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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The **Public Budget Hearing/Action Meeting** of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Gabauer presiding.

**Sunshine Law Statement**

The Board Secretary read the following statement:  
In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: Schedule of meetings to be held from May 2, 2007 through April 9, 2008 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on May 4, 2007. Adequate notice of the time of this meeting was conveyed on February 28, 2008.

The Secretary will enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

**B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION**

The Board President led the members of the Board and audience in the salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection.

**C. ROLL CALL**

The following members answered roll call: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Trogdon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer.  
ABSENT: Mr. Lynch.

Also attending were: Dr. Diane DeGiacomo, Superintendent, and Mrs. Peggy A. Ianoale, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Staff attending were: Louisa Kenny, Rob Walder, Mark Damon, Ed Chmiel, Pat Lynch, Jason B. Harris, Norine Gerepka, Liz Brotherton, Reba Snyder.

Visitors attending: Mike & Janet McSloy, John H. Wehrman, Al Bernotas, Jim Brotherton, John Carter, Tom Potts.

**D. BUDGET PRESENTATION - Dr. Diane DeGiacomo and Ms. Peggy Ianoale**

1. Power Point Presentation

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**E. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2008-2009 SCHOOL BUDGET AS SUBMITTED TO VOTERS**

A motion was made by Ms. Trogdon, seconded by Ms. Cheesman to approve the Resolution to Approve 2008-2009 School Budget as Submitted to Voters.

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**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SUBMISSION OF 2008-2009  
SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET**

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve a 2008-2009 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$34,414,483	\$23,001,615
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 647,227	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 2,816,878	\$ 2,588,063
<b><u>Total Base Budget</u></b>	<b>\$37,878,588</b>	<b>\$25,589,678</b>

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Trogdon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow. NOES: Mr. Gabauer. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lynch.  
Motion approved by a majority vote.

**F. RECOGNITION:**

1. Resolution of *Music Touches Lives - March is Music in our Schools Month*

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Trogdon to approve the Resolution of *Music Touches Lives - March is Music in our Schools Month*.  
Motion unanimously approved.

2. Mr. Josh Slezak - 100 Wins in Wrestling
3. Mr. Jonathan Kohler - All Time High Scorer at BRHS
4. Ms. Ariel Ge - winner of *Enthusiastic Reader* contest
5. BRHS - 2007-2008 Girls' Bowling Team - NJSIAA Girls' Bowling Group I State Champions  
Ms. Kimberly Limani      Ms. Catherine Jones      Ms. Colleen McGonigal  
Ms. Laura Sirak          Ms. Brittany Havens      Ms. Chelsea Kohfeldt  
Ms. Alaura Jones

**G. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL (R.C.\*)**

A motion was made by Ms. Cheesman, seconded by Ms. Dansbury to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:  
H.1. Reading and approval of Minutes from 2/21/08 (distributed in last packet) and 2/27/08 (included in this packet)

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**G. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL (R.C.\*) (continued)**

0.2. Approval of Substitute Personnel  
Resolution: Criminal History Check

The following substitute staff, student teachers, positions, and rates of compensation as previously adopted are appointed for emergent hiring pending completion and certification of the State of New Jersey Criminal History Check. Affidavits are attached from the applicants attesting to no criminal record. (Substitutes to whom this applies are noted in **bold/black** type.)

W.1. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Board Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
List of Bills

X.3. ACCEPTANCE OF ENROLLMENT & FIRE DRILL REPORTS

<u>ENROLLMENT</u>		<u>FIRE DRILLS</u>
BRHS	768	02/05/08 & 02/25/08
BRMS	493	02/28/08 & 02/29/08
MIS	356	02/06/08 & 02/25/08
CBS	219	02/25/08 & 02/28/08
PMS	540	02/12/08 & 02/20/08
	<u>2,376</u>	

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Trogon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Gabauer. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lynch.  
Motion unanimously approved.

**H. PRESIDENT GABAUER'S REPORT**

2. Establish date for re-organization meeting: The Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

**I. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Jim Brotherton indicated he is running a write-in campaign for the board seat in the Township.

**J. ATHLETIC REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman**

No report

**K. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT - Mr. Brian Lynch**

No report

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**L. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - Ms. Chris Trogdon**

No report

**M. FINANCE REPORT - Ms. Pauline Glenn**

No report

**N. NEGOTIATIONS REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

Negotiations will not begin until new board is elected.

**O. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Kim Zablow**

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Trogdon, to approve the following:

**1. Appointments per the Superintendent's Recommendation:**

**Resolution: Criminal History Check**

The following staff, positions, and salaries are appointed for emergent hiring pending completion and certification of the State of New Jersey criminal history check. Affidavit(s) from the applicant(s) attesting to no criminal record are in the Superintendent's possession. Staff to whom this resolution applies are noted in **bold** print.

- a. Motion to approve Ms. Jessica Bernard as PMS PM Student Counselor for CER CHILD Program, M-F, 3-6 p.m., \$9.00/hr.
- b. Motion to approve Ms. Lana Hale as CBS Head Counselor for CER CHILD Program, M-F, 3-6 p.m., \$12.00/hr.
- c. Motion to approve use of additional Personal Days for Ms. Louisa Kenny as per memo.
- d. Motion to accept, with best wishes, retirement of Ms. Lois Popkin from the position of Guidance Counselor at CBS and MIS, effective June 30, 2008.
- e. Motion to approve visitation to BRMS from Woodbury School Assistant Principal, Mr. Jason Vivadelli. He would like to observe the CPR Program with Mr. Morolda.
- f. Motion to approve change in date of approved leave of absence for Ms. Denise Ehner. She will be taking leave effective March 31, 2008 rather than March 14, 2008.

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**O. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Kim Zablow**

- g. Motion to approve Ms. Shaymaa Khalifa to do classroom observation at PMS in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in partial fulfillment of college course requirements from Mercer County College.
- h. Motion to approve Ms. Diane Kern as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, maternity leave replacement, at CBS, BA Step 1, salary of \$44,000, effective as soon as paperwork is completed through June 30, 2008.
- i. Motion to approve Mr. Jeffrey Dzurainin as Assistant Boys' Spring Track Coach for BRHS. This fills ½ of the position. The other ½ is to be determined. They will split the stipend of \$3,350.00, prorated.
- j. Motion to approve Ms. Katie Chin as volunteer coach BRHS Boys and Girls Spring Track.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Trogdon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lynch.  
Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Ms. Wehrman to approve the following:

1.k. Motion to approve *Teacher of the Year* Selections:

- BRHS - Mr. Michael Concurso - Technology Ed.
- BRMS - Mr. Matthew Derby - Art
- MIS - Ms. Marianne Chorba - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- CBS - Ms. Teresa Pappano - Kindergarten
- PMS - Ms. Margaret Rizzo - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Motion unanimously approved.

**P. POLICY REPORT - Mr. Brian Lynch**

No report

**Q. TECHNOLOGY REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

No report

**R. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

No report

**S. CE/R REPORT - Ms. Christine Trogdon**

No report

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**T. BCC REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman**

No report

**U. PTO/PTA/ED.FOUNDATION - Ms. Peggy Gens**

1. MIS Minutes are attached

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Diane DeGiacomo**

1. Discussion of use of water at PMS - separate meter for water
2. Memo from Diane

**W. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Ms. Peggy Ianoale**

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Trogdon to approve the following:

- 2.a. Acceptance of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification, Budgetary Line Item Status
- b. Certification of budgetary Major Account/Fund Status
3. Motion to approve Transfer of Funds
4. Motion to approve Travel Logs - updated list

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Trogdon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lynch.

Motion unanimously approved.

**X. STUDENT/PROGRAMS**

1. February Homebound Report
2. Motion to accept Contract with Source 4 Teachers

A motion was made by Ms. Trogdon, seconded by Ms. Gens to accept the Contract with Source 4 Teachers.

Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Ms. Trogdon to approve the following:

4. Motion to approve Fundraising for BRMS Team FAD as per attached memo.
  5. Motion to approve additional field trip for BRHS Student Council to Overbrook Regional High School for NJASC Standards of Excellence School Evaluation on 4/2/08 (only Transportation cost)
- Motion unanimously approved.

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**Y. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**

No report

**Z. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS - Dr. Diane DeGiacomo**

A motion was made by Ms. Trogdon, seconded by Ms. Cheesman to approve the following:

1. Motion to approve advertising of New Hanover Township School 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade theater shows in our High School playbill
2. Motion to approve UPS Store request to donate books from their "Toys for Tots" drive for Literacy

Motion unanimously approved.

3. Copy of letter to Mayors from Mr. Gabauer regarding CE/R Agreement of Participation.
4. Community participation in Superintendent's Search: 12-15 on community group; letters to PTAs and PTOs and staff
5. Flyer from Special Services for Parent Advocacy meeting

**AA. NEW HANOVER REPORT**

No report

**BB. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - Ms. Jaclyn Gabauer and Ms. Harlee Gallo**

Not in attendance

**CC. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

**DD. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Ms. Dansbury wanted more information on students in crisis.
2. Mr. Bernotas discussed the water meter.

**EE. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Executive Session Resolution:**

Mr. Gabauer read the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wehrman and unanimously approved at 8:45 pm.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. Seq. (Open Public Meetings Act) provides that the *Bordentown Regional Board of Education* may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the *Board of Education* discusses certain matters as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

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**EE. EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued)**

WHEREAS, the following subject shall be discussed on this date in a session of the Board closed to the public:

**PERSONNEL, STUDENT MATTER, POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesated meeting is closed to the public for the reasons set forth above, in accordance with the *OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion in closed session will be disclosed to the public at such time as it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Ms. Wehrman to suspend Mr. Fred Wake (Transportation Dept.) for two weeks without pay and, after that, placed on 90 days probation.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer. NOES: Ms. Trogdon. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lynch.  
Motion approved by a majority vote.

**FF. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Cheesman, seconded by Ms. Glenn to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.  
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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John R. Gabauer, III  
President

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Peggy A. Ianoale  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary











