

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 28, 2006

POND ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL



MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER - PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Pethybridge at 7:01 p.m.

II. STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

David Pethybridge

Patrick Foti

Joseph Armenti

Maxine Fox

Raymond Hart

Nagesh Kuppuraju

Mark Setaro

Member Absent

Michele Siekerka

Faith Silvestrov

Others Present:

Dr. John Szabo, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Paul Todd, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Kathie Foster, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

V. MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a 6-0 vote with Mr. Armenti abstaining, and Mrs. Siekerka and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following minutes were adopted:

Work Session February 21, 2006
Executive Session February 21, 2006

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

Action Meeting February 28, 2006

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

Special Meeting March 13, 2006

VI. PRESENTATIONS

VII. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Shannon Boyne

VIII. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Szabo discussed the budget presentation.

X. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

XII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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

XIV. HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - NONE

XV. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

A. PERSONNEL – Pat Foti

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

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mrs. Siekerka and carried by an 8-0 vote with Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following was approved:

1. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

a. Movement on Guide

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sara Beth Wiley’s movement on the guide, effective 12-20-05, as indicated:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
B.A. + 30 Step 1	M.A. Step 1

b. That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lauri Grier’s movement on the guide, effective 2-26-06, as indicated:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
B.A. Step 1	B.A. + 15 Step1

2. EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

a. School Nurse – Windsor/Sharon/PRMS

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Illene M. Addonizio for the full time position as a floating School Nurse at Sharon/Windsor/PRMS at Step 4, \$44,188 prorated for the 2005-2006 school year, effective April 3, 2006.

(Ms. Addonizio will replace Alice Slifko.)

b. Substitute Teachers – 2005-06 School Year

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following as substitutes for the 2005-06 as indicated:

<u>Teachers</u>	
<u>\$80/day – Certified</u>	<u>\$75/day – Non-certified</u>
Dawn Anderson	Erika Seftor
Kimberly Raymond	
Dolores Stephenson	
Thomas DiLeo	
Timothy Behe	

4 LEAVES OF ABSENCE**a. Special Education Teacher – Pond Road Middle School**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Maternity/Child Care Leave for Heather Bhatt as follows:

5/15/06 – 6/7/06

16 sick days

6/8/06 – 6/22/06

Family Leave with Benefits

b. Computer & Library Teacher – Sharon Elementary School

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Maternity/Child Care Leave for Kristin Aquilino as follows:

5/26/06 – 6/5/06

5 sick days

6/6/06 – 6/30/06

Family Leave with Benefits

5. STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAM**a. The College of New Jersey**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Asmy Ahmad to observe Special Education classrooms in Sharon School as part of her Learning and Behaviors of Students with Disabilities in Our Schools course requirements, commencing Spring 2006.

b. Mercer County Community College

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Charlotte Holden to observe Miss McGrath's classroom in Sharon School as part of her Introduction to Education course for 8-10 hours, commencing Spring 2006.

6. STAFF RESIGNATION**a. Custodian**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resignation of Mr. Dean Blaylock, effective June 30, 2006.

B. EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, & POLICY – Raymond Hart

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

On motion of Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Foti and carried by a 8-0 vote with Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following was approved:

1. **OUT-OF STATE FIELD TRIPS**

a. **Franklin Institute**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trip as indicated:

4 th grade	June 7, 2006	211 students	\$20.00 per pupil
		10 teachers	
		20 other chaperones	

2. **SUMMER ACADEMY**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Summer Academies:

Bridge Activities	Sharon School
Way-Off Broadway Theatre Workshop	Pond Road Middle School
Buggin' for Forensics	Pond Road Middle School

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

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

On motion of Mr. Setaro, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a 8-0 vote with Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following was approved:

1. **FINANCE**

a. **Bills & Claims List**

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

March Bill List	\$2,213,555.02
February Supplemental Bill List	<u>\$522,336.53</u>
TOTAL	\$2,735,891.55

On Motion of Mr. Setaro, seconded by Mrs. Siekerka, and approved by a 6-2 vote, with Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following were adopted:

Yes: Mr. David Pethybridge, Mr. Patrick Foti, Mr. Raymond Hart, Mr. Nagesh Kuppuraju, Mr. Mark Setaro and Mrs. Michele Siekerka.

Nays: Mr. Joseph Armenti and Mrs. Maxine Fox

Abstentions: None

Absent: Mrs. Faith Silvestrov

b. School Budget

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to adopt the 2006-2007 school budget:

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 13, 2006. Be it resolved to approve the following line item changes and to have them incorporated into the final adopted budget:

Line Item Changes

Revenues

Above Average Enrollment Grant Aid		\$260,133
Other Aid		6,533
Miscellaneous Revenue		(15,000)
Maintenance Salaries	11-000-262-105	(3,200)
Transportation	11-000-270-512	4,000
Benefits	11-000-291-260	23,000
Instructional Salaries	11-130-100-101	22,500
Instructional Supplies	11-190-100-610	50,000
School Administration	11-240-100-103	13,000
Athletic Salaries	11-402-100-100	19,200
Athletic Purc Svc	11-402-100-390	3,600
Athletic Supplies	11-402-100-610	3,000
Instructional Equipment	12-120-100-730	(9,450)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Board of Education adopt the 2006-2007 school district budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$27,253,672	\$24,833,670
Special Revenue	387,000	0
Debt Service	<u>4,284,475</u>	<u>3,627,199</u>
Total Base Budget	\$31,925,147	\$28,460,869

On motion of Mr. Setaro, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a 8-0 vote with Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following was approved:

2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

a. Building Use

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

b. Goddard School

That the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Goddard School of West Windsor to use the Pond Road Middle School in the event of system failures to their facility.

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Transportation Jointures – 2005-2006

East Windsor Township

That the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following jointure with East Windsor Township as indicated:

1 student	Mercer Jr/Sr. Summer PM Only	\$ 720.16
	7/1/05 – 8/13/05 100C	
1 student	Mercer Jr/Sr pm only	3,317.70
	9/1/05 – 6/30/06 100C	
1 student	Lewis School	794.00
	9/1/05 – 6/30/06	

4. CHILD STUDY SERVICES

a. Tuition Contract – 2005-2006

That the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the tuition contract for Student #05-45R with the Hamilton YMCA for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at the rate of \$2,000.00 prorated.

XV. HEARING OF PUBLIC

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to convene in closed executive session for the purpose of discussing pending legal matters.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

***ON MOTION* by Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hart to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:44 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

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

