

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 26, 2008
Wednesday, 6:00 PM**

Russell O. Brackman
Middle School
600 Barnegat Blvd. North
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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Mitchell: The Board of Education Meeting of March 26, 2008 is called to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Mrs. Mitchell: The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the *Asbury Park Press* and *The Beacon*, placed in the foyer of the Russell O. Brackman Middle 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.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a roll call please?

Mrs. Taylor	Present
Mr. Splendorio	Present
Mr. Kostka	Present
Mr. Houser	Present
Mrs. Germano	Present
Mr. Dorow	Present
Mr. Davis	Present
Mrs. Lally	Present
Mrs. Mitchell	Present

Also Present: Dr. Thomas McMahon, Superintendent
Mr. Brian Falkowski, Board Secretary
Mr. Joseph Coronato, Attorney

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Mitchell: Please stand for the Salute to the Flag.

All: Salute the Flag

PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

Mrs. Mitchell: Dr. Donahue, this evening, is going to help us with the presentations. Dr. Donahue, please?

STAR AWARDS AND OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

The success of the district is dependent upon a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) effort- each and every staff member, parent, student and citizen contributes to our success and to the success of our students. In order to instill that team spirit in our students, we created the Superintendent's Star Award. It was designed to provide positive reinforcement for all students whose efforts reflect teamwork. Students who contribute to the TEAM are recognized by their teachers and other staff members by having their names filled out on cards.

Each month, one student in grades Kindergarten – 5th is randomly selected from all the cards submitted in the district to receive a bike, donated by Causeway Ford in Manahawkin, NJ. Additionally, the Barnegat Board of Education would like to recognize one Barnegat High School student and one Russell O. Brackman Middle School student each month who exemplified teamwork by giving them each a gift certificate. We hope to create a spirit that will flow from the classroom to the school, to the district and to the community as a whole.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you, we have the Star Awards for the months of January and February. Our first one for the month of January is Tyler Rojas Jackson. Tyler is a second grader at the Cecil S. Collins School and showed exceptional kindness during recess. Teacher, Mrs. Williamson observed Tyler on the playground during recess on a recent cold day. Tyler not only offered his coat to one of his classmates but he also aided another classmate with constructing a sand castle and pushing another student on the swings. It is small acts of kindness like Tyler's that truly make a difference in our schools. Congratulations to Tyler.

Our February winner is Noelle DeSanti. Noelle, a fourth grader at the Robert L. Horbelt School, has won the Star Award for the second time. Noelle, who always shows compassion and kindness to others, was selected this month for going out of her way to cheer up a student who was upset by the way others had treated her. True to her nature, Noelle has asked that her prize, the girl's bicycle, be donated to a student in our district who is less fortunate than she. While Noelle is not here with us tonight, I hope you will all join me in honoring this wonderful, gracious little girl with a round of applause.

We also have winners at the Brackman School and at the high school for January and February. These are our movie gift certificate winners. Our first one for the Brackman School, and again, our January winner, is Jessica Pepenella. Nominated by her teachers, Jessica is described as bringing happiness and joy for learning into each and every classroom at the Brackman School. Always aspiring to be the best in her class, Jessica challenges herself both in and out of the

classroom. She excels in her after-school activities and in her studies. We congratulate her on her achievements.

Our February winner for the Brackman School is Dakota Schrantz. Dakota? Nominated by all of the Harvard group of teachers, this eighth grader always puts forward her best efforts. Dakota is described as everything an overall student of the month should be. We congratulate Dakota on her achievements and we look forward to seeing how she will shine in the future.

We do have two winners at the high school for January and February, unfortunately they could not be with us this evening, but we still want to read a little bit about why they are receiving these awards. Our first winner is Matthew Krauchick. Matthew, a sophomore at Barnegat High School, is a very responsible young man known for his persistence and dedication in class. Matthew is an impressive student that others look up to. A student athlete, Matthew also balances academic and athletic responsibilities impressively. Congratulations, Matt.

Our other student from the high school, Jessica Phillippe, is a humble girl who graciously shares the spotlight with all of her peers at the school. She continually demonstrates dedication, passion and a commitment to her school. Jessica also balances an active extra-curricular life with a heavy academic load. Congratulations Jessica on your continuous hard work.

BARNEGAT HIGH SCHOOL DECA AWARD WINNERS

Mrs. Mitchell: At the state DECA International Career Development Conference, two Barnegat High School students earned recognition. George Mayo received an instructional medal and a trophy for his role-play job interview in the event "Supermarket Careers." Natasha Hagen received a trophy for the highest score 100-question test in the event, "Retail Merchandising." Congratulations to both George and Natasha. George and Natasha please join us.

BARNEGAT HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AN ALL-AMERICAN

Mrs. Mitchell: Barnegat High School senior, Jennifer Holly, achieved All-American status in the pole vault during Nationals on Saturday, March 15. Jennifer cleared a remarkable 12' 7" at the NSIC competition, demolishing her previous personal record. Jennifer placed third out of a field of 79 other vaulters. Congratulations, as always, to Jennifer Holly. Come up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Request resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 for the purpose of personnel/budget, contracts and negotiations.

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.

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/budget, contracts and negotiations.

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.

Mrs. Mitchell: At this time the Board needs to move into Executive Session for approximately one hour, may I have a motion please to move into closed session? Motion by Mrs. Lally, seconded by Mr. Davis. Is there any discussion? All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Thank you, we will hopefully be out by 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL

This meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education for March 26, 2008 is called back to order. May I have a roll call please?

Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mr. Splendorio	Yes
Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Dorow	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion to approve the Agenda with Finance Item #16 being moved under Correspondence? Moved by Mr. Kostka, seconded by Mrs. Germano, is there any discussion? All in favor? Aye, none opposed. Thank you. Motion passes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Mitchell: Tonight we have Matthew Falk with us and I believe Mrs. Falk is in the audience and I want to thank her for allowing Matthew to be with us. Matthew you have the floor, please.

Matthew Falk: Recent news at Barnegat High School – on April 4 we will be having the second annual World War II symposium connecting all the new generations. Furthermore, we have the school play this weekend featuring My Fair Lady. We have been working extremely hard and they've staying after school until 8:00 p.m. some nights just to get more practice in. Thursday, Friday and Saturday it is 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and they would really appreciate your support. Similarly, spring sports have started and the games are coming underway. Next

week we are starting games, matches and meets for all sports and they would really appreciate your support as well. The Senior Prom and Project Graduation are being funded by a raffle hosted by the senior class. They will be raffling off a flat-screen TV, an ITouch and a laptop. And last but not least, everyday seniors are being accepted to more and more schools across the northeast and it is really nice. You can come check out the schools, we have them posted, we have up to five sheets now of all the schools the kids have been accepted to, it is a really nice list.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Matthew.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Mitchell: Dr. McMahon, please. The 2008 – 2009 Budget Power Point Presentation.

Dr. McMahon: Thank you. Each and every year, by law, we have to present the budget that will be voted on this April. So, this presentation this evening is on the budget that will be coming up for a vote on April 15 to educate our children in 2008-2009.

Obviously, over the last year or so, these are just some pictures up here, that the budget that was approved by the voters last year implemented a number of programs that lead to successful experiences for the children. We hope to continue that in this budget. The budget, everybody thinks that each year you just sit down and you look at state aid and you might come up with a number in terms of what you need to educate children. I am proud to say that over the number of years that I have been here, that Barnegat Township doesn't just do that. There is always some kind of fiscal plan from a number of years ago to be looked at so that, basically, we are not ever in bad situations, like when I first got here you have to close schools or things like that.

So, basically, the reason why, after I give this presentation tonight, that school taxes are down compared to last year is the fact that a number of years ago the Board of Education decided it would no longer keep supporting sending kids to Southern Regional. Southern Regional, we did not have our high school, it was extremely expensive to send the children there and as an example, if we had continued to stay in Southern Regional, because Waretown students still go there, if this Board had not decided to build Barnegat High School the budget I am presenting to you tonight would be \$2.56 million dollars higher than what it is now because we are educating the children at \$10,426 per pupil while Southern last year was \$12,924 per pupil.

Another issue that the Board addressed about a year ago was trying to levelize its debt and I realize over the years, I don't know if you know it, I was the Assistant Commissioner for Education in charge of finance and sometimes I tend to speak and think that people know what I am talking about and my wife always tells me, "I don't know what you are talking about". So, I may have explained this improperly and it led to some problems in the beginning of the Fall. The Board, what they look to do was to take all of its debt payments which are, I think you all have mortgages, most people have a thirty year mortgage. When you take out a mortgage or a bond to purchase a school or build a school, it is 20 years. So what the Board looked to do was levelize debt payments for 20 years. In other words, you will continue to have the same payment. If it is \$1 million next year, it is \$1 million for 20 years and then the debt is completely paid off. So, you are trying to pay \$1 million, \$1 million, \$1 million, and not \$1 million, \$2 million, \$800,000 to levelize the payment. To do that you have to get permission from the State of New Jersey and the Board did that. Because of that debt service is down in this

budget that you will vote on over \$200,000. The State had approved doing that, obviously they did because it was fiscally responsible and actually is lowering the amount of debt service, but it was a debate and I really can't... this is a flyer that went out and also an issue that the township had in regard to the school district in the Fall. What happened was if you look at this schedule, it is hard to see, but all of a sudden, it gets very big right here. There are some huge payments, push the button? It zooms? Which one, this one? Same button, it won't turn the page? Oh, there we go, thank you.

You can see what happened was I think there was a comment from the Mayor and other people that said the district is going to financially break the town; and people are actually saying, oh look, this is when Tom McMahan's contract is up and look what is going to happen to the payments the moment he runs out of Dodge. What people did not understand is and it was my poor explanation, this is five years of payments together. What they are doing is taking a 20 year debt schedule, year 1, year 2, year 3, year 4 and year 5, year 6-10. So this huge payment is not a one-year payment. So, if I said to you we are levelizing the debt decreasing it \$200,000 and taxes will not go up you would say, well that does not make any sense, it is right here. There is a big misunderstanding. Basically, because the district looked at levelizing its debt, the debt amount is down \$200,000 in the budget.

You can see it right here, there is the last year's increase and here is the exact schedule increase every year, there is none, it stays basically at \$2.8 million. Because of that type of fiscal planning I am proud to say with the Board of Education that we are not having to do what other districts are discussing right now. If you read the newspapers, Brick Township is talking about possibly closing a school, actually closing two schools. Howell Township is thinking of giving its buildings past sixth grade to Freehold Regional. We have been able to work within the formula and work with the Board of Education so this school board is not cutting programs.

Basically, it is continuing its programs as always have that are in addition to the regular education programs, gifted and talented, kindergarten basic skills plus program, extended math instruction. All of those programs are supported within the budget. And because of those programs we are fortunate enough to see results such as this. This is the third grade tests for students in New Jersey. These colors show what we are supposed to be performing at according to the similar state DFG. The darker color is what we are actually doing. So while we sit here tonight and people talk about taxes and talk about affordability in the school budget, the real issue behind the school budget is this. It is here to educate children and over the number of years this is the results we are seeing. You can see our third grade scores are through the roof as are our fourth grade scores in math, language arts and science by far exceeding what we are supposed to be doing by state DFG. Fifth grade you can see this is what we are supposed to be performing at and this is where we are. Sixth grade, again, the same type of results which I am proud to say from the teachers, the Administration, the Board and all the parents support we are seeing this grade after grade. Seventh grade, eighth grade, there is not one year that we are underperforming what we are supposed to be doing at the state. That is unbelievable to be able to go grade by grade and because of the way the community supports the Board, the Board works with the Administration, the Administration works with the teachers and the teachers day in and day out do what they are supposed to do because they care about the kids in this district we are seeing scores like this.

Excellence in Action was the first year that Barnegat High School students took the state test because you take it in eleventh grade, and there are the state scores for Barnegat High School, again, far exceeding the state average in math, language arts and science. It was quite an honor for myself, and I think the Board and the Administration that the community had faith in the school Board to open up its own high school. I think, finally, last year by taking the test we can show you that we are glad you did it and, hopefully, you feel the same way with students' scores.

Besides this, we have some outstanding students this year that have benefited from the school district and the budget, Jen Holly who was honored tonight, she is an All-American in the pole vault so it is our first year for seniors, she was in track competition and national competition. She scored third in the nation as an All-American which is outstanding. Matt Falk, 800 on the math SAT scores as well as Jonathan Crespy that is a perfect score in math. Great job, Matt. And the Brackman School Blazer dancers are state champions in the dance competition. These are also other programs that are listed into our budget.

Stephanie Municchi, one of our high school students, has been elected to attend girls' Nationals in Washington, DC; we had 35 students this year inducted into the National Honor Society which is a national standard and our Math League placed second in Ocean County behind people such as Matt and Jonathan. So, hats off to them.

How are we doing in terms of spending compared to other people? If I stand up here and I tell you, oh vote for the budget, it is wonderful, we spend money in all the right places; you can say how can I believe him? What you have to do is go to the State Department of Education website and they have two financial documents that you can look at. One is called the Comparative Spending Guide. The Comparative Spending Guide shows you what districts similar to Barnegat spend on a variety of issues, administrator salaries, text books, recreation, they are all there. You can read every one of them and there is also financial information and academic information on the New Jersey Report Card. So, if you do not want to take my word for it, you can actually look on the website.

When we look at those comparisons, our per pupil costs are 10% lower than the State average. So, when you look at schools similar to our size we are spending 10% less per child than the State. If you look at how the per pupil cost went from last year to this year, it rose less than the CPI. If you know what the Consumer Price Index it is how much money do you need to support your programs with food and energy. Over the last two years the cost, we are not talking about revenue, what is it costing to educate a child in this township? The cost on average has risen 1.725% in the last two years, less than 2%. It is not saying where the revenue is coming from, what it is saying is how much are your costs going up every year? This is the entire budget. I will tell you one of the biggest drivers every year has been special education costs. You can't just talk about how much it costs for the football program or how much it costs for text books, the per pupil cost is for every student and one of the things that is growing by quite a lot are the special education costs.

Then you get to what always seems to be bandied about in the newspaper, where are you in terms of spending in administration, in terms of principals, vice principals and things like that? I think it is very important to understand in New Jersey administrative costs are not just the costs of administrators, they are things such as total attorneys' fees; total use of consultants for negotiations and things like that; your auditors fees, your secretaries fees, your printing, your

stamps; all of those things are under “administration costs”. OK? When you look at that in this budget, the total administrative costs spent per pupil is down over last year, ok? Then when we look at how much administrators earn, the administrators’ salaries in Barnegat are 24% below the State average, and they are actually \$25,681 less on average than the State of New Jersey. So when you look at these documents, they are not that I am telling you this, these are on the State Department of Education website.

Then when you look at how much we are spending for benefits for administration in relationship to salaries, those costs are down as well. The cost factors, obviously, those items are down then what is up that is making the cost per pupil go up 1.7%? Basically, special education costs in the budget that will be voted on in April are up 20%. So if you look at the special education line item in the advertised budget you will see about \$620,000. Another item the Board has spent a lot of money on is health services and nursing and things like that. The health services line item in the budget in April is up 12%. Then I have got to tell you another item where everyone is probably addressing this at home as well, the gas and electric costs for the district are up over \$500,000 next year. We have another building coming on line; we have to pay gas and electric fees just like everybody else, so basically that number is in that 1.7% increase.

Capital projects in the last number of years have been kept to a minimum because of the economy today so the Board looked at what projects do we really have to do next year? Well, if anyone has ever driven into the Collins School, any Collins parents here? The Collins driveway as you pull in off the road? It has pot holes and digs; the Board is looking at replacing, going over that paving. Possibly building a Brackman Middle School field so that the students everyday when they play football over at the Edwards School, we have to put them on a bus and take them there, then put them on a bus and take them back, so it would be much better to build a football field adjacent to the Brackman School. The Barnegat High School field house is in stage two, now has to be brought up to code with heating and air conditioning and things like that.

Other items in the budget – now we are talking about revenue, ok? So, now we know we are spending 1.7% more, special ed, electric costs, health services, where are you getting the money? Well if you read the newspaper it looked like Barnegat received a great deal of money in state aid, 3% which was \$664,000. So we are taking in \$664,000 more, but we have to pay according to what the State tells us pensions for our employees. The pension line item which is dictated by the State how much it is went up \$360,000. So the State is giving you \$664,000 which is nice, and the pensions and benefits for PERS employees has gone up \$360,000 so now you have about \$300,000 left. Well we have a receivable for extraordinary aid, last year we educated some special education students that cost a great deal of money and by doing that the State then gives you extra money the next year. So, they owed us extraordinary aid of \$260,000 which they put in this number, so when you take out the pension expense, you take out the receivable for extraordinary aid, the State aid to Barnegat is up \$42,299. So State aid to this district is technically up .19%.

Tax rate versus taxes – Now you have \$662,000 coming in from the State that only amounted to \$43,000 and we have more houses coming in. There has been approximately \$52,000,000 of new homes built in Barnegat in the last year, they have children, they are moving into the district. So, you take the \$52,000,000 and when they pay their fair share now that they live here, the taxes are going up \$504,000. So these new homes that have children are generating

\$504,000 of tax revenue. When it is all said and done, they got State aid, you have money coming in from new people, I've lived here for ten years what is happening to my taxes? The tax rate for everyone is down 3.64 cents. So everyone's school tax rate is going down. If you paid school taxes in Barnegat last year you are paying less in school taxes next year. Everyone, everyone is paying less taxes. For the average assessed home, how much less taxes? \$113.69, so if your house is assessed at approximately \$312,000 you will pay \$113.00 less in taxes next year.

I think it is also important to look at how much are you allowed to generate in revenue? The State tells you how much revenue you can generate from taxes. I want to be clear the amount of money this Board is raising in this budget is \$500,000 under the maximum levy. There are people in the community saying you are being taxed to the maximum, they are getting everything they can out of you, that is not true. Taxes are \$500,000 under what this Board can tax the community.

So, I don't know if I have the average assessed home, but I want to be able to have an educated vote come April, what are my taxes going to be like? We will put this on the website like we did last year; this had to be on the website last year because it was way too confusing with the re-eval. If you put your assessed home value here and multiply it by this number, which will be on our website, this is the amount of money paid in taxes last year and take the assessed value again and multiple it by this and that is what you will pay. When you subtract the two you will see what your tax decrease is going to be. This is exactly what we did for the average assessed house, \$312,000 generates \$3,000; \$312,000 generates \$2,900; savings of \$113.57.

OK, so we had Southern Regional pull out which really helped us a great deal in terms of taxes. We had levelizing the debt. The Board of Education sat down and said, what is our next fiscal plan? What can we do so that we don't have these big spikes in taxes or we have to be forced to closed schools? So, basically, in this budget the Board is paying down \$400,000 of leases so they have lease payments they make every year, like let's say it is a home equity loan for example, or car payment, they are paying the whole thing off. So that debt does not reoccur next year. That is what they are doing with some of the surplus money, to levelize taxes again next year.

We have been asked by the Department of Education for Barnegat; because I guess the experiences that I have had to be the shared services district for Ocean County. So, we have held two meetings so far with districts such as Waretown, Stafford, Long Beach Island, Brick came to the last meeting, Plumsted, I think there was eight or nine districts in the county. We are going to go out and share services and do joint bidding together. The first thing we are doing is looking at banking services so these districts, let's say there is nine of them, will get together and we will put out one bid for banking services. And, because it is just not Barnegat, it is eight other districts, we will get better rates. We have been chosen because of our fiscal integrity, I would assume, to be that Ocean County School district.

This is how Barnegat compares to other school tax rates of K-12's in Ocean County, again, when it is all said and done the school tax rate will be 93 cents. The focus of this budget, special education increases, the opening of a brand new elementary school. This Board of Education is opening up a brand new elementary school and taxes are going down. Obviously keeping taxes down, this Board knows that during this economic time that even though our district is growing,

we have more children to educate, we have more expenses, that the Board had to actually look very hard at every budget line item. These are our Board members, I thank all of them for all of their expertise as well as Rich and Sally on the Finance Committee. I will tell you that as of the last meeting, the Board actually, the original budget was at no tax increase, the Board at the preliminary hearing met and reduced taxes 3.25%, or cents, I am sorry, and in between the last meeting and this one the Board cut another ½ penny, .42, so the total tax rate is down 3.67 cents. I am proud to say that and I thank you.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Dr. McMahon. With that may I have a motion to move into Public Session? A motion by Mrs. Lally, seconded by Mr. Kostka, all in favor, aye. Opposed? Motion carries. Before I ask if there are any questions or comments from the audience, I would like to remind you to please state your name and your address for the record, no personal attacks on anyone here and let's please stick to the issues. Would anyone like to address the Board? Yes, Mr. Laufgas?

Mr. Bernard Laufgas: Mrs. Mitchell and the Board, your Policy 0167 is improper and violates the First Amendment to the US Constitution. While you state you appreciate and welcome public comment you have acted like a Nazi and a dictator. Mrs. Mitchell, section A3, all comments must be related, you do not tell me what I will speak about unless you adopt me as your mother, give me hot milk, hand me bottle and cookies and let me sit on your lap, hug me as your son. In return I promise you that what I will do I would not make a video, that is called Columbine and Barnegat that you son made it and your daughter....

Mr. Coronato: Mr. Laufgas, you really cannot mention anybody's particular names, particularly a child.

Mr. Laufgas: Fine, but your children did it, this is for you.

Mr. Coronato: Mr. Laufgas?

Mr. Laufgas: Approached dais and gave Mrs. Mitchell the video. I want to know why I was rejected on January 22 from the meeting when you invited me out to speak after a bunch of teachers gave the Board flowers. I had pizza for you guys, I bought the pizza but Splendorio and Giles paid for it from the suit that I sued them. Why am I denied public records? When they are given to me, that I asked from January date, they are given to me in March? It violates the OPRA. Why do you permit people that live in Florida to attend schools in Barnegat? Do you check their driver's license; do you check their insurance or registration? Why because the father donated \$2,000 in 2006 to your campaign?

Last June a young lady won the State championship in pole vaulting, you don't care about that. This past month she won the State Championship again in pole vaulting, in fact, she is second on New Jersey history in pole vaulting as a high jumper, as a pole vaulter, have you recognized her? Don't you think she should be recognized? But you don't care about the kids; you have more money for lawyers instead of the kids. Why do you permit your friends to speak as long as they want to, but people that you don't like you cut them off? Where is the clock? Why don't you

have a large clock? Oh, that is a giant clock. I think the public should see how much time they have, but you don't care you just want to cut people off because you disagree with them.

