

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2010**

Location/Time: 7:00 PM, Veterans Memorial Middle School
103 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, New Jersey

Present: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold
Ms. Terebush and Mr. Woska

Absent: Mr. Collier

Also present: Mr. Hrycenko, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Lorusso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Montenegro, Legal Counsel
and Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Woska opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, moment of silence and roll call.

Mr. Edwards announced: "The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right 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 Brick Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be posted on the Administration Office bulletin board, the official District website and Channel BTV-20, and sent to the Asbury Park Press and Municipal Clerk's Office.

At 7:09 PM on a motion made by Ms. Leone, seconded by Ms. Reinhold, the Board of Education approved entering Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation matters. Mr. Edwards read the Closed Session statement.

At 7:34 PM on a motion made by Ms. Terebush, seconded by Ms. Leone, the Board of Education approved re-entering Public Session.

BMHS High School student, Elizabeth Cummings, outlined all of the current activities at BMHS.

BTHS High School student, Ryan LaValle, outlined all of the current activities at BTHS.

Recognition of Fall Sports Achievements

Ms. Leone and Mr. Cuppari assisted each Athletic Director in the presentation of certificates of achievement for success during the Fall Sports Season.

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Recognition of Board Members

Mr. Hrycenko invited the Board Members to come out in front of the table to be recognized during National School Boards month. He read a statement regarding Board members in New Jersey and expressed a thank you to our Board members. Each elementary school presented a handmade poster to a Board Member. Every school library in the District was presented a book in honor of a Board member.

At 8:11 PM Mr. Woska called a short recess. At 8:20 PM the meeting was re-opened and Mr. Woska recognized Councilman DeLuca, who is the representative from the Town Council to the Board of Education.

Approval of Minutes:

December 15, 2009	Special Meeting – Referendum
December 17, 2009	Regular Meeting
January 5, 2010	Regular Meeting
January 11, 2010	Special Meeting – Grants Applications Submission

Mr. Woska presented the motion to approve the above listed Minutes

Motion: Mr. Cuppari

Second: Mr. Pifko

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Mr. Pifko, the Board of Education approved the above listed Minutes with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush and
Mr. Woska, yes, except abstain on January 11th
Mr. Cuppari, yes, except abstain on January 11th

Committee Reports:

Ms. Reinhold, standing in for Ms. Lindenbaum, listed the many activities of the PTA at Lake Riviera Middle School. She advised looking at each school's website to see the activities there. She had attended the BTHS play and it was excellent.

Ms. Terebush spoke about changes in the policy for high school graduation beginning with the students in Grade 9 for the 2009/10 school year, raising the minimum number of credits to graduate to 130.

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Approval of Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 05:

Ms. Lorusso presented Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 05:

Motion: Ms. Leone

Second: Ms. Reinhold

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Woska asked for clarification on item 05 and Mr. Hrycenko explained that the District would be the Lead Agency for the grant which would be for multiple years. Mr. Woska asked Ms. Garibay how many grants have been applied for. (26 through December for over \$800,000.00)

On the motion made by Ms. Leone, seconded by Ms. Reinhold, the Board of Education approved Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 05 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush
and Mr. Woska

Absent: Mr. Collier

01. to approve workshop attendance (as required by the School District Accountability Act) as attached

02. to ratify the submission of a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Department of Education for a Race to the Top Grant to be used to support the following initiatives: developing outstanding teachers and leaders, advancing standards and assessment, expanding access to high quality early learning programs, providing supports to low-achieving schools, enhancing data systems to support instruction, increasing student enrollment in higher-level STEM coursework and expanding secondary reform efforts for at-risk students

03. to approve the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSSNA Mini Grant) in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for implementation of the nutrition program "Integrating Fruit and Vegetables into the Daily Food Choices of Kindergarten Students". (Funds to be used for supplies, parental involvement resources and substitute nurses for two days.)

04. to ratify the submission of an application for a Youth Services America, United Health Heroes Grant in the amount of \$500 by Lake Riviera Middle School. Funds will be used for three different activities: calculating mileage by doing a physical activity each day, learning about and growing an herb garden, and creating a health fair and fitness night open to the community.

05. to approve the submission and development of a federal grant entitled Integration of School and Mental Health Systems CFDA #84.215M. The Brick Township Public Schools shall serve as the lead agency in this project. The project shall be for a period of 24 months and shall provide for the following services at Ocean County Schools:

- Improved systems collaboration for enhanced, prevention, diagnosis and mental health treatment
- Enhanced crisis intervention
- Training for school personnel
- Technical assistance to school and agency providers

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Approval of Finance & Business items 01 through 27:

Mr. Edwards presented Finance & Business items 01 through 27.

Motion: Mr. Pifko

Second: Mr. Cuppari

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Pifko asked about an amount for the Professional Services Resolution (item 24). Mr. Edwards supplied the figures of \$500 per case and \$100 per hour for conferences. Both Mr. Pifko and Mr. Cuppari agreed to amend the Resolution to include these figures.

On the motion made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Mr. Cuppari, the Board of Education approved Finance & Business items 01 through 27, with #24 amended as above, with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold
Ms. Terebush and Mr. Woska

Absent: Mr. Collier

01. to approve intra-budget transfers for the 2009-2010 school year, as attached

02. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-12(c)3, James W. Edwards, Jr., CPA, certifies that as of December 31, 2009 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-9 and 18A:22-8.1.

03. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-1.12(c)4, we certify that as of December 31, 2009, after review of the Secretary's monthly report (statement of expenditures), and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)VI, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

04. to approve the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the month of December 31, 2009, as attached

05. to approve the payment of vouchers, as attached

06. to approve the Void Check Register, as attached

07. to ratify a Change Order in the amount of \$2,370.88 with Martell Construction Company for the Brick Township High School ADA Chairlift Project, as attached

08. to approve the acceptance of assorted Tempera paints from Mr. James Maines to Midstreams Elementary School

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- 09.** to accept a \$2,000 grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to design and implement a visual arts project at the Primary Learning Center
- 10.** to accept a check in the amount of \$750 from Sandy's Exxon, Mantoloking Road, as part of the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant to Brick Township High School
- 11.** to approve the acceptance of a check in the amount of \$100 from the Kiwanis Club of Greenbriar to the Music Department of Emma Havens Young Elementary School
- 12.** to approve the acceptance of a Youth Services America, United Health Heroes Grant in the amount of \$500 to Lake Riviera Middle School. Funds will be used for three different activities: calculating mileage by doing a physical activity each day, learning about and growing an herb garden, and creating a health fair and fitness night open to the community.
- 13.** to ratify a Transportation Contract with Briggs Transportation for Route HOM2, as attached
- 14.** to ratify a Transportation Contract with Briggs Transportation for Route HAR1 in the amount of \$10, 026.94, as attached
- 15.** to ratify a Transportation Contract with Briggs Transportation for Route HOM3 in the amount of \$9,605.54 as attached
- 16.** to approve a Transportation Contract Addendum with Briggs Transportation for Route RUG1 as attached
- 17.** to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement at Woodcliff Academy for student 213078047, as attached
- 18.** to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement at The Rugby School for student 20153316, as attached
- 19.** to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement at The New Road School of Ocean County for student 218064078, as attached
- 20.** to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement at Coastal Learning Center Inc. for student 20153316, as attached
- 21.** to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement at The Education Academy for student 20200568, as attached

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- 22.** to ratify the corrected contract for student 21209119 from Point Pleasant, as attached
- 23.** to ratify home instruction agreements with Education Inc for the 2009-2010 for students #211068146, #211092109, #215054173, #2021294, #211009068 and 212118049, as attached
- 24.** to ratify a Professional Services Resolution for School Psychologist services as follows:

**RESOLUTION
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST - BENEDICT TRIGANI, PH.D.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for school psychologist services for the Brick Township Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services must be publicly advertised, and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Brick Township Board of Education, as follows:

1. That Benedict Trigani, Ph.D., 26 Mahoras Drive, Ocean, NJ 07712, be and is hereby appointed as School Psychologist, from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
 2. This appointment is made without competitive bidding as Professional Services under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services are to be performed by a recognized professional licensed and regulated by law and as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.26.
 3. The cost shall be \$500 per case and \$100 per hour for conferences.
 4. A copy of the Resolution shall be published in the Asbury Park Press as required by law within ten (10) days after its passage.
 5. A certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the Agreements executed by both parties, shall remain on file and be available for inspection
- 25.** to accept a grant in the amount of \$235,833 from NJ Department of Education for participation in the (IMPACT) Grant Program. Funds to be utilized toward improving partnerships and active collaboration with Georgian Court University and the Southern Regional Educational Technology Training Center at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

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26. to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement at Shawnee Academy for student 209048046, as attached

27. to approve the acceptance of a Youth Services America, United Health Heroes Grant in the amount of \$500 to Veterans Memorial Middle School. Funds will be used for raise the awareness of physical fitness and lowering the child obesity rate

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Approval of Personnel (Teaching) items 01 through 16:

Mr. Hrycenko presented Personnel Teaching items 01 through 16

Motion: Ms. Leone

Second: Ms. Reinhold

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Hrycenko explained that number 08 is a job transition program for special education students 18-21 years old to get them into the community and to get jobs. Ms. Novick is coordinating.

On the motion made by Ms. Leone, seconded by Ms. Reinhold, the Board of Education approved Personnel (Teaching) items 01 through 16 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush and Mr. Woska
Mr. Cuppari, yes on #02 through #16, abstain on #1

Absent: Mr. Collier

01. to approve substitute teachers, as attached

02. to accept, with regret retirements, as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL/SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE	BRICK EXPERIENCE
Patricia Depko	BTHS/Social Worker	08/01/2011	22 Years 11 Months
Glenavie Gauer	VMMS/School Counselor	08/01/2011	33 Years 11 Months
Roseanne Palladino	OSB/School Counselor	07/01/2010	20 Years, 10 Months
Marie Kulat-Hodges	EHY/BSI	04/01/2010	37 Years, 7 Months

03. to approve a change in retirement date, as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL/SUBJECT	FROM	TO	BRICK EXPERIENCE
Susan Contreras	EHY/BSI	02/01/2011	04/01/2010	38 Years 7 Months

04. to ratify a change in a leave of absence, as follows:

NAME/SCHOOL	FROM	TO
Laurena Staub/PLC	NJFLA 11/23/09-01/08/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	NJFLA 11/23/09-01/11/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits

05. to approve changes in leaves of absence, as follows:

NAME/SCHOOL	FROM	TO
Patricia Fallon/LRMS	FMLA 3/16/10-06/30/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	FMLA 3/26/10-06/18/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Allison McGrath/DP	FMLA 03/18/10-06/18/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	FMLA 04/06/10-06/30/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Naomi Paneth/VMMS	FMLA 02/16/10-03/25/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	FMLA 02/17/10-03/25/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits

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06. to approve leaves of absence, as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL/SUBJECT	TYPE OF LEAVE	EFFECTIVE	W/O PAY, W/O BENEFITS
Jennifer D'Erasmus	VMES/RES CTR	FMLA	09/01/10-10/13/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Jaclyn Moran	EHY/GRADE 1	LEAVE OF ABSENCE	02/16/10-03/24/10	W/O PAY, W/O Benefits
Stephanie Fallon	VMMS/Tech	FMLA	02/08/10-05/03/10	W/O PAY, W/Benefits
Jaime Todaro	VMES/Grade 3	FMLA NJFLA	06/07/10-06/30/10 09/01/10-10/18/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits W/O Pay, W/Benefits

07. to approve employment to Schedule "C" & "D" as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL/ACTIVITY	STIPEND
Meghan Dunn	Herbertsville/Early Act Club	\$458
Walter Davis*	BTHS/Basketball Boys/Assistant Coach	\$5,301

08. to approve employment for the 2009-2010 school year, as follows:

ACCT #	NAME	SCHOOL/SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE	STEP/GUIDE/SALARY	PRO-RATA
11-213-100-101-10-000	Gina Pagliaro	BMHS/ In Class Support	02/16/2010- 06/30/10	Step 6 - MA - \$52,630	\$24,210
20-462-100-104-99-000	Christopher Frigon	Transition Teacher/ Service Planner	01/29/10- 06/30/10	Step 1 - BA+30 - \$49,130	\$25,548

09. to rescind a leave of absence, as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL/SUBJECT	TYPE OF LEAVE	EFFECTIVE
Maria Martone	LM/Music	FMLA	09/21/09-12/23/09

10. to approve a volunteer to Schedule "C", as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL	ACTIVITY
Christopher Calabro	BTHS	Indoor Track

11. to approve the extension of a leave replacement, as follows:

NAME/SCHOOL/ GRADE	FROM	TO	SALARY	PRO-RATA
Michele Criscuolo EHY/Grade 1	10/29/09-02/12/10	10/29/09-06/30/10	\$48,315	\$38,169

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12. to ratify leaves of absence, as follows:

NAME/SCHOOL	TYPE OF LEAVE	EFFECTIVE	WITH OR WITHOUT PAY
Kristie McCarry/OSB	FMLA	01/19/10-02/08/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Peter Dotoli/BTHS	FMLA	01/11/10-03/01/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits

13. to approve a resignation from Schedule "C", as follows:

NAME	SCHOOL	ACTIVITY	EFFECTIVE
Katherine Fogler	BTHS	Assistant Coach/Girls Lacrosse	02/01/2010

14. to approve employment to Emma Havens Young Title I Supplemental Program for the 2009-2010 School Year, as attached

15. to approve placements for student teaching, field experiences, classroom observations, internships or externships, as attached

16. to approve transfers of staff for the 2009-2010 school year, as follows:

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Darla Novick	11-201-100-101-25-000 VMMS/LLD	20-462-100-104-99-000 BMHS/BTHS Job Coach/Transition Teacher	On or about March 1, 2010	No Change in Salary
Kim Moynihan	20-460-100-101-03-000 Science Tech Coach	11-120-100-101-36-000 VMES/Grade 3	01/29/10-06/30/10	No Change in Salary

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Approval of Personnel (Non-Teaching) items from 01 through 13:

Mr. Edwards presented Personnel-Non Teaching items 01 through 13

Motion: Mr. Cuppari

Second: Ms. Reinhold

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: None

On the motion made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Ms. Reinhold, the Board of Education approved Personnel (Non-Teaching) items 01 through 13 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush
and Mr. Woska

Absent: Mr. Collier

01. to accept, with regret, retirements, as follows:

NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE	BRICK EXPERIENCE
Mary Frazee	School Bus Attendant	07/01/2010	22 Years, 10 Months
Susan Miller	School Bus Driver	07/01/2010	25 Years, 10 Months
Carol Schultz	School Bus Driver	05/01/2010	28 Years, 8 Months

02. to approve a change in a leave of absence, as follows:

NAME/TITLE	FROM	TO
Kim Berrios/School Bus Driver	FMLA - 12/3/09-12/21/09 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	FMLA - 12/3/09-01/18/2010 W/O Pay, W/Benefits

03. to approve employment for the 2009-2010 school year, as follows:

ACCOUNT #	NAME/SCHOOL	TITLE	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
11-150-100-101-16-000	Eva Conklin/BMHS	Cafeteria Monitor	\$10.00 Per Hour	01/29/10-06/30/10
60-910-310-110-67-000	Kim D'Aiello/DP	3.5 Hr Food Service Worker	Pending TWU Negotiations	01/29/10-06/30/10
65-990-330-110-68-001	Amanda Margeson/MID	BEST Assistant	\$9.00 Per Hour	02/01/10-06/30/10
65-990-330-110-68-001	Sarah Decher/MID	BEST Assistant	\$8.25 Per Hour	02/01/10-06/30/10
65-990-330-110-68-001	Agatha Regolizio/LM	BEST Assistant	\$9.00 Per Hour	02/01/20-06/30/10

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04. to ratify leaves of absence, as follows:

NAME/TITLE	TYPE OF LEAVE	WITH OR WITHOUT PAY/BENEFITS	EFFECTIVE
Mary McNally/ Teacher Aide	FMLA	W/O Pay, W/Benefits	01/18/10-02/21/10
Tracy Jankowski/ Teacher Aide	FMLA	W/O Pay, W/Benefits	01/08/10-01/18/10
Dale Cali/ School Bus Driver	FMLA	W/O Pay, W/Benefits	01/04/10-02/01/10

05. to approve a leave of absence, as follows:

NAME/TITLE	TYPE OF LEAVE	EFFECTIVE	WITH OR WITHOUT PAY/BENEFITS
Frank DiCarlo/ Custodial Worker	Leave of Absence	02/15/10-04/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits

06. to ratify a change in a leave of absence, as follows:

NAME/TITLE	FROM	TO
Kevin Miller/ Custodial Worker	FMLA 12/7/09-01/08/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	FMLA 12/7/09-01/05/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits

07. to approve changes in title, as follows:

NAME/SCHOOL	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Susan Civello/ LM	Sr. Clerk Typist/PA	Sr. Clerk Typist/RA	01/29/10-06/30/10	No Change in Salary
Jacqueline Figula/ BTHS	Sr. Clerk Typist/PA	Sr. Clerk Typist/RA	01/29/10-06/30/10	No Change in Salary
Gina Parascandolo	3.5 Hr Food Svc Wrkr/ BMHS	4 Hr Food Svc Wrkr/ VMMS	02/01/10-06/30/10	Pending TWU Negotiations

08. to approve the employment of substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year, as attached

09. to ratify a change in an effective date, as follows:

NAME	TITLE	FROM	TO
Doreen Eska	Prin Library Asst Typ/PA	11/30/09-06/30/10	12/18/09-06/30/10

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- 10.** to ratify a black seal stipend, as follows:

NAME/TITLE	BLACK SEAL STIPEND	PRO-RATA	EFFECTIVE
Ewa Bulc	\$525 (pending TWU negotiations)	\$349	11/20/09-06/30/10

- 11.** to accept a settlement agreement for L.R.

- 12.** to ratify removal of employees from the BEST Program, as follows:

NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMOVAL
Mary Lou Bryant	Assistant	01/15/2010	Resignation
Jennifer Olsen	Assistant	01/04/2010	Termination

- 13.** to ratify employment of a substitute, as follows:

Acct #:	Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
11-000-270-160-00-004	Harry Thorne	School Bus Aide	01/12/10-06/30/10	Pending TWU Negotiations

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Approval of Policy item 01

Mr. Hrycenko presented Policy item 01

Motion: Ms. Terebush

Second: Ms. Reinhold

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: None

On the motion made by Ms. Terebush, seconded by Ms. Reinhold, the Board of Education approved Policy item 01 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush
and Mr. Woska

Absent: Mr. Collier

01. to approve the following Policies on First Reading, as attached:

2510	Nondiscrimination
4159	Teaching Staff Reporting
4461	Reporting Violence
4462	Reporting Missing Children
6146	Graduation Requirements

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Approval of Auxiliary items 01 through 03:

Ms. Lorusso presented Auxiliary items 01 through 03.

Motion: Ms. Leone

Second: Ms. Terebush

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Sweet, 395 5th Avenue, Brick, asked for clarification on the "Use of School Facilities". Mr. Woska replied. Ms. Cusanelli asked a question regarding the change in graduation requirements and an assessment of how Block Scheduling is going.

On the motion made by Ms. Leone, seconded by Ms. Terebush, the Board of Education approved Auxiliary items 01 through 03 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold
Ms. Terebush and Mr. Woska

Absent: Mr. Collier

- 01.** to accept reports of Field Trips and the Use of School District Facilities, as attached
- 02.** to approve a research project to be conducted by Caldwell College student Catherine Taylor-Santa to complete a course "Thesis in Applied Behavioral Analysis"
- 03.** to approve the School Calendar for the 2010-2011 School Year, as attached

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Hrycenko expressed sympathy to the family and asked for a moment of silence for the recently deceased, Frank Pannucci, former Board member.

February 5th is the 90th day of the school year, ½ through. He wished the students well with the finals.

February 22nd is the 100th day. The elementary schools have plans for many math activities for that day involving the number 100.

He praised the students and staff for the impressive fund raising work for Haiti Relief, sometimes coordinating with the Rotary Clubs and UNISEF. Because of the students and staff of Brick Township, wonderful things are happening.

Public Comment

Ms. Turner, Alexander Road,

- asked about plans to evaluate Block Scheduling.

Ms. Mickel, 1216 Concord Drive, expressed concerns about:

- the first winter concert at VMMS - the number of students per teacher and rehearsal availability
- the need for more students to speak out about Block Scheduling
- comparison of an AP English booklist from this year to one from 2007 and
- the JAVA course.
- disappointment that her son found out about a scholarship being awarded to him online, instead of being told by a staff member.

Ms. Cusanelli,

- begged the District not to go to 4x4 Block Scheduling. She listed some fears regarding this program.

Mr. Campbell, Park Manor Drive, asked about

- mold testing at Brick Memorial High School
- action plans for a 5th period
- a parent meeting regarding Block Scheduling
- the percentage solar panels are making up of the consumption for BMHS. He expressed the opinion that the District should be looking into better technology, rather than solar panels.
- questions about graduate surveys
- the Rebound Program evaluation

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Mr. Campbell Continued:

- exploring alternate funding for the Referendum
- He listed complaints - no updated student handbook, no lockdown procedure and not enough curve guides.

Ms. Beyer, 3 Algate Court,

- spoke about the dynamics of the Board changing and the use of a timer for public comment.

Ms. Mickel,

- said she is tired of hearing BTHS needs so much, BMHS has supplies issues.

Ms. Cusanelli,

- continued with her concerns regarding Block Scheduling - teachers not expressing their opinion, training, use of group work, etc.

Mr. Campbell

- criticized the direction the District is going with the Referendum
- asked for a meeting with parents and Board members
- and suggested local out-of-work tradesmen could be utilized

Ms. Vacaro, Rhode Island Drive,

- appreciates the passion of the parents speaking; however, her daughter is in BMHS and is doing fantastically with the Block Scheduling. She asked the others to give it a chance.

Ms. Marsden, 451 Queen Ann Road,

- congratulated the Board for their openness, thanking them for what they have done.
- asked others to look at the whole picture
- to those who do not vote for budgets: She advised them to look into their hearts when they vote.
- The Board and Administration have many issues to consider, not just Block Scheduling.

Mr. Sweet

- said that he has two students in the District and is pleased with the Brick System. He has a son in 9th grade at BMHS and he thinks Block Scheduling is wonderful.
- admired the Board, indicating that they should be respected by the public.

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Board Comment

Mr. Pifko

- explained why he is on the Board. He explained that the Brick community has been good to him and his family, and he believes he owes a debt to the District.
- agreed that yes there are many issues to be considered, and he appreciates the positive feedback regarding Block Scheduling. He indicated that the Board has to listen to the same people over and over, and is it good to hear from others. Other parents discuss Block Scheduling with him outside of the Board meetings. He recently talked to one parent who is happy with it.
- attended the Basketball game VMMS vs. LRMS – and it was a great game. He also attended a tournament at St Dominic’s – VMMS vs. St. Dominic’s. The friendly competition and school spirit abounded and the VMMS students are to be commended.

Mr. Hrycenko:

- explained that the Winter Concert at VMMS is a class – not an extracurricular activity – Perhaps the program should be expanded – he would look into it.
- The academic overachieving students will be honored next month (Bloustein Scholars and students with high SAT scores).
- apologized to Ms. Mickel regarding the notification of her son of the award and will look into why this happened.
- will also look into the supply situation in his Physics class.
- Evaluation of Block Scheduling is ongoing. At the end of the first semester – maybe in February or March a presentation will be given to the Board. He praised the teachers who have adjusted tremendously. He added that the Administration is looking at all types of ways to improve.

Mr. Edwards explained

- that there is a link on the District website right to the solar panel output. The District is right on target and is supplying approximately 20% over the year. He explained that the earning credits to sell back to the Utility companies is approximately at double what was anticipated. Solar panels are generating revenue that can buy supplies etc. for the students.
- There has been no decision regarding a Referendum. He is assessing the roofs to see which could support solar panels. He will report to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. After the next meeting of the Committee a report will be given to the Board.
- As to using local out-of-work tradesmen, the School District is bound by Local Public Contracts Law and must obtain “quotes” or “bids” and pay the prevailing wage.
- If other funding is used for construction, there will be no 40% State funding.

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Mr. Edwards Continued:

- Brick Memorial air quality tests fine, as to be expected during the winter months. They are looking at a remedy for the poor drainage around the building.
- He and Mr. Pifko are working on putting together a 2010-1011 Budget during this very difficult time when State revenue is not what was expected. This is a different year where things will be looked at differently. The sources used to keep the very low per pupil cost are drying up. The accountability regulations require that the budget be reviewed by the County Superintendent of Schools, who has commented that we are doing a wonderful job, given what we have. The District is below all of the financial indicators. The County Superintendent intends to send the District a letter saying that.

Ms. Terebush

- thanked Mr. Sweet for his pleasant, polite comments. The Board members put in a lot of time. She thanked the other Board members for all of their efforts
- Regarding the Referendum, she commented that she disagreed with Mr. Campbell who said “don’t blame the economy”. The Board did listen to the community at the community meetings; however, the Board was desperately hoping to keep the \$58 million here.
- Continued, stating that at a Legislative meeting this past Saturday it was apparent that these are indeed rough times. The District is “tightening the belt” because of the economy.
- thanked all for taking the time to attend the meetings and voice your opinion.

Ms. Leone

- said that her son is doing quite well with Block Scheduling. He has only watched one movie this year and is certainly not doing busy work.
- Decisions have to be made for all 10,000+ students in the District.
- She praised this Board as one that gets along better than any she has ever seen, saying they are doing what is best for the students.

Mr. Woska reviewed **Important Dates**, as follows:

February 15, 2010	Presidents' Day, Schools Closed
February 25, 2010	Regular Public Meeting, VMMS, 7:30 PM, All Purpose Room
March 25, 2010	Regular Public Meeting, VMMS, 7:30 PM, All Purpose Room
March 31, 2010	Staff Development, early dismissal of students

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There being no further business before the Board, at 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Terebush, seconded by Mr. Pifko, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary