

# **BOARD BRIEF**

## **Regular Meeting**

### **September 21, 2009**

AT THE September 21, 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE BOARD TOOK ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee – Mr. McCarthy stated that the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's meeting. The figures contained in the finance resolutions are correct and are recommended for approval.

Policy Committee – Mr. Carbone indicated that in resolution number 10 under the policy committee, the title of policy #5113 should be "Absences and Excuses/Missing Children." Some of the cross references in the policy also need to be updated, but there is no change to the policy wording from what was approved on a first reading last week.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Carbone indicated the Curriculum Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon will be postponed to next week.

President's Report – Mrs. Scanlon reported that the regional Presidents/Vice Presidents Council met last week. The Warren Township, Watchung Borough and Green Brook school districts were represented. The high school president and vice president will be asked to also attend these meetings in the future. The main focus of the discussion at the meeting was regionalization/consolidation of school districts. Green Brook will be hosting an informational meeting on this topic for all of the regional sending districts on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Information on what regionalization/consolidation is, how it will affect us and what the timelines are under the current legislation will be shared by Dr. Trudy Doyle, Somerset County Executive Superintendent and Gwen Thornton, Field Service Representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association. More information on the meeting will follow. Green Brook has a capacity of 400 in their auditorium. Mrs. Scanlon indicated that it doesn't appear that the meeting can be televised.

Mr. McCarthy asked about the regionalization/consolidation process. Dr. Rovtar responded that the legislation calls for the creation of K-12 districts throughout the state. The state is looking to eliminate other configurations, such as K-6, K-8 and 9-12. The Executive County Superintendents are required to submit a report to the Commissioner of Education by March 2010 that details how this will be accomplished in each county. Dr. Rovtar has been involved in the discussions that have taken place in both Somerset and Morris counties. Long Hill is being included in the Watchung Hills Regional configuration. After the Commissioner reviews the reports, at some point there is supposed to be an election in each of the municipalities. Current legislation requires that the consolidation/regionalization be approved by each municipality, not on an overall majority rule basis.

Mr. Blocker asked about the feasibility studies that were discussed as part of this process. Dr. Rovtar indicated that one or two feasibility studies were proposed in each county. The Watchung Hills Regional configuration was not recommended for a feasibility study. Dr. Rovtar stated that she is not aware that any of the feasibility studies have actually been awarded at this point. At this point the regionalization discussions have quieted down during the election season.

Dr. Rae asked about other ways to get the information out to the public. Dr. Rovtar indicated that basic information has been posted on the district's website. She said that at this point there is not a great deal of new information on this topic. She feels it is important for the public to be aware that regionalization is being discussed in case a bill is introduced in the legislature that would take away each community's right to vote on the issue. We would want to be able to mobilize the public to lobby against such a change. Dr. Rae urged that a summary of the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting be made available to the public after it is held.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Rovtar reported that Mr. Gross began his transition today into the role of Interim Principal at Central School. He will take that position over officially on October 1<sup>st</sup>. As of today 40 applicants have submitted their credentials for consideration in filling the position. The Principal Search Committee will be meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> to select candidates for interviews to be conducted the week on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee's goal is to finalize make a recommendation to the Board of Education for the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Back to School Nights will be held beginning tomorrow evening at Gillette School. Central School's Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Millington School's Back to School Night is being held on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity to come in to the school, to meet your child's teacher and to learn a bit about what is in store for your child during the 2009-2010 school year. Back to School Night is a very important element of the three way partnership that exists between the school, the student and the home.

## **BOARD SECRETARY'S UPDATE**

Mr. Esposito has no formal report.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public at this time.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Financials**

- Approved the Payrolls for August 14 and 28, 2009 and the List of Bills for July 22, August 4 and 18 August 31-September 10, and September 21, 2009 for payment as follows (as attached):

Payroll for August 14, 2009	
Fund 10	\$ 82,567.72
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 57,461.49
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 140,029.21

Payroll for August 28, 2009	
Fund 10	\$ 80,559.59
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 51,122.88
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 131,682.47

Bill List for July 22, 2009	
Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 99,392.16
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 99,392.16

Bill List for August 4, 2009

Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 100,677.41
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 100,677.41

Bill List for August 18, 2009

Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 250.00
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 250.00

Bill List for August 31 – September 10, 2009

Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 91,461.37
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 91,461.37

Bill List for September 21, 2009

Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 415,673.89
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ 12,700.80
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ 32,708.52
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 461,083.21

- Approved the transportation contract with MUJC for the following Regular Education bus routes in 2009-10:

ROUTE	DESTINATION	ANNUAL COST
917	Kindergarten	\$18,585.00
918	Kindergarten	\$18,585.00
919	Kindergarten	\$24,570.00
940	CSV-1 & GM-9	\$34,402.50
957	GM-7	\$28,575.00
967	GM-5 & CSV-5	\$45,472.50
981	CSV-4 & GM-1	\$39,532.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$209,722.50</b>

- Approved the transportation contract with MUJC for the following Special Education bus routes in 2009-10:

ROUTE	DESTINATION	ANNUAL COST	AIDE per diem
980	PG Chambers	\$33,758.44	\$63.56
906	ECLC	\$29,329.55	\$63.56
915	Midland	\$19,843.73	\$0.00
941	SKIP	\$81,292.50	\$127.13
983	DLC Warren	\$20,782.84	\$63.56
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$185,007.06</b>	

- Approved the transportation contract with Dealaman Enterprises for the following Regular Education bus routes in 2009-10:

<b>Contract 01-01</b>		
Route	Cost	
CSV3	<b>\$21,862.04</b>	
G/M3	<b>\$21,111.80</b>	
G/M6	<b>\$23,637.96</b>	
G/M8	<b>\$22,030.64</b>	<b>\$88,642.44</b>

<b>Contract 02-01</b>		
Route	Cost	
G/M10	<b>\$38,496.16</b>	
G/M11	<b>\$32,287.10</b>	
G/M12	<b>\$32,287.10</b>	<b>\$103,070.36</b>

<b>Contract CP2</b>		
Route	Cost	
CSV2	<b>21,657.01</b>	
CSV6	<b>21,527.15</b>	
CSV7	<b>21,591.03</b>	
G/M2	<b>21,974.30</b>	
G/M4	<b>22,102.06</b>	<b>\$108,851.55</b>
Grand Total		<b>\$300,564.36</b>

- Authorized the Watchung Hills Regional High School District to transport one non-public elementary school student from Long Hill Township to/from the Pingry School in Martinsville from the 2009-2010 school year, in accordance with state law regarding the provision of transportation to nonpublic school students, at an annual cost of \$884.00.
- Approve the Travel/Conference registration for the staff indicated for professional improvement or development as per the attached listing.

**Special Education**

- Approved the Morris Union Jointure Commission as provider of physical therapy services for student #7858897745. The student will receive two 30 minute sessions per week at a cost of \$195.00 per week. Services will be provided for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not to exceed \$7,800.00

**Personnel**

- Approved the following:  
     Rescind the appointment of Maura Aimette as Cross Country Coach for the 2009 season.  
     Appoint James Barnum as Cross Country Coach for the 2009 season at a stipend of \$1,329.64 to be funded through pay to play fees.
- Approved Susan Cirelli to serve as a technical assistant from September 28, 2009 through November 13, 2009 at \$16.00 per hour. Start date is contingent upon submission of fingerprints needed for the criminal history review process. Total payment shall not exceed \$1,800.00

**Policy**

- Approved the second reading of the following policies:

3327	Relations with Vendors
3541.32	District Owned Vehicles
4112.8	Nepotism
5113	Absence and Excuses/Missing Children
5141.2	Illness
5142	Pupil Safety

**Other**

- Approved the implementation of the revised Code of Conduct documents as developed by the respective schools – Gillette, Millington and Central.
- Approved the violence and vandalism reporting form to be used by all staff members in making reports to the building principal.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

October 12, 2009 – Workshop Meeting – Town Hall – 7:30 p.m.

October 26, 2009 – Regular Meeting – Town Hall – 7:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS  
THE BOARD BRIEF DOES NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION.**