Mrs. Mitchell the school violates the American Disabilities Act, I suggest you get your act together or you will go to court for violating and legal fees are expensive. By the way, it doesn't cost me anything I now how to find lawsuits. I've got a good education. Mrs. Mitchell, you and your gang, they can't shoot straight spending tax dollars, you promise us our taxes won't go up but taxes have gone up regardless to your figures and you're crying there is no money. Mrs. Mitchell, by the end of next week I will file a form under OPRA among other things. With the exception of Mr. Houser and Mrs. Taylor you don't have to worry, the rest of them will sue including you Mrs. Lally. Unfortunately, you are the Vice President, I have made my decision, I told you two years ago if you are going to do things against the kids, I am going to get very angry and I will sue. I did that back in ...

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Laufgas, one minute, please.

Mr. Laufgas: Well, get ready for legal fees, because I am going to sue, Barnegat has plenty of money, remember the children come first, not you ego. Have a nice day and enjoy your son on the video.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, the only thing I have to say is that it was a shame you were not here at 6:00 p.m. because Jen Holly was recognized again. Would anyone else like to address the Board? Mr. Checcia?

Mr. Phil Checcia ...

Mrs. Mitchell: I am sorry; please speak into the microphone a little more.

Mr. Checcia: Let me rearrange this. Under the title of the OPRA act there are files I believe under Section 5 maybe 1:5 or 1-5A, I think, not A, E, it is paragraph E states that those files to be readily available. Just like public files, bills, negotiable contracts, etc., etc., and that should not have to be OPRA'd. That should be according to other cases in the Superior Court, which I think Mr. whatever, Mr. Coronato, can tell me. My advice is that if I come in tomorrow I would like to see the readily available files that the Act says that you must provide that does not come under the seven-day rule. That is the same as a radio station when you walk in and you go into the lobby of any radio station and say I want to see a public file, the person behind the desk, goes and takes you to the draw, opens it, don't touch it and you have access to anything in that draw, that is the public file. That is the same as what that Act provides for the public.

The other is how much money did we pay in dues to the School Boards Association of New Jersey?

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Checcia, may I ask you as I have in the past, to take your five minutes and we will answer your questions at the end.

Mr. Checcia: The thing is, Mrs. Mitchell, I do respect you telling me that but we get no answers.

Mrs. Mitchell: We will do our best to answer you.

Mr. Checcia: No, you do have to answer me, that is the law.

Mrs. Mitchell: Please let me finish what I was saying.

Mr. Checcia: You are taking my five minutes.

Mrs. Mitchell: Sometimes Mr. Falkowski may not have that number with him.

Mr. Checcia: What? This is not a good room to have a meeting, by the way. Say again?

Mrs. Mitchell: He may not have those numbers readily available.

Mr. Checcia: Well, the State says you have to have them available.

Mrs. Mitchell: They may not be at this Board meeting tonight.

Mr. Checcia: I think your attorney has answer.

Mrs. Mitchell: Continue your five minutes.

Mr. Checcia: The Act clearly states readily available, accessible, not seven days, they are the bills, the contracts, anything to do with money, checks, anything like that, finance, that has to be available, budgets. That is what the State says, Mr...., I have something here from the New Jersey School Board that tells you not to interrupt. The School Boards Association did advise this school board to... how many final reports do you have and how many reports do you have that are not final? Because the New Jersey School Boards, I will read it, "the word report be removed, it is a final document anyone from the public can OPRA it." She suggested, this is your person, Kathy Weber, told your school board signed by three school members that she suggested we change it to a working document in order to keep this between the Board members behind closed doors is what she was saying.

We have this; this is going to be made public to the press. It also says things here, ok? It also says, and that was signed by Mrs. Lally, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Germano, correct, Mrs. Germano? Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Checcia I ask you to direct questions to the Chair.

Mr. Checcia: Well, you interrupted me so I indulge your time.

Mrs. Mitchell: The minute was up 30 seconds ago, you have 1 min; 30 seconds I am extending your time, because I did, I am just asking you to wrap it up now.

Mr. Checcia: It is hard to hear you because of the echo in this room. My advice is to drop some curtains and maybe that will echo it. I have some things here that they also said the Superintendent is not supposed to do and one of them is that he is not to discuss or advise any potential school board candidate with regard to any factor that is directly or indirectly related to school board elections. He is not to discuss with any Board member another Board member's

personal business. You cannot become defensive if a Board member questions you, you can't become defensive if a Board member questions you. You can't become defensive if a Board member requests for background information that way the Board member makes his informed decisions. Where I understand that some of these Board members under the Act, OPRA Act, have to find out for themselves. He is not to contact any Board member except the President or Vice President this includes emails, phone calls and private meetings. It is not to discuss the activities be it professional or personal of any Board member with another Board member. Now, this is your documents, this was passed by you and put in the books, but yet you allow your Superintendent, employee of this Board who represents the people of the town...

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Checcia, your five minutes are up.

Mr. Checcia: You let him get away with it and it is not going to happen any longer.

Mrs. Mitchell: Ok, thank you Mr. Checcia.

Mr. Checcia: This is a public document right now.

Mrs. Mitchell: Would anyone else like to address this Board? Yes, mam? Please state your name and address for the record.

Ms. Kathy Lazzarro, North Bay Ave., Toms River, NJ: I don't live in this town, but I just had a couple of questions if the Board....

Mr. Coronato: Miss, did you say you live in Toms River?

Ms. Lazzarro: Yes

Mr. Coronato: OK. Do you have any children that come here?

Ms. Lazzarro: No, but I just want to know, it is a public meeting, I called the School Board and asked if I could ask a couple of questions and I could do it in the executive, I mean in the privacy?

Mr. Coronato: Well, I would just say this, it is a public, obviously, it is a public session, but if it relates to something to do with the Barnegat School district?

Ms. Lazzarro: Well, I just had a question, I see there is a camera here at the School Board, is it video taped or do they televise it, their meetings here?

Mr. Coronato: Really, unless it relates to something to do with the Barnegat School Board I would be happy to discuss...

Ms. Lazzarro: Mr. Coronato, why I am asking this question is apparently there is people from Barnegat that attended Toms River School Board meetings and as a courtesy they speak at our meetings so I just wanted to know, or I will wait until the meeting is over if I could ask one of the Board members it, you know?

Mrs. Mitchell: Ms. Lazzarro, sure, I will be more than happy to speak with you after the meeting.

Ms. Lazzarro: Thank you very much. Sorry, Mr. Coronato I guess maybe we should show the same respect back by not having the Barnegat people not speak at our meetings. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Ok, thank you. Would anyone else like to address the Board? Yes, Mr. Giles?

Mr. Charlie Giles, Atlantic Heights: Good Evening. As many of you may or may not know, I am a 9/11 first responder, but that is not why I am here tonight. First of all, I do want to bring to your attention that here in the Barnegat Township School district there are two other 9/11 first responders that work right here in the Barnegat Township schools. First of all I want to recognize Director of School Security, William Cox, who is a retired NYPD Homicide Detective and our Safety Resource Officer, Steve Tator, who are also 9/11 rescue workers. I want to recognize them first. There are also two other gentlemen who were involved in 9/11, both of which who have parents in this school, Sal Valez and the other gentleman has not given me permission to mention his name so I will not do that.

But, again, that is not why I am here. I am here to commend a great phenomenal leader among us. I had the privilege and the honor of speaking to the freshman and sophomore classes recently, three weeks ago, at Barnegat High School. The next day, Sal Valez, had the same privilege of speaking to the juniors and seniors. One would think that what kids do or should say as young that they don't care about us old guys. Well, let me tell you this, when I was introduced as a 9/11 first responder you could not hear a pin drop in that auditorium. After I told my story I became very emotional with the round of applause, the handshakes, the hugs, the well wishes and the tears that were shed by the students of Barnegat High School. The attributes of respect, honor, dignity, integrity, honesty and true-caring demonstrate the true Bengal spirit. I have received these attributes from many schools in South Jersey area when I have been invited to speak about 9/11 and show my photos and my Powerpoint presentations that I have prepared or to receive donations from kids who have made donations for me.

But, let's get back to those attributes that I mentioned. Webster's Dictionary defines the word leader as one that leads or is in charge, one who is in command of others and one who has influence or power. This is why I am here tonight, I am here to publicly thank in front of you, and I know he isn't here yet, but his wife is, in front of the Board of Education, the man who invited me to speak at this assembly at the High School. This leader with the people under him, his Assistant Principals, Mr. Toddings, Mr. Brandis and Ms. Martinez demonstrates what a leader should be and how a leader should have a positive influence over others. When I received the phone call from this gentleman I told him it would be an honor and a privilege to finally get to speak to the young adults in my own town. I am very proud to call him a friend and even prouder to have him as my older daughter's principal. At this time I would like to publicly thank with sincerity and humbleness, Dr. Joseph Saxton for the invitation that he extended to me. I would also like to again, recognize Mr. Toddings, Mr. Brandis and Ms. Martinez and the entire staff at Barnegat High School for instilling these values into what is our future, our children. Our children are our future, that is what we should all be worried about is our future. Dr. Saxton is a superb example of our future. The attributes that he and his staff instill into our kids with the assistance from his staff should be truly recognized by this district and he is to be commended and honored for the work that he does. I not only say that since he is my daughter's principal,

but once again because, more importantly, my wife and I consider him to be a very good friend and supportive during my illnesses. I must also be remiss if I did not recognize the generosity that I have received from many of the Board members that sit in front of me today from their own pockets, such as Tom Kostka, Sally Germano, Kim Lally, Elaine Taylor, Bob Houser has sent me well wishes, former Board member, Scott Sarno, has also sent me well-wishes. That is what it is all about, it is about family and about unity. These people have helped me, and helped me through the injustices that have been brought against me and my family by a few individuals in this community. Once again, I would like to thank Dr. Saxton and in closing to very small recommendations to the Curriculum Director and the Board of Education.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Giles, I am sorry, 30 seconds please.

Mr. Giles: I am sorry, first of all to the Curriculum Director, there is a Bill that is trying to get passed. It is HR3543, known as the James Adroga Bill which is to insure that proper healthcare for all rescue workers involved in US catastrophes such as 9/11 and Katrina would get proper healthcare. It may be an idea that we have our staff and some of our older students such as other districts are now doing, write letters to our members in Congress and teach them how the congressional ways work.

Secondly, I just hope and pray that this vicious rumor that I am hearing around town is just that, political rumor that Dr. Saxton is being removed as Principal of the high school and to be moved to the Dr. Donahue Elementary School are false. That would be one of the biggest mistakes this Board of Ed could ever make. And lastly, I have to add this and please forgive me, there is a little boy in the Dunfee School, he is eight years old...

Mr. Coronato: Please do not mention any names.

Mr. Giles: I promise I won't. There is a little boy in the Dunfee School, he is eight years old, I have mentioned his name to Dr. Donahue, and he is well aware of the situation and this little boy is dying of leukemia. There are many of us that have united and are doing fundraising together. People who were opponents in the past have united to raise money, so what I am asking this district to do is somehow, some way, I know there is different fundraisers that the teachers have, some way if you can help this particular family out, and again Dr. Donahue is aware of the family, this child needs chemotherapy or he is going to die. He is eight years old, he is our future. So, please if this Board of Ed could recommend that some monies go this family I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for letting me take an extra 30 seconds.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Mr. Giles. Would anyone else like to address the Board? Yes, Mrs. Becker?

Dr. McMahon: If I could just speak to that real quick for that for Mr. Giles. Charlie, we have a moral committee in the district that raises money; I am actually Chairperson of it. There are teachers from every building and we meet once a month and I will get that name and information from you. We donate to students throughout the community. Thanks.

Mrs. Becker, 741 West Bay Avenue: As you know, you are looking to have a budget passed and obviously there is an election that is going on and, of course, campaigning is part of that and we

are all subject to what goes on in a campaign. But, obviously, you are all aware that there was a postcard mailed out and it basically hit...

Mr. Coronato: Mrs. Becker, this is not the time for any kind of campaign...

Mrs. Becker: No, I'm asking a specific question of you, Mr. Coronato, who is a Toms River resident, why it is that on February 27 you put in an OPRA request to the County Board of Elections for a Voter List for the Township of Barnegat? That is what I would like an answer on.

Mr. Coronato: I have every right to put in a Voter List like anybody else.

Mrs. Becker: And that would be your answer?

Mr. Coronato: That is my answer.

Mrs. Becker: Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Would anyone else like to address the Board? Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Jake Taylor, 106 Newark Road: I want to make a comment here; the acoustics in here as well as that budget, both of them stink. I remember the other school, at least you could hear, you can't hear nothing what anybody is saying back here or any place in here, it is too much of an echo or something.

First, before I have a couple of questions, I would like to read a paragraph here from the newspaper. This is a quote, "Nearly two years ago the State Commission of Investigation reported that millions of dollars are added to the paychecks of the Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Deputy Assistant Superintendents and various other handsomely remunerated administrator outlays at state schools as an automated teller machine for 'educrats.' The 2005 SCI report entitled Taxpayers Beware uncovered extra cash payments and bonuses, allowances, stipends, unlimited accumulated sick leave payments and unused leave time for school district mukity mucks." That is the end of the quote.

This article is quite long. The reason I read that is because I have become aware of the Superintendent last year; the Barnegat Superintendent, received something like \$380,000 in benefits and pay. I want to know if that is correct. That is what I read; I want to know if that is correct. I don't know if you will answer it or not, don't seem like you are answering too many questions tonight.

Also, one other thing on what Mrs. Becker said, I would like to ask Mr. Coronato if he had anything to do with mailing out any election things for the Barnegat election this year. Is he interfering with the election, you can tell me yes or no?

Mr. Coronato: Absolutely not.

Mr. Taylor: You have not mailed nothing out?

Mr. Coronato: I have not mailed anything.

Mr. Taylor: I am very curious to why you got that list and I intend to find out. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Would anyone else like to address the Board? Yes?

Dr. McMahon: I would just like to say that I did not make \$380,000 last year.

Mrs. Mitchell: I am sorry, Mam, in the green shirt, in the back? Please state your name and address.

Ms. Mary Grace Cahill, 5th grade teacher at Collins School: I just wanted to thank you guys for the opportunity of letting me be a teacher in this district. It has been not but a positive experience. When I tell my friends who are teachers that I have students in my room that go to band, chorus, basic skills, have in-class support and never miss an academic lesson, they are just amazed. I mean the things that go on in this district are unbelievable; many people would not even believe us. I also have the opportunity to see my students and other students in the school through intra-murals after school which is an after-school activities which the students love. It is really nice because you get to see them let their hair down and relax and really just meet their personalities and it gives you a chance to meet and greet the other people in the school rather than the students just in your class. Our administration and staff is unbelievable, if you tell other people that if you have a problem you can find someone that instant, that is also unheard of. Abby Shubsda and I have kindergarten buddies with our fifth graders which gives our students a chance to be leaders. I know some of the other fifth grade teachers do it as well and it gives the kindergarten students to look up to and something to look forward to throughout. We get to see our students very well-rounded, not just in an academic setting. I mean every single teacher, staff member, administration, everyone volunteers. I mean, this is unheard of in other towns where my other friends are teachers. You know, they go home, they work 8:30 – 3:30, they do their job and they leave. There is not one person that I have met in this district that does that and that is really an accomplishment for this district. I am really proud to be a part of it, so thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, thank you. Mrs. Gorman?

Ms. Susan Gorman, 21 Janelle Drive: Dr. McMahon and the Board of Ed, I just wanted to say you did a good job with the budget and you are doing a good job with our children. So, keep up the good work.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Yes?

Ms. Abby Shubsda: Good evening, I am a kindergarten teacher at the Cecil Collins School. I had absolutely no intention of coming up here tonight, but coming to these Board meetings time and time again, I just jotted down a couple of things so don't mind me reading real quick. The negativity towards the Board really offends me as a teacher I am also a resident of Toms River. I wish that my children had the opportunity in the Toms River School system, and now they are almost all out, to receive what the children of Barnegat receive. The K+ program, the after-school activities, the summer program, the dedication of our administrators just in my building alone who I am affected by. The hard-work, they are there way before we, these are the things that the people on the outside don't get to see. The new kindergarten orientation program that

we are putting together. Mr. Chidiac has been morning, noon and night and we have been trying to help him all we can but he is with all the other people who have been there and going to meetings and everything. They are just, it is a great, great, group of people and I would like to personally thank the Board for all of your hard work and devotion to the students that I get to so happily teach of Barnegat. Dr. McMahon as well, I think you guys are a gift and I think that we are very lucky and I appreciate it.

Mrs. Mitchell: We appreciate that, thank you. I see a hand, yes? Please?

Ms. Sue Mayo: I work at the Collins School and I also live in Barnegat. I also came here not thinking I would get up here, but I want to just share my dedication, the teachers I work with; their dedication to this school is unbelievable. Mr. Chidiac, Mr. Delaporte, we work for the best administration. We have so much I can't even think of the words. We have so many people in our school that really do an outstanding job and go above and beyond what they need to do and I wish that was being said more than these other negative things that I hear all the time or that I read. They have no idea what we are doing in these classrooms and what the administration is doing in supporting us and it just makes me sad because not only as a teacher, but as a parent I want to hear those things. So, I want you to know as a parent, as a teacher, I am proud of this school and what you are doing and we thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Sue. Anyone else, yes, Mr. Sarno?

Scott Sarno, 7 Herkimer Court: I just wanted to echo, I think someone had mentioned it earlier, you can't hear a word what people are saying back there at the microphone. So, if you can't hear me I apologize I will try and speak up. What I want to address the Board about today is that on the first day of filing, the first day you were allowed to pick the petition up for the Board of Education last month I went to the Board office and picked one up. Nine days later I received this in the mail from School Board attorney, David Corrigan notifying me that Linda Mitchell and the Board of Education was suing me.

Mr. Coronato: I apologize, is that dealing with, I did not send that...

Mr. Sarno: Wait, because it was a hoax. There was no such lawsuit, but we will get to that. Basically, I received this letter informing me that Linda Mitchell and the Board of Education were suing me.

Mr. Coronato: I am sorry, Mr. Sarno, did you actually get a letter from Mr. Corrigan?

Mr. Sarno: Yes, I have the letter right here.

Mr. Coronato: OK, well, I don't think you can relay anything if there is ...

Mr. Sarno: Nothing inside there are we talking about.

Mr. Coronato: OK.

Mr. Sarno: I have already talked with my attorney about that. Well, anyway as I was going and saying, I then contacted, obviously, an attorney to represent myself. My attorney contacted Mr.

Coronato's office several times by letters, by phone, by email. Mr. Coronato would not contact him back.

Mr. Coronato: I am sorry. First off, I don't want to talk about any legal matter, but I can represent this Mr. Sarno, I have not received any information from any attorney with regard...

Mr. Sarno: Well, you were not the attorney that was in charge of the lawsuit against me I guess.

Dr. McMahon: Mr. Sarno, you were saying, Mr. Coronato.

Mr. Sarno: Oh, Corrigan, I am sorry, I apologize, Corrigan, I apologize, Corrigan. But we never received any information, my attorney made OPRA requests to Mr. Corrigan asking for information dealing with my case, i.e.,...

Mr. Coronato: Again, that is what I was saying to you, if it is a legal matter I don't think we should really discuss this.

Mr. Sarno: Mr. Coronato, it is not a legal matter, in the end my attorney then contacted Judge Grasso's office who was on this letter and Judge Grasso informed my attorney....

Mr. Coronato: Can you explain, Mr. Sarno, how if a Judge is involved and Mr. Corrigan is representing the Board and you have your own attorney how that is not...

Mr. Sarno: The judge notified my attorney that no such lawsuit was ever filed by this Board or the Board President. So there is no lawsuit, it was a hoax to basically scare and intimidate me from running for the Board this year by what I believe is the Board President to keep me from running for the Board.

Mr. Coronato: I am just saying to you Mr. Sarno, I really don't know you may have some legal recourse; I don't have any idea about what you are really talking about. I could just say this, it is a quasi-legal matter, if

Mr. Sarno: There is no quasi-legal matter, there is no actual litigation filed by this Board.

Mr. Coronato: I don't know how this Board would be involved in that, then.

Mr. Sarno: Can they explain to me, can the people sitting her at the dais explain to me what agenda this was on that this was approved and who voted to approve it. Who voted to use the taxpayers' money ...

Mr. Coronato: The only thing I can say to you, Mr. Sarno.....

Mr. Sarno:in an election time ploy to try and scare and intimidate me from running for the Board? I would like to know who voted and approved it, who gave Mrs. Mitchell the authorization, her name is on this lawsuit and put in my mailbox.

Mrs. Mitchell: I don't even know what you are talking about.

Mr. Sarno: You don't know what I am talking about?

Mrs. Mitchell: I do not know what you are talking about.

Mr. Sarno: I can show you, you can take a look at it, your name is right here.

Mrs. Mitchell: After this meeting, when I am done conducting this meeting, I will be more than happy....

Mr. Sarno: Right on top, Linda Mitchell, President of Barnegat Board of Education.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Corrigan is not here, Mr. Coronato is asking you not to speak about this at the microphone.

Mr. Sarno: I would like to know from the Board members here if it is legal for the Board President to do this on her own without permission from the entire Board and without their vote. I want to know what Agenda this was on and I want to know who voted on this and approved this.

Mrs. Mitchell: This is the last time I am going to say it before I need to ask you to have a seat.

Mr. Sarno: This is costing taxpayers' money because obviously Mr. Corrigan is getting paid for this, my attorney will be getting paid for this and it is going to cost these people, the taxpayers.

Mr. Coronato: I will be happy to discuss this with you after the meeting.

Mr. Sarno: I know it is always after the meeting, hush-hush, quiet, quiet, nobody knows what is really going on. Would anyone care to answer my questions, who voted for it and what Board members approved Mrs. Mitchell to file this lawsuit on behalf of the Board? Any answers?

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Houser?

Mr. Houser: I know there was never a meeting and I never voted to approve any lawsuit. So, you know what I am going to ask you, Mr. Coronato, is since this is costing taxpayers dollars that you look into this and see if there is any ethics violations concerning this matter.

Mrs. Mitchell: Before anyone addresses the Board again, Mr. Sarno you just said also that costing the taxpayers money. You recently had ethics charges against me back in October which this Board will have to pay Mr. Corrigan in another month or two with my abstention because I can, which is costing these taxpayers money also. Mr. Coronato will meet with you because those charges were all dismissed. Mr. Coronato will meet with you to see what you re talking about there because I have not seen that myself and nobody on the Board has seen that. Would anyone else like to address the Board? Yes?

Patricia Clark Brescia: Good Evening. I am a mother of three students in the Barnegat School system, two in the Dunfee School and one at Brackman. This is my first Board of Education meeting; I am missing Dancing with the Stars for this, so I'll keep it brief. I just wanted to say what an excellent school the Dunfee School is. My children have been going there five years.

Mrs. Makela became Principal last year filling some big shoes when Dr. Donahue, he was a wonderful leader and an inspiration. However, the school thrives and Mrs. Makela is a wonderful leader and an effective communicator. I have been a member of the PTA for 5 years and I have to tell you that the staff and faculty of the Dunfee School is outstanding. Not only do they support the fund-raising efforts for the PTA, but the attendance is very impressive to me as a mother. To see the school events, the school drama plays, whatever events are going on in the school they are always supported by the faculty and it is very impressive and exciting as a parent as well as a taxpayer. That is something that is not included in a teacher's salary or a support staff salary but it is there because they are very dedicated. That means a lot to us not only on the PTA but as taxpayers as well. I can tell you whether it is the custodians or the lunch ladies or the teachers or the Principal the staff is entirely dedicated to enriching the lives of the students in the school. I am honored to have students at the Dunfee School and well as Brackman. I have a direct experience with the PTA more in Dunfee and I can tell you this, we may be under construction at Dunfee but the foundation is sound and solid and I am proud to be a parent.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Anyone else? Mr. Pesci?

Mr. Frank Pesci, 11 Hemlock: Good evening. I live in Barnegat. Madam President, Commissioners, Superintendent, I am sorry, Mr. Coronato, I don't know you but obviously you know of Chief Justice Weinthrob and his opinion? It was many years ago, but he gave a very, very broad interpretation of what people can do when they get up here. I suggest you look at that and then revise what you are telling people. It is very, very important when you have an opinion from the Supreme Court of New Jersey signifying actually what people can do and when he said a wide latitude he meant a wide latitude because in the case with this wide latitude could mean. I came here again usually I come once a year or twice a year for the budget. Obviously, Tom gave a very limited presentation, I know of all the good things and I image out of the 600 and some districts in the state of New Jersey many Superintendents are saying the same thing. How wonderful the system is and you have a good system and how wonderful everything else is but the main point is what is it costing us.

As I said to Tom before, I hate comparisons because you could always compare to someone you do quite well or some State numbers that make you look good because, obviously, even the State now is probably coming to grips after all these years and saying well, when we take these tests we have got to leave out all those children that were not born in this country because they all count in there. So when they do not do well that makes the standards look kind of poor, and it should be on the people that were born in this country or raised in this country no matter what ethnic background they are and that is what it should be. It should not be a Mexican coming in or a Puerto Rican coming in or an East German or someone from the Baltic countries coming in and is only here a couple of years and expect them to do as well on those tests.

But more importantly, is that our expenditures, I know Tom always used to like to use Plumsted and I read the paper the other day, Plumsted is low. We talked about the school and the high school compared to Southern, we have to remember when we pulled out of Southern we pulled a lot of money out of there so their numbers are going to be up, obviously. So, what I would like, you know, when I think a strong presentation, I always said to Tom, is exactly what is it costing us. No tricks, no fancy mathematics, I know fixed costs are going to go up, teachers salaries are contractual, they are going to go up, utilities go up. Give us the numbers and that is the

important thing, not the magic. I was very disappointed whoever sent that piece of literature out in the beginning of this campaign; it is shameful it really is. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Would anyone else like to address the Board? Yes? Mrs. Flynn?

Tara Flynn, 11 Janelle Drive: Good evening. I have the great pleasure of not only having students, teaching students of the Barnegat School District, my children are also students of the Barnegat School District. My husband and I moved here in 1995 and used to sit at the Hurricane House and dream of what it would be like to have children here. At the time there was only three schools and a middle school and now we have a high school, the Horbelt School and the Donahue School coming up which I am really looking forward to that opening. Tonight my good friend, Annette Tinen, usually accompanies me to meetings but she is at the Horbelt School working very hard on an art program that is going to be there tomorrow night. As my co-workers Sue Mayo said earlier, there are so many things that go on behind school doors that people don't see on an every day basis. Like our art shows, like leaders in training, like the music performance tomorrow night as well at the Horbelt School. I just want to say I am proud to be a teacher at the Barnegat School District and proud to have students in the Barnegat School District. I thank each and every one of you all the time for the education my children will receive, and for what I am able to give my students and I just want to thank you very much. And just let you know I appreciate everything you do.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Is there any other comments? Anyone else? May I have a Motion to close Public Session? A motion by Mr. Kostka, seconded by Mrs. Germano. All in favor, aye. Opposed? Thank you Motion passes.

Mrs. Mitchell: At this time, Mr. Splendorio and Mrs. Lally, this is actually their last meeting by choice. They are choosing not to run for the Board to regain their seats and Mr. Splendorio would like to say something this evening.

Mr. Splendorio: Well, who knows I may be back, but likely this will be my last meeting, last budget. I got involved in the school board way back in the early 90s. I am one of the old men here from experience and I have to say that I was most touched by the teacher's speech that came up from the Collins School. Here is why. We always speak, and I speak often about the fact that one of the greatest accomplishments of the district since I have been here is leaving Southern and opening the high school, but really that was never an end. I remember when I sat on this dais and the President at the time was Barbara Gross and I was Vice President. At that time, we did analysis and because of the money went spent at Southern Regional; the amount of money they are spending on the K-8 district here in Barnegat was below the State mandated expenditures. So, if we were a K-8 district the State would have forced us to spend more money but because the State measured us as a K-8 district, but we spent as a K-12 district sending tuition to Southern Regional they told the voters we were overspending. The extra money was going to Southern. Dr. McMahon spoke about that \$2.5 million budget increase it would be, it would be an increase, we would be cutting out of the K-8 district \$2.5 million. You can ask the voters to pay for that kind of tax increase. So year after year we were voting for a K-8 program that was not meeting the needs of the district. We went to lobby the Commissioner of Education, he told us the solution is simple, build a new high school, get your own high school. We went and lobbied the State legislature, spent a lot of time that year doing that, they told us the same thing, your solution is simple, get a high school. So getting a high school was not an issue of

whether we have pride in Barnegat and moving kids to their own high school, it was gaining control of our own destiny. If you think we did not have a high school here today that those teachers could stand up and talk about the programs they spoke about for your children K-8 then it would be impossible. So, the biggest, to me, to leave, with those teachers making the comments they made when we started this quest to leave Southern Regional and give you the voters of Barnegat control of your own destiny is like magic to my ears. Because my sole reason for being involved from the time I started was to do that. Now that it is here I have accomplished everything I asked myself to do. My youngest will be graduating here and it is time for you, those of you who have children in the K-8 district, K-5, step-up the challenge that I tried to address with Mrs. Lally and the rest of the Board, and I am speaking for myself today, was to give the Board the financial ability to do what it had to do. We spent four hard years migrating from the K-8 district to a K-12 district. I will tell you things are lacking not because we don't care but because there is only so much you can do. The next challenge is to bring the district up to where it needs to be, the financial structure is in place, the education structure is in place and you people, with younger kids have to join the Board and move forward.

I leave with one thought, and what has changed most in the last two years, in any organization anything, whether it be family or organization to succeed must build on the foundation created by others. We are nothing but extensions of our parents building on the things they taught us, they built on the things taught to them. My generation of Board members leaves you with a district that has a stable foundation for capital expenditures up to the year of 2032, opens two high schools, or two schools with two tax decreases having a planned cost per student decrease in expenditures over five years that was a design of leaving Southern Regional. None of these things happen by accident. So, I hope you look hard and you choose people to replace me that not just have, they can have different goals that is fine, that will accept the progress that we have done, accept the facts of that progress and build on it. Because if all we do is destroy the good things that came before us we keep recreating an old issue over and over again and never move forward. So my wish for you, because my kids are gone, is you select people whoever you think that is going to build on the progress that we have done. If you destroy that progress you are just going around on a merry-go-round and go nowhere fast. So, I thank the Board for letting me have one last year and I stand ready to do whatever I could to help you guys in the future and I want to thank the public over the years for a some of my loses, but mostly gains when I have run for office. I will tell you one last thought, I have learned from every one of you, some good things and sometimes I learned what not to be and other times I learned what to be. But in the end I have taken a piece of every one of you, most of the people in the public here, the people I worked with, I have taken a piece of you. Hopefully, I have left one-half of what you have given me and I thank you for my time.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Mrs. Lally?

Mrs. Lally: It is hard to believe that seven years have gone by. I usually don't need a microphone, right Michael? It is really hard to believe I have been sitting here for seven years. I have had the opportunity to meet some amazing people and all of those people that I met are all staff members in our district. I cannot begin to tell you how lucky we are. My son is probably, I can't imagine any other town to live in other than this town because of our school system that is why I moved here fourteen years ago and that is why I stay here. We have the most dedicated staff that there is and I would not have had the opportunity to get to know many of you as well as I do now if I was not a member of this Board. For that, I thank the people of Barnegat for giving

me that honor. I wish all the candidates running for this year luck, once you sit up here it is not as easy as it looks. Sometimes it is very, very hard to sit in this chair and sometimes there is no other place on this earth I would rather be. So, like I said sometimes very hard, but most of the time it was very rewarding and I am grateful that I had the experience. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. I have to say to both of you, and Ralph and I were in opposite roles and then Vice President and President and Kim also for the past two years. I thank you for all of your time and this town is lucky to have you because it is hard. It is hard to sit up here year after year after year and try and accomplish the things that we have. This town should be very thankful for you for all the time and dedication that you have provided to the students here, thank you both.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 22, 2008.
2. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 22, 2008.
3. Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2008.
4. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2008.

With that may I please have a Motion under approval of Minutes to approve Items 1-4? Moved by Mr. Kostka, seconded by Mr. Davis. Is there any discussion? May I have a Roll Call please?

Mrs. Taylor:	Yes on 1, 2 and 3 and no on 4.
Mr. Splendorio:	Yes
Mr. Kostka:	Yes
Mr. Houser:	No on 1, 3 and 4 and Yes on 2
Mrs. Germano:	Yes
Mr. Dorow:	Yes
Mr. Davis:	Yes
Mrs. Lally:	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell:	Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Under Correspondence those letters are in your packet.

Thank you letter from Heritage Bay Women's Club to Mrs. Sterrs, Ms. Edwards and Mrs. Kenny's and her second grade class for their wonderful dance and musical performance.

Now after Correspondence as we said in the Approval of the Agenda, I am going to read Finance Motion 6 and then ask for a motion to approve, Motion 16, I am sorry.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR THE FY 2008-2009

A Motion to approve the School District Budget for the FY 2008-2009 School Year for submission to the voters as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$ 47,253,452	\$ 24,629,720
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 982,673	\$ n/a
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Totals	\$ 51,101,628	\$ 26,839,394

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion please?

Mr. Dorow: I would like to make that Motion, Madam President.

Mrs. Mitchell: I am sorry, Mr. Dorow, is there a second please?

Mrs. Germano: Second

Mrs. Mitchell: Mrs. Germano, is there any discussion? I will remind the Board this is the time to discuss this if anyone has any comments or concerns? Mr. Splendorio?

Mr. Splendorio: There are many reasons why people may want to vote against this budget, but I want to speak from experience. There was a time way back in the mid-nineties we were experiencing, I don't have the exact dates, someone might look it up and say it was 1998, but whatever it is it was a long time ago. Longer than I want to remember means I am old. Where we were running into constraints of the nature we are having today and we had to go to a cap labor election, and basically go through years and years of not having extra-curricular activities for the kids, busing was limited. I will tell you it was during that time frame that we were spending below the minimum, the State minimums. If this budget fails certain things will leave us and if you think you will ever get them back, they are not coming back. In the current environment if the Township Committee turns around and says cut \$40,000 from this budget, if you think the voters are going to turn around in two years from now and give you \$40,000 back, it is not going to happen.

Now, contrary to what you hear the dollars that really matter are the cost per student, right because that takes all of our dollars, divides it by the number of students we educate and they compare that to other districts. I am going to oversimplify it, if you look at the cost per student we spend in non-educational activities, we spend low. If you look at the cost we spend per student in educational activities we spend high and the average is right where you want it to be, below average. The next thing we look at is, are we spending faster than the taxpayers can afford it? I was not here last year so I cannot speak for that budget, but for the last five years that I chaired budget and finance, and this year the taxes did not go up at all and they went down. So, I know the plan we put in place when we left Southern was to provide a funding base to give us all the services that we need at an affordable level. We expected, and we talked about this year after year, that the cost per student would decline as our fixed costs were distributed among more and more students. That is happening, we are on plan. The only thing that can disrupt that plan is for you to sit down on your butts and don't go out and vote, because if you don't vote and you do not vote for the budget, someone else will and they will more than likely vote against it. So, I

ask you, as an outgoing member with my last student leaving this year, if you like the programs you have vote for the budget, if you don't then don't vote for the budget but don't expect them to ever come back. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Is there any other comment? OK. I would just like, again, to thank Dr. McMahon, Mr. Falkowski and actually Mr. Dorow for stepping in last week because when, like Dr. McMahon said on his slides where there is some districts closing schools we are opening a brand new school and we dropped the tax rate a couple of pennies. It took a lot of hard work and thank you to them for that. May I have a Roll Call please?

Mrs. Taylor: Yes
Mr. Splendorio: Yes
Mr. Kostka: Yes
Mr. Houser: Yes
Mrs. Germano: Yes
Mr. Dorow: Yes
Mr. Davis: Yes
Mrs. Lally: Yes
Mrs. Mitchell: Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, all. Thank you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Mrs. Mitchell: Under Finance, may I have a Motion to approve Items 1-15 and 17 and 18? A motion was made by Mr. Kostka, seconded by Mrs. Germano. Any discussion?

Mr. Houser: I have discussion.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Houser, please?

Mr. Houser: I have an issue regarding the lawsuit that was not approved by the Board and the amounts paid to Mr. Corrigan for the months of February and March that amount to \$30,902.63. I am just making a statement that I have an issue with the amounts paid for the conflict attorney.

Mrs. Mitchell: OK, thank you, anyone else? Roll Call please.

Mrs. Taylor: Abstain 1 and 2, yes on the rest.
Mr. Splendorio: Yes
Mr. Kostka: Yes
Mr. Houser: No on 1 and 2, abstain on 3, 4, 11 and 12, yes to 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18
Mrs. Germano: Abstain on 12, yes on everything.
Mr. Dorow: Yes
Mr. Davis: Yes
Mrs. Lally: Yes
Mrs. Mitchell: Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, motion passes.

1. MOTION TO RATIFY FEBRUARY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,925,165.20 JANUARY PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,635,651.29 (CAFETERIA BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,283.69 ARE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY BILLS AMOUNT).
2. MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,345,228.18 FEBRUARY PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,802,425.39 (CAFETERIA BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,693.99 ARE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH BILLS AMOUNT).
3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER (A-149) FOR DECEMBER, 2007.
4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER (A-149) FOR JANUARY, 2008. *TREASURER'S JANUARY REPORT TO BE AN ADDENDUM.*
5. MOTION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.
6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION: LINE ITEM STATUS FOR JANUARY, 2008.
7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION: LINE ITEM STATUS FOR FEBRUARY, 2008. *TREASURER'S FEBRUARY REPORT TO BE AN ADDENDUM.*
8. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION: BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR JANUARY, 2008.
9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION: BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR FEBRUARY, 2008.
10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OOD PLACEMENTS, PAY TUITION AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AS NOTED FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.

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STUDENT	PLACEMENT	TUITION	TRANSPORTATION
WR	Coastal Learning Center – Tuckerton Campus	35 days prorated placement - \$7,655.55	35 days prorated - \$3,411.10
WR	Coastal Learning Center – Tuckerton Campus	59 days prorated - \$12,905.07	59 days prorated - \$5,750.14
AA	Enhancement Technology Program @ Lakehurst	77 days prorated - \$11,004.84	N/A

VC	Garfield Park Academy	57 days prorated - \$12,655.14 Aide: 57 days prorated - \$7,395.75	57 days prorated (including bus aide) \$16,096.80
MG	Titusville Academy	72 days prorated - \$13,863.60	72 days prorated (including bus aide) \$13,885.92
SP	Little Egg Harbor School District	66 days prorated - \$9,986.94 Aide: 66 days prorated - \$7,334.96	66 days prorated (including bus aide) - \$11,365.20
GD	MOESC Enhancement Technology	85 days prorated - \$8,028.25	N/A
JT	MOESC Enhancement Technology	54 days prorated - \$7,717.68	N/A

11. MOTION TO DECLARE A BLACK GMC 3500 DUMP BODY SURPLUS.

A motion to declare a Black GMC 3500 Dump body surplus with a VIN number is 1GDHV34K9KJ500555 and license plate MG91RV.

12. MOTION TO APPROVE WORKSHOPS:

NAME	SCHOOL	WORKSHOP	DATE	Location	Workshop Cost	Mileage	TOLLS/ PARKING	Total
Mary LaBruna	BHS	From Math Standards to Math Instruction to Math Assessment: What's New in NJ?	4/14/2008	Jamesburg	\$100.00	\$54.83	\$5.00	\$159.83
Patricia Boldt	BHS	NJ Assoc. of Social Workers Workshop	4/14/08	East Windsor	\$0.00	\$59.09	\$0.00	\$59.09
Patricia Boldt	BHS	NASW Annual Convention	5/4/08	Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$46.97	\$0.00	\$46.97
Susan Silver, Mary-Beth Byrne, Stacy Fonner, Dawn Dougherty, Joanne Adamski, Shannon Harrer, Melinda Kennedy, Karen Baldwin, Maureen Linck, Veronica Ramaglia	All	Social Skills Training Workshop	4/29/08	Manahawkin	\$50 pp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

Nichelle Glasner	BHS	Trigonometry thru Appl.	4/11/2008	Piscataway	\$195.00	\$72.72	\$4.00	\$271.72
Greg Brandis	BHS	Tech Assistance	4/14/2008	Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$46.46	\$20.00	\$66.46
Judy Higgins	BHS	Tech Assistance	4/14/2008	Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$46.46	\$20.00	\$66.46
Debbie Sylvia	BHS	Tech Assistance	4/14/2008	Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$46.46	\$20.00	\$66.46
Karen McKeon	BHS	Tech Assistance	4/14/2008	Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$46.46	\$20.00	\$66.46
Larissa Taff	BHS	Technology Projects	4/2/2008	Voorhees	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.00
Ellen Stanford	BHS	Technology Projects	4/2/2008	Voorhees	\$195.00	\$43.51	\$0.00	\$238.51
Arlene Kadlubowski	BHS	Technology Projects	4/2/2008	Voorhees	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.00
Adam Angelozzi	BHS	NJFPA	5/22/2008	Atlantic City	\$199.00	\$48.48	\$10.00	\$257.48
Colleen Scrimenti	BHS	NJFPA	5/20/2008	Atlantic City	\$199.00	\$48.48	\$10.00	\$257.48
Mary LaBruna	BHS	NJFPA	5/21/2008	Atlantic City	\$199.00	\$48.48	\$10.00	\$257.48
Karen McKeon	BHS	NJFPA	5/20-22/2008	Atlantic City	\$499.00	\$145.44	\$30.00	\$674.44
Anthony Orrechio	BHS	NJ All State Jazz	5/5/2008	E Brunswick	\$0.00	\$66.25	\$0.00	\$66.25
Karen McKeon	BHS	Change a Brain	4/2/2008	Voorhees	\$0.00	\$44.44	\$0.00	\$44.44
Mary LaBruna	BHS	Change a Brain	4/2/2008	Voorhees	\$0.00	\$44.44	\$0.00	\$44.44
Adam Angelozzi	BHS	NSTA Science Conf.	3/29/2008	Boston	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Michelle Cucinotta	LMDS	NJ Ask Training	4/3/2008	Egg Harbor	\$0.00	\$40.40	\$5.00	\$45.40
Kim Germano	RLHS	NJ Ask Training	4/3/2008	Egg Harbor	\$0.00	\$40.40	\$5.00	\$45.40
Joanne Lynch-Blaney	CSCS	NJ Ask Training	4/3/2008	Egg Harbor	\$0.00	\$40.40	\$5.00	\$45.40
Robin Urso	ROBMS	NJ Ask Training	4/3/2008	Egg Harbor	\$0.00	\$40.40	\$5.00	\$45.40
Karen McKeon	BHS	NJ Ask Training	4/3/2008	Egg Harbor	\$0.00	\$40.40	\$5.00	\$45.40
Anthony Orrechio	BHS	All South Honors Band	5/10/2008	Williamstown	\$0.00	\$68.27	\$0.00	\$68.27
Susan Perugini	BHS	Athletic Dir. Assit. Wksp	4/17/2008	Mercerville	\$0.00	\$69.15	\$0.00	\$69.15
Jessica Casamento	BHS	Capstone Experience	6/6/2008	W. Windsor	\$0.00	\$24.15	\$0.00	\$24.15

Lindsay Wesslen	BHS	Exceed Writing Stand.	5/6/2008	Atlantic City	\$185.00	\$46.00	\$11.00	\$244.00
Liz Hults	BHS	Exceed Writing Stand.	5/6/2008	Atlantic City	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
Meghan VanderPyl	ROBMS	Exceed Writing Stand.	5/6/2008	Atlantic City	\$185.00	\$46.00	\$11.00	\$244.00
Jamie DelPrete	BHS	Exceed Writing Stand.	5/6/2008	Atlantic City	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
Tom Sutaris	BHS	Exceed Writing Stand.	5/6/2008	Atlantic City	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
Jennifer Ashworth	CSCS	Strategies Build Readers	4/2/2008	Somerset	\$0.00	\$77.00	\$5.00	\$82.77
Colleen Healey	LMDS	Strategies Build Readers	4/2/2008	Somerset	\$0.00	\$77.00	\$5.00	\$82.77
Amy Santasieri	RLHS	Strategies Build Readers	4/2/2008	Somerset	\$0.00	\$77.00	\$5.00	\$82.77
Karen McKeon	BHS	NJ STARS Workshop	4/28/2008	Toms River	\$0.00	\$21.21	\$3.00	\$24.21

13. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HOMEBOUND REQUESTS:

AA	BHS	12/21/07 until further notice
TF	BHS	1/21/08 – 3/25/08
WM	BHS	1/9/08 – to be determined
TH	BHS	1/2/08 – 4/07/08 (extension)
JH	BHS	12/28/07 – 3/24/08 (extension)
AB	BHS	2/29/08 extended until further notice
TB	BHS	1/30/08 until further notice
KL	BHS	1/28/08 – 3/24/08
KM	Collins	12/03/07 – 3/10/08 (extension)
DD	Brackman	1/20/08 to 2/6/08
SE	BHS	1/30/08 – 2/15/08
PD	Brackman	1/29/08 until further notice
CG	GHS	2/25/08 until further notice
TV	BHS	2/26/08 to 3/10/08
SP	Special Placement	1/16/08 until further notice
RD	BHS	3/3/08 – 3/18/08
JG	BHS	3/11/08 until further notice
AH	BHS	3/01/08 – 5/16/08
KM	BHS	3/20/08 until further notice

14. MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM STAPLES OF MANAHAWKIN, NJ

A Motion to accept a donation from Staples of Manahawkin, NJ in the amount of \$4,290.00. Items include binders, pens, locks, folders and shelves.

15. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO SET POLLING TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL ELECTION BALLOT – APRIL 15, 2008

WHEREAS the School Election will be held on April 15, 2008,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barnegat Township Board of Education designates the polling times from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for the voters of Barnegat Township.

16. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR THE FY 2008-2009

A Motion to approve the School District Budget for the FY 2008-2009 School Year for submission to the voters as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$ 47,253,452	\$ 24,629,720
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 982,673	\$ n/a
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Totals	\$ 51,101,628	\$ 26,839,394

17. MOTION TO CERTIFY THE BUDGET PUBLIC QUESTION FOR THE APRIL 15, 2008 SCHOOL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be raised for General Funds \$24,629,720 for the ensuing School Year (2008-2009)

18. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS FROM NCLB (NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND) GRANT – SY 2007-08

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Township Board of Education has been notified by the State Department of Education that it is entitled to the following funds for implementation of the programs listed below for the 2007-2008 school year under the NCLB Grant:

Title I Funds	\$251,680	Basic Skills Program
Title II Funds Part A	\$108,669	Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
Title II Funds Part D	\$ 1,787	Enhancing Education through Technology
Title III Funds	\$ 2,860	English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement (Consortium w/Stafford as Lead Agent)
Title IV Funds	\$ 10,719	Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act
Title V Funds	\$ 3,529	Innovative Programs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barnegat Township Board of Education approve the acceptance of the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Grant and that said funds shall be used for the purposes described in the NCLB Application filed with the New Jersey Department of Education and be administered and monitored in accordance with appropriate state and federal regulations.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barnegat Township Board of Education approve the distribution of funds for the 2007-2008 school year for the funded teachers/programs as per the attached budget summary from the NCLB Grant Application.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - INFORMATION

A. Ocean County College Accuplacer and Orientation

The Guidance Department has arranged for OCC to come and give all of our accepted OCC students the Accuplacer exam at BHS. The dates are April 10th and 11th. Rooms will be secured for testing. Mary LaBruna and Colleen Scrimenti have been given the test prep materials for the exam. Moreover, a date in May will be confirmed to have our students transported to the Toms River campus to conduct orientation and complete all of the scheduling for their 1st semester.

B. 8th Grade and Junior Parents Meetings

An 8th grade parent meeting was held on January 31st to assist parents with the transition from middle school to high school. Approximately 85 parents attended. In anticipation for their senior year, a junior class parent meeting was held on January 29th.

C. ASK 3-4 Parent Meeting

An ASK 3-4 parent meeting was held on March 10th. An ASK 5-8 parent meeting will be scheduled for a night in April.

D. Scholarship Brunch

The scholarship brunch was held at Moody Joody's on February 19th at 10:30 am.

E. Scholarship Application

Karen McKeon has revised the scholarship application, and it is ready for distribution.

F. HSPA Meeting

A HSPA meeting for students and parents was held February 26, 2008.

G. Senior Class Trip Information

Regarding the senior class trip to Disney World, the travel agency running the trip will provide the needed transportation in New Jersey and Florida.

H. Bengal Big Screen Fundraiser

A "Bengal Big Screen" fundraiser will be scheduled for the spring. This event involving the showing of a movie will be open to the entire community.

I. OCC Jump Start Courses

For the spring semester, we currently have 17 students enrolled in Ocean County College Jump Start courses.

- ◆ 3 enrolled in English 151
- ◆ 1 enrolled in Macroeconomic Principles
- ◆ 1 enrolled in Contemporary Health
- ◆ 1 enrolled in Application Program C++
- ◆ 6 enrolled in Intro to Sociology

- ◆ 4 enrolled in General Psychology
- ◆ 1 enrolled in Child Psychology

J. Addition of Early Dismissal Day to 2007-2008 School Calendar

April 18th has been added to the 2007-2008 school calendar as an early dismissal day.

K. Change of Teacher Professional Development Day Date in May

Due to testing, the Teacher Professional Development Day that was originally scheduled for May 9th has been moved to May 27th. School will be closed for students.

L. Immigrant Student Grant Eligibility

The results of the study from the NJ Department of Education, Division of Student Services, Office of Student Achievement and Accountability, are attached.

M. Task Stream

Task Stream, at a cost of approximately \$13,000, has been placed in the 2008-2009 proposed budget. This web-based software and supporting service system will efficiently plan and manage the assessment process for our teachers. It is a teacher-friendly approach to assist in developing differentiated instruction lessons. With the QSAC application being required for submission by November, 2008, this program will assist educators in preparing effective, engaging, and interactive lessons that are aligned to the core curriculum content standards.

N. Learnia

Learnia, a fully funded 5-year program sponsored by the DOE will be implemented along with Task Stream in September 2008. This program provides an assessment system for grades 3-8. It is a simple solution for students, teachers and administrators that produce powerful results in the instructional forum. For the first five years of implementation, it is free to the district; after that the district will incur a nominal fee per student.

O. Family Math & Science Series

A series of hands-on activities for parents and K-5 students will be scheduled over the course of two weeks (early May). Students will be encouraged to advance their knowledge in both subjects while engaging in lessons that are interpretative and analytical. Prizes will be offered to those who participate. It will be a district-wide effort to encourage students to become motivated in the areas of math and science.

P. After School Crew

The “**After School Crew**” program at BHS will be able to include special education students wishing to participate.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

Mrs. Mitchell: Under Education Committee, may I have a Motion please to approve Items 1 through 13? Motion by Mrs. Lally, seconded by Mrs. Germano. Is there any discussion?

Mr. Falkowski: Actually, I think that was Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Mitchell: I am sorry, Mrs. Taylor, I am sorry, Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Germano. Any discussion? Roll Call please?

Mrs. Taylor:	Yes
Mr. Splendorio:	Yes
Mr. Kostka:	Yes
Mr. Houser:	Yes
Mrs. Germano:	Yes
Mr. Dorow:	Yes
Mr. Davis:	Yes
Mrs. Lally:	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell:	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes.

1. Motion to recommend that the Board of Education Send a Letter of Congratulations to Those Selected for Recognition in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program.

Barnegat teachers have recently been recognized for their outstanding work with students, and they will be submitted to the DOE for the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. The following names will be submitted to the State: Dayna Angelozzi, Science teacher at BHS; Denise Wiener, Science teacher at ROBMS; Margaret Aftanis, Level 3 L/LD teacher at CSCS; Regina Santolla, 4th grade teacher at RLHS; and Linda Altizio, 1st grade teacher at LMDS. One certified support staff member and three non-certified support staff members were also recognized: Joe Hagan, Social Worker at LMDS; Bev Jakalow, Aide at LMDS; Arthur Walshe, Building and Grounds; and Diane Welsch, Secretary - RLHS.

A 17-member recognition panel consisting of community members, teachers, parents, and administrators made the selections based on use/knowledge of effective techniques and methods, establishment of productive climate and rapport with students, development of feelings of self-worth or love of learning in students, use of creativity, innovation, and efficiency, ability to increase student achievement, ability to contribute to the quality of professional development, and ability to encourage community service.

2. Motion to Approve Paying \$210 to the County to Cover the *River Lady* Luncheon Fee.

Each year, the State presents its awards for the Governor's Teacher Award at a luncheon aboard the *River Lady*. The State is no longer subsidizing county teacher recognition programs. As a result, Barnegat Township must pay \$42 per teacher (5 teachers have been submitted) for a total of \$210 to cover the expense of the luncheon.

3. Motion to Approve Paying \$210 to the County to Cover the Cost of Engraved Plates for Winners of the Governor's Teacher Award

Each year the winners of the Governor's Teacher Award are presented with engraved plates during their luncheon. The County is no longer paying for these plates. As in previous years, Barnegat Township must pay \$42 per teacher (5 teachers have been submitted) for a total of \$210 to cover the expense of the awards.

4. Motion to Approve Purchase of Plaques for Recipients of Governor's Teacher Award and the District's Certified and Non-certified Support Staff Award to be Presented at June Board Meeting.

As in the past, nine (9) plaques will be presented to the Governor's Teacher Award recipients and the District's certified and non-certified support staff recipients at the June Board of Education meeting.

5. Motion to Approve Continuation of VHS (Virtual High School) Contract

The VHS is an on-line service that provides students with an opportunity to advance their studies in the areas of interest. BHS has the ability to offer over 250 courses, in addition to their regular coursework, to students. At the high school level, there are a total of 100 seats available to students between the fall and spring semesters. Currently, there is a site coordinator, as well as two high school teachers, providing selected courses in-house.

6. Motion to Approve Homebound Services Through MOESC (Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission)

This homebound service is a virtual on-line service that will provide instruction to students throughout the course of the year and into the 2008-09 school year.

7. Motion to Approve the Additions to the Supplemental Materials

Teachers throughout the district use varying resources to engage their students in a teacher/student centered environment. These materials will assist teachers and students in reaching and exceeding competency levels – see attached.

8. Motion to Approve the Addition of DeVry Institute and Ken's Kitchen to the District's Field Trip List

DeVry Institute is offering a scholarship opportunity to a BHS student. Students have expressed an interest in attending DeVry; therefore, a trip has been scheduled for April 3rd in order to offer students another avenue to explore post-secondary education.

Ken's Kitchen is a place for the needy and disabled to get a hot meal every Thursday afternoon. Ken's Kitchen also prepares food to be delivered to people that can't make it to the center at Manahawkin. The kitchen is run by Father Ken through the St. Mary's community. Volunteers are used to help out with the process. Last year, *Interact* received a short acknowledgement in the April 25, 2006 *Times-Beacon*. *Interact* will again be volunteering for this very worthy cause.

9. Motion to Approve Study Island Contract (June 1, 2008-May 31, 2009)

Motion to approve Study Island contract (June 1, 2008-May 31, 2009). Study Island is a web-based internet program that provides advancement in the areas of math, science, English, and social studies as well as the arts through reading, writing and problem-solving. This is the second year in which the Barnegat Township School District's grades 3-12 student population has been exposed to the program.

10. Motion to Approve the Ambassador Program for SY 2008-09

High school students will have the opportunity to participate in the Ambassador Program which will service elementary and middle school students and teachers. BHS interested parties can submit an application of consideration to the guidance department to volunteer their time; this extra-curriculum program has been developed for those senior students who are considering entering into the field of education.

11. Motion to Approve Change in Student Calendar (Add Final Exam Early Dismissal Days for Grades 9-12)

Motion to approve early dismissal days during final exam days (June 12th through 17th). Students in grades 9-11 will be administered the maximum of two exams per day. Senior exams will occur on June 2nd through 5th during class time in order to calculate GPAs, class ranks, and Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Senior make-ups will be held June 6, 9, 10, and 11. Graduation practice will be scheduled for Grade 12 students on June 12th through 18th.

12. Motion to Approve BHS Final Exam Make-up Schedule

Students in Grades 9-11 who fail to take a final exam during the regular administration dates will be expected to take the exam(s) on June 18th through 20th. Students will need to provide their own transportation on the 19th and 20th.

13. Motion to Approve Revised BHS Program of Studies for the 2008-09 School Year

The Program of Studies for BHS has been revised for the 2008-09 school year.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- INFORMATION

A. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – TEACHERS (2) – ROBMS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Heather Killeen, Resource Room Teacher at the Brackman School has submitted her letter of resignation effective March 3, 2008.

Ms. Heather Tanel, Basic Skills Teacher at the Brackman School has submitted her letter of resignation effective April 28, 2008.

B. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – LIBRARY TECH – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Maureen Ward, Library Tech at the Dunfee School has submitted her letter of resignation effective July 1, 2008. Ms. Ward has been out on a medical leave of absence since the beginning of the school year due to surgery.

C. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – COACHES (2) – BHS – SY 2007-2008

Mr. Anthony Morici, Head Boys Soccer Coach at Barnegat High School has submitted his letter of resignation effective January 15, 2008.

Mr. Kevin Karp, Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach at Barnegat High School has verbally resigned effective March 7, 2008.

D. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – FIRST GRADE TEACHER – RLHS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Judith Chadwick, First Grade Teacher at the Horbelt School submitted notification regarding a medical leave of absence which went into effect on December 3, 2007 due to surgery. Her official return-to-work date was February 13, 2008.

E. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE - BASIC SKILLS TEACHER – ROBMS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Marilyn Ferguson, Basic Skills Teacher at the Brackman School submitted notification regarding a medical leave of absence which went into effect on December 19, 2007 due to surgery. Her official return-to-work date was March 3, 2008.

F. NOTIFICATION OF A LEAVE OF ABSENCE – FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE – ROBMS – SY 2007-2008

Mrs. Maria DiPisa, Full-time Instructional Aide at the Brackman School submitted notification regarding a leave of absence to care for her husband which went into effect on January 28, 2008. Her official return-to-work date was March 4, 2008.

G. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – ART TEACHER – LMDS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Billie Ambrose, Art Teacher at the Dunfee School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective February 5, 2008 due to surgery. Her official return-to-work date was March 13, 2008.

H. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – SECURITY GUARD – B&G – SY 2007-2008

Mr. Joseph Roguso, Security Guard, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective February 7, 2008 due to surgery. His official return-to-work date was March 17, 2008.

I. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN – B&G – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Elizabeth Herczeg, Full-time Custodian has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective February 13, 2008 due to automobile accident. A tentative return-to-work date will follow.

J. NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION TO LEAVE OF ABSENCE – TRANSPORTATION DRIVER – TRANSPORTATION – SY 2007-2008

Mr. Andrew Hagel, Transportation Driver, has submitted notification of an extension to his leave of absence. He will be out the remainder of the school year to care for his wife.

K. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS (3) – TRANSPORTATION – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Cathy Croushore, Transportation Driver, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective January 24, 2008 due to surgery, with a tentative return-to-work date of March 24, 2008.

Ms. Deborah Delvecchio, Transportation Driver, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective February 25, 2008 due to automobile accident, with a tentative return-to-work date of March 25, 2008.

Ms. Alicia O'Neill, Transportation Driver, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective February 25, 2008 due to surgery, with a tentative return-to-work date of April 7, 2008.

L. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE (2) – TEACHERS – CSCS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Dawn Dougherty, Speech Language Specialist at the Collins School submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective March 20, 2008 due to surgery, with a tentative return-to-work date of April 3, 2008.

Ms. Susan Sellarole, Kindergarten Teacher at the Collins School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective March 14, 2008 due to surgery, with a tentative return-to-work date of April 14, 2008.

M. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCES (3) – CERTIFIED STAFF – RLHS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Anne Sterner, School Psychologist at the Horbelt School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective March 18, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of April 28, 2008.

Mrs. Jennifer Lane, Kindergarten Teacher at the Horbelt School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence for maternity purposes effective April 14, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of September 1, 2008.

Mrs. Beth Rapolla, 4th Grade Teacher at the Horbelt School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence for maternity purposes effective May 2, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of September 1, 2009.

N. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCES (3) – TEACHERS – BHS – SY 2007-2008

Mrs. Cara Walters, ILA Teacher at Barnegat High School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence for maternity purposes effective May 12, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of September 1, 2009.

Mrs. Michelle Clerico, Physical Education Teacher at Barnegat High School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence for maternity purposes effective May 23, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of September 1, 2008.

Mrs. Traci Sellers, Math Teacher at Barnegat High School has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence for maternity purposes effective June 9, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of September 1, 2009.

O. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN MEDICAL LEAVE RETURN-TO-WORK DATE – TEACHER – BHS – SY 2007-2008

Mrs. Mary Oravets, Physical Education Teacher at Barnegat High School has submitted notification of a change in her medical leave return-to-work date from May 27, 2008 to September 1, 2008.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

Mrs. Mitchell: Under Personnel Committee Motions, may I have a Motion to approve Items 1 through 8? Moved by Mrs. Germano, seconded by Mrs. Taylor. Is there any discussion? Roll Call please.

Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mr. Splendorio:	Yes
Mr. Kostka:	Yes
Mr. Houser:	Abstain on 7, yes to all the others
Mrs. Germano:	Yes
Mr. Dorow	Yes
Mr. Davis:	Yes

Mrs. Lally: Yes
Mrs. Mitchell: Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, motion passes.

1. APPROVE RENEWAL OF SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve the renewal of the following substitute certificate:

Kerri Seidenfaden

2. APPROVE HIRING SUBSTITUTE SUPPORT STAFF (7) – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve hiring the following as substitute support staff for the 2007-2008 school year:

*Mary Bastedo – Secretary, Library Tech, Instructional Aide & Playground/Café Aide
Roberta Craig – Secretary, Library Tech, Instructional Aide & Playground/Café Aide
Cecelia LaPoint – Secretary, Library Tech, Instructional Aide & Playground/Café Aide
Brenda Lynch – Secretary, Library Tech, Instructional Aide & Playground/Café Aide
Danielle Lucia – Secretary
Reshma Contractor – Instructional Aide
Patricia Shagat – Instructional Aide*

3. APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE STAFF (27) – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve hiring the following certified substitute staff for the 2007-2008 school year:

*Morgan Callo – applying for substitute certificate
Susanne MacDonald – applying for substitute certificate
Joanne Miller – applying for substitute certificate
Mukund Bhatt – substitute certificate
Christopher Cammarata – substitute certificate
Nanette Cummings – substitute certificate
Christina Daber – substitute certificate
Cori Forfa – substitute certificate
Sherry Fortner – substitute certificate
Lauren Helm – substitute certificate
Corinne Janda – substitute certificate
Colleen Legentil – substitute certificate
Michael Liquori – substitute certificate
Kelly Petitt – substitute certificate
Justina Rose – substitute certificate
Christina Vezos – substitute certificate
Nora Cunningham – certified substitute
Eric Dunsmuir – certified substitute
Jillian Englehardt – certified substitute
John Feeney – certified substitute*

Jaclyn Grabowski – certified substitute
Mark Grasso– certified substitute
Dawn Kelly – certified substitute
Margaret Klaslo – certified substitute
Darla Lowery – certified substitute
Christine Plauski – certified substitute
Vanessa Purpuri - certified substitute

4. APPROVE HIRING CASUAL PER DIEM DRIVERS (2) – TRANSPORTATION – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve hiring the following as Casual Per Diem Drivers for the 2007-2008 school year:

Robert Calabria & William Guido Jr.

5. APPROVE HIRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONNEL (3) – BHS – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve hiring the following After School Activities personnel at Barnegat High School for the 2007-2008 school year. GAAP: 11-401-100-100 Ext. 11568.

Detention Monitor. Stipend: Overtime Contracted Rate
Erin O’Connell & Heather Hawley

Vocal Director. Stipend: \$1,500
Natalie Altonjy

6. APPROVE HIRING ATHLETIC PERSONNEL – ROBMS – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve Cathy Brown as Assistant Track & Field Coach for the Brackman School for the 2007-2008 school year. Stipend: \$1,771 Step 1.

7. APPROVE HIRING ATHLETIC PERSONNEL (11) – BHS – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve the following as Athletic Personnel for the Barnegat High School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Colleen Healey – Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach. Stipend: \$3,615 Step 1.
Generoso Conejos – Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach. Stipend: \$3,615 Step 1.
Chris Camarata – Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach (holly can’t verify criminal history)

Weight Room Volunteers (all seasons): Chris Aviles, Jared Burke, Mike Burke, Ryan Dalon, Mike DeTroia, Brett Hardie, Dan McCoy & Kevin Smith

8. APPROVE HIRING – FAMILY MATH/SCIENCE NIGHT PERSONNEL (4) – SY 2007-2008

Motion to approve hiring the following personnel for Family Math/Science Night at Barnegat High School for the 2007-2008 school year:

Teachers: Stipend: \$600.

Sarah Flynn, Mary Grace Cahill, Cindy Ackerman & Amy Santasieri

FACILITY USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MOTIONS:

Mrs. Mitchell: Under Facility Use/Transportation Committee Motions, may I have Motion to approve Items 1 and 2 with Number 2 the charge of zero dollars? A motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Taylor. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Mrs. Taylor:	Yes
Mr. Splendorio:	Yes
Mr. Kostka:	Yes
Mr. Houser:	Yes
Mrs. Germano:	Abstain on Item 1 and yes to 2
Mr. Dorow:	Abstain on Item 1 and yes to 2
Mr. Davis:	Yes
Mrs. Lally:	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell:	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion carries

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MIRAGE'S USE OF THE BARNEGAT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR THEIR SUMMER THEATER PRODUCTION.

Motion for the Mirage to use the BHS auditorium, total for 17 rehearsals, 3 performances lighting, technicians, maintenance and security would normally cost \$5485.00. Mirage is offering to pay \$1500.00 (attachment)

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ARC TO USE THE RUSSELL O. BRACKMAN AUDITORIUM FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR ELVIS PRODUCTION.

Motion to approve ARC to use the ROBMS auditorium on Saturday, August 2, 2008, to perform their Elvis show at a charge of \$280.00 for the afternoon performance.

Mrs. Mitchell: Before I ask Dr. McMahon if there is anything else, I just want to thank the people who did come up here and give us some positive feedback tonight. As Mrs. Lally said a couple of minutes ago, it is really hard sitting up here. I, myself, have been sitting up here for ten years and the past couple of months we have really been taking a lot of criticism, and it is nice to see some new faces here and see some of the positive comments. We are all here for your children, we volunteer our time and we want to do what is best for the child in the

classroom and I really, from the bottom of my heart, I really thank you for that. Dr. McMahon, anything else?

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. McMahon: Yes, I would just like to make two comments. One, basically for those who don't know there is a new monitoring system in New Jersey for schools today, it is called QSAC, and we will be going through it next year. You look at things such as your finances, your academic scores, your Board governance, and I would like to mirror the comments of Mr. Houser, one of the issues that the Board has to pass is called Board Governance. I know the Board Governance Committee is looking at this but I would like to mirror what Mr. Houser said in regard to looking at Board members making false ethics claims against each other. I heard now there is a Superintendent Report that is nowhere in my personnel file or my evaluation, I don't even know what that is which obviously that whole issue around some of those topics is Board Governance. I think the Board needs to put some focus on that to pass that category or they will fail State monitoring.

On a positive note I wanted to thank Ralph Splendorio and Kim Lally for all their years of service they gave to the children in the district. I know sometimes it was a thankless job, but I can tell you that on behalf of the children and the staff that I thank you. Thanks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. With that may I have a motion to adjourn? Motion by Mrs. Germano, seconded by Mr. Kostka. All in favor, aye. Thank you and thank you all again for coming out this evening.

The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2008, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Falkowski, Board Secretary/
Assistant Business Administrator