



***Barnegat Township
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 4, 2010
Thursday, 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

Mrs. Becker: I would like to call the February 4, 2010 special meeting of the Barnegat Board of Education to order.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

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

III. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Becker: Roll call.

Mr. Adorno	Present
Mr. Davis	Present
Mrs. Pilovsky	Present
Mrs. Sarno	Present
Mr. Scully	Present
Mrs. Becker	Present

Mrs. Taylor	Absent
Mrs. Mitchell	Absent
Mr. Houser	Absent

Also Present: Mr. Jason Bing, Superintendent
Mr. Dean Allison, Business Administrator

Mrs. Becker: Let the record show that Mrs. Taylor is still at the hospital with her son.

IV. FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Becker: Would everyone please stand to salute the Flag.

All: Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Becker: May I have a Motion to approve the Agenda dispensing with the Executive Session.

Mr. Adorno: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mrs. Becker: All in favor say Aye.

All: Aye

V. 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.

Mrs. Becker: May I have a Motion to open the meeting to public comments.

Mrs. Sarno: So moved.

Mr. Scully: Second

Mrs. Becker: All those in favor?

All: Aye

Mrs. Becker: The floor is open for public questions.

Member of Public: (inaudible)

Mr. Bing: Actually I met with the PTO on Thursday and talked to Steve yesterday and I believe the PTO was paying for the caps and gowns. At the meeting they discussed a fundraiser or use funds they already had. I did not know how in depth they got with Steve, but I did confirm with Steve yesterday that they will be paying for caps and gowns. I think Steve had a meeting with then on Tuesday, off the top of my head.

Member of Public: Yes there is a meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Bing: I think that will be a topic of discussion. He came to my office last week and we had a discussion about it and they will pick it up. I don't know if it is funds they already have or whether they will do a fundraiser.

Mrs. Becker: Anyone else? Seeing none, do I have a Motion to close Public Session?

Mrs. Sarno: So moved.

Mr. Davis: Second

Mrs. Becker: All in favor?

All: Aye

VI. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

Mrs. Becker: VI. Governance Committee Motions, motion to approve the first or second reading of the following policies.

Mr. Adorno: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mrs. Becker: Roll call.

Mr. Adorno Yes

Mr. Davis Yes

Mrs. Pilovsky Question, should we discuss it first before we approve it? I do not know what the norm is when it comes to the Governance Committee. Discussion is if you have any questions regarding it. If you do not have any questions regarding the policies then there go right to the vote. I just wanted to clarify that.

Mrs. Becker: Any other discussion?

Mrs. Pilovsky Yes

Mrs. Sarno Yes

Mr. Scully Yes

Mrs. Becker Yes

1. Motion to Approve the **First** Reading of the Following Policies:

#	Section	Title		Type
0142.1	BYLAWS	Nepotism	MANDATED	Revised
5412	PUPILS	Middle School Promotion	RECOMMENDED	Revised

2. Motion to Approve the **Second** Reading and **Adoption** of the Following Policies:

#	Section	Title		Type
2560	PROGRAM	Live Animals in Schools	RECOMMENDED	Revision
3126	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	Induction Program for Provisional Teachers	RECOMMENDED	Revision
3159	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities	RECOMMENDED	New
3281	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	Inappropriate Staff Conduct	RECOMMENDED	Revision
3431.3	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	New Jersey's Family Leave Insurance Program	RECOMMENDED	New
4281	SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS	Inappropriate Staff Conduct	RECOMMENDED	Revision
4431.3	SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS	New Jersey's Family Leave Insurance Program	RECOMMENDED	New
8760	OPERATIONS	Pupil Accident Insurance	SUGGESTED	Revision

VII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MOTION

Mrs. Becker: VII, Personnel Committee Motion, approval of new hire. Is there any discussion?
May I have a Motion?

Mr. Scully: So moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Adorno Yes

Mr. Davis Yes

Mrs. Pilovsky Yes

Mr. Sarno Yes

Mr. Scully Yes

Mrs. Becker Yes

Approval of new hire: **(Emergent Hire)**

Patricia Christopher, CPA

Treasurer of School Monies
Salary - \$5100.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: Emergent Hire Date
Acct #11-000-251-100-01 Ext. 11277

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mrs. Becker: In lieu of Executive Discussion, Mr. Bing do you have discussion items that you would like to bring to our attention?

Mr. Bing: I do, we have been discussing this since September. We have two antiquated servers going on about ten years each. One is seven years and one close to ten that cannot handle the new technologies we have in the buildings. So we would like to get two new servers to replace those that would handle the whole district, large capacity servers. We have had about three crashes already this year. We wanted to get through the rest of the year and put that into the new budget, but it doesn't look like we will be able to get there. We did go out and ask every principal to look deep into their funds and see what they could donate to the cause and each donated close to \$10,000. So we took the money from their funds so the two servers are \$67,000. All that money is coming from the principals' accounts. That will hold us forever, they are huge servers and even if we get more technology we will be fine with those two servers. It is also helping us with our transition in regards to Apple. The two servers will be for the entire district.

Mr. Jones: (inaudible)

Mrs. Becker: Does anyone have any questions?

From audience: (inaudible)

Mr. Jones: That is an outside service, if you are not getting mail, let me know.

Mr. Bing: Our main concern is that we have had this influx of technology and we anticipate finishing off the district by the end of next year. We need the servers to be able to handle it.

Mr. Adorno: What problems do we have with the current servers?

Mr. Jones: The servers that were here were bought a long time ago and when district was all Macs. The problem is the Mac servers were only meant to handle 100-200 computers. We are up to 1,000, so the server can't handle it and is locking up. We have had Apple engineers come on site for a couple of days and we have had meetings for an assessment. They said there was very little that could be done with the equipment we had and need to move to Microsoft server.

Mr. Adorno: Another question I would have is to (inaudible)

Mr. Jones: That is a good point, the other servers you could buy windows software and install it on there.

Mr. Bing: The capacity, Jon, should hold us for a long time?

Mr. Jones: Yes, there is growth ability.

Mr. Adorno: We need a Motion to authorize the purchase of two new servers for \$67,000.

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved

Mr. Scully: Second

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

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Becker: Is there any Old Business? Seeing none, we will move on to New Business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bing: Dean, do you want to go over road conditions with the town?

Mr. Dean: We are doing some good things with the Shared Services. The forecast for snow is going to be a minimum of 8" and over a foot is probable with a possibility of two feet. Dave Breeden came in a couple of days ago and asked if we could help him out and loan our plows and people to them for Saturday to help them do the roads first to make sure emergency vehicles can get through and then in turn the township will help the school district finish the parking lots. So that is what we are going to do, so if you see Bob Osborn in a pick up truck pushing snow on a road Saturday that is why. Then they will come in on Sunday. Bob was concerned, he said, if it is really bad and I don't get the parking lots and the schools am I going to take the fall for that and we said no.

That is a good thing and Dave Breeden and the Mayor were very appreciative. Bob and Rich Morrill went to an emergency meeting this morning where they had assignments of what is going to happen. It is a good thing.

Mrs. Pilovsky: I thought we had the agreement with the township for our parking lots.

Mr. Allison: This is expanding it where they use our trucks and plows to help them clear the roads before we do our own parking lots.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Do we have to pay overtime for our people on Saturday?

Mr. Allison: Yes, we have not discussed how we will work that out. But if it causes some additional costs he would be good for it.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Ok, that purchase order I just saw for the police?

Mr. Allison: Oh, you are referring to the bill we received for overtime for the police for football games, etc. He has been good, for example, the field house he came in on short notice and hooked up the sewer for us, our estimate to get that done with a contractor was over \$8,000 and he did it for \$3,000 so in all fairness to him, there have been a couple of times that he has come through and I think he will be good for it.

Mr. Davis: Are we keeping track of this?

Mr. Allison: Actually, I have not.

Mrs. Pilovsky: I do not have a problem with the school district helping the township that is not the issue it is just we are helping each other, but we just got that bill.

Mr. Adorno: I have a question with regard to police overtime. Why is that not taken out of an athletics budget?

Mr. Allison: Maybe we should.

Mr. Adorno: It is supposed to be.

Mr. Allison: That I did not know.

Mr. Adorno: Athletics is supposed to have that in their budget.

Mr. Allison: I know the events' staff is but I will talk to John Germano.

Mr. Adorno: Look into that.

Mr. Allison: If we have a football game they are on site during the game and direct traffic. I will check with John and if it is supposed to come out of athletics we will do it that way.

Mrs. Becker: Any more discussion?

Mr. Bing: Transportation Depot, we have a request from Mr. Cox, Transportation Coordinator, to review the possibility of naming the Transportation Depot after Jean Kent. I told him we would discuss it and also involve the town.

Mrs. Becker: That will be next week.

Mr. Bing: Yes. The Brackman School promotion was addressed with the question before. The policy we are looking at changing is just the word “graduation”. It has certainly legalities that are tied to high school and credits and things of that nature. We had this in my last district. We usually change it to promotion whether it is fifth grade or eighth grade, anything other than high school, we change to promotion policy-wise. That is the policy we were talking about, just every time the word graduation appears change it to promotion. They receive a certificate of promotion and it does not say graduation.

Voice from audience: (inaudible)

Mr. Bing: When you hand them out it is empty, they pick them up later.

Mr. Adorno: In some places they need to return their caps and gowns at the end to get that certificate.

Mr. Bing: Or the last day of school they get them.

Audience: I know you are scaling it back, will it be very different?

Mr. Bing: The band will be there. The biggest issue was the caps and gowns and like I said the PTO had budgeting anywhere between \$16-20,000 for graduation. In my last two districts for an eighth grade graduation the budget was \$5,000 and usually picked up totally by the PTA or one of the foundations. It was never from the school. They had funds tied into that for the dance which will be another discussion for the PTAs as well.

Audience: (inaudible)

Mrs. Becker: There was a general discussion about the medallions they hand out that are supposed to be worn and instead of that probably putting a seal on the promotional certificate to show they earned those awards.

Audience: (inaudible)

Mrs. Becker: Right, they got plaques and then they switched to the medallion because they were trying to find something that...

Mr. Bing: A lot of them are also transitioning instead of the medallions; it is a symbol on the actual promotional certificate instead.

Audience: (inaudible)

Mr. Bing: I do not think he sat down yet with the PTO to discuss the details so I think he will do that soon. We only discussed the caps and gowns.

Audience: (inaudible)

Mr. Bing: As we have gotten more and more squeezed during the year, this became a cut. It is still going to be very nice and I spoke to a lot of parents and it will be very nice.

Audience: (inaudible)

Mrs. Becker: Those gowns that they wear you cannot get cleaned, they are polyester and if they get wet they pucker. That is why they are basically a disposable.

Mr. Bing: I know they looked into the rental aspect and it is one of the discussions we had with the PTA. That might be a discussion next week.

Mrs. Becker: Any other questions?

Audience: Going forward in the following years do we know what will happen?

Mr. Bing: That is one of the discussions we have with the PTAs. One issue was if they are going to step up and pay for it how do they know that future PTAs will do the same. Circumstances change, plain and simple. I planted that seed and I hope it will be part of the discussion at the meeting. I just wanted them to think in the long range and also Title I students were mentioned as well.

Mrs. Becker: Any more questions or discussion? Moving on to New Business.

Mrs. Becker: I would like to make a Motion to excuse Mrs. Taylor's absence due to family medical reasons.

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Becker: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Mrs. Sarno: So moved

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mrs. Becker: All those in favor say Aye.

All: Aye

Mrs. Becker: Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Allison
Business Administrator/Board Secretary