

**LAVALLETTTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
105 BROOKLYN AVENUE
LAVALLETTTE, NJ 08735
MINUTES - MAY 26 2010, REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Board President Alison Zylinski called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL

- II. Present: Mrs. Baginski, Mr. Shohfi, Mr. Dering, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Zylinski. Also present were Dr. Peter Morris, CSA, Mrs. Patricia Christopher, SBA; Board Attorney Frank Campbell; teachers: Mrs. Jill Lorenz, Mrs. Nancy Weiss; members of the public: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Heim, Mr. Brian Cummings, reporter Chris Sheldon, *Ocean Star*. Absent: None.

SUNSHINE LAW

- III. Sunshine Law announcement- Mrs. Christopher, School Business Administrator announced the following: This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes that, in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Lavallette Board of Education on April 28th, 2010 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 105 Brooklyn Avenue, Lavallette, NJ, and on April 30th delivered to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Lavallette a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting. Notice of this meeting was also published in the April 30th, 2010 edition of the *Ocean Star*.

OATH OF OFFICE

- IV. Board Secretary Patricia Christopher administered the oath of office to elected board members Mrs. Mary Ann Baginski. Mrs. Christopher congratulated Mrs. Baginski on her re-election and service to the board.

PRIVATE SESSION RESOLUTION

- V. Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering, to approve the following:
Be it Resolved that the Lavallette Board of Education shall meet in private session this evening at the call of the Chair for the purpose of discussing the following matters which are exempt from public discussion under the Open Meetings Act: Personnel and Matters of Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy. Minutes of this discussion will be made public when the matter is settled unless otherwise prohibited by law.
Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVE MINUTES

- VI. Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 reorganization and regular meetings, both public and private sessions, as previously distributed in writing to the Board.
Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

BILL PAYMENT

- VII. Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Shohfi, to approve the following resolution:
To approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Lavallette that the general bills totaling \$323,426.81 and Food Service bills totaling \$2,945.74 for April and May 2010, be paid when approved by the Board, and the President and the Secretary are authorized and directed to draw orders on the Treasurer for payment of same when funds are available.
Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. Mrs. Christopher reviewed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Dr. Greenfield about representation to Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education

ADMINISTRATOR'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. Dr. Morris reported the following:

Enrollment:

- Elementary enrollment is at 147 including 27 tuition students
- High school enrollment is at 56
- There are currently three out of district special education placements
- Total enrollment is 207

Curriculum and Instruction reported by Dr. Morris:

- Dr. Morris reported that the state is considered going with national standards for curriculum so new curriculum writing is on hold.
- The district submitted its Race to the Top application but it is unclear whether New Jersey will be successful in getting any of this federal money. NJEA withdrew its support of the application after it was altered by Governor Christie.
- Mrs. Zylinski asked if the national standards are in the works or are they years away. Dr. Morris said that NJ's standards need to be aligned with the national standards. However, there can be many unforeseen consequences. Mr. Shohfi pointed out that under NCLB each state was able to have its own measurement tools. Dr. Morris agreed saying that this may move us towards national testing.
- Dr. Morris said that currently testing is spread out over more than a month. He commended the staff for handling it well.
- The district's work with ETTC has helped with our compliance for purposes of the QSAC.
- Dr. Morris directed the attention of the audience to a painting that had been created during an assembly by Right Height who is an artist and inspirational speaker. Mr. Height encouraged the children to find something that they love. Mrs. Taylor said that even the older students liked the assembly.
- The eight grade trip was wonderful. It was changed this year to include Philadelphia, Lancaster and Gettysburg.
- The PEEC trip was also great. Mrs. Lorenz agreed saying it was phenomenal.

Community:

- Dr. Morris said that the community night school schedule may be moved to an earlier time to accommodate folks who may not want to attend when it is dark.
- Mrs. Christopher said that she will ask the Board for a motion from the floor to accept donations by Mr. Bill Kinney of art supplies.

PTA:

- Dr. Morris said that the gift auction was another successful night for the PTA

Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education:

- Mrs. Taylor reported that the Beach had struggled with the defeated budget and the cuts required. They ended up agreeing to cuts of ½ cents off of the tax rate. Cuts included assistant coaches, the 1:1 laptop program for the high school, playground aides, computer & environmental clubs and Freshman basketball. They are also looking at AP courses which they might alternate. Mr. Dering asked if they will be cutting the Princeton Review program. Mrs. Taylor said she would find out.

- Mrs. Taylor said that the district is looking at an opportunity for high school students to participate in the Ocean County College performing arts program. This would not be a free program and would require tryouts. Mr. Dering asked if it would satisfy the performing arts requirement. Mrs. Taylor will find out.
- Dr. Morris reported that he attended the Ocean County Guidance Counselors Caring Awards. The STARS program for mentoring at Lavallette School was honored. Mr. Shohfi asked if the STARS program had been eliminated from the state budget. Dr. Morris answered that it will no longer be completely free, there will be a small contribution from the students and a reduced number of students will be eligible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. Public Comments on agenda items: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

XI. Discussion of, and formal action on, proposed motions:

A. MOTION: Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to accept the report of the Treasurer of School Money for the month ended March 31, 2010 showing cash balance of \$511,198.70 as reviewed and filed.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.12(c)3, I, Patricia Christopher, Board Secretary, certify that as of March 2010 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.

