

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 22, 2006
Wednesday, 3:30 PM**

Cecil S. Collins School
570 Barnegat Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:

Mrs. Mitchell: This meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education for November 22, 2006 is called to order. The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press and The Beacon, placed in the Municipal Building and filed with the Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J. S. A. 10:4-10.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Kostka
Mr. Bernstein
Mr. Minotti
Mr. Sarno
Mrs. Germano
Mr. Houser
Mrs. Lally
Mrs. Mitchell

Members Absent: Mrs. Taylor

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

It was moved by Mrs. Germano, seconded by Mr. Bernstein and unanimously approved to approve the following resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 for the purpose of discussing contracts and/or personnel.

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 the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matters(s).
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is listed in Executive Session and Executive Discussion.
3. 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.
4. The resolution shall become effective immediately.

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion to move into closed session? Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Minotti, all in favor, aye.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 3:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open public session at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mitchell: This meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education for Wednesday, November 22, 2006 is called back to order. May I have a roll call please?

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Kostka
Mr. Bernstein
Mr. Minotti
Mr. Sarno
Mrs. Germano
Mr. Houser
Mrs. Lally
Mrs. Mitchell

Members Absent: Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Mitchell: – Thank you; please stand for the Flag Salute

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Mitchell led the Flag Salute

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS:

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion to approve the Agenda with an addition ahead of Public Session for a discussion with Administrator's Counsel?

Moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Kostka, all in favor, aye. None opposed, Motion passes.

Mrs. Mitchell: Just so the public understands what is happening right now, Dr. Mc Mahon and Dr. Donahue and the Administration's union had some.... the Board needed to speak with them in regard to some issues that had been occurring and they chose to have this portion in public. This would normally be held in closed session, but it is their option as employees to have this in public and that is what is occurring right now. You might hear some dialog, the Board is free to talk during this time, the spectators are not, their counsel is and the people involved are so we ask you to sit tight and bear with us for a couple minutes.

For clarification Mr. Houser and Mrs. Germano must leave the Board table because of a conflict with their family members. Thank you.

Dr. McMahon: I would like to address the Board with regard to a letter that I received from a Board member that basically called me and Dr. Donahue "insubordinate." I have counsel here to come and address the matter on behalf of Dr. Donahue and myself. Ms. Lepore?

Ms. Maria Lepore: Good afternoon, my name is Maria Lepore and I am counsel for Dr. McMahon. The reason I am here today is because I have been privy to some correspondence between Dr. McMahon and certain members of the Board. On October 23 I wrote a letter to Mr. Coronato, who I understand is a special counsel to the Board. I indicated in that letter that Mr. Houser violated Dr. McMahon's rights and possibly the rights of some other employees by making publicly evaluative comments and passing those comments along to the Press and other members of the public. I have heard nothing from the Board. I have asked them for action or some kind of response and heard none. So I am here today to ask for some kind of a response.

Another issue that has come up, and this was brought to my attention from Dr. McMahon, is that there have been, and there are, potential problems with the school ethics act being violated here. There is an ethics opinion, advisory opinion that was issued in March, this past March, which indicates that a Board member with a spouse who works in the district cannot make any comments, any comments, and cannot discuss in any way personnel matters regarding the Superintendent or the direct supervisor of the spouse. According to some of the correspondence I have received that Dr. McMahon has given me, and has gone on between Mr. Houser and members of the Board, is there is constant and repeated attempts to evaluate the Superintendent and other Administrators. I think the latest one called Dr. McMahon and Dr. Donahue insubordinate. I know there are other comments and letters that were written about Principals engaging in illegal activity and their counsel is here and I am sure he will speak to that. The bottom line is this continued attempt to discuss Dr. McMahon and the Administrators cannot continue. The reason for the ethics act is because, and the reason why there is a preclusion if you have a spouse in the district is because the legislature did not want the public to look at these

Board members with spouses in the district and say you are trying to make an advantage for your spouse. You cannot, Mr. Houser has been told, I have written a letter and I know Dr. Mc Mahon has written a letter, this man has been told and other Board members have been told that this cannot go on. There is an appearance that there is unethical and illegal activity going on and in response, the letters have been to try and make Dr. Mc Mahon look like he and the other Administrators are responsible. The attempt to turn the focus on the Administrators is improper and I ask that there be an investigation as to what is going on, why this Board is operating this way and have it stopped before this gets out of hand. Because really the Administrators are here for the children and they want to run a district and you have a phenomenal district. I had the pleasure of driving through the district a seeing all the building that is going on and seeing all the nice, wonderful school buildings you have. I wish my district had that. That is what you are here for. We would like the Board to do everything in its power to stop this activity and get on an even keel and try and act appropriately and legally. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Would anyone else like to speak, does the Administrators union have a representative here? Please state your name.

Mr. Wayne Oppito, I am attorney with the NJ Principals and Supervisor's Association and the Barnegat Administrators have been with us for many, many years. Basically, we are here as an Administrator group because as the Board may know the Administrators feel there is a breach of confidentiality going on between certain Board members, we don't know who. However, they sent a letter to the Board asking for an investigation as a possibility of this breach of confidentiality and the next thing I know I see a letter sent to them that the Board now wants to discuss some type of illegal activity. One, and I don't have to remind this Board, and I saw Mr. Monahan before, that under the Public Employment Relations Commission, the Association has a right to put forth to the Board of Education, it's employer, the request for certain things or a petition of grievances so to speak. Although this was not a formal grievance, it was a request that the Board investigate what may be a breach of confidentiality among Board members and so it came as a surprise to me that in fact all the Administrators, or at least all the Administrators in the union, all 16 of them, received a letter saying that now the Board wants to discuss whether or not, and it doesn't say illegal activity on behalf of the administrator, it just says illegal activity, but obviously that can be very disconcerting to a lay person.

So what we are here for is to see whether or not the Board is willing to hold an investigation, not tonight, as to what is going on as to why things that are being said in Executive Session are being leaked out to the community. Back in the days when I was a teacher if you wanted to know what was going on in the Executive Session of the Board of Education, you would go to the high school cafeteria the next morning and you would know. Unfortunately, that seems to be the problem here. The Board has an obligation to keep certain things confidential, especially personnel decisions. And, in fact, we feel that there is a leak going on and we would like the Board to investigate those matters. So right now, as the Administrators, we would like to sit and hear what the Board plans to do about such an investigation. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

Mrs. Mitchell: Anyone on the board have anything? Mr. Monahan

Mr. Monahan: I have listened to two attorneys who asked you as a Board to conduct an investigation. That is your choice. You can sit here and decide whether you want to have an investigation, how you want to conduct that investigation. As I indicated to you earlier I cannot do that, I represent the entire Board of Education and cannot give advice to one Board member against another. So if you want to conduct that investigation you should discuss that now and vote on that and should respond how you want that to be done. Concerning the underlying allegations, this is not something we can go into tonight, there are allegations of doing this and that, we don't have everything, this is not really a hearing but just an allegation of something occurring. I noted that Ms. Lepore indicated she would like to see if we could try and get on with something. If we keep doing investigations I do not know how we will get together. In any event that is the Board's choice, you decide among yourselves how you want to respond to Ms. Lepore and Mr. Oppito, and that will give them an answer. It is your choice.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mrs. Lally do you have something?

Mrs. Lally: In light of the two requests that have come before us for this investigation and coupled with a letter that we received on 10/31 from Mr. Houser, on page three, paragraph 1, he demands this investigation, I don't see how this Board can say no. You have a Board member actually demanding it.

Mrs. Mitchell, anyone else.

Mr. Sarno: I would like to bring out something, I know that when speaking with Mr. Houser on these letters, he told me these letters were only sent to the Board President. I would like to know how these letters ended up in the hands of the administrators when he was saying that maybe we should forward these to an attorney to get counsel from him as to whether we should do an investigation prior to all this happening. So I was just wondering how these letters ever got to the Administrator's Association that made all this occur when I think he was looking for advice from our counsel on what direction we should take before doing all this. He could have probably easily said the administrators did nothing wrong in the letters presented to us back in July and we would have never been here. I think that is something else we need to consider.

Mr. Monahan: I can answer that with the letters, but before I do because you inquire why did I tell him something, I will answer that, but I do not think we should get into tonight who sent the letter who didn't send the letter, that is not the purpose of tonight. If you are going to conduct that investigation that is something that you will determine, people will talk about it and you will get an answer to that question and as I said to counsel and everyone here, we are not here to argue the merits one way or the other. It is just a matter of determining whether you are going to go forward and that is a question if you are going forward how will you do it, hire an attorney to conduct it? What are you going to do? That is something you need to address, so let's answer that question if going forward how we will do that and then get to the other issues that Mr. Sarno raised if you have an investigation.

Concerning the letters to me, yes, there were a significant number of letters, I did not read them. I saw them and wondered what is this all about. Candidly, if there is an issue that somebody really wants to know, I am not going to read 20 letters and charge the Board for reading 20

letters that go back and forth, just give me a call. I do it all the time, I do not charge Board members with time on the phone with me and if they want to know what I think about something, send a letter and I will do that, I will tell you. If someone calls me and says I think Board Member A is doing something and Board Member C is doing something or I do not like the Administration, that is not legal advice from the Board Attorney that is really asking me to get involved on one side or the other. But I certainly will answer any Board member's questions without charge, if you give me a call if you want to know if you should send a letter. How does it normally work in a Board of Education, I will tell you, I have many, many years experience doing this and I will glad to do it. But I never received a call and never read the letters because I thought there was a lot of vindictive back and forth and I did not think it was something appropriate that I could be answering one versus the other.

Mrs. Mitchell: Anyone else? What I am suggesting then is being we have Mr. Coronato on the payroll he has helped us with some issues in the past year or so that we move forward and ask him to do exactly what Mrs. Lally said.

Mr. Sarno: May I ask one question, what exactly is he going to investigate?

Mr. Monahan: I would like to know the same thing.

Mrs. Mitchell: I think we need to, correct me if I am wrong Mr. Monahan, I think they need to take that folder that Mrs. Lally has in front of her, look at these allegations to see if there is anything there, talk to Board members. You know, Mr. Sarno, I am not an attorney I do not know, I told you that.

Mr. Sarno: Are we doing a broad investigation?

Mr. Monahan: I think that is a legitimate question. What are we doing? This could go on forever if we don't narrow it down to what the issue is. What is it that they are asking Mr. Coronato to do? If there are a number of letters, and there were, I have seen those, and maybe the first point to do is hire Mr. Coronato to review the letters and come back and say I think this is the issue or if counsel wants to send a letter specifically what they want Mr. Coronato to investigate that would probably be the better way because he would be trying to interpret what is in your mind that you feel that you were grieved by.

As I am sitting here thinking as I am talking that probably is the better way to do that, two counsels spoke tonight, they ask for an investigation and they can send a letter to Mr. Coronato, or the Board, I suggest it go to the Board, because you will be directing the attorney what you want, and you can look at what the nature of the investigation is and again say, yes, I think it is something that we want to investigate or no it is not. That is your call, you don't have to be bound by their request to an investigation, it is your decision. So I think counsel should send a letter to the Board President and everyone gets a copy of it through the President saying what you want investigated and then you can decide after you have seen that exactly what you want to do.

Mr. Sarno: Are you saying also the same thing that the, I guess, concerns that Mr. Houser brought up about the administration union's letters will he be looking into that too?

Mr. Monahan: I don't know, see, someone asked the Board to conduct an investigation and you are deciding whether you want to conduct an investigation and a legitimate question is what are we investigating? So let's get a letter that comes from the people that want the investigation, listing it and then sit down among yourselves and discuss and say, yes, this is appropriate, not appropriate, or if they want to know this I think it should be expanded to this. So, let's start it because I cannot sit here tonight and say what you should or should not investigate.

Mr. Kostka: I have a question then, when is our next meeting?

Mr. Falkowski: It is January.

Mrs. Mitchell: But we have had a couple of special meetings in the past couple of months and I have no problem doing that, of course, we can do that as soon as we receive letters from counsel we can.

Mr. Kostka: That is good.

Dr. McMahon: I wanted to clarify for myself what I want to investigate and I think that I heard counsel over here say that there is a breach of confidentiality to investigate that was one, I think there were threats made to the administrators am I correct? That is two; and violations of the Open Public Meeting Act and the School Ethics Act that is what I would like investigated.

(I do not know who is speaking here): I think Mr. Monahan wants you to put it in writing.

Dr. McMahon: Now that you know what it is I think the bottom line is we are talking about going back and forth and ending this and getting down to the business of educating children. If you wait to January, it is only November and now you re going to wait two months to decide what to do, I think for clarification I can clearly through counsel and with Dr. Donahue and I can't speak for Mr. Delaporte if he would like to come up, or Mr. Oppito, who I am sure could explain what it is and then actually we can do this so that we can move on rather than waiting two months to get approval to do it.

Mrs. Mitchell: We are not saying we will wait two months, we are saying counsel can send us a letter saying what you said, Dr. McMahon, and we can move forward and call a special meeting in two or three weeks and take care of this way before the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Monahan: In this way there is no question as to what is being investigated.

Dr. McMahon: As long as there is movement, 22 letters in eight weeks, I don't mean to speak for Mr. Falkowski or the Central Office, but basically for the last two months we answered letters and dealt with attorneys and I have had little to do with education.

Mr. Monahan: It is a holiday on Thursday so maybe you can do it by Tuesday is that possible?

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Mr. Monahan: Alright, Mr. Oppito ok with you?

Mr. Oppito: yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you both, may I have a Motion to have Mr. Coronato look into this to possibly start an investigation and move forward.

Mr. Monahan: No, I would suggest you appoint him to represent the Board with regard to the requests of an investigation and then review the request by counsel and meet with the Board to discuss what we are investigating so you know. Then when you get that, say yes, I agree or no I don't or I want something different and then you know exactly where you are.

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion please?

Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lally. Is there discussion? Mr. Sarno.

Mr. Sarno: I did not hear everything he said.

Mr. Monahan: What I said was Mr. Coronato should be hired by the Board to respond to the request by counsel to conduct an investigation. That is what he is being asked to do. The first thing he is going to do is receive the documentation requesting what is to be investigated and then sit with you as Board members to answer the question, what is it we are investigating, and then you will decide whether you are going to do it or not. And if you agree to go forward you will set the parameters for what you are going to do, the timeframes and how you are going to do it. Then everybody will know how it is going to be conducted, there will be nothing done that any board does not know and can claim they had no idea about it. Is that fair to everyone?

Mrs. Mitchell, yes, is there any other discussion?

Mr. Kostka: I just had one thing Linda, Madam President, I agree with this and I will vote, but my point is that if there is a foundation to Executive Session discussions getting out in public I want to get to the bottom right now. I think we should hold a special meeting as soon as we get back and have Joe Coronato get in because Executive Session discussion should never get out anywhere. It is an ethics breach and we should take that very seriously.

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

Mr. Kostka:	Yes
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Minotti:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes
Mrs. Lally:	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell:	Yes

Thank you, Motion passes and thank you counsel for joining us this meeting. I appreciate your time I know it is the day before a holiday it is tough, and that you for your patience. Dr. McMahon will you join us please.

May I have a motion to open public session? Motion moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Kostka. All in favor, aye. Motion passes.

Would anyone like to addresses the Board? Mr. Checchia. Please spell your name.

Mr. Philip Checchia: I just wanted to bring to your attention that way back when we were building the high school we discussed the media center having a radio station and TV possibly coming in. The way it looks if the town council passes it, we will get a substantial amount of money from the cable company. Aside from that there are two frequencies that are available. One is 106.5 and the other is 91.9. They are low-powered FMs and I don't know if they are commercial, but I know that 91.9 has three people that are jointly trying to get a construction permit and one is an educational company. I don't know if they were granted the construction permit, but there is an application. 106.5 was the Heritage Bay residents, they applied for the 106.5 which is one hundred watts, I think. They are available and I think and we may not have to pay any money for licensing or construction. Now that we are having the seniors, and I think we put off until we got the seniors here and have a full class, I think we could start as soon as possible. If I can get the research from one of my friends and get back to you and then pass it to Tom and maybe you could hook up with an FCC attorney whom I could give you, John Carsiglia's number down in Washington and the NJ Broadcasters Assn. would help us. I know there will be an equipment problem, the cable company will not give us equipment, and it will need to be purchased or borrowed. But, I think, Tom, when we discussed this that you said that a full turnkey operation for the radio station was \$25,000. (Dr. McMahon agreed). It seems like a lot of money, but in reality it is not because you figure a \$25,000 investment plus whoever the communications teacher would be would give us almost a college-level communications course and then back it up to the last year of Brackman with interns that want to get involved and do the running around like they do in normal radio stations that college kids do now and that would give us an opportunity to give kids more scholarships to say a new house, Penn's Community School, Addenburgh, Rutgers has communications, Rider has communications. Scholarships are all available and that would give us an opportunity to educate the children and expand what we can give these children because one day they will be what we watch on cable. On top of that I think we could sell, not actually sell, but get grants as in the PVS situation where they can't do the advertising, but get the grants, put there moniker up there, etc. I think we may be able to do that and we could actually once it gets rolling almost subsidize it and I would volunteer almost my full time work to try and do that. I am cutting back; I am only going to one station in NY now, which will give me a lot more time. I think it is a possibility, a probability. The only thing we would have to do for the media center is get TV equipment, we can call networks, everyone has something they need to get rid of and if we can go to Rupert Murdoch or one of those type people, Roger Alls, we can then write it off and they can write it off for almost whatever percentage it is.

The other thing I want to say is I don't know what is going on here and none of my business, but I deal with this administration constantly and they know it, I won't say how, why or when. I

don't get involved; I don't come to these meetings anymore because I really think this school board is running. These people as far as I am concerned are the most awesome bunch of teachers and administrators I have ever met in my life and they are not only on top of it, they are on top of you to be on top of it so you know what is going on. So, I just hope this does not interrupt anything they have to do for all these children. Let me tell you, we pay a lot of money to educate these children, and I am going to say this, we don't agree on everything but the thing is that consensus comes to a compromise. I do not feel we should have anything interrupt in the middle of a school something that the public knows nothing about. I don't want this to interrupt the next semester after the holiday, the holidays or upset these administrators. Some people may say that is wrong, but you can't upset an apple cart that has great apples in it. It is just not likely and you can't do that and I feel whatever you are going to do, get to the point and get it over with and give these guys the open book to do what they have to do and have been doing.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Mr. Checchia. Mr. Laufgas please.

Mr. Laufgas: For your information Phil is being deported to Mexico but we are keeping his Chihuahua. I went to the sectional cross-country meet and I went to the state championship and at both the Barnegat kids did well, this is their first year. One thing I was upset about is that all the other schools had a banner to lay underneath waiting for the meet and Barnegat did not have one. It was very difficult to find them. I spoke to John and he told me they ordered two tents. Well, somebody is listening to me, I am delighted. It looks good for the school, for the future, we will have a nice recreation program. I think it is wrong for the School Board to have the meeting at 3:30 p.m. This meeting is just not for you, it is for the public, in fact. Toms River had the same problem and this is from the Asbury Park Press from today and they are very upset about that and want to change it back to the evening. I think we pay taxes and want to know what our tax dollars do, and this is one way of coming to the meeting.

The other thing why I am here is with regard to removing Horbelt's name off the building. By the way, I named the turkey this year after Horbelt. This is yesterday's paper, the Honorable retired federal judge, Judge Robert Cardon, in Trenton. He did good for the community, he changed things and people have rights now and he deserves that honor, but Horbelt did not. A Patterson school executive gets prison time for graft and what Horbelt did is no different. Irrespective of what Mr. Rubinstein said in the Beacon, he was offended by my language because I equaled Horbelt with Hitler. Hitler too patted the little kids on their heads, so did Stalin, then what did they do? Gacy in Chicago was a clown patting kids on the head and he killed them. Horbelt did not kill, I give him credit for that but he stole. This is what Judge Rameriz said, "corruption in this state is rampant". With regards to James Cumming during the hearing in Newark, I sit in this court day after day and hear cases like this, there is a need for a specific deterrent and this is what he says, trying to justify his conduct, my arrogance and greed brought me to this point in my life, I have nobody to blame but myself. The reason why Horbelt's name should be removed as I submitted to you the information, it is not what I said, or anyone said, it is what the county prosecutor said, Ed Turnbach. While I dislike him, his report was good. The individual that blew the whistle on him, Horbelt fired him. Mr. Taylor was a gentleman, he did the right thing. Mr. Rubenstein was complaining, but Horbelt gave Mr. Rubenstein's wife a job, and I have nothing against the lady, but that is why he is defending him. Mr. Altomare will

probably do the same thing, he got a job for his wife, and I have nothing against his wife, but they will defend him, he did such a great job.

Don't let them fool you just because Horbelt patted the little kids on the head, he was supposed to be taking care of school business but he was in the bar. He wasted our money, stole from us and it is time to remove his name, justice will be done. While we can't send him to jail because the Board did not want to take action, you will do the right thing by removing his name. Mr. Fred Watts deserves, he was a person who cares about our kids and in the letter I submitted to you I stated that. Thank you and have a nice day. By the way, I have copies of these articles if anyone wants them.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Two things, our meetings on the day before Thanksgiving have been this hour for four or five years now. As you know, we all have families; a lot of us are traveling this evening. We are open to the public, again, we have a 24 x 7 hotline and the website, and there is always information out there. If it was inconvenient for you today, I apologize. Secondly, with regard to the Horbelt name change, on the agenda under new business there is a Motion on the table this evening to direct the Superintendent to put them on the website, your opinion as to why it should be changed and Mr. Rubenstein's opinion as to why it should not be changed. We want to hear from the public, it is, like you said, the tax payer's building and their school and the Board wants to hear from everybody so hopefully we will have an answer in the next few weeks over that.

Dr. McMahon: Mr. Laufgas if you turn over that information to Mr. Monahan for us he will review it for the website.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Altomare

Mr. Altomare: Just for the record, my name was just mentioned, I have no position on the school name, nor have I made any comments on it. So why I was mentioned I have no idea. What I would like to talk about is I am a little confused about something, Mrs. Lally you said before that the Board member, who is the Board member who wrote the letter?

Mrs. Mitchell: I will ask you to ask all you questions and then we will answer them.

Mr. Altomare: The Board member that wrote the letter demanding an investigation, I forget that person's name.

Mrs. Mitchell: It was Mr. Houser

Mr. Altomare: He demanded the investigation in his letter. Mr. Monahan, I am a little confused and with all due respect to the attorneys for the administration. You want to proceed and go ahead based upon their request. But a Board member has demanded an investigation and I think that is one of the components you are probably leaving out because by doing what is requested by the attorney you are leaving the accuser off the hook. You can't just be allowed to make accusations and put the burden of proof on somebody else that somebody else requested it. He has requested it, and as a Board member, and I know because I sat up there for eleven years. When a Board member requests something their request should be honored. If an investigation

is going to be requested then I am sure there are a number of very specific charges that have to be investigated. So, I am a little confused in this as to why the Board member's request was not the third component, which I think is the most important component. The burden of proof should be on the accuser because in this country you are still innocent until proven guilty. Mr. Monahan can you respond to that, am I right?

Mrs. Mitchell: I am going to ask you if you are finished and then Mr. Monahan will answer.

Mr. Altomare: I am finished.

Mr. Monahan: Yes, the answer to your question is that anyone can request an investigation if they want it, if a Board member has requested it, any Board member can request an investigation. This is the first I am aware that there is a request for an investigation as I told you I did not read all of those letters that went back and forth. There were too many of them and I did not bill the Board of Education for time reading those things. If Mr. Houser wants an investigation he can, as I said to the two attorneys, he can send a letter to Mr. Coronado on Tuesday, as I have asked them to do setting forth what he would like investigated. Then the Board as a group can sit down and determine what they will investigate.

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Sarno

Mr. Sarno: I will go back to, I don't understand, and I know what you said Kim, I am reading over this letter and nowhere in here does Mr. Houser demand an investigation, he demands that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. Monahan.

Mrs. Lally: Right here, page 1, page 2, page 3, paragraph 1, right there.

Mr. Monahan: Why don't we do this to move on, if Mr. Houser wants an investigation, Mr. Houser, on Tuesday like the others, submit a letter to the Board President that will be circulated to all the members of the Board. Please submit your letter specifically as I have asked them to identify what they want investigated and then you as Board members can address it.

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

Mr. Robert Crystal: In all the years I have lived here I have never had a single cross word with Mr. Laufgas and I respect him and always gotten along with him, but I feel that nobody from the public is speaking on the opposite side than in the paper, and I would rather do it here than in the paper. The charges that have been brought about changing the name of the Horbelt School with Bob Horbelt are charges that go back if I understand it correctly, 1986. I sat on this Board and dealt with Bob on numerous occasions and I did not always get along or agree with him, but I always had great respect for him because one thing he did have was a great love for the kids and this district. I did not even know about these charges and I sat in the seats you are because a previous Board found fit after finding out what had happened to reprimand him and handle it a certain way. That Board 20 years ago made a decision and what is being asked here is for a Board 20 years later for many people who did not live in Barnegat at the time to come in and now second guess that Board's decision for something that happened 20 years before.

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I am not excusing what happened, I don't know, I wasn't here, but I think we have to remember just as history shows us, as generations and decades change, so does what is acceptable. Barnegat was an extremely small, little town, it was not like it is today in 1986 and things might have been done that were kind of accepted like the good old boys with a slap on the back. It doesn't make it right, just like slavery was not right, but at one point it was acceptable. That is maybe why the Board took the position they did and reprimanded him the way they did. From that time on I do not know any perfect people. I have made mistakes and I have done numerous things I could tell you where I was wrong. As a kid I have taken things I shouldn't, I have lied as a child, but as we grow we learn from this and make ourselves better people and I think Bob did that, he worked for this district.

It was my nomination that asked for his name to go on the school and I did not know about this incident back then, but I can tell you for a man who gave all he did to this district and all the good he did after 1986 from that point on maybe he learned his lesson. Then why are we now rehashing something from 20 years ago. I am going to ask this Board to respect the decision of the Board of 20 years ago that reprimanded him and ask this Board to respect the decision of the Board that voted to put his name on that school. Unless it could be shown he was charged criminally with something and found guilty, you don't go back to a court and say I don't like what you gave him, you should have given him a harsher punishment. Whatever his punishment was he took it and he took the ball and moved on and he moved on in great ways. Many people in this town don't realize it because he has been gone for a few years now. But he was a good Superintendent at the time that this district was a small district and today we have Dr. McMahon who can handle a district of this size. I am going to ask this Board to let sleeping dogs lie, we have a lot more important things and current things that we need to handle other than removing Horbelt's name off the school because he maybe made a mistake, but he did do a great deal for this town.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Mrs. Ray

Karen Ray: Just because of the nature of the charges and some of the allegations made earlier I want to show you the notes I am reading from I made on today's agenda I did them while I sat here because I did not want to forget anything I had to say. I apologize for having to read this but what I hear really sickens and saddens me so I will read this rather than do it from the top of my head.

I have lived in Barnegat for 20 years, my three children are 23, 21 and 16 they all started school here in Barnegat and went through our school system; my son is still in our school system. As most of you know I worked as a parent volunteer for years starting in 1989 and put in countless hours here and worked as a Board member and had the opportunity to work with just about every administrator that has been here during that time in one capacity or another. I can't believe the things I just heard because I observe people who are passionate about education and care about our children and put in countless hours beyond the school day to be sure our children get what they need and get a quality education. It greatly saddens me that these types of accusations are being made against anyone sitting here or anyone of our administrators, Dr. McMahon, any of you. You do a wonderful job, I have not seen people more dedicated to their jobs in any field

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that I have worked in and I have worked in quite a few before my children and after my children. You really care and you deserve a lot of credit for that and the comments that are sometimes made, I don't think people realize how it comes across, but it is really sad to see people that work that hard being criticized that way. I really hope that the Board investigates this fully because it has to stop. We have to be able to keep moving this district forward, you have all done a tremendous job, every Board member, Dr. McMahon, our administrators. This district has come so far from what it was when I first moved here. Our children benefit so much from the things you offer them and it continues to grow and I want to see it continue and the only way is to put all this stuff aside and start moving forward. So I hope you investigate it and these things stop, it has to stop. Our children can't get a better education than they are getting now unless it stops so thank you for everything you do and thank all of you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you

Dr. McMahon: I thank you on behalf of all the Administrators and Dr. Donahue for that, thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Anyone else? May I have a motion to close public session? Moved by Mrs. Lally, seconded by Mr. Minotti, all in favor, aye. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Under approval of Minutes, I ask the Board as you vote on this if you need to pull something out with a no or abstention, please tell Mr. Falkowski at that time so I am going to take them as a whole. May I have a motion to approve the Board Minutes, Numbers 1 through 5?

1. Motion to amend the Regular Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2006.
2. Motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 3, 2006.
3. Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 3, 2006.
4. Motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2006.
5. Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2006.

Mrs. Mitchell: Moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Kostka. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kostka Yes

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Mr. Bernstein Yes
 Mr. Minotti Yes
 Mr. Sarno Yes on 1 and 4; abstain on 2, 3 and 5
 Mrs. Germano Yes
 Mr. Houser Abstain on 1, 2, 3 and 5; yes on 4
 Mrs. Lally Yes
 Mrs. Mitchell Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Motion passes.

FINANCE:

Under Finance may I have a motion to approve items 1 through 8?

1. MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,576,505.15, OCTOBER PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,277,647.99 AND OCTOBER H/W CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,404.48 (NOVEMBER CAFETERIA BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,072.74 ARE INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER BILL AMOUNT).
2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR OCTOBER 2006.
3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS FOR OCTOBER 2006.
4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BALANCE SHEET (A148 & A149) MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2006.
5. MOTION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.
6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OOD PLACEMENT, PAY TUITION AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AS NOTED FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR.

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STUDENT	PLACEMENT	TUITION
RD	Children's Center of Monmouth	\$70,894.92 prorated
BF	Ocean Academy	\$33,664.45 prorated

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary reported that an audit summary was made available to the general public and it was reviewed by the Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the review process did not include any recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Report for the School Year 2005/2006 be accepted and filed.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE MELINDA WENDT KENNEDY FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES AT THE RATE OF \$75.00 PER HOUR.

Mrs. Mitchell: Moved by Mr. Bernstein; seconded by Mr. Kostka, any discussion? May I have a roll call?

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Minotti	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	No on 1; yes on everything else
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Houser	No on 1; yes on 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 8 and abstain on 7
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes.

EDUCATION:

Mrs. Mitchell: Under Education may I have a Motion to approve 1-4?

1. MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGETARY CHANGES FOR TITLE I BENEFITS LINE ITEM DUE TO THE AUTO CALCULATIONS ON EWEG.

The Salary Breakdown has been recalculated due to the auto calculations on EWEG. The New Jersey Department of Education has assigned 17% for TPAF/FICA benefits rather than the 16.49% which was indicated in prior State memos. Therefore, the Title I benefits needed to be recalculated accordingly. (See attachment)

2. MOTION TO APPROVE CRISIS INTERVENTION MANUAL.

The purpose of the Crisis Intervention Manual/Handbook is to assist each school and department in preparing for a possibility of a crisis. Research has demonstrated the value of effective preparation and response to a crisis. Preparation for a crisis is essential to ensure an effective and well-organized response to a school crisis. While there is no crisis preparation and response plan that will work best for all situations, the manual does provide a model that "the crisis team" can adapt to their unique needs and situations.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL PENDING ADVANCED PLACEMENT COLLEGEBOARD AUDIT IN JANUARY & NCAA APPROVAL.

Virtual High School offers over 200 credit bearing courses in a global community of students and educators including core, elective, advanced placement (AP), Pre-AP and dual credit classes. Students will have the opportunity to participate in courses from any of the following subjects: language arts, math, technology, life skills/health, foreign languages, science, social studies, business and the arts.

Professional Development training for teachers to learn, practice and master the design and delivery of online classes (participants can earn up to 12 graduate credits for professional development).

Standard School Membership: BHS can enroll 25 students per semester (50 per year) in VHS online courses:

1. Requirements – Participation in NIM or TLC and SCO training, signed participation contracts
2. Cost – Stipends for teachers \$1,000 to apply for 6 graduate credits for teacher; \$300 for site coordinator to get 2 graduate credits
3. NIM or TLC training \$3,500
4. Site Coordinator Training \$1,500
5. Annual Membership Fee - \$6,500 (50 seats) *Total Operating Cost: \$12,800
6. Net Course Instructional Methodologies Teachers Learning Conference

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4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE 20-DAY ALTERNATE ROUTE MENTORING ADDENDUM TO THE DISTRICT'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SY 2006-07 TO THE COUNTY.

The intent of the 20-day requirement is to prepare novice alternate route teachers with the skills and knowledge to succeed in their initial teaching experience by providing immediate assistance by a veteran teacher. Many alternate route teachers are attracted to the profession from varied disciplines such as the sciences, mathematics, journalism, law, medicine, and skilled trades. While they come to their new positions full of enthusiasm and content knowledge, this initial period may be the first one in front of a classroom. Certain topics, therefore, should be included in the development of a 20-day mentor addendum to a district mentor plan. It is essential in keeping with the intent of the requirement that newly hired alternate route teachers have an orientation and guided experience in the following areas:

- New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
- Classroom management and discipline
- State and district assessment of student progress and achievement
- Lesson planning, including setting goals, meeting objectives and developing assessments tools
- District policies and procedures
- New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.4(c)1(ix) – Requires an addendum to the district mentoring plan that includes criteria and guidelines for the 20-day clinical experience.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.4(c)3 – Requires the local Professional Development Committee to submit the addendum for the 20-day clinical experience pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.3(b)1 to the district board of education for initial approval and to the county superintendent for final approval.

Mrs. Mitchell: Moved by Bernstein; seconded by Mr. Minotti, any discussion? Roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Minotti	Yes
Mr. Sarno	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell, thank you Motion passes.

PERSONNEL:

Under personnel information, I don't believe Ms. Vacarro is here? We got notified a couple of weeks ago that Nichole Vacarro, communication liaison and grant writer has resigned; actually today was her last day and the Board would like to thank her for the short time with us, she was here only about 11 months, but she was very dedicated and we will miss her.

Under Personnel Motions may I have a Motion to approve items 1-14?

1. APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE STAFF (12) – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following certified substitute staff for the 2006-2007 school year:

Lorraine Goham, certified substitute
Toni Andreano, certified substitute
Karen Budija – substitute certificate
Julie Jablonski, substitute certificate
Alena Josephson, substitute certificate
Lauren Potts, substitute certificate
Mary Grace Cahill, applying for substitute certificate

Deena Fidalgo, applying for substitute certificate
Kristine Hyatt, applying for substitute certificate
Michael Shaw, applying for substitute certificate
Melissa Shearer, applying for substitute certificate
Diana Stanton, applying for substitute certificate

2. APPROVE HIRING SUBSTITUTE SUPPORT STAFF (2) – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following substitute support staff for the 2006-2007 school year:

Valerie Hambly: Secretary, Library Technician, Instructional Aide & Playground/Café Aide.

Tarrah Capelli, Secretary, Library Technician, Instructional Aide & Playground/Café Aide.

3. APPROVE RENEWAL OF SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve renewal of substitute certificate for Caroline Pretera.

4. APPROVE HIRING SCIENCE TEACHER PENDING CERTIFICATION – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring Brett Taylor as Science Teacher pending certification for Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Salary: \$44,890 Step 5/MA (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-140-100-101 Ext. 11369.

Mr. Taylor is being hired to fill the teaching position that was formally held by Mr. Adam Angelozzi, now K -12 Science Supervisor.

5. APPROVE EMERGENT HIRE – HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the emergent hire of Michael White as Human Resources Specialist for the Barnegat Township School District for the 2006-2007 school year. Salary: \$ 28,000 pro-rated. GAAP: 11-000-230-100 Ext. 11245.

Mr. White is being hired to replace Ms. Joanne Gelato.

6. APPROVE EMERGENT HIRE PENDING CERTIFICATION – RESOURCE ROOM TEACHER – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the emergent hire pending certification for Mary Grace Cahill as Resource Room Teacher at Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: Emergent Date. Salary: \$41,000 Step 1/BA. GAAP: 11-140-100-101 Ext. 11369.

Ms. Cahill is being hired to fill the position that was held by Ms. Beth Mazza.

7. APPROVE SALARY CORRECTION – SCIENCE TEACHER – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the following salary correction for Stephen Spak, Science Teacher at Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Salary: \$51,581 Step 12/MA (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-140-100-101 Ext. 11369.

This salary correction is necessary to place Mr. Spak on the appropriate step of his respective salary guide attributable to his prior teaching and industrial experience in this field.

8. APPROVE STIPEND AMENDMENTS – SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM PERSONNEL – SUMMER 2006

Motion to amend stipends for the following Special Education Extended Year Program personnel for summer, 2006. GAAP: 11-204-100-101 Ext. 11474.

Teachers

Grace Buck - \$100

Debbie Iacovelli & Kristen Tapp - \$200 ea

Dina DiPisa - \$300

Debbie Reardon - \$400

Erin Edgar, Samantha Fryer, Nora Green & Jocelyn Husko - \$600 ea

These stipends amendments are necessary due to additional duties assigned to the above-mentioned personnel during the 2006 ESY Summer program.

9. RESCIND EMERGENT HIRE OF RESOURCE ROOM TEACHER – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to rescind the emergent hire of Christine Moliterno as Resource Room Teacher for Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: Emergent Date. Salary: \$41,000 Step 1/BA (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-140-100-101 Ext. 11369.

10. RESCIND HIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FILLING MATERNITY LEAVE - ROBMS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to rescind hiring Michael Flanagan as Special Education Teacher filling a maternity leave for the Brackman School for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: October 30, 2006 – December 21, 2006. Salary: \$41,000 Step 1/BA (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-213-100-101 Ext. 11399.

11. RESCIND EMERGENT HIRE OF FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN – SY 2006-2007

Motion to rescind the emergent hire of John Hamm as Full-time Custodian for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: Emergent Date. Salary: \$22,000 + \$522 night differential Step 1 (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-000-262-100 Ext. 11294.

12. RESCIND HIRING COACHES – ROBMS/BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to rescind hiring the following coaches for the 2006-2007 school year:

ROBMS

Victoria Buczynski, Head Cheerleading Coach. Stipend: \$2,653. GAAP: 11-402-100-100 Ext.1146

BHS

Susan Rogers, Assistant Boys Tennis Coach. Stipend: \$3,153. GAAP: 11-402-100-100 Ext. 11577.

13. APPROVE HIRING COACHES (2) – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following personnel as coaches for Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. GAAP: 11-402-100-100 Ext. 11577.

Victoria Buczynski, Head Bowling Coach. Stipend: \$4,504
Alison Brown, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach – Volunteer

14. APPROVE PTA/PTO VOLUNTEERS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the following PTA/PTO volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year:

LMDS

Marie Addonizio	Geri DeGennaro	Beth Greenspan	Kelly McGee-Williams	Tom Rouze
Denise Alexander	Rachael DeRosa	Setinis Griffin	Sandra McNulty	Patti Rush
Jennifer Andranski	Sally DiPaola	Cindy Groblney	Eileen Monaco	Andrea Santora
Jose Arroyo	Tracey Dougherty	Amy Hartman	Allison Morris	Sherri Scott
Rosemarie Atkins	Lisa Dowd	Jan Helfrich	Lynn Morrisey	Lori Scully
Marlene Austin	Linda Dugan	Sara Herbert	Darlene Nolan	Patricia Shaffery
Cheryl Baker	Jennifer Erickson	Lyn Hub	Dorothy Norris	Cheryl Snover
Nicole Baker	Herman Ericson	Laura Hutchinson	Jessica Oblinger	Kris Solden
Lori Benesch	Joan Fasolo	Donna Jencik	Dawn Ogle	Pamela Srocynski
Fawn Bradley	Colleen Feroldi	Holly Jockel	Jennifer Pari	Henk Stok
JoAnn Branz	Arlene Finucan	Christine Kantenwein	Renae Parker	Jennifer Torress
Patty Brescia	Pamela Fisher	Cheryl Kostka	Michelle Parkhill	Regina Vincenti
Arcia Calfayan	Melissa Fleming	Tom Kostka	Tina Parmigiano	Marlene Walker
Colleen Canup	Jodi Forrester	Dawn Kulpa	Rita Picault	Lori Wallace
Gina Cordelle	Holly Fox	Ami Lombardo	Gina Pinho	Christmas Wilkie
Sharon Costello	Eileen Francesconi	Allison MacGillivray	Mary Rider	Lori Wallace
Rene Cuchelo	Dina Genna	Sandy Maffiucci	Lisa Riggs	
Linda Davenport	Lisa Golden	Todd Maffiucci	Julie Rochette	
Karen DeCicco	Christina Grayson	Laura McDonald	Sandra Rotolo	

BHS

Stephanie Appelt	Lori Dubiel	Anene Hopkins	Jeannette Morris	Leslie Sands
Bea Armstrong	Sheri Dubinsky	Bob Houser	Frank Murphy	Jelsia Scaglione
Lisa Badim	Ebinger	Joy Houser	Joanne Murphy	Joseph Scaglione
Lisa Becker	Dee Falk	Lisa Hussain	Rose Nelson	Nancy Shershen
Jennifer Brazill	Mark Falk	Joanne Iveson	Darlene Nolan	Jim Siebenaller

Linda McGlynn	Jacki Ferrara	Thomas Iveson	Denise Nowicki	Sandy Siebenaller
Debra Cacioppo	Pete Ferrara	Agnes Karp	Karen O'Reilly	Claudette Smith
susan Cadenelli	Antonia Fielding	Robert Keesser	Maureen O'Brien	Christine Spangler
Barbara Cascio	Karen Flood	Valerie Keesser	Elinor Pagkalinawan	Jamey Stofko
Michelle Ciani	Katherine Frustieri	Collen Kolvites	Linda Palmer	Kim Tagliarino
MaryAnn Ciaurro	Esther Gautier	Kim Lally	Carmen Pascual	Sal Tagliarino
Tracey Cioffero	Susan Gianni	Christine eMoine	Diane Patina	John Tiernan
Lynne Crespy	Donna Gidley	Sanford LeMoine	Bette Pernal	Taryn Tiernan
Timothy Crooks	Charles Giles	Cheral Lombardi	Joan Rader	Mei Torbik
Anita Crowley	Diane Giles	David Lombardi	Howie Ray	Cheryl Tucker
Eileen D'Arcy	Ingerlise Gilluly	Mary Lundy	Lisa Ray	Donna Tucker
Dereck Davis	Terry Giordano	Fristine Massa	Art Robidoux	Annette Tynan
Doreen DeFazio	Karen Grabois	Nick Massa	Tracy Robidoux	Ken Tynan
Lois DeTroia	Charlotte Grasso	Dawn McDonald	Anita Rogers	Lidia Villiez
Mick DeTroia	Maribel Hernandez	Carla McMahon	Rosina Romeo	Margaret Westover
Annett DiMichell	Kathy Herring	Linda Mitchell	Kathie Rubino	Julie Zaborowski
Donald DiMichell	Mary Hill	Michael Mitchell	Dennis Sands	Leslie Sands

Moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Minotti, any discussion? Roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Minotti	Yes
Mr. Sarno	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Houser	Abstain on 14, yes to all the others
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Abstain on 14, yes to all the others

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Under new business may I have a motion for Item #1 and that is a motion for the public in regard to the solicitation on the website about the name change for the Horbelt School.

1. MOTION TO ALLOW THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON THE BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS WEBSITE.

This motion is related to the memorandum in your Board Information Packet from Dr. Thomas C. McMahon, Superintendent of Schools, regarding a possible name change for the Robert L. Horbelt Elementary School. Through the solicitation of public input the Board of Education will be better able to determine public sentiment before issuing a final determination on this matter.

Moved by Mr. Minotti, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, any discussion? Roll Call please.

Mr. Kostko	Yes
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Minotti	Yes
Mr. Sarno	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes. Dr. McMahon?

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS:

Dr. McMahon: Yes, I would just like to let everyone know if you have not heard by now the First Annual Thanksgiving Day football game vs. Southern Regional is postponed due to the weather. It will be played at Southern on Saturday at 10 a.m. The good news is that hopefully if the weather is good a year from now the first Southern Regional vs. Barnegat Thanksgiving day football game will be here at Barnegat Stadium on Thanksgiving Day in 2007. I understand that we are doing a trophy so whoever wins gets to keep the trophy for a year? Very nice. Even though a little sad that we can’t play our first Thanksgiving Day game on Thanksgiving Day, we can look forward to Saturday and a year from now. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. If there are any new hires in the audience, I know we have some, we would like to welcome you to the district, there he is, Michael White.

Mrs. Mitchell: Michael White is joining us in the Board office as a Human Resource Specialist. And before I close, Mr. Kostka did you have something?

Mr. Kostka: Yes, I also wanted to thank Nichole for all her work in the district especially with our website. You may be experiencing a couple of glitches with the website we are transitioning to a new system and I also wanted to thank Michael Lally for his help with the website as a free consultant. He donated his services to this district for many years to help us get that website up and running and without him it would have been impossible, but we are going over to a new website within the net week or so.

Dr. McMahon: I would like to say, I don’t know if you looked at the website recently, we get a lot of compliments on the website and it all began with Mr. Lally volunteering to help get that going, I appreciate that. Just for everyone’s edification, there have been some issues dealing with that, Mr. Lally has never consulted for the district and been paid nor has he every worked for us, all the work Mr. Lally did was as a volunteer.

Mrs. Mitchell: Does anyone have anything else? Have a nice holiday everyone and thank you all for coming out.

Dr. McMahon: Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Barnegat Township Board of Education Regular Meeting will be held on January 24, 2007 at the Barnegat Township High School.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Minotti, All opposed? Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Falkowski
Board Secretary