

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held  
4 **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** in the Nehauseney Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Susan Vernacchio at 6:32 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Susan Vernacchio	<b>CHAIRPERSON: Negotiations</b> Budget & Finance Public Relations & Health and Safety Gloucester County/State Board Association-Alternate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Erin Herzberg	<b>CHAIRPERSON: Policy</b> Curriculum & Technology Negotiations Strategic Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andrew Chapkowski	<b>CHAIRPERSON: Budget &amp; Finance</b> Buildings & Grounds Policy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. John Goetaski	<b>CHAIRPERSON: Strategic Planning</b> Budget & Finance Buildings & Grounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Roseanne Lombardo <b>Absent</b>	<b>Gloucester County/State Board Association Representative</b> Paulsboro Board of Education Representative Curriculum & Technology Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Meghann Myers <b>Absent</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON: Buildings &amp; Grounds</b> <b>CHAIRPERSON:</b> Public Relations & Health and Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Fiona Paterna	<b>CHAIRPERSON: Curriculum &amp; Technology</b> Public Relations & Health and Safety Strategic Planning

10 Quorum **YES**

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12 Also present were Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman, Chief School Administrator and  
13 Mr. Scott A. Campbell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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15 As required under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this  
16 meeting was sent to **The Courier Post**, and **The Township Clerk**. It was also  
17 posted in the Greenwich Township School Buildings. (Optional: Videotaping  
18 Regulations – “The proceedings of this meeting are being videotaped and  
19 anyone wishing to discuss an individual child should so note.”)

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21 **FLAG SALUTE**

1 **1. MINUTES**

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3 Motion: (Chapkowski/Goetaski) to approve the following minutes:

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5 August 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting

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7 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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9 **2. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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11 Motion: (Herzberg/Paterna) to approve the following:

- 12  
13 A. The approval to hire Nancy Marrero as Full-time Custodian, at a prorated  
14 salary of \$41,351.00, Step 12, pending receipt of all new hire documents  
15 including Criminal History Review and in accordance with G.T.E.A. and  
16 Greenwich Township Board of Education policies and regulations and also  
17 pending completion of negotiations, for the 2022-2023 school year.

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19 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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21 Motion: (Herzberg/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, B-E:

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23 B. The approval of L.E.A. Guidance for Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan  
24 Attestation for the 2021-2022 SY and Health and Safety Plan, to be  
25 submitted to the Gloucester County Office of Education. (Attachment)

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27 C. The *retroactive* approval of the following staff that participated in the  
28 PreSchool and Kindergarten orientation for parents and students, on  
29 September 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., at a stipend of \$35.00 per  
30 hour for two (2) hours:

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32 Kiley Barker Stephanie Beckett Janet Geary  
33 Susan Pipczynski Tara Reale Annelise Walker

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35 D. The approval for request of F.M.L.A. from Megan Ballinger, intermittently  
36 for the 2022-2023 school year, based on the medical certification  
37 provided, following F.M.L.A., G.T.E.A. and Greenwich Township School  
38 District protocols. (Attachment)

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40 E. The approval of request for F.M.L.A. from Kathy Seacrist, intermittently for  
41 the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of all F.M.L.A. certifications,  
42 following F.M.L.A., G.T.E.A. and Greenwich Township School District  
43 protocols. (Attachment)

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45 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1 **3. POLICY/REGULATIONS**

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3 Motion: (Vernacchio/Goetaski) to approve the following Policies and/or  
4 Regulations on second (2nd) reading:  
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Number	Type	Section	Title	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
P 0163	R	ByLaws	Quorum		X
P 1511	M, R	Admininstration	Board of Education Website Accessibility		X
P 2415	M, R	Program	Every Student Succeeds Act		X
P & R 3270	R	Teaching Staff Members	Professional Responsibilities		X
P & R 5513	M, R	Students	Care of School Property		X
P 5517	M, R	Students	School District Issued Student Identification Cards		X
P 5722	N, M	Students	Student Journalism		X

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7 **Andrew Chapkowski** asked about the quorum and if there wasn't one and a  
8 decision or vote needed to be made, who could make the final decision? **Dr.**  
9 **Jennifer Foley-Hindman** said they would call their attorney since neither she or  
10 **Scott Campbell** would be comfortable making that decision.  
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12 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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14 **4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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16 Motion: (Herzberg/Chapkowski) to approve the following:

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18 A. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district  
19 workshops:  
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Name/Position	Workshop/Location/Time	Date	Cost
Gerardo Batista, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds	<b>PEOSH/NJADP Indoor Air Quality</b> Camden County Vo-Tech	11/4/22	\$0.00 Plus Mileage
Gerardo Batista, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds	<b>School IPM Coordinators</b> Rutgers Cooperative Extension Camden County Vo-Tech	1/13/23	\$0.00 Plus Mileage
Miranda Coughlan, Middle School Teacher	<b>First Educational Resources</b> <b>"Productive Struggles: Strategies &amp; Tasks for Promoting Perseverance in your Mathematics Classroom"</b> Via Zoom	11/9/22	\$149.00

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22 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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1 **5. BUDGET & FINANCE**

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3 Motion: (Paterna/Goetaski) to approve the following:

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5 A. The approval of the contract between Greenwich Township Board of  
6 Education and Clearview Regional Board of Education, for student  
7 #7446799209 and student #9324931383 to attend the self-contained MD  
8 program at a cost of \$26,500.00 each for the 2022-2023 school year.  
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10 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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12 Motion: (Herzberg/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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14 B. The approval of the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Gateway  
15 Regional Board of Education (Host) and the Greenwich Township Board  
16 of Education (Joiner) for the following bus routes for the 2022-2023 school  
17 year:

