CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 1, 2010

The agenda meeting of the Bergenfield Board of Education was called to order by President Amara at 6:30 PM.

A roll call indicated the following:

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

Absent: Catherine Wada, Trustee

Also present: M. Kuchar, H. Sinatra, T. Egan, 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 March 26, 2010; also notice of this meeting has been mailed to the members of the Board, the Borough Clerk, Bergenfield High School, Roy W. Brown Middle School, all Elementary Schools, and posted on the District Website on Friday, March 26, 2010."

Discussion of the evening agenda.

The agenda meeting closed at 7:55 PM.

VOICE VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Bergenfield Board of Education was called to order by President Amara at 6:45 pm.

A roll call indicated the following:

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

Absent: Catherine Wada, Trustee

Also present: M. Kuchar, H. Sinatra, T. Egan, C. Tully

Flag Salute:

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

Statement of the President:

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Minute Approval:

Trustee Messina moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to accept and approve the minutes for The Discipline Meeting of February 8, 2010, The Executive Meeting of February 8, 2010, The Regular Meeting of February 22, 2010 and The Budget Workshop of February 24, 2010.

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

The motion was passed.

Written Communication:

Trustee Messina moved and Vice Pesident Ryder seconded to accept and approve the following correspondence:

Thank you from The Carroll Family
Thank you from The Strohmeyer Family

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

The motion was passed.

Verbal Comments: No Verbal Comments

Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools:

A. Personnel:

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

The motion was passed.

B. General Recommendations:

Trustee Messina moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to block vote motions B-a – B-g.

a. Motion to accept and approve the Special Education Services.

b. Motion to accept and approve the Kindergarten Enrichment Program beginning September 2010. All cost to be born by the parents as outlined in the attached.

c. Motion to accept and approve Registration Fees over $150.00 for Special Ed.

d. Motion to accept and approve Registration Fees over $150.00 for NCLB Funding.

e. Motion to accept and approve the attached changes to the middle school program for the 2010-2011 school year.

f. Motion to accept and approve the Summer 2010 Enrichment Programs and Use of Facilities.

g. Motion to accept and approve the second reading of the following Policies:

Policy # 8461, Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse
Policy # 0142.1, Nepotism
Policy # 0174, Legal Services
Policy # 0177, Professional Services
Policy # 1570, Internal Controls
Policy # 1620, Administrative Employment Contracts
Policy # 6360, Political Contribution
Policy # 3351, Healthy Workplace Environment (Teaching Staff Members)
Policy # 4351, Healthy Workplace Environment (Support Staff)
Policy # 4431.1, NJ Family Leave Insurance Program
Policy # 5338, Diabetes Management
Policy # 5533, Pupil Smoking
Policy # 6111, Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
Policy # 6471, School District Travel
Policy # 6660, Student Activity Fund
Policy # 7434, Smoking on School Grounds
Policy # 9700, Special Interest Groups

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

The motions were passed.

Trustee Messina moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to block vote motions B-h – B-m.

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

High School Wind Ensemble to Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, NYC on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. 45 students and 3 chaperones

Lincoln School, Grades K, 1, 2, & 3 Self Contained Class to NY Aquarium in NYC on May 14, 2010 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. 9 students and 4 chaperones

Lincoln School, 3rd Grade to Museum of Natural History in NYC on Thursday, May 27, 2010 from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. 55 students and 12 chaperones

High School, Spanish 4 & 4 Honors to Repertorio Espanol in NYC on March 24, 2010 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. 25 students and 2 chaperones

Jefferson School, 1st Grade to Lower Hudson Valley Challenger Center, NY on Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 8:45 am to 1:30 pm. 37 students and 7 chaperones

Model UN Club, to UN Grand Hyatt Hotel, NY on May 13th – May 15th, 2010. 13 students and 1 chaperone

Lincoln School, 5th Grade to Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island on June 7, 2010 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 83 students and 15 chaperones

i. Motion to accept and approve the NCLB FY 2009 Final Report and Carryover into the FY 2010 in the amounts of:

Title I	$	53,273
Title II A	$	1,108
Title III	$	252
Title III Immigrant	$	2,500
Title IV	$	652

j. Motion to accept and approve the IDEA FY'08-09 allocation in the amounts of $889,269 Basic and $42,833 Preschool.

k. Motion to accept and approve the IDEA FY'08-09 Carryover in the amounts of $84,725 Basic and $5,031 Preschool.

l. Motion to accept and approve the Reimbursements from Grants to Salaries and Benefits as per the attached list.

m. Motion to accept and approve the attached Affiliation Agreement between The Bergenfield Board of Education and Seton Hall University.

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

The motions were passed.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business:

Trustee D'Esposito moved and Trustee Messina seconded to block vote motions A – D.

A. Motion to accept and approve the Tuition Contracts for the 2009/2010 school year as per the attached list.

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

C. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bergenfield Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") advertised for bids for the Boiler Replacement at Hoover Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2010, the Board received bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid for the Project was submitted by H. Buscafuso, LLC d/b/a United Welding & Plumbing with a base bid in an amount of $112,900; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by the low bidder is responsive in all material respects and it is the Board's desire to award the contract for the Project to H. Buscafuso, LLC d/b/a United Welding & Plumbing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Boiler Replacement at Hoover Elementary School Contract to H. Buscafuso, LLC d/b/a United Welding & Plumbing in the amount of $112,900.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bond as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

D. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the New Jersey Department of Education requires school districts to create a county and local distance learning and technology plan, and

WHEREAS each local school district must establish a committee representing all stakeholders and

WHEREAS district-wide plans must include the following components:

- educational goals and measurable outcomes;
- implementation strategies, including integrating activities and sharing resources;
- staff development activities;
- planned expenditures including hardware/software, line charges, and maintenance;
- provisions for acquiring, connecting and maintaining equipment for the distance learning activities;
- evaluation plan; and
- a description regarding how the distance learning technology is to be integrated with existing curriculum and technology activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bergenfield Board of Education does hereby make a firm commitment to the implementation of the Bergen County and the

Local Distance Learning and Technology Plans and the continuous support of the implementation of these plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board does hereby approve the Bergenfield Technology Plan and authorizes the District Superintendent to submit the plan to the County Superintendent by April 1, 2010

This is subject to further action as may be directed by the Board.

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

The motions were passed.

E. Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee Messina seconded to accept and approve change order 2 with Turco Golf, Inc. for the Athletic Field realignment Project. The amount of the change order is $13,613.31.

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

The motion was passed.

Trustee D'Esposito moved and Trustee Messina seconded to accept and approve motions F & G.

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

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

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

The motions were passed.

Report and Recommendations of Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

Vice President Ryder moved and Trustee D'Esposito seconded to accept and approve as presented:

A. The Secretary's Report of Cash Balances as of January 31, 2010 reflecting a balance of $8,185,982.94 and the Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of January 31, 2010 reflecting a balance of $8,185,982.94.

B. Vouchers for payment in February 2010 #11933 through #11935, #12252 through # 11269, #12273 through # 12499, #'s 2092010, 2242010, 2252010, 2262010 and 2282010 in the total amount of $5,294,579.97.

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 February 28, 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 February 28, 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, Vice President Ryder and President Amara
Voting NO: None
Abstaining: None

The motion was passed.

Verbal Comments: No Verbal Comments.

Adjournment:

Trustee Messina moved and Vice President Amara seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Voice Vote: 4 Yes 0 No

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