

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

Location/Time: 6:10 PM, Technology Training Center
101 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, NJ 08724

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

Absent: Ms. Suter

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

Ms. Cantillo 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 and Municipal Clerk's Office.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- **FACILITIES**

Ms. Cantillo directs the facilities discussion to Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell begins the discussion by stating that the facilities projects are in a quandary due to the economic situation. He discussed that there are two priorities at the present time in the district, the Lead in the water and the projects at BTHS.

Ms. Cantillo requests an update on the lead situation to Mr. Edwards, he explains that the company should have the testing results to us no later than January 18, 2013. They are in the process of testing, which could take some time. There are two different outcomes that we can be faced with. 1. The solution could be as simple as placing a carbon filter on the outlets. 2. We could have to replace the copper piping through the system, which would be very extensive.

Mr. Reid asks why it will take until January 18, 2013 for the testing to be completed; he thought the town was doing the testing. Mr. Edwards explains that the testing needs to be done while the schools are shut down, which will take place over the winter recess. The testing will take place over three days and there will be a team of people completing the tests.

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Mr. Edwards stated that he had contacted Mr. Lacey with the MUA and we are waiting for an answer to whether they can assist us. Mr. Reid is concerned over the length of time that this will take, Mr. Edwards explains that the company gave us January 18, 2013 as the latest possible date, it may be completed sooner but definitely by the 18th we will have the test results and a corrective action plan.

Mr. Cuppari asks the status for water use within the schools affected. Dr. Uszenski explains that we have brought in water coolers for each school affected. They can use the water to wash, but not for any cooking or consumption purposes. The Office of Emergency Management had heard about our situation and donated as many water bottles as we need. The kitchens have been given gallon water bottles for their cooking use. Ms. Cantillo and Dr. Uszenski would like to thank the OEM for their support.

Mr. Campbell would like to compliment Mr. Hyfantis on his continuing efforts to help our district with facility projects; he did a survey of our transformers at BTHS to see what was needed and how much it would cost to repair. Mr. Edwards commented that Concord Engineering will be completing a report on the transformers.

Mr. Campbell discusses the recent process of ESIP's (Energy Savings Improvement Program) scoring process. We had five companies respond but one did not interview with the district. He explains the rating sheet. Mr. Campbell comments that he feels we should move in this direction quickly due to the incentives being offered and the preventative maintenance. Mr. Reid also agrees that we should keep moving in this direction as it is a long process.

Mr. Campbell discusses some other projects that need to be addressed, BMHS press box floor and there are no risers on the bleachers. BMHS Light Pole, Mr. Vogel will check on the status of that. We also need to address the sidewalks and curbing throughout the district, Mr. Campbell suggested that maybe we can ask the town for some road and paving crews to assist. We are in need of 2 storage buildings at each high school. Ms. Cantillo asked about the donation of materials for those buildings, Mr. Campbell has been trying to track down architects for this project, it involves some other sporting groups as well as our schools.

Mr. Campbell goes over the facilities committee agenda. He discusses the referendum we had a few years ago for the Midstreams kitchen project. This project was never completed and we still have money from that project that was left over and would like to use it for another use. Mr. Edwards states that he and Dr. Uszenski contacted the bond counsel who is willing to help us write a letter of appeal for those funds to the commissioner.

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Mr. Campbell address the issue with the fans needed for the Gym Floors at BMHS, and also the drainage issue by the floors. Mr. Edwards comments that we have contacted the civil engineer to look into this issue.

Mr. Campbell questions Mr. Edwards about the status of the EHY Roof. Mr. Edwards states that the project is 98% completed. It is difficult to get the work completed while children are in school and it getting dark at an earlier hour.

Ms. Cantillo addresses the conditions of the bathrooms in our schools; they are deplorable and embarrassing and need to be addressed.

Dr. Uszenski reports on the parent complaints he receives on the bathrooms.

Dr. Uszenski explains that his concerns for our schools would be the security issues. We have doors that are broken and could use more security cameras. He would like to talk to the Board about getting each principal a walkie talkie so that it can directly dial 911. He would like the security issues to be considered an important priority of the Board. Dr. Uszenski will be implementing a safety committee at each of our schools. Ms. Cantillo agrees that security is definitely our main priority. Dr. Uszenski would like to thank the administrators for getting him a list of the safety issues at each of our schools in a timely manner so that we are ready to address them immediately.

Ms. Terebush discusses the referendum a few years back that would have addressed our door systems and how security has always been a top priority for her. Ms. Terebush would like the Board to take a close look at the security issues and find the money to address them. She would like the district to be pro-active on all security measures.

Mr. Talty addresses the issue of what safeguards we have in place for entry into the schools. Dr. Uszenski states that we are constantly revisiting our security agreements and building codes with the state and local officials.

Mr. Cuppari states that there our state and federal grants for security needs.

Ms. Cantillo would also like to look at the need of resources for our Child Study Teams and Guidance Counselors.

Mr. Reid discuss how there is so much violence today in our children's daily routine, such as video games and TV shows.

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Mr. Campbell would like to address how the district can make money on some of our existing resources.

- Bringing back some of our Out of District students
- Sublet the Laurelton Building
- If kindergartens go back to home schools PLC could become a Technical Career Center
- Tennis Courts – work with the town together as a revenue source
- BTHS –Multi Purpose Room can be used for Dinner Theater, also revenue for Cafeteria
- Curriculum to introduce the idea of a Learning Academy
- Bio-Technical Center
- Finance and Business Academy possibly work with Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Campbell states that the district needs to appoint a volunteer District Wide Energy Consultant, which he feels Mr. Hyfanits has been doing for us and he would like to recognize all of his efforts.

Mr. Campbell states that the district also needs to appoint a volunteer Facilities Project Consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One public member states that he has worked with the Barnegat Schools on designing security camera for the schools. He would be willing to work with us to assist in the process.

An ESIP company representative questions if one of the five companies adhered with all of the ESIP compliance would they be in the running for consideration. Mr. Edwards replies yes.

One member of the public would like to know if we can get out of the contract with Advantage Three. If not we will need to contact someone at the company who can work harder on our behalf.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 8:15 PM a motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Talty, and with the following roll call vote,, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Campbell

Second: Mr. Talty

Mr. Cuppari	Yes
Ms. Terebush	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Campbell	Yes
Ms. Suter	Absent
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



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