#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A Berkeley Township Board of Education Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at the Berkeley Township Elementary School Auditorium, 10 Emory Avenue, Bayville, New Jersey. Board President, Jim Fulcomer, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Adequate notice of this Meeting was 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. Fulcomer asked for a moment in memory and in tribute for those brave soldiers throughout the ages who have fought for our freedom and for our country.

#### III. ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:** Lauren Ciccone-Zawada, Sal Ferlise,

Noriko Kowalewski, Patrick Mooney,

Steve Pellecchia, Lou Tuminaro, Jim Fulcomer

**ABSENT:** Keith Fisher, Sophia Gingrich

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. James D. Roselli, Superintendent

Laura Venter, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Jack Sahradnik, Acting Board Attorney

#### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I thank everybody for coming out to this meeting. Your interest in our School Board's business is commendable and sets a good example for the children of our township. In an effort to improve our educational program, we welcome your suggestions, questions and criticisms during the public discussion items of our agenda.

Today is Constitution Day which celebrates the completion of the work of the 1787 U.S. Constitutional Convention and a date when our present U.S. Constitution was signed by the framers of our U.S. Constitution. Our first American Constitution, the Articles of Confederation, went into effect in 1781. By July 1788, our present U.S. Constitution was ratified and has proven to be one of the most successful legal documents in the history of mankind. Looking at an engraving on the chair upon which George Washington had sat as a presiding officer, Benjamin Franklin said that in the course of the proceedings he wasn't able to tell whether the sun was rising, but at the conclusion of the convention, Franklin said, "I had the happiness to know that it is a rising, not a setting sun. May our country under our Constitution always be a rising sun."

I attended the back to school opening faculty meeting. In spite of the fact that our state law now requires substantial copays for medical insurance and the state has diminished our employees' prospective pensions for the foreseeable future, our employees came back with the same sense of dedication and enthusiasm as always.

Since the administration of Governor Corzine, our district has not used its funds to provide refreshments for our back to school faculty meeting. As a result, there were no refreshments at the first faculty meeting of this year. I shall be appointing a special Board Committee to see if we can raise donations to pay for refreshments for our first faculty meeting of next year. Members wishing to serve on this committee should see me after the adjournment of this meeting.

Thanks in part to the CDL loan from the federal government, the tax levy for our schools has gone down slightly, and there has been no increase in the tax rate for our general fund. The purpose of the CDL is to cushion the loss of tax ratables resulting from Super Storm Sandy. We are, however, required to repay the loan within 5 years. That means that we need to restore and increase our tax ratables if we are to avoid an unpleasant future property tax increase. The Federal government has helped us with one hand in dealing with this problem, but with the other hand, the drastically increased flood insurance rates mandated by FEMA are going to make it difficult for us to restore our ratables. These huge flood insurance increases are likely to drive many of our middle class and lower middle class residents with mortgages out of our township. Hopefully, we will be able to persuade the federal government to change the rules in this area.

On another note, we extend our condolences to Seaside Park for the terrible boardwalk fires that destroyed 51 businesses. One of the attractions that drives up the prospective values of our properties on Pelican Island and South Seaside Park is the Seaside Park Boardwalk. That fire not only hurt Seaside Park, but it also makes it more difficult to restore our tax ratables in Berkeley Township.

On a brighter note, later this evening we are going to have a vote on our new solar energy contract which will save our district money in energy expenses. I would like to thank our Board attorney, Jack Sahradnik, for patiently bringing our negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion. It has been rather difficult over the past year and half, I am sure, for our attorney and also for our architect and his consultants, but all's good that ends well, and I have a feeling that we have a better arrangement than quite a few other governmental units in our state.

In closing, I thank our Superintendent and Principals for formulating a long list of special educational events that enrich the education of our students. We have reviewed some of the requests for approval for these events from our different principals, and we thank them for their hard work.

#### V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Once again, I would like to thank all of our Berkeley Township staff for a successful opening of our 2013-14 school year. Everyone came together on our first day back. Mr. Fulcomer came as the Board President and provided them with a real nice speech, because there are a lot of things that are coming down from the state right now. Since Mr. Fulcomer was a former teacher, he was in their shoes, so he provided them with a lot of support, so I thank you on behalf of our staff.

## **Bayville School**

- Pre-School orientation was held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at CBW and Bayville.
- Kindergarten orientation was also held on August 29<sup>th.</sup>
- The configuration of the main office area of Bayville School has been completed. When people come in they are funneled into the right side.
- The three lower elementary schools are adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> computer lab so that will be a line for our PARCC testing.

#### Clara B. Worth School:

- Karen Noble DOE Hearing Impairment Strategies presentation
- PTA Book Fair (September 16-20)

#### H. & M. Potter School:

- Completed Edline Teacher Training.
- Completed the Fire Drill along with the other schools on the second day of school
- All teachers prepared for Back-to-School Night (September 18).

#### **Berkeley Township Elementary:**

- August 28 approximately 40 to 45 families participated in new student orientation. This is geared towards students who moved into this district over the summer.
- Installation of gym floors should be completed by end of week (Sept. 20). For those
  of you who have not been up to date on this, three of our four gym floors have been
  changed to wood.

#### August 26:

- Meeting with Jerry Renner, Supervising Planner, NJ State Police Emergency
  Management, with all administrators to complete our yearly evacuation plan. Barbara
  Fitzpatrick was a part of that major event because it involves our buses and buses
  from surrounding districts. We are within the ten-mile radius known as Emergency
  Planning Zone around the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, so we are on
  point with that plan.
- Myself, Board President, Mr. Fulcomer, and Board Member, Lou Tuminaro, attended the Town Council Meeting where BTSD was recognized for \$25,000 Dream Machine Recycle Rally and School Security National Award.

#### August 27:

Attended Ocean County Superintendents Roundtable at Pt. Pleasant Middle School

#### August 28:

Attended new staff orientation at HMP

#### August 29:

Attended all 3 kindergarten orientations

#### Sept. 3 & 4:

Attended District In-Service Trainings

#### Sept. 5:

Involved with all openings for first day for students

#### Sept. 6:

Attended meeting with Patrick Sullivan, B & G Supervisor, and meeting with contractors about progress of gym floors at BAY, HMP & BTE

#### **Sept. 7:**

Attended Pride Day - Berkeley Blaze Softball Dunk Tank

#### **Sept. 12:**

Attended Alternate Energy Meeting at BTES

## **Sept. 16:**

Back-to-School Nights: BTE - Sept. 16 and BAY, CBW, HMP - Sept. 18

#### VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

#### VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## 1. Education and Liaison to Central Regional: Keith Fisher, Chairperson

Mr. Patrick Mooney reported:

We just concluded our meeting this evening where we discussed several things. The main portion of our meeting was the Technology Plan (Superintendent's Agenda Item B.2). I urge everyone to approve that. I think we are, as the Superintendent said, and I do agree with him, far ahead of other school districts in our approach to technology which is a huge advantage to all of our students, so I do encourage everyone to support that. We discussed curriculum updates for Physical Education and Health (Superintendent's Agenda Item B.1) which is also benefitting our students.

## 2. Personnel & Negotiations: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson.

No report.

## 3. Buildings & Grounds/Cafeteria/Transportation: Sal Ferlise, Chairperson

On Monday, September 16, 2013, I made rounds to inspect the following:

#### **Bayville School**

- New wood gymnasium floor was installed
- Finish was not yet applied
- Coping and ramp was not installed
- New entry is complete

#### H.&M. Potter School

- The bus lines were drawn on a 45 degree angle
- New wood gymnasium floor was installed
- Finish was applied
- Coping and ramp not installed
- Mr. Miller explained how the open walking trail works

## Berkeley Township Elementary School

- New wood gymnasium floor was installed
- Finish was applied
- Coping and ramps not installed

## 4. Finance: Sophia Gingrich, Chairperson

Ms. Ciccone-Zawada noted that she signed what she could but Sophia Gingrich and Keith Fisher will also need to sign.

The bills lists were reviewed and approved for payments.

Also reviewed and approved were the purchase orders numbered 14-00405 through 14-00563 totaling \$382,347.28.

## 5. Community Relations: Patrick Mooney, Chairperson

No report.

## 6. Consolidated/Shared Services Ad Hoc: Jim Fulcomer, Chairperson.

The Consolidated/Shared Services Committee met today. Sal Ferlise, Patrick Mooney, Lou Tuminaro, Dr. Roselli, Laura Venter, and I attended. The Committee reviewed the Shared Services recommended for Robert Taylor, the Recreation Director for Berkeley Township for the Y Kids at all Berkeley Township schools. This recommendation will be voted on under "Item 15. Shared Services" on the Superintendent's Agenda. The new police protection shared services agreement also was reviewed. We will be voting on it tonight, and it has the recommendation of our committee. This recommendation will be voted on under "Item 13. School Security Services" on the Business Administrator's Agenda.

## 7. Policy and Legislation: Steve Pellecchia, Chairperson

No report.

## 8. School Safety: Patrick Mooney, Chairperson

No formal meeting was held this month, but I also would like to encourage the vote for Item 13 on the Business Administrator's Agenda for the shared services between Berkeley Township Schools and the Police Department for the continued security of our children. Again, I would like to thank the Superintendent and all of his administrators for everything they are doing in keeping the children safe in the schools all year long, and all of your hard work is being recognized.

## 9. Alternate Energy: Noriko Kowalewski, Chairperson

Over the past several months, the Alternate Energy Committee has met and this past Thursday was our final committee meeting. We met with our consultants, our board attorney, our Business Administrator, and our Superintendent. We are recommending the contract to go forward for approval this evening, and we asked our consultants to come here this evening to do a presentation, so if anyone has any questions, feel free.

#### 10. Stokes Forest Field Trip: Sal Ferlise, Chairperson

The Stokes Committee met September 10. We made final plans for the car show on September 28. A schedule of events will be given out to each car owner. We have added two top trophies: Superintendent's trophy and School Board President's trophy. We hired Mr. Bill Clanton to emcee the show. Mr. Clanton will also broadcast the show live on WBNJ Radio.

#### 11. Executive Order 128

No report.

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Pellechia that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items A1 – A20 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Tuminaro.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Ms. Ciccone-Zawada on Item 7, Mrs. Kowalewski on Item 15). Motion carries.

## A. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS:

## 1. Resignation(s):

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<b>Effective</b>	
Christina Smith	Lunch aide-BAY	8/21/13	
George Murray	Custodian-CBW	Immediately	

## 2. Leave(s) of Absence:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve a leave of absence for (new or revised) for the following staff members (start and end dates are subject to change):

a) I.D. #4246-Custodian-HMP:

Medical leave to start 9/3/13 and continue through 9/20/13.

b) I.D. #5341-Bus Attendant-District:

Medical leave to start 9/9/13 and continue through 10/18/13.

c) <u>I.D. #5872-Gr.3/4-LLD-BAY</u>:

Maternity leave to start 10/21/13 and continue through 12/13/13.

## 3. Approval of Long Term Substitute:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve Stephanie Cohen as a long term substitute, meeting the criteria established by the Superintendent, at the rate of \$100 per diem (start and end dates subject to change) for the following:

In For Effective
I.D. #5872-BAY-Gr. 3/4-LLD 10/21/13-12/13/13

## 4. Nurses for Kindergarten Orientation:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following nurses who attended Kindergarten Orientation on August 28-29, 2013, for 2 hours each at the contractual rate of pay:

Annemarie Manfredi - BAY Linda McPartlin - CBW Patricia Olsen - HMP

#### 5. Special Education Aides Work Hours:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the attached list of work hours for the special education aides, effective 9/1/13 through 6/19/13. (Attachment S-a)

#### 6. Bus Drivers/Bus Attendants Hours:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the attached list of bus drivers/bus attendants hours for the 2013-14 school year. (Attachment S-b)

#### 7. Revised Start Date:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the revised start date for Patricia Moore, Interim Supervisor, from 7/1/13 to 6/18/13.

#### 8. Custodial Worker:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Trevor Russo, as a full-time custodial worker assigned to the Clara B. Worth School from 2:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the hourly contractual rate of pay, effective 9/19/13. (Mr. Russo replaces a custodian who resigned.)

## 9. Revised Salary:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the revised starting salary for the following individuals:

NamePosition/SchoolFromToEff.Diane McKerryKeyboarding Clerk/Secty.-BAY\$24,650\$26,6509/01/13Christine Adelhelm Keyboarding Clerk/Secty.-HMP\$24,650\$26,6508/19/13

#### 10. Change of Custodial Hours:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following custodial change of hours, effective 9/5/13:

Neil Antonelli-HMP 12:30 pm-8:30 pm 1:00 pm-9:00 pm

## 11. School (Cafeteria) Aide:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Darlene Cofone as a school (cafeteria) aide at the Bayville School for 2.5 hours daily (11:15 am-1:45 pm) at the contractual rate of pay, effective 9/18/13. (Ms. Cofone replaces an aide who resigned.)

## 12. Approval of Occupational Therapist:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Shannon Spafford as a parttime Occupational Therapist assigned to the Clara B. Worth School, at the contractual rate of pay, effective 9/19/13 through 6/30/14.

#### 13. Increase in Hours:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve an increase in hours for the following lunch aide:

<u>Name</u> <u>From</u>		<u>To</u>
Ellen Hughes-BAY	2.5 hours daily	3.5 hours daily

## 14. Transfer/Reassignment:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following transfer/reassignment for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lisa Spano-BTE	Inclusion	LLD-5
Susan Orlowsky	BTES	CST (location change)

#### 15. Shared Services:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve shared services with Robert Taylor, Recreation Director for Berkeley Township, for the Y-kids at all four Berkeley Township Schools, not to exceed \$10,000, from September, 2013 to June, 2014.

#### 16. Stokes Coordinators:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following teaching staff members as Stokes Coordinators for the 2013-2014 school year:

Michael Conforti Kathy Palagonia

#### 17. Substitutes:

ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as substitutes for the assignments listed below for the 2013-2014 school year:

#### A. Non-Instructional:

Joy Barber	Aide/Clerical Worker
Joan Bodnarchuk	Aide/Clerical Worker
Michelle Delaney	Aide/Clerical Worker
Amgaad Flota	Aide
Suzanna Micozzi	Bus Attendant
Stacey Snyder	Bus Attendant
Melissa Timmons	

## Note – All substitute aides approved by the Board will also be able to substitute as bus/school/teacher aides.

#### B. Instructional:

Linda Casagrand	Teacher
Carmine Esposito	
Michele Merlo	Teacher
William D. Pitts	Teacher
Caitlin Reardon	Teacher
Jessica Roth	Teacher
Angela Satter	Teacher

## 18. Rescind Long Term Substitute:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board rescind the appointment of Linda Curry as the long term substitute for the maternity leave of I.D. #5672-Gr. 2-HMP, effective 9/13/13.

## 19. New Long Term Substitute:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Mary Freudenberg as the new long term substitute for the maternity leave of I.D. #5672-Gr. 2-HMP, effective 9/16/13 to 12/13/13.

#### 20. Substitute:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following individual as a substitute for the assignment listed below for the 2013-14 school year:

#### **Instructional:**

Maria Vila Chave..... Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Ferlise that upon recommendation of the Superintendent Items B1–B11 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Mooney.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

#### B. OTHER BOARD ACTION:

## 1. Approval of Curriculums:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following curriculums for the 2013-14 school year: (Memo in agenda packet explains how to access this information.)

Comprehensive Health Curriculum Physical Education Curriculum

## 2. Approval of Technology Plan:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the Technology Plan for 2013-2016.

## 3. Acceptance of Grant Monies:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the acceptance of the \$2,000 grant money from Target for HMP. (This grant, entitled "If the Book Fits, Read It", was written by Mrs. Pecelli and Mrs. Boyles.)

#### 4. Out-of-District Extended School Year Placements:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following students for out-of-district placement for the 2013 Extended School Year:

I.D. #995646 – New Road School I.D. #994386 – Regional Day School

## 5. Approval of School Trips:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the attached list of school trips for the 2013-2014 school year. (Attachment S-c)

## 6. Week of Respect:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board recognize "Week of Respect" in New Jersey (October 7-11, 2013) as required by the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act* (P.L.2010, c.122).

#### 7. Use of Building Facilities:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the attached list for building use scheduled beyond custodial work hours, weekends or holiday breaks. (Attachment S-d)

## 8. Services from the NJ Commission for the Blind 2013-14: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve the following students to receive services from the NJ Commission for the Blind at the levels and costs listed, for the 2013-14 school year:

I.D. #994889 - Level 3 - \$11,500

I.D. #994154 - Level 3 - \$11,500

I.D. #997446 - Level 1 - \$ 1,750

## 9. Appointment of P/T Preschool Disabled Program Aide: ACTION

Recommend the Board approve Colleen Reilly-Sammond as a part-time aide in the Preschool Disabled Program, assigned to the Clara B. Worth School for 29.5 hours per week, at the contractual rate of pay, effective 9/18/13.

## 10. Appointment of Special Education Aide:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of John Salemi as a full-time special education aide assigned to the Berkeley Township Elementary School for 6 hours daily per week, at the contractual rate of pay, effective 9/18/13.

## 11. Out-of-District - Extended School Year Placement:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following student for out-of-district placement for the 2013 Extended School Year:

I.D. #995647 - New Road School

MOTION by Mr. Pellechia that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items B1 – B7 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Mooney.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Abstains – Ms. Ciccone-Zawada on Items 3 and 4, Mr. Mooney on Item 1, Mr. Pellechia on Item 1). Motion carries.

## IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA:

#### 1. Minutes:

**ACTION** 

- a. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 13, 2013 be approved. (Attachment B)
- b. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Executive Session held on August 13, 2013 be approved. (Attachment B-a)

#### 2. Payment of Bills:

**ACTION** 

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

Bills List (Attachment B1) dated September 17, 2013 . . . .

\$2,648,331.85

## 3. Payroll Approval:

**ACTION** 

BE IT RESOLVED that the monthly payroll be approved:

\$509,214.18

## 4. Appropriation Transfers:

**ACTION** 

BE IT RESOLVED that the Appropriation Transfers for the month of July 2013 to the 2013-2014 budget be approved. (Attachment B2)

## 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 July 31, 2013, 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 B3)

#### 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 July 31, 2013, and that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report are in agreement. (Attachment B4)

## 7. Travel Approvals:

**ACTION** 

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

Name	Name Seminar/Workshop		Not
			to Exceed
Maureen Bruno	Verification Workshop	9/19/13	\$30.00
DyAnn DeClerico	Commissioners Convocation	9/19/13	\$14.81
Marc Panepinto	Infancy to Childhood	9/20/13	\$60.00
Dyann DeClerico	Dyann DeClerico LEA Accountability for Fed. Funds		\$20.45
Keith McShaffrey	h McShaffrey Affirmative Action Officer Training		\$36.65

Kirk Burr	Principals' Academy	10/3/13,12/12/2013, 3/2714 and 5/8/14	\$350.00
Nicole Ettari, Karen Roth, Eva Finamore, Joan Ritchie	Barnes Museum, Philadelphia, PA	10/14/13	\$106.50
James Roselli	2013 FEA/NJPSA/NJASCD Fall Conference	10/17 and 10/18/2013	\$275.00
Jeff Zito	Raise Achievements in Writing	10/29/13	\$16.63
Patrick Sullivan	NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association Registration for Expo in Atlantic City	4/14-4/16/14	\$100.00

MOTION by Mr. Mooney that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Items B8 – B17 be approved. (Item 14 removed)

SECOND by Mr. Tuminaro.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstains – Ms. Ciccone-Zawada on Item 15, Mrs. Kowalewski on Item 16). Motion carries.

## 8. Fixed Asset Disposal:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the disposition of Asset Tags #842, 843, 844 and 845 (Kitchen Ovens at H. & M. Potter).

#### 9. NCLB Title 1 and Title IIA Funds:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following teachers to be paid from NCLB Title I funds as follows:

Tom Ettari	HMP	\$35,500
Tracy Foster	HMP	\$35,500
Kristina Napolitano	BS	\$35,500
Kim Mitchell	BTES	\$35,500

Also recommend the Board approve the following teacher to be paid from NCLB Title IIA as follows:

Nicole Langer

\$24,546

## 10. Operation Schoolhouse Lease Agreement:

**ACTION** 

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the Lease Agreement between the Berkeley Township Board of Education and the Housing Authority of Berkeley Township for use of the property known as Magnolia Gardens Community Center, 235 Magnolia Avenue, South Toms River, NJ 08757, at the annual rent of \$6,330 for the period October 15, 2013 through May 1, 2014.

#### 11. ACES Bid for Electric

**ACTION** 

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

#### 12. ACES Bid for Natural Gas

**ACTION** 

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services

including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the

natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

#### 13. School Security Services

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Berkeley to provide police officer services at the Bayville School, Berkeley Township Elementary School, Clara B. Worth School, and H. & M. Potter School every school day until the end of the 2013-2014 school year, the cost of such services not to exceed \$189,000.

[NOTE: Laura Venter removed Item 14 from the Business Administrator Agenda as the content was previously covered in Item A.15 of the Superintendent's Agenda.]

## 14. Afterschool Fitness Program

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Berkeley to provide a Recreation Department employee to run an afterschool fitness program during Y Kids, the cost of which will not exceed \$10,000.

#### 15. Jointure Contracts:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the following transportation jointure:

Host	Joiner	Student	School	Dates	Per Diem
District	District	ID	Attending		Rate
Central Regional	Berkeley Township	#997654	New Road School	9/9/13-6/20/14	\$TBD

# 16. Bus for Berkeley Township Senior Recreation Program:

**ACTION** 

Recommend the Board approve the use of one district school bus (#B27) for the Berkeley Township Senior Recreation Program from September, 2013 through December, 2013. Driver and fuel to be provided by Berkeley Township.

## 17. Transportation Routes:

**ACTION** 

RESOLVED that the Berkeley Township Board of Education approve the 2013-14 Transportation Routes for submission to the Executive County Superintendent's Office and the Berkeley Township Police Department.

MR. SAHRADNIK: It's been about a year and a half to two years since we authorized a Power Purchase Agreement. The past year and a half the bottom to the market economic conditions dropped out and the successful vendor could not get the financing. They remained willing and able to do the installation subject to finding the financing. Over the past six months, the market has changed a bit, and the vendor, Ray Angelini Inc., found a financing partner, Marina Energy LLC which is part of South Jersey Natural Gas, and they are prepared to sign the documents we originally prepared to make the project go forward. So, with that is an introduction, since this is an add-on, please bear with me. I will read the resolution into the record. [READS RESOLUTION]

That is the resolution. We do have Mr. Yezzi, the Board architect, and Mr. Doll, who has been the technical consultant for Mr. Yezzi on this project, if any members of the Board have any questions. I will point out, as the Board is aware, this project is at no cost to the Board. The bottom line is the successful vendor, Ray Angelini, Inc., will come in and install the panels at no cost to the Board. The Board's obligation is to buy the solar energy that is generated for the system at a cost which is well below the current market from JCPL or your default energy company, and the bottom line, as requested by the Board, is that there is a provision in the agreement that after the first five years the Board is guaranteed that no matter what happens to

the market the cost to the Board for the solar energy will never exceed the price of the default rate charged by JCP&L. So the system comes in for free. It is an approximately 800 kw—a little bit below a 1 megawatt—system. The proposed cost savings to the Board per year based on the additional reduction in price is approximately \$71,300. It is the estimated cost savings over the default price that you would be paying. With that it is up to the Board whatever action you would like to take.

MOTION by Mr. Ferlise that upon recommendation of the Business Administrator Item B18 be approved.

SECOND by Mr. Pellechia.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains). Motion carries.

#### 18. Power Purchase Agreement

**ACTION** 

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Township Board of Education previously authorized the execution of a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with Ray Angelini, Inc. and Altru Energy, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the execution of that PPA was delayed due to a downturn in economic conditions in general and an unprecedented decline in the Solar Renewable Energy Credit Market ("SREC" Market); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education remains committed to reducing its dependency on fossil fuel-based electric generation, as well as reducing its overall energy costs with the installation of the proposed Solar Energy Photovoltaic Generation System; and

WHEREAS, Ray Angelini, Inc. has obtained the necessary financing to proceed with this project and the execution of the PPA, provided the Board authorizes and approves the assignment of the PPA to its financing partner, Marina Energy, LLC.; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Board approving the assignment of the PPA to Marina Energy, LLC, Ray Angelini, Inc. has agreed to discount and reduce the Solar Electricity Price to be charged to the Board an average of 20% per year for the 15-year term of the PPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it is in the best interest of the District to proceed with the installation of the proposed Solar Energy Photovoltaic Generation System and to authorize and approve the assignment of the PPA to Marina Energy, LLC as set forth above;

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

- 1. The Board of Education hereby reaffirms its prior authorization and approval for the appropriate officers of the Board to execute the Solar Energy PPA with Ray Angelini, Inc. for a term of 15 years, as more specifically set forth in the PPA.
- 2. The Board of Education further authorizes and directs the appropriate officers of the Board to enter into and execute the First Amendment to Solar Power Purchase Agreement with Ray Angelini, Inc., amending Exhibits B and C of the PPA to provide for a discount and reduction in the Solar Electricity Price charged to the Board of Education during the term of the PPA by an average of 20%.
- 3. In consideration of the above, the Board of Education further authorizes and approves Ray Angelini, Inc.'s assignment of its duties and obligations under the terms of the PPA dated September 17, 2013, to Marina Energy, LLC in accordance with the provisions of Section 21.2 of the PPA.
- 4. The appropriate officers of the Board of Education are further authorized and directed to execute any and all other documents as may be necessary to implement and effectuate the terms of said PPA.
- 5. A certified copy of this Resolution, together with fully-executed copies of the PPA, the First Amendment to Solar Power Purchase Agreement, and the Assignment & Transfer Agreement shall be placed on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education.
- 6. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to:
  - a. Ray Angelini, Inc.
  - b. Marina Energy, LLC.

#### X. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS:

DR. ROSELLI: I want to thank Barbara, Joanne, and Melanie and all of the drivers. That's one of the areas that really gets overlooked when we do have a smooth opening, and they are finally getting through all of the transfer requests and all of the different routes that we have going. They are starting to smile, and they are coming out from under all of the paperwork. They even got Peg riding the bus for a little bit this year, so thank you, Peg, for taking that, and if you could pass that on to the drivers, that is a big part of a successful opening, and Barbara, thank you for not letting it rain on the first day.

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

None.

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Fulcomer at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Venter, CPA, RSBA, RSBO

Business Administrator/Board Secretary