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19 Bus Route: GPS1/GPS2  
20 Schools: PreSchool - Broad Street School  
21 Contractor: Gateway Regional Board of Education  
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23 *Andrew Chapkowski said he thought we already had an agreement that was approved*  
24 *but Mr. Campbell informed him that agreement was for summer transportation only.*  
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26 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.  
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28 **6. REPORT OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

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30 Motion: (Chapkowski/Vernacchio) to approve the following:

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32 A. Bills Lists

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34 1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the  
35 following amounts are ordered paid. (Attachment)  
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Number	Amount
#89-2022	\$76,525.19
#90-2022	\$7,850.55
#91-2022	\$84,736.87
#93-2022	\$1,275.00
#94-2022	\$152.80
#8-2023	\$205.00
#9-2023	\$88,666.54

#10-2023	\$5,461.01
#11-2023	\$100.00
#12-2023	\$4,598.11
#13-2023	\$132,704.75
#14-2023	\$63,659.96
P/R#116	\$67,424.35
P/R#117	\$78,021.58
P/R#118	\$74,110.77
P/R#119	\$62,888.11
<b>TOTAL: \$748,380.59</b>	

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

A. The tuition contract between Greenwich Township Board of Education and Archbishop Damiano School, in the amount of \$57,107.40, for student# 7571319900, approved at the Board meeting August 9, 2022, has been cancelled until further placement can be found.

Both the Child Study Team and the parent are working for another placement for the child. The tuition money was going to be funded by I.D.E.A. funds so when this child goes to another placement, we will use those funds or apply it to another private school for a disabled student. So right now that money is "earmarked" for any child.

B. Andrew Chapkowski wanted to know if we heard from School Boards? Scott Campbell said he has not heard back from them yet.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business at this time.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. The approval of Alternate Temporary Toilet room Facilities for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment)

**10. PUBLIC – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening. You will be notified either at this meeting, by letter or telephone of any action that the Board does take.

1 In accordance with Board policy and procedures, speakers are not permitted to  
2 publicly speak of personal issues involving school personnel, or against any  
3 person connected to the school system. Any such concern should be presented  
4 to the school or district-level administration so that a proper response may be  
5 given.  
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7 **Alyson Martorano**, 34 South Home Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said the 5th graders  
8 are not allowed on the playground equipment and it doesn't give them a whole lot  
9 of stuff to do. She also stated she "heard" it wasn't safe. **Scott Campbell** asked  
10 her where she heard it wasn't safe because the facilities department does regular  
11 safety checks on all the equipment. **Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman** said she  
12 cannot comment on that subject of 5th graders not being allowed on the  
13 playground equipment until she can get more information on that.

14 **Ms. Martorano** then asked whether the "specials" were going back to normal  
15 meaning the K-2 will be moving from classroom to classroom which would give  
16 them a little movement instead of sitting in a classroom all day? **Dr. Foley-**  
17 **Hindman** again said she would need more information on that subject before she  
18 comments but she doesn't see why we can't go back to that.

19 **Ms. Martorano** said the kids are using chromebooks now but is there going to be  
20 a time when they are going to get back into the computer lab with a desktop  
21 computer and a mouse to be taught other skills? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** responded  
22 that they will be transferring those skills into the classroom so there will be no  
23 need to have a separate computer lab for that.

24 **Ms. Martorano** then asked if they heard anything back from Lifetouch if we are  
25 going to be receiving refunds for the yearbooks that were never received? **Dr.**  
26 **Foley-Hindman** said she believes **Mike Grelli** put out information about the  
27 refund and she will follow up with him about it to make sure it was communicated  
28 to the parents effectively.

29 **Ms. Martorano** asked why we don't have "STEAM" for the older grades at Broad  
30 Street? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said it was because they get Science. The  
31 "STEAM" was to try and pull some of our expertise that we had in the older  
32 grades and bring it down to the lower grades. They do have a dedicated lab now.

33 **Ms. Martorano** asked if there is going to be a time when we will bring clubs and  
34 fun things back to Broad Street like Family Fun Night or Family Fitness Night, Art  
35 or Italian Club etc.? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** responded that we have had teachers  
36 sign up for clubs here at Nehaunsey and there is money allocated for clubs but if  
37 we don't have advisors signing up for them, then we can't have them.

38 **Ms. Martorano** then asked how we can get parents back into the schools? She  
39 realizes we can't bring snacks in for our child's birthday but would we be able to  
40 read a book to the class? **Dr. Foley-Hindman** said they are looking at ways to  
41 do that but every time we allow people in the building, it is a security issue. She  
42 will meet with **Mrs. Whitcraft** to see when we can look at doing that.  
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1 **Jessica Folker DeItufo**, 907 Mullen Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ asked about  
2 having room parents in the classrooms. She said sometimes it is nice to have a  
3 different face in the classroom. Even during the holidays where a parent can  
4 come and help out with a craft. **Dr. Foley-Hindman** again said that she and Mrs.  
5 Whitcraft will look into it to see what can be done.  
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7 **Violet Gregg**, teacher at Nehaunsey Middle School, said at Swedesboro-  
8 Woolwich Township Schools, they don't have parents come in for birthdays but  
9 they do have "mystery readers" where you sign up in the beginning of the school  
10 year and it is either a parent or guardian that comes in and reads to the class.  
11 She believes it is only for Kindergarten and Grade 1 and it is done maybe once  
12 every other week. **Ms. Martorano** likes that idea.  
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14 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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16 Motion: (Herzberg/Paterna) to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.  
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22 Respectfully Submitted,  
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26 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary  
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30 **\*\*Next Board of Education Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October**  
31 **11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. \*\***  
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