

March 26, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR SESSION

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual School Budget for the 2008-09 School Year and Regular meeting of the East Greenwich Board of Education was held on the above date, duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8d. Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Municipal Building, each school in the district and advertised in the Gloucester County Times. President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Following the flag salute a moment of silent reflection was observed. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson. Members absent: Childress. Also present were the Superintendent, Joseph Conroy, and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Valerie Carmody. Present from the public were Maria Arrendondo, Marjorie Setser, April Wensko, Mary Moul, Kelly Koloski, Uriel Morfin, Gina Doyle, Marcie Pentz, Denise Humble, Courtney Robertson, Cindy Morris, Kelli Meyer, Rachel Rowe, Fred Grant, Jessica Lensi, and Gloria Horvay.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008-09 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

The proposed budget was presented (see attached user friendly budget document).

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Marjorie Setser, Gina Doyle, Rachel Rowe, Denise Humble, and Uriel Morfin spoke in support of continuing the Developmental Kindergarten program in 2008-09.

Fred Grant noted the federal government is not providing funding for federal program mandates and questioned if any other districts received waiver approvals.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2008-09 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

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On motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and approved by unanimous roll call vote, it was resolved to approve a school district budget for the FY 2008-09 school year for submission to the voters as follows:

Total Budget

Local Tax Levy

Total General Fund Budget	\$10,183,901	\$7,184,227
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$150,050	NA
Total Debt Service Fund	\$1,223,280	\$1,025,832

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken,
and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea -8; Nay -0; Absent - 1

On motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and approved by unanimous roll call vote, it was resolved, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$7,184,227 for the ensuing school year, 2008-09. The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the Core Curriculum Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from your local school district.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA: Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken

NAY: Stevenson

ABSTAIN: Dolan

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea -6; Nay -1; Abstain - 1; Absent - 1

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On motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and approved by unanimous roll call vote, it was resolved, that there should be raised an additional \$211,200 for General Funds in the same

school year, 2008-09. These taxes will be used exclusively for replacing and acquiring

technology equipment for instruction and to replace the supplies and materials for the language arts and literacy curriculum. Approval of these taxes will not result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

VOTE: YEA: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea -8; Nay -0; Absent – 1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Gallagher, second by Stevenson, and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the second Regular and Executive Sessions of February 27, 2008 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Noted that the donation to Kids Alley in memory of Alyssa Godfrey was acknowledged.

A memo from Commissioner of Education Lucille Davy outlining travel regulations and restrictions was distributed.

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Question was asked about travel regulations and impact on volunteers.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Reported that a letter from Nick Duca of D/H & K Architects proposed a fee of \$9,200 for the review and assessment of suitability for the 6 acre parcel of land adjacent to the Samuel Mickle School which is in exploring stages for a Township loan donation to the Board of Education. Noted that the Township newsletter will include the announcement from the Board President inviting resident participation on the Facilities Assessment Committee. A letter from the East Greenwich Library Association acknowledging appreciation for meeting with the association regarding the proposed merger with the county library system was provided. The Commissioner's letter regarding travel regulations was noted for particular areas of impact and change it has required. A price was quoted for the appraisal of the Berkley building

of \$750.

On motion by Harris, second by Gallagher, and approved by unanimous vote, it was resolved to contract for the appraisal services to obtain fair market valuation at a cost of \$750.

On motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the Superintendent's Report and placed on file for review.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FACILITIES:

Reported that a meeting will be scheduled to continue discussions on the library and review a draft lease for the short-term. Reported on current status of discussion on the 6 acre property. Noted the information as provided in the Superintendent's report on the proposal of D/H & K, Architects, for assessing property suitability.

FINANCE

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On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, to approve payment of bills from the custodian account in the amount of \$105,127.72 (Attachment 1)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the Handwritten Checks for February 2008 in the amount of \$678,708.27. (Attachment 2)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the Cafeteria Bills for Payment of March 26, 2008, in the amount of \$19,577.01. (Attachment 3)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, to accept the Cash Receipts Report for February 2008, as prepared by the Business Administrator, and file for audit. (Attachment 4)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, the Financial Reports A-148, Report of the Board Secretary, and A-149, Report of the Treasurer, for February 2008 which agree, were accepted and filed for audit. (Copies on file in the Board Minutes reference file.)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, the Board Secretary's Certification was accepted as follows:

BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d), I certify that as of February 29, 2008, no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(a).

2/29/2008

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), we certify that as of February 29, 2008, after review of the Secretary's' monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the

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. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson NAY: 0

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 8; Nay - 0; Absent - 1.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

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FINANCE: (continued)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement for the month of February 2008, and file for audit. (Attachment 5)

On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher and carried by unanimous vote, the line item transfers approved by the Superintendent on February 29, 2008, were approved as per the attached transfer list. (Attachment 6)

The Business Administrator noted that Extraordinary Aid Applications were filed for eligible excess costs of approximately \$105,000.

POLICY:

Reported that hazardous routes for eligibility for courtesy transportation must be named for the record.

CURRICULUM:

On motion by Harris, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the following travel for professional development workshops:

Peg Mitchell	Health Ed: Optimizing Outcomes in Response to Interventions, Language, and Literacy	Cherry Hill, NJ	4/10/2008	\$169
LoisAnn Murray	NJSHA: 2008 Convention	Atlantic City, NJ	4/10/2008	\$320
Kathy Dougherty	Rowan University: Teaching the Seven Keys to Reading Comprehension	Bridgeport, NJ	4/22/2008	\$124
Beth Dell	Institute for Educational Development: Response to Intervention: Practical Strategies and Timesaving Tips for Successful Implementation (Grades K-6)	Voorhees, NJ	5/20/2008	\$199
Valerie Carmody	NJASBO, 403b Regulations	Kingsway Regional	4/23/08	\$25

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On motion by Harris, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve participation in the ADD Study Program offered by Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania.

On motion by Harris, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous vote, to amend the 2007-08 Annual School Calendar to move the last day of school for students to June 13, 2008.

On motion by Harris, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous vote, to accept the 2008-09 Professional Development Plan as approved by the Gloucester County Professional Development Board.

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On motion by Harris, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous vote, to acknowledge attendees to Teacher of the Year Program on April 16, 2008: Terri Lewis (or designee), Joseph Conroy, Jessica Lensi, and Jennifer Aversa.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

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TRANSPORTATION:

On motion by Dolan, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous vote, the addendum to the Joint Transportation Agreement with Kingsway Regional to the revision wherein East Greenwich School District will assume all current contracts for to and from school not provided with Kingsway buses (2 routes with Holcomb Bus) and to henceforth be responsible for contracting all new bus routes for to-from school, field trips, and special education for in-district and out-of-district services.

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CAFETERIA

No report.

PERSONNEL:

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On motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution for the emergent hire and hiring of Leigh Guglietti as a teacher aide for the authorization and certification of a Criminal History Review required by N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et. seq. was approved. (Attachment 7)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson NAY: 0

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 8; Nay - 0; Absent - 1.

On motion by Gallagher, second by Gallagher, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Vicki Stefka as an instructional aide effective March 4, 2008, through June 30, 2008, on Step 1, \$103.89/day plus longevity of \$550, \$19,562 per annum pro-rated, was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson NAY: 0

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 8; Nay - 0; Absent - 1.

On motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Lisa Musumeci as an interim teacher effective March 25, 2008 through June 30, 2008, or until the return of the teacher from a leave of absence (whichever is sooner) on MA, Step 1, at a salary of \$45,628 pro-rated was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson **NAY:** 0

ABSENT: Childress

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 8; Nay - 0; Absent - 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

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None.

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NEW BUSINESS

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Member Grdinich reported that the Public Relations Committee met with the Home and School Association. Grant fund opportunities are being explored. The Public Relations Committee will be working on the contracting of the before and after school program.

Superintendent evaluation forms should be returned to member Gallagher. Board self-evaluation forms should be returned by April 23.

Proposed budget presentations will be offered on April 5 at 9:30 a.m. and April 10 at 7 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On motion by Stevenson, second by Gallagher, the following resolution was presented: BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE EAST GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF LITIGATION. ANY MATTERS DISCUSSED IN THIS CLOSED SESSION, WHICH REQUIRE ACTION, WILL BE ACTED UPON IN OPEN SESSION. ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THIS SESSION. The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

On motion by Gallagher, second by Harris, and carried by unanimous vote, the Board reconvened in public session at 9:32 p.m. Members Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, Macken, and Stevenson were present; Member Childress was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Gallagher, second by Dolan, and carried by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Valerie J. Carmody

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary