

**ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 24, 2009**

**ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER**



PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Michael Reca, President
Mrs. Maxine Fox, Vice President
Mrs. Carol Boyne
Mrs. Sharon DeVito
Ms. Melissa Foy
Mr. Thomas Halm, Jr. - Absent
Mr. Matthew O'Grady
Mrs. Lainie Potter
Mrs. Faith Silvestrov

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. John J. Szabo

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Kathie Foster - Absent

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Louise B. Davis

BOARD ATTORNEY

Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Scarinci & Hollenbeck – Late Arrival (8:10)

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Kevin Stawicki

ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 24, 2009

7:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING

II. STATEMENT OF 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 Robbinsville 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 Township of Robbinsville Bulletin Board. In addition, this notice was faxed to the Trenton Times and posted at Windsor School, Sharon School, Pond Road Middle School and Robbinsville High School.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

With the exception of Mr. Halm, all Board members were present. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kathie Foster was absent.

V. MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov and seconded by Mrs. Boyne and carried by a vote of 8-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, voted to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- February 24, 2009 – Public Session
- February 24, 2009 – Executive Session

VI. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Kevin Stawicki

Student Council President Kevin Stawicki reported on the following matters:

- Student government pizza sale was a success;
- Excellent turnout for Mr. RHS on February 26, 2009;
- Upcoming luau plans in process;
- Clothing Drive – April 17, 2009 – Drop off 7:00 – 10:00 AM at RHS;
- RHS Musical – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat – Weekends of March 20 and March 27, 2009 – Excellent presentation!

VII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

School Business Administrator Louise B. Davis reported on the following items:

- Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Bid Opening took place earlier in the day. Participation was good although there was a potential challenge to the low bid. Low bid and challenger are currently under attorney review.
- Review of Student Activities Fees is in process.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent John Szabo introduced Athletic Director Curtis Wyers and commended him for stepping in to coach the Girls Basketball Team. Mr. Wyers commended the following students and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation:

- Greg Fat – First Team all CVC for 100 meter swimming;
- Mike Piet – Named CVC Player of the Year by the Trentonian over the weekend;
- Kevin Burum – First Team ALL CVC by the Trentonian to be named this weekend;
- Amber Scott – Academic All American last week.

Dr. Szabo introduced Mrs. Condit who addressed the Board of Education. She expressed appreciation for Board support of last year's post prom activities and indicated that this year the Class of 2009 would like to introduce a new RHS tradition which will be known as the "Red Carpet Promenade." Mrs. Condit requested a donation from the Board to help establish the annual pre-prom celebration. It will be a community event, scheduled to take place this year at 4:30 PM on May 29th. Family and friends will be invited to view seniors in their prom attire as they walk the red carpet. Discussion ensued about a possible half-day schedule on May 29, 2009. Dr. Szabo indicated that he would discuss the issue of the half-day with school administrators.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Sharon DeVito

Mrs. DeVito reported on the following Community Relations matters:

- This month, as part of the Get Out to Vote Campaign, two meetings took place (PTA and a Special Meeting) aimed at sharing information on the 2009-2010 Budget. There were also numerous afternoon and evening presentations for local groups as well as at the homes of community members in an effort to encourage voter turnout.

- Mrs. DeVito applauded the RHS production of Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat and commended the collaborative efforts associated with inclusion of fourth grade students in the production.
- A Meet & Greet with the top candidate for the position of Superintendent will take place on April 1, 2009. A Q & A session is scheduled from 7:00 – 7:30 in the RHS Media Center followed by a 7:30 – 8:30 dessert reception. Due to a conflict, a special Q & A session for parents of eighth graders will take place from 6:15 – 6:45 in the RHS Auditorium.

B. EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT & POLICY – Lainie Potter

Mrs. Potter indicated that the Education, Development and Policy Committee met on March 10, 2009 and discussed the following issues:

- The State is in the process of making significant changes in the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards for Math. Although the adoption process is expected to be a lengthy one, the Curriculum Office continues to monitor and update the Committee on all related developments.
- The State is revising the graduation requirements for high school seniors. Credit requirements, which currently stand at 110 credits, will increase to 120 credits. Robbinsville High School requires students to attain 140 credits to graduate.
- The Committee discussed the importance of maintaining a current Policy Manual. Mrs. Potter indicated that the New Jersey School Boards Association provides free “wellness check ups” to review the Policy Manuals of districts throughout the state.
- The District is evaluating the Gifted and Talented Program. A phased plan to collect data has been created and includes interviews with parents, teachers, and students as a means to gather information and guide decision making.

C. PERSONNEL – Faith Silvestrov

Mrs. Silvestrov reported on the following Personnel Committee matters:

- Request to reimburse three district employees for submission of a second round of fingerprinting (due to state error) in the amount of \$77.00 per individual;
- PRMS stipend for Assistant Drama Director position pending sidebar agreement with WTEA;
- Confidential staff evaluations to be discussed with full Board in Executive Session.

D. NEGOTIATIONS – Thomas Halm, Jr.

In lieu of Mr. Halm’s absence, President Mike Reca reported on the following Negotiations Committee matter:

- Negotiations with district administrators are ongoing. Related meetings are scheduled for March 24, April 14 and April 28, 2009.

E. FINANCE, FACILITIES, & TRANSPORTATION – Matthew O’Grady

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee, Mr. O’Grady reported on the following matters:

- The FFT Committee met on March 12, 2009 and performed a health benefits comparison. Allen & Associates, the District’s current broker, attended the meeting.
- Repairs on the RHS sign have been completed.
- 2009-2010 Budget preparations continue. The Committee reviewed 40 separate line items and a payroll reconciliation is currently taking place.
- Transportation – No new business;

The FFT Committee discussed the following new business:

- Exploration of an alternative to the existing playground equipment at Sharon Elementary. Further discussion will take place if it is determined that the new modular unit will impede on the existing playground.
- Initial discussion regarding the possibility of a NJ Turnpike billboard on Sharon Elementary property as a source of revenue.

Discussion regarding the funding of ROTC continued. Dr. Szabo indicated that he met with Cadet Jared Johnson to discuss the issue. Dr. Szabo does not recommend adding this item to the ballot as a second question given that rounding the penny will add a significant tax burden to community members. In addition, acquiring the needed 60% majority is not likely. He pointed out that while no one wants to jeopardize the program, the alternative – larger class size – is not a good one. Dr. Szabo informed the Board and the public that he will continue to examine options.

The next meeting of the Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee will take place on April 7, 2009.

XI. HEARING OF PUBLIC

A. Walter Dabrowski

- Mr. Dabrowski asked what the first question on the budget is. Dr. Szabo responded that Question 1 asks for approval of the 2009-2010 Budget.
- Budget information on the District website has not yet been updated. School Business Administrator Louise Davis indicated that this would be taken care of immediately.
- Difficulty in accessing agenda on District website;

- State announced new High School Reform Incentive in the subject areas of Science and Math.

B. Karen Cenafani

- Mrs. Cenafani asked for additional clarification on the 60% majority issue as it relates to adding a second question to the ballot. Dr. Szabo explained that the New Jersey State Legislature enacted this rule two years ago. The Legislature determined that Question 1 has to pass in order for Question 2 to be considered and in order for Question 2 to pass a 60% super-majority is required.
- She also asked about the District's primary concern related to ROTC as well as the cost to the District. Dr. Szabo cited larger class size as the main issue of funding the program. He indicated that the cost of running the program is \$89,000 - \$94,000.
- Mrs. Cenafani reiterated her support of the ROTC program.

C. Dorothy Johnson

- Mrs. Johnson requested clarification on the ROTC salary line item. It was explained that the total salary is approximately \$134,000; 40% of this is funded by the Air Force leaving the District to pay the remaining 60%. She followed up by asking for an explanation of an agenda item which appeared to indicate a 40% increase in the stipend for a Drama Assistant. Dr. Szabo clarified and explained that the increase was due to a prior mathematical error. According to the negotiated contract, a Drama Assistant receives 70% of the amount of the Director's stipend.
- Mrs. Johnson reiterated her support of the ROTC program.

D. Bob Muir

- Mr. Muir asked for Board comment on the fate of sixteen students slated to participate in ROTC for school year 2009-2010. Dr. Szabo said that he and Major Hunter had spoken with ROTC officials who provided assurances that they would give the district additional time to build the program. He reiterated that the district does not want to drop the program but must prioritize by greatest need.

E. Michael Caputo

- Mr. Caputo recalled a discussion about a possible second question on Capital Improvements for items like roofing and replacement of carpeting at PRMS. Dr. Szabo explained that the district is investigating the likelihood of obtaining "Shovel Ready" money through shared services with the county. Dr. Szabo informed attendees that the 2009-2010 Budget Presentation would take place on March 31, 2009.

F. Sheryl Smolenski

- Mrs. Smolenski asked for information regarding World Language budget cuts. Dr. Szabo explained that due to the current cap limitations, a reduction in staff to 1.5 teaching positions affecting grades K – 5 has been necessary.

XII. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, and seconded by Mrs. Boyne, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board adopted the following: (A1a,b; A2a)

A. PERSONNEL – Faith Silvestrov

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

1. EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF – Robbinsville High School – 2008-2009

a. Step Revision – RHS

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a step revision for Jennifer Smith, RHS Business Teacher, from MA / Step 4 to BA / Step 4, effective with pay period March 15, 2009.

b. Lunch Aide - RHS

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Toni Kowalski as a lunch aide, effective March 25, 2009, at the hourly rate of \$13.43/hr. Ms. Kowalski replaces Christine McCahery.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF – Pond Road Middle School – 2008-2009

a. Maternity Leave Replacement – PRMS

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of Samantha M. Miller as a teacher of Grade 4, effective March 11, 2009. Scheduled to replace Melanie Mihelis during her maternity leave, Ms. Miller will be compensated at the annual pro-rated salary of \$45,348.00 (BA / Step 1).

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, and seconded by Mrs. Boyne, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board adopted the following: (A3a-e; A3f as amended; A3g,h)

3. EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF – Other Matters – 2008-2009

a. Substitute Teacher(s) – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment of the following

substitute teachers (pending criminal history clearance) for the 2008-2009 school year as indicated:

**Certified
(\$80/diem)**
John Castaldo
Albert Gayzik
Daniel Sosinski
Andrea Zalenski

**Non-certified
(\$75/diem)**
Allison Duffy

b. Homebound Instructor – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the employment Allison Niemczyk as a homebound instructor at an hourly rate of \$34.00 on an as needed basis for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Niemczyk currently teaches History and Sociology for grades 9 through 12 at Robbinsville High School.

c. Substitute School Nurse – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Susan Lee as Substitute School Nurse for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year:

d. District Surrogate – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Joy Harrington as the district surrogate, according to NJAC 6A;14-2.2. This state-mandated position will be filled on a volunteer basis. Ms. Harrington is currently a retired School Social Worker.

e. Substitute Aide – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Ellen Jones (pending criminal history clearance) as a substitute teacher aide at the rate of \$13.43 per hour.

On motion of Mrs. Boyne, and seconded by Mr. O’Grady, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board voted to amend the following (A3f) to read “effective June 30, 2009”.

f. Resignation – Speech & Language Specialist – 2008-2009 (Amended to take effect June 30, 2009)

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Jane L. Hye, Speech & Language Specialist, effective May 12, 2009. We wish Mrs. Hye the best of luck with her future endeavors.

g. Fingerprint Reimbursement Request – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, agree to reimburse the following employees, in the amount of \$77.00 each, for submitting to a second round of fingerprinting:

Karen Karmazin
Beth Gmoser
Peggy Damm

h. Withholding of Increment – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, withhold the employment and adjustment increments of an employee whose full name is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and in the hands of each Board Member, for the 2009-2010 school year based upon an assessment of teaching staff performance.

