

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17, 2008

Time and Place of Meeting Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening, December 17, 2008 in the High School North Library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

2. **SUNSHINE NOTICE:**

“Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending such notice to the Asbury Park Press, the Independent, the Courier, the Two River Times and the Hub and the posting of such notice at the August T. Miner Administration Building and each elementary, middle, and secondary school in the district.”

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Laura Agin, Dawn Diorio, Sherry Gevarter, Kevin Ryan, Dan Skelton and Patricia Walsh.

Absent: Leonora Caminiti, Joan Minnuies and Rose Stallmeyer.

Also Present: Karen Bilbao, William J. Doering, David Healy, Fred Carrigg and Christopher Parton, Esq.

4. **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:05 p.m. the voting meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations and attorney/client privileged information. The Board will be discussing the vacancies of the High School South and Nut Swamp School principals, the Director of Technology vacancy, an administrative resignation, upcoming negotiations with the MTA, and student and personnel privacy matters. Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, carried on voice vote.

5. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

At 7:55 p.m. the voting meeting was reconvened:

Present: Laura Agin, Leonora Caminiti, Dawn Diorio, Sherry Gevarter, Joan Minnuies, Kevin Ryan, Dan Skelton and Patricia Walsh (left at 9:50 p.m.).

Absent: Rose Stallmeyer.

Also Present: Karen Bilbao, William J. Doering, David Healy, Fred Carrigg and Christopher Parton, Esq.

6. **REREADING OF SUNSHINE NOTICE**

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

8. **Student Representatives from High School North and High School South to Speak:**
High School North **High School South**

9. **Board Commendations** – (Attachment Com-1)

10. **Open to Public – Comments on Agenda Items Only**
No speakers.

11. **Motion to Approve Minutes**

1) Voting Meeting – October 22, 2008

2) Special Voting Meeting – November 19, 2008

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Walsh. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

12. **Reports**

A. Report of the President – No report.

B. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

1) Motion to accept the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary as being in agreement for the month of November 2008 (Attachment # B-1)

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Walsh. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

- 2) Motion to accept the Board Secretary's Certification that no major budget line item has been over-expended for the month of November 2008

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

Abst: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

- 3) Motion to Approve Bill List for Period November 25, 2008 – December 17, 2008 (*Attachment # B-2*)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

C. Report of the Superintendent

- 1) Update – Mrs. Bilbao discussed district events: the high school plays, parental meetings regarding the prom contracts, the organizational structure of the student services department, and the delivery of curriculum for students with disabilities.

Mrs. Bilbao introduced Kevin Frenia, the district's financial auditor, to discuss the district's 2007/08 audit.

Mr. Frenia discussed highlights of the audit noting that the district is receiving an unqualified opinion which, according to General Accounting Principles, is the best opinion given and that everything was in good order. Mr. Frenia reviewed the areas of the budgetary comparative schedule, fund balance, the statistical section, and the auditor's report. Mr. Frenia commented on the efficient running of the district's financial office. Mrs. Gevarter noted the delayed State aid payment for 2007/08.

- 2) Acceptance of the 2007-2008 District Audit as presented by Holman & Frenia, P.C., and Approval of District Corrective Action Plan - (*Attachment # SR-1*)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

Abst: (1) – Mrs. Minnuies.

- 3) Approval of the Revised 2008-2009 Organizational Chart – (*Attachment SR-2*)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Skelton. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (6) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (2) – Mrs. Gevarter and Mrs. Minnuies.

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Curriculum Committee (*Dawn Diorio, Chairperson*)

- 1) Approval to Attend Conventions, Conferences or Educational Programs - (*Attachment # C-1*)
- 2) Approval of Suspension Report for September 2008 – (*Attachment # C-2*)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Items 1 & 2**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

- 3) Approval of Field Trip:

a) *Middletown High School South Concert Band, Marching Band, Choir*

Leave: Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Return: Sunday, April 19, 2009

Destination: Toronto, Canada

Purpose: Offers students many different opportunities to develop their individual musicianship, ensemble musicianship, and social skills as well as experiencing the history and culture of another country.

75 students and 10 adults

Faculty member is Serena Weren & Sandy Liddy

Students will miss 2 1/2 days of school

Cost of trip to be paid by multiple fundraising and students

b)Bottlecappers from High School North and High School South

Leave: Friday, February 6, 2009

Return: Sunday February 8, 2009

Destination: Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch

Purpose: *15th Annual NJ State Elks Leadership Conference* – Students will hear keynote speakers, participate in mini-workshops on Team Work, Work Ethic, Creativity Making a Difference.

11 students and 2 adults

Faculty members are Tammy Woods and Sandy McKechnie

Students will miss 1 day of school

Cost of trip to be paid by Middletown Municipal Alliance and Middletown Elks

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Item 3**. Motion carried on voice vote:
Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

- 4) Approval of Alternate Specialized LEADS Units 6th and 7th grade – (*Attachment C-3*)

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Curriculum Item 4**. Motion carried on voice vote:
Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

B. Policy Committee (*Sherry Gevarter, Chairperson*)- *Attachment # P-1*

- 1) Second Reading and Adoption Policy 2632 *Courses, Degrees, and Advanced Standing Credit*
- 2) Second Reading and Adoption Policy 9721 *Good Neighbor Policy*
- 3) Second Reading and Adoption Policy 9541 *Revision of Existing Policy on Student Teachers/Interns (removal of word “interns” throughout policy)*

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Policy Items 1, 2 & 3**. Motion carried on voice vote:
Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

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| 4) First Reading and No Action | Policy and reg. | <i>Protocol for Hiring Administrators</i> | PULLED |
| 5) First Reading and No Action | Policy 9721.1 | <i>Cell Tower Prohibition</i> | PULLED |

Motion made by Mrs. Gevarter, seconded by Mr. Skelton, to **pull Policy Items 4 and 5** due to the lack of a policy committee meeting. Motion carried on voice vote:
Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

C. Student Services Committee (*Rose Stallmeyer, Chairperson*)

- 1) Approval of Special Services to Classified Handicapped Students (*Attachment # SS-1*)
- 2) Approval of Individual Instruction at Home (*Attachment # SS-2*)
- 3) Approval to attend Conventions, Conferences or Educational Programs (*Attachment # SS-3*)
- 4) Approval for Rita Barone to present *Legally Defensible IEPs* on 2/9/09 for 2 hrs. at \$155/hr. (\$310.00)
Acct#: 11-000-219-320-32-000
- 5) Approval for Dr. Robert Alexander McWilliams to present *Integrated Therapies Workshop* on 2/9/09 at a cost of \$4,000.00 plus travel expenses at an approximate cost of \$1,500.00 (\$5,500.00). *Acct#: 11-000-219-320-32-000*

- 6) Approval for *Teaching Strategies* to conduct workshop to staff on 2/9/09 at a cost of \$2,375 plus \$300 travel (\$2,675.00). *Acct#: 11-000-219-320-000*
- 7) Approval to reimburse Parents of student #211652, as stated in Notice of Agreement, Case Number: C2009-3660, in the amount of \$510.00. *Acct#: 11-000-219-320-32-000*
- 8) Approval of settlement agreement, Claim No. 08EO00751L, for student #305953, to reimburse parent in the amount of \$30,500 (\$29,000 for tuition + \$1,500 reimbursement for an independent evaluation; in addition, the insurance carrier will reimburse parent in the amount of \$17,287.66 for potential prevailing attorney fees). *Acct#: 11-000-219-320-32-000 (\$1,500 reimbursement for an independent evaluation)*
Acct#: 11-000-100-566-00-000 (\$29,000 for tuition)

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, for approval of **Student Services Items 1 through 8**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

D. Facilities Committee (*Laura Agin, Chairperson*)

- 1) Approval of \$15,000 in additional professional service fees to CMX Sports Engineers, per their December 4, 2008 correspondence, for professional services beyond the scope of their June 20, 2008 proposal approved by the Board of Education on July 1, 2008 with regards to the HS North turf remediation project. *Acct# 12-000-400-390-31-000*

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Facilities Item 1**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (7) – Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (1) – Mrs. Caminiti.

E. Finance Committee (*Daniel Skelton, Chairperson*)

- 1) Approval to transfer non-budgeted, unanticipated revenue of \$506,789.03 (release of excess GPU rebates from the referendum, previously reserved for referendum litigation) to Capital Reserve.

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Finance Item 1**. Mr. Doering noted that these funds must be used in accordance with the district's long range facility plan. He also stated that it can be withdrawn from capital reserve with a specific budget and purpose. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

F. Personnel Committee Report (Patricia Walsh, Chairperson), as per the following pages.

Note: All appointments of the district staff are contingent upon satisfying the requirements of the Criminal History Review.

- 1). Approval of resignations for the purpose of retirement:
 - a). Eileen Dunn (1/5/87), River Plaza, School Nurse, effective 7/1/09
 - b). Laura Larson (9/1/86), HS North, Secretary – Category – 2 (12 mos), effective 8/1/09
 - c). Lucinda Micheletti (10/1/90), Middletown Village, Co-Teacher, effective 2/1/09
- 2). Approval of resignations:
 - a). Kathleen DeSpirito, from Substitute Nurse list, effective 12/1/08
 - b). Tracey Maccia, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services and Educational Research for personal reasons, effective 12/12/08
- 3). Approval of leaves of absence:
 - a). Shirley Aviles, Bayshore, SAC, for maternity, effective 3/30/09 through 5/5/09 – Paid – Sick Leave
5/6/09 through 6/7/09 – Unpaid Family Leave Act
Acct. #11-000-219-104-00-000
 - b). Kaitlin Cole, Fairview, Spanish, for personal/child care, effective 1/12/09 through 6/30/09 – Unpaid Leave
 - c). Toni Marie DeGennaro, Thompson, Math, for maternity, effective

12/15/08 through 3/27/09 – Unpaid Leave

- d). Shannon McDonald, HS South, Special Education, for maternity, effective 4/14/09 through 5/29/09 – Paid – Sick Leave
Acct. #11-213-100-101-00-000
- e). Bernice Nightingale, Fairview, Grade 4, for maternity, effective 1/26/09 through 3/2/09 – Paid – Sick Leave
3/3/09 through 6/1/09 – Unpaid Family Leave Act
6/2/09 through 6/5/09 – Unpaid Leave
Acct. #11-120-100-101-20-000
- e). Jessica J. Redmond, District ESL, for maternity, effective 3/9/09 through 4/17/09 – Unpaid Leave
- f). Extension and Adjustment:
Anna Farro, Dist Speech Language Specialist, medical/maternity, effective 10/1/08 through 12/23/08 – Unpaid Family Leave Act
12/24/08 through 6/18/09 – Unpaid Leave

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 1, 2 & 3**. Motion carried on voice vote:
Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies (abst. on 2b), Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

- 4). The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of George Hart as Interim Principal assigned to High School South at a daily stipend based on the 12-month calendar of \$500 per day, effective January 5, 2009 through June 30, 2009. Acct. #11-000-240-103-02-000

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Item 4**. Motion carried on voice vote:
Ayes: (6) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (2) – Mrs. Gevarter and Mrs. Minnuies.

- 5). Approval of new hires:
 - a). Alexandra Balsamo, Thorne, Special Education, The College of Staten Island, MA
Certification – Teacher of the Handicapped
Rate – MA – Step 5 - \$60,355 (*Pro-rated*)
Effective – 12/18/08 through 3/31/09
Acct. #11-213-100-101-00-000
 - b). Donna Fanner, Navesink, Special Education, Kean University, BA
Certification – Elementary & TOSD (*CEAS*)
Rate – BA – Step 1 - \$47,840 (*Pro-rated*)
Effective – 1/5/09 through 5/28/09
Acct. #11-204-100-101-00-000
 - c). Lindsay Harris, Middletown Village, Kindergarten, Monmouth University, BA
Certification – Elementary K-5
Rate – BA – Step 1 - \$47,840 (*Pro-rated*)
Effective – 1/31/09 through 5/1/09
Acct. #11-110-100-101-21-000
 - d). Deana Russo, Bayshore, Language Arts, Richard Stockson College, BA
Certification – Elementary K-5 & MS Language Arts/Literacy Specialization
Rate – BA – Step 2 \$47,840 (*Pro-rated*)
Effective 1/5/09 through 6/30/09
Acct. #11-130-100-101-03-000
- 6). Approval of new hire pending receipt of New Jersey certification:

- a). Esther M. Kurtz, District Speech Language Specialist, Adelphi, University BA Certification – Speech Language Specialist (*Pending*)
Rate – BA – Step 1 – \$47,840 (*Pro-rated*)
Acct. #11-000-216-100-000-000
- 7). Approval of extension of contracts:
 - a). Laurie Costello, Thompson, Math, Rate – BA – Step 1 - \$47,840 (*Pro-rated*), effective 1/1/09 through 3/27/09
 - b). Kyle McCarthy, Fairview, Spanish, Rate – BA – Step 1 - \$47,840 (*Pro-rated*), effective 1/12/09 through 6/30/09
- 8). Approval of salary adjustments:
 - a). Thomas Grande, District Maintenance Mechanic, Rate - \$37,344 (*pro-rated - removal of night stipend*), effective 1/31/09 through 6/30/09
 - b). Gerald King, District Maintenance Mechanic, Rate - \$51,526 (*pro-rated – removal of night stipend*), effective 1/31/09 through 6/30/09
- 9). Approval of the following to the approved list of Substitute Teachers per Attachment - HR 1

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 5 through 9**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

- 10). Approval of Substitute Personnel:

<u>Paraprofessionals:</u>	<u>Custodians:</u>
Margaret Colvin	Jermaine Hatcher
Ann Marie Grimaldi	
Karin Hallenbeck	
Joann Masi	
Francesca Mazzucola	
Kelly Pezzano	
- 11). Approval of Paraprofessionals per the following conditions of employment as displayed on the following pages – Attachment - HR 2

All Paraprofessional appointments subject to budgetary constraints, enrollments and IEP requirement and may be changed or eliminated during the term of the assignment.
- 12). Approval of Special Contracts:

Eileen Jessurun	Thomp/Dept Coord-Sci	Step 3	\$2327.00
Acct. #11-401-100-100-04-000			
Robyn Roditis	Dist Rec Club	Step 1	\$1342.92 (<i>pro-rated</i>)
Acct. #20-250-100-100-06-000			
John Oxley	North Boys Bowling	Step 1	\$3104.00
Matt Walsh	North Frosh Boys Basketball	Step 1	\$3753.00
Travis Boff	North Girls Basketball Asst.	Step 1	\$4250.00
Acct. #11-402-100-100-01-011			
Shannon Tofte	Bayshore Softball ½	Step 3	\$1023.50
Emily Carlock	Bayshore Softball ½	Step 1	\$ 985.00
Acct. #11-402-100-100-03-011			
Dan Trezza	Thorne Wrestling Asst.	Step 1	\$3141.00
Acct. #11-401-100-100-05-011			
<u>Adjustments:</u>			
Tara Raspanti	Elem/Mentor	Step 2	\$2890.00

	12/17/08		
James Anderson	Thomp Mentor	Step 2	\$2890.00
Lynn Williams	Thomp/Mentor	Step 2	\$2890.00
Mark Sessa	Thomp/Mentor	Step 2	\$1811.38 (<i>pro-rated</i>)
<u>Resignations</u>			
Jennifer Daly	North JV Girls Basketball		

13). Approval of Community Athletic Aides:

Jessie Chalmers	South Girls Basketball
Joe Gomulka	South Wrestling
Rick Lovato	South Wrestling
John Villec	North Wrestling
Tim Heaney	North Wrestling
Matt Walsh, Sr.	North Boys Basketball
George Obermeier	North Boys Tennis

- 13). Approval of District Mentors in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:11-4: Susan Lagroteria
- 14). Acknowledgment of student placements for the Spring semester per Attachment HR 3

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 10 through 14**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.
Noes: (0)

- 15). Approval of the following job description per Attachment HR 4: Supervisor of Early Childhood Education
- 16). Approval of the following job title changes and corresponding job description title changes per Attachment HR 5:

From: Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services and Educational Research
To: Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Educational Research and...

From: District Director of Pupil Services
To: District Director of Student Services

- 17). Approval of training of certified CPR instructors: (*\$1,249.41*)

3 hrs each: Hrly rate:

Eileen Gavin	\$42.30
Lucille Orchanian	\$56.24
Anne Siuzdak	\$54.50
Barbara Stolte	\$45.40
Esther Ciprich	\$75.79

4 hrs each:

Michelle Molinaro	\$43.45
Lorraine Schutt	\$29.73

2 hrs:

Natalie Bopp	\$67.00	Acct. #11-000-223-110-28-140
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- 18). Approval of the following Curriculum Committees:

a) Spanish IV for up to 4 hrs each for mid-term and final exam @\$39.87 (\$637.92) - 2 replacement teachers
Luisa Byron
Rosibel Mota
11-000-223-110-28-141

b) Revise and Develop 8th Grade Social Studies Curriculum to Integrate with LEADS Model for up to 50 hrs each @ \$39.87 (\$5,980.50)
Theresa Kwiatkowski
Michael Gannon
Stephanie Sumick
11-000-223-110-28-141

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 15 through 18**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter (abst. on 16), Mrs. Minnuies (abst. on 16), Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

- 19). The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of Thomas Olausen as Principal assigned to Nut Swamp School at an annual salary of Step 6, \$112,850 (*pro-rated*), effective upon release from present position through June 30, 2009.
Acct. #11-000-240-103-20-000

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Item 19**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

- 20). The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of Sean McNeil as District Supervisor of Early Childhood Education at an annual salary of Step 1, \$87,440 (*pro-rated*), effective upon release through June 30, 2009.
Acct. #11-000-240-102-32-000

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Item 20**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

- 21). The Superintendent of Schools recommends the removal of John Cavalchire from the Substitute Teacher list, effective 11/25/08.
- 22). The Superintendent of Schools recommends the termination of employment of Fred Denise, effective 9/1/05.

Motion made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for approval of **Personnel Items 21 & 22**. Motion carried on voice vote:

Ayes: (8) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Diorio, Mrs. Gevarter, Mrs. Minnuies, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (0)

14. Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Diorio (Curriculum) reviewed the committee's discussion on the presentation by Jay Doolan, N.J. Department of Education, on proposed high school reform, a fifth grade discussion board piloted by four elementary schools and parental permission slips, and the pending requirement of taking biology for high school students. Mrs. Caminiti (Co-Curricular) stated the committee discussed the process of student's returning uniforms, the Raritan Bay YMCA pool, and the possibility of selling season tickets for sports. Mrs. Agin (Facilities) discussed the subjects the committee addressed including progress of the elementary HVAC installation, the possible replacement of boilers in four elementary schools, the Thompson M.S. soccer field, administration building concerns, energy conservation, and heating concerns at H.S. North.

15. Old Business

Mrs. Gevarter addressed several policy questions regarding special education. The board discussed communication and information sharing. Mr. Parton noted the district's planned pursuit of monies expended on the first field done at H.S. North. Mr. Healy gave an update on the installation of elementary security cameras. The board discussed items misrepresented in the Asbury Park Press. The new prom contract and parental meetings concerning the contracts were discussed. Mrs. Minnuies discussed smoking on school grounds.

16. New Business

Mrs. Diorio suggested moving to a one board meeting per month schedule. Mr. Parton stated that statute and by-laws provide that the board must meet once every two months at a minimum.

Motion Motion made by Mrs. Diorio, seconded by Mr. Skelton, to schedule Board of Education meetings once a month for January, February and March, and revisit the schedule at the end of that time. Mrs. Gevarter and Mrs. Minnuies expressed their disagreement noting that this would discourage communication. Mr. Skelton stated that if the board was more efficient, the opportunity for public speaking would be greater. Motion carried on roll call vote:

Ayes: (5) – Mrs. Diorio, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Skelton, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Agin.

Noes: (3) – Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Gevarter and Mrs. Minnuies.

Mrs. Gevarter expressed her disappointment and stated that she would be resigning from the Board of Education effective tomorrow morning. Mrs. Walsh stated that she was informed by the Board Secretary that the recall petition filed against her a few months ago was not followed through, that the final petition format was not presented to him for approval, and that no signatures were collected.

17. Public Comments

Linda McLaughlin discussed the decorum of this public meeting.

Andrew Bane discussed the meeting, personnel items, and recall of board members.

Jessica Walter discussed her concerns regarding changes in special education.

Gerry Moore discussed the curriculum in regard to the proposed biology changes.

Debbie Mrykalo discussed a personnel item, and board member activity.

Bill Heaney questioned ongoing litigation on the H.S. North field.

Barbara D'Augusta discussed concerns regarding the pre-school expansion.

Karen Antoine discussed the alternative assessment for special education students.

Marissa Ziegler discussed the district working collaboratively, and her son's activities.

Pat Pellegrini discussed the February 9th workshop, integrated therapy, inclusion and communication.

Mike Maggipinto discussed the length of board meetings.

Susan Moskowitz discussed tonight's meeting.

Jerry Wexelberg discussed the Thanksgiving Day game and thanked all those involved, and having one meeting per month.

18. Motion to Adjourn

At 11:15 p.m., motion made and seconded to adjourn the voting meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. DOERING
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary