CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 25, 2010

The agenda meeting of the Bergenfield Board of Education was called to order by President Amara at 7:07 PM.

A roll call indicated the following:

Present: Joseph Amara, President
Eileen Ryder, Vice President
Mark D'Esposito, Trustee
Ralph Messina, Trustee
Catherine Wada, Trustee

Also present: M. Kuchar, J. Dime, H. Sinatra, C. Tully

Statement of the President:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of this Board, except where specifically exempted by law, at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having same advertised in The Record on June 30, 2010; also notice of this meeting has been mailed to the members of the Board, the Borough Clerk, the Public Library, Bergenfield High School, Roy W. Brown Middle School, all Elementary Schools, and posted on the District Website on Friday, October 22, 2010."

Discussion of evening agenda.

Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Messina seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: 5 Yes 0 No

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – October 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the Bergenfield Board of Education was called to order by President Amara at 8:00 PM.

A roll call indicated the following:

Present: Joseph Amara, President
Eileen Ryder, Vice President
Mark D'Esposito, Trustee
Ralph Messina, Trustee
Catherine Wada, Trustee

Also present: M. Kuchar, J. Dime, H. Sinatra, C. Tully

Flag Salute:

President Amara led the Board and those in attendance in the salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Minute Approval:

Trustee Wada motioned and Vice President Ryder seconded to accept and approve as presented the minutes for The Executive Meeting of September 13, 2010, The Special Meeting of September 13, 2010 and The Regular Meeting of September 20, 2010.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

Verbal Comments: No Verbal Comments

Written Communication:

Trustee Wada moved and Trustee Messina seconded to accept and approve the following:

Thank you from The Nally Family.
Thank you from The Friends of Music.
Thank you from The Frangiosa Family.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools:

A. Personnel:

a. Trustee Messina moved and Vice President Ryder seconded to accept and approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

B. General Recommendations:

a. Trustee Messina moved and Vice President Ryder seconded to accept and approve the Special Education Services as per the attached list.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

b. Trustee D'Esposito moved and Trustee Messina seconded to accept and approve the 2009/2010 Report of Violence and Vandalism.

Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS)
Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism
District: Bergenfield Boro (District ID: 0300)
Reporting Year: 2009-2010

Section A: Count of Incidents by Reporting Category	
Violence	22
Vandalism	10
Weapons	4
Substance Abuse	0
Unduplicated Total	35
Section B: Cost of Vandalism	
Incidents involving cost to district	0
Total cost to district	$ 0
Section C: Actions Taken	
Police notified (no complaint)	0
Police notified (complaint filed)	1
In-School Suspension	2
Out-of-School Suspension	34
Expulsions, Unilateral Removals	0
Section D: Offenders and Victims	
Student Offenders	40
Student Victims	11
School Personnel Victims	0
Student Victims of Violent Criminal Offense	0
Section E: Program Provided upon Disciplinary Action	
Assignments, Instruction and/or Support Services	40
In-School Program	1
In-District Program	1
Home Assignment, Home Instruction	36
Out-of-District Program	3

Verbal: Are there any questions regarding the 2009/2010 Report of Violence and Vandalism?

No dialogue transpired and no comments were made regarding the chief school administrator's presentation on violence and vandalism.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

Trustee Wada moved and Vice President Ryder seconded to block vote motions c-l.

c. Motion to accept and approve the following Out-of-State Field Trips:

RWB Grade 6 to King Tut Exhibit at the Discovery Times Square Exposition on December 9, 2010 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. 250 students and 25 chaperones.

High School 10th & 12th grade AP Biology classes to Lake Success, NY on January 28, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. 26 students and 2 chaperones.

RWB 8th Grade Journalism Class to Columbia University, NY (Scholastic Press Association Workshops) on November 1, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 27 students and 2 chaperones.

UN Club to Grand Hyatt, NY to attend the Global Conferences at the UN from May 12-14, 2011 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. 20 students and 2 chaperones.

Model UN Club to City College, NYC on February 5, 2011 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. 20 students and 2 chaperones.

d. Motion to accept and approve the following curricula utilizing curriculum mapping:

HSPA 10 #868, revised by Sheryl Cherian
Geometry Honors #865, revised by Dana Hirstius
Plane Geometry #860, revised by Jessa Bembridge
Grade 8 Math #111, revised by Ann Marie Romeo
Grade 8 Math Paced #876, revised by Heather Finkelstein

e. Motion to accept and approve Conferences with Registration Fees over $150.00-NCLB Funding.

f. Motion to accept and approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

g. Motion to accept and approve the salaries encumbered through grants to reimburse the Board for the 2010-2011 school year as per the attached list.

h. Motion to accept and approve the first reading of Policy # 4420, Benefits.

i. Motion to accept and approve that the Bergenfield Board of Education approves Shared Services for student evaluations and related services to be contracted with Region V on an as needed basis. The Board approves all shared services agreements for the 2010-2011 school year.

j. Motion to accept and approve Dr. Janice Dime as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2010-2011 school year.

k. Motion to accept and approve the District Goals for 2010-2015.

l. Motion to accept and approve Bergenfield's participation in a Teach American History Grant- Profiles and Perspectives in American History for 3 years through a consortium of districts at the Hermitage. Participating teachers: James Orlando and Nicholas Fernandez will receive a stipend of $3,300 for their participation in this grant.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motions were passed.

m. Trustee Wada moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to accept and approve the following Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Aaron R. Graham, Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, Dr. Aaron R. Graham, is retiring after more than forty-one years in education as a science teacher, educational specialist and educational planner, assistant director of curriculum and instruction, assistant professor, county superintendent of schools, and executive county superintendent of schools; and,

WHEREAS, he has always put the interests of children first in each capacity in which he has served; and,

WHEREAS, as Bergen County Superintendent of Schools, he has continually exhibited intellect, fairness, understanding, diligence, selflessness, and responsibility in the conduct of that office; and,

WHEREAS, he has provided great leadership, support, and guidance for each Bergen County district and its constituents; and,

WHEREAS, he is the consummate professional who has earned the respect, admiration, and affection of the entire educational community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bergenfield Board of Education, on behalf of its administrators, faculty, staff, and residents congratulates Dr. Graham on his magnificent career and wish for him a long retirement during which he and his family will experience only the kindness, generosity, and love which he has given to others these many years.

RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to Governor Christopher Christie, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Acting Commissioner of Education Rochelle R. Hendricks, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, State Senator Kevin O'Toole, Assemblyman David Russoand Assemblyman Scott Rumana; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Association of School Officials, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was unanimously passed.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business:

A. Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Wada seconded to accept and approve the Tuition Contracts for the 2010/2011 school year as per the attached list.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

B. Trustee Wada moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to accept and approve the Tuition Contracts with Bergen County Special Services for the 2010/2011 school year as per the attached list.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: Vice President Ryder

The motion was passed.

Trustee Wada moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to block vote motions C-E.

C. Motion to accept and approve the Use of Facilities as per the attached list.

D. Motion to accept and approve the following gifts:

325 auditorium seats from Englewood Hospital and Medical Center.

The Friends of Music has donated a dogwood tree in the amount of $165.00 to replace the tree that was originally planted in memory of two former students who died tragically.

As part of this motion the Board Secretary will send a thank you letter.

E. Motion to accept and approve Staples, state contract # 77249, as a vendor for the 2010/2011 school year.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motions were passed.

F. Trustee Messina moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to accept and approve DiCara/Rubino for the Extended Contract Administration Phase of the Solar Panel Project accepted May 10, 2010.

Voting YES: None
Voting NO: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Abstaining: None

The motion was not passed.

G. Trustee Messina moved and Trustee Wada seconded to accept and approve DiCara/Rubino for the Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Trading option which is a part of the Solar Panel Project accepted May 10, 2010.

Voting YES: None
Voting NO: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Abstaining: None

The motion was not passed.

Trustee D'Esposito moved and Trustee Wada seconded to block vote motions H-K.

H. Motion to accept and approve that the Bergenfield School District does not require Concordia Learning Center at St. Joseph's School for the Blind to charge for meals during the 2009-2010 school year.

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J. Motion to accept and approve the students whose names are on file for the New Jersey Model Employer/Agency Agreement For Unpaid, School-Sponsored Structured Learning Experiences.

K. Motion to accept and approve the renewal subscription with Renaissance Learning Inc. for the following software programs at a cost of $13,181.51 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motions were passed.

L. Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Wada seconded to accept and approve the following resolution:

Whereas**,** the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas**,** the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Bergenfield Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas**,** all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved**,** that the Bergenfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Bergenfield Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

M. Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Wada seconded to accept and approve Bergenfield Board of Education will participate in the MOESC purchasing cooperative for the acquisition of laser toner and fax toner cartridges. The district agrees to abide by the award of contract made by the MOESC. The district agrees to pay an administrative fee of $50 per year for this two year bid.

The Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission will prepare bid and/or quote specifications for laser and fax toner based upon information provided by participating districts.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

Trustee Wada moved and Vice President Ryder seconded to block vote motions N-U.

N. Motion to accept and approve the anticipated increase of $10,000 in revenues from fees collected for the kindergarten program and increase the budget expenditure line numbers 11-110-100-101-05-201 by $5,000.00 and 11-190-100-610-10-203 by $5,000.00.

O. Motion to accept and approve the voiding of the following check #'s: #262314 for $38.78, #262361 for $143.33, #263463 for $129.15, #265072 for $552.19, #265073 for $283.52, #265782 for $1,650.30, #266060 for $1,655.11 and #266606 for $1,389.36. The total amount in voided checks is $5,841.74.

P. Motion to accept and approve Christopher Tully as the Right to Know Officer for the 2010-2011 school year.

Q. Motion to accept and approve Christopher Tully as the Chemical Hygiene Officer and Plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

R. Motion to accept and approve Christopher Tully as the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator and IPM Plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

S. Motion to accept and approve Christopher Tully as the Indoor Air Quality Designee for the 2010-2011 school year.

T. Motion to accept and approve Christopher Tully as the Asbestos Management and PEOSA Officer/Coordinator for the 2010-2011 school year.

U. Motion to accept and approve the Emergency Operations Plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motions were passed.

Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Wada seconded to block vote motions V-c.

V. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Bergenfield Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") is in possession of certain personal property that, from time to time, may no longer be necessary for school purposes; and
WHEREAS, the Board is required, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45, to dispose of such property at a public sale if the estimated fair value of the property to be sold exceeds fifteen percent of the bid threshold; and
WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has entered into a contract with GovDeals, the entity operating www.govdeals.com, a website that allows public entities to dispose of such personal property through online auctions; and

WHEREAS, the Board is permitted, through N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10, to make purchases through state contracts without advertising for bids; and
WHEREAS, the Board believes it is its best interests to enter into an agreement with GovDeals for the disposal of such property;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to utilize www.govdeals.com for the disposal of personal property that is no longer necessary for school purposes, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator and Board President to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that no bids are received for any personal property that the Board attempts to sell on www.govdeals.com, the School Business Administrator may dispose of such property by way of private sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45.d, by way of donation to a non-profit entity if there are no buyers interested through a private sale, or to discard of the property if no non-profit entities are interested in the property.

W. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of items to be sold on govdeals.com.

X. Motion to accept and approve sending Jeff Morin to Infinite Campus training November 15-19, 2010 in Hauppauge, NY at the following cost to be paid by grant money:
Conference - $2,500.00, Hotel - $440.00, Mile reimbursement - $32.86, Meals at GSA perdiem rates and tolls.

Y. Motion to accept and approve Systems 3000 proposal for payroll services at a cost of $13,175.00.

Z. Motion to accept and approve the Business Administrator to advertise bid for financing of district copy machines.

a. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of phone numbers to MetTel at a monthly savings of $145.54.

b. Motion to accept and approve the Inter-Account Transfers relating to the IDEA Grant as per the attached list.

c. Motion to accept and approve the General Fund Inter-Account Transfers as per the attached list.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motions were passed.

Report and Recommendations of Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

Trustee Wada moved and Trustee Messina seconded to accept and approve as presented:

A. The Secretary's Report of Cash Balances as of July 31, 2010 reflecting an available balance of $6,071,319.50 and the Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of July 31, 2010 reflecting an available balance of $6,071,319.50.

B. Vouchers for payment in September 2010 #13715 through #13717, #13965 through #13983, #13985 through #13986, #13990 through #14471 and #9102010 in the total amount of $5,728,483.68.

C. The following motion:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of September 30, 2010 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of September 30, 2010, after review of the District's monthly financial reports no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Voting YES: Trustee D'Esposito, Trustee Messina, Trustee Wada, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

Verbal Comments: President Amara opened the verbal comments at 8:45 PM.

Lucia Budhai – 18 Pelham Place

Commented that she did not like the way the open house was scheduled this year at Roy W. Middle School.

Verbal Comments closed at 8:47 PM.

Adjournment:

Trustee Wada moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Voice Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

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