

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC MEETING

ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER - PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Pethybridge at 7:52 p.m.

II. STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Washington Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Trenton Times and the Washington Township Bulletin Board. In addition, this notice was faxed to the Trenton Times and posted at Sharon School and Pond Road Middle School.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

David Pethybridge

Patrick Foti

Maxine Fox

Raymond Hart

Nagesh Kuppuraju

Mark Setaro

Michele Siekerka

Faith Silvestrov

Member Absent

Joseph Armenti

Others Present:

Dr. John Szabo, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Paul Todd, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Kathie Foster, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

V. MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, seconded by Mr. Foti and carried by a 7-0 vote with Mr. Armenti being absent, and Mrs. Silvestrov abstaining, the following minutes were adopted:

Executive Session December 13, 2005
Work Session December 13, 2005

On motion of Mr. Setaro, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a 8-0 vote with Mr. Armenti being absent, the following minutes were adopted:

Regular Session December 20, 2005

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mrs. Fox and carried by a 7-0 vote with Mr. Armenti being absent, and Mrs. Silvestrov abstaining, the following minutes were adopted:

Executive Session January 17, 2006
Work Session January 17, 2006

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mrs. Silvestrov and carried by a 8-0 vote with Mr. Armenti being absent, the following minutes were adopted:

Special Meeting January 23, 2006

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a 7-0 vote with Mr. Armenti being absent, and Mr. Setaro abstaining, the following minutes were adopted:

Regular Session January 24, 2006

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Paul Todd will present Bussing Efficiencies – “Tiered Bussing”.

VII. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Shannon Boyne

VIII. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Mr. Todd announced the three candidates for the school board elections: Mrs. Maxine Fox, Mrs. Doreen Pierson, and Mrs. Faith Silvestrov. There are three seats open for three year terms.
- Mr. Todd informed everyone that online policies will be up and running in the next few weeks.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

X. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

XII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Maxine Fox

Mrs. Fox reported the following:

- Fundraising Summit on February 6th was widely attended. This summit was intended to get school related groups together to discuss the planning of fundraising efforts. A preliminary calendar was created and placed onto the school website by Ms. Rossi. A master list of fundraising chairs is being developed. Another Summit will be held in June.
- Next community relations meeting will be April 4th at Pond Road Middle School.

XIII. P.I.E. COMMITTEE – Michele Siekerka

XIV. HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

XV. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

A. PERSONNEL – Faith Silvestrov

BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Board of Education that the following **PERSONNEL** resolutions, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved as indicated:

On Motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, seconded by Mrs. Siekerka and approved by a 8-0 vote, with Mr. Armenti being absent, the following were adopted:

1. EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

a. Confidential Secretary for Human Resources

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mrs. Deborah Chiodo as the Confidential Secretary for Human Resources for the 2005-06 school year at the prorated annual salary of \$31,575.00, effective February 13, 2006.

On Motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, seconded by Mr. Foti and approved by a 8-0 vote, with Mr. Armenti being absent, the following were adopted:

b. English Teacher – Robbinsville High School – 2005-06

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Barbara Wojtowicz as a permanent .6 English teacher for Robbinsville High School for the 2005-2006 school year at the B.A., Step 2 level of the salary guide and at the prorated annual salary of \$25,191.00, effective February 21, 2006.

(Ms. Wojtowicz has been employed as a permanent substitute at Robbinsville High School and has just received her New Jersey Certification.)

2. **EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY**

a. **Testing Coordinator**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nicole Rossi-Dzikowski as Testing Coordinator for the 2005-2006 school year at a stipend of \$9,500.

b. **Curriculum Writing – 2005-06**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff members for curriculum writing for the 2005-06 school year at \$31.00 per hour, as indicated:

Alison Sussman	Science/Fiction Fantasy	10 hrs.
Barbara Wojtowicz	Sports Journalism	20 hrs.

c. **Club Advisor – Robbinsville High School – 2005-06**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff member as club advisor in the Robbinsville High School for the 2005-06 school year as indicated:

Math Club Advisor	Kris Buss	\$1,500.00 (stipend)
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d. **Club Advisor Revision – Robbinsville High School – 2005-06**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following revision of club advisor for the RHS Congress Newspaper in the Robbinsville High School for the 2005-06 school year as indicated:

FROM: Mr. Andrew Patterson
TO: Mrs. Barbara Wojtowicz

Stipend: \$2,500.00 (prorated) Account #11-401-100-610-01-0000

e. **Spring Session Coaching Staff – Robbinsville High School – 2005-06**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Spring Session Coaching Staff (Account #11-402-100-100-01) as indicated:

Baseball

S. Overton	Assistant Coach (JV)	Step 2	4,771.00
T. Brettel	Assistant Coach	Step 1	4,568.00

Softball*

J. Goldstein	Assistant Coach (JV)	Step 2	4,771.00
A. Wright	Assistant Coach	Step 1	4,568.00

Golf

R. Gildner Assistant Coach (JV) Step 1 4,568.00

Lacrosse (boys)

D. Finn Assistant Coach (JV) Step 2 4,771.00

C. Penna Assistant Coach Step 1 4,568.00

Lacrosse (girls)

M. Handford Assistant Coach (JV) Step 2 4,771.00

K. Lyons Assistant Coach Step 1 4,568.00

Track and Field

M. Walker Assistant Coach (JV) Step 2 4,771.00

A. Patterson Assistant Coach Step 2 4,771.00

R. Smith Assistant Coach Step 1 4,568.00

***Based upon student participation.**

3. STAFF RESIGNATION

a. Kindergarten Teacher

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully accept the resignation of Mrs. Angela Patrick, Kindergarten Teacher, with many thanks for her 20 years of dedicated service to the students, staff and community of the Washington Township Schools, effective June 30, 2006.

b. 9th Grade Science Teacher

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Mr. Augusto Macalalag, 9th grade Science teacher at Robbinsville High School, effective April 7, 2006.

c. Middle States Internal Coordinator

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Mr. Augusto Macalalag, as Middle States Internal Coordinator for Robbinsville High School effective immediately.

4. STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAM

a. The College of New Jersey

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following student teacher placement as indicated:

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Angelique Wurpel	Mary (Kathy) Chandler	3/6 – 4/28/06

b. Rutgers University School of Communication

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following student teacher placement as indicated:

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Marci Bogden	Betty Jane Olivia	Spring Semester

c. **Westminster Choir College**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following student teacher placement at Robbinsville High School two days per week as indicated:

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
William Baskinger	David Westawski	2/7 – 5/4/06
Caitlin Cogger	David Westawski	2/7 – 5/4/06
Jenna Moore	David Westawski	2/7 – 5/4/06

5. **HOME INSTRUCTORS**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Home Instructors for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year at the hourly rate of \$31.00 on an as needed basis:

Augusto Macalalag
Daniel Finn
Christopher Buss
Carolyn Bonafazzi

6. **REQUEST FOR PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Anne DiGiuseppe for a 10-day paid leave to participate in The Examined Life: Hellenic Studies in the Schools program. She has received a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in this program which includes a 10-day trip to Greece on March 9 – 19, 2006 (there will be no cost to the district).

B. **EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, & POLICY – Raymond Hart**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Board of Education that the following **EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, & POLICY** resolutions as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved as indicated:

On motion of Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Foti and carried by an 8-0 vote with Mr. Armenti being absent, the following were approved:

1. **GRANTS/APPLICATIONS**

a. **NCLB Carry-Over Application**

MOTION to approve the 2005 NCLB Carry-Over Application. The balance of \$9,210.00 will be utilized for the 2005-2006 school year to provide further professional development training to the teachers as we fully implement the Every Day Math and Connected Math programs.

2. **POLICY/LEGISLATION**

a. **Policy Second Readings**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the following as indicated:

R8420.03	Natural Disasters and Manmade Catastrophes	New
P7510	Use of School Facilities	Revised

C. **FACILITIES, FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION** – Mark Setaro

BE IT RESOLVED by the WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION approve the following **FACILITIES, FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION** resolutions, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, be approved as indicated:

On motion of Mr. Setaro, seconded by Mrs. Sierka and carried by an 7-1 vote with Mrs. Fox opposing, and Mr. Armenti being absent, the following were approved:

1. **FINANCE**

a. **Bills & Claims List**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve payment of the following bills and claims:

February Bill List	\$860,463.83
January Supplemental Bill List	<u>\$485,476.17</u>
TOTAL	\$1,345,940.00

2. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

a. **Building Use**

That the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Buildings and Grounds Use of Facilities Schedule for the month of February, 2006.

b. **Destination Imagination Tournament**

That the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Robbinsville High School for the site of the 2006 Destination Imagination Tournament.

3. CHILD STUDY SERVICES

a. Tuition Contract with MCSSSD

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the tuition contract for student #05-43R with Mercer County Special Services School at the rate of \$39,107.00, prorated for the 2005-2006 school year.

b. Tuition Contract with Titusville Academy

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the tuition contract for student #05-44R with Titusville Academy at the rate of \$31,575.60, prorated for the 2005-2006 school year.

XV. HEARING OF PUBLIC

Numerous parents of ice hockey players in the district expressed their concern of the removal of the Ice Hockey Program from the 2006-2007 budget.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the proposed 2006-2007 budget.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Armenti, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul Todd
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**