

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
BOARD CONFERENCE MEETING
Monday – February 8, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

Completed February 9, 2010
Convened at 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Dr. Diane Campbell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Diane Campbell, President, led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

T. Missy Balmir
Alexander Brown
Elizabeth Johnson
Donald O. Shelton
Marcellus Smith – arrived approximately 7:00 p.m.
Nicola Tatum – arrived 6:40 p.m.
L. Diane Campbell

Absent:

Harry Luna

Superintendent of Schools - Rodney Lofton - Present

New Jersey Sunshine Law - Read by Jayne Howard, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on.

On the rules of this act, the Trenton Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, therefore posted in the Central Services Building, 108 North Clinton Avenue, City Clerk's Office, City Hall and the Times. Anyone whose name is on the mailing list should receive a notice.

Formal action will take place at this meeting.

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Adoption Of Agenda

President Campbell stated that the Board is being asked to act on some items this evening. Additionally, the Quality of Learning presentation is being postponed to the Regular Board Meeting on February 22, 2010. Mr. Brown asked to add Human Resources Item “s” – Volunteers, to the list requiring Board action this evening as follows:

- **Student Study Trips & Staff Travel**
- **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Student Services Agenda:**
 - **Item p** – Educational Services Contract with Greater Trenton Behavioral Health Care
 - **Item q** – Comprehensive Educational Services student evaluations
 - **Item s** – Professional Services Contract with Dorothy Pietrucha
 - **Item t** – Professional Services Contract with Professional Hearing & Speech Center
- **Human Resources Agenda:**
 - **Item f1** – Appointment of Ms. Tomlinson
 - **Item g1** – Emergent Hire of Mr. Mahoney
 - **Item j1** – Involuntary Transfer of Ms. Dunn
 - **Item s** - Volunteers
- **Finance & Facilities Agenda:**
 - **Item c** – Bid Award to **Aramark Uniforms.**
 - **Item f** – Out of District Placements for Mercer County Special Services
- **Board Secretary’s & Treasurer’s Reports for December 31, 2009**

Motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt the agenda with the above stated changes. Agenda was adopted by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
T. Missy Balmir	X		
Alexander Brown	X		
Elizabeth Johnson	X		
Harry Luna	absent		
Donald O. Shelton	X		
Marcellus Smith	not present for vote		
Nicola Tatum	not present for vote		
L. Diane Campbell	X		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Campbell read the following statement prior to public comment:

The Board President is the spokesperson for the Board of Education. It is not the role of the individual board members to respond to the public during Public Comment. This is the public’s time. If the Board President feels that concerns need

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more clarification or background information for a factual response, it will be referred to the administration for a response.

Ms. Letitia Young discussed her concerns regarding the proposed reconfiguration of Mott School.

Mr. Larry Williams spoke about the need to have afterschool activities for students and a safe place for them to attend same.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Everett Collins, Executive Director for Buildings & Grounds, gave a presentation on proposed transportation tiering for the 2010-2011 school year (handout attached). Board Members had questions or concerns on the following:

- Contractual obligations and concerns of the bargaining units regarding the proposed changes
- Communicating the proposed changes to parents and soliciting their feedback
- Cost of transporting special education students
- Efficiently grouping students by need to have them attend the same special services schools and possibly reduce the distance they must travel

Ms. Howard conducted a Question & Answer on the 2010/2011 Budget relative to the information Board Members had been provided the previous week. Board Members had questions or concerns on the following:

- Process for compiling school based budgets
- Disparity in per pupil cost among different schools
- Funding for specific individual positions
- Workload distribution in light of reduction in staff
- Gifted & Talented program beginning in Grade 3, and identifying students prior to this grade level to challenge them academically

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent Lofton advised the Board of upcoming meetings he will be having with Rivera School parents and Columbus School parents.

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Mr. Lofton discussed a series of articles recently appearing in The Times of Trenton regarding Trenton Public Schools. He said he will be meeting with the authors of the articles in the near future.

There are a series of events scheduled for African American History Month. Board Members were provided with a calendar, and this information will be updated on the District website.

Mr. Lofton briefly discussed the most recent QSAC scores for the District. He thanked Ms. Smallwood-Johnson, Executive Director for Human Resources, Negotiations & Legal Affairs, for her efforts as the point of contact for QSAC.

The Superintendent expressed concern regarding future funding cuts from the State.

Mr. Lofton discussed the upcoming Grand Opening for the new Martin Luther King Elementary School. He also updated on construction of the Early Childhood Center, Roebling and the High School.

Mr. Shelton had a question regarding the Federal stimulus funds. Ms. Howard said the stimulus money provided for the General Fund was to replace what had been previously cut; however, the District did receive additional funding for Title I and IDEA.

Ms. Balmir asked for more information regarding the timeline for moving into the new MLK School, which Mr. Lofton discussed in detail.

Ms. Tatum asked for an update on grievances, and Mr. Lofton said that Ms. Smallwood-Johnson was revising a document that will be provided to union heads in the next day.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Smith discussed character education for our students and expressed concern about budgeting for this purpose. Members of the Superintendent's Leadership Team spoke about how this will be addressed through a variety of means: the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant, character education that has been included in the new curriculum guides, especially in classes related to family life and career education, and the CASA Start program. A concentrated discussion ensued on the roles of parents and the District in this area. The conversation then turned to improving reading levels among students.

Ms. Tatum felt that transparency should be exercised relative to the grievance backlog on extra duty pay, so the public has an accurate picture of the status of this issue. Dr. Campbell agreed.

BOARD DISCUSSION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes:

Board Conference & Executive Session Minutes for January 11, 2010

Board Regular Minutes for January 25, 2010

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There were no comments or questions from the Board.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Student Services (1)
Human Resources (2)
Finance & Facilities (3)

Mr. Brown said that he was informed by Mr. Collins that the SDA will be advised of the lack of motion detectors at the MLK School. Also, the building will be tested to ensure there is no lead in the water. Regarding the TCHS roof, it has been partially patched. If the remainder of the roof begins to cause a danger, the District will contact the SDA regarding further repair. Additional security cameras are scheduled to be installed at the High School.

Board Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds, Mr. Brown, 2/3/10
Curriculum, Mr. Smith, 12/3/09, 1/7/10
Finance & Facilities, Mr. Brown, 2/3/10
Human Resources (Confidential), Dr. Campbell, 12/18/09, 1/7/10, 1/22/10

Ms. Johnson gave a brief recap of the salient points discussed by the Curriculum Committee; i.e., the Gifted & Talented program, relocating students to different schools, and work that staff members are doing relative to assessment.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Campbell reminded the Board of the Action Items for this evening:

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Motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Balmir to approve the Action Items. Action Items were **approved** by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
T. Missy Balmir	X		
Alexander Brown	X		
Elizabeth Johnson	X		
Harry Luna	absent		
Donald O. Shelton	X		
Marcellus Smith	X		
Nicola Tatum	X		
L. Diane Campbell	X		

1. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT & STUDENT SERVICES

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT – SCHOOLS:

a. Student Study Trips

BE IT RESOLVED: “that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following field trips.

Agenda	Applicant	School	Destination	Purpose	Type	No. of	Date	Funds	Cost	GAAP Code
					Edu/Inct.	Students				
Feb.	Kim Marcucci, Finlay, Jones	Mott	Johnson Corner Farm Medford NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	69	6/2/2010			No cost to the district
Feb.	Sandra M. Soles	Grant	Drumthwacket Princeton NJ	Social Studies	Edu/Inct	50	3/31/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	S.Mueller, Hauselt, Wyatt-Simpson	Harrison	Destina Theater Hamilton NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	60	4/22/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	L.Steele, Hoggan, Jennings	Monument	The Old Barracks Trenton	American History	Edu/Inct	45	5/21/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	Mrs. Purcell, Downing	Monument	Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia PA	Science	Edu/Inct	52	5/25/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	G.McClure, Dade-Wilson	Mott	Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia PA	Science	Edu/Inct	45	3/4/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	D.Smith, Rowe, Litynskij, Harris, Frehafer, Vazquez	Wilson	Grounds for Sculpture Hamilton NJ	Art	Edu/Inct	50	4/20/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	E.Benjaani, Curry, O'Hara	Wilson	NJ State Museum Trenton	Prehistoric Technology	Edu/Inct	69	2/23/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	G.McClure, Dade-Wilson	Mott	Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia PA	Science	Edu/Inct	45	4/16/2010			No cost to the board

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Feb.	Ms. Farber, Taylor, Curtis, Bates, Amon, Erba	H/W	Princeton University Princeton NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	80	3/18/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	S.Kenney, Coleman, Taylor, Tobin, Annsuini	Jefferson	A.J.Meerwald Schooner Burlington NJ LOCATION CHANGE	Science	Edu/Inct	40	4/30/2010 DATE CHANGE	Board	725	15-190- 100-610- 0000-00-23
Feb.	E.Brown, Williams, Mitchell	Gregory	Build-A-Bear Lawrenceville NJ	Science/Social Studies	Edu/Inct	30	3/11/2010	Grant	300	20-218- 100-800- 0000-00-59
Feb.	A.Mack, Rivera	Monument	Chey's Restaurant Lawrenceville NJ	Health	Edu/Inct	15	3/2/2010	Grant	100	20-218- 100-800- 0000-00-59
Feb.	C.Rand, Young	Robbins	Uno Chicago Grill Hamilton NJ	Math	Edu/Inct	48	3/16/2010 DATE CHANGE	Board	392	15-190- 100-590- 0000-00-28
Feb.	M.Burks	TCHS/Main	Princeton Physics Lab. Princeton NJ	Career Education	Edu/Inct	40	3/12/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	B.Blackwell, Belton, Ross	Cadwalader	College of NJ Kidsbridge Museum Ewing NJ	Character Education	Edu/Inct	28	3/17/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	M.Grant, Walker, Laramore, Jordan	TCHS/ SBYSP	Prevent Child Abuse NJ Conference South Brunswick NJ	Teen Parent Conference	Edu/Inct	25	5/6/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	B.Blackwell, Holton- Kidd, Mitchell	Cadwalader	College of NJ Kidsbridge Museum Ewing NJ	Character Education	Edu/Inct	26	3/19/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	B.Blackwell, Gresko, Green	Cadwalader	College of NJ Kidsbridge Museum Ewing NJ	Character Education	Edu/Inct	28	3/18/2010			No cost to the district
Feb.	W.Pyper	TCHS/Main	Bart Luedeke Student Cntr. Rider University Lawrenceville NJ	Social Studies	Edu/Inct	15	2/23/2010	Board	200	15-000- 270-512- 0050-00-05 15-190- 100-890- 0050-00-05
Feb.	E.Schwartz	Columbus	Jenkinson's Aquarium Point Pleasant NJ	Life Science	Edu/Inct	30	4/21/2010	Grant	193	20-218- 100-800- 0000-00-59
Feb.	C.McKinney, Eutz, Rodas	Grant	Franklin Institute Philadelphia PA	Science	Edu/Inct	15	2/26/2010	Grant	396	20-218- 100-800- 0000-00-59
Feb.	E.Sunshine	Wilson	Jenkinson's Aquarium Point Pleasant NJ	Life Science	Edu/Inct	30	4/21/2010	Grant	193	20-218- 100-800- 0000-00-59
Feb.	L.Lewis, Martus- Uray, Marrero	Mott	Princeton Univ. Science & Engineering Expo	Science	Edu/Inct	40	3/18/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	Spears- Bishop, Clark	Harrison	Mott School	Journey of the Drum National Heritage Day	Edu/Inct	43	2/24/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	B.Hayes, Brown, Albright, Harding	Columbus	Wegman's Supermarket Princeton NJ	Health	Edu/Inct	24	4/13/2010			No cost to the board
Feb.	Pistorius	TCHS Main	Rutgers University Science & Eng. Ctr. Piscataway NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	10	3/17/10	Board	300	15-000- 270-512- 0050-00-05

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Feb.	Mendez, Iturbides	TCHS-Main & Dunn	McCarter Theatre Princeton NJ	Performing Arts	Edu/Inct	12	2/25/10			No cost to the Board
Feb.	Wyatt, Burks	TCHS-Main	Rider University Lawrenceville NJ	Performing Arts, Career Exploration	Edu/Inct	15	3/30/10			No cost to the Board
Feb.	McRae	TCHS-Main	Sypek Center Pennington NJ	Career Exploration	Edu/Inct	10	2/23-25/10	Board	400	15-000-270-512-0050-00-05
Feb.	Rovinsky, Heaney	Mott	Jenkinsons Aquarium Point Pleasant NJ	Marine Life	Edu/Inct	60	4/30/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	Rovinsky, Heaney, Robinson	Mott	Johnson Farm	Social Studies	Edu/Inct	60	5/28/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	Coates, Davis	Columbus	Princeton Plasma Lab	Science, Math & Technology	Edu/Inct	20	3/12/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	Turner	Daylight/ Twilight	Rivera School Trenton	Character Education	Edu/Inct	15	3/19/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	Hamlet, Francis, Taddei	Daylight/ Twilight	Jolly Rogers Amusement Park Ocean City NJ	Senior Class Trip	Edu/Inct	45	6/17/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	L'Oiseau, Rand, Young, Rodriguez, Simpson	Robbins	Kidsbridge Museum Ewing NJ	Visual & Performing Arts	Edu/Inct	50	4/14/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	Ayling, Martus-Uray, Wesch, Lakins	Mott	Watershed Pennington NJ	Language Arts	Edu/Inct	40	6/9/10 6/10/10			No Cost to the Board
Feb.	Chant, McKinney, Walker, Keephart	Grant	Howell Living History Farm Titusville NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	30	4/23/10	Grant	60	20-218-100-800-0000-00-59
Feb.	Chant, McKinney, Walker, Keephart	Grant	Jenkinson's Aquarium Point Pleasant NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	30	6/22/10	Grant	180	20-218-100-800-0000-00-59
Feb.	Chant, McKinney, Walker, Keephart	Grant	Childrens' Garden Camden NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	30	5/26/10	Grant	267	20-218-100-800-0000-00-59
Feb.	Dr. Carolyn Gibson	All K-8 and Dunn MS	Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial	Visual & Performing Arts	Edu/Inct	Not to exceed 900	2/11/10			No Cost to the Board

STUDENT SERVICES:

p. Educational Services Contract – Greater Trenton Behavioral Health Care for CASA Start

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution for an **Educational Services Contract with Greater Trenton Behavioral Health Care** to implement the *CASA Start Model Program* district-wide, for the period February 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed **\$276,000.00**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, directs administration to obtain a purchase order and have it

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provided to the vendor/consultant prior to receiving any goods or services from said vendor/consultant.

(Account Code: 20-250-200-300-0000-10-84)

q. Resolution to Approve the Services of Comprehensive Educational Services

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution for **Comprehensive Educational Services** for the period February 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed **\$20,000.00**. Comprehensive Educational Services will provide independent evaluations for students with disabilities as follows:

Speech Evaluations	\$505.00 per hour
Speech Language Therapy	\$105.00 per hour
Psychological Evaluations	\$500.00 per hour
Social Evaluations	\$525.00 per hour
Bilingual Evaluations (English and Spanish)	\$525.00 per hour
School Psychologist	\$480.00 per day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, directs administration to obtain a purchase order and have it provided to the vendor/consultant prior to receiving any goods or services from said vendor/consultant.

(Account Code: 11-000-219-320-0000-00-84)

s. Professional Services Contract – Dorothy Pietrucha

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution for a **Professional Services Contract with Dorothy Pietrucha** to provide neurological evaluations as per IEP team recommendations in accordance with 6A:14, for the period February 23, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed **\$10,000.00**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, directs administration to obtain a purchase order and have it provided to the vendor/consultant prior to receiving any goods or services from said vendor/consultant.

(Account Code: 20-450-100-300-0000-10-84)

t. Professional Services Contract – Professional Hearing & Speech Center

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution for a **Professional Services Contract with Professional Hearing & Speech Center** to provide audiological evaluations as per IEP

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team recommendations in accordance with 6A:14, for the period February 23, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, directs administration to obtain a purchase order and have it provided to the vendor/consultant prior to receiving any goods or services from said vendor/consultant.

(Account Code: 20-450-100-300-0000-10-84)

2. HUMAN RESOURCES

f. Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following appointment:

1. Ms. Janiell Tomlinson - from: Administrative II Secretary, Human Resources Department, at the salary of \$40,904 Step 8/30 credits to: Confidential Secretary – Human Resources Department, at the salary of \$59,225, effective February 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010, pro-rated.
(11-000-251-105-0000-00-52)

g. Emergent Hires

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following emergent hires:

1. Mr. Patrick Mahoney – Social Studies Teacher – Dunn Middle School, at the salary of \$48,551-MA Step 0-TEA, effective February 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010. (15-130-100-101-0000-00-10)

j. Transfer - Involuntary

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following involuntary transfer:

1. Ms. Iris Dunn – Administrative I Secretary - from: Hedgepeth/Williams School, to: Dunn Middle School, at the salary of \$36,434 Step 6/60 credits (no change in salary), effective February 16, 2010 through June 30, 2010. (15-000-240-105-0000-00-10)

s. Volunteers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following volunteers:

1. Ms. Rose Marshall – Hill Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.

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2. Mr. LeRoy Hawkins – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
3. Mr. Jonathan Travis – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
4. Mr. Samuel Westcott – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
5. Mr. Brandon Credlex – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
6. Mr. Byron Douglas – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
7. Mr. Isaac Pressley – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
8. Mr. Timmy Silvis – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
9. Mr. Julius Clark – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
10. Mr. Andrew Braham – Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
11. Mr. Eugene Jeter - Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
12. Mr. Gregory Johnson - Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
13. Mr. Elkin Green - Gregory Elementary School, effective March 1, 2010 through June 25, 2010.
14. Mr. William Rodriguez – Robbins Elementary School, effective April 1, 2010 through June 10, 2010.

3. FINANCE & FACILITIES

- c. **Bid Award 09-1008 to Aramark Uniforms for Uniform Purchase for School Safety & Security Department and Truancy Center**

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WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, January 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing, for Bid #09-1008, Uniform Purchase and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited and/or received from the following vendors:

Aramark Uniforms
Samzie's Uniforms
This & That Uniforms

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the award to Aramark Uniforms for the lowest bid received that complies with the specifications at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.00.

Funding Source: 11-000-262-590-0000-00-61

f. Out of District Placements – February 2010 and Additional Tuition Rate Due

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Out of District Placements of 43 students for a total of \$3,251,265.78 for February 2010 and Additional Tuition Rate Due.

Account Codes:

11-000-100-566-0000-00-84 - \$169,200.00 –Private Schools for the Disabled – Out of State
11-000-100-566-0000-00-84 - \$289,691.83 – In-State Private Schools
11-000-100-566-0000-00-84 - \$900,986.76 – County/Vocational Technical
11-000-100-566-0000-00-84 - \$32,589.00 – Katzenbach School for the Deaf

Additional Tuition Rate Due from 2008/2009 School Year:

Brookfield Schools	\$4,590.00
East Mountain School – ESY – July 2009	\$23,395.20
MCSSSD – Transportation	\$663,121.96
MCSSSD – Special Aides	\$466,628.35
MCSSSD – Tuition	\$587,068.68
MCSSSD – Community Resource	\$100,354.00
MCSSSD – Assistive Technology	\$3,960.00
MCSSSD – Medical	\$9,680.00

ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 CONFERENCE MEETING FOR MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT (MCSSSD) ITEMS ONLY. The balance of the items will be voted on at the February 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

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i. Staff Travel

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, ratified staff attendance/participation in the following professional conferences, workshops, seminars or trainings for the month of February with the requirements, that staff turn-key as required by administration those issues addressed at the approved professional development events which have relevance to improving instruction and/or operation of the school district.

Applicant	Position	School	Purpose	Location	Date	Funds	Cost	GAAP Code
Rosemary Ohanian	Speech/Language Specialist	Special Services	Practical Therapy Techniques Seminar	Voorhees, NJ	2/11/10			No Cost to the Board
Rosemary Ohanian	Speech/Language Specialist	Special Services	Speech and Resonance Disorders Seminar	Princeton, NJ	4/15/10			No Cost to the Board
Madeline Sturm	Speech/Language Specialist	Special Services	Practical Therapy Techniques Seminar	Voorhees, NJ	2/11/10			No Cost to the Board
Madeline Sturm	Speech/Language Specialist	Special Services	Speech and Resonance Disorders Seminar	Princeton, NJ	4/15/10			No Cost to the Board
Margaret Dooley	Supervisor of Nurses	CSB	Update on Compliance Issues	Neptune, NJ	2/12/2010			No cost to the board
Alvina Platt-Gregory	Teacher	Robbins	Southern District Regional Workshop Fitness Training given by NJAHPERD	Millville, NJ	2/11/2010			No cost to the district
Mary Carral	Teacher	Grant	PD-Integrating visual Arts into the Curriculum Math & Science	Piscataway, NJ	3/19/2010			No cost to the district
Alma McCloud Salter	Assistant Superintendent	Admin.	NJ Alliance for Social, Emotional and Character Development	Piscataway, NJ	3/22/2010	Board	75.00	11-000-221-580-0000-00-81
Robert Voss	Teacher	TCHS-West	End of Course Algebra I Assessment	Cape May, NJ	2/18-19/2010			No cost to the district
Diane Cyr-Gauges	Director, Secondary Education	Admin.	End of Course Algebra I Assessment	Cape May, NJ	2/18-19/2010			No cost to the district
Sandra Bussey	Math Supervisor	TCHS-Main	End of Course Algebra I Assessment	Cape May, NJ	2/10-11/2010			No cost to the district
Josephine Devasagayaraj	Math Teacher	TCHS-Main	End of Course Algebra I Assessment	Cape May, NJ	2/18-19/2010			No cost to the district
Raul Sanchez	Math Teacher	TCHS-West	End of Course Algebra I Assessment	Cape May, NJ	2/18-19/2010			No cost to the district
Bocary Bandeh	Gifted & Talented Supervisor	Admin.	Supervisors School Counselors Conference	Monroe, NJ	2/10/2010	Grant	95.00	20-275-200-300-0000-10-82
Nicola Tatum	Board Member	CSB	NJSBA Mandated Training Governance II: School Finance	Web-based	2/2010 – 5/2010	Board	50.00	11-000-230-891-0002-00-50
Alexander Brown	Board Vice President	CSB	NJSBA Mandated Training	Web-based	2/2010 – 5/2010	Board	50.00	11-000-230-891-

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Marcellus Smith	Board Member	CSB	NJSBA Mandated Training Governance II: School Finance	Web-based	2/2010 – 5/2010	Board	50.00	11-000-230-891-0006-00-50
Missy Balmir	Board Member	CSB	NJSBA Mandated Training Governance I: QSAC	Web-based	2/2010 – 5/2010	Board	50.00	11-000-230-891-0005-00-50
A. Wright	Art Teacher	TCHS-West	NJ Printmaking Council Training	Branchburg NJ	2/22/10			No Cost to the Board
H. Chanin	Counselor	Washington	Mercer County Prof. Counselors	Lawrenceville NJ	2/24/10			No Cost to the Board
W. Simpson	Principal	Robbins	Celebration of Teaching & Learning	New York NY	3/5-3/6/10			No Cost to the Board
B. Trapp	Principal	Monument	21 st Century Skills/Whole School Issues Conf.	WNET.org	3/5-3/6/10			No Cost to the Board
M. Canals	Teacher	Robbins	TESOL Spring Conference	Somerset NJ	5/18-19/10	Grant	189.00	20-245-200-500-0000-10-82
E. Oliveras	Teacher	Robbins	TESOL Spring Conference	Somerset NJ	5/18-19/10	Grant	189.00	20-245-200-500-0000-10-82
H. Green-Richardson	Principal	Dunn	NJ Read 180 Leadership Summit	Monroe, NJ	2/10/10			No Cost to the Board

I. Appropriation Transfers

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A requires that the Board of Education approve appropriation transfers; and;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has authorized the budget adjusted to reflect the appropriation transfers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton Board of Education, does ratify the transfers approved by the Superintendent of Schools. (**Attachment 3-L**)

m. A-148 Secretary's Report

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A-17-9, the Secretary of the Board of Education shall report to the Board at each regular meeting but no more than once each month, the amount of total appropriations and the cash receipts of each account, and the amount for which warrants have been drawn against each account and the amount of orders and contractual obligations been drawn against each account and the amount of orders and contractual obligations incurred and chargeable against each account since the date of the last report; and WHEREAS, the Commissioner has prescribed that such reporting take place on Form A-148; WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11©3, the secretary has certified that, as of the date of the report(s) no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments

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(contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certifications and orders that they be attached to and made part of the record of this meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6A:23-2.11©4, the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports for December 2009, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (**Attachment 3-M**)

n. A-149 Treasurer's Report

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A-17-31 et seq. boards of education are required to have the appointed position of Treasurer of School Monies; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer shall serve in trust to receive and hold all school monies belonging to the district; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer shall report to the Board of Education on a monthly basis on the Form A-149, which is prescribed by the Commissioner of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton Board of Education , for the period ending December 31, 2009, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt the A-149 and cause it to become a part of the official minutes of this meeting. (**Attachment 3-N**) **ACTION IS REQUESTED AT THE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 CONFERENCE MEETING.**

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Balmir to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. **All** were in favor **0** opposed **0** abstentions.

Dr. Campbell read the Executive Session Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel matters, negotiations, and legal matters;

WHEREAS, The aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in public meeting; and,

WHEREAS, The aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore

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RESOLVED, That the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in closed executive session by this Board and administrative staff at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting, and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

ADJOURN 8:00 p.m.

Executive Session convened 8:05 p.m.

REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Open Public Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

5. **Legal services re: TBOE vs TESA (Katherin Brown)**
Case No. 18-390-00325-09
Reimbursement \$200.00 to American Arbitration Association
6. **Legal services re: TBOE vs TESA (Central Registration)**
Case No. 18-390-02112-08
Reimbursement \$200.00 to American Arbitration Association
7. **Legal services re: TBOE vs TESA (Paula Bethea)**
Case No. 18-390-00712-09
Reimbursement \$300.00 to American Arbitration Association
8. **Legal services re: TBOE vs TESA (Lisa Flowers)**
Case No. 18-390-00324-09
Reimbursement \$200.00 to American Arbitration Association
9. **Legal services re: TBOE vs RaShaun Davis (Termination)**
Docket No. AR-2009-382
Reimbursement \$3,222.00 to Joel M. Weisblatt
10. **Legal services re: TBOE vs TESA (Maria Montero)**
Case No. 18-390-00326-09
Reimbursement \$2,280.00 to James Mastriani
11. **Legal services re: State vs George Rosario**
Case No. S-2007-006213
Reimbursement \$1,875.00 to Bergman & Barrett

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12. Legal services re: State vs Raphiel Mack

Case No. W-2008-02926

Reimbursement \$3,500.00 to Bergman & Barrett

13. Legal services re: State vs William Vis

Case No. S-2001-2504

Reimbursement \$1,062.50 to Bergman & Barrett

Motion by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the above legal reimbursements. Legal reimbursements were **approved** by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
T. Missy Balmir	X		Item #9
Alexander Brown	X		
Elizabeth Johnson	X		
Harry Luna	absent		
Donald O. Shelton	X		
Marcellus Smith	X		
Nicola Tatum	X		
L. Diane Campbell	X		

Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURN 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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