

***Barnegat Township  
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 28, 2008  
Thursday, 6:30 PM**

Barnegat High School  
180 Bengal Blvd.  
Barnegat, NJ 08005

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Becker opened the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Adorno	Present
Mr. Davis	Present
Mrs. Mitchell	Present
Mrs. Pilovsky	Present
Mrs. Sarno	Present
Mr. Scully	Present
Mrs. Taylor	Present
Mrs. Becker	Present
Mr. Houser	Absent (Arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Also Present: Dr. Joseph Donahue  
Ben Montenegro, Attorney

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mrs. Becker asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute

All: Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS**

Mrs. Becker: Can I have a Motion to approve the Agenda and/or Additions with an added Executive Session after Public Session?

Mrs. Taylor: So moved.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mrs. Becker: Roll Call, please.

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell	Yes
Mrs. Pilovsky	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Barnegat Township Board of Education appreciates and welcomes public comment, advice and suggestions especially when it is intended to assist/help the Board of Education. Please feel free to speak to the board during the public session. Comments and discussion will be limited to one five (5) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification. Public comment at Special Meetings of the board shall be related to the call of the meeting. **In accordance with Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by and announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if appropriate.** Your anticipated courtesy to the members of the public and the Board is appreciated.

Mrs. Becker: Can I have a Motion to move into Public Session?

Mr. Scully: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

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

Mrs. Becker: Would any member of the public like to address the Board? Mr. Splendorio?

Mr. Ralph Splendorio, 98 First Street: I would like to address the Board on a few issues and in some ways responding a little bit to Mr. Adorno’s comments about what I said at the last meeting. It is very important, I think, that the Board be as honest with the public as possible. I think there has been some convenient mistruths or lies spoken by those who conveniently want to criticize like myself who want to ask questions. I would like to address a few of them. You know, the year before you guys ran, Mrs. Becker on your website, there was a lot of time spent saying that the Board was doing inappropriate things financially and illegal things. Look at your own agenda and you are approving this evening there is a Treasurer’s Report from May. I was on the Board a long time and I chaired the finance committee, and the law, Title 18, says you must have a Treasurer’s Report every month. The County allows you a 45 day window because you have things like bank statements and things of that nature so you should have approved May’s Treasurer’s report in June sometime, or July sometime.

Then, July should have been this month and then this month sometime in September. Title 18 requires a final Treasurer's Report to be done on August 1. So not only have you missed at least, let's see, May, June and July's Treasurer's Report, but you have also missed the annual deadline which August 1, this is a Title 18 requirement. It is not an option, if you look at the audit checklist that your district has to go through, you will find that a requirement is that they are going to check that you have done all these things. Well, you can't do that. So, right now, before you even close the books this year you have an audit comment. We have not had an audit comment for five or six years since I was on the board, at least that. You will have an audit comment. So, you are doing something that is wrong. I would like to know why the Treasurer's Report is at least three months late and the annual report required by law is not completed.

Then we go down other things on your list here, we have your BA, which I could not understand why you were hiring a temporary BA when you have a BA. Now you are going to have probably close to maybe three or four BAs in three or four months. You have spent \$400 a month on a...or a day on this guy. I said that it would cost more money and I was factoring, I wasn't sure if you passed it, the money you were paying Falkowski to help this person out. Basically, I do not know the numbers, but I would like you to address this, it looks like you spent about \$9,000 on a BA for two weeks. Now, in all candor, we are not hiring, we are not filling our full need for vice principals and we are not fulfilling our need in curriculum personnel, we are charging people absorbent amounts of money for the summer camps, but yet we have enough money to waste \$10,000 when we don't need to or it is close to \$9,000 on a BA position.

I will go further down the agenda and I see what we are doing is hiring, or committing about \$111,000 to the Township Committee for SROs. We are the only district, at least the last time I checked, in the County, I can't say the State, but certainly in the County, that pays for their own SROs. Yet we cut supposedly \$500,000 from the budget, not fulfilling the needs for our administration with vice principals, not fulfilling the needs for the district for curriculum, personnel, but we are going to give \$110,000 to the Township Committee when they should be paying for that. I also see that the vendetta continues, Mr., our DARE officer hours are being cut, he is one of the first SROs in the State, but he will not be chosen to be selected for this district. Obviously, the vendetta continues, so now the vendettas are costing us \$110,000 for SROs we should not be paying for, the vendettas are costing us over \$10,000, or close to \$9,000 for BA we should not have hired. If you don't want Dr. McMahon to be BA, I think that makes sense, but my God, when you lose somebody you just fill in with what you have until you get a new permanent one, you can save yourself \$9,000. I will be looking more because you guys have vendettas against the staff of the attorneys, you are spending over \$20,000 in six weeks for attorney fees doing all these while we are not having vice principals where we need them; not having curriculum people where we need them and charging people for summer programs.

Board policy #2312, I believe it is, 2312, Class Size Policy, ok? If you look at the class size policy for grades 6-12, the desired class size is 25, the minimum suggested is 16. We actually when the district first opened the high school looked at classes as low as seven, but that was because we only had one class. As those, people had to go to learning via the computer or internet or I forget the term, you guys might remember it, but basically online classes. What are we doing here, I hear, and I like this comment, I understand we have an AP music course with three students in it, potentially, three or four. This is a rumor I hear. Your policy says that you can't deviate from this it says that if the Superintendent, if in the judgment of the Superintendent there are educational factors that require deviation from this set of guidelines appropriate information shall be made available to the Board of Education. I was at the last Board meeting

and saw the Agenda, and this meeting I saw the Agenda; I do not see any report from the Superintendent suggesting why we have an educational need for a class with two or three or four students in it. I understand that one of the Board members may have a child in the class. I hope that is not affecting the decision to have a class with three children. I do not know if that is true, I would like to know if that is true and what you are going to do to correct that because here we are in the district, cut \$500,000 from the budget, you don't have the vice principals we need, you don't have the curriculum personnel we need and we are charging people for summer camp but yet we can have a class with three students in it. It makes no sense.

You know, I stand up here and

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Splendorio, I don't want to interrupt you, but you are exceeding the time.

Mr. Splendorio: OK, a couple seconds and I will leave. When you guys were running again, you sent out to every one of my neighbors in a flyer and you said that I had discussions about a job at the new school, the Donahue School. A school in which if I was to be a teacher there I am not certified for, I have no qualifications, I have no qualifications to be an administrator, I have no qualifications for any job there. Shame on you. You also sent out literature that said one of your opponents was a felon, stole money, ok? Not true, never heard a retraction, never heard a comment. So, please do not stand up there and when I state facts as I see them here, criticize me for that when you have not cleaned up your own mess, when your names, you lied about myself and you lied about your opponents and called someone a felon inappropriately. It is unacceptable and I thank you for your time, I know I overstepped, I appreciate your giving me the extra time. Thank you.

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Checcia?

Phil Checcia, Windward Drive: The message of cleaning up is the prior Board's mess without the policy, just let me make that statement. It is no offense to any particular one or more than one person that is sitting there. The other reason is if you go onto the DARE site itself, the DARE program officers used to work between four to six, max eight hours a week, teaching the grades. Their program will even tell you that on their website. Google it, it will also tell you that they are getting away from using DARE officers and using certified teachers to teach drug programs. That is because Mr. Gates, not Bill Gates, he is the founder and was the police chief in Los Angeles, and everything that does with DARE he gets a cut of. It was originally founded as an organization to make money with, they will tell you that and the research will tell you that. As far as SRO program go, yes, we need SROs if they pay it or you pay it, let it come out of your budget you requested them. You were paying that when you were on this Board and I am relating that to the last prior speaker. The other is, when we are getting obnoxious and extreme funding from the parents to send kids to summer camp? Well, I don't believe the State allows you to have summer camps with educational money when you don't have summer school for your own children. And if you had to send you kids to summer school, or let me say children to summer school, you would have to pay. Southern Regional does that but I did not hear anyone from the Southern Regional Board tell that to any of our students' parents when we were sending our children to Southern Regional.

The other is, getting back to our computers, I remember when I was on the Board and yes, I did resign, but I also had in play for Microsoft to give this school board a computer on every desk and that phone number from that young lady who handled education for Microsoft in this state

moved over to NY state but the phone number never changed for the person who took her place. In other words if Manager A moves to NY and Manager C comes in from Alabama and becomes Manager B, the phone number for that particular area stays the same. That is corporate protocol, that is corporate policy. So, Mr. Splendorio promised me that he would call that person when he was working at HP. And, yes, Mr. Splendorio, you told me she moved to NY, but yet subsequent to me resigning, to let the Board know, you missed on computers on every single desk including monitors and all you had to do was buy the software that you wouldn't have to put into books that we have not had and you would never had the books with helmets with kids riding bikes without helmets on them long after the law was passed.

Now, policy from what I understand a lot of this stuff has to be codified, there wasn't any codified policy according to the protocol and according to the state, so as you are doing your job, the entire Board, including Mr. Davis and Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Taylor and everyone else sitting there, just remember one thing, when you don't have policy, it costs money to do the codifications and it happened in Stafford Township 24 years ago when Carl Block took office. It cost him over, then, \$150,000 to codify. There wasn't any policy at all; they were making it up as they went along. And you can't do that.

Now, if any parent does not want to pay \$25.00 to send their children to a camp there is a problem, but we have another problem and I addressed this way back at the other school, during the campaign, and I don't believe there is a vendetta among any of these people up here because I do not believe there is a piece of vendetta in their bones, Mr. Splendorio and I say that looking at every one of you up there. Mr. Davis you do not have a bad bone in your body, Mrs. Mitchell neither do you, neither do you or you and all the way down, but he thinks so. That is his own opinion, he is entitled to that, but when you speak to the Board, you speak to everyone, not just a particular person.

Now, no one has every explained how, speaking of the camp, the particular names of all the students who attended the camp wound up and mailed to that particular residence, the name of the child that went to camp, but we still have not found out and I asked the attorney and I have been holding back and holding back and I need the answer, who had access to the names of the students who attended and the children that attended the class that were used to target the opponents with campaign dollars, were going to cut the camp? And by the way, it was the Township Committee and we the people that cut the budget \$500,000 not the Board because Mrs. Mitchell did say in public and in the Press that we could cut \$3,000,000 from that budget. It is in writing, you did not deny it and you said it is true and you could have cut \$3,000,000 from that budget and bare-boned it. You would have had to take bussing away, you would have had to take away some of the things that people were used to in this community.

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Checcia....

Mr. Checcia: My time is up, now I want to know, this is the most important question and I need an answer tonight because after Labor Day it will be in the hands of the Attorney General. Believe me, it will be. I want to know who had access to those names, you can't have the child's name as the addressee and the mother's name is different. The only way you could have gotten that is if you looked at or had access to names, but the worst part about it was it wasn't sourced, it had a campaign slogan and then Barnegat, NJ 08005. There was not any 6 Reno Court, it didn't have who the Treasurer was, but more important, it is a criminal offense to take those names and use them for political purpose, let alone access them and ascertain them for your own

pleasure. So, we want to know tonight, how and who had access and what is being done about future violations of children's names who attend any of your programs. Now you are entitled to sell names to certain entities such as Picture People and things like that, but no one ever gave you permission to use it in public for a campaign and have rhetoric in the campaign with the children name itself.

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Checcia?

Mr. Checcia: I need the answer now. Tonight, I need that answer. What is in place to stop and who had access to the names? I have the proof that the only way you could have gotten it and the people who are going to start asking the questions, no, the only way you could have gotten it was somebody had to go into the computer.

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Checcia?

Mr. Checcia: How are you going to stop this from now on? What was the prior policy on that?

Mrs. Becker: Thank you.

Mr. Checcia: And my advice to each and every one of you is go to the DARE program, including Mrs. Mitchell, I am asking you, go Google DARE and you will find that even their own people are saying now it doesn't work that is why they are using certified teachers to teach the drug program.

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Checcia, thank you.

Mr. Checcia: DARE says it themselves.

Mrs. Becker: Mrs. Clemente?

Mrs. Mary Ann Clemente, 565 East Bay: Before, the reason I got up is something else, but I just wanted to comment on all of what has been going on, is the purpose, because I have not been coming to school board meetings for a long time so I am not necessarily familiar with the protocol, but when we get up to ask questions, I am typically used to getting answers. Do you respond to questions that come before you? In other words Phil asked the question about the names are you going to give him an answer, probably not directly, but what you have available to you to find that information out?

Mrs. Becker: Well, at this point it is public comment. Normally if someone asks a question there is an administrator available. We do try to answer them but when more of a public comment or something that we would not have that information sitting here, we can't answer.

Mrs. Clemente: Mr. Splendorio rattled off a whole bunch of things, half of which I couldn't understand and a lot of which sounded inappropriate, but I would hope, because I am going to ask a question as the Chairperson of the Climate Action Commission for Barnegat Township. I am here with Rose Jackson who is the project leader for the school recycling program that is going to be starting. I have been speaking with Brian Shanley about the garbage cans and he is in need of 39 extra cans in order to collect the recyclables as they should be collected, for example, the paper. Typically, the paper has not been recycled in many of the schools. I know

that you are going to be dealing with some finances tonight, is there anything that can be done about putting some money into that kind of stuff?

Mrs. Becker: I don't think we could give you an answer on that tonight, we could ask that of the finance committee to review but that is not something we could answer for you right now.

Mrs. Clemente: I am sure you are all aware that there are state statutes that both public and private, everybody has to recycle and we really have not been and we are hoping, our committee is hoping to help in this process and we are certainly making ourselves available to you so I want you all to know that. He needs the tools, physical tools, to help him work with that. One of the things he provided me with a copy of a supply book that you buy your stuff from, Grangers. They had a garbage can, 50 gallon garbage can on wheels which is what he needs to run through the schools and pick up from the different classrooms from the recycling cans for \$125.00. I went on line to Loews and a 45 gallon can (5 gallons less) was \$26.00. Do you have to buy; because I know when I used to work at the bank it was like they had you by the tail where you had to order from one place, is that something the school board needs to order specifically from this place.

Mr. Montenegro: The answer would be only to the extent that the school board has an existing contract with a particular supplier. Dr. McMahan was not available to be here tonight, he had a previously arranged vacation before this meeting had been scheduled, but in response to your original question about answering of questions, a lot of those types of questions that are administrative in nature would be to the extent they were answerable directly would be answered by the Superintendent and oftentimes the information requires additional time to go find out the answer.

Mrs. Clemente: I understand that. Brian has been great, I know he has been really tied up with getting the schools open so I appreciate whatever time he gives me, but that is it, thank you.

Mrs. Becker: Thank you. Would anybody else like to make a public comment? Mr.Sarno?

Scott Sarno, 7 Herkimer Court: First actually I would like to address a couple of things that was brought up. First of all when it comes to the BA/Board Secretary, if I am not mistaken, the only way it can be hired is if the Superintendent, I think, I am sure the people in the audience thinks is the greatest thing since sliced bread, recommends it to the Board. Am I correct in that statement, I think? The Superintendent has to recommend it to you otherwise you can't approve it? So if the Superintendent does not agree, the Superintendent doesn't approve of it he would not recommend it to you. So, the Superintendent that you think is the best thing going recommends it to the Board.

Secondly, he states that the district it costs \$9,000, first of all I would like to know how he gets his facts because I will check tomorrow, and put an OPRA request in to see if the OPRA request is stuff that he had information on or if it was given to him, but we will get to that later. It says \$9,000 was spent because Mr. Falkowski had to help train him and everything, again, I would like to know how he got that information. I did a quick break-down here, Ralph, just if your math is that good, but Mr. Falkowski, his salary weekly seeing he was getting paid \$119,000 a year as Board Secretary, the salary would have come to about \$2,600 a week so he had that for two weeks so about \$5,200. The Superintendent who is making \$43,000 a year, his salary for two weeks would have come out to about just over \$3,000. So, you are talking \$8,200 you

would have spent any way you look at it for those two weeks. They spent an extra \$800. Whew, break the bank, Ralph.

Secondly, also he is bringing up these attorney fees, I will check on that tomorrow too, I will put in an OPRA request to see how he got the numbers for these attorney fees unless someone obviously sitting up here is funneling him stuff to circumvent the Board and make the Board look bad which is what it seems to me. He brought up about policies for class sizes, 2312, well if you would know Ralph, one-half of those policies, I had a book just last year, some of those policies have not been changed in nine or ten years. So, of course, they are outdated and not up to par. Hopefully, that can get straightened out. We are charging people for the summer camp; I would like to know how many other districts in this county or in the state give free summer camp to their town? Anyone? Does anyone in the state? Does anyone even have summer camps? They charge \$25.00 a week and you are saying that is outrageous, the pricing? You better check again. Alright.

Another thing I was going to address, at the last Board meeting, I brought up to this Board, that I wrote a letter to you and each of the Board members should have gotten it. I was out at a local bar and I ran into our Superintendent and Mrs. Mitchell sitting at the bar drinking about an hour before the Board meeting and I have two issues that I did not bring up at that meeting because I had to wait. Number one, the Superintendent calling out from the bar saying he was sick and then not showing up to work for the next two days after that. I think it is a serious, you know, he is the leader of our district and this the conduct and the way he has conducted himself, I think it is inappropriate.

Secondly, Mrs. Mitchell after I even got up and stated I have seen you, you sent me a beer down the bar and you were not eating as others have brought up that in defense they were entitled to eat dinner, I checked with the bartender after they left and the bartender said the Superintendent had two sixteen ounce draft beers and Mrs. Mitchell had a glass of red wine and they did not have any dinner. The Superintendent was there 40 minutes approximately before me and Mrs. Mitchell got there approximately 15-20 minutes before I did.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Sarno, excuse me, you can say anything you want to me because I am here this evening and the sitting Board President right now gave me permission to interject and right now the Superintendent is not here to defend himself and we can have an issue as a Board if we let that proceed.

Mr. Sarno: Exactly, the Board can do as they want with it. I am just saying as a concerned citizen that you two and again, when I was brining it up about you, after I brought it up in public session, and I have pictures I can show you if you want afterwards. After I came up here and said that you were under the influence of alcohol at the meeting you still sat at that dais and you still voted and you still went into Executive Session and made decisions that have taken effect with the safety, security and issues dealing with our children while under the influence of alcohol. Now, I checked with the Department of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association, they both said strongly that under no circumstances should anybody under the influence of alcohol or drugs be conducting a meeting. But, that is for another day that we will get into, but I just find it funny that you would actually after, and the Superintendent had enough smarts not to come to the meeting because he was on the job and you cannot show up to the job under the influence of alcohol, that is grounds for dismissal. He was smart enough and I give him credit for that. But, for you to sit on the dais and make decisions and vote on our children

after you just came back from a bar and were drinking is totally unprofessional, totally unprofessional and it is not acceptable.

Mr. Davis: Mrs. Becker, can I ask a question to Mr. Sarno?

Mrs. Becker: Is that appropriate?

Voice: Yes, he can.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Sarno, are you following the Superintendent?

Mr. Sarno: (inaudible)

Mr. Davis: OK.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Dereck. You are on the borderline of harassment and stalking at this point. You did not run into us, you were following us and you know it. You had your camera ready; you had your questions ready. What I do at 4:00 p.m. on my own time is my business. If I have a drink of wine every single night at dinner it is my business, it is none of your business. From the research that I have done you are on the borderline of harassment.

Mrs. Becker: Mrs. Lally?

Mrs. Sarno: I just wanted to say I would like to know how many people have cell phones on them. They are all equipped with cameras.

Mrs. Lally, 42 Bowline: Mrs. Mitchell, when we, right before we opened the high school, did we or did we not hire Strauss Esmay to completely re-do the entire policy book from cover to cover?

Mrs. Mitchell: Yes.

Mrs. Lally: Is that the company that you now have working with you with your policies?

Mrs. Mitchell: Yes

Mrs. Lally: So for there to be a single policy that is ten years old is absolutely absurd. Perhaps it originated ten years ago and then was, what is the word, I am lost for a word. It was readopted through the years, but we paid a professional company to redo that book and it is the same company you are using. I have to tell you I am really concerned. First we have somebody tape recording employees and then they get in the care and follow and they use cameras. If you want to be a real cop, go to school but maybe this time you will actually earn your degree.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Mrs. Becker, may I just say something? Mrs. Lally, as I said at the last Board meeting, I received the book, the policy book and I went through it. I went to my first Board Governance meeting and I had questions on the policies. Mrs. Canfield can tell you, my policy book was wrong. I am just telling you, this is what, as a brand new board member I get a book and I read it and you know the size of that book, I know you do, ok? Then, when we went to our

first meeting I had a couple of questions and they told me that is old. So, what are we as Board members supposed to do?

Mrs. Lally: (Inaudible from audience)

Mrs. Pilovsky: Mrs. Canfield

Mrs. Lally: (Inaudible from audience)

Mr. Montenegro: If I could maybe clarify because we had a meeting between a couple of administrators and committee members relating to this so maybe I can just clarify it because we had a meeting where we kind of cleaned this up. Apparently, and I do not know the exact number of years ago, Strauss Esmay was hired to do the policies for the district, whether that was six, eight or ten years ago, whatever that was. Between that period of time and the current time there were many policies that were revised, changed, updated along the way during the course of those years. Apparently, nobody maintained a single book that contained all of the original plus the updated ones. So, at this point what the Board is trying to do with the help of Strauss Esmay is to one, recreate all of the current policies as modified over the course of those years so that Strauss Esmay, one has that information. They only had what they had created for the district; they would not have had anything that the district changed on their own without utilizing them. So, we would now create a master policy book that has all of the current policies and then after looking at those policies and with any changes in the law make those changes that are necessary or requested to the book. So, just so there is a little clarification because to some degree a little bit of everything that everybody is saying is accurate; but that is really the long and short of the history of that and what the Board is trying to accomplish now is after we sat down and realized that there was no master policy book that actually had what was in place as of this year, the Board realized that something needed to be done to correct that. That is what they are doing.

Mrs. Becker: Yes, and to add to that if you have been on the school district website, Mrs. Canfield worked diligently. The whole policy book is now online and I know she is trying to collect all of the outdated books from everybody so we are all working off the same policies. Hopefully, we will not and in the future no other Board members will have that kind of a problem. Is there anybody that would like to address the Board? Mrs. Jackson?

Rose Jackson, 12 Marblehead Place: The only comment that I want to make is this is my first time attending the Board of Education meeting, and I am having a very difficult time understanding or hearing people from the automated system. The speakers that come up here, I could not understand anything they were saying and I am having a hard time hearing them. I don't know if there is an AVA person in the audience but whatever is going on here with your new AVA is not working very well. That is my only comment. It is nice to be here, I am interested in seeing how the Board of Education works, having been a teacher in the past it is interesting to see what is going on in the school systems today. Thank you.

Mrs. Becker: Thank you. Mrs. Gorman?

Susan Gorman, 21 Janelle Drive: I have to be honest to you, I have not been to a Board of Education meeting in a couple of months. It conflicts with one of the Township meetings which my husband is a chair. I have heard four of the new Board members get up here over the previous months and complain because the meetings overlap. I am very shocked that you go

ahead and do this, that is number one. Number two, the real reason I am getting up here is that I am shocked. The last two times I came here, you do not have a Business Administrator, you don't have a Superintendent up there with you. You can talk about procedures; you can talk about curriculum and everything you want. Leadership begins from the top down. You can make up excuses, you can do what you want, but as long as you and your people or whatever you want to call them are following people, taking pictures, talking about people, writing about people on websites, you are scaring away people, you can't get anybody here. As far as I know there is not a single person up there on that Board of Education that has a four-year degree. You are not equipped whether you think you are or not, you are not equipped to run our school board. It is your job to make sure that we have the proper leadership here. It is your job to hire the people and keep them. Do what you have to do to get the job done; you are losing the administrators one by one. You need to get the people up here. If you don't like them, get somebody better to do it, but get somebody. You can't do it, Mrs. Becker, you cannot run this school district alone. Thank you.

Mrs. Sarno: May I comment? As a Board we are not allowed to micro-manage, and that would be micro-managing. We cannot get people to come here; we can only go off of recommendations from our administrators. So our administrators, from top down, you are correct, that is where it starts. They need to bring the recommendations to us and then once we get the recommendation, we can go from there.

Mrs. Becker: Would anybody else like to address the Board?

Mrs. Mitchell: I have to add, say something to that though. When we are trying to get a Business Administrator though, we are not leaving it on the Superintendent to do that. From what I gather, we are working as a Committee and there are three or four Board members who are on that Committee interviewing those Business Administrators. So, the Superintendent is not just going to put somebody on there without that Committee probably being a very big part of it right now.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Can I comment on that, please? The Superintendent is in our Committee meeting, we discuss it as a Team. We are a Committee, we work together and we work very well together.

Mrs. Mitchell: I, 100%, hope that is true and Denise, I appreciate that comment. What Mrs. Sarno just said was that it sounded as if we are waiting for the recommendation to come down from them.

Mrs. Sarno: Well, yes, there are times when they come to us and he will say or any of the administrators will say that this is who I recommend, these are our top picks and these are who we recommend and we go from there. Ultimately, the recommendation does come from him. We can choose to work together or recommendations come from them.

Mrs. Mitchell: Right, and in the instance of the BA, it is coming as Mrs. Pilovsky just said from a team effort from everyone. In just trying to answer Mrs. Gorman more proactively is that we are not waiting for a Superintendent to say ok, here is a recommendation for the BA, this has been a process to try and get that and it starts at the Committee level.

Mrs. Sarno: Well, his words were in our Committee, and he is not here, but...

Mrs. Mitchell: And, again, I ask you not to speak about him, if we do it is just hearsay then he is not here to defend himself to that ..

Mrs. Sarno: It is not hearsay; I am saying at our Committee that I was told these are the recommendations, one and two, that is it. That is what we were told, that is not hearsay, I am saying that I what I was told.

Mrs. Becker: I think we all agree by statute the Superintendent makes the recommendation and if anybody has worked with our Superintendent knows he uses extremely high standards so unfortunately sometimes that recommendation is not coming as expeditiously as we would like. We are working forward to resolve those situations. Would anybody else like to address the Board?

Bob Russo, 190 Ravenwood Blvd.: I am just trying to get involved with these school board meetings and coming here with three of my children, I am kind of embarrassed that we would be reduced to squabbling over somebody's beverage menu at a local restaurant outside of school board functions. I could really care less what any of you do on your own time when you drink on your own time. Frankly, I am embarrassed as a parent, a father and resident of Barnegat that this is brought up and this was what we are reduced to trying to get something done at our meetings. What I am concerned about, two days before school is starting; two children sitting back there, none of them know what homeroom they are going to be in. We just found out today what school they are going to because of the redistricting. Does anyone have any information of when parents in Barnegat are doing to be notified about their children's homerooms? Monday is Labor Day.

Mrs. Becker: Can Helen or Mary answer? Dr. Donahue is here can someone address that?

Dr. Donahue: Letters went out today first class and you should be receiving them tomorrow or Friday.

Mr. Russo: OK, is it going to be normal practice to notify parents two days before school?

Dr. Donahue: The redistricting letters went out awhile ago, so if your child was redistricted to Donahue that letter went out a long time ago.

Mr. Russo: OK

Dr. Donahue: OK, but it is normal practice because of class sizes and other factors that this letter usually goes out the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the Labor Day weekend and has been that way for the past 20 years or so.

Mr. Russo: OK, because I believe that I had received it a little bit sooner last year, maybe two weeks.

Dr. Donahue: It may have, I am just saying it is around this time and this year with all the redistricting and so forth and everything that went on, but the letters did go out today for all the schools and that is the transportation letter as well.

Mr. Russo: That is something else we are looking for. My last question I have for the Board is that back in the Spring I heard a lot of comments about antiquated and out-dated textbooks and I was wondering if our children can expect to have all new textbooks for the beginning of the school year if that is something that has been addressed?

Mrs. Becker: Dr. Donahue?

Dr. Donahue: Well, again, there is a new language arts series for grades 3, 4 and 5; new health series for grade 2 and the curriculum in over about 100 areas has been revitalized over the summer months. There are other supplemental materials that have also been looked at as well as field trips, reading materials, novels and so forth. So, all of that has been updated as well during the summer months.

Mr. Russo: Very good, thank you Dr.

Mrs. Sarno: I just want to add that I was on the Committee and chaired the Committee for Education and that was one of our main things we looked into doing because that was very important to all of us, all of us on this Board. Also, as far as getting letters before school, I have still not received my letter either. I just know where my kids are going and the mail goes out but sometimes our mail is all over. Last year I did not receive one at all and ended up having to call transportation. So, I apologize if you haven't gotten it, but I have not gotten mine either.

Mrs. Becker: Mr. Laufgas?

Bernard Laufgas: At the last meeting, one of the members of the public, I presume she is a parent; she was annoyed because I criticized the coach. Well, I tell her what she should do and she said she would rather die, so I advised her to let me know when the funeral is. Now the reason I am here tonight is because I would like to know what did the Board decide about my lawsuit.

Mr. Montenegro: I would just recommend that is a pending lawsuit, I would recommend the Board would not be discussing that in open public session. The Committee did meet and had some recommendations about some of the concepts in that litigation and if I could I would like to schedule an appointment for you to see me like we did last time.

Mr. Laufgas: How about right after the meeting?

Mr. Montenegro: Yes, I can do that.

Mr. Laufgas: My wife gave me permission to come to the meeting, so I have a little bit of time after the meeting because I would rather dissolve the matter instead of filing interrogatories, then Mrs. Mitchell is going to have to answer the interrogatories and it will take time and the other Board members, not the new ones. So, I would like to resolve the matter and it is cheaper and it will be better for the community. That is up to the Board. If not, I need the practice so it is up to you. By the way, I asked one of the municipalities to give me two copies of two pieces of paper, they told me they would not so I filed a suit. It happened to be the Judge and the Court Clerk. I also asked what she and the Judge doing all night. Thank you

Gerald Ihnken, 181 Ravenwood Blvd.: I just want to make something clear here. There is an accusation of persons being under the influence of alcoholic beverages. The mere consumption of a glass of wine or two glasses of beer does not constitute influence. So, just for clarification for members of the Board who do not professionally understand that and members of the public who may be passing judgment right now, you need scientific evidence and more proof than simply observing someone drink a beverage or get it from a bartender that someone consumed a beverage. I am sure if you have questions concerning that in your closed session, Mr. Scully with your professional experience I am sure you can clarify that for members of the Board. Thank you.

Mrs. Becker: Thank you. May I have a motion to close public session?

Mr. Scully: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mrs. Becker: We will be adjourning into Executive Session. Hopefully, it will be no more than one-half hour or forty minutes.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

Request resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on Thursday, August 28, 2008 for the purpose of personnel & contracts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This resolution shall become effective immediately.

## **EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION**

1. Field House

Mrs. Becker: I need a Motion to go into closed please.

Mrs. Sarno: So Moved

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mrs. Becker: All in favor? Aye

### **RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Houser: OK, Roll Call.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008.
2. Motion to approve the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve Number 1, the Regular Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008. We will be removing Number 2 which is the Motion to approve the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting of August 12. We need to make some corrections on that so we are only having a Motion to approve Number 1. May I have a Motion?

Mrs. Mitchell: So moved.

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Not enough time to review, I have to abstain
Mrs. Mitchell	Abstain
Mrs. Pilovsky	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes

Mr. Houser                      Yes

**BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS:**

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

<i>#</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type</i>
0143	BY – LAWS	BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT	REVISION
0144	BY-LAWS	BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION	REVISION
0152	BY-LAWS	BOARD OFFICER	REVISION
2320	PROGRAMS	INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS	REVISION
3221	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	EVALUATION OF NONTENURED TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS	REVISION
5512.01	PUPILS	HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING	REVISION
6424	FINANCE	EMERGENCY CONTRACTS	REVISION

The policies listed above are second readings and all state policies under the referenced sections.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies: 0143, 0144, 0152, 2320, 3221, 5512.01, 6424, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So Moved

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mr. Houser: Any discussion?

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

2. Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies:

<i>#</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type</i>
0142.1	BY-LAWS	NEPOTISM	NEW
0174	BY-LAWS	LEGAL SERVICES	NEW
0177	BY-LAWS	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	NEW
1570	ADMINISTRATION	INTERNAL CONTROLS	NEW
1620	ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS	NEW
6111	FINANCES	SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE PROGRAM	NEW
6320	FINANCES	PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID	REVISED
6360	FINANCES	POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS	REVISED
6362	FINANCES	CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTRACT AWARDS	NEW
6423	FINANCES	EXPENDITURES FOR NON- EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES, MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS	NEW
6470	FINANCES	PAYMENT OF CLAIMS	REVISED
6510	FINANCES	PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION	REVISED
6831	FINANCES	WITHHOLDING OR RECOVERING STATE AID	NEW
7410	PROPERTY	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	POLICY/REGULATION
7650	PROPERTY	SCHOOL VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT, USE, TRACKING, MAINTENANCE AND ACCOUNTING	NEW
9120	COMMUNITY	PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM	NEW
5512.01	PUPILS	HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING	REVISED
9541	COMMUNITY	STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS	REVISED
0167	BY-LAWS	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS	REVISION

The policies listed above are and all state policies under the referenced sections.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies: 0142.1, 0174, 0177, 1570, 1620, 6111, 6320, 6360, 6362, 6423, 6470, 6510, 6831, 7410, 7650, 9120, 5512-01, 9541, and 0167. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Sarno: So Moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

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

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS:**

1. MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,222,488.51, JULY PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$902,599.43.
2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER (A-149) FOR MAY 2008.
3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (A-148) FOR MAY AND JUNE 2008.
4. MOTION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.
5. APPROVE THE BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION: LINE ITEM STATUS FOR JUNE 2008.
6. APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION: BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR JUNE 2008.
7. MOTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL ORTHOPEDIC ASSOCIATES FOR 2008-2009 SY

Motion to approve Professional Orthopedic Associates as Team Orthopedic Physicians for Barnegat High School. One physician will be on the sidelines for the 2008 home football season at no charge to the District.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE REFUSE REMOVAL SERVICES COMPANY FOR 2008-2009 SY

The following bids were received for Refuse Removal Services for the 2008-2009 school year:

- a. Regional Industries, LLC, 800 East Grand Street Elizabeth, NJ 07201 – bid of \$54,540.00 – twelve months. Prorated for 10 months is **\$45,450**.
- b. Waste Management, 107 Silva Street, Ewing, NJ 08628 – bid of **\$39,330** prorated for 10 months @ \$3,933 per month.
- c. Pinto Brothers Disposal, LLC, P.O. Box 528, 1128 Birch Place, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 – bid of \$44,400 for twelve months or \$3,700 per month (prorated for 10 months is **\$37,000**)

The winner of the bid is Pinto Brothers Disposal at a prorated amount of \$37,000 – September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
NF	Brick Township School District	\$ 674.64 (difference in previous approval in June)	N/A
SF	Brick Township School District	\$ 940.48 (difference in previous approval in June)	N/A
DM	Southern Regional High School	\$ 405.11 per diem @185 days - \$75,000 (includes Instructional Aide and Related Services)	N/A
MC	Bonnie Brae under placement by DYFS	\$ 344.75 per diem@210 days - \$72,397.50	N/A
BF	Ocean Academy	\$ 232.01 per diem@210 days -	\$105.00 per diem@210 days -

		\$48,722.10	\$22,050.00
MS	Summerfield School, Neptune, NJ	\$122.12 per diem@ 183 days = \$22,347.96	\$32,508 (\$180.60 per diem x 180 days)
RD	Children's Center in Neptune, NJ	\$246.90 per diem for 215 days = \$53,083.50	N/A

10. MOTION TO APPROVE PARENTAL CONTRACT FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Motion to approve a Parental Contract for Student Transportation for OW for the 2008-2009 School year in the amount of \$10,381.86.

11. MOTION TO APPROVE TWO (2) YEAR LEASE WITH HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT SCHOOL PUBLISHERS

Motion to approve a two-year lease with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers at a cost of \$277,689.60 with an annual payment of \$138,844.80 at 0% interest.

12. MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL ALLIANCE INSURANCE FUND RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Motion to approve the School Alliance Insurance Fund Resolution for Renewal of Membership for a three year period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending July 1, 2011

13. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES OF REMINGTON & VERNICK TO UPDATE THE SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN STUDY DATED JUNE 18, 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,900.00.

14. MOTION TO APPROVE POOL PLAN AGREEMENT WITH XEROX CORPORATION AT A RATE OF \$13,983.42 PER MONTH

15. MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR CECIL S. COLLINS ELEMNTARY SCHOOL

Motion to approve a proposal for parking lot replacement project for Cecil S. Collins Elementary School by Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. at fees as outlined in the proposal.

16. MOTION TO APPROVE ADVANCE, INC. CONTRACT WITH BEHAVIOR ANALYST – ABA PROGRAM CONSULTATION

Motion to approve contract with Advance, Inc. for at least 6 hours/week (with 20 minute break) with Behavior Analyst providing ABA program consultation, education and support for students. Also includes 1 hour meeting per month with Child Study Team to coordinate programming. Services billed at a rate of \$150/hr. for Behavior Analyst for 2008-2009 school year. Discounted bulk rate of \$900/week, billed monthly in advance @ \$3,600/month.

**17. MOTION TO APPROVE ADVANCE, INC. CONTRACT – ESY 2008**

Motion to approve a contract with Advance, Inc. for up to four (4) hours per week with Behavior Analyst providing program consultation, education and support for ESY 2008 at a contract rate of \$150 per hour.

**18. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS**

NAME	SCHOOL	WORKSHOP TITLE	DATE	Location	Workshop FEE	Mileage	TOLLS/PARKING	Total
Karen McKeon	Admin	NJDOE Prof. Dev.	9/18/2008	Trenton	Free	\$32.51	\$30.00	\$ 62.51
Alison Dwyer	RLHS	NJ School Health Conf	10/29/2008	Edison	\$187.00	\$41.32	\$2.80	\$ 44.12
Mary LaBruna	Admin	AMTNJ Leaders	9/22/2008	Livingston	\$100.00	\$56.43	\$10.00	\$ 266.43
Elizabeth Hults	BHS	Shakespeare's King Lear	10/2 & 10/17	Ewing	\$150.00	\$75.74	\$15.00	\$ 240.74
Shannon Shattuck	BHS	Career Academy	8/21 & 8/22	Atlantic City	Free	\$57.19	\$40.00	\$ 97.19
Greg Brandis	BHS	Career Academy	8/21 & 8/22	Atlantic City	Free	\$57.19	\$40.00	\$ 97.19
Debbie Sylvia	BHS	Career Academy	8/21 & 8/22	Atlantic City	Free	\$57.19	\$40.00	\$ 97.19
Megan Vile	Admin	Career Academy	8/21 & 8/22	Atlantic City	Free	\$57.19	\$40.00	\$ 97.19
Mary LaBruna	Admin	AMTNJ Conference	10/23 & 10/24	Somerset	\$200.00	\$96.30	\$15.00	\$ 308.60
Michael Maschi	BHS	Preschool Expansion Program Seminars	9/10/08 & 9/12/08	Ocean County College	Free	\$46.80		\$ 46.80
Josh Toddings	CST	APA Training	9/9/08	Maple Shade, NJ	Free	\$53.82		\$ 53.82
Sue Rogers	CST	APA Training	9/9/08	Maple Shade, NJ	Free	\$53.82		\$ 53.82
Kristen Tapp	CST	APA Training	9/9/08					

**19. MOTION TO APPROVE IDEA FY 2009 GRANT APPLICATION**

Motion to approve the submission of the IDEA FY 2009 Grant Application in the amounts of: \$721,973.00 Basic and \$31,716.00 Preschool

**20. MOTION TO DECLARE VECHICLES AS SURPLUS**

Motion to declare the following vehicles as surplus.

M-8 1990 Chevy Van – Plate MG57924 VIN – 1GBGG35KXL7518078  
M-9 1990 Chevy Van – Plate MG57923 VIN – 1GBGG35K7118911

21. MOTION TO APPROVE ONE YEAR CONTRACT (2008-2009)FOR DR. JOSEPH T. DONAHUE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve Finance Committee motions 1-21, may I have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So Moved

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Abstain
Mrs. Mitchell:	Items 1-6 no; 7-21 yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE - INFORMATION**

1. Motion to Approve Additions to the Field Trip List

K-12 Curriculum Councils recommended the following addition to the Field Trip List:

Tuckerton Seaport, Tuckerton, NJ

**The following trips are recommended as additions for the MD & BD classes district-wide.**

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Location</u>
Miniature Golf /Restaurant	Sweet Jenny's, Barnegat,
BJ's	Manahawkin
Costco	Manahawkin
Atlantic Farms	Manasquan
Vinnie's	Barnegat
Marchione's	Barnegat
Laundry Mat	Barnegat
McDonald's	Barnegat/Manahawkin
Project Playground	Barnegat
Friday's	Manahawkin & Toms River NJ
Applebee's	Toms River, Manahawkin & Lacey
Kohl's	Manahawkin & Lacey
Harbor School	Eatontown
Home Depot	Manahawkin
Count Basie Theater	Lakewood

Lowes	Manahawkin
Delicious Orchards	Colt's Neck
Bed, Bath & Beyond	Manahawkin
K-Mart	Manahawkin
Wal-Mart	Manahawkin
Wawa	Barnegat & Manahawkin
Movies	Manahawkin
Sandy Hook	Sandy Hook NJ
Dollar Tree	Manahawkin
Jackson Outlets	Jackson
Michael's	Manahawkin
Johnson's Farm	Medford
Ming Dynasty	Manahawkin
Culinary Inst. of AC	Atlantic City

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve Personnel Committee Motions

Mrs. Mitchell: Excuse me, Mr. Houser, there was Education Committee next. Is there a Motion under that? It said Information but it does say Motion there on page 7.

Mr. Houser: I don't know, Dr. Donahue, is that supposed to be a Motion?

All: Yes

Mr. Houser: OK, Motion to approve additions to the field trip list.

Mrs. Mitchell: So Moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

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

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- INFORMATION**

**A. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS (3) – NON-CERTIFIED STAFF – SY 2008-2009**

*Ms. Diane Hall, Full-time Instructional Aide, has submitted her letter of resignation effective September 2, 2008.*

*Mrs. Diana Johnson, Full-time Instructional Aide, has submitted her letter of resignation effective October 30, 2008.*

*Ms. Effie Pressley, Treasurer of School Monies, has submitted her letter of resignation effective August 12, 2008.*

**B. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – CERTIFIED STAFF – SY 2008-2009**

*Dr. Joseph Cappello, Interim Board Secretary/Interim Business Administration has submitted his letter of resignation effective August 21, 2008.*

**C. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCES (2) – FULL-TIME CUSTODIANS – B&G – SY 2008-2009**

*Mr. Michael Lawler, Full-time Custodian, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective July 30, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of August 28, 2008.*

*Mr. Robert Munoz, Full-time Custodian, has submitted notification of a medical leave of absence effective August 8, 2008 with a tentative return-to-work date of August 25, 2008.*

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - MOTIONS**

**1. APPROVE HIRING SUBSTITUTE TRANSPORTATION AIDE – SY 2008-2009**

*Motion to approve hiring Carrie Pupa as a Substitute Transportation Aide for the 2008-2009 school year. Rate of Pay: \$11/hr.*

**2. APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE STAFF (2) – SY 2008-2009**

*Motion to approve hiring the following as Certified Substitute Staff for the 2008-2009 school year.*

- 1. Nadine Paretzky - Substitute School Nurse from September 3, 2008 – September 12, 2008*
- 2. Natalie Andino – Substitute Registered Nurse*

**3. RESCIND HIRING PART-TIME REGISTERED NURSE – SY 2008-2009**

*Motion to rescind the hiring of Natalie Andino as Part-time Registered Nurse for the 2008-2009 school year.*

**4. APPROVE HIRING INTERIM HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR – DISTRICT – SY 2008-2009**

*Motion to approve hiring Wayne Wedderman as Interim Health Services Coordinator for the 2008-2009 school year. Stipend: \$3,000 (pro-rated).*

5. APPROVE HIRING DEPARTMENT CHAIR – BHS – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve hiring Dayna Angelozzi as Department Chair – Science – for the Barnegat High School for the 2008-2009 school year. Stipend: \$3,500 &/or schedule relief.*

6. APPROVE HIRING CURRICULUM PERSONNEL (3) – DISTRICT – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve the following as Curriculum Personnel for the 2008-2009 school year. Stipend: \$180 each.*

1. *Tom Mongelli – Revise Business Curriculum*
2. *Tom Mongelli – Revise Economics Curriculum*
3. *Chris Aviles – Develop Books to Film Curriculum*

7. APPROVE HIRING VHS PERSONNEL (3) – BHS – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve hiring the following as VHS personnel for Barnegat High School for the 2008-2009 school year:*

*Cara Walters, Coordinator. Stipend: \$3,500*  
*Michael Bruno, Teacher. Stipend: \$500*  
*Leslie Thomson, Teacher. Stipend: \$500*

8. APPROVE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (4) – DISTRICT – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve the following as school volunteers for the Barnegat Township School District for the 2008-2009 school year:*

1. *Marianne Clemente*
2. *Rose Jackson*
3. *Raymond O'Brien*
4. *Susan Puder*

9. APPROVE SALARY CORRECTION – PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER – ELEM – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve a salary correction for Louis Salonia, Part-time Music Teacher from \$42,000 Step 1/BA (pro-rated) to \$45,030 Step 3/BA (pro-rated) (total salary \$25,091).*

10. APPROVE NON-CERTIFIED STAFF TRANSFERS (5) – DISTRICT – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve the following voluntary non-certified staff transfers for the 2008-2009 school year:*

CSCS/JTDS & BHS

1. *Mary Ann Ciaurro, Part-time Registered Nurse from CSCS to JTDS & BHS*

RLHS/BHS

2. *Kelly Michels, Part-time LPN from RLHS to BHS*

LMDS/RLHS

3. *James Romano, Supplemental Assistant from LMDS to RLHS*

RLHS/ROBMS

4. *Cynthia Camarato, Part-time Instructional Aide from RLHS to ROBMS*

BHS/LMDS

5. *Jean Wrisley, Full-time Instructional Aide from BHS to LMDS*

12. APPROVE HIRING PLAYGROUND/CAFÉ AIDE – LMDS – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve hiring Gina Cordelle as Playground/Café Aide for the 2008-2009 school year. DOE: September 1, 2008. Salary: \$11.57/hr Step 1.*

13. APPROVE HIRING TRAFFIC SAFETY AIDE – LMDS – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve hiring Gina Cordelle as Traffic Safety Aide for the 2008-2009 school year. DOE: September 1, 2008. Salary: \$11.57/hr Step 1.*

14. APPROVE HIRING PART-TIME CUSTODIAN – B&G – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve hiring Ryan Vilardi as Part-time Custodian for the 2008-2009 school year. DOE: September 1, 2008. Salary: \$10/hr.*

15. APPROVE HIRING COACH – ROBMS – SY 2008-2009

*Motion to approve hiring Diana Stanton as Head Dance Coach for the Brackman School for the 2008-2009 school year on the appropriate step of the salary guide.*

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve Personnel 1-15.

Mrs. Mitchell: So Moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mr. Adorno                      Yes for all; no for number 4

Mrs. Schubiger	No to number 4?
Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes on all except number 8, abstain
Mrs. Pilovsky	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes on all but 4 and 5
Mrs. Schubiger	That would be no for 4 and 5 or abstain?
Mrs. Sarno	No on 4 and 5
Mr. Scully	Yes on all; no on number 4
Mrs. Schubiger	Just number 4?
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Abstain on 2, 3, 4 and 10; yes on all the others.

Mrs. Mitchell: May I just find out if Number 4 did pass, Dolores?

Mrs. Schubiger: We have 4 either abstentions or nos.

Mrs. Mitchell: OK, thank you.

#### **FACILITIES USE/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUS ROUTES FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve Item 1, bus routes for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mrs. Mitchell: So Moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

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

#### **SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

1. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR TWO

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (SRO's) WITH THE BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AT A COST OF \$55,833 FOR EACH OFFICER TO BE PAID ON OR BY THE OCTOBER 1, 2008

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-\_\_\_\_\_**

RESOLUTION OF THE BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVING AN INTER-LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT (SRO)

**WHEREAS**, the above entities have been formed pursuant to the applicable New Jersey Statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barnegat Board of Education wishes, to approve an agreement between the Board of Education and the Township of Barnegat for the employment of two local law enforcement officers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said agreement, said officers shall be permanently assigned to the Barnegat School district without exception for the entire school year (September – June); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is in its best interest to approve such agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that as of this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, that:

1. The Board of Education authorizes the Board president or Vice President to execute the attached agreement with the Township of Barnegat; and

2. Pursuant to said agreement, two local law enforcement officers shall be permanently assigned to the Barnegat School District without exception for the entire school year (September – June) on a full-time basis.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve Resolution of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey accepting and approving the inter-local services agreement for two law enforcement officers, SROs, with the Barnegat Township Board of Education at a cost of \$55,833 for each officer to be paid on or about October 1, 2008.

Mrs. Pilovsky: So Moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

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

2. MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (DARE) WITH THE BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPROVING AN INTER-LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT (DARE)**

**WHEREAS**, the above entities have been formed pursuant to the applicable New Jersey Statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barnegat Board of Education wishes, to approve an agreement between the Board of Education and the Township of Barnegat for the employment of a part time local law enforcement officer; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said agreement, said officer shall be permanently assigned to the Barnegat School district without exception for the entire school year (September – June) on a part time basis as a DARE officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is in its best interest to approve such agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that as of this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008,

that:

1. The Board of Education authorizes the Board president or Vice President to execute the attached agreement with the Township of Barnegat; and

2. Pursuant to said agreement, one local law enforcement officer shall be permanently assigned to the Barnegat School District without exception for the entire school year (September – June) on a part time basis as a DARE officer.

Mr. Houser: Motion to approve a Resolution of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, accepting and approving the inter-local services agreement for a law enforcement officer (DARE) with the Barnegat Township Board of Education for school year 2008-2009.

Mrs. Pilovsky: So Moved

Mrs. Becker: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Houser: Under New Business we have an emergent motion to approve Annmarie LoPresti as Interim Acting Board Secretary at the rate of \$100.00 a day. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Sarno: So Moved

Mr. Davis: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mrs. Schubiger: I am sorry, who seconded that?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Davis

Mr. Adorno:	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

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

Mrs. Sarno: Mr. Houser, may I say, this is so that we can continue the interview process, correct?

Mr. Houser: Correct.

Mrs. Sarno: OK, thank you.

Mr. Houser: Motion to authorize BOE architect of record, Spiegle Group, to proceed with field house project as outlined in 7-14-08 letter proposal. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Taylor: So Moved

Mr. Scully: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

Mrs. Mitchell: Yes, I just have something to say, Mr. Houser, my vote will be yes, but I know you want discussion now. I just would like to comment that I will support this and it is a little bit more than the second architect that gave us a bid, only because of the concern that we need this field house like yesterday. I am very concerned that it will not be done if we do not move forward with this, thank you.

Mr. Houser: I just want to comment that, you know, there is concern with the Board as far as moving forward with the old architect because this work has been ongoing and has not been completed. It has been ongoing for almost two years and we need to move forward with this and there were a lot of questions as far as what the architect did previously and the Board had paid the architect so we decided to move forward as a Board with the architect we hired for professional services this year and to try and get this thing done as quickly as possible and that is what we intend to do.

Mr. Adorno Yes  
Mr. Davis I want to see the children get into it, but I have to vote no.  
Mrs. Mitchell Yes  
Mrs. Pilovsky Yes  
Mrs. Sarno Yes  
Mr. Scully Yes  
Mrs. Taylor Yes  
Mrs. Becker Yes  
Mr. Houser Yes

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Houser: Does anybody have any comments, Dr. Donahue?

Dr. Donahue: Just we sponsored our annual new teacher orientation program today and it was very successful. I just want to thank Mr. Kiewe, Principal of the Horbelt School, for coordinating that effort, all the secretaries for their help. I also wanted to thank all the administrators who are in attendance to make our new staff members feel welcome to the district. They were a very enthusiastic group of people. I think they are going to do wonderful things for the children of this district; and I think the presence of the administrators is just indicative of their sense of dedication. I know people such as Mr. Kiewe and in this situation, Mr. Delaporte in terms of redistricting, are always stepping up to the plate to help not only us as Board members and administrators, but to help out the students of the district.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Houser: In keeping with the Board's desire to answer the public's questions, I have a couple of items to comment from the last Board meeting. Regarding Mr. Falkowski's settlement agreement, it was for 54 sick days at \$100 per day for a total of \$5,400. It was \$6,000 for pro-rated vacation for 2008 and for services to assist staff members in the Barnegat Board of Education business office. In the Interim Board Secretary/ Assistant Business Administrator for no less than 10 hours per week for a total of four weeks.

As many of you are probably aware the agreement between Mr. Falkowski and the Barnegat Board of Education was negotiated by the prior leadership and if it had been adhered to it would have paid Mr. Falkowski an additional sum of \$9,000 for 2008 vacation and training. In negotiating the settlement agreement this Board of Education saved the school district \$9,000 and we thank Mr. Falkowski for all of his assistance.

Regarding the Interim Board Secretary/Assistant Business Administrator, Dr. Cappello, Dr. Cappello was recommended to the Board by our Superintendent Dr. McMahon and voted on by the Board at our last Board meeting. At the last Board meeting, Dr. Cappello's qualifications were questioned. For the record, both the administrators and the personnel committee believed that Dr. Cappello was by far the most qualified applicant for the Interim Board Secretary/Assistant Business Administrator position. Unfortunately, after the last Board meeting, Dr. Cappello has decided to move on. The cost of hiring Dr. Cappello was \$425 a day. The total cost of Mr. Falkowski's contract to the school district was around \$575 a day. So every day that Dr. Cappello was working for the school district the school district was saving around \$150 a day.

In regard to the question of the new Board hiring a new Board attorney instead of just keeping the five attorneys that the board was using prior to you the public electing the five new board members to the board of education in April, the Board of Education wanted one attorney to deal with the ongoing litigation created by the old Board leadership. This Board was looking for an attorney that would be honest to the Board of Education and would be willing to work to resolve issues instead of creating more issues. We believe that we have the attorney when we hired Mr. Ben Montenegro. Mr. Montenegro's hourly rate was equal to one of the old attorneys and lower than the other four. All of the litigation that the attorneys had to work on is from the old Board leadership. All legal costs were associated with the litigation created by old Board leadership or

for contracts that were negotiated by the old board leadership. As mentioned at the last Board meeting, this Board of Education is looking to work out issues instead of litigating everything and we will work to resolve litigation. Once again we are looking to move forward in doing things right for the betterment of the students and we once again ask that the old Board of Education members work with us in doing things right for the students.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Houser, with all due respect you and Mrs. Taylor were on the old Board of Education. You have been a member of this Board for over two years and while the leadership does lead the Board you have had the opportunity to do that since this past election you were also part of this Board of Education and have the responsibility to look at those things too and not keep going back to the old Board. You sat here for two years; you have been part of the old Board.

Mrs. Pilovsky: I think what he is trying to do is clarify that we are going to work together from now on. We have one in particular individual who says the same things over and over again. I feel I am working with a Team. I feel I work very well with every single one of you and I am proud to stand up here. I am proud to stand up here and we work hard, we might not agree on everything but we work hard with administration and the staff and I think we are doing a good job. So, for one individual to stand here and constantly complain, he has his opinions and his rights to do that, but we do work very hard.

Mrs. Mitchell: I think actually, and again with all due respect, we got pretty lucky this year, we have one or two individuals that are doing that, last year we had five or six, year before we had seven or ten. I mean it has gotten a little bit less since you all got elected, and it is a lot less than, we have a lot less people coming up here. Thank God, they have a right to say whatever they want and we are working hard. My only comment is that we had a conversation last week in the hallway and I said if I am attacked, I am going to defend myself and you said I am going to do the same thing. I would do the same thing, I would tell you to do the same thing.

Now, you are sitting here after I thought this was probably one of the most productive meetings we have had since Reorg and then you get banged, slam it right back, oh the old Board leadership, Board leadership, Board leadership. I mean, come on? When are we really going to stop this and try and work together? Up until this point, Mr. Houser, I thought the meeting almost was an A, it really was and then it went from here to like bang you slammed it right down.

Mr. Houser: And you understand, I think you understand why I responded, and if you don't and you feel free we can talk about it, we can have a discussion after this meeting is over. Do I have a Motion to adjourn the meeting?

Mrs. Pilovsky: So moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor? Aye. All opposed? The Ayes have it, meeting adjourned

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 @ 6:30 pm at Barnegat High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Schubiger  
Recording Secretary