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BOARD RESOLUTION

XI B. MOTION: Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Shohfi to accept the following resolution: Through the adoption of this resolution, we, the Lavallette Board of Education, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.12(c)3, certify that as of March 31, 2010 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and other appropriate district officials, that, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.12(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

XII. MOTIONS ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to approve motion A:

A. BUDGET TRANSFERS

B. MOTION: To ratify the following transfers approved by the Superintendent effective 5-1-10 (see separate page of transfers).

C. Ayes: Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: Baginski.

Mr. Dering motioned, seconded by Mr. Shohfi to approve motion B:

APPROVE/RATIFY POSTING OF POSITIONS

MOTION: To approve or ratify posting of the following positions:

Stipend positions for the 10/11 school year
Fall Soccer coaches and assistant coaches

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to approve motions C 1-4:

APPROVE JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT

- MOTION: To approve joint purchasing agreement with Pittsgrove BOE for cooperative purchasing of paper, material and supplies as authorized by NJSA 18A:18A-11.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR JOINT INSURANCE FUND PARTICIPTION

- MOTION: To ratify resolution to continue participation in the Monmouth Ocean Counties Shared Services Insurance Fund. Full resolution attached to the agenda.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION WITH MOESC FOR TRANSPORTATION

- MOTION: To authorize business administrator to enter into an agreement with MOESC for participation in Cooperative transportation services for the 09/10 school year beginning July 1, 2010.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION

- MOTION: To ratify Jointure with Central Regional Board of Education for transportation of high school students to/from Point Pleasant Beach High School for \$15,000 for the 2010/2011 school year.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to approve motion D 1-6:

APPROVE/RATIFY BUILDING USE REQUEST

MOTION: To approve or ratify Building use request, pending insurance certificate:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Party Responsible</u>
1. Municipal Alliance	Tuesdays July & Aug (in the event of rain)	Elaine Schardien
2. Borough of Lavallette: Memorial Day services	May 25, 2009 (in the event of rain)	Anita Zalom
3. Suburban Basketball	Aug. 2-6	
4. Municipal Alliance	July 12-16 & July 19-23	Kathy Mango
5. Hoop Dreamz Basketball	July 19-23	
6. CSI camp	July 26-30 & Aug 9-13	Doug Houser

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Dering motioned, seconded by Mr. Shohfi to approve motion E:

APPROVE WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REQUEST

MOTIONS: To approve/ratify the following workshop/meeting/travel requests:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>
1. P Christopher	5/18/10	Law & Ethics update	\$ 60
2. S Carroll, BA Dalberg, D Faxon B Koehler	5/25/10	Technology in the Classroom	\$ 80 total
3. P Christopher	6/3/10	NJASBO Annual Conference	\$154
4. P Christopher	5/24/10	1 ½% Withholding of Salaries	\$ 6

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve motion F:

APPROVE CST CONTRACT

MOTION: To authorize business administrator to contract with Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education for Child Study Team Services for the 09/10 school year in the amount of \$60,700 (09/10 contract was \$60,700 –no increase).

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve G:

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MOTION: To approve professional development plan as previously distributed in writing to the board.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to approve motion H 1-3:

SECOND READING & ADOPTION OF POLICIES

1. MOTION: To approve second reading and adoption of the following policy revisions:
7510-Use of School Facilities

ADOPTION OF REGULATION

2. MOTION: To adopt the following regulation:
7510-Use of School Facilities

ADOPTION OF FEE SCHEDULE

3. MOTION: To approve fee schedule for facility use for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Shohfi to approve motion I 1 & 2:

EXTRAORDINARY AID ACCEPTANCE

1. MOTION: that the Board of Education of the Borough of Lavallette accepts Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$39,168 for the 09/10 fiscal year. This extraordinary aid will be offset by appropriations in the 10/11 fiscal year. (08/09 amount was \$20,421).

APPROVE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

2. MOTION: To approve summer reading program Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 6 through August 12, 2010 at a cost of approximately \$1,332.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mrs. Baginski motioned, seconded by Mr. Shohfi to approve motion J:

RATIFY APPROVAL FOR RACE TO THE TOP PROGRAM

MOTION: To ratify approval for submission of a memorandum of understanding for "Race to the Top" program to the New Jersey Department of Education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. Items of unfinished business: None.

NEW BUSINESS

XIV. New Business:

- Mr. Shohfi motioned from the floor, seconded by Mrs. Baginski to accept a donation of art supplies from Mr. Bill Kinney.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- Mr. Shohfi discussed a federal bill sponsored by Lautenberg, Harburn and Menendez called "Keep our educators working act" which would provide \$23 billion for education, of which approximately \$630 million would go to New Jersey. It is not yet clear how the money would be distributed if the bill were to pass. Mrs. Christopher explained that a large percentage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds were used to replace state dollars in the school funding for the current years. Separate carve out funds were also tied to IDEA and NCLB programs. The portion not tied to NCLB or IDEA did not mean additional funds for districts. Instead, it meant that those districts did not lose as much aid as they might have without it.
- Mrs. Christopher suggested that the Board consider a one-time trial of offering a small discount for paying tuition up-front. This will aid in cash flow as well as reduce record keeping and collection activities. She suggested that it be tried once rather than making it part of the policy.
- Mr. Shohfi motioned from the floor, seconded by Mrs. Baginski to allow for a 5% discount for tuition paid in full by September 1, 2010.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

- A lengthy discussion was held on optimum sizes for the grade levels.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. Public comments:

- Mrs. Heim said that the Lavallette Fire Department started a junior auxiliary program. Five students from Lavallette School have been participating and are very helpful. Dr. Morris said the school would be glad to help the Fire Department to promote the program. Mr. Dering said that it was a testament to the staff for motivating the students and instilling values. Dr. Morris said that students had also participated with Mrs. Lorenz and Mrs. Merritt for "Save Barnegat Bay".
- Mr. Cummings said that he was unhappy with the way the school handled notification of lice in the school. After some discussion it was agreed by the Board members that the district will use the automatic call-out system to inform the parents, rather than just notifying parents in any one grade.
- Mr. Cummings said that no one is in the school office after school so that if he wants to get his child out of the after school mentoring or other programs early, he has to try to flag down a custodian. Mrs. Christopher explained that this is a security issue, and that to keep strangers out, they must also keep parents out until the program is completed. Dr. Morris said that after the school day, someone would have to be paid to sit in the office to man the security lock and this was not feasible.
- Mr. Cummings asked what constitutes a resident. He claimed that many people have "phantom" addresses. He said that the district staff is too "cozy" which those reporting false addresses and that he has spoken to a board member about this. Dr. Morris said that if Mr. Cummings would like to make a report about this he can. Mrs. Christopher said that she takes very seriously any charges that a family is not living in Lavallette. She said that if any families are brought to her attention she will always thank the person for the information but tells them she will not report back to them the results of the investigation. If the allegations are found to be true, action is taken. Mr. Cummings talked at length about this issue.
- Mr. Cummings asked why the Board could not "fix" the PTA. It was explained to him that the PTA is a separate entity completely from the Board of Education.
- Mr. Cummings said, "There is no transparency".
- Mr. Heim asked for the district's website address.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to move to executive session at 9:09 PM per earlier resolution.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

XVII. Public session reconvened at 9:50 PM.

XVIII. Motions held for discussion in Executive Session:

Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to approve motion A:

ACCEPTANCE OF TUITION STUDENTS

MOTION: To approve new tuition students at Lavallette School for the 2010-2011 school year (names of students provided separately to the Board).

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve motion B:

REAPPOINT TENURED TEACHERS

MOTION: To approve reemployment of the following tenured teachers for the ten-month 2010-2011 school as per the negotiated teachers' contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Full/Part Time</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Step</u>
Eunice Batiato	Full	M	OG
Carole Carr	.6 time	B	OG
Sharon Carroll	Full	M	10
Pamela Caucino	.63 time	B	OG
Betty Ann Dalberg	Full	M	OG
Donna Faxon	Full	M	8
Joseph Ferraro	Full	B	OG
Christin King	Full	M	6
Heather Hawthorne	Full	B	9
Brain Koehler	Full	B	8
M. Stacie Kurzynowski	.4 time	B+30	OG
Jill Lorenz	Full	B	9
Cheryl Mansfield	Full	B	10
Judy Merritt	Full	M+30	OG
Ruth Oliver	Full	B	OG
R. Scott Pearce	.6 time	B	OG
Kristina Sergi	Full	B	11
Jane Stoll	Full	M	11
Nancy Weiss	Full	B	OG
Lisa Zurichin	Full	B	7

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mr. Dering to approve motions C 1-2:

MATERNITY LEAVE

1. MOTION: To approve maternity leave for Mrs. Christin King from September 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010.

APPROVE ADVERTISING

2. MOTION: To authorize advertising for anticipated openings for a maternity leave replacement teacher, September 7th through October 31, 2010.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

XIX. Public hearing on Administrator Contract

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADMINSTRATOR CONTRACT

Board President Ms. Zylinski announced: As per NJSA 18A:11-11, a public hearing will be held concerning the negotiations on or on amendments to the contract of the Business Administrator. The Board may take action on such contracts after the public hearing at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on administrator contracts: None.

ADJOURNMENT

XX. Mr. Shohfi motioned, seconded by Mrs Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 PM. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned on a voice vote of members present. The next meeting of the board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 23, 2010, in the cafeteria of the Lavallette Elementary School.

Ayes: Baginski, Dering, Shohfi, Taylor, Zylinski. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Christopher
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary