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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The **Special Workshop Meeting** of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Board President 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 5, 2010 through April 6, 2011 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on April 28, 2010. Adequate notification of this meeting was conveyed on October 11, 2010.

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

**B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION**

The 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: Mr. Dalton, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Drew, Ms. Gens, Ms. Goff, Mr. Potts, Ms. Wehrman, and Ms. Zablow. ABSENT: Mr. MacEwan.

Staff attending: Mike Brennan, Kathy Creegan, Liz Brotherton.

Visitors attending: Amber Cox, Mae Hamilton, Howard Zablow, John Pedersen, Kim Kalargheros, Mike Dauber, Jim Brotherton.

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Not necessary

**E. FACILITIES USE DISCUSSION**

- Mr. Potts (Board Member): Community use should follow what the board promised at the time of the referendum. Community should not be charged excessive fees.

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**E. FACILITIES USE DISCUSSION (continued)**

- Mr. Drew (Board Member): Can we lock the fields? Why is this different than the other buildings?
- Ms. Gens (Board Member): What hours do the students use the fields - Mondays-Fridays until at least 5:00 p.m., weekends, and during the summer.
- Dr. Bauer (Superintendent of Schools): Presented information on cost of field usage for security, police coverage, and custodial fees.
- Mr. Pina (District Security): Discussed changes that the security group will plan to make based on their current experience.
- Ms. Dansbury (Board Member): Administration needs to discuss how field usage will be developed. Not-for-profit groups should be able to use our facility at a reasonable cost. Doors should be locked and we should have a field coordinator to schedule use.
- Mr. Drew (Board Member): Wants an answer about whether we can lock the gates to the field. Attorney opinion is that we can and should.
- Mr. Pina (District Security): Gates should be locked to ensure safety.
- Ms. Gens (Board Member): Gates should be locked or vandalism may occur.
- Ms. Zablow (Board President): "Open" hours? 12-2pm on Saturday perhaps, with police supervision? Who would pay?
- Mr. Blatchley (Assistant School Business Administrator): When will we receive final approval? Architect has completed work; engineer is 60% complete with the punchlist.
- Mr. Potts (Board Member): People calling the game don't have good visibility of the game because people are standing up in front of them. Mr. Blatchley responded that no provision has been made for that issue.
- Mr. Drew (Board Member): How did the facility get built with no handicapped access?
- Dr. Bauer (Superintendent of Schools): It has handicapped areas that should be marked.
- Ms. Dansbury (Board Member): Would like a copy of the punchlist.

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**E. FACILITIES USE DISCUSSION (continued)**

- Mr. Drew (Board Member): Would like the community to be involved in the punchlist.
- Mr. Potts (Board Member): Would like to schedule a facilities committee meeting.
- Mr. Lynch (Principal, BRHS): Spoke to Robbinsville A.D. Open access has created problems such as unauthorized access, trash, dogs, etc.
- Mr. Dalton (Board Member): Are we allowing public access now?
- Ms. Zablow (Board President): Not yet. It will be a work in progress. We only have a TCO and won't do anything until the spring.
- Ms. Dansbury (Board Member): The Rotary Club is not having their breakfast because they can't afford to pay the charge. She does not want any invoices to go out to non-profit organizations without the board's knowledge.
- Mr. Drew (Board Member): CDA was developed to help the community. We need to be more involved in their operations.
- Mr. Potts (Board Member): He would like to schedule an Operations meeting for Monday (11/1/10). He will contact other members.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following people spoke and field use was discussed:

- Mr. Dauber (Bordentown Township Committee Member): SRECs are being eliminated for school boards and municipalities?
- Field Use: Community groups should be able to use it, but not individuals. An Open House in the spring would let the community see the fields.
- Kevin Creegan (Community member): Thanked the board for waiving fees. Would like to talk to board about other fees.
- John Pederson: He voted "no", but thinks they turned out nice. He is not happy that he can't use it with his son. Should have a police officer here all the time.

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**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Not necessary

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Wehrman, seconded by Ms. Dansbury to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.  
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted

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Kim Zablow  
President

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Peggy A. Ianoale  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary













