

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
PRE-AGENDA MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2011**

Location/Time: 7:00 PM, Brick Township High School
346 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick, NJ 08723

Present: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Terebush, Mr. Reid,
Ms. Suter, Mr. Talty, and Ms. Kight

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

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, the Brick Times and Municipal Clerk's Office.

PRESENTATIONS:

Violence and Vandalism Report Presentation for the 2010-2011 School Year

Mr. Hrycenko, through a Power Point Presentation (attached), outlined the figures regarding incidents of Violence & Vandalism for the 2010-2011 School Year. He asked if the board members had any questions. Mr. Talty said he was glad the numbers were better in the last two years, but indicated that he had gone online and found figures which indicate that our District is the worst in Ocean County. He compared Brick Township figures vs. Toms River School District. Discussion continued with Mr. Hrycenko explaining that because our District has random drug testing, and parents can request that their student be added to the pool, our numbers are higher. He also explained that he has advised staff that if they think it is violent, they must report it, because it is indicated in Code that they could lose their license if they do not. Mr. Talty admitted that he agrees with the procedure, but is concerned about how the figures look to people considering moving to Brick Township. Mr. Hrycenko indicated that next year the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying figures will also be added to this report. Mr. Campbell asked which schools have the highest incidents of violence. Mr. Cuppari spoke about how different schools report incidents, indicating that there are districts which are not reporting as stringently as Brick Township. Discussion continued about how incidents can be interpreted. Mr. Hrycenko asked the public if they had any questions. Mr. Fanelli commented that the numbers appear to have gone down, but are higher than previous years and there are 10% less students now. He agreed that is not easy to compare incidents of violence for reporting purposes. Ms. Coll thanked Mr. Hrycenko for the presentation. She added her interpretation of the comparison to Toms River School District and added that the raw data does not always tell the story. Analysis needs to be done to see what can help the situation. In particular, she noted that one student was involved in two situations and asked what is being done about that.

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Mr. Hrycenko reported that all of the parents are contacted. Ms. Lannigan asked what happens when a student tests positively. Mr. Hrycenko answered indicating that if the positive result comes from random drug testing, the student cannot be suspended, but counseling is required. If the positive result comes from suspicion by a staff member, the student is suspended and the policy is followed. The student must be released by a doctor before returning to school, and remediation is put in place. Mr. Hrycenko then read the number of incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying from September 1st through October 11th: BMHS 7, BTHS 11, LRMS 3, VMMS 9, EHYS 12, LMES 2 and OSB 4. The majority of these situations are resolved, but the Administrators are still working on a few. School Safety Teams are investigating. Incidents can be verbal, electronic, or physical. Monthly reports will be given on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. Full reports will be given in January and June. Mr. Reid asked how the incidents are being resolved. Mr. Hrycenko explained that the parents are involved with the resolution.

Barnabas Health Institute

Ms. Green outlined the Barnabas Health Institute Program and its benefits to the students, parents and staff of the District. Board members and a member of the public asked questions.

MINUTES:

1. September 6, 2011 Board Retreat
 2. September 7, 2011 Pre-Agenda Meeting
 3. September 7, 2011 Executive Session
 4. September 15, 2011 Regular Meeting
- Ms. Kight read the list of minutes listed above for approval next week.
Questions/Comments from the Board: None

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS 01 THROUGH 10

Ms. Lorusso presented Curriculum & Instruction items 01 through 10 for approval next week.

OPERATIONS ITEMS 01 THROUGH 68

Mr. Edwards presented Operations items 01 through 68 for approval next week.

HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS 01 THROUGH 26

Mr. Hrycenko presented Human Resources items 01 through 26 for approval next week.

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BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Reid started a discussion regarding the parking spots at Lanes Mill Elementary School. Mr. Talty started a discussion regarding upgrading the Science classrooms/labs at BTHS and input from a contractor. Mr. Campbell explained the conditions for the use of the funds from the ROD Grants. Ms. Terebush asked about what the contractor had said. Mr. Filippone spoke about what he recalled from that visit from the contractor. Mr. Reid clarified figures on the cost for schematics vs. the proposed cost of the project. Mr. Edwards spoke about removing ROD grant applications if some of the work is done in a different manner. Discussion continued regarding the process and use of the Local Share and the use of the Capital Reserve. Ms. Kight asked questions on policing handicapped parking space users, approval for School Plays, and the reason for the timeline for ratification of employee employment or resignation. Mr. Reid asked about the stipend in number 14 and asked Brick employees to be supportive and buy lunches as this is a critical year for the Food Service Program. Mr. Campbell asked questions regarding measuring student progress. Ms. Suter asked how many days are involved in item 22 in HR, and a question regarding item 7 in C&I - Prevention First, and Operations #26 - Telecommunications Services. Mr. Talty started a discussion regarding possible actions to be taken regarding students' smoking across the street from Brick Memorial High School and reimbursement for fees involved in the Criminal History Background Search.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Five members of the public asked questions or commented on the following subjects:

- Petty Cash
- Lanes Mill Parking Lot
- Recycling in the schools
- Teacher evaluations
- In-house completion of projects
- Praise for Mr. Filippone's participation in events and Board meetings
- Abuse of placards for handicapped parking spaces
- An employee grievance
- Number of responses to RFP's and reason for time period covered
- Ohiopyle imprinted garments
- Measured progress Data
- Procedure for selection of school plays
- A grievance regarding Before and After School Program

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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
October 20, 2011	Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM, BTHS
November 9, 2011	Pre Agenda Meeting, 7:00 PM, BTHS
November 10 & 11, 2011	NJEA Convention, Schools Closed
November 17, 2011	Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM, BTHS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:18 PM a motion was made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Edwards, Jr. CPA
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary