

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford was held at the above place and date at 6:30p.m. prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Trevaline Jackson at 7:00p.m. due to there not being a quorum until that time.

Statement: In accordance with the Sunshine Law: Notice of this meeting has been provided to the South Jersey Times, the Courier Post, the District Website, and the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Deptford to be posted in a public place.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present

Mark Getsinger
Stacy Gray
Trevaline Jackson
Ed Kalinowski
Susan David-Kryszczak
Brian McDonald – arrived at 7:43pm
Laura Newcomb – arrived at 7:20pm

Absent

Rachel Green – attending daughter’s graduation
James McDevitt

Also Present

Dr. Charles Ford, Superintendent
Mrs. Carolyn Morehead, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Michael Griggel, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Kyle Ulscht, School Solicitor – Machado Law Group
Ms. Isabel Machado, School Solicitor – Machado Law Group

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately 8:00 p.m. this evening.

 X Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: Berglund vs. Deptford BOE)

(Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District’s position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

 X Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be

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discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is: personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

I, Michael Griggel, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford at their meeting held on May 9, 2017 in Deptford, New Jersey.

Michael Griggel, Board Secretary

Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, to return to public session.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Open Session and Executive Session minutes of the meeting held April 25, 2017.

Motion carried. Roll call vote (6-0-1) with Mrs. Gray abstaining.

PRESENTATION – Terri Lewis, NJSBA

Ms. Lewis of New Jersey School Boards Association spoke to the Board about the Superintendent evaluation process, and that the legal requirements state that evaluations must be completed by July 1, 2017. She added that the evaluation must be based on progress of the goals that were established by the Board of Education. Ms. Lewis handed out packets to the board members with instructions as to how to complete the evaluation. Included in the packet is a calendar of what steps need to be completed by specific dates. She concluded that if they are going to talk about the Superintendent that he will need to receive a RICE notice.

PUBLIC PORTION (agenda items only)

Motion by Mr. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, to open the public portion on agenda items only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ginny Alcott asked about Personnel Item #70 on page 6 of the agenda referencing the contract for the Assistant Superintendent, and asked if the Board could tell her what her current salary was. Dr. Ford stated that the current salary is \$155,832.61. Mrs. Alcott asked if there is an increase proposed in the contract that will be submitted to the County. Dr. Ford stated that written in the contract is zero percent increase pending negotiation settlement with the DEA. Mrs. Alcott stated to please keep in mind that the teachers are working without a contract.

Jason Campbell stated that he is losing his job as a result of budget cuts. He handed out a packet of information for the board to review while he spoke. He mentioned stipends being paid for the garage and the inventory control specialist and questioned if that money was spent well. He reiterated that he is losing his job but is told that the district has to buy under State Contract even if they can find the part at a lower cost. He stated that taking his position will make it more difficult to keep the buses safe and road ready. He added that he couldn't purchase a service manual for \$800 which would have saved the district thousands every year. He added that he has recommended purchasing A/C equipment that could keep A/C issues in house. Mr. Campbell finished by saying it is unfair that he is losing his job.

Tia Denby stated that she is a senior at the High School and is the Vice President of the National Honor Society. She stated that the staff is not volunteering and it is understandable because they are not getting paid enough for what they do. She feels it is ridiculous that the contract hasn't been settled. She added that most of her successes came from the teachers volunteering their time.

Scott Peatman stated that it seems that the district continues to have resignations, and asked Dr. Ford when he was at Monmouth did he have resignations like what is happening in Deptford. Dr. Ford stated that he did have resignations at Monmouth while he was Superintendent. Mr. Peatman said that getting rid of the mechanic is ridiculous and will end up costing the district more money sending vehicles out for service.

Tammy Bitting stated she has been working at the Middle School for fourteen years and is concerned about losing a Vice Principal. She stated that the Middle School is a tough school to work in and when Mr. Rocco was brought in, there was a sigh of relief. She stated that he added stability to the Middle School. She concluded by saying that Mr. Collins should have received a stipend for the months he worked without VP support.

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mrs. Gray, to close the public portion on agenda items only.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Ford read a thank you note received by a PFLAG Member, Anne Jorgensen, for creating a safe and supportive school for LGBTQ students and staff.

Dr. Ford informed the Board that he went to the State House last Tuesday where Senator Sweeney stated that he supported funding the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA). Basically the Senate informed the Acting Commissioner Kimberley Harrington that they will not support the budget unless it starts meeting the needs of the school districts of New Jersey. They stated that there are over 340 districts in New Jersey that are funded over 100%. Mrs. Gray asked if Deptford will start a reach out program to get the community and parents involved. Mrs. Jackson stated that this information should be on the district home page.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent
2. Committees:
 - a. Policy – Trevaline Jackson, Chairperson – Nothing to report, next policy meeting scheduled for May 23.
 - b. Personnel – Trevaline Jackson, Chairperson (**PCM Attachment**) – Discussed in Executive Session
 - c. Curriculum – Stacy Gray, Chairperson – Mrs. Gray corresponded with Mrs. McAteer about giving the teachers enough time to volunteer. Mrs. McAteer shared with Mrs. Gray the account number and what is being charged to these numbers. Mrs. McAteer also shared with the committee how summer training can be accomplished by reducing the number of days during the summer training.
 - d. Finance – Mark Getsinger, Chairperson – Nothing to report
 - e. Buildings & Grounds – James McDevitt, Chairperson (**B&G Attachment**) – Mr. Getsinger spoke about the solar project and stated that Mr. Crowdis from 127 Energy, who is the investor, was at the B&G committee meeting to update them on the status. Mr. Crowdis discussed the solar awnings for the five schools and the potential of a car port at the student parking area at the High School. Mr. McDonald asked about the five schools. Mr. Griggel explained that the awnings would be on the southern exposure for the following schools: High School, Middle School, Good Intent, Central and Oak Valley. Mrs. Jackson asked how the car ports will affect the band. Mr. Griggel stated that the car ports would only affect two rows of the student parking lot but he will speak with Mr. Allen and Ms. Bilda. The Board would like to see what the cost would be to move the car ports to the bus depot.
 - f. Shared Services – Laura Newcomb, Chairperson – Nothing to report

POLICY

There were not items under Policy.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Items #1 through #6

1. RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND TERMINATIONS
 - a. Retirement of Debora Trowbridge, teacher, effective July 1, 2017.
 - b. Retirement of Carole Humenchuk, bus driver, effective July 1, 2017.
 - c. Resignation of Meghan Lopez, teacher, effective June 16, 2017 (end of day).
 - d. Resignation of John Berth, Supervisor of Transportation, effective May 12, 2017.
 - e. Retirement of Melida Mattiacci, teacher, effective July 1, 2017.

2. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

LEAVES OF ABSENCE	LEAVE REQUESTED	FEDERAL MEDICAL LEAVE	NJ FLA	USE OF SICK DAYS	Date rec'd in BO
70102397, HS, Maternity	9/25/17 - 12/22/17	9/25/17 - 12/15/17	12/18/17 - 12/22/17	9/25/17 - 11/16/17 unpaid 11/17/17 - 12/22/17	5/3/17
70597174, HS, Medical	4/18/17 - 4/28/17	4/18/17 - 4/28/17	N/A	4/18/17 - 4/28/17	5/3/17
70085642, CECC, Medical	4/6/17 - 4/21/17	4/6/17 - 4/21/17	N/A	4/6/17 - 4/21/17	4/27/17

3. TRANSFERS – NONE
4. EMPLOYMENT - NONE
5. PROMOTIONS – NONE
6. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE	CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP	LOCATION	SCHOOL	EMPLOYEE	REGISTRATION COST
07/19/17 – 07/21/17	AVID Summer Institute	Philadelphia, PA	MMS	Bolger, Patricia Liguori, Jennifer	\$760.00

Motion carried. Roll call vote (7-0).

Motion by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Item #7a through #7p:

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the following list of individuals for Reduction in Force, effective June 30, 2017, based on reasons of economy and change in the administrative and reorganization of the district, for the 2017-2018; **Employee # 31828411** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the abolishment of the following positions, effective July 1, 2017 pursuant to Board Policy:

Assistant Business Administrator

One Vice Principal of Monongahela Middle School

High School Library Secretary Position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to give notice to the list of employees of the abolishment of their positions consistent with the Reduction in Force, and to provide said employees with notice and such other benefits as are required by statutory, regulatory and/or contractual provisions.

- b. Tenure Acknowledgments
Annual tenure acknowledgments shall be issued for the 2017-2018 school year to all employees employed by the Board who have acquired tenure under the law as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 - Pages 1-15, and 22**). No Board action is required.
- c. Contract Personnel
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to issue contracts to the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 - Pages 16-19 and 22-23**).
- d. Transfers
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following personnel be transferred for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 - Page 20**).
- e. Reassignments, Retirements, and Resignations
Previously approved, no Board action is necessary as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 - Pages 20-21**).
- f. Employment of Tutors
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ the following personnel, to be called as needed, no other benefits, effective for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Page 21**).
- g. Secretarial/Clerical, District Data Specialist, Network Specialist, Network & Systems Engineer, Computer Technician, Storeroom/Delivery Driver, Attendance Officer, District Registrar, District Publication Writer and Payroll Clerk-Business Office/Bookkeeper-Cafeteria
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to issue contracts to the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Pages 22-23**).
- h. Bus Drivers, Mechanics, Bus Aides, Trip Driver, Asst. Supervisor
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to issue contracts to the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Pages 24-25**).
- i. Custodial, Grounds, Maintenance and Painter, Asst. Supervisors
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to issue contracts to the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Page 26**).
- j. Cafeteria Workers, Cooks, Cafeteria Managers, Coordinator Satellite Department
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to issue contracts to the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Page 27**).
- k. Service Aides (Playground/Cafeteria)
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ the following personnel, pending enrollment needs, for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Page 28**).
- l. Classroom, Special Education and Health Office Aides
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ the following personnel as aides, pending enrollment needs, for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Page 29-30**).
- m. Spartan Care
I move on the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ the following personnel, pending enrollment needs, for the 2017-2018 school year as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7 – Page 31**).

- n. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, withhold the 2017-2018 increment, including conventional increment, adjustment increment and any salary increase to **Employee No. 70331988**, increment to be restored only by future action of the Board of Education.
- o. The 2017-2018 contract for the Assistant Superintendent, Carolyn Morehead, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval (**Personnel Attachment 7o**).
- p. Revised job description for Spartan Care Provider (S-36) as attached (**Personnel Attachment 7p**).

Motion carried on Item #7a through Item #7p.

Roll call vote on 7a (5-0-2) with Mr. Getsinger and Mrs. Gray abstaining.

No board action required for 7b.

Roll call vote on 7c and 7d (6-0-1) with Mrs. Gray abstaining.

No board action required for 7e.

Roll call vote on 7f through 7i (7-0).

Roll call vote on 7j (6-0-1) with Mr. Getsinger abstaining.

Roll call vote on 7k and 7l (6-0-1) with Mrs. Gray abstaining.

Roll call vote on 7m (7-0).

Roll call vote on 7n (6-0-1) with Mrs. Gray abstaining.

Roll call vote on 7o (5-0-2) with Mr. Getsinger and Mrs. Gray abstaining.

Roll call vote on 7p (7-0).

