approve the following After School Activities Personnel for the Robert L. Horbelt School for the 2009-2010 school year:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
1. Jean Collier	Before and After School Detention Monitor	Overtime teacher contract rate
2. Alison Dwyer	Intramurals/Student Council	Overtime teacher contract rate

16. APPROVE NURSING PLAN FOR THE 2009-2010 SY

Motion to approve the School Nursing Services Plan for the 2009-2010 school year.

17. APPROVE IPM AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTACT

Motion to approve Rich Morrill, Interim Facilities Supervisor, as IPM and Emergency Management contact for the 2009-2010 school year.

**XV. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE INFORMATION:**

1. The Committee has recommended Mr. Osborn to get addition proposals for Irrigation at the Donahue School to the Finance Committee for consideration.
2. Mrs. Neyenhouse stated to Committee that the United Faith Church does indeed have a plan w/ the Planning Board with intent to build.
3. Mr. Topoleski of the Security Department will be asked by Mr. Bing to receive additional bids regarding key control, key pad entrance & alarm code.
4. We will *not* be moving the “Spring Floor” from the HS to ROBMS. We will reschedule any conflicted building usage over to the ROBMS so HS is available for Cheerleading Competition.
5. Walkthrough our buildings for SDA issues was requested by Denise P.
6. Boiler Violations, Dean Allison was to be contacting Joey from the SDA.
7. Rich Morrill will be asking Hessert Construction regarding minor carpentry repairs to be done by his company; we will take care of by school maintenance in lieu of windowsill that is cracked/damaged.
8. Pursuant to the request to use ROBMS for a Junior Police Training, the committee decided to have Ptl. Bernstein do a presentation to the full board to explain his request. Mr. Bing will have Ptl. Bernstein attend the November board meeting.
9. Edulog Proposal; cost is \$4,500.00. It utilized for re-districting transportation needs for the school year 2010/2011.

**XVI. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION/ATHLETICS  
COMMITTEE MOTIONS:**

Mr. Houser: Moving on to XVI, Buildings and Grounds/Facilities/Transportation/Athletics Committee Motion #1, do we have a motion?

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll call

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes
Mrs. Pilovsky	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes

Mrs. Becker            Yes  
Mr. Houser            Yes

1. Motion to approve United Faith Church's continued Sunday usage 1/10 – 6/10.

## **XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

Request a resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on Tuesday, November 17, 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.

## **XVIII. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Houser: We will be moving into Executive Session, may I have a Motion to move on to Executive Session?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved.

Mrs. Sarno: 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 we should not be too long, probably no more than one-half hour.

- SDA Follow Up (David Marconis will be attending)

- Athletics Hall of Fame Presentation (John Germano will attend)

**XIX. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Houser: We will open this back up to the public. Roll Call.

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

**XX. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Houser: Moving on to Old Business. Does anyone have any Old Business? Seeing none, we will move on to New Business.

**XXI. NEW BUSINESS**

Under New Business we have a Motion to authorize Spiezele Architectural Group, Inc. to submit the Barnegat High School Weight Room project to the Department of Education on behalf of the Barnegat Township School district for approval. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll call.

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

Mr. Houser: Do we have any other New Business? Seeing none do we have a Motion to adjourn the meeting?

**XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Taylor:           So moved.

Mr. Davis:            Second

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

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Allison  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

