

February 23, 2010

BLACKWOOD TERRACE SCHOOL
DEPTFORD, NEW JERSEY

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford was held at the above place and date at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Walter Berglund.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present

Thomas Spencer
Mark Getsinger, Sr.
Ken Barnshaw
Edward Kiermeier, Jr.
Bonnie Rodgers
Rachel Green
Walter Berglund

Absent

James Messner (business)
Linda Taylor (sick)

Also Present:

Dr. Joseph F. Canataro, Superintendent
Mrs. Carolyn Morehead, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kenneth L. Kling, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mr. Spencer, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 9, 2010.

Motion carried. Roll call vote (6-0-1), with Mr. Kiermeier abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Canataro reported on the following:

1. Onsite monitoring of our district for ARRA funds in several areas: March 17, 18, and 19, 2010.
2. Release of 2009 NJ School Report Card Data: on district website.
3. Fund drive for the Haitian effort.
4. Congratulations to the Lady Spartan Basketball team for clinching a tie with Kingsway for the Tri-County Conference Royal Division Title. Congratulations to all the team members and to Coaches Mark Petito, Pete Orio, Nicole Crowe, and Angela Pollino.
5. Congratulations to the Spartan Bowling team and Coach Tara Marker for their win of the Olympic Conference National Division Championship. Special commendations go to Michael Mantici for placing 6th overall in the State individual bowling tournament with a score of 1367.
6. Congratulations to the high school Jazz Ensemble for winning the top award at the Kingsway High School Jazz Competition, as well as awards for best trumpets, best trombones, and best rhythm section. Individual awards were presented to Ken Mesmer and Richard White for outstanding soloists. Congratulations to director Carl Cox for continuing to do an exceptional job with our students.

7. Congratulations to seniors Rob Loeffler and Justin Mayer and junior Brett Carrero for their accomplishments in wrestling: Rob finished 1st in the 160 lb. weight class in the District 29 Tournament; Justin and Brett both finished 2nd in districts. Best of luck to all three this weekend in the Region Tournament at Absegami high School.
8. High school annual all-school musical, The Wizard of Oz: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 25, 26, and 27, 2010.

REPORTS

- Policy – Mrs. Rachel Green
- Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Mark Getsinger
- Finance – Mr. Ken Barnshaw

PRESENTATION

- CSA Evaluation Process – Theresa Lewis, New Jersey School Boards Association
- Gifted and Talented – Mrs. Michelle Tucci
- INCLUDE – Mr. Melvin Allen

RESOLUTION REGARDING GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 14

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

Whereas, the 2008-2009 operating budget of the Deptford Township Public Schools, approved by the Department of Education, did provide expenditures to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards; and

Whereas, beginning January 1, 2009, the Administration, in assessing the state of the economy, with daily reports of the State's inability to fund their budget, did freeze any further spending other than that necessary for the balance of the 2008-2009 school year. With excess fund balance in the amount of \$542,326 in the prior year, additional money was needed to be set aside to help offset any State aid reductions in the following year; and

Whereas, the amount of excess surplus increased to \$4,420,599, as a result of the following:

- Actual energy costs were far below budgeted amount
- Actual contracted services in transportation, aid-in-lieu-of, and fuel costs were far below budgeted amount
- Health benefits costs decreased by 2% but were budgeted for an increase of up to 6%; benefits in part were charged to grants
- Social Security costs in part were charged to grants
- Actual special education costs were far below budgeted amount
- Actual salaries negotiated were less than budgeted with several positions not filled
- Actual telephone expenses were well below budgeted amount with \$127,000 e-rate funded
- Equipment purchases in the Capital Outlay budget were unspent
- District supply purchases were reduced
- Additional salaries were charged to grants since the grants were higher than budgeted; and

Whereas, according to P.L. 2004, C.73, Undesignated Fund Balance shall be used to reduce the General Fund tax levy required for the subsequent budget year; and

Whereas, as a result of the actions herein described, the excess surplus did increase to \$4,420,599; and

Whereas, it was the intent of the Deptford Township Board of Education to use excess surplus to offset the two State aid delayed payments in June 2009 to meet bill obligations, and to reduce taxes as necessary in the subsequent year's budget, and to complete Capital Outlay projects that deal with replacement of antiquated heating systems at the schools as follows:

- Shady Lane School and Lake Tract School: Replacement of existing boilers and pumps, controls, and unit ventilators.
- High School IMC: Replacement of heat pump system including boilers and modification to electric panels.
- High School Auditorium: Replacement of infrastructure including HVAC, ductwork, and control systems; and

Whereas, the Board of Education followed all proper procedures according to State regulations for this to occur; and

Whereas, the annual audit of the Deptford Township School District has been submitted with no comments or recommendations; and

Whereas, these funds belong to Deptford taxpayers and should be used as originally intended, for relief to the Deptford taxpayer; and

Whereas, the Governor through Executive Order 14, declared this surplus to be used in the current year to reduce the amount of remaining payments due to the Deptford Township Board of Education that the taxpayers approved on April 21, 2009; and

Whereas, Executive Order 14 penalizes our school district for its fiscal prudence and foresight in preparing for a challenging 2010-2011 budget year and for engaging in good fiscal planning; and

Whereas, as elected officials of the Deptford Township Community, we urge our Governor and Legislature to meet the obligation of the State to provide for a thorough and efficient education for all the children.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Deptford Township Board of Education does hereby vehemently protest this use of the Deptford Township taxpayers' funds contrary to P.L. 2004, C. 73 and the Board of Education strongly urges that a better solution be found.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be made and shall remain a permanent part of the records of the Deptford Township School District, and that a copy be sent to all appropriate government officials so that a remedy can be developed in the interest of the children and taxpayers of Deptford Township.

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

POLICY

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

- A. Placement of (P 267) who is classified eligible for special education, into a program at The Children's Home/Mary A. Dobbins School effective February 16, 2010, at a tuition in accordance with State guidelines, pending notification of the Gloucester County Office of Education.
- B. Report Card Marking Periods for the 2010-2011 school year as attached.
- C. 2010-2011 School Calendar as attached.
- D. 2010-2011 12-Month School Calendar as attached.
- E. 2010-2011 Staff Schedules as attached.
- F. 2010-2011 High School Bell Schedules as attached.
- G. 2010-2011 Middle School Bell Schedules as attached.
- H. 2010-2011 Bell Schedules for Central Early Childhood Center, Pine Acres Early Childhood Center and Shady Lane Elementary School as attached.
- I. 2010-2011 Bell Schedules for Good Intent Elementary School, Lake Tract Elementary School and Oak Valley Elementary School as attached.
- J. Summer Learning Camp to run from July 6, 2010 through August 5, 2010 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Monday thru Thursday (teacher hours), and 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (student hours).
 - Teachers (number to be determined) - \$35 per hour, maximum 3 hours per day.
 - Teacher Aides (for special education needs) - \$16 per hour, maximum 3 hours per day.
 - Occupational Therapist - \$45 per hour, maximum 8 hours per week.
 - Speech Therapist - \$45 per hour, maximum 8 hours per week.

All classroom teachers will also attend a faculty meeting, set up, and planning session on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

- K. Summer Learning Camp Administrative aide from July 1, 2010 through August 12, 2010 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15, Monday thru Thursday at a rate of \$12 per hour.
- L. Second reading and approval of policies and regulations as per attached list. (Actual polices and regulations are on file in the Superintendent's Office.)
- M. Field trips as attached.

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

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Spencer, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

A. RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND TERMINATIONS

B. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

<u>Leave of Absence</u>	<u>Leave Requested</u>	<u>Fed.Med. Lv.Act</u>	<u>State Med. Lv. Act</u>	<u>Use of Sick Days</u>
Rebecca Tasso, speech therapist, maternity	9-1-10 – 12-23-10	9-1-10 – 10-27-10	10-28-10– 12-23-10	9-1-10 – 9-20-10
Amy Gigliotti, teacher, High School, surgery	3-5-10 – 4-5-10	3-5-10 – 4-5-10		3-5-10 – 4-5-10

C. TRANSFERS

D. EMPLOYMENT

1. Employment of John Cherubini as a long-term substitute teacher for Language Arts Literacy at Deptford Township High School from on or about April 6, 2010 until on or about May 21, 2010, at a rate previously approved by the Board of Education (replacement for Jennifer Davis who will be on maternity leave).
2. Employment of Erica Camilari as a long-term substitute teacher for Kindergarten at Central Early Childhood Center from on or about March 22, 2010 until June 18, 2010 or the end of the 2009-2010 school year, at a rate previously approved by the Board of Education (replacement for Michele Mills who will be on maternity leave).
3. Employment of Erica Frederico and Ashley Marks as substitute teachers effective February 24, 2010 for the 2009-2010 school year, at a rate previously approved by the Board of Education.

E. PROMOTIONS

F. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Rebecca Tribbett to attend the Special Education Law and Public Education in New Jersey seminar on March 4, 2010 at Rowan University.
2. Melvin Allen, Shannon Pizzuta and Meredith Howell to attend the NCTM 2010 Annual Meeting and Exposition on April 21-24, 2010 in San Diego, CA.

G. OTHER

1. Approve the following staff as Volunteer Weight Training Coaches for the 2010 Spring season at Deptford Township High School:

Matthew Baney
John Casella

Robert Canaday
Marc Murray

Nicholas Cappolina

2. Approve the following staff as trainers/presenter for the March 10, 2010 In-service at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for hours worked:
 - Nathanael Barnes – Trainer - District-wide SST Follow-up Training – High School – L146 – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 - RTIm Trainers in Elementary/MMS Buildings – 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Catherine Kolodzey	Kristen Roszell	Lauren Siefert
Valerie Canataro	Jeanne Diem	Kristina Morrison
Andrea Concordia	Lindsay Fillman	Tracy Van Horn
Kathy McHugh	Liza Lupi	Nancy Wittkorn
Stephanie Capra		

- Shannon Pizzuta – Presenter - School Fusion Website Technology – Presentation at Good Intent.
3. Approve Mark Petito as Summer Learning Camp Supervisor for the 2009-2010 school year, at a compensation of \$5,000.00 for preliminary work and supervisory duties.

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

FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

A. Revision of salary charge-offs as attached for the following 2009-2010 grants:

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – ARRA.
- Implementing New Curricular Learning with Universally Designed Experiences (INCLUDE).

B. Resolution Requesting Additional Federal Aid to the States as follows:

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009, which included domestic spending for education; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey benefited from this legislation with over \$1 billion being directly utilized for funding the education budget for the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, as all states in the union, are amidst a fiscal crisis that could potentially and negatively affect the educational system; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey continues to score above the national average in achievement tests; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey’s educational system has made great strides in increasing the improvement of student achievement, and has been recently recognized by the Education Trust as one of the top states in closing the achievement gap between low-income or minority students and their peers; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Education has focused on implementing an accountability system for the spending of taxpayers’ resources; and

WHEREAS, the future of all the states and the nation as a whole are dependent upon the education of our children; in the words of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy: “Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource;” and

WHEREAS, without the infusion of Federal aid, education in the State of New Jersey is destined to go backwards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Deptford Township Board of Education, Gloucester County, New Jersey, to respectfully request the enactment of Federal legislation that would secure funding for the 2010-2011 school year similar to the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 that funded the 2009-2010 education budgets.

C. Approval of Agreement between the Deptford Township Board of Education and Daktronics Sports Marketing as attached.

D. Request to the Executive County Superintendent for an adjustment to the Capital Reserve account calculation as follows and as per the February 8, 2010, memo:

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey is authorized to undertake renovations, improvements, and construction of its facilities as well as purchase the associated equipment and furniture necessary to provide a thorough and efficient education to the students of the School District; and

Whereas, the Board wants to finance boiler replacement work at the Good Intent Elementary School with funds currently budgeted in the capital reserve account; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Facilities (the “Department of Education”) has awarded the Board the following preliminary eligible costs (“PEC”) amounts for the replacement of two boilers and related equipment at the Good Intent Elementary School:

Good Intent Elementary School:	
<u>Project No. 1100-090-09-1004</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC)</i>	<i>\$1,011,120</i>
<i>State Share of PEC</i>	<i>453,945</i>
<i>Local Share of PEC</i>	<i>557,175</i>
Total Project Costs	\$1,011,120

Whereas, the Board wants to accept the PECs amounts for the boiler replacement work at the Good Intent Elementary School and transfer funds from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay fund to fund the Board’s share for these improvements;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. That the Board hereby accepts the PEC amounts for the boiler repair work at the Good Intent Elementary School. The Board waives its right to appeal these PEC amounts and accepts such amounts as the Final Eligible Costs for this project. The Board hereby elects to receive a grant as facilities aid pursuant to Section 9 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c.72, effective July 18, 2000.

Section 2. That the Board hereby authorized the transfer of \$557,175 from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay fund, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(h)(2), at the July 14th, 2009 Board meeting in order to fund its share of the boiler repair work at the Good Intent Elementary School.

Section 3. That the Business Administrator/Board Secretary provide a certified copy of this resolution and the original resolution to the Executive County Superintendent showing the withdrawal of the \$557,175 from the original \$665,001 Capital Reserve balance (at June 30,2009) for a net balance of \$107,826.

Section 4. That the Business Administrator/Board Secretary provide all documentation required by the Executive County Superintendent needed to complete the review.

Motion carried. Items A, B, and D carried 7-0 on roll call vote, and item C was defeated 0-7 on roll call vote.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

- A. Resolution awarding a contract to Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the mechanical renovations at the Good Intent Elementary School, Oak Valley Elementary School, and Pine Acres Early Childhood Center as follows:

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey (the “Board”) advertised for bids on or about January 7, 2010, for mechanical renovations at Good Intent Elementary School, Oak Valley Elementary School, and Pine Acres Early Childhood Center; and

Whereas, the *Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.* (the “Contracts Law”), requires the Board to award bids to the lowest responsible bidder, which entails the successful bidder to offer not only the lowest price but also the bid that is both *responsive* and *responsible*, as such terms are defined in the *Contracts Law*; and

Whereas, the Board received bids on February 5, 2010, as detailed on the attached; and

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Whereas, the bid submitted by Falasca Mechanical, Inc. was reviewed by the School Business Administrator and his staff, as well as by Greyhawk ("Construction Manager") and Trimble & Armano ("Special Projects Counsel") to determine whether the bid was both responsive and responsible; and

Whereas, after such review, the bid was determined to be responsible and responsive;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved By the Board of Education of the Township of Deptford in the County of Gloucester as follows:

Section 1. That the bid of Falasca Mechanical, Inc., for mechanical renovations at the Good Intent Elementary School, Oak Valley Elementary School, and Pine Acres Early Childhood Center is both the lowest responsible and responsive bidder as such terms are defined in the Contracts Law.

Section 2. That such bid, with base bid and Alternates GI-1, GI-2, GI-3, GI-4, GI-5, OV-1, OV-2, OV-3, OV-4, OV-5, OV-6, PA-1, and PA-2 in the total amount of \$2,415,150 is awarded to Falasca Mechanical, Inc. based upon the recommendations of the School Business Administrator, Construction Manager, and Special Projects Counsel, who have determined that such bid is the lowest responsible and responsive bid. (NOTE: All alternates are being awarded with the exception of GI-6.)

Section 3. That the Board hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute a contract with Falasca Mechanical, Inc.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Rodgers asked about a professional development request that was previously tabled, in which five people were requesting to travel to San Diego as part of the INCLUDE grant. Mr. Barnshaw responded that the grant requires three employees to attend the national seminar, and the total grant award would be in jeopardy if that didn't happen. The professional development request was reduced from five to three people, and was approved on tonight's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Barnshaw asked that the School Business Administrator go out to seek refinancing of the district's current bonds. He also discussed the March Board meetings and Finance Committee meetings. He further stated that the expenses will be provided to the full Board following the March 6th Finance Committee meeting.

Dr. Canataro gave a brief presentation on adequacy budgets.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve purchase orders as submitted.

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

Mr. Kiermeier left the meeting at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve the payment of bills with funds available, in the total amount of \$1,585,510.72 – Cafeteria=\$132,046.37 and General=\$1,453,464.35, per approval of the Superintendent and the Finance Committee.

Motion carried. Roll call vote (6-0).

PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Berglund opened the meeting for petitions from the floor.

Lillian Palladino, resident, updated the Board on the Light the Stadium Committee's fundraising efforts.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Green, 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 ("Board of Education") 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 the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session;

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

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 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 labor relations);

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 of Education 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. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter. (Estimated date: upon approval of the Board solicitor to release such information);

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, Kenneth L. Kling, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at its meeting held on February 23, 2010, in Deptford, New Jersey.

Kenneth L. Kling, Board Secretary

Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Green, to return to public session.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Green, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth L. Kling
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary