

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
BOARD CONFERENCE MEETING
Monday – March 8, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
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Completed March 9, 2010
Convened at 6:45 P.M.

Call to Order

Dr. Diane Campbell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Present:

T. Missy Balmir
Elizabeth Johnson
Harry Luna – arrived 7:05 p.m.
Donald O. Shelton
Marcellus Smith – arrived 6:50 p.m.
Nicola Tatum
L. Diane Campbell

Excused Absent:

Alexander Brown

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 advised the Board of the following items requiring action at tonight's meeting:

- **Student Study Trips & Staff Travel**
- **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Student Services Agenda:**
 - **Item f** – Proposal for PEI Kids TEEN CAP Program at Mott School
 - **Item i** – Resolution for Services of Therapeutic Outreach for Children
- **Human Resources Agenda:**
 - **Items b1 to b4** – Appointments
 - **Item e1** – Emergent Hire Change of Effective Date
 - **Item f1** – Reassignment
 - **Item g1** – Involuntary Transfer
- **Finance & Facilities Agenda:**
 - **Item h** – Resolution for private school to continue providing lunch to students
 - **Item i** – Amendment to IDEA Basic for 2009/2010

Finance Item b – The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Corrective Action Plan for 2008-2009 will not be voted upon at this time. The Submission of the 2010/2011 Budget, Finance Item a, will also not be voted on tonight, pending the outcome of the Governor's Budget address on March 16. Dr. Campbell asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the above changes.

Motion by Ms. Tatum and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt the agenda.
Agenda was adopted by all Board Members present.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Diane Morris, Field Service Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association, spoke to the Board regarding the process for the annual Board Self Evaluation and Superintendent's Evaluation. An informational packet is on file in the Board

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Secretary's Office. It is noted that the deadline for the Board and Superintendent to have a summary conference on the completed Superintendent's Evaluation is April 30, 2010.

Ms. Cheryl Heath, Director of Professional Development, presented the PD Plan Update (handout attached). Board Members had questions related to the following:

- Cost of professional development
- Differences between the current PD Plan and those from past years
- Criteria for selecting types of data used to drive PD
- Sharing the selected data with the Board and illustrating how the PD Plan was formulated (Ms. Heath will provide the Board with results at the District level. She will also provide the school summary document that will be sent to the County, the surveys at the District level, and information on student assessments)
- Methods to evaluate selected programs prior to implementation and after delivery
- Length of time that the new method of PD has been in use
- Percent of teacher participation in PD
- Incorporation of PD into last year's Summer Planning Institutes
- Within the teacher evaluation process, considering a teacher's efforts to improve via PD
- Soliciting teacher feedback on the effectiveness of particular PD programs
- Using PD to help current students who are struggling
- Mechanisms to address specific teacher needs that may fall outside the scope of the planned PD programs

Ms. Kathleen Smallwood-Johnson, Executive Director of Human Resources, Negotiations and Legal Affairs, gave a preliminary report on Staff Renewal & Tenure (handout attached). Board questions were in the areas of:

- Existence of a maximum recommended number of tenured employees
- Status of substitute teachers
- Breakdown of the number of years' experience of teaching staff (Ms. Smallwood-Johnson stated she will provide the Board with this information)
- Consideration of staff attendance as a part of the evaluation process
- Consideration of student achievement in recommending a staff member for tenure
- Statistics over the past five years on denial of staff who were eligible for tenure, including how Trenton compares to similar districts (Ms. Smallwood-Johnson said that the Human Resources staff will attempt to provide this information as part of the April or May agenda)

Superintendent Lofton gave the Board a follow-up report on the proposed changing of the grading system from numeric to alpha. He thanked Ms. Smallwood-Johnson for her extensive work on the investigation of this matter in her capacity as an attorney. Board Members were previously provided a confidential report of this investigation. A new

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grading policy will be presented for Board approval, formulated with collaboration among all stakeholders.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent Lofton said a meeting was held with stakeholders on March 2 to solicit ideas on how to reduce the 2010/2011 Budget, possibly by ten percent. He said this will have a major impact on the District's operations, and he asked anyone with suggestions to get in contact with him.

Mr. Lofton reported on the Grand Opening of Martin Luther King Elementary School on March 3.

Mr. Lofton said that New Jersey was not among the States picked for consideration to receive Federal Race To The Top funding, and he hoped the State would apply for the next round of funding in June.

The Superintendent said an agreement has been reached with New Jersey After3 to continue the program for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Lofton discussed the upcoming University Summit and hoped some Board Members would attend. He said that in the current fiscal climate, we need to rely on the many skills of the people who will be attending this meeting. Ms. Tatum asked if the Grant Writer has been placed on the agenda, and Ms. Smallwood-Johnson said this is still being processed because contracts specific to these positions must be developed.

Mr. Lofton said that the District's audit for 2008/2009 shows a \$1.9 million deficit. Because of this, a State Fiscal Monitor must be appointed. Mr. Lofton said he and Ms. Howard would have an initial meeting with this person on March 11. The District has no input in the selection of this person, as per the State. The cost for the Fiscal Monitor is \$650.00 per day.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Johnson said that at the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 4, the elimination of summer school for seventh and eighth graders was discussed. Board Members had requested of Dr. Salter some information on the cost and effectiveness of the program.

Mr. Shelton asked why non-readers are forced to take the HSPA test. Mr. Lofton said the HSPA is a State requirement. Additionally, the District will be cited for a large number of absences on the test-taking date. A concentrated discussion ensued on the State's role in education.

Mr. Smith reported on the meeting earlier in the day with NAACP representatives. This meeting was a planning session on ways the NAACP can partner with the District to increase student achievement and better their education.

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Ms. Balmir stressed the urgency of helping students increase their reading level. Dr. Campbell observed that sometimes students do not test well. The involvement of the Strategic Plan in this area was discussed. Mr. Shelton raised the issue of progression through the series of math classes.

The discussion turned to the involvement of the NAACP in partnering with the District. A proposal will be presented to the Board at the April Conference Meeting. Mr. Lofton said he fully supports this partnership and will be involved in each step of the process.

BOARD DISCUSSION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes:

February 8, 2010 Board Conference and Executive Session

February 16, 2010 Board Executive Session

February 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

There were no comments or questions on the Meeting Minutes.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Student Services (1)

Human Resources (2)

Finance & Facilities (3)

There were no comments or questions on the Superintendent's Recommendations.

Board Committee Reports:

Curriculum, Mr. Smith, 2/4/10

Finance & Facilities, Mr. Brown, 3/3/10

Human Resources (Confidential), Dr. Campbell, 2/8/10, 3/5/10

Student Services, Ms. Balmir, 12/4/09, 2/5/10

Ms. Balmir felt a meeting with Student Services is needed to discuss special education funding and its budget.

BOARD ACTION

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

- **Student Study Trips & Staff Travel**
- **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Student Services Agenda:**
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- **Item g1** – Involuntary Transfer
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Motion by Mr. Smith 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	absent		
Elizabeth Johnson	X		
Harry Luna	X		
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 Students	Date	Funds	Cost	GAAP Code
Mar.	Tricia Mayers, Stokes, Denton, Dove	TCHS-Main	Atlantic City Convention Center	Student preparation post-secondary ed	Edu/Inct	50	11/12/09	Board	495	Originally approved Oct. 2009 Revised w/cost 15-190-100-890-0050-00-05
Mar.	N.Rovinsky, Rivera, Thomas, Heany	Mott	Cadwalader Park Trenton	Science	Edu/Inct	100	3/3/2010 Date Change			No cost to the board
Mar.	Mrs. Purcell, Abrams, Russell, Dennis, Jackson	Monument	NJ State Museum Trenton	Language Arts	Edu/Inct	100	5/5/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	J.Pucciatti, Plunkett	TCHS-Main	NJ Law Center New Brunswick NJ	Performance	Edu/Inct	23	2/17/2010 Date Change	Board	150	15-190-100-890-0050-00-05
Mar.	Sharon Coates	Columbus	College of NJ-Forcina Hall Ewing	Kidsbridge Program	Edu/Inct	25	3/24/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	S.Iturbides, Sanchez, Schlamm, Brittingham	Dunn	NJ State Museum Trenton	Culture & Lang. Arts.	Edu/Inct	137	5/26/2010			No cost to the board

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	Maldonado, Diaz, McBride, Hernandez, Albarran, Figueroa, Jones, Patel, Johnson, Southerland									
Mar.	Southerland, Funches, Anapete, Maldonado, Hightower, Brittingham, Dutty, Kiernan, Sanchez, Gonzalez, Exner, Jones, Kelly, Sharma, Hankins	Dunn	Tall Pines Picnic Area Williamstown NJ	8th Grade Trip	Edu/Inct	130	6/17/2010	Board, Grant	5,595	15-190-100-890-0000-00-10 20-192-200-890-0000-06-10
Mar.	C.Miller, Smith	Kilmer	Princeton Plasma Physics Lab Princeton	Science	Edu/Inct	20	3/12/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Mr. Rubinstein, Everts, Williams	Monument	Clean Ocean Action Sandy Hook Field Station – Highlands NJ	Earth Science	Edu/Inct	33	5/14/2010 Date Change			No cost to the board
Mar.	R.Pitts-Ramsey, Lantz	Grant	College of NJ Ewing NJ	Kidsbridge Museum	Edu/Inct	25	3/26 & 4/13			No cost to the board
Mar.	R.Pitts-Ramsey, Maurals, Bachik, Rios, Gonzales, Hill, Soles	Grant	College of New Jersey Ewing NJ	Kidsbridge Museum	Edu/Inct	40	3/29, 4/12 & 4/15/10			No cost to the board
Mar.	E.Rivera, Thomas	Mott	Jenkinson's Aquarium Point Pleasant NJ	Marine Life	Edu/Inct	49	4/12/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	C.Millner, Smith	Kilmer	Princeton Plasma Physics Lab Princeton NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	20	3/12/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	L. Tindall, Roy, Rand, Young	Robbins	Liberty Science Center Jersey City NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	100	4/13/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	M.Nosal, Houghton	Gregory	Princeton Plasma Physics Lab Princeton NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	20	3/12/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Onukwugha, Franko	Gregory	Stony Brook Watershed Pennington NJ	Earth Science	Edu/Inct	42	3/11/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	E.Brown, Williams, Mitchell	Gregory	Build-A-Bear Lawrenceville NJ	Science/Social Studies	Edu/Inct	30	3/11/2010	Grant	Originally approved Feb. 2010 at \$300 Revised cost is \$600	20-218-100-800-0000-00-59
Mar.	R.Strand, Jones, Funches,	Dunn	Constitutional Walking Tours Philadelphia	Social Studies	Edu/Inct	130	5/13/2010	Board	2,253	15-190-100-890-0000-00-10

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	Iturbides, Southerland, Hartman, Morales, Royal, Duffy, Cuffee, Guido, Sanchez									15-000- 270-512- 0000-00-10
Mar.	J.Jacobs, Hopkins, Courtney, Ford	TCHS-West	Great Wolf Lodge Pocono Mtns. PA	Life Skills	Edu/Inct	45	May 2-4, 2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Ms. Luster, Nelson, Mayo- Brown, Stutz, Buttich, Leonardo	Franklin	War Memorial Bldg. Trenton	Language Arts	Edu/Inct	66	4/20/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	A. Hill, Drummond, Taylor, Erba, Bates, Amon, White, Custis, Arnold	H/W	"Frogbridge" Millstone Twp, NJ	Life Skills	Edu/Inct	120	6/18/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Mrs. Gary, Cook, Rivera	Cadwalader	Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia PA	Science	Edu/Inct	40	4/16/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Mrs. Gary, Cook, Rivera	Cadwalader	Ya Ya Noodles Rest. Skillman NJ	Chinese Culture	Edu/Inct	40	3/31/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Mrs. Gary, Cook, Rivera	Cadwalader	Springdale Farm Cherry Hill NJ	Reading	Edu/Inct	40	6/4/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Mrs. Gary, Cook, Rivera	Cadwalader	Paws Farm Mount Laurel NJ	Lesson on farm animals	Edu/Inct	40	5/7/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	G. Spencer, Ellis	Cadwalader	Franklin Institute Philadelphia PA	Science & Reading	Edu/Inct	13	4/16/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	Z.Belton, Ross	Cadwalader	Jenkinson's Aquarium Point Pleasant NJ	Ecosystems	Edu/Inct	30	6/22/2010	Board	180	15-190- 100-890- 0000-00-16
Mar.	Z.Belton, Ross	Cadwalader	State Theatre of NJ New Brunswick NJ	African Culture	Edu/Inct	30	4/26/2010	Board	288	15-190- 100-890- 0000-00-16
Mar.	D.Holton- Kidd, Mitchell	Cadwalader	Insectarium Philadelphia PA	Science	Edu/Inct	28	3/11/2010	Board	217	15-190- 100-890- 0000-00-16
Mar.	D.Holton- Kidd, Mitchell	Cadwalader	Stonybrook- Millstone Watershed Pennington NJ	Science	Edu/Inct	28	5/18/2010			No cost to the board
Mar.	M.Hernandez, Iturbides, Dember, Smith, Albarran, Kovnat, Riley, Fisher, Sharma, Southerland, Jones, Hartman, Gallagher	Dunn	Liberty State Park Jersey City NJ	Language Arts	Edu/Inct	130	5/19/2010	Board	1,035	15-000- 270-512- 0000-00-10
Mar.	D. Grady, S. Grady,	TCHS-Main	Carolina Forest HS Myrtle Beach SC	Competition - Beach Run Invitational	Edu/Inct	30	4/2-4/5			No cost to the board

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Mar.	C. Houghton, Nosal	Gregory	Princeton Plasma Physics Lab Princeton	Science	Edu/Inct	75	3/5/2010 Date change	Board	150	15-190-100-890-0000-00-21
Mar.	Grant, Laramore, Walker, Jordan, Ramirez	TCHS-Main	RWJ Center for Health & Wellness Hamilton NJ	Fitness, life skills	Edu/Inct	50	3/30/10	Grant	2,550	20-470-200-580-0019-10-05
Mar.	Pistorius, Morrison, Mayfield	TCHS-Main	Devry University North Brunswick	Career exploration	Edu/Inct	30	4/20/10			No cost to the board
Mar.	Taylor, Williams, Palmer, Patterson, Miles	TCHS-Main	Bahamas – Royal Caribbean Cruise	Choir Performance	Edu/Inct	60	5/17-21/10	Board	3,834	15-140-100-101-0059-00-05
Mar.	Irvin, Morgan, Merritt	TCHS-Main	Medieval Times Lyndhurst NJ	History, Social Studies	Edu/Inct	50	3/26/10	Board Grant	2,300	15-000-270-512-0050-00-05 20-295-200-890-0000-96-05
Mar.	Onukwugha, Franko	Gregory	Battleship New Jersey Camden	History	Edu/Inct	42	4/23/10			No cost to the Board
Mar.	Onukwugha, Franko	Gregory	State House and Old Barracks Trenton	History	Edu/Inct	42	4/12/10			No cost to the Board

f. Proposal for PEI Kids TEEN CAP Program at Mott School

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Proposal for **PEI Kids TEEN CAP Program at Mott School** for the period March 9, 2010 through March 11, 2010 at **no cost to the Board**. This program is funded through a *Mercer County Bar Foundation Kites Mini Grant*. It will provide 46 students in Grade 7 with education on personal safety rights, common kinds of assault against adolescents, and strategies for handling dangerous situations.

STUDENT SERVICES:

i. Resolution to Approve the Services of Therapeutic Outreach for Children, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution for **Therapeutic Outreach for Children, Inc.** for the period March 2010 through June 2010 at a cost not to exceed **\$25,000.00**. Therapeutic Outreach will provide speech and occupational therapy to students with disabilities as follows:

(Account Code: 20-252-100-300-0000-10-84)

Rate per Hour	\$ 85.00
Rate per Evaluation	\$250.00
Other Expenses	\$97.50/Annual IEP Consultation, Monitoring Program, Progress Note &/or Home Program. \$85.00 per hour will be billed for any/all indirect service needs.

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2. HUMAN RESOURCES

b. Appointment(s)

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

1. Ms. Kristine Burns - Long Term Substitute - Robbins Elementary School, at the salary of \$47,201-BA, Step 0-TEA, effective March 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010. (11-120-100-101-0000-43-52)
2. Mr. Orlando Beckles – from: Truck Driver – Warehouse/Buildings & Grounds – at the salary of \$55,802 (\$54,402 Guide D/Step 15 + \$1,400 longevity) to: Storekeeper II, Warehouse/Buildings & Grounds at the salary of \$59,193 (\$57,793 Guide C/ Step 14 + \$1,400 longevity), effective March 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010, pro-rated. (11-000-262-100-08-53-61)
3. Mr. Kenneth Cook – from: Bus Driver – Transportation Department to: Truck Driver, Warehouse/Buildings & Grounds, at the salary of \$49,168 Guide D/Step 15 (no change in salary) effective March 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010, pro-rated. (11-000-262-100-008-53-61)

NOTE : Change from 10-month to 12-month position.

4. Approve the appointment of the following Substitute Principals – Office of Early Childhood, at the rate of \$400.00 per day, effective March 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010. (20-218-200-330-0001-00-59)

NOTE: To complete the evaluation process for community provider pre-school novice teachers. To complete three evaluations to fulfill the NJ Certification process for novice teachers during the 2009-2010 school year. Not to exceed \$12,000.00 total program.

Mykola Haleta
Nancy Puri
Gail Cropper

Kenneth Moore
Veronica Taylor
Edna Friman

e. Emergent Hires-Change of effective date

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following emergent hire change of effective date:

1. Mr. Patrick Mahoney – Social Studies Teacher – Dunn Middle School, at the salary of \$48,551-MA Step 0-TEA, effective from: February 16, 2010 to: February 18, 2010 through June 30, 2010. (15-130-100-101-0000-00-10)

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f. Re-assignment

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

1. Mr. Joseph Purvis – from: JV Wrestling Coach, to: Assistant Wrestling Coach – Trenton High-Main at the stipend of \$6,524.00, effective November 1, 2009 through March 15, 2010.
(15-402-100-110-0009-00-05)

g. Involuntary Transfer

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

1. Ms. Mary White – School Counselor – from: Hedgepeth/Williams School, to : Trenton High School-West, at the salary of \$88,771(\$84,221-MA+60, Step 15-TEA + \$ 3,050 longevity + \$1,500 dual certification, effective March 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

3. FINANCE & FACILITIES

h. Resolution Authorizing Delaware Valley School for Exceptional Children to Continue Providing Lunch to Students with Disabilities for 2007-2008

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **Resolution Authorizing Delaware Valley School for Exceptional Children to Continue Providing Lunch to Students with Disabilities for 2007-2008**. Delaware Valley School for Exceptional Children will not charge the families of students with disabilities for the meals it provides, or apply for reimbursement from the Child Nutrition Program, and the cost of the lunch will continue to be included in the school's tuition from September 2007 through June 2008.

i. Resolution Approving Amendment to IDEA Basic for 2009-2010

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **Resolution Approving Amendment to IDEA Basic for 2009-2010** from \$2,822,098 to **\$3,000,000** for Out of District Tuition. The amendment is the result of the District being consistent with the budgeted amount reported to the Department of Education during the 2009-2010 budget process.
(Account Code: 20-250-100-105-0000-10-84)

j. 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

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professional conferences, workshops, seminars or trainings for the month of March 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
Everene Downing	Director, Elementary Education	Admin.	Designing Curriculum to Meet Revised Standards	Monroe, NJ	3/22/2010		275.00	20-275-200-580-0000-09-82
Susanne M. Spyros	Teacher	Grant	NCLB Unified Plan Workshop	Edison, NJ	3/23/2010			No cost to the board
Christopher DeJesus	Principal	Grant	NCLB Unified Plan Workshop	Edison, NJ	3/23/2010			No cost to the board
Joel Merkin	Teacher	Kilmer	Encouraging Girls in Math & Science: Bridging the Gap	New Brunswick, NJ	3/18/2010			No cost to the board
Carla Millner	Teacher	Kilmer	Encouraging Girls in Math & Science: Bridging the Gap	New Brunswick, NJ	3/18/2010			No cost to the board
Deborah Giddens-Green	Teacher	Kilmer	Encouraging Girls in Math & Science: Bridging the Gap	New Brunswick, NJ	3/18/2010			No cost to the board
Dr. H.Green Richardson	Principal	Dunn	NJ Read 180 Leadership Summit	Monroe Twp, NJ	2/10 & 3/2/2010			No cost to the board
Dr. B. Lynn Robinson	Principal	Columbus	NCLB Unified Plan Workshop	Edison, NJ	3/10/2010			No cost to the board
Nicole Carmichael	Math Coach	Columbus	NCLB Unified Plan Workshop	Edison, NJ	3/10/2010			No cost to the board
Sharon Coates	Teacher	Columbus	NCLB Unified Plan Workshop	Edison, NJ	3/10/2010			No cost to the board
Lanise Hill	Teacher	Kilmer	Integrating Visual Arts into the Curriculum – Math & Science	Piscataway, NJ	3/19/2010	Board	14	15-120-100-101-0000-01-24
Sharon Grube	Teacher	Grant	Stop Summer Reading Loss with Summer School Express from Am. Reading Co.	Camden, NJ	3/19/2010			No cost to the board
Melda Grant	Coordinator	TCHS/SBYSP	"Girls & Anger Professional Dev. Training Conf."	Columbia, MD	3/17-3/18	Grant	471	20-470-200-580-0019-10-05 20-470-100-600-0000-10-05
Lanise Hill	Teacher	Kilmer	NJ Astronomy Center Science Education Workshop	Somerville, NJ	3/16/2010	Board	47	15-120-100-101-0000-01-24
Lawrence Parker	Director	TCHS-Main	NJ Coordinated School Health Demonstration Proj.	Millville, NJ	3/25/2010	Grant	70	20-470-100-600-0000-10-05
Christina Guido	Teacher	Dunn	NJ Math Leadership Summit	E.Windsor, NUJ	3/10/2010			No cost to the board
Joyce Kovnat	Teacher	Dunn	NJ Math Leadership Summit	E.Windsor, NUJ	3/10/2010			No cost to the board
Carolyn Plunkett	Teacher	Grant	Stop Summer Reading Loss with Summer School Express from Am. Reading Co.	Camden, NJ	3/19/2010			No cost to the board
Lanise Hill	Teacher	Kilmer	FLENT Annual Spring Conference	Somerset, NJ	4/9-4/10	Board	449	15-120-100-101-0000-01-24
Wanda Perry	Speech & Lang. Pathologist	CST	Practical Therapy Seminar	Cherry Hill, NJ	3/22/2010			No cost to the board
Rhonda Waller-Lee	Speech & Lang. Pathologist	CST	Practical Therapy Seminar	Cherry Hill, NJ	3/22/2010			No cost to the board

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Priscilla Dawson	Funded Prog & Grants Mang.	Admin.	NCLB Unified Plan Workshop: Technical Assistance	Edison, NJ	3/23/2010		21.90	20-464-200-500-0001-10-82
Paula McCoy	Teacher	Monument	Lemonick Symposium for Quest	Princeton NJ	3/24/10			No cost to the Board
Robin Strand	Teacher	Dunn	CAPA Training for 2010 NCLB Unified Plan	Edison NJ	3/23/10			No cost to the Board
Sandra Iturbides	Teacher	Dunn	CAPA Training for 2010 NCLB Unified Plan	Edison NJ	3/23/10			No cost to the Board
Nancy Brittingham	Teacher	Dunn	CAPA Training for 2010 NCLB Unified Plan	Edison NJ	3/23/10			No cost to the Board
Sharon Courtney	Vice Principal	Dunn	CAPA Training for 2010 NCLB Unified Plan	Edison NJ	3/23/10			No cost to the Board
Connie Richardson	Teacher	TCHS-Main	Fitnessgram Training	Millville NJ	3/25/10	Grant	70	20-470-100-600-0000-10-05
Joyce Lanigan	Teacher	TCHS-Main	NJ Science Consortium	Philadelphia PA	3/18/10			No cost to the board
Nicholas Cirillo	Teacher	TCHS-Main	Wannsee Conference: Planning the Holocaust	Rider University	3/15/10			No cost to the board
Tiffanie Messinger	Teacher	Monument	TGIF Physical Education Conference	Bordentown NJ	3/26/10			No cost to the board
Susan Zavada	Teacher	Kilmer	Guided Reading Seminar – SDE	Cherry Hill NJ	5/3/10	Board	199	15-120-100-101-0000-01-24

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURN 9:15 p.m.

REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Open Public Meeting reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

1. C.T. and J.R. obo D.H. vs. TBOE

Civil Action No. 3:07-cv-4144
Order of the U. S. District Judge

Motion by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Balmir to approve the settlement agreement in the above matter. Settlement Agreement was **approved** by all Board Members present.

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

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04-09-03-008
06-09-03-052
09-08-06-107
09-09-03-122

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the above Grievance Decisions. Grievance Decisions were **approved** by all Board Members present with one abstention.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
T. Missy Balmir	X		
Alexander Brown	absent		
Elizabeth Johnson	X		
Harry Luna	X		
Donald O. Shelton	X		08-09-09-246
Marcellus Smith	X		
Nicola Tatum	X		
L. Diane Campbell	X		

Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

ADJOURN 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary