

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2007
Friday, 7:00 PM

Barnegat Township High School
180 Bengal Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

OUR MISSION: The Barnegat Schools, in partnership with our community, nurture and educate our children to prepare for responsible citizenship and success in life.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:

This meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education for March 2, 2007 is called to order. The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press and The Times Observer, placed in the Municipal Building and filed with the Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-10.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Kostka
Mr. Bernstein
Mr. Sarno
Mrs. Germano
Mr. Houser
Mrs. Taylor
Mrs. Lally, Vice President
Mrs. Mitchell, President

Members Absent: Mr. Minotti

Also Present: Thomas C. McMahon, Ed.D., Superintendent
Brian Falkowski, Board Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Mitchell led the Flag Salute

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Motion to approve the Agenda by Mr. Kostka, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

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) minutes 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 the Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an 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.

FINANCE MOTIONS

1. MOTION TO APPROVE WISS & COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT ON THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (SRSD) TUITION RATE FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR. FEES IN THE RANGE OF \$15,000-\$25,000.
2. MOTION TO APPROVE CONNECTIONS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND CONSULTING GROUP, LLC TO COMPLETE THE DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION (DGA) FOR THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE: ENHANCING AND EXPANDING IN-DISTRICT PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR A FEE OF \$2,000.00 WITH AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,000 PAID IF THE DGA AWARDS STATE-ALLOCATED GRANT FUNDS TO THE BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT. ALSO, TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A \$450,000.00 GRANT ENTITLED "THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE: ENHANCING AND EXPANDING IN-DISTRICT PROGRAM OPTIONS."

THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE: ENHANCING AND EXPANDING IN-DISTRICT PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES PROVIDES FUNDS DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IN-DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, AGES 3-21, IN GENERAL EDUCATION SETTINGS. SPECIFICALLY, THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (NJOSEP) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, IS OFFERING A 25-MONTH GRANT PROGRAM TO: (A)

ORGANIZE AND IMPLEMENT ENHANCED AND/OR EXPANDED IN-DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS THAT AFFORD OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMIC, NON-ACADEMIC, AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS WITH NON-DISABLED PEERS AND (B) ENCOURAGE, WHERE POSSIBLE, CROSS-DISTRICT PLANNING IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MULTI-DISTRICT APPROACH TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. THIS 25-MONTH GRANT PROGRAM WILL BEGIN JUNE 1, 2007 AND END JUNE 30, 2009.

Motion to approve the Finance Motions by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lally; all in favor, none opposed, Motion carried.

EDUCATION MOTIONS

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) PROGRAM FOR SUMMER 2007 FROM MONDAY, JULY 2, 2007 THROUGH MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007 AS MEETS THE 30 DAY REQUIREMENT (CLOSING JULY 4TH), AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED AND FROM 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOUR HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 10 CLASSROOMS.

Motion to approve the Education Motions by Mrs. Germano, seconded by Mr. Kostka; all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD RETREAT

ADJOURNMENT

The next Barnegat Township Board of Education Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Falkowski
Board Secretary