

1 **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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3 of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Greenwich Township Board of Education held
4 **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** in the Nehaunsey Middle School library.

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6 The meeting was called to order by President Susan Vernacchio at 6:30 p.m.

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8 **Roll Call:**

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

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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/Vernacchio) to approve the following minutes:

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5 September 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting

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7 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with Roseanne Lombardo & Meghann
8 Myers abstaining.

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10 **2. ADMINISTRATIVE/PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

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12 Motion: (Chapkowski/Lombardo) to approve the following as one, A-C:

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14 A. School Health Services Monthly Reports

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16 1. The School Health Services Monthly Report as of September 2022
17 for Broad Street School. (Attachment)
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19 2. The School Health Services Monthly Report as of September 2022
20 for Nehaunsey Middle School. (Attachment)

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22 B. Monthly Attendance, Enrollment, Drills & Monthly Overview
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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 2022	
Broad Street School	94.3%
Nehaunsey Middle School	94.5%

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BROAD STREET ENROLLMENT - SEPTEMBER 2022	
Grade Pre-K	Total: 41
Grade K	Total: 40
Grade 1	Total: 43
Grade 2	Total: 32
Grade 3	Total: 42
Grade 4	Total: 42
Grade 5	Total: 42
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 282	

NEHAUNSEY ENROLLMENT - SEPTEMBER 2022	
Grade 6	Total: 51
Grade 7	Total: 42
Grade 8	Total: 52
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 145	

Date	Time/Location	Duration	Action/Drill	Weather Conditions
9/12/22	10:02 a.m./BSS	2 minutes	Routine Fire Drill	Cloudy
9/14/22	9:23 a.m./NMS	2 minutes	Routine Fire Drill	Warm, Sunny
9/23/22	1:30 p.m./NMS	10 minutes	Bus Evacuation Drill	Warm, Cloudy
9/23/22	9:00 a.m./BSS	13 minutes	Bus Evacuation Drill	Warm, Cloudy
9/29/22	2:00 p.m./BSS	3 minutes	Non-Fire Evacuation Drill	Sunny
9/30/22	2:00 p.m./NMS	2 minutes	Non-fire Evacuation Drill	Cool, Cloudy
*NMS-Nehaunsey Middle School *BSS-Broad Street School				

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MONTHLY EVENT OVERVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2022		
Date	Event	Building
9/1/22	PreSchool & Kindergarten Orientation	BSS
9/7/22	First Student Day	Both
9/13/22	Student Picture Day	NMS
9/21/22	Back to School Night Student Picture Day	BSS
9/22/22	Back to School Night	NMS
9/26/22-9/30/22	P.T.O. at BSS Scholastic Book Fair	BSS
9/27/22	Start Strong Assessments	Both

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C. Student Discipline, Violence/Vandalism, HIB

1. Student discipline, Violence/Vandalism and HIB as of September 30, 2022:

Infraction/Referrals/Reports	Number of Incidents this Month		2022-2023 Total-To-Date	
	BSS	NMS	BSS	NMS
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0
Detention After School	0	0	0	0
Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying	0	2	0	2
Lunch Detention	15	12	15	12
Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)	1	2	1	2
Restricted Study	2	0	2	0
Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse	0	0	0	0

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2. Completed Investigation Reports as of September 30, 2022:

Case Number	Date of Initial Report	Date Reported to Superintendent	Result of Investigation
NMS22/23-1	9/12/22	9/12/22	Not Confirmed
NMS22/23-2	9/30/22	9/30/22	Not Confirmed

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- A. The approval for request from Alexa Wright to go from BA to BA+15, effective September 1, 2022, to the current salary of \$52,950.00, pending completion of negotiations.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

- B. The acceptance, with much gratitude and appreciation, the resignation from Suzanne Lavin, effective January 1, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Vernacchio/Lombardo) to approve the following:

- C. The acceptance, with much gratitude and appreciation, the resignation from Tracy Sparks, *retroactive* to October 7, 2022.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: (Paterna/Chapkowski) to approve the following as one, D-O:

- D. The approval to accept the 2022 NJSLA Science Scores. (Attachment)
- E. The approval of the following staff to these clubs at the stated stipend, in accordance with G.T.E.A. and Greenwich Township School District Agreement, for the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of negotiations:

Club	Staff Member	Stipend
Book Club	Michelle Neigut	\$720.00
8th Grade Advisor/Graduation	Andrew Mettler	\$1,250.00
8th Grade Trip/Fundraiser/Organizer	Andrew Mettler	\$350.00

PEP Club	Ryan McVeigh	\$720.00
Yearbook	Michael Snyder	\$750.00

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- F. The approval of Andrew Mettler, as 8th Grade Chairperson, for the 2022-2023 school year, at a stipend of \$300.00, as per the G.T.E.A. and Greenwich Township School District agreement, pending completion of negotiations.
- G. The approval of Stacy Anuszewski to the ScIP Committee for the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, as necessary, as per the G.T.E.A. agreement, pending completion of negotiations.
- H. The approval of the September 2022 School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Broad Street and Nehaunsey Middle Schools. (Attachment)
- I. The approval for the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan with Statement of Assurance, to the County Office of Education by resolution. (Attachment)
- J. The approval of the Medical Standing Orders for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment)
- K. The approval for request of FMLA/NJFLA from Sean Keane, Health & Physical Education Teacher at Nehaunsey, Child Bonding Leave, effective approximately December 7, 2022 to January 27, 2023, utilizing personal days, in accordance with all programs including FMLA, NJFLA, G.T.E.A. and Greenwich Township School District policies and regulations. (Attachment)
- L. The approval of the submission of the 2021-2022 anti-bullying school self-assessment to the NJDOE. School and District grade reports issued during the 2022-2023 school year.
- M. The approval of the NJDOE Non-Public Nursing Services Program District Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements with GCSSSD to provide nursing services for the 2022-2023 school year.
- N. The annual acceptance of the NJ Student Learning Standards and courses of study.
- O. The approval of request for intermittent Leave for Good Cause from Matthew Pluta, Guidance Counselor at Broad Street School, effective October 3, 2022 to November 28, 2022.

1 **Andrew Chapkowski** asked about item# K. He wanted to know the coverage
 2 plan for Health/Physical Education. **Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman** said because
 3 it is less than 40 days, by law we can request to have a standard substitute
 4 certificate. We are going through Source4Teachers first. If nothing happens
 5 through them, we have a contact at Rowan University that we reached out to.
 6 They may have someone that is graduating that would go under the University's
 7 substitute certificate until the state gives the graduate their certificate. Beyond
 8 that, we would have to post for that position.

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 10 **Susan Vernacchio** asked about item #D-the Science scores. **Dr. Foley-**
 11 **Hindman** explained the test scores to the Board.

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 13 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 15 **4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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 17 Motion: (Chapkowski/Vernacchio) to approve the following as one, A & B:

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 19 A. Field Trip

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 21 1. The approval for the following field trip:

Grade and/or Group	Destination	Date	Estimated Related Cost Including Transportation
Grade 6, 7, 8, Halloween Parade Performance	Broad Street School	10/31/22	Bus only \$285.00

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 24 B. Workshops

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 26 1. The approval for the following individuals to attend out-of-district
 27 workshops.

Name/Position	Workshop/Location/Time	Date	Cost
Gerardo Batista, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	NJ School Boards Association Conference Atlantic City, NJ	10/25/22	\$550.00
Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman, CSA	NJ School Boards Association Conference Atlantic City, NJ	10/24/22 10/25/22 10/26/22	\$550.00

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 30 **Susan Vernacchio** said it is nice to see the band starting up again. **Dr. Foley-**
 31 **Hindman** wanted to give credit to Scott's transportation department in securing a

1 bus for that day because we weren't sure how we were going to get the band
2 over to Broad Street School, but they were able to work it out.

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4 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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6 **5. BUDGET & FINANCE**

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8 Motion: (Lombardo/Myers) to approve the following as one, A-D:

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10 A. The approval of the 2022-2023 Joint Transportation Agreement between
11 Gateway Regional High School District and Greenwich Township School
12 District, for a total route cost of \$180,648.00. (Attachment)
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14 B. The approval of the Special Education Tuition, Multiple Disabilities,
15 contract for the 2022-2023 school year between Greenwich Township
16 School District and Gloucester County Special Services School District, for
17 students# 6385184968, #4712839826 and #5627683822, at a cost per
18 student of \$41,850.00.
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20 C. The approval of the 2022-2023 Gloucester County Vocational-Technical
21 School District tuition contract. (Attachment)
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23 D. The approval of the Agreement for Professional Services between
24 Burlington County Special Services School District and Greenwich
25 Township School District, for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment)
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27 **Andrew Chapkowski** asked about the tuition rate in item B. **Scott Campbell**
28 said it is approximately \$2,750.00 per student annually. We have 94 students
29 attending but that number will fluctuate during the year.

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31 **Erin Herzberg** said she had anticipated a lower cost for the Pre-School
32 transportation in Item A. **Mr. Campbell** said last year was about \$74,000.00 but
33 it was for one (1) bus, one (1) driver and one (1) aide. This year we have two (2)
34 buses, two (2) drivers and two (2) aides plus the cost of fuel and insurance-that is
35 the increase. He also wanted to note that Gateway does an excellent job with
36 transportation and he is very happy with them.

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38 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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40 **6. REPORT OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

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42 Motion: (Chapkowski/Herzberg) to approve the following:
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A. Bills Lists

1. The bills as presented by the Business Administrator in the following amounts are order paid. (Attachment)

Number	Amount
#95-2022	\$21,660.21
#96-2022	\$64,539.79
#15-2023	\$18,591.02
#16-2023	\$77,994.67
#17-2023	\$18,548.60
#18-2023	\$121,608.97
#19-2023	\$1,923.47
#20-2023	\$46,307.84
#120-2023	\$253,958.86
#121-2023	\$253,115.58
TOTAL: \$878,249.01	

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Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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7. BUILDING & GROUNDS

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

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- A. The approval of request for Use of Facilities from American Red Cross, to host a Blood Drive on Friday, February 17, 2023, in the Nehaunsey Middle School gymnasium from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (This is an in-service day so no students will be in the building.)

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Motion carried by unanimous voice all.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

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None at this time.

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9. NEW BUSINESS

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Committee Reports

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- A. **Roseanne Lombardo**, Representative to the Paulsboro Board of Education stated that Paulsboro is conducting interviews for Curriculum

1 Coordinator. They did hire a Junior High Principal hoping it helps with
2 their discipline. She also said they just had their Homecoming parade this
3 past weekend and it was a success. **Erin Herzberg** asked if there were a
4 lot of applicants for the Curriculum Coordinator job and **Mrs. Lombardo**
5 responded that there were about eight (8) qualified applicants.
6 Their next board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022.
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8 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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10 None at this time.

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12 **11. PUBLIC - AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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14 This is the time when anyone from the public who wishes to speak to the Board
15 may do so. Please state your name, address and phone number. The Board will
16 hear your concerns. The Board may or may not take action this evening.
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18 In accordance with Board policy and procedures, speakers are not permitted to
19 publicly speak of personal issues involving school personnel, or against any
20 person connected to the school system. Any such concern should be presented
21 to the school or district-level administration so that a proper response may be
22 given.
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24 **Bryan Nastase**, 45 East Vine Street, Gibbstown, NJ first wanted to say that he is
25 here not a councilperson or a volunteer fireman but as a parent. He went on to
26 say that he has a 4th grader who is 9 years old that attends Broad Street School.
27 He said he and his wife, who is a teacher in the district, noticed there was a
28 problem with their son while he was in Kindergarten. He was diagnosed with
29 dyslexia by a clinical psychologist. Several years later, he feels that his son is
30 still not getting the help he needs. He said his son started this school year strong
31 in the classroom that he was put in but they have since added more students to
32 the class and he is now regressing. He is asking for some help for his son. **Dr.**
33 **Jennifer Foley-Hindman** said she would speak to him privately so as not to
34 jeopardize anyone else's privacy. **Susan Vernacchio** thanked **Mr. Nastase** for
35 his comments and appreciates him bringing this to the Board's attention. She
36 said it is important and we need to hear these kinds of things but it is very difficult
37 to make any promises to him. In agreement, the Board would like **Dr. Foley-**
38 **Hindman** to continue to work with **Mr. & Mrs. Nastase** about their son.
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40 **Sarah Chapkowski**, 85 Adalisa Avenue, Gibbstown, NJ said she still has an
41 issue with bussing. She said her children are on a route where they leave school
42 at 3:20 and do not get home until 4:00 because the bus is leaving town, then
43 going around the town instead of coming right back. She said she received a
44 letter from the transportation department saying the route is more efficient but

1 she doesn't feel that way. **Dr. Foley-Hindman** asked the bus number and told
2 **Mrs. Chapkowski** that she will look into it and get back to her.

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4 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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6 Motion: (Lombardo/Herzberg) to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.
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17 Scott A. Campbell, Board Secretary
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20 ***Next Board of Education Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November*
21 *15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. ***
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