

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 18, 2010**

Location/Time: 7:50 PM, Veterans Memorial Middle School
103 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, New Jersey
7:15 PM Executive Session

Present: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold
and Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

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

Ms. Reinhold opened the meeting with 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.

Ms. Reinhold asked for a motion to enter Closed Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation and the Board's Self evaluation. (Ms. Mary Ann Friedman from the New Jersey School Boards Association was present and coordinated the evaluations).

Motion: Ms. Terebush

Second: Mr. Pifko

Mr. Edwards read the Closed Session notice.

On the motion made by Ms. Terebush, seconded by Mr. Pifko, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education approved entering Closed Session.

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, and Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

Ms. Reinhold asked for a motion to return to Public Session

Motion: Ms. Terebush

Second: Mr. Pifko

On the motion made by Ms. Terebush, seconded by Mr. Pifko, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education approved returning to Public Session,

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, and Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

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Ms. Reinhold re-opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Ms. Reinhold recognized Township Councilmen DeLuca and Brando and Township Business Administrator Scott Pezarras in the audience.

Report of Student Representatives from Brick Memorial High School, Chris Godshall and Brick Township High School, Ryan LaValle and Emma Erbig, outlined the various current activities of their schools.

Presentation on Wind Turbine at Drum Point Sports Complex

Scott Pezarras, Township Business Administrator, Tom Brys, Engineer and Tara Paxton, Assistant Municipal Planner made a presentation on a proposal for a wind turbine to be located at the Drum Point Sports Complex. Mr. Pezarras and Mr. Brys indicated all details: safe location, height, tests performed on wind at the site, renewable energy for us and energy to sell, and the educational component of the plan etc. Ms. Paxton presented a schematic survey of the Sports Complex indicating the location and proximity to other activities there. They ask for the public to call if they have questions.

Block Scheduling Presentation was postponed because of the discussion of the budget. There will be a video on B-20 next week.

Committee Reports:

Under Business & Finance, Mr. Pifko indicated that tonight the Board will be asked to vote on the Tentative Budget, which must be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent Monday. He explained that this is just one step in the process. The District received the State Aid numbers Wednesday afternoon about 4 PM. The budget will now be a work in progress towards final adoption March 30th. A detailed Tentative Budget will be on the website, as well as one with the adjustments constantly being made to it.

Approval of Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 04:

Ms. Lorusso presented Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 04

Motion: Mr. Collier

Second: Mr. Cuppari

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: None

On the motion made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Cuppari, the Board of Education approved Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 04 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, and Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

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- 01.** to approve the submission of a grant application to Ocean First Foundation for a Go Green School Project Grant in the amount of \$2,500 by Osbornville Elementary School. Funds to be used for creating green health spaces, teaching, learning and engaging in environmental educational activities, using resources sustainably, and striving to be toxic free.

- 02.** to approve the submission of a grant application to Exxon Mobile Corporation for a grant in the amount of \$750.00 by Veterans Memorial Elementary School. Funds to be used to purchase materials for student activities.

- 03.** to approve the submission of a grant application to the National Gardening Association for a grant in the amount of \$145.00 by Lanes Mill Elementary School. Funds to be used toward the purchase of an Aero Garden for LLD Severe and LLD Moderate Classrooms

- 04.** to approve workshop attendance as attached

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Approval of Finance & Business items 01 through 13:

Mr. Edwards presented Finance & Business items 01 through 13

Motion: Mr. Pifko

Second: Ms. Terebush

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Ms. Reinhold asked Mr. Edwards for clarification on items 09 and 10. Mr. Edwards explained, and added that between tonight and the 30th, \$11 million will have to be removed from the budget to bring it within cap.

Ms. Reinhold asked if the public had any comments on the budget.

Mr. Talty, 1594 Forge Pond Road, voiced his opposition to solar panels at BTHS, VMES and LRMS, and asked questions about an RFP for Architect and installer of the panels. Mr. Edwards answered.

Mr. Campbell, 655 Mark Manor, asked questions about the solar panels and a solar audit. Mr. Edwards was pleased to announce that the District only had to sell bonds for \$2.5 million instead of \$3.5 million, at a better interest rate, and he detailed how the savings being created by the panels are much better than expected. Mr. Campbell asked a question regarding increasing technology in the face of the budget cuts. Mr. Edwards indicated that he had presented the same question to the Commission of Education.

Mr. Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, asked about the solar panels, availability of the budget on the website, and the amount to be cut.

Mr. Zawacki, 216 White Plains, raised questions regarding eliminating courtesy bussing. Mr. Edwards explained that the voters had already voted approving it. He asked the Board for a Referendum to move the District forward.

Ms. Marsden, Queen Ann Road, complimented the Board on the BEST Program and Wind Turbine, asked a question of what is happening to the Laurelton site. Mr. Edwards answered that the District would be better served to wait to sell the property when the real estate market improves.

Ms. Zuckerman, 209 Oak Forrest Court, suggested employees making \$90,000 or more should be contributing towards their health care. She asked a question regarding the charges for lighting the fields. Mr. Edwards indicated that the Use of Facilities Report is misleading and he will make a change in it. Ms. Zuckerman asked about having to use an OPRA form to ask about the number of busses, and Mr. Montenegro explained why the law is in place. She asked about the duties of a particular employee and Mr. Montenegro explained that the discussion cannot take place unless the employee receives a RICE notice.

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Mr. Wolf, 525 Nicholas Road, spoke about the use of stimulus funds for special education being used for paying for the salaries and benefits of special education teachers. Mr. Edwards explained that these funds were supporting the special education students.

There was a short break from 8:03 PM to 8:08 PM.

Ms. Calderone, 455 Austin Avenue, Special Education parent, indicated that you cannot have a special education program without the teachers and coaches, and the fact that the money comes from a grant is great. Ms. Marsden spoke in support of Mr. Hrycenko and indicated that in the past monies may not have been applied properly, but that Mr. Hrycenko is doing what is best for all children.

Mr. Cusanelli, 113 Duchess Lane, asked what would have happened if the stimulus money had not been received. Mr. Edwards answered that there would have been layoffs.

Mr. DiCio indicated that the reality for the taxpayers is not good, asked questions about consolidation of services, advertising, employees contributing towards health insurance and zero based budgeting. Mr. Edwards indicated that the zero based budgeting practice and shared services are used in the District. There is a lack of advertisers due to hard economic times.

Mr. Cancel, Saw Mill Road, who claimed to be a "WaWa" person, asked for clarification of the percentage of the budget necessary for salaries and benefits. Mr. Edwards explained that the District is in a people business – we need teachers to do the service. Mr. Cancel asked questions or commented about the necessity to offer health benefits and salaries which he thinks are high. Mr. Edwards spoke about the need to be competitive to get the best for the children.

Ms. Mickel, 1216 Concord Drive, made comments and asked questions regarding the salaries benefits figure and the classroom instruction percentage of the budget. Mr. Edward explained. She suggested teachers pay towards health benefits, speaking to the students and thinking about all students.

Ms. Zuckerman spoke about the article in the Asbury Park Press, asked what happens when the stimulus money runs out, expressed concern about EXCEL students, good students having high class numbers, and suggested that the students should be learning a second language.

Mr. Campbell asked questions regarding the breakdown of classroom instruction. Ms. Miller, 283 Vermont Drive, spoke in support of teachers, without whom the program will not happen.

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Ms. Larned 205 Lorraine Place, expressed concern about where the \$11 million dollars will be cut, indicating that children prosper with a smaller student to teacher ratio. Mr. Hrycenko said that they are looking everywhere for the cuts.

On the motion made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Ms. Terebush, the Board of Education approved Finance & Business items 01 through 13 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, and Ms. Terebush
Mr. Pifko, yes on all, except abstain on PO 10-08555
Ms. Reinhold yes on all, except no on item10
Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

- 01.** to approve payment of vouchers as attached
- 02.** to accept a grant from the National Gardening Association in the amount of \$145.00 by Lanes Mill Elementary School. Funds to be used toward the purchase of an Aero Garden for LLD Severe and LLD Moderate Classrooms
- 03.** to approve a Resolution to be Submitted at the Annual School Election as attached
- 04.** to ratify contracts for Out-of-District student placements as attached
- 05.** to ratify contracts with Briggs Transportation as attached
- 06.** to approve the acceptance of a grant from the New Jersey Writers Project in the amount of \$700.00 to Lanes Mill Elementary School
- 07.** to declare the following items surplus equipment, no longer required for school purposes, and authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to discard these items in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-45, as follows:

Item	Serial #	Location
Maytag Refrigerator Model MTB1956GEW	#19101797CL	VMMS
18 broken stools	n/a	VMMS

Items will be sold through govdeals.com or a similar type of approve online service

- 08.** to approve travel as per the School District Accountability Act, as follows:

Purpose	Name	Mileage
Regular Business Travel	William Bruno	\$600.00

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09. to approve the 2010-2011 Maximum Travel per N.J.A.C.6A:23A-7.3

Maximum Travel 2010-11		
11 000 218 500 19 000	Student Services - Training	450
11 000 218 500 19 100	Student Services - Overnight Training	1,400
11 000 219 592 99 000	Child Study Teams - Training	5,169
11 000 221 500 03 000	Supervisors - Training	6,000
11 000 223 320 99 000	Special Services - Training	25,000
11 000 230 500 01 000	Superintendent - Training	6,000
11 000 230 500 03 000	Assistant Superintendent - Training	2,000
11 000 230 585 00 000	Board-Training	11,550
11 000 251 500 00 000	Business Office Training	6,250
11 000 261 800 64 000	Maintenance - Training	1,000
11 000 263 800 65 652	Grounds - Training	2,000
11 000 270 800 66 001	Transportation - Training	2,500
11 190 100 500 10 002	BTHS/Teachers Training	600
11 190 100 500 16 002	BMHS/Teachers Training	1,400
11 190 100 500 36 002	VME/Teachers Training	400
11 190 100 500 95 801	Technology - Training	6,500
		78,219

10. to approve a Resolution to adopt the school district budget for Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review, as follows:

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
2010 - 2011 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Brick Township Board of Education approve the school district budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$ 131,452,931	\$ 94,084,374
Total Special Revenue Fund	4,892,590	0
Total Debt Service Fund	3,458,552	3,054,145
TOTALS	\$ 139,804,073	\$ 97,138,519

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11. to approve the void check register as attached

12. to approve a Resolution regarding the awarding of Spring Athletic Bus Runs for Lake Riviera Middle School and Veterans Memorial Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, as follows:

**RESOLUTION
SPRING ATHLETIC BUS RUNS**

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened publicly and read aloud on March 9, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brick Township Board of Education award the bids for Spring Athletic Bus Runs for Lake Riviera Middle School and Veterans Memorial Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

Vendor	# of Runs	Amount
Michael A. Loori Bus Company 130 Route 36 Middletown, NJ 07748 Price for additional hours over 4 hour trips is \$60 per hour Price for additional trips is \$275	4	\$8,805.00
Durham School Services 1965 Rutgers University Boulevard Lakewood, NJ 08701 Price for additional hours over 4 hour trips is \$60 per hour Price for additional trips is \$60	1	\$ 494.00
Hartnett Transit Service Incorporated 111 Hatteras Road Barnegat, NJ 080005 Price for additional hours over 4 hour trips is \$60 per hour Price for additional trips is \$240	3	\$3,720.00

13. to accept the donation of \$900 from the Shore Conference to Brick as the host for the Shore Conference Basketball Championships held at BMHS, Saturday February 27th.

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Approval of Personnel (Teaching) items 01 through 15:

Mr. Hrycenko presented Personnel Teaching items 01 through 15

Motion: Mr. Collier

Second: Mr. Cuppari

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: None

On the motion made by Collier, seconded by Cuppari, the Board of Education approved Personnel (Teaching) items 01 through 15 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

01. to approve employment of substitute teachers, as attached

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

Name	School/Title	Effective	Brick Experience
Esta Gauslin	BTHS/Math	04/01/10	29 Years 7 Months
Marianne Disbrow	MIDS/BSI	07/01/10	26 Years 10 Months
Barbara Bodnar	MIDS/Grade 4	07/01/10	36 Years 10 Months

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

Name	School/Title	From	To	Brick Experience
Glenavie Gauer	VMMS/School Counselor	08/01/11	07/01/10	32 Years 10 Months

04. to approve leaves of absence, as follows:

Name	School/Title	Type of Leave	Effective	Pay / Benefits
Miriam Schoenfeld	VMES/BMHS/Speech	FMLA	09/01/10-10/07/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Patricia Depko	BTHS Social Worker	Leave of Absence	03/29/10-03/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Cheryl Tocket	VMMS/Grade 7	Leave of Absence	03/29/10-03/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Cathy Paredes	DP/Grade 3	Leave of Absence	03/30/10 (one day)	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Regina Dooros	BMHS/In Class Support	Leave of Absence	03/30/10 (one day)	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Esta Gauslin	BTHS/Math	FMLA	03/22/10-03/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Puja Taylor	VMES/ICS	Leave of Absence	05/26/10-06/30/10	W/O Pay, W/O Benefits

05. to ratify leaves of absence, as follows:

Name	School/Subject	Type of Leave	Effective	Pay / Benefits
Marian Mindas	PLC/Occupational Therapist	FMLA	02/24/10-04/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Puja Taylor	VMES/In Class Support	FMLA	03/04/10-05/25/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits

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

Name/School	From	To	Pay / Benefits
Leah Goldberg / VMMS	FMLA 04/16/10-04/21/10	FMLA 03/13/10-04/11/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Marisa VanStrien / VMMS	FMLA 06/01/10-06/30/10	FMLA 05/10/10-05/27/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits

07. to approve a volunteer to Schedule "C" for the 2009-2010 School Year, as follows:

Name	School / Activity
Christopher Calabro	BTHS/Outdoor Track

08. to ratify a change in employment to Schedule "D" for the 2009-2010 School Year, as follows:

Name	School / Activity	From	To
Mark Roth	BMHS/Photography Club	09/1/09-06/30/10 \$1,420	09/01/09-12/31/09 \$568

09. to approve employment to Schedule "C" for the 2009-2010 School Year, as follows:

Name	School / Activity	Stipend
Jack Bonventre	VMMS/Baseball Coach	\$5,247

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

11. to approve employment for a leave replacement, as follows:

Acct #	Name	School/Subject	Effective	Step/Guide/Salary	Pro-Rata
11-130-100-101-20-000	William Pelly	LRMS/ Tech Teacher	03/29/10- 06/18/10	Step 6/MA Guide/\$52,630	\$15,789

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

Acct #	Name	School/Subject	Effective	Step/Guide/Salary	Pro-Rata
11-213-100-101-30-000	Deena Fidalgo	DP/ In Class Support	03/19/10- 06/30/10	Step 2/BA Guide/\$48,815	\$17,329

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13. to approve employment for S.E.S. Tutors at no Cost to the District, as follows:

2009-2010 Brick Township Supplemental Educational Services (S.E.S.) Tutors

Account #:62-999-100-101-03-000 Salary \$44.00 per hour
Day(s) of Service: Monday-Thursday March 19-June 30, 2010

John Coyle	Christine DiNicola
Janet Maciel	Susan Kolan
Kristina Kampf	Dana Boos
Sharon Bauer	Senala Radoncic
Lisa Caruso	

14. to ratify a change in employment, as follows:

Name	School/Grade	From	To	Pro-Rata
Nancy Sansone	VMMS/ LLD	03/02/10- 06/30/10 Step 1-BA- \$48,315	03/02/10- 06/30/10 Step 1-BA+30 \$49,130	\$20,635

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

Name	From	To	Effective
Jaclyn Moran	11-120-100-101-31-000 EHY/Grade 1	11-230-100-101-31-000 EHY/BSI \$5,409.47 20-231-100-101-03-000 Title I \$11,111.16	04/01/10-06/30/10
Katie Biddle	11-230-100-101-31-000 EHY/BSI	11-230-100-101-31-000 EHY/BSI \$2,338.38 20-231-100-101-03-000 Title I \$11,111.16	04/01/10-06/30/10
Alyssa Luciani-Spagai	11-230-100-101-31-000 EHY/BSI	11-230-100-101-31-000 EHY/BSI \$3,542.46 20-231-100-101-03-000 Title I \$11,111.16	04/01/10-06/30/10

Ms. Lorusso welcomed a new teacher in the audience.

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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: Ms. Terebush

Second: Mr. Cuppari

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Edwards indicated that item 09 needs public discussion. He explained that there had been an anonymous complaint to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance stating that Mr. Sangiovanni, Coordinator of Transportation Services, did not hold the proper certification and a CDL License for the position. The determination of the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance is that the certification claim is not valid, and the claim that a CDL license is necessary for the position is not valid. Mr. Fanelli asked a question regarding certification and driving a school bus. There were no more questions.

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

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush
Mr. Pifko yes, except abstain on item 06

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

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

Name	School/Title	Effective	Brick Experience
William Rogers	School Bus Driver	05/01/10	14 Years 8 Months
Fern Pappalardo	Head Bus Driver	07/01/10	28 Years 10 Months

02. to ratify a resignation as follows:

Name	School/Title	Effective	Brick Experience
Mary McNally	EHY/Teachers Aide	03/03/10	17 Years 2 Months

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

Name/Title	From	To	Brick Experience
Carolyn Stutesman/Teachers Aide	02/01/11	07/01/10	25 Years 10 Months

04. to approve a termination of employment, as follows:

Name	Title	Effective
Ronald Zygmund	School Bus Driver/PA/5 Hr	03/19/10

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05. to approve changes in Leaves of Absences, as follows:

Name/Title	From	To
Frank DiCarlo/ Custodial Worker/BMHS	LOA 02/15/10-05/28/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	LOA 02/19/10-05/28/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Miles Dice/ Custodial Worker/BMHS	FMLA 12/16/09-03/01/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits	FMLA 12/16/09-04/01/10 W/O Pay, W/Benefits

06. to approve changes in title for the 2009-2010 school year, as attached

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

08. to approve employment for the 2009-2010 School Year, as follows:

Acct #	Name	Title/Dept	Effective	Step/Salary	Pro-Rata
11-000-217-106-31-000	Barbara Zaleski	Teachers Aide/EHY	03/22/10- 06/30/10	Step 1 - \$21,140	\$7,399
11-000-270-160-66-002	Georgianna Battaglio	School Bus Driver/RA/ 6 Hr	04/01/10- 06/30/10	Pending TWU Negotiations	Pending TWU Negotiations
11-000-270-160-66-002	James Conroy	School Bus Driver/RA/ 5 Hr	05/10/10- 06/30/10	Pending TWU Negotiations	Pending TWU Negotiations
11-000-270-160-66-002	Karen Elmore	School Bus Driver/RA/ 5 Hr	04/01/10- 06/30/10	Pending TWU Negotiations	Pending TWU Negotiations

09. to approve a resolution in compliance with the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance, as attached

10. to approve a revision to a Settlement Agreement with K.N. which was previously approved on the December 12, 2009 Board Agenda, on file in the Office of the Business Administrator

11. to ratify a leave of absence, as follows:

Name	Title	Type of Leave	Effective	Pay/Benefits
William Rogers	School Bus Driver	FMLA	02/22/10-02/25/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits

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12. to approve leaves of absence, as follows:

Name/Title	Type of Leave	Effective	Pay/Benefits
Katherine Krause School Bus Attendant	Leave of Absence	03/29/10-03/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Scott Pokol Custodial Worker	Military Leave	03/19/10 – 04/16/10 – 04/30/10 – 06/11/10	With Pay, With Benefits
Jennifer Gagliardi Teachers Aide	Leave of Absence	03/29/10-03/30/10	W/O Pay, W/Benefits
Pamela Tomi Teachers Aide	Leave of Absence	03/30/10 (one day)	W/O Pay, W/Benefits

13. to approve a resignation, as follows:

Name	Title	Effective	Brick Experience
Lori Breitenbruck	School Bus Driver	03/26/2010	5 Years 6 Months

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Approval of Auxiliary items 01 and 02:

Ms. Lorusso presented Auxiliary items 01 and 02

Motion: Ms. Terebush

Second: Mr. Collier

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: None

On the motion made by Ms. Terebush, seconded by Mr. Collier, the Board of Education approved Auxiliary items 01 and 02 with the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Collier, Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Pifko, Ms. Reinhold, Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Woska

01. to accept reports of Field Trips and the Use of School District Facilities as attached

02. to approve a Resolution for the installation of a wind turbine on Drum Point Sports Complex as attached

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Hrycenko thanked everyone involved in the budget process. He indicated that the Board and Administration want to be good stewards of the money of the taxpayers of Brick and do what is the best for the children.

Mr. Hrycenko announced Kindergarten Registration will be held the week of April 12th at the PLC. Please look on the website for information on the appropriate paperwork and have the paperwork filled out before coming to Registration.

Public Comment

Ms. Reinhold announced Public Comment – 3 minutes per person and 2 trips to the microphone.

Ms. Cusanelli, 113 Duchess Lane, thanked the Board and Administration for their work on the budget, spoke about the value of teachers who shouldn't be the first threat of every cut, renegotiating contracts for contribution to health care benefits and/or higher co-pays, and letting everyone give a little bit for the good of all.

Ms. Bayles, 121 Atrium Drive, praised the transition to Block Scheduling offering congratulations to Mr. Filippone and the teachers of BMHS for their efforts to discover different ways to learn.

Mr. Campbell, asked about a mandatory Block Scheduling meeting and spoke about what he had learned from his contacts. Mr. Hrycenko indicated that it will be held in the beginning of June. He again extended an invitation to Mr. Campbell to come into the schools and see what is going on. Mr. Pifko asked about his contacts. Mr. Campbell also asked questions regarding using the stimulus money for technology. Mr. Montenegro advised Mr. Campbell that there is no need for sarcasm. Mr. Hrycenko explained about the use of Title I money.

Ms. Bayles, 121 Atrium Drive, expressed the feeling that Block Scheduling should be evaluated in June. You need a full year to really know. She has heard from many students and teachers who are thrilled.

Ms. Miller, indicated that her two grandsons love it.

Mr. Wolf thanked the Board for allowing the public the opportunity to express their opinions.

Ms. Mickel, skeptical about the positive reports on Block Scheduling, asked for a survey of current students and also graduates.

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Ms. Cusanelli, asked for an anonymous survey of students and teachers regarding Block Scheduling.

Mr. Filippone, reported that they have surveyed parents with a good response. All indicators are positive. He extended an invitation to any parent to come in and see what is happening. One thing that did arise from surveying the teachers is a need for more technology to support Block Scheduling. Asked if they would go back to teach in a traditional schedule, 85% answered they would prefer Block Scheduling. Mr. Filippone continued, saying that he speaks to every student he can all day and students will tell you the education is better. He added we are listening to you. Everyone is working. Mr. Pifko spoke to Mr. Filippone saying you are only ½ way through the year – more students passed final exams than last year, trends are encouraging, attendance is up. BMHS attendance is up also. Tardies and discipline are down dramatically. Mr. Filippone said we do not see any major negatives. In response to a question from Ms. Cusanelli, Mr. Filippone indicated that the survey asked questions with answers I strongly agree, etc, but people also wrote comments.

Ms. Salerno, 740 Tanager Way, graduate of Brick Schools, teacher in Brick Schools and parent of students in Brick Schools, commented on her salary as a teacher in her 18th year of teaching, with a Masters and a Reading Specialist Certificate as not being high at all. She pays into her pension, pays for her disability insurance and pays into her retirement. She could be making much more outside of education. She feels that Governor Christie's attacks are hurtful. She also commented on the false facts circulating: 5% raises. She asked the public to remember that the Corporate banking industry caused the financial problem. She is passionate about her job and school and invited all to come in to see it.

Ms. Calderone, 445 Austin Avenue, advised the parents of EXCEL students to get together as a group and take their cause to the State, as Special Education parents have done.

Mr. Fanelli, expressed frustration that the numbers do not add up – comparative vs actual. Discussion continued about the makeup of the comparative spending guide numbers.

Mr. Cancel expressed the frustration of these economic times.

Ms. Larned, teacher in Brick, stated that she puts the students of Brick first every day. Most teachers do not make \$70,000, and pay for their own professional development, and Masters degrees to better themselves to help the children.

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Board Comment

Mr. Pifko responded to Ms. Cusanelli saying that through negotiations, the co pay for teachers was changed saving the District money. The anger level of the public has risen to the point that the teachers feel it. This is not beneficial to the parents, teachers, or anyone. Yes, teachers are professionals, but they are also “WaWa” people too, and deserving of respect. Mr. Pifko went on to say that he did not feel that surveys need to be anonymous to prevent retaliation. To Ms. Zuckerman regarding the EXCEL Program, he said Mr. Hrycenko is trying.

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

Tuesday	March 30		Last Day to Register for School Election
Tuesday	March 30	7:30 PM VMMS	Public Hearing & Adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget
Wed through Mon	Mar 31 through Apr 5		Spring Recess
Tuesday	April 13	6:00 PM, VMMS	VMMS National Junior Honor Society Induction
Tuesday	April 20	2:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Annual School Election
Wednesday	April 21	7:00 PM, LRMS	LRMS National Junior Honor Society Induction
Friday	April 23		BMHS Junior Prom
Thursday	May 6	7:30 PM LRMS	Reorganization Meeting
Friday	May 7		BTHS Senior Ball
Thursday	May 13	7:00 PM, BMHS	BMHS National Honor Society Induction
Friday	May 14		BMHS Senior Ball
Friday	May 28		BTHS Junior Prom
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day	Schools Closed
Wednesday	June 2	6:00 PM, BMHS	BMHS Senior Awards Night
Thursday	June 3	7:15 AM, BMHS	BMHS Honor Awards Assembly
Thursday	June 3	7:00 PM, BTHS	BTHS Senior Awards Night
Friday	June 4	7:15 AM, BTHS	BTHS Honor Awards Assembly
Friday	June 11		LRMS 8th Grade Dance
Friday	June 18		VMMS 8th Grade Dance
Thursday	June 24	5:00 & 7:00 PM, LRMS	LRMS 8th Grade Promotion
Thursday	June 24	5:00 PM, VMMS	VMMS 8th Grade Promotion
Friday	June 25	4:00 PM, BTHS	BTHS Graduation Ceremony
Friday	June 25	6:15 PM, BMHS	BMHS Graduation Ceremony
Friday	June 25		Last day of school

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Ms. Terebush, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary