

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 23, 2006

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC MEETING

ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER - PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. David Pethybridge, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05p.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
Maxine Fox
Raymond Hart
Doreen Pierson (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Mark Setaro
Michele Siekerka

Member Absent

Nagesh Kuppuraju
Faith Silvestrov

Others Present:

Dr. John J. Szabo, Superintendent
Mr. Paul M. Todd, Business Administrator
Dr. Kathie Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

V. MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION that the following minutes be approved as indicated:

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mrs. Fox and carried by a 6-0 vote with Mr. Kuppuraju, Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following were adopted:

April 25, 2006

Executive Session

On motion of Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Setaro and carried by a 6-0 vote with Mr. Kuppuraju, Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following were adopted:

April 25, 2006

Action Meeting

VI. PRESENTATION

VI. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – SHANNON BOYNE

IX. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/ CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Todd discussed the following:

- MCSBA Spring Dinner on May 25, 2006
- Concession Truck – gas is in and ready to operate
- Mr. Joo stated that safety testing has been complete on the concession truck. A committee was formed to operate the concession truck headed by Mr. Anderson.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Szabo introduced Mr. Cory Radisch – New Assistant Principal at PRMS
- Dr. Szabo gave an overview of Air Force Junior ROTC Program to be held at RHS.
- Dr. Szabo discussed the Internet Safety Program to be held on 5-25-06 at noon. The Attorney General, Acting Commissioner of Education, and County Prosecutor will be present. This program is for students in grades 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Dr. Szabo discussed the possibility of a new Kindergarten Class, probably at Windsor for the 2006-2007 school year.
- The Kiernan Consultants have begun a demographic review. The previous demographic study is 2 yrs. old and outdated.
- Focus Group Forming – will meet on Thursday June 1 at RHS.
- Dr. Szabo met with Policy and Finance. He will meet with personnel and curriculum soon.
- Dr. Szabo asked Board members if they were interested in serving as VP in MCSBA

XI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL REPORT – Mark Setaro

XII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Maxine Fox

- Mrs. Fox reported that the next Community Relations Meeting will be held on May 30, 2006 at 7 p.m.

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

- Mrs. Siekerka reminded everyone that the Golf Outing will be held in 2 weeks.

XIV. HEARING OF PUBLIC.

XV. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mrs. Siekerka, and carried by a 6-0 with Mr. Kuppuraju, Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL – Faith Silvestrov

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

1. EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

a. Special Education Teacher – Pond Road Middle School – 2006-2007

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mrs. Rita Bohringer as a full time Special Education Teacher at the Pond Road Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year, at Step 6 MA level of the salary guide and at the annual salary of \$49,506.00.

On motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a 6-0 vote with Mr. Kuppuraju, Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following was adopted:

b. Assistant Principal – Pond Road Middle School – 2006-2007

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mr. Cory B. Radisch as a full time Assistant Principal at the Pond Road Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year, at Step 1 MA level of the salary guide and at the annual salary of \$80,477.00.

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

c. Instructional Chemistry Consultant –Robbinsville High School 2005-2006

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mr. David Bank as a Instructional Chemistry Consultant at the Robbinsville High School for the 2005-2006 school year, at a rate of \$300.00 per diem up to three (3) days per week effective May 1, 2006 to June 21, 2006.

d. Instructional Physics Consultant –Robbinsville High School 2005-2006

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Dr. John Beesley as a Instructional Physics Consultant at the Robbinsville High School for the 2005-2006 school year, at a rate of \$300.00 per diem up to three (3) days per week effective May 1, 2006 to June 21, 2006.

e. Special Education Teacher – Robbinsville High School – 2006-2007

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mr. James Hunter as a full time Special Education Teacher at the Robbinsville High School for the 2006-2007 school year, at Step 2 BA + 15 level of the salary guide and at the annual salary of \$44,145.00.

f. Social Studies Teacher – Robbinsville High School – 2006-2007

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson as a full time Social Studies Teacher at the Robbinsville High School for the 2006-2007 school year, at Step 1 BA level of the salary guide and at the annual salary of \$42,680.00.

g. 12 Month School Secretary – Pond Road Middle School – 2005-2006

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, employ Mrs. Carolyn Flocco as a full time 12 month secretary at the Pond Road Middle School effective June 1, 2006, at Step 3 level of the salary guide and at the annual salary of \$27,610.00.

h. 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:

Teachers

\$80/day – Certified

Margo Emmons (renewal)

\$75/day – Non-certified

Melissa Meighan

Fariha Mukhtar

Eileen McCann

Glenna Donoghue

Heather Green (Cvrlje)

i. Substitute Secretary – 2005-06 School Year

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

Secretary

Diane M. Orlak \$9.25 per hour

j. Substitute Aide – 2005-06 School Year

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

Aide

Fariha Mukhtar \$9.25 per hour

k. Black Seal License Stipend

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Ljuba Magecic to receive the stipend of the Black Seal License in the amount of \$1,000.00 retroactive as of April 1, 2006 :

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Aquaro, Marianne	Step 15 BA	\$63,741.00
Addonizio, Ilene	Step 4 BA +15	\$45,548.00
McGlew, Rose	Step 2 BA	\$43,345.00

d. Aides/Bus Drivers/Paraprofessionals

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following Aides/Bus Drivers/Paraprofessionals for the 2006-07 school year September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Focarelli, Lisa	Lunchroom Aide	\$12.27/hr.
Morgan, Anita	Lunchroom Aide	\$12.27/hr.
Punzo, Cheryl	Teacher's Aide	\$18,952.00

e. Correction to Board Agents

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as Board Agents for 2006-2007 school year as indicated:

504 District Coordinator:	Janet Sinkewicz
District Safety Officer:	George Joo

f. District Office Support Personnel

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the following District Office Support personnel as indicated for the 2006-07 school year (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) at annual salaries to be determined:

Eileen Delaney	Superintendent's Secretary Office Manager
Ivy Brown	Comptroller/Transportation Coordinator
Pamela Watson	Accounts Payable
Patricia Gaynor	Secretary to Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Deborah Chiodo	Confidential Secretary, Human Resources

g. Security Officer – Robbinsville High School

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint John Kerrigan as part time Security Officer/Bus Driver for the 2006-07 school year (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) at an annual salary to be determined.

3. STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAM

a. Rider University

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following student teachers from Rider University for the Fall semester beginning September 4, 2006 through December 1, 2006, and for the Spring semester beginning January 22, 2007 through May 4, 2007, as indicated: (Students will teacher either the Fall or Spring semester.)

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Stephanie Chiarello	Andrea Driver (Sharon)
Melissa Maes	Shelly King (Sharon)
Nicole Keener	Christine Piovoso (Sharon)
Shira A. Searle	Peg Zargiel (Sharon)

b. The College of New Jersey

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following student teachers from The College of New Jersey for the Fall semester beginning September 4, 2006 through December 1, 2006, and for the Spring semester beginning January 22, 2007 through May 4, 2007, as indicated: (Students will teacher either the Fall or Spring semester.)

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Sarah Paluzzi	Kathy Chandler (Sharon)
Kristen Pihokker	Elizabeth Errickson (Sharon)
Suzanne Clark	Pat Walker (RHS)

4. EXTRA WORK/EXTRA PAY

a. Curriculum Writing – 2005-06

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following for curriculum writing during the 2005-06 school year:

Culinary Arts, Child Development 1 & 2	Amanda Schindewolf
Interior Design & Foods for Fitness	20 hrs. \$31.00/hr.

b. Curriculum Writing – 2006-07

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following for curriculum writing during the 2006-07 school year:

HSPA Math	Amy Wright	40 hrs.	\$31.50/hr.
Math Grades 4-5	Cindy Chmielewski	20 hrs	\$31.50/hr.
Math Grades K-3	Shelly King	20 hrs	\$31.50/hr.
Science Grade 8	Karen Karpovich	20 hrs	\$31.50/hr.
Science Grade 7	Patricia Monahan	20 hrs	\$31.50/hr.
Science Grade 7	Christopher Purdum	20 hrs	\$31.50/hr.

5. STAFF RETIREMENT

a. Custodian

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the retirement with regret of Mr. Joseph Hamari, effective June 30, 2006. Mr. Hamari has served the Washington Township School District with a distinguished record of ten years. We wish him the Best of Luck with his retirement.

6. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

a. Special Education Teacher – Sharon School

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

9/1/06 – 3/30/07	Family Leave without Benefits
4/1/07 – 6/30/07	Family Leave without Benefits

b. Custodian – Pond Road Middle School

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a paid medical leave of absence for Charles Alexander from April 28 until June 15, 2006.

c. Maintenance

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, ratify an unpaid leave of absence for Lewis Bailey from April 21 until May 9, 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 7-0 vote with Mr. Kuppuraju and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following were adopted:

1. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

a. Curriculum Approval

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

Italian Level 3
English 3
English 3 Honors
Spanish Level 4
French Level 4
Forensic Science II
Meteorology
Electric Circuits – Grade 5
Ecosystems – Grade 4
Mlcroworlds - Grade 5

2. a. JOB DESCRIPTION

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the job description for HVAC Technician.

3. Policy First Readings

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent adopt the following as indicated:

R2464	Gifted and Talented Pupils (M)	Revised
R2412	Home Instruction	Revised
P2464	Gifted and Talented Pupils (M)	Revised

4. Revised School Calendar – 2006-2007

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised Washington Township Public Schools 2006-2007 School Calendar (copy attached). Staff Development scheduled for May 4, 2007 has been changed to April 26, 2007.

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 Mrs. Fox and carried by a 7-0 vote with Mr. Kuppuraju and Mrs. Silvestrov being absent, the following were adopted:

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:

May 2006 Bill List	\$418,319.37
April 2006 Supplemental Bill List	<u>\$576,465.51</u>
Total:	\$994,784.88

b. **Donation**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the acceptance of the following donations for the Robbinsville High School Ice Hockey Team:

Eck's Air, Inc.	\$3,000.00
H & H Gas Corp.	1,000.00

c. **Change Order**

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

Robbinsville High School

#E-23 Allan-Brite-Way Electrical Contractors -
Deduct \$9,600.00 for the balance of wiring
for electronic door access controls.

d. **School Physician/Sports' Doctor**

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract of Robert Wood Johnson at Hamilton for occupational medicine in the amount of

\$10,000.00 for the 2006-2007 school year. This contract will cover the school doctor and sports' physician services.

2. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

a. Building Use

That the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve and ratify the Buildings and Grounds Use of Facilities Schedule for the months of May and June, 2006.

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	High Road Lower – Summer	\$ 1,302.22
	7/1/05 – 8/13/05	

Hamilton Township

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

1 student	Princeton Day School	\$134.39
	3/27/06 – 6/30/06	

b. Transportation Agreement

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the School Business Administrator to enter into a Transportation Agreement with Mercer County Special Services School District who agrees to serve as the LEA for the coordination of a system of transportation for special needs pupils for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

4. CHILD STUDY SERVICES

a. Tuition Contracts

That the Washington Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2006 Extended School Year (ESY) contract for the following students with CZ and Associates, LLC at the rates listed below.

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Rate</u>
05-42E	\$5,250.00
05-44E	\$5,250.00

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Siekerka thanked Mr. Gizzo for the outstanding job he is doing as Principal of the Pond Road Middle School. His interaction with the students and staff should be commended. Mrs. Siekerka said the district is very fortunate to have such high quality administrators.

XVI. HEARING OF PUBLIC

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Siekerka, seconded by Mr. Hart to convene in closed executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Board members went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

***MOTION* by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Foti to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:41 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted:

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