

White Township Board of Education Minutes

April 27, 2009

Members Present

The Annual Reorganization and the Regular meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date with the following members in attendance: Mr. Gary Meddaugh, Mr. Steve Muscat, Mr. Nelson Abrams, Mr. Ron Buckenmyer, Mrs. Tracy Rowe, Mr. Frank Panetta, Mr. Dave Rader and Mrs. Chanda Collom. Mrs. Anne Skoog arrived at 7:35 pm. Mrs. Linda Heilman, CSA and Mrs. Donnamarie Palmiere, SBA were also present. There were four members of the public.

Open Public Meetings Act

Mrs. Palmiere opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to The Star Gazette, The Express-Times and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Swearing in of New Members

Mrs. Palmiere swore in the newly elected board members: Mr. Gary Meddaugh, Mr. David Rader and Mrs. Tracy Rowe.

Result of School Election

Mrs. Palmiere reported the results of the school election

Members of the Board of Education: for Full 3 Year Term:

David Rader	263
Tracy Rowe	247
Gary Meddaugh	262

The vote for the General Fund Tax Levy:

Yes	193
No	169

Election of Officers

Mrs. Palmiere asked for nominations for President of the Board of Education. There was a motion by Mr. Buckenmyer and a second by Mr. Rader to nominate Mr. Meddaugh as President.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mr. Abrams to close the nominations.

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Abrams – Aye
Mr. Buckenmyer – Aye
Mrs. Collom - Aye
Mr. Meddaugh – Aye

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Mr. Muscat – Aye
Mr. Panetta – Aye
Mr. Rader - Aye
Mrs. Rowe - Aye
Mrs. Skoog – Not Present

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

NEW PRESIDENT PRESIDES

Mr. Meddaugh asked for nominations for Vice President of the Board. There was a motion by Mr. Panetta and a second by Mr. Rader to elect Mr. Buckenmyer as Vice President, but due to a conflict with his work schedule, Mr. Buckenmyer declined. There was a motion by Mr. Muscat and a second by Mr. Panetta to nominate Mr. Rader as Vice President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Collom and seconded by Mr. Abrams to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Abrams – Aye
Mr. Buckenmyer – Aye
Mrs. Collom - Aye
Mr. Meddaugh – Aye
Mr. Muscat – Aye
Mr. Panetta – Aye
Mr. Rader - Aye
Mrs. Rowe - Aye
Mrs. Skoog – Not present

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mrs. Collom to adopt the present curriculum, including Scope and Sequence, and textbooks, as previously adopted.

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

Mrs. Skoog arrives at 7:37 PM

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to adopt all previous Board Policies.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to name Donnamarie Palmiere as Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

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A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Collom to name Kathleen R. Reinalda as Treasurer of School Monies.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mr. Abrams to name William M. Colantano, Jr., P.C. as Board Auditor.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Collom to name William J. Gold as Board Attorney.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mr. Abrams to name Dr. Ana Gomes as School Physician.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. Collom to name David Hartung as Attendance Officer.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mr. Rader to approve the following companies, because of the nature of their expertise making it impossible to write bidding specifications:

- Insurance Agent of Record (Presently Brown & Brown)
- Computerized Payroll Services (Presently R & L)

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Collom to adopt the following resolution:

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of White on April 27, 2009, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:9-9, the First Hope Bank be and is hereby designated as depository of the above-mentioned school district's public monies as herein set forth and that the Fleet Bank may be designated as depository for investment funds relating to any capital project building fund.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mrs. Collom to adopt the following dates for meetings for the coming year for the Board of Education. Meetings will begin at 7:30 PM. (Normally the 4th Monday of the month except for *noted exceptions.)

*5/18/09	8/24/09	11/23/09	2/22/10
6/22/09	9/28/09	*12/21/09	3/22/10
7/27/09	10/26/09	1/25/10	4/26/10

Also, to designate the Municipal Building as the official posting place for notices of meetings and to designate The Star Gazette and The Express-Times as the official newspapers of the District.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

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A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to appoint Mr. Dave Rader to serve as White Township representative on the Belvidere Board of Education pursuant to Chapter 8, P.L. 1995.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to empower the Chief School Administrator and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the budget pursuant to policies and regulations of the State and Local Board.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Collom to appoint Mrs. Patricia Meyers as the Records Custodian for Student & Personnel Records. (Required by Open Public Records Law)

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to adopt the White Township School Security and Emergency Plan.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to appoint the Board Secretary/Business Administrator as Purchasing Agent and Public Agency Compliance Officer and to authorize her to prepare advertisements, advertise for and receive bids and award contracts pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3a, 7a and 37a for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to appoint Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser as Affirmative Action Officer for the 2008-2009 School Year

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mrs. Collom to appoint Mrs. Barbara Eastman as 504 Compliance Officer for the 2009-2010 School Year

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Rowe and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve purchasing for the 2009-2010 School Year through the State Contract vendors.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mrs. Collom to appoint Mrs. Donna Palmiere as the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the 2009-2010 School year.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to appoint Mr. Dave Hartung as the Right to Know Officer for the 2009-2010 School year.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mr. Muscat to appoint Mrs. Donna Palmiere as the School Alliance Fund Commissioner.

And be it Further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1.) Brown & Brown (Fund Commissioner)
- 2.) School Alliance Insurance Fund

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

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A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mr. Rader to designate the Board President, Board Treasurer and Board Secretary/Business Administrator as authorized signers on the Payroll Account, General Custodian Account, Payroll Agency Account and the Cafeteria Account

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Collom to approve travel expenditures for the Chief School Administrator and the Business Administrator to attend training programs, seminars, workshops and monthly Association meetings.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

MOTION TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENSE

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mr. Buckenmyer;

WHEREAS, the White Township School District policies 0147, 3440, and 4440, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the Annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2009-2010 school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2009-2010 school year at the sum of \$7,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mr. Abrams to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 Regular and Executive meeting and the March 30, 2009 Special Budget meeting.

March 23, 2009 Regular and Executive meeting:

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 1(Tracy Rowe) Motion Carried

March 30, 2009 Special Budget Meeting:

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 1(Anne Skoog) Motion Carried

Correspondence

None

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Open Public Comment

Mr. Abrams commented that during practice for the musical the back doors of the gym were left open and the front doors were unlocked. Mrs. Heilman commented that the front doors should be locked and the air conditioning was not turned on so the doors were probably open for ventilation. Mr. Panetta noticed that there was a car parked on the field near the playground over the weekend. He was concerned as to how the car wound up on the grass because the gate should be locked. Mr. Meddaugh asked the board members to take notice on the weekend to see if there are cars parked on the grass and if there are to take a ride on Titman Road to see if the gate has been left open. Also, a letter of appreciation will be written to Dr. Fritz for his many years of service to the children of White Township.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee – Mr. Buckenmyer reported that the personnel committee met and an Executive Session is needed to discuss staff rehires/renewals/non-renewals and the evaluation of the CSA.

Transportation – Mr. Muscat reported that Mr. Ippolito spoke to Mrs. Meyers and informed her that Brass Castle Road was going to be paved soon. He would like the Board of Education to write a letter to the Board of Freeholders requesting the area that has been a concern to be changed to a “No Passing Zone”

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mr. Abrams to compose a letter to the Warren County Board of Freeholders to support a “No Passing Zone” on Brass Castle Road.

The motion was amended by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mr. Abrams to take this issue to the Transportation Committee for further research.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

Policy –Mr. Buckenmyer reported that the policy committee needs to meet to discuss new policies.

Finance – Mr. Meddaugh stated that the district will receive \$134k in Stimulus funds but it is still unclear as to how it can be spent. He also mentioned that the district has lost \$12,094 in state aid.

Curriculum –No report.

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Panetta informed the Board that Coopersmith Brothers repaired the concrete ramp during the spring recess, but the concrete is splattered on the doors again and on the railings. The railings have some pit marks in them as well. Mrs. Palmiere told the Board that she would notify Coopersmith Brothers to resolve these issues. He also told the Board that he has set up a meeting next month with Mrs. Heilman and Chief Reilly to discuss the school security plan. He reported that the bid

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opening for the window project will take place on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00. Mr. Panetta also mentioned the emergency lights that were supposed to be installed by DeLucca Electric and said there was a communication problem in trying to set up dates. Mrs. Heilman will call DeLucca Electric and arrange for the work to be done.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

Public Relations – No report.

Special Services - No report.

Planning/Expansion – No report.

BHS –No report.

Planning Board – No report.

Old Business

Mrs. Skoog asked about the Spanish curriculum and Mrs. Heilman informed the Board that there was a Spanish placement test on 5/18/09.

New Business

None

CSA REPORT

ITEM #1 – DISTRICT ENROLLMENT (4/20/2009)

Enrollment February 17, 2009	399
Transferred In	1
Transferred Out	0
Enrollment March 17, 2009	400

ITEM #2 – CLASSROOM ENROLLMENT (4/20/2009)

Kdg-AM – Williams	17 (1)
Kdg-PM – Williams	13
LLD K-2 – Werner	4
LLD 3-5 – Rosano	5
LLD 6-8 - Sypniewski	6
Grade 1 – May	17
Grade 1 – Rohaly	16 (1)
Grade 2 – Barofski	19 (2)
Grade 2 – Marsh	24
Grade 3 – Bellfy	18
Grade 3 – Brundage	17
Grade 3 – Fleming	15 (2)
Grade 4 - DeCesare	19
Grade 4 – Giffels	19

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Grade 5 - Bowers	19
Grade 5 – Hawk	16 (3)
Grade 6 - Hutchison	17 (3)
Grade 6 - Nobile	20
Grade 6 - Wheatley	19
Grade 7 - LaBar	22
Grade 7 - Mulligan	21 (2)
Grade 8 - Fraunfelter	19
Grade 8 - Skirbst	18 (1)
Grade 8 - White	20
TOTAL	400

ITEM #3 – DISTRICT ATTENDANCE (3/31/09)

Total Days Possible	8379.0
Total Days Present	8015.0
Total Days Absent	364.0
Average Daily Enrollment	399.00
Average Daily Attendance	381.67
Student Rate of Attendance	95.66%

ITEM #4 – BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (2/28/09)

	General Ed	Special Education	
Grade 9	45	5	
Grade 10	36	12	
Grade 11	39	9	
Grade 12	35	7	
TOTAL	155	33	(188)

ITEM #5 - SPECIAL SERVICES PLACEMENTS (3/31/09)

Belvidere Preschool	1
Allamuchy Township School	1
Greenwich Township Preschool	1
Harmony Township Preschool	5
Hope Township Preschool	6
Hunterdon Learning Center	1
Knowlton Twp. Pre-School	3
Midland School	1
Special Children’s School	1
Somerset Hills	1
Stepping Stone	1
Warren County Spec. Services	
Franklin Township	2
Warren Tech	1
TOTAL	25

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ITEM #6 – WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL (3/31/09)

Grade 12	4
Grade 11	8
Grade 10	6
Grade 9	12
Total	30

ITEM #7 – APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Chief School Administrator and Local Professional Development Committee recommended approval of the district's 2009-2010 Professional Development Plan as approved by the Warren County Professional Development Board. (LPD Committee members are: Miss Melissa Barofski, Mrs. Barbara Eastman, Mrs. Alison Walsh, Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser and Mrs. Linda Heilman. This plan was approved for submission in January 2009.)

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mr. Abrams to approve the district's 2009-2010 Professional Development Plan as approved by the Warren County Professional Development Board. (LPD Committee members are: Miss Melissa Barofski, Mrs. Barbara Eastman, Mrs. Alison Walsh, Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser and Mrs. Linda Heilman. This plan was approved for submission in January 2009.)

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #8– ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT

The Chief School Administrator recommended acceptance of the retirement of Mrs. Diane Giffels effective July 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Diane Giffels effective July 1, 2009.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #9 – APPROVAL OF CENTENARY COLLEGE PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of the following fall practicum assignments (one day per week beginning August 25, 2009) for two students from Centenary College:

Miss Shannon Doyle (Oxford, NJ) with Mrs. Linda Fleming, Grade 3
Mrs. Robin Montgomery (Hackettstown, NJ) with Mrs. Elaine Rohaly, Grade 1

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A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve the following fall practicum assignments (one day per week beginning August 25, 2009) for two students from Centenary College:

Miss Shannon Doyle (Oxford, NJ) with Mrs. Linda Fleming, Grade 3
Mrs. Robin Montgomery (Hackettstown, NJ) with Mrs. Elaine Rohaly, Grade 1

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #10 – APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of the following substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year:

Ms. Stephanie Bolen - Wind Gap, PA
Ms. Kaitlin Cox - Belvidere, NJ
Mr. John Dumschat - Belvidere, NJ

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mr. Rader to approve the following substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year:

Ms. Stephanie Bolen - Wind Gap, PA
Ms. Kaitlin Cox - Belvidere, NJ
Mr. John Dumschat - Belvidere, NJ

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Abrams – Aye
Mr. Buckenmyer – Aye
Mrs. Collom - Aye
Mr. Meddaugh – Aye
Mr. Muscat – Aye
Mr. Panetta – Aye
Mr. Rader - Aye
Mrs. Rowe - Aye
Mrs. Skoog – Aye

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #11 – APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of the following field trips:

Grade Three Warren County Library
June 12, 2009 9:00 AM – 11:45 AM (no cost)

“Junior Solar Sprints” winners at 5th, 7th & 8th grades – Great Meadows Middle School
May 19, 2008 (rain date May 26, 2008) 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
(no cost)

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Grade Five Millbrook Village, Delaware Water Gap National Park
May 22, 2009 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (no cost)
(This is a change from Merrill Creek Reservoir)

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mr. Muscat to approve the following field trips:

Grade Three Warren County Library
June 12, 2009 9:00 AM – 11:45 AM (no cost)
“Junior Solar Sprints” winners at 5th, 7th & 8th grades – Great Meadows Middle School
May 19, 2008 (rain date May 26, 2008) 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
(no cost)

Grade Five Millbrook Village, Delaware Water Gap National Park
May 22, 2009 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (no cost)
(This is a change from Merrill Creek Reservoir)

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #12 – APPROVAL OF EVENING ACTIVITY

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of May 5, 2009, from 7:00-8:00 PM for fourth grade “Ranger Night” in the gym.

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mr. Abrams to approve of May 5, 2009, from 7:00-8:00 PM for fourth grade “Ranger Night” in the gym.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #13– APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE COMPETITION

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval for William Eppel to participate in the State Contest for National History Day on May 2, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mr. Rader to approve William Eppel participation in the State Contest for National History Day on May 2, 2009.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #14 – APPROVAL TO HOST BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Chief School Administrator recommended White Township’s hosting the Warren County Battle of the Books competition for grades 3 & 4 on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 4:00-7:00 PM in the gym and cafeteria.

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A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve White Township's hosting the Warren County Battle of the Books competition for grades 3 & 4 on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 4:00-7:00 PM in the gym and cafeteria.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #15 – APPROVAL OF EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION EXERCISES

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM for Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises. The eighth grade class will then hold a class picnic on Friday, June 19, 2009 at the White Township athletic fields.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM for Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises. The eighth grade class will then hold a class picnic on Friday, June 19, 2009 at the White Township athletic fields.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #16 – APPROVAL OF SHORTENED SESSIONS

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of the following shortened sessions (1:30 dismissal):

Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17
Thursday, June 18	Friday, June 19

A motion was made by Mrs. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Abrams to approve the following shortened sessions (1:30 dismissal):

Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17
Thursday, June 18	Friday, June 19

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #17 – APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of the attached 2009-2010 White Township Consolidated School calendar.
(Attachment – calendar)

A motion was made by Mrs. Collom and seconded by Mr. Buckenmyer to approve the attached 2009-2010 White Township Consolidated School calendar.
The date of June 1 School Closed has been changed to June 8 School Closed (Election)

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

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ITEM #18 - APPROVAL TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS

The Chief School Administrator recommended approval of the following workshops:

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| April 20, 2009 | Mrs. Jean Berkowitz – 5 th Annual Prevention Conference
Community Prevention Resources of Warren County, Inc.
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Warren Hospital Cost: \$25.00 |
| April 24, 2009 | Mr. Henry Skirbst – Stars & Mars: An Exploration of the Cosmos
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Centenary College Cost: \$75.00 |
| May 1, 2009 | Mrs. Nancy Wheatley – Teacher Professional Leader
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Hawk Pointe Golf Club, Washington
Cost: \$50.00 |
| May 5, 2009 | Mrs. Ann Carlson & Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser – Realtime User
Group Meeting 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Central Regional High School, Bayville, NJ (no cost) |
| May 13, 2009 | Mrs. Palmiere - SAIF Seminar (required for Tier #1 safety
incentive award program) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Flemington (no cost) |
| May 15, 2009 | Mrs. Palmiere - CDK USER Meeting – Year End information
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM Hackettstown (no cost) |

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Collom to approve the following workshops:

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| April 20, 2009 | Mrs. Jean Berkowitz – 5 th Annual Prevention Conference
Community Prevention Resources of Warren County, Inc.
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Warren Hospital Cost: \$25.00 |
| April 24, 2009 | Mr. Henry Skirbst – Stars & Mars: An Exploration of the Cosmos
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Centenary College Cost: \$75.00 |
| May 1, 2009 | Mrs. Nancy Wheatley – Teacher Professional Leader
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Hawk Pointe Golf Club, Washington
Cost: \$50.00 |
| May 5, 2009 | Mrs. Ann Carlson & Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser – Realtime User
Group Meeting 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Central Regional High School, Bayville, NJ (no cost) |
| May 13, 2009 | Mrs. Palmiere - SAIF Seminar (required for Tier #1 safety
incentive award program) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Flemington (no cost) |
| May 15, 2009 | Mrs. Palmiere - CDK USER Meeting – Year End information
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM Hackettstown (no cost) |

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

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ITEM #19 - APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACT FOR STEPPING STONE SCHOOL

The Chief School Administrator and the Child Study Team recommended approval of a tuition contract for a student to attend Stepping Stone School in Bloomsbury from March 30, 2009 though June 30, 2009 for a cost of \$214.51 per day.

A motion was made by Mrs. Skoog and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to approve a tuition contract for a student to attend Stepping Stone School in Bloomsbury from March 30, 2009 though June 30, 2009 for a cost of \$214.51 per day.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #20 - APPROVAL OF TUITION CONTRACT WITH BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The Chief School Administrator and the Business Administrator recommended approval of a tuition contract with Belvidere High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Tuition is \$11,200 per student for 198 students for a total of \$2,217,600. High School Resource Tuition is \$205,200 for the 2009-2010 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Collom to approve a tuition contract with Belvidere High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Tuition is \$11,200 per student for 198 students for a total of \$2,217,600. High School Resource Tuition is \$205,200 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #21 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION, INC. FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The Chief School Administrator and Child Study Team recommended approval of a contract with Therapeutic Intervention, Inc. for occupational therapy services for the 2009-2010 school year at the following rates:

School based therapy	\$86.50 per hour
Home based therapy	\$97.00 per hour
Evaluations	\$330.00 per evaluation

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve a contract with Therapeutic Intervention, Inc. for occupational therapy services for the 2009-2010 school year at the following rates:

School based therapy	\$86.50 per hour
Home based therapy	\$97.00 per hour
Evaluations	\$330.00 per evaluation

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

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ITEM #22 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR PERS PENSION OBLIGATION

The Chief School Administrator and Business Administrator recommended adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-15 as Chapter 22, P.L. 2009 that reduces the State Aid for the White Township school district for the 2008-2009 school year by an amount approximating \$12,094.00;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-21 as Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 that provides school districts with two options concerning their obligation to pay the Public Employees Retirement System, namely payment in full by April 30, 2009, or payment of one-half of the pension obligation by April 30, 2009;

AND WHEREAS, payment of one-half of the pension obligation requires the district to apply for a deferral schedule which will start in April 2012 and continue for 15 years to repay the deferred portion to the retirement system;

AND WHEREAS, deferred payments are subject to normal actuarial growth on accrued liabilities of the pension system, which most recently was a rate of 8.25%;

AND WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has reviewed the cash flow needs of the White Township School District, the surplus balance position of the district, and the impact of the deferral on future budgets if the district should elect to take the deferral or reject the deferral;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the White Township Board of Education that:

It hereby rejects the offer of a deferral by the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System and authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay the 2009 PERS pension obligation in full before April 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve the above resolution to reject the offer of a deferral by the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System and authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay the 2009 PERS pension obligation in full before April 30, 2009.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #23 - RESOLUTION FOR INCREASING BID THRESHOLD AND APPOINTING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING

The Chief School Administrator recommended adoption of a resolution for increasing the bid threshold and appointment of a qualified purchasing agent as follows:

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WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave boards of education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Donnamarie Palmiere possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, White Township Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the White Township Board of Education, in the County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$29,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Donnamarie Palmiere as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Donnamarie Palmiere's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to approve the above resolution.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #24 - RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE (ACES)

The School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator recommended approval of an agreement with South Jersey Energy for electric generation services, as bid through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES), for the period April 2009 through May 2011.

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A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to approve an agreement with South Jersey Energy for electric generation services, as bid through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES), for the period April 2009 through May 2011.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ITEM #25 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mr. Rader to accept the Report of the Chief School Administrator into the Board Minutes.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

FYI – 8th Grade Trip Parent Chaperones

Mr. Bancroft
Mr. Calabrese
Mrs. Mason
Mr. Rogers
Mr. Snyder

(Also expressing an interest: Mrs. Somyk, Mrs. Hudak, Mr. Panella & Mrs. Smith, but no deposits have been received at this point.)

Field trip admission costs:

1st Grade Space Farms - \$9.00 Student \$13.50 Adult
2nd Grade Red Mill Museum - \$5.00 Student \$7.00 Adult
3rd Grade Trenton State House - \$2.00
4th Grade DaVinci Science Center - \$7.95 Student
5th Grade Millbrook Village – Free
6th Grade Liberty Science Center - \$13.00 Student \$7.50 Adult

Discipline Report: From March 20th-April 20th

Student Lunch Detentions

- 1-2nd grader (continual name calling)
- 1-5th grader (disrespectful towards teacher)
- 2-6th graders (inappropriate lunch behavior)
- 1-7th grader (continual gum chewing)
- 4-8th graders (throwing objects, kicking a student, chewing gum, disrespectful towards teacher)
- Total: 9 students in last month received a lunch detention with Mrs. Werkheiser

No before or after school detentions

No suspensions (in or out of school)

No expulsions

Mrs. Dawn Werkheiser, Ass't Principal

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Open Public Comment

None

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Collom to go into Executive Session at 9:08PM. The purpose of this Executive Session is to discuss employee contract renewals and non-renewals, the Chief School Administrator's evaluation and a security issue.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Collom to resume Regular Session at 9:49PM.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Abrams and seconded by Mrs. Skoog to renew the [attached 2009-2010 contracts](#).

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Abrams – Aye
Mr. Buckenmyer – Aye
Mrs. Collom - Aye
Mr. Meddaugh – Aye
Mr. Muscat – Aye
Mr. Panetta – Aye
Mr. Rader - Aye
Mrs. Rowe - Aye
Mrs. Skoog – Aye

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Mr. Muscat and seconded by Mrs. Collom to approve the payment of the bills for April 2009 in the amount of \$810,520.65.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A.) Board Secretary's Report
- B.) Treasurer's Report
- C.) Budget Certification
- D.) Budget Transfers

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A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mr. Rader to approve the March, 2009 Board Secretary & Treasurer Reports and April Budget Transfers in the amount of \$276,563.07.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions –0 Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion made by Mr. Buckenmyer and seconded by Mr. Abrams to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Abstentions - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary