

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION September 3, 2008
Work Session**

The Work Session 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. 10:4-8(d). Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Municipal Building, each school in the district and advertised in the Gloucester County Times. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Vice President Gallagher. Following the flag salute a moment of silent reflection was observed. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Kostick, Ricci, and Stevenson. Member Harris was absent. Member Arredondo arrived at 8:05 pm as noted below. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Superintendent's report and recommendations for items of action at this meeting and for the September Regular meeting were presented. The school opening went well. There was increased police presence on Democrat Road for the school year opening. Orientations were held with high participation. The handbook was updated and members received one in their packets. Teacher in-service provided information on technology, the credit union, and the use of the student data management program. A copy of letters to families regarding traffic flow and walking routes was included in member packets. Current beginner enrollment is 141. NJQSAC must be completed by November 15 and meetings have taken place. NJASK standards were raised after the scoring which changed the results of the districts and created added remedial education enrollments for some. Back-to-School night will be held on September 24. A list of senior activities for the year was noted. A presentation will be made at the Regular meeting for a Robotics activity for the 6th grade. Superintendent goals and objectives must be reviewed. The need to review facilities needs for growth in enrollment is pressing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Member Grdinich is waiting for information to provide handouts to families at back-to-school night on topics of budget, election schedules, and other topics.

The superintendent is addressing the facilities steering committee membership.

Member Arredondo arrived at this time.

Problems have occurred with the Gloucester County YMCA program and reports of parents told there is a wait list. This has been discussed with program officials and assured that a wait list is not being instituted. All families have access to childcare.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

FACILITIES

Reported that instructions were sent to parents regarding new traffic flows for drop off and pick up at the schools.

Estimates are in process for the repairs to the Berkley building as requested by the Gloucester County library representative with a target date of September 23.

FINANCE:

Motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, to approve a professional services contract agreement with Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC, to provide behavioral consultation services for the 2008-09 school year for designated students and/or programs at the hourly rate of \$65 for clinical associates and \$125 for behavioral associates, not to exceed 6 hours of services per week and/or \$450 per week in fees.

POLICY:

Policies will be on the agenda for second reading.

CURRICULUM:

Motion by Grdinich, second by Kostick, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the following travel requests:

Name	Event	Location	Date	Cost
Kathy Dougherty	Rowan University – “Reading to Write, Writing to Think”	Bridgeport, NJ	10/10/08	\$139

The Mindstorm Robotics program will be presented at the Regular meeting.

Motion by Grdinich, second by Kostick and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the following field trips for student activities in the 2008-09 school year:

Grade	School	Destination	Date	Time
3	Mickle	Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ	Spring	9am-2pm
3	Mickle	Hagley Museum & Library, Wilmington, DE	Spring	9am-1:30pm
3	Mickle	Enchantment Theatre, Philadelphia, PA	December	9am-12noon
4	Mickle	Wheaton Arts & Cultural Ctr, Millville, NJ	Winter/Spring	9am-2pm
4	Mickle	Northnagle Log Cabin, Gibbstown, NJ & Red Bank National Park, National Park, NJ	May	9am-2:30 pm
4	Mickle	Washington Twp Performing Arts Center	Winter	TBD
5	Mickle	Philadelphia Zoo	Fall	9am-2:15pm
5	Mickle	Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA	Fall/Winter	9am-2pm
6	Mickle	Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ	October	9am-2pm
6	Mickle	Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA	Winter	9am-2pm
6	Mickle	Philadelphia Museum of Art, Phila, PA	Winter	9am-2pm
6	Mickle	Kingsway Regional School District	TBD	9am-1:15pm
Band	Mickle	Zion Methodist Church, Clarksboro, NJ	December	12:45pm-2pm
PS	Clark	Cape May Zoo, Cape May Courthouse, NJ	May	9am-2pm
PS	Clark	Pumpkin Patch/Creamy Acres, Mullica Hill;	October	am and pm
		1 am trip and 1 pm trip		

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

PERSONNEL (continued)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Kostick, Ricci and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT: Harris

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

Superintendent reported that salary guides for the negotiated settlement are still in process and that ratification is anticipated by the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS

The Superintendents Goals for 2008-09 will be reviewed at the September regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Childress reported on a motivational speaker at Kingsway Regional's In-Service program on multicultural awareness and sensitivity.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Grdinich, second by Childress and carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Valerie J. Carmody
Business Administrator/Board Secretary