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, and seconded by Mrs. Foy, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board adopted the following: (A4a-d; A5a)

4. EXTRA WORK / EXTRA PAY – 2008-2009

a. Spring Coaching Positions (Stipend) – Robbinsville High School

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals for the following stipend coaching positions at Robbinsville High School for the Spring 2009 season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Coaching Position</u>	<u>Step / Stipend</u>
Brian Dempsey	Assistant Boys Track Coach	Step 1 / \$4706.00
Danielle Juricic *	Assistant Softball Coach	Step 1 / \$4706.00
David Nemeth	Boys Lacross Coach	Step 1 / \$4706.00

* Pending Substitute Certification

b. Spring Coaching Positions (Volunteer) – Robbinsville High School

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals for the following volunteer coaching positions at Robbinsville High School:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Volunteer Coaching Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Rich Giarrusso	Boys Lacross Coach	Paraprofessional Aide
Jules Nemeth	Asst. Softball Coach	Paraprofessional Aide

c. Co-curricular Position (Volunteer) – Robbinsville High School

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individual for the following volunteer co-curricular position at Robbinsville High School:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Volunteer Co-curricular Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
Amy Berge	Christian Club Advisor	RHS Math Teacher

d. Stipend Adjustment – PRMS Drama Assistants

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve stipend adjustments for the following individuals, for the 2008-2009 school year only, pending sidebar agreement with WTEA:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Previously Approved Stipend</u>	<u>Adjusted Stipend</u>
Kim Keener	\$1,610.00	\$2,300.00
Jennie Leichner	\$1,610.00	\$2,300.00
Michael Schmidt	\$1,505.00	\$2,150.00
Stephanie Venanzi	\$1,452.00	\$2,075.00

5. OBSERVATION REQUEST – 2008-2009

a. Observation Request – Mercer County College

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Karren Garrison from Mercer County College to observe a classroom in Pond Road Elementary School during the spring semester.

B. EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, & POLICY - Lainie Potter

On motion of Mrs. Potter, and seconded by Mrs. Fox, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board adopted the following: (B1a-f; B2a, b; B3a)

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

1. CURRICULUM / PROGRAM & POLICY

a. Policies and Regulations – First Reading

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, review the following state mandated policies and regulations at the level of first reading (See Attachments):

P1110	Organizational Chart
P2460	Special Education
R2460	Special Education
R2460.1	SPED Location, Identification, & Referral
R2460.8	SPED – Free & Appropriate Education
R2460.9	SPED –Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs
R2460.16	SPED – Instructional Material to Blind or Print Disabled Pupils
P2467	Surrogate Parents & Foster Parents

b. Workshops – Robbinsville Public Schools – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the teachers / administrators listed for upcoming professional development workshops scheduled to take place during the 2008-2009 school year. (See Attachment)

c. National School Plant Management Assn. Conference

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, grant approval for Facilities Manager, Dave Gallagher, to attend that National School Plant Management Association Conference scheduled to take place on April 8, 2009 per contractual agreement. The cost of this conference is \$150.00.

d. Annual School Law & Policy Seminar

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals to attend the Annual School Law & Policy Seminar on June 12, 2009. Sponsored by Strauss Esmay, this seminar will take place at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. Two staff members are invited to attend free of charge. **There will be no cost to the district.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Louise B. Davis	School Business Administrator / Bd. Sec'y.
Fran McKenna	Confidential Secretary to B.A.

e. NJ Assn. of School Business Officials Annual Conference

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, grant approval for School Business Administrator / Board Secretary Louise B. Davis to attend the 47th Annual Conference of New Jersey Association of School Business Officials scheduled to take place on May 6-8, 2009 per contractual agreement. The costs associated with the conference are as follows:

Registration Fee	\$275.00
Room / Parking	\$150.00
Total:	\$425.00

f. Systems 3000 Training – Office Personnel

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals to participate in Systems 3000 software training. **There will be no cost to the district.**

<u>Name / Position</u>	<u>Training Date</u>	<u>Session</u>
Louise Davis - SBA/BS	April 22, 2009	Expense & Revenue
Louise Davis – SBA/BS	May 11, 2009	Year End Training

2. DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES

a. Tuition Contract with Somerset Hills Schools, Inc – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a tuition contract with Somerset Hills Schools Inc. for student # 08-38R at the pro-rated amount of \$74,028.00/year effective March 2, 2009.

b. Substitute School Nurse Compensation – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a rate increase, in the amount of \$150.00 per diem, for the position of Substitute School Nurse effective March 1, 2009. The previous rate of compensation was \$100.00 per diem.

3. FIELD TRIPS

a. Field Trips – Robbinsville High School – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trips for Robbinsville High School for the 2008-2009 school year:

Mercer County Community College – West Windsor, NJ

Date:	April 24, 2009
Number of Pupils Participating:	TBD
Teacher Chaperones:	2
Number of other Chaperones:	0
Approximate Cost per Pupil:	\$0.00
Time Scheduled to Leave:	8:15 am
Time Scheduled to Return:	2:00 pm

Admission / Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

C. FACILITIES, FINANCE & TRANSPORTATION – Matthew O’Grady

On motion of Mr. O’Grady, and seconded by Mrs.Fox, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board adopted the following: (C1a-h; C2a, b; C3a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Robbinsville Board of Education that the following **FACILITIES, FINANCE & TRANSPORTATION** resolutions, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved as indicated:

1. FINANCE

a. Bills and Claims List (See Attachment)

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve payment of the Bills & Claims Lists for March 2009:

March Bill List:	\$ 1,366,332.22
Total:	\$ 1,366,332.22

b. Certification of Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)3 I, Louise B. Davis, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, certify that as of February 2009, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23-22.12(a).

c. Board Secretary's Report

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following Board Secretary's Reports for the periods ending:

January 31, 2009
February 28, 2009

d. Rescision of Appropriation of 2007-2008 Extraordinary Aid (February 24, 2009 Mtg.)

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the appropriation of extraordinary aid for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$69,629.00 as indicated below **(Duplicate done in July 2008)**:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-204-100-101-04-01	LLD Teacher Salary	\$45,000.00
11-212-100-106-04-01	PRMS MD Aide Salary	\$24,629.00

e. Transfer Report

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the February 2009 transfer listed below:

<u>From</u>	<u>Acct. Name</u>	<u>Amt. of Transfer</u>
11-000-100-566-04-01	Tuition Private	\$138,708.00
Total		\$138,708.00

<u>To</u>	<u>Acct. Name</u>	<u>Amt. of Transfer</u>
11-130-100-101-03-02	Sub. P/R Gr. 6-8	\$ 3,000.00
11-140-100-101-01-02	Sub. P/R Gr. 9-12	\$ 1,000.00
11-190-100-106-02-01	P/R Sharon Aides	\$ 6,000.00
11-204-100-101-04-01	P/R LLD	\$ 45,000.00
11-212-100-106-04-01	P/R Pond MD Aide	\$ 24,000.00
11-212-100-106-04-06	P/R MD Sub.	\$ 1,000.00
11-216-100-101-04-02	P/R PSD Sub.	\$ 500.00
11-401-100-100-01-05	RHS P/R Chaperones	\$ 500.00
11-000-213-101-01-02	P/R RHS RN	\$ 1,000.00
11-000-213-101-02-02	P/R Sharon RN	\$ 4,000.00
11-000-213-101-03-02	P/R Pond RN	\$ 1,000.00
11-000-213-101-07-01	P/R Sub. RN	\$ 2,000.00
11-000-218-104-01-02	P/R RHS Guidance	\$ 2,000.00
11-000-218-104-03-02	P/R Pond Guidance	\$ 2,000.00
11-000-219-104-04-02	P/R CST	\$ 20,000.00
11-000-221-104-09-05	P/R Middle States	\$ 1,500.00

11-000-221-104-09-06	P/R Curr. Facilitator	\$ 23,000.00
11-000-230-420-07-01	Software Gen. Adm.	\$ 808.00
11-000-262-100-05-07	P/R Custodian	\$ 400.00

Total **\$138,708.00**

f. Acceptance of Grant Funding

i. NCLB Funds

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept 2008-2009 NCLB funds in the amount of \$33,232.00.

ii. IDEA Grant Funds

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE IDEA Grant Certificate of Acceptance of Funds (GAC) for the following amounts:

Basic:	\$448,288.00
Preschool:	\$ 24,237.00

(IDEA Consolidated Grant Number: IDEA551009)

g. RHS – Entering into Contracts

i. Docufide

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, enter into a contract with Docufide to allow for electronic submission of student transcripts to colleges and universities for college application process and for alumni services. The cost of this contract includes a one time set up fee in the amount of \$500.00.

ii. National Student Clearing House

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, enter into a contract with National Student Clearing House to track and survey RHS alumni at an annual participation fee of \$425.00.

h. Donations

i. Bristol-Myers Squibb – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation in the amount of \$120.00 from Bristol-Myers Squibb. This donation is the result of a contribution to the Employee Political Action Committee made by Shawn Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman is the father of Alexandria (Grade 6) and

Samantha (Grade 4). We extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Zimmerman and to Bristol-Myers Squibb. (See Policy 7230 – Gifts, Grants and Donations attached)

2. FACILITIES

a. Amendment of Contract for Modular Unit – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Spieziele Architectural Group, Inc. exercise the ability to amend the contract with M. Space Holdings, LLC for an additional modular unit to commence on August 24, 2009 and end on July 1, 2010 at a unit cost of \$9,606.00 per month and a total cost of \$105,666.00.

b. Building Use

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve and ratify the Buildings and Grounds Use of Facilities Schedule for the months of February and March 2009. (See Attachments)

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Jointure with West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional Schools – 2008-2009

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a Joint Transportation Agreement with West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional Schools for route Boarders, in the amount of \$1,050.00 for the transportation of one Robbinsville student one way from the WWP North High School to Borders Book Store for participation in a work-study program, effective February 20, 2009 until June 30, 2009.

XIII. HEARING OF PUBLIC

A change in the order of business occurred. The second Hearing of the Public was moved until later in the meeting.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. O'Grady initiated a discussion on creating a Board subcommittee to review the ROTC issue aimed at finding a viable long term solution to retain the program. The subcommittee will establish a timeline, investigate options, and report their findings to the Board. Mrs. Boyne and Mrs. DeVito volunteered to assist Mr. O'Grady with this work. They expressed their hope that community members and other volunteers would also agree to serve on the subcommittee.

Mrs. DeVito expressed her thanks to those that attended the WTEA Foundation Dinner Dance honoring Take 5 and Marci Rubin (S.A.F.E)

XV. NEW BUSINESS

Board President, Mike Reca, recommended that Board meeting begin at 7:00 rather than 7:30. He shared the following information about upcoming events:

- March 27, 2009 – Board members to visit W. Windsor–Plainsboro School District. W. Windsor-Plainsboro employs Steven Mayer, the top candidate in the Robbinsville Superintendent Search;
- March 31, 2009 – Public Hearing for the 2009-2010 Budget – 7:00 PM;
- April 1, 2009 – Mr. Mayer to visit Robbinsville Public Schools;
- April 14, 2009 – Possible Special BOE Meeting on the budget if necessary.

XVI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

A. Walter Dabrowski

Mr. Dabrowski asked the following questions:

Q. Did conversations between the district and Air Force officials indicate that ROTC will be extended beyond June 30, 2010?

A. The District is still looking for ways to fund the program. Air Force officials are looking for an increased enrollment of 50 students to consider the program viable. District officials are awaiting clarification in writing.

Q. Clarification on increase in the cost of paper

A. Less than 4%

Q. Status of Feasibility Study

A. Administration is reviewing the results.

Q. Is a referendum for a new school still being considered for December of next year?

A. Before considering a new school, the first step is passing the 2009-2010 Budget.

Q. Is the District at bonding capacity?

A. No as debt is declining.

B. Debbie Baer

Mrs. Baer affirmed the importance of passing the budget and encouraged all residents to vote.

C. John Ruch

Mr. Ruch stressed the importance of supporting the budget and encouraged individuals to vote.

D. Gabriella Johnson

A member of Jr. ROTC and recipient of a \$60,000 ROTC scholarship, Miss Johnson questioned several expenditures listed on the agenda. She discussed

the positive ways ROTC has impacted her life and thanked the public for their continued support of the program.

E. Michael Caputo

Mr. Caputo suggested the addition of a slide to the budget presentation detailing how the buildings are at capacity.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. DeVito, and seconded by Mr. O'Grady, and carried by a vote of 8 – 0, the Board voted to adjourn the March 24, 2009 meeting of the Robbinsville Board of Education at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Louise B. Davis
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary**