



**ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTHLY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010 (7:00 PM)
RHS AUDITORIUM / STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Michael Reca, President
Mrs. Lainie Potter, Vice President
Mrs. Carol Boyne
Mrs. Sharon DeVito
Mrs. Melissa Foy
Mrs. Florence Gange
Mr. Thomas Halm, Jr.
Mr. Matthew O'Grady
Mrs. Faith Silvestrov

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Steven J. Mayer

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Kathleen A. Foster

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Robert DeVita

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dan Orlak

ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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March 23, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING

President Mike Reca called the March 23, 2010 meeting of the Robbinsville Board of Education to order at 7:10 PM.

II. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

All Board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Steven J. Mayer, Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Foster, and School Business Administrator Robert M. De Vita.

V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Michael Reca

Mr. Reca introduced the following individuals:

- **Joy Wolfe, Advisor, RHS Robotics Team**

Mrs. Wolfe introduced several members of the team. They provided information about the team's accomplishments and current activities.

- **RHS Athletic Director Curtis Wyers**

Mr. Wyers recognized the following Robbinsville Athletic Champions:

- Taylor Johnson – RHS Swim Team member – Qualified for state championships – First Team CVC 200 Individual Medley
- Girls Indoor Track – Group I Central Jersey Sectional Champions 2nd year in a row
- 2010 Ice Hockey – Valley Division Champions
- Noelle Jankewicz – Group I State Champions High Jump Relay
- Taylor Harmon – Group I State Champions High Jump Relay
- Megan Flynn – Group I State Champ. Girls Track Team member – Six-time state champion 3200 Meter Race
- RHS Wrestling Team – District 25 Champions / Central Jersey Group 1 Sectional Champions / 5 MCT Champions / and MCT Champion
- Jared Icenhower – Wrestling MCT Champions / District 25 Champions / Region 7 – 3th Place
- David Bossie – Wrestling MCT Champion / District 25 Champion / Region 7 – 3th Place
- Brian O'Toole – Wrestling MCT Champions / District 25 Champions / Region 7 – 3th Place
- Brandon Di Donato – Wrestling MCT Champion / District 25 Champion / Region 7 Champion
- Jeff Bruno – Wrestling MCT Champion
- Jordan Hankins Wrestling MCT Champion
- Girls Track Team – Sectionals Competition

- **PRMS Principal Paul Gizzo**

Mr. Gizzo recognized Student Academy Committee Members Annette Deck, Debbie Donoher, Jane Hutchison, and Kathy St. John.

- **Dan Orlak, President , RHS Student Council**

On behalf of the student body, Dan spoke about what a great place RHS is and noted the positive impact RHS has on the entire student body.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Steven J. Mayer

Mr. Mayer shared his appreciation for the strong turnout (approximately 600 members of the public) and commented about the importance of creating a legacy that supports the values of the Robbinsville community. He and School Business Administrator Robert De Vita gave the 2010-2011 Budget Presentation.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

After the presentation, several Board members expressed thoughts on the budget. They noted the special challenges the district faces this year in light of a \$1.7 Million reduction in state aid, particularly in the mandated areas of Special Education and Transportation. In Special Education, based upon State predications, the district expected to receive \$1.6 Million in aid. Instead, it will receive \$1 Million. In transportation, the district expected to receive \$920,000. Instead, it will receive no aid.

Board members encouraged the public to contact their legislators and express their feelings about Governor Christie’s cuts in state aid.

Mr. Recca commended the administrators for volunteering to accept a wage freeze. He noted that a letter was sent to the Teacher’s Association requesting a meeting but, to date, no response has been forthcoming.

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Panimal Patel

Mr. Patel expressed support for the Board and urged the district to try to find a way around the increase in health benefits.

Helen Dublas

Mrs. Dublas noted that there are three bills in the State Legislature regarding teachers chipping in for their benefits. Mr. De Vita indicated that the bills have passed and all districts are waiting for guidance from the NJ Department of Education. He added that if this is implemented next year, the district will save in excess of \$200,000.

Carol Wells

Mrs. Wells expressed support for the district. She asked decision makers to keep the taxpayer in mind. She noted the disparity between benefits offered to educators and those offered to many in the private sector.

Jeff Pergament

Mr. Pergament asked much money could be saved if the district has to institute the 13 proposed jobs cuts. Mr. De Vita responded that \$639,000 would be saved.

Mary Caffrey

Mrs. Caffrey asked for clarification on how the 1.5% employee contribution toward health care would impact the district. Mr. De Vita explained that the district is currently part of the State health benefits program. With a current loss ratio of .77%, employees have a \$15 co-pay. Mrs. Caffrey suggested that like the township, the district consider a premium sharing option.

Alicia Parylak

Mrs. Parylak asked why only one administrative position is being lost as compared to 13 teaching positions. Mr. Mayer indicated that on a percentage basis one administrator equals 8% of the administrative team while 8% of the teaching staff translates to 24 positions.

Steven David

Mr. David suggested that the district consider ways to generate additional revenue such as naming rights and more expansive use of the district's facilities. He also asked for guidance on how to approach legislators.

Gabriella Manzanillo

Mrs. Manzanillo recommended that district officials post guidance and a letter template to legislators on the website. Mr. Mayer agreed and said that the district would follow through on this suggestion.

Michael Smith

Mr. Smith expressed his hope that, from a priority standpoint, co- and extra-curricular activities were considered for reductions before teaching staff. He noted that, as an employee of the insurance industry, today's reality calls for a shift in the burden of benefit costs.

Tom Giachetti

Assuming that the Association will consider a wage freeze and the 1.5% health insurance contribution is instituted, Mr. Giachetti indicated that he, as a taxpayer, would be willing to absorb the additional costs associated with keeping the teachings staff.

Barry Haftel

Mr. Haftel asked what percentage of teachers are utilizing medical benefits. Mr. De Vita responded that approximately 80% of employees currently utilize the medical benefits provided by the district. He also noted that non-tenured staff is required to contribute toward dental and prescription benefits for spouses and family members.

Mr. Haftel asked if consideration had been given to cutting one of the two existing Assistant Principal positions at PRMS. Mr. Mayer explained that as Robbinsville's student to administrator ratio is well above average, that no consideration will be given to cutting one of these positions.

John Ruch

Mr. Ruch noted that, comparatively, our elementary schools are very large which is why we need to keep the administrators we have currently at the school level. He asked how unemployment would be funded for the individuals whose positions are eliminated. Mr. De Vita explained that the cost for each employee's health benefits would be transferred to the unemployment line.

Sonya Walter

Mrs. Walter works with senior citizens. She indicated that they do not feel connected and stressed the importance of building partnerships with them. Mrs. Walter recommended that the district ask the teachers to make the difficult choice to take less.

Donna Simone

Mrs. Simone asked why the State did not take advantage of the Race to the Top grant. Mr. Mayer said that the State did submit an application but it was not accepted in the first round.

Ray Hart

Mr. Hart recommended exploring a new education model by partnering with other districts to save costs. He suggested considering a change in the school calendar as well as ending participation in unfunded mandates.

Kerry Godfrey

Kerry Godfrey suggested that the district consider reducing kindergarten to a half-day program to save money.

Debbie Baier

Mrs. Baier thanked district officials for focusing on residents concerns. She encouraged residents to write to their legislators to protest the Governor's arbitrary funding cuts.

Jim Guididas

Mr. Guididas asked for the average size of RHS elective classes. Mr. Mayer indicated that they average 20 but some are in the teens.

Sue Brzezynski

Mrs. Brzezynski expressed an opinion that transportation costs could be reduced if sidewalks were completed. Mr. De Vita indicated that he learned in recent conversations with the township that grant opportunities are available for sidewalk construction.

Ellen Gallagher

A lunch aide at PRMS, Mrs. Gallagher noted that over 1000 students attend the school. She said that having two Assistant Principals for such a large number of students is necessary.

Elizabeth Breden

Mrs. Breden asked if it is legal for the State to extend cuts to Special Education. Mr. Mayer indicated that in spite of the cuts – legal or otherwise – the District will continue its Special Education programs. Mrs. Breden inquired about the possibility of instituting furlough days for staff. Mr. Mayer explained that things like the institution of furlough days are all part of the negotiation process and not something the district can impose.

Dave Boyne

Mr. Boyne, a township councilman, indicated that the township is actively pursuing sidewalks from Saran Woods that are not dependent on grant funding.

Kevin Schick

Noting the limitations posed by the funding reductions, Mr. Schick asked what would be saved if the district reaches a point where it can reconsider cuts. Mr. Mayer said that the first priority would be protection of classrooms and teaching staff after which district officials would begin at the top of the priority list established by the Board in November.

Noushin Kanini

Mrs. Kanini stated that residents do not have an additional \$550 for taxes but that the community would be happy to assist the district in other ways, i.e. cutting grass, painting buildings, and supporting a letter writing campaign. She requested that the powerpoint presentation be posted on the website.

Al Wolochuk

Mr. Wolochuk asked how far into the future would this year's cuts affect the district. Mr. Mayer stated that given an average enrollment growth of 4% and a cap of 2.5%, the current situation will pose irreparable harm to the district. He noted that it will take a long time to recover.

President Mike Recca thanked residents for their attendance and closed the Hearing of the Public.

IX. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

A. PRELIMINARY ADOPTION OF 2010-2011 BUDGET FOR ROBBINSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. Halm, and seconded by Mrs. Potter, and carried by a vote of 9-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, voted to approve the Robbinsville Public Schools Preliminary Budget for FY 2010-2011 for submission to the Mercer County Executive County Superintendent as follows:

	Appropriations	Local Tax Levy
Total General Fund	\$ 33,303,187	\$ 31,390,095
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 424,890	\$ 0
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 4,429,878	\$ 4,357,593
Total	\$ 38,157,955	\$ 35,747,688

Discussion:

Board members expressed appreciation for the remarkable turnout and thanked the public for their attendance and input. They indicated that they are painfully aware of the effects of this tax increase and called it an example of shared sacrifice. Many expressed concern about the likelihood of additional concessions if the budget is not successful. Several Board members reaffirmed their commitment to each other and to the public to continue to look for every efficiency possible.

Further discussions ensued regarding a list of potential budget cuts created at the March 18th budget workshop during a brainstorming session as well as clarification of the budget timeline. One member commented on the need for continued community support to help combat the spread of misinformation.

Roll Call

Mrs. Boyne: Yes – Under extreme protest and with great reservation
Mrs. DeVito: Yes
Mrs. Foy: Yes
Mrs. Gange: Yes
Mr. Halm: Yes
Mr. O’Grady: Yes – Under protest
Mrs. Silvestrov: Yes
Mrs. Potter: Yes
Mr. Reca: Yes

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were not presented

XI. MINUTES (See Attachments)

On motion of Mr. O’Grady, and seconded by Mrs. Potter, and carried by a vote of 8-0 with Mr. Halm abstaining, the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, voted to approve the Minutes of the following Public Sessions.

- February 22, 2010 – Special Meeting
- February 23, 2010 – Public Session

XII. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL - Continued

A. PERSONNEL (A.1 – 3 and Addendum)

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov, and seconded by Mrs. Potter, and carried by a vote of 9-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, voted to approve the resolutions related to Personnel as indicated in A.1-3 and the Addendum. (See Pages 16 & 17)

B. EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, & POLICY (B.1 - 9)

On motion of Mr. O’Grady, and seconded by Mrs. Foy, and carried by a vote of 9-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, voted to approve the resolutions related to Education, Development, & Policy as indicated in B.1-9.

1. CURRICULUM / PROGRAM & POLICY

a. Policies and Regulations – Second Reading & Adoption

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, review and adopt the following policies and regulations (See Attachments):

- P0174 – Legal Services (M)
- P0177 – Professional Services (M)
- P1570 – Internal Controls (M)
- R1570 – Internal Controls (M)
- P1620 – Administrative Employment Contracts (M)
- P3351 – Healthy Workplace Environment (New)
- P4351 – Healthy Workplace Environment (New)
- P5338 – Diabetes Management (New)
- R5338 – Diabetes Management (New)
- P5533 – Pupil Smoking
- R5533 – Pupil Smoking
- P5512.01 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (M)
- P6111 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M)
- R6111 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M)
- P6660 – Student Activity Fund (M)
- P7434 – Smoking on School Grounds (M)
- P8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol, & Other Drug Abuse
- P9700 – Special Interest Groups

2. JUMPSTART SUMMER READING PROGRAM

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve submission of an application for the Jump Start Program to the Mercer County Executive Superintendent pending the financial commitment of the Robbinsville Board of Education.

3. STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE – RIDER UNIVERSITY

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, grant permission for the following individuals, currently attending Rider University, to complete their student teaching experiences during the Spring semester.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Michael Scotto	Joe Conroy – LAL – Grade 6
Kathryn Mikulewicz	Cathy Zahn – Grade 3

4. **STUDENT OBSERVATION – MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, grant permission for Thomas Lyons, currently attending Mercer County Community College, to observe classes at RHS during the Spring semester.

5. **DISCARD OF LIBRARY BOOKS**

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, grant permission to discard certain library books determined to be in poor or damaged condition from the Sharon Library. (See Attachment)

6. **PERMISSION TO JOIN THE WEST JERSEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the Robbinsville High School Athletic Department to join the West Jersey Football League effective beginning with the 2010 football season.

7. **DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES**

a. **Additional Contracted Services – MCSSSD**

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve / ratify a contract with Mercer County Special Services School District, Community Resource Team to provide Home Component Services for Student #09-09MRE beginning January 2010 and ending March 2010 for a total of 24 home-based visits at the rate of \$70 per hour. The length of each home visit is approximately 2 hours.

b. **Student Transfer – MCCSD to New Road School**

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an anticipated contract with New Road School of Parlin for student # 09-11MR, currently attending Mercer County Special Services School District, beginning April 4, 2010 and ending June 21, 2010 at the pro-rated tuition of \$10,760.04.

8. **FIELD TRIPS**

a. **Robbinsville High School**

That the Robbinsville BOE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve or ratify the following field trip(s) Robbinsville High School for the 2009-2010 school year as indicated:

Senior Center-Robbinsville, NJ

Date: March 10, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 20
 Teacher Chaperones: 1
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$0.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 10:45 am / 12:00 pm
 Bus Service: BOE
 Class/Group: Music Appreciation Classes
 Purpose: Students will have the opportunity to interview senior citizens as part of a class research project analyzing Robbinsville's musical culture.
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

Washington Twp. H.S.-Sewell, NJ

Date: March 20, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 15
 Teacher Chaperones: 2
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$0.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 6:00 am / 5:00 pm
 Bus Service: George Dapper Inc.
 Class/Group: AFJROTC
 Purpose: Teamwork
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

Fashion Institute of Technology-NYC, NY

Date: April 6, 2010 (rescheduled from 2-23-10)
 Number of Pupils Participating: 25
 Teacher Chaperones: 1
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$40.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave: 8:00 am / 5:15 pm
 Bus Service: BOE
 Group: Retail Merch. And/or Home Interiors
 Purpose: Historic costume collection private session, tour current exhibit "American Beauty" & prospective student's college information.
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

MCCC-W. Windsor, NJ

Date: April 8, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 30-50
 Teacher Chaperones: 2
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$0.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 8:00 am / 1-1:30 pm
 Bus Service: BOE
 Class/Group: Juniors/Seniors
 Purpose: MCCC placement test and scheduling of classes for juniors and seniors.
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

John Bowne H.S.-Flushing, NY

Date: April 10, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 15
 Teacher Chaperones: 2
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$0.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 6:00 am / 5:00 pm
 Bus Service: George Dapper Inc.
 Class/Group: AFJROTC
 Purpose: Teamwork
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

Hyatt Regency-New Brunswick, NJ

Date: April 15-18, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 11
 Teacher Chaperones: 2
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$0.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave: 1:30 pm (4/15)
 Time Scheduled to Return: 1:30 pm (4/18)
 Bus Service: BOE
 Class/Group: Model Congress
 Purpose: Students will work individually or in peer groups to legislate national issues.
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

Hershey Park-Hershey, PA

Date: May 7, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 65
 Teacher Chaperones: 4
 Number of other Chaperones: 2
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$100.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 9:00 am / 9:00 pm
 Bus Service: A-1 Limo
 Class/Group: RHS Band & Chorus
 Purpose: Music in the Parks Program-students will be given the opportunity to perform for a panel of industry judges and compete against other ensembles.
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

Princeton University-Princeton, NJ

Date: May 14, 2010
 Number of Pupils Participating: 15
 Teacher Chaperones: 1
 Number of other Chaperones: 0
 Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$0.00
 Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 8:30 am / 2:00 pm
 Bus Service: BOE
 Class/Group: AP, Model UN, Model Congress
 Purpose: Students will have the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals in fields of diplomacy and policy.
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

b. Pond Road Middle School

That the Robbinsville BOE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following field trip(s) Pond Road Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year as indicated:

LaPiazza-Allentown, NJ

Date: April 23, 2010
Number of Pupils Participating: 83
Teacher Chaperones: 2
Number of other Chaperones: 0
Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$15.00
Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 10:45 am - 1:15 pm
Bus Service: BOE
Class/Group: 8th Grade/Italian

Purpose: The students just completed a unit of foods & meal taking. This will give the students an opportunity to have an authentic Italian meal & order in Italian.

Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

Ellis Island-Jersey City, NJ

Date: May 17-21, 2010 (one bus per day)
Number of Pupils Participating: 214
Teacher Chaperones: 20
Number of other Chaperones: 14
Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$20.00
Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 8:30 am / 5:00 pm
Bus Service: George Dapper Inc.
Class/Group: 5th Grade

Purpose: Understand immigrant experience to 1954 and impact on society; local geographical and historical information; critical thinking through scavenger hunt.

Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

New York City Trip-New York, NY

Date: June 2, 2010 & June 9, 2010
Number of Pupils Participating: 108 each trip
Teacher Chaperones: 11 each trip
Number of other Chaperones: 16 each trip
Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$215.00
Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 8:00 am / 7:00 pm
Bus Service: Starr Tours
Class/Group: 8th Grade

Purpose: 8th Grade Class Trip – Mdme. Tussaud’s Wax Museum and performance of *Wicked*

Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

c. Sharon Elementary School

That the Robbinsville BOE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following field trip(s) Sharon/Windsor Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year as indicated:

Ringling Brothers Circus - Sun Center - Trenton, NJ

Date: May 14, 2010
Number of Pupils Participating: 252
Teacher Chaperones: 19
Number of other Chaperones: 130
Approximate Cost per Pupil: \$11.00
Time Scheduled to Leave / Return: 9:15 am - 1:30 pm
Bus Service: George Dapper Inc.
Class/Group: Kindergarten
Purpose: Kindergarten Class Trip
Admission/Transportation Cost not Incurred by District

9. WORKSHOPS

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve or ratify the list of upcoming professional development workshops scheduled to take place during the 2009-2010 school year. (See Attachment)

C. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION (C.1 – 3)

On motion of Mr. O’Grady, and seconded by Mr. Halm, and carried by a vote of 9-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, voted to approve the following resolutions related to Finance, Facilities, and Transportation as indicated in C.1-3.

1. FINANCE

a. Bills and Claims List

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve payment of the Bills & Claims Lists for March 2010: (See Attachment)

Accounts Payable	
Fund	
11 - General Fund	\$1,375,915.94
12 - Capital Outlay	\$0.00
20 - Special Revenue	\$112,553.42
40 - Debt Service	\$38,111.25
60 - Enterprise Fund	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$1,526,580.61
Payroll	
February 28, 2010	\$1,006,325.21
March 15, 2010	\$1,010,950.96
Total Payroll	\$2,017,276.17
Total Bill List	\$3,543,856.78

b. Certification of Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)3 I, Robert M. De Vita, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, certify that as of February 2010, 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. Report of the Board Secretary

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Report of the Board Secretary for the period ending February 28, 2010. (See Attachment)

d. Report of the Treasurer

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending February 28, 2010. (See Attachment)

e. Transfer Report

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the indicated transfers totaling \$587,357.91 for the period ending March 23, 2010. (See Attachment)

f. Contract Renewal – Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance (Year 2)

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the School Business Administrator to approve the first annual contract renewal with U.S. Athletic Fields in the amount of \$26,950.00 for grass cutting service during the period of April 2010 – October 2010. The contract is based upon 25 cuts depending on weather conditions.

g. Robbinsville Public Schools Purchasing Manual

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2010 Purchasing Manual as a guide for proper purchasing practices according to New Jersey contract laws, administrative code, and Board policy. (See Attachment)

h. Acceptance of Donations

i. MaryFrances Caravaglio

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from MaryFrances Caravaglio to be used for the fifth grade Special Services Team. The Board extends its appreciation for this generous donation.

ii. Verizon

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation in the amount of \$750.00 from Verizon to be used for the Sixth Grade Special Services Team. The Board extends its appreciation for this generous donation.

2. FACILITIES

a. 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 March and April 2010. (See Attachments)

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Purchase of Vehicles from West Windsor

That the Robbinsville Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the purchase of two handicap-accessible vehicles from the West Windsor School District using funds from IDEA Basic ARRA funds provided by the Federal Government totaling \$22,000.00.

XIII. HEARING OF PUBLIC

Mike Caputo

Mr. Caputo asked what type of things are considered unfunded mandates. Mr. De Vita explained that the some unfunded mandates include Prevailing Wage and Workers Compensation. Mr. Halm added that the areas of Special Education and Transportation are also unfunded mandates.

Sherry Dorwart

Mrs. Dorwart asked who would carry out the duties that the lunch aides currently perform. Mr. Mayer indicated that teachers would be responsible for carrying out those duties.

Vincent Costanza

Mr. Costanza expressed concern about the impact of staffing cuts on kindergarten. Mr. Mayer stated that, in spite of wrestling with decisions that belie its core belief system, the district places immeasurable significance on the value of early learning. Additionally, Mr. Costanza asked if the public would be made aware of the specific cuts before Election Day. Mr. Mayer indicated that the district anticipates holding additional information sessions before April 20th.

JoAnn Laskey

Mrs. Laskey noted that she is concerned that the public might perceive kindergarten as a target area for cuts. Mr. Mayer stated that any reductions that take place will be across the board as opposed to on one single area.

Jody Stevens

Mrs. Stevens asked if aides are required by law at Sharon. Mr. Mayer indicated that they are but that volunteers may be a possibility.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. DeVito thanked the community for their efforts in attempting to help pass the referendum.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

Additional Budget Meetings – April 6th and April 13th.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. O'Grady, and seconded by Mrs. Potter, and carried by a vote of 9-0 the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to adjourn the March 23, 2010 regular meeting at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. De Vita
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary

Personnel items for Board Approval (as of 3/8/10):

Agenda Date	Name	Position	Location	Action	Effective Date	Ending Date	Step	Salary	Notes for Discussion	
1. Employment of Staff:										
c. Support Staff:										
3/23/2010	Kathy	Lincoln	Back up Substitute Caller	District	Approve Back up	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	n/a	\$ 9.25 rate per hour	
3/23/2010	Melissa	Thomas	8th Grade Special Ed Teacher	PRMS	Accept resignation	6/22/2010	n/a			
d. Substitutes:										
3/23/2010	James	Goodwin	Substitute Bus Driver	District	Approve Hire	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	n/a	\$ 21.50 rate per hour	
3. Extra Work/Extra Pay:										
a. Athletics:										
3/23/2010	Laura	Busse	Girls Track Head Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	3	\$ 3,700.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement) S. Berliner rescind last month and correction to D Revay (named in error)
3/23/2010	Jessica	Cornelius	Girls Track Asst Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	2	\$ 2,380.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Chris	Purdum	Boys Track & Field Head Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	3	\$ 3,700.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Katelyn	LaMachia	Boys Track & Field Asst Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	1	\$ 2,590.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Mike	Johnson	Baseball Head Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	3	\$ 3,700.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Dan	Carrigan	Baseball Asst Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	3	\$ 2,590.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Dave	Revay	Softball Head Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	3	\$ 3,700.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Rich	Wharton	Softball Asst Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	1	\$ 2,310.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	David	Nemeth	Boys Lacrosse Asst. Coach	RHS	Approve Volunteer Coach	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	n/a	\$ -	Volunteer position (Mr. Nemeth is already a district substitute teacher)
3/23/2010	Eric	Pallop	Tennis Asst Coach	RHS	Approve Volunteer Coach	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	n/a	\$ -	Volunteer position (start date pending fingerprints)

c. Other

3/23/2010	Joe	Golding	Instrumentalist for Spring Production	PRMS	Approve Instrumentalist	3/23/2010	4/30/2010	n/a	\$ 375.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Birch	Wilson	Instrumentalist for Spring Production	PRMS	Approve Instrumentalist	3/23/2010	4/30/2010	n/a	\$ 375.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)



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XIV. RESOLUTIONS BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL – Continued

A. PERSONNEL (A.1 – 3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Robbinsville Board of Education that the PERSONNEL resolutions, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved or ratified as indicated on the Personnel Agenda items A.1 – 3.

Personnel items for Board Approval ADDENDUM (as of 3/23/10):

Agenda Date	Name	Position	Location	Action	Effective Date	Ending Date	Step	Salary	Notes for Discussion
3. Extra Work/Extra Pay:									
a. Athletics:									
3/23/2010	Rich Wharton	**Softball Head Coach **	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	1	\$ 3,300.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)
3/23/2010	Lauri Foster	Softball Asst Coach	PRMS	Approve Coach Status	3/23/2010	6/30/2010	3	\$ 2,590.00	Stipend (per WTEA Agreement)

Listed on agenda as Softball Assistant Coach