CURRICULUM

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

1. The 2017 Deptford Township Summer Band Program as follows:
 - Dates: 7/5/17 to 7/27/17
 - Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays (***) The 1st week will be Wed., & Thurs. & Fri. due to July 4th (***)
 - Times: - 8:15am – 2:30pm
 - Location: High School Media Center
 - Concert: Thursday, 7/27/17, at 7:00pm, at Deptford REC Center
 - Staff: 5 teachers
 - Cost: 19 hours per week x 4 weeks + 4 hours for the concert = 80 hours total @ \$25/hour = not to exceed \$10,000 total
2. 2017 Spartan Summer Reading List as attached (**Curriculum Attachment 2**).
3. 2017 Advanced STEM Summer Work as attached (**Curriculum Attachment 3**).
4. 2017 Spartan Summer Committees, Trainings, and Programs as attached (**Curriculum Attachment 4**).

Motion carried. Roll call vote (7-0).

STUDENTS

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. McDonald, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

1. HIB Investigations as reported on the 4/25/17 Board Meeting.
2. Tuition-In Homeless students as follows:

Student ID	Type	School District of Origin	School	Start Date	End Date	Number of Days	Per Diem	Total
4-2382	General	Camden	SL-2	04/25/2017	06/16/2017	38	71.14	2,703.32
2-2492	General	Camden	MMS-7	04/25/2017	06/16/2017	38	71.85	2,730.30
4-2383	General	Camden	SL-4	04/25/2017	06/16/2017	38	71.14	2,703.32
9-0033	Special	Salem City	NS-10	05/02/2017	06/16/2017	33	172.26	5,684.58
3-2787	General	Salem City	SL-3	04/27/2017	06/16/2017	36	71.14	2,703.32

3. Tuition-Out Homeless students as follows:

Student ID	Type	School District of Origin	School/District	Date of Determination	Start Date	End Date	Total
300002786	Special	Deptford	Archbishop Damiano School	3/3/2017	3/13/2017	6/16/2017	\$50,479.64 (prorated)
500002328	General	Deptford	Riverside Elementary School	2/22/2017	2/27/2017	6/16/2017	\$11,441.00

4. Homebound Instruction placements as follows:

Student ID	Type	Placement	# of hrs per week	Cost	Start Date	End Date
700004094	Special Ed	Brookfield Schools Castle Program @ Virtua	10	\$30/hr	4/24/17	TBD
600002194	Special Ed	Brookfield Schools Inspira	10	\$30/hour	5/1/17	TBD

5. Acknowledgement of the following High School homeschooled students for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

School Year	State Student ID #	School Code	Grade	Withdrawal Code	Withdrawal Date
2016-2017	600002113	DHS	11	T9	02/10/2017
2016-2017	800002080	DHS	10	T9	04/10/2017
2016-2017	800000129	DHS	09	T9	01/18/2017
2016-2017	300000431	DHS	11	T9	03/13/2017
2016-2017	700000527	DHS	09	T9	09/02/2016
2016-2017	700000065	DHS	11	T9	09/02/2016

6. Field trips as listed below:

DATE	DESTINATION	SCHOOL	PARTICIPATING CLASS/CLUB	TEACHER	ADMISSION COST	TRANSPORTATION COST
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05/09/17	MMS	DHS	AVID Elective Scholars	Coleman	\$0.00	\$0.00
05/16/17	US Marshal Training Facility	DHS	NJROTC	Ballister	\$0.00	\$5.00
05/18/17	Lake Tract Firehouse	Lake Tract	Turchi, School & Miller's classes (9:00 am-10:30 am)	Lutz	\$0.00	\$0.00
05/18/17	Lake Tract Firehouse	Lake Tract	Lutz, Will, Hopkins, Contreras, Howell (1:10 pm-2:30 pm)	Lutz	\$0.00	\$0.00
05/23/17	Pine Acres Early Childhood Center	Oak Valley	2 nd Grade	Cox	\$0.00	\$0.00
06/08/17	Mural Arts Tour, Philadelphia, PA	DHS	National Art Honor Society	Davis	\$0.00	\$0.00 (Charter Bus)
06/09/17	United Artist	MMS	New Sharon & MMS Autism Program	Serebransky	\$0.00	\$0.00
06/12/17	Oak Valley	DHS	Seniors from Oak Valley	Redmond	\$0.00	\$0.00

Motion carried. Roll call vote (7-0).

FINANCE

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, on the recommendation of the School Business Administrator to approve the following items with the exception of Item #7:

1. Agreement with AVID Center for the implementation of the AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) program at the high school and middle school for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$8,636 as attached (**Finance Attachment 1**). The AVID program targets identified students for college readiness through a specific curriculum and training for teachers.
2. Agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District for Participation in Choice School Program for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$2.50 per out-of-district Choice Student application on file with GCSSSD on November 1, 2017.
3. Agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District for Participation in MVC On-Line Customer Abstract Information Retrieval Program for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$21.
4. Agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District for Participation in Nonpublic Aid-In-Lieu Program for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$2.50 per B6T (Application for Private School Transportation) form on file with GCSSSD as of November 1, 2017.
5. Resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus property as follows:

WHEREAS, the Deptford Township Board of Education is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Deptford Township Board of Education in the Township of Deptford, County of Gloucester, as follows:

- (a) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Deptford Township Board of Education.

- (b) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is www.govdeals.com.
- (c) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (d) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

Quantity	Item
1	Chisel Plow and a Spring Tooth Harrow

- (e) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
 - (f) The Deptford Township Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.
6. Resolution as follows to allow Creative Achievement Academy, LLC. to provide students with a free, nutritious lunch program:

The Deptford Township Board of Education does not require the Creative Achievement Academy, LLC. to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals provided as part of their educational program in compliance with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture’s Child Nutrition Program regulations for the 2017-2018 school year.
 7. The contract between the Deptford Township School District and Noteworthy Consulting, LLC to provide professional development to elementary teachers in May and June in the amount \$4,500 as attached (**Finance Attachment 7**). Account # 11-000-223-320-10-D
 8. Paul’s Commodity Hauling, Inc. to transport State commodities from Safeway Cold Storage located in Vineland, NJ to Deptford Twp. Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.
 9. Agreement with Effective School Solutions, LLC for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$385,000 (**Finance Attachment 9**).
 10. WHEREAS, the Deptford Township Board of Education applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as the “E-rate” Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for eligible telecommunications services, which includes Internet access and wide area network (WAN) services.

WHEREAS, the Deptford Township Board of Education posted Form 470 number 170066154 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to solicit bids from telecommunications service providers to provide Internet access and WAN services commencing on July 1, 2017.

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator, Michael Griggel, has reviewed the bids received and hereby recommends that the Board approve a thirty-six (36) month contract with Comcast Business to provide the following services:

 - One (1) Gbps of Internet access service at a monthly recurring cost of Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).
 - One (1) Gbps of WAN service at a monthly recurring cost of Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$8,688.00).
 - Under the terms of the proposal upon which this recommendation is based, the District may upgrade its bandwidth speed for Internet services within the original term of the agreement without financial penalty or the commencement of the new agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deptford Township Board of Education has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to execute a thirty-six (36) month contract with Comcast Business to receive 1 Gbps of Internet access service at a monthly recurring cost of \$2,500.00 and 1 Gbps of WAN service at a monthly recurring cost of \$8,688.00.
 11. Donation of books from the Rotary Club of Deptford to Pine Acres Early Childhood Center, Deptford High School, Central Early Childhood Center and New Sharon as attached (**Finance Attachment 11**).

- 12. Donation to Lake Tract Elementary School in the amount of \$400 from the Massabbal family in recognition of Teacher Appreciation day to be allocated at the discretion of Principal Battee and Mr. Jacob.

Motion carried on Items #1 through #4, #6, and #8 through #12. Roll call vote (7-0).
 Motion carried on Item #5. Roll call vote (6-0-1) with Mrs. Newcomb abstaining.

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, to approve the following Item #7:

- 7. The contract between the Deptford Township School District and Noteworthy Consulting, LLC to provide professional development to elementary teachers in May and June in the amount \$4,500 as attached (**Finance Attachment 7**). Account # 11-000-223-320-10-D

Mrs. Gray is concerned that we are spending \$4,500 for professional development when the district is running low on paper towels, and maintenance and custodial supplies.

Motion carried. Roll call vote (6-1) with Mrs. Gray voting no.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

There were no items under Buildings and Grounds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Jackson stated that the grant that was approved at the previous board meeting partnering with Clayton Public Schools for Special Services is in line with what researchers are recommending. Mrs. Gray asked if there is an update with the program at Central Early Childhood Center. Dr. Ford stated he has nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gray stated that if anyone attended the last board meeting they would know that she did not support the budget and voted no. She stated that she does not agree that we should eliminate a Vice Principal at the Middle School. She also stated that Mr. Campbell’s statements are concerning to her and she was surprised with the number of buses the garage repairs.

Mrs. Gray thanked Dr. Ford for the dress down day for Gianna DeVietro to assist her family with a monetary donation. Dr. Ford said he would like to thank the Pennsville softball coach for the great job she did supporting Gianna’s cause.

Mrs. Kryszczak stated that she is uncomfortable regarding transportation, and that maybe we should look at the mechanic’s position again. She suggested purchasing equipment through a grant to support the in-house repairs for school buses and this should also include maintenance equipment. She is uncomfortable if one mechanic is out, which could prevent what can be repaired and also could jeopardize safety.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Kalinowski, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, to approve the payment of the following bills, with funds available, per approval of the Superintendent and the Finance Committee (**Bills List Attachment**):

Payment of:	Amount
General Bills	\$458,167.96
Cafeteria Bills	\$188,654.23
Total Bills	\$646,822.19

Motion carried on all items except PO#703611, #703612, and #703613. Roll call vote (7-0)
 Motion carried on PO #703611. Roll call vote (6-0-1) with Mrs. Jackson abstaining.
 Motion carried on PO #703612. Roll call vote (6-0-1) with Mr. McDonald abstaining.
 Motion carried on PO #703613. Roll call vote (6-0-1) with Mrs. David-Kryszczak abstaining.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion by Mrs. Newcomb, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, to open the public portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Peatman stated that the district needs to look at the mechanic position. However, the district is paying a stipend to the JV wrestling coach of \$5,000 and the district doesn't have a JV wrestling team.

Melanie Scogna asked about the solar project. Mr. Griggel explained that the roofs and solar project will be through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), which will not increase the district's energy cost. Mr. McDonald added that not only is the district getting solar but we are getting brand new roofs with a 30 year warranty. Mr. Griggel added that the more solar panels that are added will benefit the investor and the district because the SREC savings will be shared with the district.

Sharon Mitchell stated she was at the Middle School when there was one Principal and Vice Principal. One of the biggest changes is the McRel teacher evaluation and social media being brought into the classrooms. The 11 and 12 year old population are immature. The Vice Principals are not there as disciplinarians, they become mentors to the children and give them guidance.

Debbi Green thanked Dr. Ford and Mrs. Gray for the support for Gianna DeVeitro and her family. She told Dr. Ford that she will thank the Pennsville softball coach, Beth Jackson, on his behalf. She added that this is an extremely difficult time for them and she knows they appreciate everything the district has done to support them.

Michele MacLacklin is a first grade teacher at Pine Acres who uses the Foundations program every day. She is concerned that the program is not being expanded and that it will affect the students, especially students with learning disabilities. She wants her opinion heard about cutting this program and how it will affect the children at Pine Acres. Mrs. Gray asked Dr. Ford to provide the board with a quote on Foundations.

Motion by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, seconded by Mr. McDonald, to close the public portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Jackson announced that there would be no 2nd executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. David-Kryszczak, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Griggel
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary