

Mays Landing, NJ
August 2, 2011

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2011
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mays Landing, New Jersey
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Regular Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the William Davies Middle School by Dr. Anne Erickson, President.

**Call
To
Order**

Dr. Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETING

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and the Atlantic County Record and its affiliates and a notice posted with the Township Clerk on the Bulletin Board at the following locations: Mizpah Social Services Center, Mizpah Post Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Atlantic County Library as well as all the schools of the district. A mechanical device is being used to record this meeting.

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Eric Aiken, Mr. Carl Anderson (arrived @ 6:15 p.m.), Mrs. Michelle Befano, Mrs. Peggy Capone, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, Mr. Mark Ludwick, Dr. David May, Mrs. Kimberly Melton and Dr. Anne Erickson. Quorum present.

**Roll
Call**

Members Absent: None

Also present Mrs. Michelle Cappelluti: Superintendent of Schools
were: Mrs. Martha Jamison: Board Secretary
 Mr. Louis Greco: Solicitor (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Mrs. Zoerb, NJ School Board Association representative, assisted the Board in completing their goals.

There was a short break from 7:05 p.m. until 7:14 p.m. before beginning the regular session of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the regular and executive

session minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2011, as per attachment V-A.

Mrs. Capone requested a change to the minutes, to include additional public comments. Mrs. Jamison will include this change in the approved minutes.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Erickson commented on a letter regarding enrolling students, reminding parents that children must be 5 years of age on or before October 1 to enroll in our Kindergarten program. If a student does not meet this age requirement and has attended another school for both Kindergarten and First Grade they may be enrolled in the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Fleming, HTEA President, questioned an agenda item concerning Maureen Minton. Mrs. Cappelluti responded that it was needed because of a position control number change.

Mr. Strigh commented on the chart used in forming Board goals, expressing his disappointment in the percentage of students at grade level for reading. He asked how many students have been retained, with Mrs. Cappelluti responding that she does not believe any students were at the Hess School. She then explained why these students were not retained. He also expressed disappointment in the low number of Board members that supported higher goals.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Anderson advised that the tax bills will be sent out on Friday.

SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF REPORTS

(A) Information Items

1. **Dates to Remember**

- a. **August 2, 2011** – Policy Committee Meeting – Davies School – 5:00 p.m.
- b. **August 2, 2011** – Board Goals Workshop – Davies School – 6:00 p.m.
- c. **August 2, 2011** – Board of Education Meeting – Davies School – 7:00 p.m.
- d. **August 9, 2011** – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Office – 5:00 p.m.
- e. **August 10, 2011** – Personnel Committee Meeting – Board Office – 5:00 p.m. (cancelled)
- f. **August 12, 2011** – Facilities Committee Meeting – Board Office –

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- 7:30 a.m.
- g. **August 16, 2011** – Curriculum Committee Meeting– Davies School – 6:00 p.m.
 - h. **August 16, 2011** – Board of Education Meeting – Davies School – 7:00 p.m.
 - i. **August 17, 2011** – Transportation/Discipline Committee Meeting – Board Office – 5:00 p.m.
 - j. **September 1 & 2, 2011** – Teacher In-Service Days
 - k. **September 5, 2011** – Labor Day – Schools Closed
 - l. **September 6, 2011** – First Day for Students
 - m. **September 6, 2011** – Policy Committee Meeting – Davies School – 6:00 p.m.
 - n. **September 6, 2011** – Board of Education Meeting – Davies School – 7:00 p.m.
 - o. **September 9, 2011** – Facilities Committee Meeting – Board Office – 7:30 a.m.
 - p. **September 14, 2011** – Personnel Committee Meeting – Board Office – 5:00 p.m.
 - q. **September 20, 2011** – Curriculum Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – TO BE RESCHEDULED
 - r. **September 20, 2011** – Board Negotiations Workshop – 5:30 p.m.
 - s. **September 20, 2011** – Board of Education Meeting – Davies School – 7:00 p.m.
 - t. **September 21, 2011** – Transportation/Discipline Committee Meeting – Board Office – 5:00 p.m.

(B) Student Orientation/Open House

- Shaner Kindergarten Orientation – September 2, 2011
Kindergarten – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Hess Pre-School Orientation – September 2, 2011
AM Students – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
PM Students – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Davies School Grade 6 Orientation – August 10, 2011 – Davies Cafeteria
Groups A-L: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Groups M-Z: 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

(C) Technology Presentation given by Scott Scott, Technology Coordinator

(D) Jazz and Community Band performances will be held this week and next as per the

flyer that was provided to you on Friday.

(E) Dr. Erickson informed everyone that the Greater Egg Harbor High School students will be performing *Chicago* at the Cedar Creek High School the weekend of August 12.

(F) The County 4H Fair will be held the weekend of August 12.

COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mrs. Befano

None

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – Mrs. Kupp

Motioned by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mrs. Capone, to approve the following Motion as presented:

Advanced Assessment Systems, Inc. (Linkit)

1. To approve an Agreement with Advanced Assessment Systems, Inc. (Linkit). Linkit will serve as the District's K-8 benchmark assessment platform, as per attachment X-B-1.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mrs. Capone, to approve the following Motion as presented:

Mathematics series

2. To approve the following mathematics series to be piloted in grades 6-8 by the identified staff members during the 2011-2012 school year for possible implementation in the 2012-2013 school year:

- Big Ideas published by Holt (written with Ron Larson & Laurie Boswell)
- Math in Context published by Britannica

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Michelle Petrucci	Gr. 6 & Gr. 6 ACC
Cheryl Farrow	Gr. 6
Donna Franks	Gr. 6 ACC
Debbi Caporale	Gr. 7
Jackie Radice	Gr. 7 ACC

Kevin Morrison	Gr. 7
TBD (to replace A. Wira)	Gr. 7 ACC
Michelle Magliaro	Gr. 8
Malika Green	Gr. 8
Deanna Allen	Gr. 8

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motion as presented:

3. To approve the *Teaching and Learning with Essential New Technologies in the 21st Century (TALENT21) Grant Budget Modifications*, as per attachment X-B-3. **TALENT21 Grant Budget Modifications**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Ludwick

Motioned by Mr. Ludwick, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the following Motions as presented:

1. To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$160.77, as per attachment X-C-1. **Budget transfers**
2. To approve staff attendance at seminars, workshops and conferences, including costs related to applicable reimbursable expenses, during the 2011-2012 school year, as per attachment X-C-2. **Staff attendance at seminars, workshops and conferences**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – Dr. May

All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Melton, to approve the following Motions as presented:

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| Anti-Bullying Coordinator | 1. | To approve Russell Clark as the District's Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the 2011-2012 school year. |
| Paraprofessional position control numbers | 2. | To approve the inactivation of paraprofessional position control numbers for the 2011-2012 school year, as per attachment X-D-2. |
| Resignation of Wira | 3. | To accept a notice of resignation from Amber Wira, grade 7 Davies School teacher, effective July 21, 2011, as per attachment X-D-3. |
| Complete Curriculum Work | 4. | To approve David Vitiello, grade 3 math teacher, and Kimberly Mattina, part-time Instructional Technology Integration Coach to complete curriculum work at the rate of \$49.60/hour, not to exceed 35 hours per person. The hourly rate is the identified rate for Curriculum Development in the 2009–2012 Agreement between the Hamilton Township Board of Education and the Hamilton Township Education Association. This is funded through Local Funds. |

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motions as presented:

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| Mattina, Instructional Technology Integration Coach | 5. | To approve Kimberly Mattina as a part-time, 29.5 hour/week district Instructional Technology Integration Coach for the 2011-2012 school year, B.A., Step 3, with a total annual salary of \$36,429.00, as per attachment X-D-5. |
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6. To approve Karen Lutgen as a part-time, 25 hour/week food service cashier for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 4, with a total annual salary of \$16,391.00, as per attachment X-D-6.
Ms. Lutgen is a replacement for Diana Thompson. **Lutgen, Food Service Worker**
7. To approve a change in retirement date for Winifred Witmer, Hess School teacher, from November 1, 2011 to July 1, 2011, as per attachment X-D-7.
(Ms. Witmer's original retirement date was approved at the May 3, 2011 Board meeting.) **Change retirement date for Witmer**
8. To approve 14 additional hours for Dorothy Schoenstein, Shaner School guidance counselor, during the month of June 2011 at the rate of \$48.15/hour. **Additional hours for Schoenstein**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motion as presented:

9. To approve the following new teachers and their mentors for the 2011-2012 school year: **Teachers and mentors**

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Jenna Vola	Donna Reese
Carla Burke	James Stokes
Michelle Miller	Charlotte Hopkins
Jessica Ward	Kelly Gibbons
Jessica Malloy	Marylynn Stecher
Alexis Bocchicchio	Amy Gold
Nicholas Gabriel	Jeff Kucera
Jennifer Lolio	Theresa Christman
Gina Vitullo	Jane Flanagan
Jennifer LaTorre	Rebecca Garofalo
Jacob Yutzy	Stacie Becker

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motions as presented:

Resignation of Copes 10. To accept a notice of resignation from Amanda Copes, Hess School Speech Therapist, effective August 30, 2011, as per attachment X-D-10.

Resignation of Bretones 11. To accept a notice of resignation from Colleen Bretones, Special Education Coach, effective August 29, 2011, as per attachment X-D-11.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motion as presented:

Assistant Supervisor of Facilities 12. To approve Corey Imlay as the District's Assistant Supervisor of Facilities for the 2011-2012 school year with a total annual salary of \$48,000.00, as per attachment X-D-12.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the following Motions as presented:

Minton, Kindergarten Paraprofessional 13. To approve Maureen Minton as a part-time, 29 hour/week Shaner School Kindergarten paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 9, with a total annual salary of \$16,811.00, as per attachment X-D-13.

Ms. Minton is a replacement for Gregory Cassidy.

14. To approve Kathleen Camp as a part-time, 29 hour/week Shaner School Kindergarten paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 2, with a total annual salary of \$13,549.00, as per attachment X-D-14. Ms. Camp is a replacement for Joy Henderson. **Camp, Kindergarten Paraprofessional**
15. To approve Jillian Lewis as a part-time, 29 hour/week Shaner School Kindergarten paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 2, with a total annual salary of \$13,549.00, as per attachment X-D-15. Ms. Lewis is a replacement for Kristine Ellison. **Lewis, Kindergarten Paraprofessional**
16. To approve Alexandra DeStefano as a part-time, 29 hour/week Davies School Grade 6 paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$13,382.00, as per attachment X-D-16. This is a new position. **DeStefano, Grade 6 Paraprofessional**
17. To approve Valerie Rajca as a part-time, 29 hour/week Davies School Grade 7 paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$13,382.00, as per attachment X-D-17. This is a new position. **Rajca, Grade 7 Paraprofessional**

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the following Motions as presented:

18. To approve Pam Dunn as a part-time, 29 hour/week Shaner School Kindergarten paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$13,382.00, as per attachment X-D-18. This is a new position. **Dunn, Kindergarten Paraprofessional**

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**Barber,
Grade 4
Paraprofessional**

19. To approve Felicia Barber as a part-time, 29 hour/week Hess School Grade 4 paraprofessional for the 2011-2012 school year, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$13,382.00, as per attachment X-D-19. Ms. Barber is a replacement for Wendi Barber who has moved to a Pre-K position.

**Yutzy,
LAL(BSI)
Teacher**

20. To approve Jacob Yutzy as a Davies School Grade 6 LAL(BSI) teacher for the 2011-2012 school year beginning September 1, 2011 through December 16, 2011, BA, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$44,352.00, as per attachment X-D-20. Mr. Yutzy is a replacement for Dawn Smith who is on maternity leave.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motion as presented:

**Vitullo,
Special
Education
Teacher**

21. To approve Gina Vitullo as a Hess School Special Education teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, BA, Step 2, with a total annual salary of \$44,558.00, as per attachment X-D-21. Ms. Vitullo is a replacement for Traci Shubert.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motion as presented:

**Welsh Wroniuk,
Vice Principal**

22. To approve Stephanie Welsh Wroniuk as the Davies School Grade 8 Vice Principal for the 2011-2012 school year, Category B, at a total annual salary of \$81,500.00, with a start date of August 8, 2011, as per attachment

X-D-22.

Roll Call Vote: Eight in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. Nay: Mrs. Capone (8-1-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motions as presented:

23. To approve Danielle Dzierwinski as the District's Speech Language Specialist for the 2011-2012 school year, BA, Step 1, at a total annual salary of \$44,352.00, as per attachment X-D-23. Ms. Dzierwinski is a replacement for Amanda Copes. **Dzierwinski, Speech Language Specialist**
24. To approve the following applicant for emergent hiring and applicants attestation that she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1: **Emergent hiring**
- Danielle Dzierwinski – Speech Language Specialist
25. To approve Alexis Bocchicchio as a Hess School BSI Grade 2 teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, BA, Step 1, at a total annual salary of \$44,352.00, as per attachment X-D-25. Ms. Bocchicchio is a replacement for Christine LoPresto. **Bocchicchio, BSI Grade 2 Teacher**
26. To approve a new part-time 29.5 hours/week Hess School ESL teacher position, Position Control #20.04.17 BHZ. **New part-time ESL Teacher Position**
- Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following Motions as presented:

- Garofalo,
Literacy
Coach** 27. To approve Rebecca Garofalo as a full-time Davies School Literacy Coach for the 2011-2012 school year, BA, Step 13, at a total annual salary of \$74,371.00, as per attachment X-D-27.
(This is a new position for the 2011-2012 school year.)
- Completion
date for
McCarthy** 28. To approve the employment completion date for Patrick McCarthy, Davies School Grade 8 Vice Principal, effective August 8, 2011.
(Mr. McCarthy's resignation was previously approved on July 5, 2011 with a completion date to be determined.)

Motioned by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Capone to table item #27.

Roll Call Vote to Table Item #27: Eight in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May and Dr. Erickson. Nay: Mrs. Melton.
(8-1-0)

Roll Call Vote on Item #28: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

POLICY COMMITTEE – Mr. Aiken

None

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Anderson

Motioned by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to approve the following Motions as presented:

- Route OA** 1. To approve a jointure contract between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District and the Hamilton Township School District for contract #CM11, Route OA, to provide transportation for two special education students to and from Cape May County Special Services School District – Ocean Academy, beginning September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost of \$155.00/diem for a total cost of \$27,900.00.

2. To approve a jointure contract between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District and the Hamilton Township School District for contract #CM11, Route DSE3, to provide transportation for two special education students to and from the William Davies School, beginning September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost of \$120.00/diem for a total cost of \$21,600.00.

Route DSE3
3. To approve a jointure contract between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District and the Hamilton Township School District for contract #CM11, Route YL-CH, to provide transportation for one special education student to and from YALE/Cherry Hill, beginning September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at total cost of \$8,820.00 (This route is being shared with Galloway and the amount listed above is the total cost for Hamilton Township.)

Route YL-CH
4. To approve a jointure contract between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District and the Hamilton Township School District for contract #CM11, Route PIN-LC, to provide transportation for three special education students to and from Pineland Learning Center, beginning September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for a total cost of \$19,671.43. (This route is being shared with Egg Harbor Township & Mullica and the amount listed above is the total cost for Hamilton Township.)

Route PIN-LC
5. To approve jointure contracts between the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District and the Hamilton Township School District. These are renewal contracts for 2011/2012 school year. All contracts are for the period from September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. These contracts were renewed at a 1.23% increase over last year's cost:

Renewal contracts

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
CM06	\$256,172.40	To & From Routes
CM06B	424,321.20	To & From Routes
CM06C	1,270,168.20	To & From Routes
CM06D	73,860.00	To & From Routes
CM06E	222.73	Field/Athletic Trips
	For 1 st 4 hours and \$52.00 for each additional hour	
CM06K	159,544.80	To & From Routes
CM07B	20,340.00	To & From Routes
CM07E	100,735.20	To & From Routes
CM09H	30,063.60	To & From Routes
CM10B	21,862.80	Out-of-District Sp. Ed.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs. Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

RESOLUTIONS

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mrs. Capone asked about Andrea Lawful Trainer. Mrs. Cappelluti responded that we are waiting for her proposal. There was some discussion regarding this and where we hope to have funding. Mrs. Dagit will reach out to her.
- Dr. Erickson advised that she has some data regarding the paraprofessionals which have resigned from the District. She will share this once she has more information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Kupp asked the status of our test scores. Mrs. Cappelluti responded that we do have the individual scores, but no cycle II scores.
- Mrs. Capone expressed that she feels the entire Board should be involved in the upcoming negotiations. Dr. Erickson responded that we will discuss this in Executive Session.
- Mrs. Capone then asked about the District's website, specifically what we will post regarding staff salaries

and benefits. There was some discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A parent commented on the benefit of the Parents as Leaders Program and expressed her hope that it will continue.
- Mr. Strigh asked if the Vice Principal position was a current position and whether it had been advertised. Dr. Erickson responded affirmatively. He then expressed his desire to have the Board meetings taped and the employee salaries posted on the website.
- Mrs. Fleming expressed that she enjoyed Mr. Scott's presentation and that she is happy to hear that the entire district is benefiting from the TALENT21 grant.
- Mrs. Bretones thanked the Board, as well as many staff members, for everything they have done for her during her years in Hamilton Township.
- Mr. Martins spoke on the great opportunity for Amanda Copes at Stockton College and wished her well. He then spoke about Mrs. Bretones and the vast number of services she has provided to the District over these past years, wishing her the best of luck in her new position. Lastly, he expressed his sincere thanks for the support he has received from all the members of the education community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motioned by Mr. Ludwick, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel.

Resolved that pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving personnel. Further resolved that the discussion of such subject matter in executive session can be disclosed to the public when formal action is taken on such subject matter or at any other appropriate time.

Voice Vote: (9-0-0) Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE – Dr. May

All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to approve the following motion as

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presented:

27. To approve Rebecca Garofalo as a full-time **Garofalo,
Literacy Coach**
Davies School Literacy Coach for the 2011-
2012 school year, BA, Step 13, with a total
annual salary of \$74,371.00, as per
attachment X-D-27.
(This is a new position for the 2011-2012
school year.)

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mr.
Anderson, Mrs. Befano, Mrs. Capone, Mrs.
Kupp, Mr. Ludwick, Dr. May, Mrs. Melton
and Dr. Erickson. (9-0-0)

Motioned by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Ludwick, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (9-0-0) Motion carried.

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Martha J. Jamison, CPA
Board Secretary