## I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Meeting was held on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, James Byrnes, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Adequate notice of this Meeting has been given in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

### II. FLAG SALUTE:

The Meeting was opened with a Salute to the Flag. Mr. Byrnes asked for a moment of silence for the troops, wishing the troops good holidays, and that they coming home safely.

### III. ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:** John Bacchione, Sal Ferlise, Jim Fulcomer,

Noriko Kowalewski, Dawn Parks, James Byrnes

**ABSENT:** Sophia Gingrich, Steve Pellecchia

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph H. Vicari, Interim Superintendent

Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

John C. Sahradnik, Board Attorney

Ms. Gingrich arrived at 5:04 p.m.

### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

If the Board is interested, he would like them to adopt a needy family from one of our schools. All were in agreement. Mr. Byrnes asked Ms. Venter to forward information on a family to each board member.

# V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Vicari reported on the following items:

• Open School Night was a success and promotes good community relations.

- He wished all happy holidays, whether it be Christmas or Hanukkah.
- December 7, 2011 is the Pearl Harbor Anniversary. To the survivors, we thank you for our freedom and democracy.
- Mr. Vicari noted that the illegal actions by Mr. Guy Ryan were due to his inexperience, and Mr. Vicari hopes that Mr. Ryan clears the record.

### VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

With so many maternity leaves on the agenda tonight, Mr. Byrnes commented that he is happy our teachers are helping with the population explosion in town.

### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## 1. Finance: John Bacchione, Chairperson

Mr. Bacchione reported that the Finance Committee met today and all purchase orders and the bill list were reviewed and approved for payment.

The Finance Committee reviewed the following at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

Purchase orders numbered 12-00789 through 12-00856 in the amount of \$84,528.85.

# 2. Education and Liaison to Central Regional: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson

Mr. Fulcomer reported that workshops on Diabetes Awareness for teachers have begun and will be completed by the end of January 2012.

Michael Ferlise, board member's nephew with Type 1 diabetes, offered to meet with students with diabetes to help inspire them. Would like first aid training workshops to be offered to all staff.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Parks, and all in favor that first aid training workshops including CPR be held for all teachers.

# 3. Buildings & Grounds/Cafeteria/Transportation:

Mr. Byrnes noted:

• Breaking ground for maintenance building Monday.

- Bus garage We still need to get a price on new entrance.
- We are in final phase for PPA for solar. Last month the Board selected a company to do an energy audit. We are waiting for BPU's acceptance of the firm.
- The vacancy for Board has been posted. The board will review resumes shortly.

### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Kowalewski and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Mr. Bacchione on Item B7) that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A7 and B1 – B8 be approved:

Mr. Vicari noted there has been a major transformation in our schools with holiday decorations and performances. Berkeley Township is second to none with its talent! December 24 closed – reopen January 3, 2012.

### A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:

# 1. Resignations:

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Kevin Hall, Custodian (Painter) for the district, effective 2/1/12. (Mr. Hall is retiring after serving the district for 12 years.)

### 2. Leaves of Absence:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve a leave of absence for the following staff members:

## a. Melanie Cottrell-BAY-Clerk Typist:

Extension of medical leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective 12/1/11 through 12/23/11.

## **b.** Kristy Collins-CBW-Kdg:

Maternity leave of absence utilizing accumulated available sick days, effective on or about 1/23/12; followed by an unpaid child-rearing leave utilizing the FMLA through 6/30/12.

### **c.** Joann Sabo-Bus Attendant:

Medical leave of absence utilizing remaining accumulated available sick days, effective 12/19/11; followed by an unpaid leave through 1/27/12.

# 3. Revised Maternity Start Date:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve a revised start date for the maternity leave for Dana Vannella, grade 2 teacher assigned to the Clara B. Worth School, as follows:

<b>From</b>	<u>To</u>
12/5/11	11/9/11

## 4. Long Term Substitute:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following individual as a long term substitute, meeting the criteria established by the Superintendent, at the rate of \$100 per diem:

<u>Name</u>	<u>In For</u>	<b>Effective</b>
Laurin Brown	Kristy Collins-CBW-Kdg.	1/23/12-6/30/12

# 5. Web Administrator for QSAC:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of DyAnn DeClerico as the Web Administrator for the 2011-12 QSAC Report.

# **6.** Long Term Substitute Extensions:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve long term substitute extensions for the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>In For</u>	<b>From</b>	<u>To</u>
Susan Prowse	Nicole Ettari-BAY-Gr. 2	1/16/12	6/30/12
Susan Will	Tia Monica-BAY-Gr. 2	1/16/12	6/30/12

# 7. Substitutes:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as substitutes for the assignments listed below during the 2011-2012 school year:

# A. <u>Non-Instructional</u>:

Richard McDowell	Bus Driver
Frank Coppola	Custodial Worker

# B. <u>Instructional</u>:

Patricia Olsen	School Nurse
Brigitte Rose-Murray	Teacher
Stacy Sura	Teacher

## B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:

### 1. United States Constitution:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board recognize the ratification of the United States Constitution by the State of New Jersey on December 18, 1787.

## 2. Additional Class Trips Approval:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the addition of the following Class Trips for the 2011-12 school year:

Ocean Lanes, Brick, NJ Tony's Pizza, Bayville, NJ

# 3. Resolution to submit District Performance Review (DPR) and Statement of Assurance (SOA): ACTION

Whereas, the Berkeley Township Board of Education in the County of Ocean is undergoing evaluation under New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) for the 2011-2012 school year, and

**Whereas,** N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission and accuracy of the district's DPR and SOA responses with respect to this process, and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Berkeley Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the DPR and SOA to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

## 4. Resolution to designate "No Idling Zone":

**ACTION** 

**Whereas,** Berkeley Township has a law (N.J.A.C. 7:27-14, 15 and N.J.S.A. 39:3-70.2) prohibiting idling for more than three minutes for both diesel and gasoline vehicles, and

Whereas, parents are to shut off their cars at the parent drop off area when they arrive early in the morning, and when picking up their child/children in the afternoon,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Berkeley Township Board of Education has ordered signs to be posted at the parent drop off at each school designating the area a "No Idling Zone."

# 5. First Reading of Bylaws/Regulations/Policies:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of the following Regulations/Policies listed below: (**Available for review in Superintendent's Office**)

Policy 1140	Affirmation Action Program (New)
Policy 1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan (Revised)
Policy/Reg 1530	Equal Employment Opportunities (Revised)
Policy/Reg 1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment & Contract
	Practices (Revised)
Policy 2260	Affirmative Action Program for School & Classroom
	Practices (Revised)
Policy 6362	Contributions to Board Members & Contract Awards (Revised)
Policy 8420	Emergency & Crisis Situations (Revised)
Reg 8420	Emergency & Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (Revised)
Reg 8420.2	Bomb Threat (Revised)
Reg 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (Revised)
Reg 8420.10	Active Shooter (New)
Policy 8740	Bonding (Revised)

# 6. Second Reading of Bylaws/Regulations/Policies:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the second reading of the following Bylaws/ Regulations/Policies listed below: (**Available for review in Superintendent's Office**)

Bylaw 0146	Board Member Authority (Revised)
Bylaw 0171	Duties of Board President and Vice President (Revised)
Bylaw 0173	Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised)
Policy 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments
	& Accountability (Revised)
Policy/Reg 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (Revised)
Policy/Reg 3144	Certification of Tenure Charges (Revised)
Policy 4159	Support Staff Member/School District Reporting
	Responsibilities (New)
Policy 5600	Pupil Discipline Code of Conduct (Revised)
Policy/Reg 6112	Reimbursement of Federal & Other Grant Expenditures
	(New)
Policy 6830	Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
•	(Revised)
Policy/Reg 8310	Public Records

### 7. Resolution for Building Use:

**ACTION** 

**Whereas,** Berkeley Township has requested use of Berkeley Township Elementary School for its Annual Reorganization/Council Meeting and Reception on January 1, 2012, and

**Whereas,** there is reasonable expectation that the attendees will exceed capacity at Town Hall, and

Whereas, the Board of Education Policy #7510 states community use is not allowed on holidays, and

Whereas, all personnel costs will be reimbursed to the District,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Education of Berkeley Township allows an exception to Policy #7510 and permits use of Berkeley Township Elementary School by the Township of Berkeley on January 1, 2012.

## 8. HIB REPORT:

ACTION

As required by the new HIB (Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying) Law, the following incidents took place in September and must be reported to the Board and at a public meeting twice a year:

- 1. Number of HIB reports: 4: CBW 2 BTE 2
- 2. Nature of incident: 2-Teasing or name calling

2-Insulting or demeaning comments

1-Public humiliation of pupil

1-Threatening comments, gestures or

physical acts

- 3. Status: Parents notified of situation and consequences:
  - \* Guidance intervention
  - \* Apology by perpetrator(s)
  - \* Conference with Principal
  - \* Disciplinary action enforced: detention, separation from other students

# IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Parks, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Mr. Ferlise on Item 7; Ms. Parks on Item 1c and Item 3) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Items 1 – 7 be approved:

1. Minutes: ACTION

**a**. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 17, 2011 be approved.

- **b.** RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Executive Session held on November 17, 2011 be approved.
- **c.** RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 22, 2011 be approved.
- **d.** RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session held on November 22, 2011 be approved

# 2. Payment of Bills:

**ACTION** 

BE IT RESOLVED that the following items as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be approved:

Bills List (**Attachment #1**) dated December 2, 2011 . . . . . . \$ 659,478.91

# 3. Payroll Approval:

**ACTION** 

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

## 4. Appropriation Transfers:

**ACTION** 

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of October 2011 to the 2011-2012 budget be approved. (Attachment #2)

# 5. Board Secretary's Report:

**ACTION** 

RESOLVED that through the adoption of this resolution, we, the Berkeley Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 certify that as of October 31, 2011, 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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment #3)

## **6.** Report of the Treasurer of School Monies:

### **ACTION**

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ended October 31, 2011, and that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. (Attachment #4)

# 7. Travel Approvals:

**ACTION** 

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the following travel:

<u>Name</u>	Seminar/Workshop	<u>Dates</u>	Not to Exceed
D O	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	10/10/11	<b>#050.00</b>
Patrick Sullivan	VAT Training	12/16/11	\$250.00
Melisa Whitworth	Co-Teaching that Works	1/12/12	225.00
Anna McDowell	Co-Teaching that Works	1/12/12	225.00
Jessica Schlottfeld	Maximizing Your Language Therapy	1/12/12	225.00
Debbie Fierra	Strategies for Working with Resistant Parents	1/20/12	100.00
Cheryl Ernest	Strategies for Working with Resistant Parents	1/20/12	100.00
Cindy Gannon	Strategies for Working with Resistant Parents	1/20/12	100.00
Nelia Ziobro	Strategies for Working with Resistant Parents	1/20/12	100.00
Michael Betts	Strategies for Working with Resistant Parents	1/20/12	100.00
Regina Avenoso	Launching Gifted Education into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3/9/12	149.00
Robin Barraud	Launching Gifted Education into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3/9/12	149.00
Marianne Cicco	Launching Gifted Education into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3/9/12	149.00
Danielle Lavallo	Launching Gifted Education into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3/9/12	149.00
Gina Boyles	44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Reading & Writing	3/16/12	150.00
Jeanne Kappler	44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Reading & Writing	3/16/12	150.00
DyAnn DeClerico	ASCD Annual Conference & Exhibit Show	3/24-3/26/12	259.00
Patrick Sullivan	NJ School Bldgs. & Grounds Assoc. Expo	3/27-3/28/12	100.00
James Byrnes	NSBA Annual Conference	4/21-4/23/12	895.00
Sal Ferlise	NSBA Annual Conference	4/21-4/23/12	895.00
DyAnn DeClerico	NJAFPA Professional Development	5/23-5/24/12	257.00

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Gingrich, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain – Mr. Bacchione) that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Item 8 be approved:

Mr. Byrnes commented that the Power Purchase Agreement is not as aggressive as when it started. Following ESCO may be additional solar via ground mounts, canopies, etc. This is a good trial.

Mr. Fulcomer stated – changing energy dynamics – possible that price of natural gas clause in contract that cost of energy will not be higher than prevailing cost by JCP&L.

Mr. Byrnes thanked the Board.

## 8. Award of RFP for Power Purchase Agreement:

**ACTION** 

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq. authorizes the procurement of certain specialized goods and services including Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreements through a Competitive Contracting procurement process; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, the Berkeley Township Board of Education adopted a resolution authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting procedures for the procurement of a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement for the Berkeley Township Board of Education as authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq. of the Public School Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS,** on November 9, 2011, two (2) proposals were received from the following vendors:

- Ray Angelini, Inc. and Altru Energy, L.L.C. Sewell, NJ and Conshohocken, PA
- 2. Vanguard Energy Partners, L.L.C. Branchburg, NJ

**WHEREAS,** the proposals were reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 and an evaluation report prepared (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Attachment 5**), and made available to members of the public and the Board as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BERKELEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION as follows:

- 1. The appropriate officers of the Berkeley Township Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement with **Ray Angelini, Inc. and Altru Energy LLC** for a term of 15 years, as more specifically specified therein; the final form of which shall be subject to the review and approval by the Board of Education's attorney.
- 2. A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Board of Education as required by law.
- 3. A certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement executed by the parties, shall be placed on file and be available for public inspection at the Office of the Board of Education.
- 4. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to:
  - A. Ray Angelini, Inc.
  - B. Altru Energy, LLC

#### X. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Fulcomer questioned if we ever had an Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Vicari stated in 2008 that Tom Guarascio illegally voted for that position. Mr. Vicari explained that he told then Board Attorney, Mr. Guy Ryan, that Mr. Guarascio could not vote, but Mr. Ryan allowed it anyway.

Mr. Vicari didn't make the recommendation but did not oppose it.

Mr. Fulcomer commented that he was glad we do not have one. He then asked if the Assistant Superintendent had had a secretary?

Mr. Vicari replied no.

Mr. Byrnes noted the Assistant Superintendent position was not budgeted the following year so he lost his position.

Mr. Byrnes mentioned last week he was composing a spreadsheet with Ms. Venter and Dr. DeClerico's assistance with information on DEF's, test scores and cost per pupil. (Attachment #6)

Ms. Venter will get percent of state aid by surrounding towns.

Mr. Vicari noted that years ago in this building the Board had a public hearing to advocate for more state aid yet our district is down from then in our percentage of state aid received.

### XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bacchione read his resignation letter to the Board. (Attachment #7)

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mrs. Kowalewski, and all in favor to accept the resignation of Mr. Bacchione effective December 31, 2011, as he was elected to the Berkeley Township Town Council.

Mr. Byrnes commented that the financial expertise Mr. Bacchione brought to this Board was well appreciated.

Mr. Fulcomer stated Mr. Bacchione was the biggest vote getter who ran for municipal office and that shows the people agree he did a great job.

Mr. Vicari noted that Mr. Bacchione became a member of the Board by coming to the Superintendent as an active representative of his neighborhood for a busing issue. He thanked Mr. Bacchione for getting all the details and facts together for presenting a

disagreement. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Nat Abbe. He understands the budget, is objective, and has the best interests of children in mind.

Mr. Byrnes jokingly commented to Mr. Bacchione to please use the bathroom before he goes to work as a Councilman.

Mr. Byrnes also noted a request for Recreation Basketball for Saturday mornings for four hours. He requested Ms. Venter make the appropriate transfers of funds for custodians for their time.

MOTION by Mr. Fulcomer, second by Ms. Parks, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Board allow the use of one school for basketball on Saturdays.

Mr. Byrnes stated he is asking Mr. Vicari to stay to end of the school year. Mr. Vicari can sleep on it.

### XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Duggan commented that at the last meeting Mr. Vicari poignantly pointed out the bantering and unjustified political attacks on him were disheartening. Mr. Duggan wanted to stress that the Association has made sacrifices, and also that the Association doesn't want to withstand political ploys. What has happened in the past is past, and Mr. Vicari is a tough guy. Now as a district we need to move forward, but we do not want to move forward without Mr. Vicari. Mr. Duggan stated that Mr. Vicari needs to stay and continue the job he is doing. These are troubling times, therefore, the Association pledges to fully support Mr. Vicari remaining here as long as he can.

Mr. Vicari stated he was very fortunate to serve six years. When he ran for Freeholder, there were vicious attacks on Berkeley Township and only Berkeley Township because he was a Freeholder and Superintendent. Years ago the Democrats were committed to run three candidates for the Board of Education and look what happened. They destroy and tear apart teachers to win an election. Mr. Vicari stated that the Democrats attacked him personally, and they intimidated, bullied, and called out names against Mr. Pellecchia. Mr. Vicari noted that if there is a commitment by Democrats to not use our children for their benefit, he may consider staying. Mr. Vicari remarked that we need to build bridges and mend and never use students for political gain. He continued, "Our one goal should be to pass the budget. One negative comment and all the good I've done can be undone. We do many good things. These personal attacks have to stop! It is toxic on school systems. It's going to compromise our school district."

Mr. Duggan stated he represented Democrats, Republicans and all the members of the BTEA. We are rebuilding. Media attacks should never have been. As Mr. Roosevelt said, "There's nothing new except the history you don't know."

Mr. Byrnes stated he hopes it is the last time he hears "Republicans" or "Democrats" in this room. In April I will run again on my merits, not my political affiliation.

Mr. Roselli, Principal of BTES and President of BTAA spoke of how the administrators feel about Mr. Vicari. He's a man that gets things done. During the construction of BTES, there would be 30 contractors in a room. Mr. Vicari was always a gentleman but got the building built. Mr. Vicari asks, "How is this going to positively impact kids?" If he's convinced it's positive, he says, "Make it happen."

Mr. Roselli would also like to commend his staff on the hours spent to become educated on Diabetes. His nurse is exceptional and thorough. She was an emergency room nurse. The staff knows the routine as well. On behalf of BTES we have embraced the training.

Mr Vicari stated that \$600/day was the original agreement to return as Superintendent. Ms. Parks did not vote for me. If I knew that Ms. Parks did not support me, it may have been different.

Ms. Parks stated that she would like to make a comment to Mr. Vicari's statement.

Ms. Parks: "There obviously was a reason for my "No" vote. I would also like to

make it known that Mr. Vicari never confronted me when he did get back

in reference to that "No" vote.

Mr. Vicari: I would like to know the reason now in this public session why you voted

"No."

Ms. Parks: I think we can do that in Executive Session.

Mr. Vicari: I think the public have a right to know. Mr. Byrnes, a statement was made

and people have a right to know.

Ms. Parks: To be honest with you, I honestly felt that your political values did not

belong in Berkeley Township.

Mr. Vicari: Do they belong here right now today?

Ms. Parks: I honestly still feel no. Thank you.

Mr. Vicari: So, therefore, since Mrs. Dawn Parks feels no, Mr. Duggan, and she

doesn't any reasons and she would rather pay for a new superintendent

then again I will reaffirm that I will leave by March.

Ms. Parks: That is not necessarily true, Mr. Vicari. If you were here prior to coming

back, we had discussions in reference to looking at other superintendents within the district which may be possibly Central and combining and doing

shared services and also may be possibly two principals here at BTE.

Mr. Vicari: The Board expressed to me that they want a committed relationship with

their own superintendent.

Ms. Parks: I said "No" to the vote.

Mr. Byrnes: Well, let me make a comment. That is why there are nine members to the

Board and the majority carries. Like I said earlier, this Board and this district has commitments to other districts and shared services, and we want to continue to give them the best quality in shared service. Mr. Vicari, I request that you stay till the end of the school year and that is why there are nine people on the vote. People have their opinions, and we have to value their opinions whether they are valid or not. It doesn't matter to us. But again, I say we shouldn't be selfish here. We are trying to do a

shared service and we have a commitment.

Mr. Fulcomer commended Mr. Vicari for saving teachers jobs and keeping class sizes down.

Mr. Abbe had a couple of questions regarding implementation of first aid training. He noted first aid training is important. The State Board of Health has taken away funds for training. Who would train our staff?

Mr. Fulcomer stated to leave it up to the Director of Curriculum to organize.

Mr. Abbe suggested possibly police officers for CPR. For the Solar PPA, he suggested contacting Central Regional and Dr. Parlapanides for their experiences with their solar project. This district has many excellent shared services – a must for everyone moving forward.

A parent stated her son has autism and gets so much support. Everyone states what we do is wrong, but we need to talk about what we do right.

Mr. Byrnes commented the Board is well committed to our special education families.

### XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Ms. Gingrich, second by Mr. Ferlise, and all in favor that the Board move into Executive Session at this time, 6:10 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel as outlined under the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board will be reconvening into open session following the Executive Session. The Board of Education may take public action at this evening's Public Meeting. When, and if, the Board of Education takes action on any of the matters, the action will be disclosed to the public. Minutes will be made available when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

### **XIV. RESUME MEETING:**

MOTION by Mrs. Kowalewski, second by Mr. Ferlise and all in favor that the Board reconvene into Open Session at 6:55 p.m.

### XV. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Bacchione, Sal Ferlise, Jim Fulcomer, Sophia Gingrich,

Noriko Kowalewski, Dawn Parks, James Byrnes

**ABSENT:** Steve Pellecchia

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joseph H. Vicari, Interim Superintendent

Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

John C. Sahradnik, Board Attorney

### XVI. APPOINTMENT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SUPERVISOR: ACTION

MOTION by Ms. Gingrich, second by Ms. Parks and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Board appoint Patrick Sullivan as the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Byrnes stated it will be posted as a Promotional Announcement through Civil Service.

### XVII. ADJOURMENT: ACTION

MOTION, Mr. Fulcomer, second by Mrs. Kowalewski, and carried upon Roll Call Vote (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the Board Meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Venter, CPA, RSBA, RSBO Business Administrator/Board Secretary