

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2007
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:

Mrs. Mitchell: This meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education for January 24, 2007 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. Sarno
Mrs. Germano
Mr. Houser
Mrs. Taylor
Mrs. Lally, Vice President
Mrs. Mitchell, President

Members Absent: Mr. Minotti

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

It was moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Sarno 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, January 24, 2007 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 go into closed session? Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Sarno, all in favor, aye; none opposed. Thank you, we will return in one hour.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open public session at 7:03 p.m..

Mrs. Mitchell: Good evening everyone. This meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 is called back to order. May I have a roll call please?

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:

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

Members Absent: Mr. Minotti (out because of a medical issue)

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you; please stand and join us for the Flag Salute

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Mitchell led the Flag Salute

Mrs. Mitchell: Before we begin I would just like to apologize, I know at 6 p.m. we probably had about 20 people here and the word I got was that it was for some presentations that were going to be given out in about 5 or 10 minutes and traditionally we always start public session at 7 p.m., so if you were here at 6:00 I apologize that letter you received or the phone call should have said 7 p.m. So, again, please accept my apologies for that.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

May I have a motion to approve the agenda with these two changes? Under Finance please eliminate Number 5 because that was duplicated and also before Public Session, I would like to recognize Mr. Sarno for a Motion. Motion by Mr. Kostka, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, all in favor, none opposed. Thank you, Motion passes.

PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

Board of Education Honored By O.C.E.A.N. Inc.

First, do we have O.C.E.A.N, Inc. here this evening?

Mr. McMahon: No, is Mike White here?

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. White? I am going to ask Mrs. Lally to join you, she was on and still is currently on the Community Outreach Committee and they have done numerous works for this and she will accept the thank you.

Mr. White: Heather Mattos had a situation with her babysitter and she wanted to thank the entire Board although she was not able to make it tonight. She dropped off this for the district.

Mrs. Lally: Thank you, very nice.

Mrs. Mitchell: What that is for is that O.C.E.A.N., Inc came here in the summer of 2006 and did \$84,164.00 in repairs for residents of Barnegat, like porches, painting, roofs and 275 volunteers who spent a week here, living here, showering here, having dinner, etc. They just gave the Board a certificate and a thank you for that. Again, Mrs. Lally a special thanks to you for all the work you did to get them here. Thank you. Dr. McMahon, please.

STAR Awards and Outstanding Student Awards

Dr. McMahon: Each and every month we have a STAR award winner. For those of you who have not been here before, the STAR award embodies team work. We try and teach the children through the staff, the bus drivers, the aides, anyone in the district by working together we can achieve a lot. Something the Board and I try to instill in these students from the get go. We do that here, we have Staff Advisory Councils of teachers, Principals Advisory Councils, the Board and I, and we try to get as many opinions from as many people as we can. This month we actually have awards for three students in terms of the elementary schools that win bicycles. I

would like to draw your attention to a student nominated by Mrs. Santolla, he was nominated because he illustrates a strong willingness to learn and always has a positive attitude in school. He showed teamwork in working with his teacher and students in the school. Please a big round of applause for Robert L. Horbelt School, Grade 4 winner John Dickert. Is he here? Is John's the pink one? No? The yellow one? John has been sitting here for one-half hour saying who are these people?

John, this is yours, congratulations you are a great kid. Congratulations, we have to get your picture now. Thank you.

This student was nominated for showing great integrity, here is wonderful story and sometimes you don't here too much of these in the news, if at all. This student found a wallet with money inside, she promptly turned it into the office so that it could be returned to the owner who received it. Please a big round of applause for Lillian M. Dunfee, grade 4, student Shannon Bonherd. Do you like any particular one? You get to pick. Wonderful, now we get your picture with that one. Great job, congratulations.

Last but not least from the Cecil Collins, third grader was nominated by Mrs. Blaney our Guidance Counselor for being a super buddy. This student extends a welcoming hand to a new student. If any of you any started a new school, I did, I went from one Catholic school in fifth grade to another town in sixth grade and I was the new kid with the goofy briefcase and lunchbox the first day of school that people were looking at me like who is this new weirdo...that was me. Anna went the extra mile to make this student feel more comfortable in her new school which for that student in a new school goes a long way. Please a round of applause for Collins third grade student Anna La Boy. Is Anna here? That was very nice Anna, congratulations. Thank you very much, congratulations, it is all yours.

Mike, do we have some Middle School and High School Star stuff? Ok, we also have STAR Award winners at the Middle School and High School. You also get certificates s well and Mike will give all the bike winners their certificates, sorry about that.

We have a gift certificate winner for also doing outstanding things as far as teamwork is concerned; please a round of applause for Armondo Quiroz, congratulations. Armondo gets to go to the movies. Another outstanding student and we have many, many in this district, a round of applause for STAR award winner Anthony O'Hara.

We have two more, another STAR award winner is Mary Pandolfo, is Mary here? Stephanie Butler, please come up. Congratulations. Nicholas Bishop, is he here? I think that is it, thank you very much.

All County/All Shore Fall Sports Awards

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Germano will you please join us? Mr. Germano is going to help us with the All- County/All Shore Fall Sports Awards selected by Asbury Park Press and Ocean County Observer.

Mr. Germano: I would like to ask the following people up here. Andrew Terranova; Jan Nelson; Joe Address; Kelly Czumble; Mike Reilly; Ricky Ferguson; Bobby Fitzpatrick; Laura Benns and Paige Appelt, congratulations.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Mr. Germano, would you mind getting in that picture? Thank you.

Dr. McMahon: For those of you who do not know, the high school currently has juniors in the school, we have no seniors there. What you are looking at are some students even though they have not reached the level of senior athletics yet have been seen by the Shore Conference of the County as some of the outstanding athletes in the county, which is quite a feat.great job.

The Marching Bengals Win Southern Regional's "Cavalcade of Bands"

Mrs. Mitchell: The Marching Bengals win Southern Regional's "Cavalcade of Bands." The Southern Regional "Cavalcade of Bands," held on October 29, 2006, is where the Bengals took First Place in Group One as well as received Group One Awards for Best Music, Best Percussion and Best Pit Crew. May I have Mr. Gagnon please? How about a round of applause for Mr. Gagnon?

Mr. Gagnon: Thank you very much. It is really for the kids though. Again, this was our first season competing, last season was the first with a marching band and it was a fantastic one. We went out and competed this year and did extremely well so that is what we want to recognize the students tonight. So we want to go a little out of alphabetical order, Shannon LaPatin, one of our drum majors; Angela Scaglione; Caitlyn Stevens; Kelly Dochney; Emily Tomsick; Chelsea Wyjas; Cody Morey; Danielle Davis; Eva Marie Iaria; Jose Arroyo; I saw Justin earlier not sure if he is still here, Justin DeCicco another drum major; Mary Dercqu, a Flute Section leader; Matt Fitzmaurice; Trumpet section leader, Mike Pisano; and are there any others we did not call? Shelby Rider, I think that is everyone, sorry Shelby.

Dr. McMahon: I would like Mr. Gagnon as we spoke about the County Sports program, I spoke to Mr. Gagnon numerous times about how difficult it is to start a band basically from scratch, new instruments, getting the kids in sync, Todd is new to us, second year, and a new goatee a couple of weeks ago. I would like to, actually, I know it is going to be a little embarrassing for the kids, but talk about what they did to gain first place their first year as juniors.

Mr. Gagnon: It is a fantastic accomplishment. It just speaks to the dedication that these students, and the others that could not be here tonight, possess. It is a very demanding activity as they are finding out and as we grow and develop it becomes more and more demanding. One of the things we emphasized, strongly, is that we are starting a tradition here at the high school with the marching band and the foundation these folks lay is what they will build the band on for years to come. They are really setting the standard, we have an acronym that is hanging in the band room and it is called Bengal "PRIDE" and we use PRIDE as an acronym. I will see if I can get it right, we focus on PRIDE being patience, respect, integrity, determination and enthusiasm. That is what they embody and that is what we are recognizing tonight.

Dr. McMahon: Well done, good job.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you all.

Dr. McMahon: We may have a fund raiser for the band, most money raised to keep the goatee or cut it off goes to the band as sponsored by Mrs. Gagnon. Give a big wave. She is paying to cut it off.

Spelling Bee Awards

Mrs. Mitchell: We have two students who have won spelling bee awards, fifth grader Hannah Glen and fourth grader Maddy Harr have won first and second place respectively in the Asbury Park Press/Home News Tribune Spelling Bee held on January 3. Hannah will move onto the regional spelling bee following this one and Maddy will serve as an alternate in the future. Will Hannah and Maddy join us up here please?

Dr. McMahon: Just so you know one of the students informed me that she reads the dictionary, that is how to do it.

Mrs. Mitchell: Congratulations, thank you. Dr. McMahon?

Barnegat High School Engineering and Design Team

Dr. McMahon: Another wonderful feat in terms of the students in the district, I would like to call up Mr. Taylor and Mr. Angelozzi in regard to high school engineering design team. They were in a competition in which they did extremely well and I would not do it any justice except for having these gentlemen tell you how well the students did. I believe some of their projects are in the back as well.

Mr. Angelozzi: As Dr. McMahon mentioned if you want to take a look in the back there is a quick PowerPoint, maybe a minute long, that is on a loop back there as well as the robot, especially you little guys if you want to check it out. When you get to the high school you can start building robots. The Robotics Club started two years ago with three students who worked with me upstairs in the physics lab that was empty at the time to compete against each other in a design competition, right in the school here. This year the Barnegat High School Engineering and Design Team has twice that many students and under the guidance of Mr. Taylor, they surpassed the goals they set out to accomplish. I would like to thank the Board of Education for the resources and support that made this Club possible. I would like to thank Dr. Saxton for coming to me with this idea three years ago, and I would also like to thank Dr. McMahon for his direction towards improving the technology programs with Barnegat Township Schools. Because of his continued support programs that foster an excitement and interest towards the studies of math, science and technology are afforded to our students and programs are growing very quickly. Finally, I want to thank the students who made this Club such a huge success this year.

Each student will be receiving a medal and a certificate tonight. The certificate reads:
Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: It reads, "This certificate is awarded to Matt Mitchell in recognition of being a first-place finisher at the first VEX Challenge practice competition and being a quarter finalist at the 2007 first VEX Challenge and New Jersey State Championship." Next is Frank Ciraulo; Zachary Rohan; Nicholas Freeman; Michael Siu; and Trevor Stoakes.

Dr. McMahon: This competition is open to junior and seniors throughout the State and once again we do not have a senior program yet which means some of these students have one year of technology, not two, but once again Barnegat Schools because of the students, parent support, the teaching staff that we have that is excellent, the Administrators, an outstanding event for the kids. Great Job.

Rob Davis Named Coach of the Week by the NY Jets

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you and finally, Dr. McMahon, Coach Davis please.

Dr. McMahon: This amazed me, is Mr. Davis here? Mr. Davis, for those of you that do not know, is our Varsity Football Coach. He started with us when we were the first school district in Ocean County to start a middle school football program, so Rob we are talking about four years now?

Mr. Davis: Yes.

Dr. McMahon: Rob's wife had their first baby yesterday, right? Baby girl, Brook, born yesterday, so Rob, did the right thing and stayed with his wife at the hospital. There is always that 50/50 chance.

Each and every week the NY Jets pick a coach, a high school coach, whether in Pennsylvania, NJ or NY, we are talking three states. They actually do it their own; they look at winning percentages, what your team is like, and read-up on things. And I have to tell you, I am pleased to tell you that on November 13 the NY Jets picked Rob Davis as the NJ/NY/PA Coach of the Week and gave him \$1,000 to be donated to the Board on behalf of the football program as the best high school coach in the tri-state area. Phenomenal.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Dr. McMahon. Before the Public Session, Mr. Sarno, please?

SPECIAL MOTION

Mr. Sarno: Yes, I would like to make a Motion to rescind Dr. McMahon's, the Superintendent, current contract and to issue a new contract as we discussed in closed session.

Mrs. Mitchell: There is a Motion on the floor, do I have a second? Seconded by Mrs Lally, is there any discussion and you may comment after you vote without any objection from the Board. May I have a Roll Call please?

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Sarno: Again, before I vote I would like to thank Dr. McMahon for giving the Board the opportunity for opening his contract, which he did not have to do, showing again that this Board is trying and moving in the direction to work together to do what is best for our students and taxpayers. As you will see, eventually the contract saves this district and shows we are willing to do the things that are right for everybody not just the teachers and the students, but up to the top of the chain is willing to take cuts to further this district along. You will see the savings for the district alone is in the \$90,000 - \$100,000 range over the life of his contract, which I think is substantial and we should thank Dr. McMahon again for opening this up and giving us an opportunity to do this and again I say yes.

Mrs. Germano:

Abstain

Mr. Houser:

Abstain

Mr. Bernstein:

Yes

Mr. Kostka:

For the same reasons Scott voted yes, I will do the same, Yes.

Mrs. Taylor:

Yes

Mrs. Lally

Absolutely

Mrs. Mitchell:

Yes, also with some comment. This came about due to many issues going on as everyone has been reading in the newspapers with Trenton. This year, this board is working on the budget as a community of the whole. As I said to many of the PTAs over the last couple of months you not only have the Superintendent/BA and the Board Secretary working on your budget, maybe a committee of two or three board members, but you have nine of us really, really working hard together with the entire administration because this will be a very pivotal year for this district. It will be one of our most conservative operating budgets we every worked on especially with the re-eval, there are just so many things in the equation this year. Tonight, Dr. McMahon stepped up to the plate and he is saying to the taxpayers here that I am not getting a raise this year and I give you \$9,000 back on that and \$9,000 back on disability and it goes on and on. The first year alone is \$21,200 to this Board that could be a position of another employee in one of the buildings; it means so much to this Board. He has turned down his benefits and is not asking for any of that and it shows this Board, he has taken the first step to say listen we all need to tighten our belts and work together so that no child here does not get everything they deserve. On a personal note, in the past couple of days we have worked as a Board so, so hard on this and I want to especially thank each and every one of you and especially Mr. Sarno for the cooperation I had moving forward on this and that we have tonight to move forward as a Board, thank you so much, and a special thanks to Dr. McMahon.

May I have a motion to move into Public Session? Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Kostka, all in favor, aye, none opposed. Thank you.

PUBLIC SESSION

A couple reminders, there is a five minute time limit, I ask you to please stick to that I will remind you when you are getting close. Also we need some clarification the past couple of meetings it was unclear on the names and we had to go back and research that so if you would be

so kind to give me your name to spell it, unless Smith or Jones which is a no-brainer, and give your address. Please use your five minutes and we will answer you the best we can.

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

Mr. Laufgas: Good evening, my name is Bernard Laufgas, if you need more clarification please call the Police Dept. First, I would like to thank the Board; you finally gave John, the Athletic Director, his right number. He is number 1 when I call it says punch number 1. I want to thank him because he gave me the cough drops, so we are even, unless Dr. McMahon volunteers.

I am going to meet with the recreation committee tomorrow and I hope a lot of the parents come, we want to set up a summer program for the kids. This way they will train in the summer and in September be ready for cross country. I asked John to be there if he can, however, I asked the president of the PBA and the Chief to be there for support and I hope many of the parents come. The more parents that come the more you can convince the recreation committee to put money away for the summer program. Once cross country starts you might have almost as good a team as Southern Regional and you may produce a young lady of the caliber of the young lady who went to China and she just set the fastest time in the US for the mile among other things.

Now, last time I was here Mr. Crystal made remarks with regards that I asked the Board to remove Horbelt's name off the building. I think you should disregard Mr. Crystal. When he was on the school board he was upset because his kid got into a fight with another kid, he jumped, while a Board member, on the basketball court and threatened to tear the kid's head off and he spit on his mother. Now why would you want to believe a person like him? No wonder he wants to say people make mistakes. He also made phone calls over \$700 to the Oprah Show from school board office costing taxpayers, I believe, between \$700-800. I believe he resigned that should give you insight to his thinking.

As far as with the school, as I have asked you and produced evidence about the Horbelt School to remove it, I think maybe we have a way out. Keep the name on the one condition, bring Horbelt back, and pay him \$100,000 a year to teach our kids on Monday and Friday how to steal because when the school board named the school after him that is what he did. You have all the proof and if you do not want to remove it, bring him in and let him teach the kids to steal first from the taxpayer and then the parents. Unless you remove his name and name it after Fred Watts, the Barnegat historian who passed away a couple of years ago. He truly deserves the name not Horbelt. Horbelt was a thief who had two mistresses, the bar in Waretown and the one-armed bandit in Atlantic City. We don't need this, and I would request again to remove his name. I will bring in the tow truck; we can tow his name off like they did to Hossain's statute. Thank you, have a nice day.

Mrs. Mitchell, thank you, would anyone else like to address the Board?

Howard Efron, 163 Gunning River Road, Barnegat, NJ – I am not too good at this.
December 6 I wrote you all a letter, did you receive it?

All: Yes

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Mr. Effron: That is why I am here, I have not heard from anyone from that day. So, I wrote a little letter here. I wrote a letter expressing the concern of not incorporating renewable energy in the Barnegat Schools to all of you. I dropped it off at the Board of Education trailer on 12/6/06, it is January 24 and I have yet to hear from any of you. I believe the way I worded the letter it would have at least gotten somebody on the Board thinking about what I said and contact me for some more info. I did approach Dr. McMahan with this idea before the high school was built, but after the funding was approved. So, I do understand that it was difficult to incorporate it into this school that much I do know. I also approached you after and before we voted on the second round of funding correct?

Dr. McMahan: Yes

Mr. Effron: OK, through email and telephone, but I never met you face to face.

Dr. McMahan: No

Mr. Effron: It just seems to fall on deaf ears, this renewable energy, I am not a tree hugger, but I do care. Not only is renewable energy good for the environment, but I believe it is good for the bottom line. I guess I need you, as a Board to show me as a taxpayer and make me go away that it is not fiscally responsible to install a system into our schools. I would like to know the threshold for your pay-back and I need to know what that threshold is. I know that salaries, health care, rising food costs and supply costs are hard to control but a fixed cost such as energy can be controlled or even eliminated if the Barnegat School System can produce their own energy. We have the buildings to do it. I saw the electric bills from the school system and I went and got them all about two years ago, maybe one year ago, and they are not small. We know that those costs are going to rise. I enclosed an article in the letter I sent you about Voorhees going solar and as a matter of fact I picked up yesterday's paper and saw an article about Toms River's Superintendent Ritacco announcing that Toms River just got a rebate check for 2.5 million dollars for the NJ Clean Energy Program.

Did Barnegat residents get a good deal when we got funding for the new schools? I would say we did, and I think the same effort should be made for renewable energy because I believe it is also a good deal. I need you to tell me why you guys believe it is not and we are not going to move on with this. There is lots of new technology out there that you are probably not even aware of.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Mr. Effron do you mind having a seat and we will answer your questions. The first thing, before turning this over to Dr. McMahan, the letter, I think you sent it December 6, we do not necessarily get mail every week, we meet monthly and in the month of December we do not meet because of the holidays. We get a Board packet the Friday before each meeting and last Friday we got the packet and that is when the letters are in there. Sometimes if I am in there once or twice a week I may pick up a letter, but in this case we only saw the letter Friday. Nobody up here is ignoring you we just got it five days ago. I appreciate your coming in and asking us about this.

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Dr. McMahon: I would like to thank Howard for doing this. One of the things we talked about, if you saw the STAR Awards, we talked about teamwork and working together. I can assure you that I do not know everything and I make mistakes and I am always looking for help. I can assure you our teachers feel the same way and our Board feels the same way. I think I first heard from Howard two or three years ago talking about LBI. He has some great points that if you do use some renewable energy sources that even though it might be a lot more money up front to do that in the long run you save money. Unfortunately, the first time I spoke to Howard was after the first referendum. Here is the big issue in Barnegat, we do not control the building programs in Barnegat, and the state does. The state builds our schools, hires the construction management company, the architect, the HPAC, the electrical design people, we just basically get money. The good news is when Howard reached out to me; did Mr. Qvale from the NJSCC ever talk to you or send you a letter? He told me he did. Basically what I said was, we have this person in town who knows ten times more than I do about renewable energy, I can't get my daughter to shut the light off in the room when she leaves in the morning, so I am not too successful much in saving energy. The good news from Howard is that when we met with the State there is a big push for LEAD Schools, are you aware of what those are? Gold, Silver and Platinum. Supposedly the Gold Seal for LEAD, does anyone know what that stands for? It is like super energy efficient schools, super energy efficient building, if you get a Gold rating it is the most efficient you can get, then silver and bronze.

Since we don't control the project I said to the State that this man knows what he is talking about and it is great for the biology and science programs for the kids to come out and look at the solar panels, look at renewable water that comes off the downspout into a bucket and irrigates the fields as opposed to city water, which is a great idea. They informed us that they had to go to the NJSCC and pursue that. The good news is that we were allowed to become a silver school, the reason we couldn't be a gold school was because it would cost too much money up front. It wasn't bronze, it wasn't nothing, it was silver, and they assured me again, because I am not the expert, that within that silver school we do, in fact, have energy efficiency and certain SMART schools. Not maybe to the gold standard, but technically speaking it will be the second school in NJ and in fact is nominated for a silver LEAD school. So maybe we don't have solar panels, but I know for a fact there will be a water retention system off the roof, the water comes down into a tank and irrigates the fields and no city water. The lights go off certain valves that use electricity, basically the state has assured us, and they are the experts and know how to do it, that we qualified for it and they are pursuing it. Because of that they have to cost that out, they could not afford the gold school given the money we gave them, but they could afford the silver. I have to be frank with you, if it was not for Howard working together with the Board, not criticizing the Board, you people should be removed and Dr. McMahon is the worst thing that happened to energy, he actually came to us and said here is an idea. And maybe we don't have solar panels, but hopefully the silver lead project in the new Reagan School is a step in the right direction. On behalf of the Board, I thank you for that and if the FCC never got back with particulars I would be more than happy to call them, and again I don't know the specifics as they do, because it is their construction, but I will put them in contact with you.

Mr. Kostka: Excuse me, may I say something. Some of you, Mark, Kim, Linda and myself, we have all sat on the construction projects for the new schools and as Board members sat and talked many, many hours about lead points with the architects to make that silver and gold and

taking trips to different school districts to look at boilers, HVAC systems, waterless toilets, hours we spent on this so they are constantly looking to make those points to bring us up to where we need to be.

Dr. McMahon: One of the examples of one of the points you could have done was to take clam shells off the ocean and grind them up and use them as a pathway to the school. That is not concrete but it is a way to use renewable, the FCC looks at that and adds up points and thanks to them we are one of the most efficient lead SMART energy schools in the state.

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

Maureen Gogarty, 6 Whisper Way, Barnegat, NJ – Good evening. I come tonight out of concern for my child. She is a junior at the high school and frustration with the high school. I have had a problem since last year with the math and science program. I am not the only one, I don't know if anyone else here will speak, but I have spoken to the administration and guidance counselors, I have gotten no answers. It is being looked at, we are aware of a problem. She is in the SAT course down the hall here, she does not know any of the math, and most of the class she is in right now does not know any of the math because last year she was moved out of math class in March of last year because of a problem in the class. This year, no science teacher and finally when they did get a science teacher according to everybody they are not learning, in the classroom, there are disruptions, they are just not learning is all I can say.

This week they received their mid-term packs and everything on it, I sat with her, they did not go over anything on the mid-term sheet in class the whole year. I do not know if anyone is aware of the problems with the math and science program, I am not saying the whole program, I am not knocking a teacher or the administration, they call you back right away, but something has to be done. HSPAs are in March, math and science are on that, my daughter would like to be a nurse, I think she needs science and math to become a nurse. I don't know where to go anymore. I am hoping to reach out to you to maybe look into it and see if there is a solution to this program to do something. I understand it is hard to find good teachers, something needs to be done. Is everyone aware of the situation?

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, please have a seat. We cannot comment on district employees, but in the meantime until we can look into it, I will ask Dr. Saxton to come up and say what he can about the situation.

Dr. McMahon: Joe, please address math and science and I believe she said there was no science teacher in the program, that would be great.

Mr. Saxton: I would like to ask Mrs. Gogarty to come in and speak with me because I do not remember having met with you.

Mrs. Gogarty: No, I did not.

Dr. Saxton: One of the things is that we are very much aware of parental concerns and we want to be sure that we address those in any way we can. We do not want and will

not talk about staff members in public but one of the things we do want to do is to make sure parents know we are doing everything we possibly can to address any concerns they may have. So, I would like to invite Mrs. Gogarty to come in, please come in tomorrow so I can here the specific things that I need to be aware of if there is a concern.

Mrs. Mitchell: Anyone else? Yes, Mrs. Westover

Mrs. Marge Westover, 46 Chestnut Way Circle, Barnegat – First I would like to thank all the Board members, you are very supportive of everything our children do, sports-wise, cheerleading..., excellent programs. My daughter also has issues with math and our science department right now and she is also interested in being an athletic trainer. It is a weak program, we know there is a problem, I have spoken to all the administrators, I have spoken to everyone and she has spoken to them too, and she has been told, “don’t go home and complain to your parents.” As you sit here and you have children, don’t you want your child to come home to you and tell you what is going on in the school? Open communication. I was really bothered by that...”don’t go home and complain to your parents,” that really hit me. If you don’t have open communication what do you have?

I am not in the school everyday, neither are you, so you want to know. You’re your daughter or son stops talking to you, you have a problem. I have talked to everybody, I am not saying I have a problem with the administration, with people, because they have gotten back to me, but they are not learning in the classroom, it is very, very disruptive. My daughter had to be escorted back and forth to class one day because she had an issue with the chemistry teacher. I don’t want to name names, but it is very upsetting. These are strong subjects they need to know, and I need things to be addressed and I trust you, I believe in you as a Board and I feel you will do something. I feel you are behind our students in Barnegat High School and I believe in Barnegat High School. I hope you believe in our children to do something for them.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you for the compliments. The Board has a very strict chain of command that we need to follow, it is State law, we have no choice but to follow it. I know that both of you women said you spoke to some vice principals and administrators, now I ask you to go a step further and if you have not spoken to Dr. Donahue, please do so and then to Dr. McMahon and if the Board at that point, after Dr. McMahon needs to be involved, then we are allowed to become involved by law. I appreciate you coming up here and voicing your concerns, it is a very hard thing to do.

Dr. McMahon: Mrs. Westover, I would love to meet with you, I am obviously, from this conversation, going to go the other way and talk to Dr. Saxton, the math and science student advisor, Dr. Donahue, to find the particulars. So if you could actually talk to Dr. Donahue. (The audience indicated they had spoken to Dr. Donahue). OK. I have never met with you, so Dr. Donahue might have assumed everything was working in the right direction. I can assure you that we will set up an appointment to meet with you. I have a daughter in high school and understand the need for math and science just as much as you do as a parent and an educator. We will work with our administrators and teachers and do the best we can.

Mrs. Mitchell: Anyone else to address the Board, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Jake Taylor, 106 Newark Road, Barnegat, NJ – I am glad you mentioned taxes, I had my reevaluation meeting today and I am still in shock. The reason I am up here is that I received a letter from your attorney on the inaccurate interpretation of my remarks on the money that went in the “Yes for Success”; I would like to clear it up.

First, I would like to read from an editorial on that money. This is from the Asbury Park Press, 4/26/05, “three architects under contract with the state school construction corporation to do some of the \$72M worth of work in the Barnegat District contributed \$16,100 of the \$17,950 that three school board members raised to win passage of the school construction referendum in January. If it wasn’t a violation of the law it should be. It was a blatant attempt by the architects to influence the outcome of the booth and an improper attempt by school board members to exploit the architects’ self-interest for their own ends.” At that time, these monies came in, I am pretty sure this is where the \$5,000 came in, from the Vaughn Collaborative on 1/3/05, \$5,000; KIS Architects on 12/22/04, \$1,400 and on 12/10/04, \$1,000. Thomas Architects 2/10/05 - \$1,500; Sam Tuzza, employee of Gilbane Construction, - \$5,000 on 1/6/05; Schoor DePalma \$2,200 on 12/15/04.

Now, I would like to read where some of these monies went. In your statement in your letter from your attorney you stated that this money was for the referendum, I beg to disagree. Here are some of the checks that you stated that the monies collected for school contractors were intended for the referendum campaign. A large portion of this money was spent on school board candidates for election, some of the checks according to the state records are: check 1014 to education excellence, \$3,000, 4/3/05; check 1018 made out to education excellence \$200 on 4/25/05 donation to candidates. There were three checks made out to Linda Mitchell, 6 Reno Court, check number 1004 on 1/21/05 for \$1,061.40; check number 1015 on 4/15/05 for \$137.50; there are other checks made out to education excellence and the campaign. That is all I am going to read. That is where the \$5,000 that I read in there is what I said at that meeting that went into the “Yes for Success” pack and then filtered down and went into the candidate’s election. These are state documents that I am quoting; \$16,000 was collected from contractors tied to the Barnegat School construction by these school board members and particularly and partially used to be elected to the Board of Education, this was wrong and should not be tolerated. Thank you.

Mr. Monahan: Mrs. Mitchell, it appears there is some dispute between you and Mr. Taylor, you have an attorney, he is quoting a letter from an attorney you have. I recommend the Board not respond to this, it is a private matter between you and Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. Mitchell: OK, thank you.

Dr. McMahon: I will also say that if there is confusion on what was said, Mr. Falkowski, the Board Secretary, raise your hand, has the actual verbatim minutes approved by the Board and can provide them if there is some confusion.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Anyone else? Mrs. Ray

Mrs. Ray: Karen Ray, 3 Sloop Court, I am speaking tonight as a parent and I just wanted to say this year my son tried out for the All South Jersey Concert Band, the Symphonic Band the first time as a high school student and he did make that band. I am not here to praise him but I am here to publicly thank the people who helped him. When he received that music in May he for the first time looked at a level of music he has never played before. He was up against students who have parents who are music teachers and playing since the age of 5, 6 or 7 and he started music in the sixth grade with Frank Constantine. Each year he has tried out for these things he made as a junior high school student, Frank spent an enormous amount of time with him preparing him for the try outs. This year he started with Mr. Gagnon, and I would like to thank Mr. Gagnon but because he was so busy with his marching band and drama, Anthony Orecchio stepped up to the plate. He is not Ted's music teacher but spent countless hours with him, practicing. He also sponsored Ted which required him to be at an all day and all night try out. He had to go and spend his time volunteering and also he spent time at a 9-5 rehearsal time helping out because he sponsored my son. I want to publicly thank him because he is not my son's music teacher but took the time to work with him because he feels the music program is important here as does Mr. Gagnon, who spent a lot of time with him as well. I feel the Board should know about these people, I thought about writing a letter, but it is a lot nicer to thank them in person because our music teachers put a great amount of time into our programs here and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Mr. Nichol had his hand up first; Mrs. Stanton will be next, thank you.

Mr. Stephen Nichol: Principal of Brackman School. I just wanted to bring everyone up to speed on what is happening at the Brackman School. I know everyone drives by everyday and sees another construction site, and that's what it looks like actually, but those of us who have been there since June have actually walked through the piles of dirt and everything, and there are a few people out there, thank you. We see a future, and we see a great future. Brackman School has not only been one of the best schools in Ocean County but also the State of New Jersey, academically, athletically and the arts. With that addition we see we can get even better, we are not going to be a silver school or a gold school, we are going to be a phenomenal school and we will be outstanding. The leadership not only fiscally that our Superintendent has shown today but also the support of everybody up here they are behind us and I not only thank you, but I think the entire community stands behind me and thanks you so I applaud all of you for that.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you for that. Mrs. Stanton?

Mrs. Stanton: Diana Stanton, 137 Venus Drive. Good evening. I know that some parents of juniors would like to know if there will be a senior trip next year. Have discussions been started?

Mrs. Mitchell: Mr. Saxton? I am sorry, Dr. Saxton, we really need to give Dr. Saxton a huge round of applause. You have to forgive me I have to get used to that.

Dr. Saxton: As a matter of fact I am so glad you brought this question up because we have been discussing what to do for the senior trip. We have been having ongoing discussion and we will have a conclusion shortly as soon as we do the kids will know and you will know as well.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Anyone else, yes.

Ms. Linda Steinbach: Taxpayer of Barnegat Township. I do not appreciate that Mr. Taylor can come up here and speak about a Board Member in regard to a check or checks that were written to her and imply something and not explain what the check was for and the Board can sit here and accept that. I don't like the implications. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: I can say it is a private matter between me and Mr. Taylor that is not the forum for it but it was brought up tonight, thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Anyone else? Mr. Kostka

Mr. Kostka: I would like permission to address as a parent, can I address from here rather than the podium.

Mrs. Mitchell: Any objections from the Board? No objections.

Mr. Kostka: 36 Anchor Road. As a Board member I see things fiscally, but as a parent I notice things as a parent. I was recently at the Dunfee School and I go to the other schools for plays, etc., but I was at the Dunfee School on Friday night and Mrs. Makela's fifth grade class did a fund raiser and talent show. We have phenomenal staff in all our schools, but as a parent I am sitting there thinking that the talent show went on and I would have to say that 50% of the staff, including Mrs. Makela, were there participating in the talent show on their own time and I want to thank all the staff for their dedication and their love for our children. They go above and beyond just their jobs; it is so much more and means so much to me as a parent that you love our kids that much and you would do that for them. Thank you.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you Mr. Kostka. Anyone else? May I have a motion to close Public Session? Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Sarno. All in favor, aye. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

At this time may I have Karen McKeon, District Supervisor, Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Saxton, Principal of Barnegat High School who will give us a presentation on the HSPA.

Dr. McMahon: One of the issues we have been on top of for this presentation of the Committee and the Board is the fact that I think some of the parents made a comment on tonight. The students will be taking the HSPA test which is an eleventh grade state test and we want to update the Board and the Community on the efforts that have gone on under Dr. Saxton's direct tutelage

of ninth and tenth grade. Now we have Mrs. McKeon in the Curriculum Department working in conjunction with Dr. Saxton to show you what we have done and intend to do to prepare students for that test.

Dr. Saxton: One of the things we tried to do from the beginning was to design success into our program at the high school and from the very first we started talking about the HSPA tests and making sure our students were adequately prepared. During that first year there are a number of things we did as a staff to do that. It was a building year, a starting year, which every year successively is built upon. The first thing we did was look at what those test items were going to be and because of the nature of our day and our schedule, teachers met in teams and their job was to go through the HSPA test and look at test items and find ways to incorporate that into their program. So that when the student encountered the HSPA test three years later down the road they would look at a test item and recognize it as something that actually grew out of what was happening in the classroom.

The teachers were asked when they were designing, especially mid-terms, to be sure that test items on those tests were formulated to look like test items on the HSPA. We also recognized a large component the freshman year had to do with writing so we found a program which specifically catered to developing students' fluency and how to get words down on paper. There is also a component on the test that deals with making corrections and every English teacher was required to do a daily task where the students had to correct a sentence and practice their editing skills. That was basically the building block in freshman year.

During the summer between ninth and tenth grade, I sat down with Kathy Makela who was at that time the ILA District Supervisor and Mary LaBruna. We came up with a way of focusing more of incorporating those elements and really assessing where our students were. So at the beginning of the tenth grade for the language arts teachers we developed an instrument where the teachers could take and assess a student's writing, identify their skills, look at the strengths and weaknesses and building a program that year that was specific to the needs of the students they had in that class. What happened later on that year was that we also developed in that summer assessments that were delivered throughout the year and as teachers provided those assessments for students in class the teacher would then look at strengths and weaknesses for the class and identify individual weaknesses to focus on making those corrections. This was why we were still maintaining the things we started as a freshman group.

Then in the math program we came up with, I believe we called it, "do-now"-assessments and they focused on the five different sections of the math standards that we are required to teach in the state of New Jersey and those were administered on every half day. The "do-now" assessments were given to the students at the beginning of each class on the half-day they are given a test and the teacher went back and analyzed it in a similar fashion. Again, just like in the English component, the ILA component, teachers had to look at class strengths and weakness and focus on individual things that needed attention to help our students to prepare for the upcoming HSPA. The wonderful thing about moving into the eleventh grade is now we have a full blown curriculum department who is able to step in and really work on gearing up getting our kids ready. I just want to say I am so privileged to work with Karen McKeon and the rest of the supervisors because they have been an asset to make sure our kids are adequately prepared,

superbly prepared, for the HSPA tests coming up. I would like to give you Karen McKeon at this time.

Karen McKeon: Welcome everyone and thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to share with you what we are doing at the high school. As Dr. Saxton has said the curriculum department as well as the office of Student Personnel Services are working very, very hard to prepare all of our 11th grade students, not only 11th grade, but 10th and 9th and all the way down to the elementary school students.

First of all, I would like to review a little bit about what we approached this past summer. We worked on HSPA, did reviews, and I am saying now is done not only at the high school level, but it is down also on the middle school and elementary level too. The major component at the high school level is that, unfortunately, and this is a state rule, that if the student does not pass HSPA the student cannot graduate. It is critical that not only are the teachers and the administration, the supervisors working together, but also the students are working with the teachers and the administration as well as the parents. So any parents out there, please just reiterate to your child that it is imperative that they do their homework every evening and do what they are supposed to be doing and I will go through a couple of things, a lot of things, we are doing.

So, we have the HSPA review binders created for science, ILA and Math. Also everything that is curriculum related is addressed and aligned to the NJ State standards. We also have AP and Honors classes offered here at the high school as well as CP, Academic and Plus classes. Again, the CP, Academic and Plus classes are aligned to the NJ core curriculum content standards. This past year what I did was I contacted Kaplan and for those of you who are out here and on the Board, because I know a couple of the Board members children are involved in the SAT Prep classes. The SAT Prep classes are working with students, we came together as a group and worked on that process, 75 students at the high school level are involved in the SAT Prep class. A new brochure for 11th grade parents will be sent out shortly to ask if they want to sign their child up for an SAT or ACT prep class in the spring. SAT and ACT tests are being administered in May and June and the Board of Education as well as Dr. McMahon graciously approved that each of the courses that the Board will pick up one-half the tab. I want to thank you on behalf the eleventh grade students and the parents, thank you very much, because it is a critical component for the college-bound process.

Specifically, open-ended responses and questions have been developed in each of those core content areas, the daily "do-nows" are done within the classroom setting. "Do-now" assessments are given in October and January and in May to see where the students fall and what areas they are deficient in. The curriculum department works diligently in the data analysis in each of those content areas. We are constantly analyzing and re-evaluating what we are doing in the classroom, as a curriculum department and sharing that information with the administration, the teachers and the students. The pre-HSPA assessment in those three areas, again, the science, math and language arts literacy are the three areas in which the students are being tested. This year science has been added to the HSPA exams and as a result we are faced with the challenge of preparing the students in the science area.

Test specs have been shared with teachers, frameworks have been shared with teachers, workshops, and professional development has been ongoing from the summer time. Teachers came in over the summer time and volunteered their time to participate in professional development. As I said the supervisors are working very, very diligently with everyone involved, and again I implore you if you have any questions regarding that please give me a call and I can possibly answer some of your questions if you have any concerns.

Each teacher has been given HSPA prep materials and that includes supplemental materials. We have coach books available, we analyze the test specs and one of the main components is to understand the format of the test. So, again, the teachers and the supervisors are reviewing the test taking strategies and also providing the teachers with the information to disseminate that information. We have the resource guide, we have the pacing and scope and sequence of each of those subject areas as well as all other subjects. We have to utilize the 2001 released test specs and the information that has been given to the supervisors and teachers and we share with them exactly what kind of strategy and techniques they need to employ in the classroom.

Open ended portfolios have been developed and we have an inventory needs assessment for each child. Our basic skills and our special needs population, NJ core curriculum content standards are addressed and, obviously, if they are above and beyond that point of reference then we share that information with them too as far as trying to challenge them each and every day in the classroom. Teachers are always trying to come up with creative and innovative ideas in the classroom to be sure we are motivating the students and trying to bring them to the next level. We have our course work that we are currently working on for the 2007-2008 school year, the course offerings for 12th grade and the ½ year elective program as well as the SAT prep classes that will be provided to the students here at the high school. Right now we have the evening SAT and ACT prep class and I have the opportunity to train 25 teachers in district if they sign up for it to prepare them for teaching SAT or ACT classes at the high school or during the adult education hours.

The Guidance Department administered PSATs and we now have a web-based program that the students, all 11th grade students, have access to. They each have a password, each of the teachers have a password, the teachers can print out, printer friendly copies, of reading, writing, math and science worksheets and also students can use this web-based program at home because they do have a password and that is www.studyisland.com and the student just needs to put their user name and password in and they could actually go through a mock HSPA pre-assessment and see where they fall. Also, what is great about the program is that they produce the documentation for each of the teachers and the teachers can access that and see how often your child is participating in that program. We also have that program for our basic skills and our special needs population and again this program is piloted in each of the schools this year, but next year it will be full blown but again because we know how critical the HSPA exam is for our high school students it is available to all eleventh grade students.

We have pep rallies planned for our eleventh grade students, we also at the ninth and tenth grade in March of this year, the week after HSPA examination week; we will be administering the NJ PASS which is aligned to the HSPA exam. Unlike the Terra Novas which we have used in the past, NJ PASS is what the State Dept is using and that is what they used for assessments five, six

and seven. So we had a change of action and we have gotten that information for the teaching staff; and those students in ninth and tenth grade will be administered that exam. As I said, the professional development for all the staff members and holistic scoring training which is actually producing the English teachers, social studies and again it is not just the information for the English teacher, but also social studies, math and science and math teachers are being trained in holistic scoring so they too can score your child's essays, picture prompts, will chart critical components to the HSPA exam.

Thank you very much, if you have any further questions, please give me a call.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you so much.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2006.
2. Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2006.

Under approval of Minutes may I have a Motion to approve numbers 1 and 2? Mr. Kostka made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernstein. Roll call please?

Mr. Sarno	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Houser:	Yes
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Ms. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Under correspondence, for the Board there are numerous letters in your packet and if you don't mind I will pull two out and read them. I think it is important for the public to hear. There is a letter dated November 13 from John and Wendy Buckley, Miss Barbara, the number 8 kindergarten buss driver has been phenomenal to them. They sent one of their children off to school for the first time and Miss Barbara's care and concern was a great comfort. She learns each child's name and recognizes the parents/caregiver who waits at the bus stop each day; the rules are explained and enforced in a kind manner. We greatly appreciate her enthusiasm, positive attitude, caring and energy she brings to the job. The Board would like to thank Miss Barbara for all the concern she gives to those students every day. Thank you.

Also, towards the back of the correspondence, Ms. Hulst and Ms Del Pretes class wrote a letter to some soldiers in Iraq and this is one letter I started reading. It went on and on and on and it was about five pages long and it was so nice that this soldier took all this time to write back to the students. I am just going to pull a couple of excerpts from it:

Dear Barnegat Township Students, I am writing this letter wishing all happy holiday season, you are all so thoughtful to take the time from your busy schedules to write to me during this holiday season especially to someone you do not know. I received all your cards and letters on New Year's Day it was the best gift I could have ever received. He goes on to explain he is military support where delivering jet fuel for all military aircraft. He goes on with about one, two, about six paragraphs over three pages explaining what he does to them. What he does with the vehicles everyday with the gasoline, he goes on to say after that, stay in school, concentrate, study as hard as you can, be success in life and be proud of yourselves and what you accomplish, you all deserve the best. He starts talking about the War in Iraq and hopes it ends soon. The Iraqi people will be able to get on with their lives very soon and can get back together and live in peace, I feel so bad for them, especially their future, their children having to go through al of this. I thank all of you kids again for such outstanding jobs that you do, I'll be ok, don't worry, peace, love, God Bless, Sincerely John Morrissey.

I read this several times and I thought it was really nice he took the time to do that. I thought it was very important to point that out. Thank you.

FINANCE - MOTIONS

1. MOTION TO RATIFY DECEMBER BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1634025.13, NOVEMBER PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2800284.50 AND NOVEMBER H/W CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,614.92 (DECEMBER CAFETERIA BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,684.29 ARE INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER BILL AMOUNT).
2. MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,331.69, DECEMBER PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,025,460.53 AND DECEMBER H/W CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,354.82 (JANUARY CAFETERIA BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,940.15 ARE INCLUDED IN THE JANUARY BILL AMOUNT).
3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY MAJOR ACCOUNT/FUND STATUS FOR NOVEMBER 2006.
4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS FOR NOVEMBER 2006.
5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS FOR NOVEMBER 2006.

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BALANCE SHEET (A148) MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR OCTOBER 2006.
7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE BALANCE SHEET (A148 & A149) MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR NOVEMBER 2006.
8. MOTION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.
9. MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR WEB HOSTING WITH SCHOOLWIRES.COM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,550.00.
10. MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYEE ASISTANCE SERVICES INSURANCE WITH COMPASS HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6.50 PER EMPLOYEE PER MONTH.
11. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OOD PLACEMENT, PAY TUITION AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AS NOTED FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR.

Barnegat

STUDENT	PLACEMENT	TUITION
DJB	Education Academy	\$17,035.20
BS	Alpha School	\$22,223.76

12. MOTION TO BID FOR CAFETERIA SERVICES FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2016.

With that, under Finance, may I have a Motion to approve items 1 -12 minus number 5? Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Kostka, is there any discussion? Roll Call please.

Mr. Sarno	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Abstain on 10, yes to all others
Mr. Houser	Abstain 9 and 10, yes to all others
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes.

EDUCATION - INFORMATION

1. [K-5 Curriculum Council Minutes – October 11, November 14, 2006 and December 13, 2006](#)

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6-8 Curriculum Council Minutes – November 1 and December 6, 2006
9-12 Curriculum Council Minutes – October 18, 2006

2. KIDS-ON-KAMERA

Barnegat Township Schools will again participate in Kids-on-Kamera thanks to the parent volunteers organized by Tisha Tompkins, PTA parent, and the cooperation of the Barnegat Police Department on the following dates:

February 20 & 21	LMDS	February 6	ROBMS
February 26	LMDS Make-ups	February 16	CSCS Make-ups

Notices will go home as all children participating in Kids-on-Kamera must have written permission from their parents. The schedule reflects a change in this program; half the schools will be done each year due to the time involved and the limited number of volunteers available.

3. READ ALOUD – March 2, 2007

Invited members of our community read stories to our children in Grades K-2.

4. Kindergarten Presentation:

Dr. Anthony Coletta will again be our keynote speaker for incoming kindergarten parents at the pre-registration at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 19, 2007 in ROBMS Auditorium.

Kindergarten Registration – April 24 and 25

5. Young Authors Conference for Grades K-2 – May 22 – Guest Speaker Lisa Funari-Willever

Young Authors Conference for Grades 3-5 – May 23 – Guest Speaker Ed Meyers
Young Authors Conference for Grades 6-8 – May 24 – Guest Speaker Sally Keehn

6. In 2003, New Jersey had launched a state-wide initiative to involve teachers and school districts in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification process.

Gaining national certification is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the teaching profession. Jean Collier pursued certification and was awarded recognition in 2006. Presently, another teacher has started the process of going through the support classes and will continue to pursue certification.

Interest in Board Certification is now growing in the County as other school districts (Lacey, Central and Toms River) also have teachers achieving certification.

7. Approve Hiring of Site Coordinator and Teachers for **Training** for Virtual High School Program as Approved at November 2006 Board Meeting

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Approve hiring the following site coordinator and teachers for training for the Virtual High School Program. The virtual high school program was approved at the November 2006 Board Meeting.

Cara Walters, Site Coordinator
Michael Bruno and Lesley-Ann Thomson, Teachers

8. It has been decided that the ninth and tenth grades will take the NJPASS test in SY06-07 rather than the Terra Nova

GRADE NINE AND TEN TESTING
New Jersey PASS -- For all ninth and tenth-grade students

March 12, 13, 14 and 15 Regular Testing (Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy)

March 19, 20, 21 and 22 Make-up Testing (Mathematics, Language Arts)

Mrs. Mitchell: Under Education Information, go down to number 6, please. I would like to read this:

In 2003, New Jersey had launched a state-wide initiative to involve teachers and school districts in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification process.

Gaining national certification is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the teaching profession. Jean Collier pursued certification and was awarded recognition in 2006. Presently, another teacher has started the process of going through the support classes and will continue to pursue certification. Is Jean here? Do you mind coming up?

Mr. Houser has a certificate for you, thank you so much.

Ms. Collier: Thank you. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. McMahon, the Board members, both present and past, Rosalind Roboto, Karen McKeon, Mary LaBruna, Colleen Scrimenti and the entire staff, students and parents including the PTA at the Horbelt School for allowing me the opportunity to pursue the National Board certificate. A special thank you for Louise Altomare and Fran Pierson for the technical assistance and the guidance and support from Nancy Prevot and Kathy Prisbell, especially Kathy Prisbell, I was able to become nationally board certified. Thank you for the honor and privilege of working with such wonderful people.

Dr. McMahon: Before the night is over if we could get a picture of you and Mr. Houser giving you the certificate that would be great, Mike has a camera in the back.

EDUCATION - MOTIONS

1. Motion To Approve Affirmative Action Officer Team For Comprehensive Equity Plan

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The Comprehensive Equity Plan requires that an Affirmative Action Officer Team be authorized to implement the plan over a three-year period of time, submit an annual Statement of Assurance of its implementation and progress, and complete the District Performance Review in the NSQSAC. The following individuals have been named to the team: Dr. Joseph T. Donahue, Sue Burgess, Michele Cucinotta, Joanne Lynch-Blaney, Brian Shanley and Helen Behrens.

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2. Motion to Approve Thomas Kostka, Board Member, to Governor's Teacher's Recognition Program Selection Committee

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A Board Member is needed to serve as a volunteer for the 2006-2007 School Year Governors' Teacher's Award Committee. This motion formalizes the selection process.

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3. Motion To Approve Half Day Schedule For Juniors At BHS During The Week Of HSPA Testing

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The testing schedule for New Jersey Statewide Assessments FOR SY 2006-07 was included in the October Board Education Information Section. It is being recommended that the Juniors at BHS come to school on a half-day schedule instead of full day during the week of March 5 through 8.

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Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion to approve items 1-3 please. Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Sarno. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

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

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Motion passes.

PERSONNEL – INFORMATION

1. NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT – BASIC SKILLS TEACHER – LMDS – SY 2006-2007

Ms. Elizabeth Selfridge, Basic Skills Teacher at the Dunfee School has submitted her letter of retirement effective February 15, 2007.

2. NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER – CSCS – SY 2007-2008

Ms. Barbara Mendola, Kindergarten Teacher at the Collins School has submitted her letter of retirement effective July 1, 2007.

3. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – BUSINESS TEACHER – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Mrs. Robyn Krueger, Business Teacher at Barnegat High School as submitted her letter of resignation effective January 31, 2007.

4. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN – SY 2006-2007

Mr. Curtis Ames, Full-time Custodian has submitted his letter of resignation effective December 6, 2006.

5. NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS ADVISOR – ROBMS – SY 2006-2007

Mr. Joseph Doviak, Interscholastic Sports Advisor has submitted his letter of resignation effective December 1, 2006.

6. NOTIFICATION OF MATERNITY LEAVES (5) – SY 2006-2007

The following teachers have submitted notification of maternity leaves for the 2006-2007 school year:

Barnegat High School

Barbara Quick, Math Teacher – effective January 2, 2007 – February 1, 2007

Jaime Malek, English Teacher – effective March 5, 2007 – May 11, 2007

Amber Moore, Social Studies Teacher – effective May 4, 2007 – June 30, 2007

Jennifer Wojciak, Spanish Teacher – effective May 14, 2007 – June 30, 2007

Cecil S. Collins School

Mrs. Michelle Lutcza, Third Grade Teacher - effective May 4, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Lillian M. Dunfee School

Kerinn Ruthven, Forth Grade Teacher – effective April 16, 2007 – October 31, 2007

7. NOTIFICATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY – FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE – SY 2006 – 2007

Mrs. Maria Fanizzi, Full-time Instructional Aide has requested a leave of absence without pay effective January 16, 2007 with a return-to-work date of February 12, 2007.

8. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITH PARTIAL PAY –TEACHERS (2) – BHS – SY 2006-2007

The following teachers at Barnegat High School have requested medical leaves of absence with partial pay for the 2006-2007 school year:

Mr. Gregory Ryan, Math Teacher – (12 days/pay) effective December 5, 2006 – January 23, 2007

Mrs. Diane Bove, Basic Skills Teacher – (7 days/pay) effective January 5, 2007 – January 26, 2007

9. NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY – FULL-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE – SY 2006-2007

Ms. Barbara Gray, Full-time Instructional Aide has requested a medical leave of absence with pay effective February 2, 2007 with a tentative return-to-work date of May 2, 2007.

10. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY – PART-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE – SY 2006-2007

Ms. Arlene Herczeg, Part-time Instructional Aide had requested a medical leave of absence without pay effective January 4, 2007 with a tentative return-to-work date of February 19, 2007. She is now requesting a medical leave of absence with partial pay (10.5 days/pay) effective January 11, 2007 with a tentative return-to-work date of March 12, 2007.

PERSONNEL - MOTIONS

1. APPROVE HIRING SUBSTITUTE SUPPORT STAFF (4) – SY 2006- 2007

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

Nikolina Lozito – Instructional Aide, Playground/Café Aide

Barbara Neuner – Instructional Aide, Library Tech, Playground/Café Aide

Laurie Passeti – Instructional Aide, Library Tech, Playground/Café Aide, Secretary

Rosemarie Kessinger - Instructional Aide, Library Tech, Playground/Café Aide, Secretary

2. APPROVE HIRING CASUAL PER DIEM BUS DRIVER – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve Vincent Palmieri as a Casual Per Diem Bus Driver for the 2006-2007 school year.

3. APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE STAFF (34) – SY 2006-2007

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

Certified Substitutes

Janet Brittain	Cheryl Colino	Eric Dunsmuir	Michele Leon	Peter Repoli
Roseann Carrano	Lynn Crespy	Russell Hobsen	Judith Johnson	Michele Steinmetz

Substitute Certificates

Jeffrey Brandt	Catlin Chadwick	James Florimont	Jennifer Jamie	Barbara Minetti
Jessica Casamento	Jaclyn Dandorf	Jamie Hickman	Michael Malley	Melissa Mooney

Applying for Substitute Certificate

Richard Concoran	Jeanette Imperiale	Felicia Massari	Melissa Shearer
Maureen Cudnik	Janice Kopps	Jennifer Pearson	Debra Teachen
Kathleen Hoyt	Michael Mannion	Michael Shaw	Elyse Winkle

Substitute Nurses

Deborah Cooney
Rhonda Daley

4. DENY BEA GRIEVANCE 06/07-1 LEVEL 3 – SY 2006-2007

Motion to deny BEA Grievance 06/07-1 Level 3 and uphold Superintendent and Legal Counsel's decision to deny.

5. APPROVE HIRING COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring Carrie Sterrs (Atkinson) as Communications Liaison for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: January 2, 2007. Salary: \$33,800 (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-000-230-100 Ext. 11245.

6. APPROVE HIRING FULL-TIME CUSTODIANS (4) – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following as Full-time Custodians for the 2006-2007 school year: GAAP: 11-000-262-100 Ext. 11294.

Jamie Breece. Salary: \$22,000 (pro-rated) + \$261 swing differential (pro-rated)
Christine Taris. Salary: \$22,000 (pro-rated) + \$391.50 – ¾ night differential (pro-rated)
Janet Scoppettuolo. Salary: \$22,000 (pro-rated) + \$522 night differential (pro-rated)
Robert Munoz. Salary: \$22,000 (pro-rated) + \$522 night differential (pro-rated)

7. APPROVE EMERGENT HIRE OF FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the emergent hire of John Kozak as Full-time Custodian for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: Emergent Date. Salary: \$22,000 (pro-rated) + \$261 swing differential (pro-rated). GAAP: 11-000-262-100 Ext. 11294.

8. APPROVE HIRING BASIC SKILLS TEACHER – LMDS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring Carrie-Anne Calaguire as Basic Skills Teacher for the Dunfee School for the 2006-2007 School year. DOE: February 1, 2007. Salary: \$43,148 (pro-rated) Step 1/MA. GAAP: 20-212-100-101 Ext. 11465.

9. APPROVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – LMDS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the following personnel for After School Activities for the Dunfee School for the 2006-2007 school year. Stipend: Overtime Contracted Rate. GAAP: 11-401-100-100 Ext. 11784.

Ask 3 Prep Advisor - Elizabeth Selfridge
Detention Monitors - Maria Delaporte, Laura Sarluca, Laura Arluna, Holly Carson,
Megan Myers & Susan Edwards

10. APPROVE PTA VOLUNTEER – LMDS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve Lisa Riggs as a PTA volunteer for the Dunfee School for the 2006-2007 school year.

11. APPROVE HIRING LITERARY CLUB ADVISOR – ROBMS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring Kathleen Prisbell as Literary Club Advisor for the Brackman School for the 2006-2007 school year. Stipend: \$1,000. GAAP: 11-120-100-101 Ext. 11364.

12. APPROVE HIRING HSPA/GEPA PREP AFTER-SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL – ROBMS/BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following personnel for HSPA/GEPA Prep After-School Assistance for the Brackman & Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Stipend: Overtime Contracted Rate. GAAP: 11-120-100-101 Ext. 11364.

ROBMS

Catherine Romano & Margaret Dunham – ILA
Tara Gianni – Science
Cheryl Migliacci & Mary Mitchell – Math

BHS

Jamie DelPrete, Lynne Clemente & Liz Hults – ILA

Brett Taylor & Dayna Angelozzi – Science
Emily Cherry & Maria Kastanis – Math

13. APPROVE HIRING INDEPENDENT STUDY FOR CALCULUS TEACHER – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to hire Maria Kastanis as Teacher Providing Independent Study for Calculus for Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. Stipend: Contracted Overtime Rate. GAAP: 11-000-221-110 Ext: 11563

14. APPROVE EMERGENT HIRE OF BUSINESS TEACHER – BHS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the emergent hire of Melissa Infurna as Business Teacher for Barnegat High School for the 2006-2007 school year. DOE: Emergent Date. Salary: \$42,640 (pro-rated) Step5/BA. GAAP: 11-140-100-101 Ext. 11369.

15. APPROVE PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE POSITION – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the position of permanent substitute at the elementary/middle/high school for the 2006-2007 school year:

Elementary

\$100/day + single benefits (maximum \$18,500 pay + \$6,150 benefits = \$24,650)

\$125/day without benefits (maximum \$22,500)

Middle/High School

\$125/day + single benefits (maximum \$22,500 pay + \$6,150 benefits = \$28,650)

\$150/day without benefits (maximum \$ 27,000)

16. RESCIND HIRING – ATHLETIC PERSONNEL – ROBMS – SY 2006-2007

Motion to rescind hiring the following as Athletic Personnel for the 2006-2007 school year:

Ms. Lauren Scheller, Assistant Track & Field Coach – effective January 11, 2007

Ms. Tara Gianni, Assistant Track & Field Coach – effective January 11, 2007

17. APPROVE HIRING ATHLETIC PERSONNEL – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following as Athletic Personnel for the 2006-2007 school year.

Brackman School. GAAP: 11-402-100-100 Ext. 11446

Joseph Romano: Interscholastic Sports Advisor. Stipend: Pro-rated Contracted Rate.

Assistant Track & Field Coach. Stipend: \$1,771
Lauren Ritter: Head Cheerleading Coach. Stipend: \$2,207
Assistant Track & Field Coach. Stipend: \$1,771
Meredith Walsh: Assistant Cheerleading Coach. Stipend: \$1,545
Assistant Track & Field Coach. Stipend: \$1,771
Tara Gianni: Head Track & Field Coach. Stipend: \$2,530
Patrick Ramsay: Assistant Track & Field Coach. Stipend: \$1,855
Kerri Gilsenan: Assistant Girls Softball Coach. Stipend: \$1,771

Barnegat High School. GAAP: 11-402-100-100 Ext. 11577

Brett Taylor: Assistant Softball Coach. Stipend: \$3,615
Jessica Casamento: Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach. Stipend: \$3,615

Event Staff. Stipend: \$40/event. GAAP: 11-402-100-100 Ext. 11577

Brandon Walsh

18. APPROVE HIRING ADULT SCHOOL PERSONNEL – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve the following personnel for the Barnegat Adult School for the 2006-2007 school year:

James Bohan	Beverly Jakalow	Susan Puder	St. Francis Family Services
Linda Brinley-McGlynn	Joan Kampo	Richard Sost	Bill Stage
Guiseppa D'Amore	Jenn Kretzer	Carol Speller	

19. APPROVE HIRING FAMILY MATH/SCIENCE PROGRAM PERSONNEL – SY 2006-2007

Motion to approve hiring the following personnel for Family Math/Science Program for the 2006-2007 school year:

GAAP: 11-120-100-100 Ext. 11364. Stipend: Contracted Overtime Rate

Leslie Farr, Jean Collier, Sarah Flynn & Cindy Ackerman

Mrs. Mitchell: May I have a Motion to approve items 1 through 19 under Personnel Motions?
Motion by Mrs. Lally, seconded by Mrs. Germano, Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Mr. Sarno	Yes
Mrs. Germano	Yes
Mr. Houser	Abstain on 4, yes to all others
Mr. Bernstein	Yes
Mr. Kostka	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Lally	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Yes

Mrs. Mitchell: Motion carried. Thank you, and with that we have some new hires here, I know Carrie Sterrs is here, she is our new Communications Liaison. Any other new hires, please stand, thank you and may I have a round of applause. Thank you for joining our family here. Thank you so much.

Dr. McMahon: We have Carrie-Anne Calaguire at the Dunfee School as well.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you. Under New Business I believe there is nothing and Mrs. Lally under old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lally: At the November Board meeting we had some requests from our administration to investigate some Board issues that were a concern to them. Mrs. Mitchell formed an Ad Hoc Committee, Board Operations Committee, that consists of myself, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Germano and the three of us have worked very, very hard over the last six weeks on this Committee and we will have a full report for you very, very shortly. But in the meantime, I would like to convey to each of the administrators that this Board of Education is in full support of them. We are truly fortunate to have each and every one of you in Barnegat and it is very important to us that you understand that is how we feel.

Mrs. Mitchell: Thank you, Mrs. Lally. Dr. McMahon anything else?

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. McMahon: Yes, just a couple of quick moments. For those of you here, you can see tonight we hired a new teacher, with that unfortunately for us it means someone is retiring. Beth is not here tonight am I correct? Beth Selfridge, a long time teacher at the Dunfee School, outstanding teacher, I have gotten to know here over the six years I have been here, not only an outstanding teacher, but an outstanding person. I think she embodies what this school district despite whatever differences the community might have, people might have, sticks up for the children. She is one of a kind and a wonderful lady, I will miss her, the administration will miss her and I am sure the kids will miss her. Even though she is not here, please give a round of applause for Beth, she is phenomenal.

Two quick items we did not go over in terms of district highlights, you will notice we were on television; the high school art program was on Classroom Close-Up on Channel 12, I believe it was, showing our work at a florist in Toms River was phenomenal event. I was there, a lot of the parents and teachers. It was wonderful.

Something else I am really proud of as well, maybe we did not win a state championship in a particular sport this year but the athletic officials in the Fall, the sports officials, gave us the Top Shelf Award for the behavior of our coaches for the fall sporting season which I think is something we teach students day in and day out which is an outstanding award for our coaches and hats off to them under the leadership of Mr. Germano, is he around? Congratulations, John.

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In terms of my contract, I do not want to speak to it too much, I am not looking for the bailiwick on it, basically when I heard the caps were going to be so tight next year for the budget, it gets a little complicated, but basically you are only allowed to spend so much no matter what your need or interest is. Linda Mitchell talked to me a couple of weeks ago, and the Board working together with me came up with a new contract tonight. I hope everyone understands the purpose of that is to keep the educational program the best that we can be and keep all the wonderful people we have working here, working here. I think in the six years I have been here, I am not going to tell you it was an easy road from the get-go. But you have some phenomenal people that work here and I think if we can all stick together in support of each other and the education of the children, which I think is what that contract is all about, we will continue to be the #1 place to raise kids in NJ. So hats off the Board, that was wonderful.

Last, but not least, Mr. Gagnon and his wife left, I am submitting a challenge, I will give the first donations to the Band Club of my own money to shave off his goatee, so Dr. Saxton if you please tell that to him that this is an approved Booster Club fundraiser, I will be the first donation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Barnegat Township Board of Education Regular Meeting will be held on March 28, 2007 at the Lillian M. Dunfee School at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mitchell: Does anyone have anything else? May I have a Motion to adjourn? Motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Sarno, all in favor. Aye.

Thank you all for coming out this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Falkowski
Board Secretary

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