

SPECIAL MEETING (REGULAR MEETING) September 11, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Jonathan Dayton High School Instructional Media Center-First Floor on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

President’s Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on September 7, 2006.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes.

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Lloyd Grossman, Dr. David Hollander, Mrs. Judith Millman, Mrs. Fran Sandler, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

Absent: Mr. Irwin Sablosky

Also

Present: Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent  
Mrs. Hillary Corburn, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator  
Mrs. Ellyn Atherton, Director of Human Resources

2. CLOSED SESSION (6:34 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to suspend the rules of the order of business of the Regular Meeting and adjourn to closed conference session for the reasons contained in the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel, legal matters, student discipline and negotiations which are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a pubic meeting and which are within the exemptions permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by this Board and the administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

3. CLOSED CONFERENCE ITEMS

- 1. Legal
- 2. Personnel
- 3. Negotiations

4. RECONVENE (7:10 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, approval to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

5. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

Moment of Silence in remembrance of the victims of September 11, 2001

6. DONALDSON HEARING

Mr. George Huk addressed the Board on behalf of Mrs. Holly Monguso. Mrs. Monguso also addressed the Board in regards to her termination. The Board made no new motions or comments regarding this hearing.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Letter from Mr. Yerhanov in regards to providing transportation to Walton
- 2. Letter from Mrs. Corcione requesting permission for her daughter to attend JDHS
- 3. Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Gordon regarding their son and the P.E. program

8. MINUTES

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Dr. Hollander, to approve the following minutes:

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Yeas: Mr. Delia, Mr. Grossman, Dr. Hollander, Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Sandler, Mrs. Venezia

Abstention: Miss Duke, Mrs. Shanes

MOTION CARRIED

8. PUBLIC SESSION (7:30- 7:31 PM)

Comments or suggestions from the public at this time were referred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> open session.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Davino reviewed the following items:

- a. Student recognition –
  - 1. Brian DiFiore, FMG student recognized by CBS News
  - 2. JDHS Students ranking of #44 in NJ Monthly
- b. School opening update – *OUTSTANDING* 1<sup>st</sup> days back!
- c. Charter School application and the State Department of Education’s request for comments

10. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the appointment of personnel on the attachment. (Attachment A)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. MORRIS UNION JOINTURE ABA

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve entering into a contract with the *Morris Union Jointure Commission* to provide ABA services for a special education student (0202) for 15 hours/week at the rate of \$109/hour for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Mr. Delia, Miss Duke, Mr. Grossman, Dr. Hollander, Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Venezia, Mrs. Shanes

Abstention: Mrs. Sandler

MOTION CARRIED

12. ABA SERVICES

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve entering into a contract with the *Joann O'Sullivan, Educational and Behavior Consultant* to provide ABA services for a special education student (2611) for 10 hours per week for 30 days at the rate of \$80/hour for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. PREFERRED NURSING SERVICES

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve entering into a contract with the *Preferred Nursing and Staffing*, North Brunswick, New Jersey to provide Nursing services at the rate of \$50/hour for RN and the rate of \$45/hour for LPN for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Deborah Searle, Physical Therapist, as a contractual employee at the rate of \$88/hour for the 2006-2007 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. SPEECH THERAPIST

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Mariana Muchnik, Speech/Language Therapist, as a contractual employee at the rate of \$75/hour for the 2006-2007 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following special education students for out-of-district placement for the 2006 – 2007 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tuition And Dates</u>
0702	New Beginnings Fairfield, NJ	\$48,112.20
2613	Sage School	\$36,925.00

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

17. COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve entering into a contract with the *Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired* to provide services for a special education student (1303) for \$1,300 for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

18. CURRICULUM 2006-2007

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached new curriculum for the 2006- 2007 school year. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

19. TEXTBOOKS 2006-2007

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached textbook list for the 2006- 2007 school year. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. STUDENT TEACHERS 2006-2007

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached student teachers for the 2006-2007 school year. (Attachment D)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

21. SECOND READING POLICY #3542.1

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the second and final reading of the following policy (Attachment E):

Policy #3542.1 – Student Wellness and Nutrition

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

22. SALE OF SURPLUS BUS

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, by the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval to accept the low bid from Jersey One Auto Sales, Jersey City, New Jersey in the amount of \$735.00 for the disposal of one surplus bus, bus #2, 1993 International.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

23. SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE (TRUCK)

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, by the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval to accept the low bid from Stephen DeCoster, Springfield, New Jersey in the amount of \$200.00 for the disposal of one surplus vehicle (truck), 1990 Dodge 4x4. (Attachment F)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

24. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB POOL

Moved by Mrs. Millman, seconded by Dr. Hollander, by the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval to authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute an application with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, Inc. for use of pool facilities for practices and meets during the 2006-2007 season, at a fee not to exceed \$9,500.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

25. PUBLIC SESSION (8:17-9:12 PM)

The following members of the public had comments or suggestions concerning class size, nursing services and courses in the high school -

- 1. Laura Delia
- 2. Mary Beth Cunningham

26. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Dr. Hollander, at the request of the Superintendent, approval of the settlement agreement in E.R. v. Springfield Board, et al., as recommended by the Board insurance carrier, subject to the terms and conditions related therein. This will bring finality to all remaining issues involving E.R.

Yeas: Miss Duke, Mr. Grossman, Dr. Hollander, Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Sandler, Mrs. Shanes

Abstention: Mr. Delia, Mrs. Venezia

MOTION CARRIED

27. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mr. Delia, at the request of the Superintendent, approval to accept a tuition student, G.C. at Jonathan Dayton High School for the 2006-2007 school year as per policy # 5118 at the approved rate of \$12,839 per year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

28. OLD BUSINESS

1. Notebooks and supply lists at FMG – The parent list continues to be scattered with no uniformity.
2. PTA meeting week is this week. Please plan to attend your designated school.
3. Sport schedules are on the webpage. A link will take you to a website where a person can review the Jonathan Dayton High School athletic schedule.
4. Mr. Delia advised the Board that the recent ranking of New Jersey’s top high schools had a change to the data collected to determine the ranking. While all high schools in NJ were compared with the same criteria, Mr. Delia cautioned the BOE in its pleasure for the growth of JDHS over the past ranking from 2004.
5. There was discussion regarding the Walton playground and the draft sign for the sign and its location.

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32. ADJOURNMENT (9:50 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mr. Grossman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Next Regular Meeting September 18, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS.

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Matthew A. Clarke  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary