

**July 15, 2008  
REGULAR SESSION**

The 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. Vice President Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Following the flag salute a moment of silent reflection was observed.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Lewis and Stevenson. Member Harris arrived at 6:35 p.m. Member Lewis arrived at 9:00 p.m. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator. Public signed in attendance were Craig and Lauren Boerlin, Kevin Schleiker, Theresa Breen, Diane and Paul Cigalo, Robert and Chrystal, Barb and Bill Beamer, Ron and Susanna Baus, Maura Cosh, Frank Aiello Jr., Jeff Hunter, Doug and Lynn Battin, John and Lorraine Kiger, Denise and Rich Anicola, Joe and Theresa O'Connor, Lynne Mason, Michael Rego, Sean Wolosin, Caroll Craig, and Christine Calhoun.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan, and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 25, 2008, the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2008, and the Executive Session of June 25, 2008 were approved.

Executive Session

On motion by Stevenson, second by Dolan, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was presented and adopted: BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE EAST GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MATTERS. 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: 0

ABSENT: Harris and Lewis

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 7; Nay - 0; Absent - 2.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

On motion by Dolan, second by Stevenson, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:55 p.m. with the following members present: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Harris, Kostick, and Stevenson. Member Grdinich was not present at this time.

Transportation for 2008-09

On motion by Dolan, second by Stevenson, and carried by unanimous vote, the reinstatement of courtesy bussing for the Amherst Farms development was approved for the 2008-09 school year, approving the assignment of a bus to operate the route.

Transportation for 2008-09 (continued)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Harris, Kostick, and Stevenson,

NAY: 0

ABSENT: Grdinich and Lewis

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 7; Nay - 0; Absent - 2.

Member Grdinich returned to the session at 7:10 pm.

Public Information Session on Transportation and Safe Walking Routes

A public information session was conducted to update the public on safe walking routes to school. Comments from the public included:

- Question on walking Democrat Road
- Question if the decision is firm and if changes will create additional problems
- Concern about traffic speed on Democrat Road and question on drop-off time
- Question if police will be present due to disregard of speed limits with Chief Giordano commenting that a greater presence on shifts will be in place to deal with the changes
- Harmony Acres resident asked if next year's budget will address transportation and courtesy bussing and question asked about before- and after-school childcare program
- Doerrman Drive resident requested clarification on Linden Street
- Concern about students walking in parking lots with traffic and walking on Doerrman Drive; suggestion to add "no turn on red" with Ptlmn. Jenkins noting that a county road does not permit township to make the change
- Question on three designated crossing guards and if crosswalks will be painted; Ptlmn Crothers indicated crosswalk painting was confirmed with the county engineer
- Comment on safety and peace of mind, will parents be notified promptly if a child did not arrive to school; the Superintendent advised that procedures are in place to contact parents by 9 am if child is not in attendance and has not be called out
- Question on number of crossing guards and Democrat Road; Ptlmn Jenkins responded 2 crossing guards will be in place; comment from resident that crossing guards should be placed at the railroad track crossing, Birch, Howard, and Meadowridge
- Question if restoration of Amherst Farms is only for 2008-09; comments that some districts use county roadway as a standard for hazardous; question of how many cars must travel a roadway to declare a route as hazardous; question what types of vehicles traveling roadways would indicate a hazard; request for continuous review of Democrat Road for a determination of hazards
- Comment that budget constraints are not the problem for affected families and safety of children should be primary concern; comment that traffic has increased; concern about predators and access to major thorofares to Delaware and Pennsylvania; question if risk is worth the potential cost
- Comment from Democrat Road resident of being nearly rear-ended regularly to enter driveway; comment that a good job was done in collaborating with police and the process the Board used but continue to feel that Democrat Road is unsafe
- Question if Bodo Otto would be transported
- Amherst Farms resident asked if any members have walked the route

Vice President Gallagher called a 10 minute recess at 8:07 p.m.

Correspondence

The Business Administrator reported on letters of appreciation were written from the Jeffrey Clark Principal to participants of the flag day events, including teacher staff and Mr. Corker.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent reported that a meeting was held with the Gloucester County YMCA regarding the before- and after-school program, the senior citizen driver education program began on this date, a meeting was held with the representatives of the Gloucester County Library and the township council representatives and East Greenwich library trustees. Also reported that summer activities include updating of the district website and the student data management system. Noted that the summer recreation program had 117 participants.

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

On motion by Dolan, second by Stevenson, the English as a Second Language Three-Year Plan for the 2008-2011 school years was accepted and approved for filing with the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY/STRATEGIC AWARENESS

Member Grdinich and the Superintendent will contact the Gloucester County YMCA program representative, Mr. Rose, regarding rumored cut-off for registration to the before- and after-school childcare program.

FACILITIES

Member Harris reported that a meeting was held with county library, township council, and trustees of the East Greenwich Library representatives. The committee met and concluded that the Berkley building ownership remain with the district and a lease be structured with the township or with the county wherein all costs of operation and maintenance are borne by the renter or that the building be disposed of by the Board. The committee will meet with the county library representatives to negotiate terms of a lease.

Reported that the Board received a cover letter of the report of Taylor, Wiseman, and Taylor on the condition of the adjacent 6 acre parcel that states the property does not reveal any issues but complete history is not available.

Reported that the JIF has conducted Safety Assessments and that reports will be available for the next meeting. The reports will outline suggestions to improve traffic flow and safety.

FINANCE

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, payment of bills from the custodian account in the amount of \$10,999.36 on June 30, 2008, and \$90,792.55 on July 15, 2008, were approved. (Attachments 1 and 2)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

FINANCE (continued)

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, Handwritten Checks for June 2008 in the amount of \$690,900.21 were approved. (Attachment 3)

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, the line item transfers approved by the Superintendent on June 30, 2008, as per the attached list for 2007-08 were approved. (Attachment 4)

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan carried by unanimous vote, a resolution to apply the net surplus distribution for fiscal year 1998-1999 through 2003-04 for the East Greenwich Board of Education's share of \$1,216 as member of the Gloucester Cumberland Salem School District Joint Insurance Fund to the 2008-09 premium contribution payment was approved.

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, the following NJ Commission for the Blind services contracts for the 2008-09 school year were approved:

1 – Level One	\$1,600
1 – Level Three	\$10,900

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, a contract with New Born Nurses to provide Extended School Year 2008 one-to-one nursing for a student as per the IEP at the rate of \$41 per hour for a Licensed Practical Nurse or \$51 for a Registered Nurse when the child is in attendance to school for four hours per day for 30 days was approved.

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, a contract with New Behavioral Network to provide an Extended School Year Home-based program for 24 hours per week for each of 2 students at the rate of \$35 per hour; an additional 20 hours per student in compensatory hours; regular school year 2008-09 home-based program for 4 hours per week for each of 2 students at the rate of \$35 per hour; and to provide monthly clinical specialist consults at the rate of \$100 per hour was approved.

On motion by Childress, second by Dolan and carried by unanimous vote, cancellation of the following Custodian Accounts checks and to issue replacement checks to the payees was approved.:

14734	Kelly Lord	\$14.80	2/21/07
14766	Chris Bellace	\$20.00	3/28/07
15308	National Scoliosis Foundation	\$15.85	9/25/07
15452	Elizabeth Dell	\$65.00	11/28/07

POLICY

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

CURRICULUM:

On motion by Harris, second by Childress, and carried by a unanimous vote, the establishment of two special education programs in 2008-09: a Multiple Disabilities – Primary program and a Multiple Disabilities – Elementary program was approved.

President Lewis arrived at this time.

TRANSPORTATION:

On motion by Dolan, second by Stevenson and carried by unanimous vote, the following bid results were recorded and the award of a contract for bid EG2-09 was approved as listed:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Per Diem Route Cost</u>	<u>Incr/Decr Per Mile Cost</u>	<u>Per Diem Per Aide Cost</u>	<u>Total Annual Cost</u>	<u>Bulk Award Discount</u>
Walt's Bus Service Inc					
EGS-1	\$237.25	\$1.00	\$60.00	\$53,505	None
EGS-2	\$204.40	\$1.00	\$50.00	\$45,792	None
Holcomb Bus Service, Inc.					
EGS-1	\$400.00	\$1.00	\$114.00	\$95,520	
EGS-2	\$400.00	\$1.00	\$ 74.00	\$85,320	
Combined Cost Bulk Discount		\$484.12 per diem		\$87,141.60	51%

Award to Holcomb Bus Service, Inc., for the combined bulk bid price of \$484.12 per diem, total annual cost of \$87,161.60

CAFETERIA

On motion by Stevenson, second by Childress and carried by unanimous vote, the following vendors were awarded the listed bids under the Joint Purchasing Agreement with Alloway Township Board of Education per the 2008-09 bid:

Milk, Juice, and Dairy – Hy-Point Dairy	Class I	Bid Margin	Total	Incr for Plastic
½ Pint 2% White Milk	.108765	.08924	.198	.06
½ Pint 1% White Milk	.101056	.08674	.1878	.06
½ Pint .5% Choc Milk	.08734	.11326	.2006	.06
½ Pint 1% Straw Milk	.093779	.11182	.2056	.06
Ice Cream - Hy-Point Dairy				
Chocolate Eclairs		.234		
Strawberry Eclairs		.234		
Mini Lowfat Ice Cream Sandwich		.209		
Fudge Bars		.265		
Orange Cream Bars		.235		
Lowfat Cookies and Cream Bar		.265		
Twin Pop		.147		
3 oz. Dixie Cup		.266		
Chocolate Sundae Cup		.58		
Strawberry Sundae Cup		.58		
Lowfat Ice Cream Sandwiches		.294		

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (CONTINUED)

CAFETERIA (continued)

Bid Award (continued)

Bread and Rolls – Stroehmann

White Pullman, enriched, 20 oz.	1.29
Wheat Pullman, enriched, 21 oz.	1.39
Hamburger Rolls, enriched, 21 oz.	1.70
Frankfurter Rolls, 18 oz.	1.70

PERSONNEL

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the hiring of Monica DeMuro as a teacher effective September 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, at BA, Step B, with an annual salary of \$44,378 was approved (to be adjusted in accordance with the negotiated agreement).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT:

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 9; Nay - 0; Absent - 0.

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the emergent hiring of the following teachers effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, at the salaries listed (to be adjusted as per the negotiated agreement) was approved:

Jacquelyn M. Latella	BA, Step A	\$43,228
John Palladino	BA, Step A	\$43,228
Brittany Broomall	BA, Step A	\$43,228

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT:

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 9; Nay - 0; Absent - 0.

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the emergent hiring of Jennifer Hunt as a Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, at MA, Step N, with a salary of \$59,721 (to be adjusted as per the negotiated agreement) was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT:

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 9; Nay - 0; Absent - 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (CONTINUED)

PERSONNEL (continued)

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress, and carried by unanimous vote roll call vote, the following salaries for non-represented staff for school year 2008-09 were approved:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Superintendent's Secretary	Kathleen McMahon	\$39,202+550 longev
Jeffrey Clark School Secretary	Linda Heritage	\$38,098+550 longev
Samuel Mickle School Secretary	Joan Olivieri	
\$36,645+275 longev		
Child Study Team Secretary	Kelly Lord	\$33,518
Board Office Payroll/Accts Payable Clerk	Eileen Sayell	\$35,598
Board Office Secretary/Data Processing (.8 FTE)	Deborah Mitchell	\$28,624+220 longev
Food Service Director	Tammie Zane	\$36,248

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress, and carried by unanimous vote, a personal leave of absence for Beth Godfrey, Supervisor of Special Services, for the period July 16, 2008, through July 31, 2008 was approved.

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress and approved by unanimous vote, the payment of teacher mentor stipends for the school year 2008-09 in the amount of \$409.20 each was approved for Joan Collis, Mary Foster, Jen Aversa, Denise Humble, Marjorie Setser.

On motion by Arredondo, second by Childress and approved by unanimous vote, the appointment of Mary Moul as Head Teacher at the Clark School for the 2007-08 school year at the stipend of \$730.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Grdinich read sample mission and vision statements, which all members will receive in hard copy to review and comment.

Board members on the NJQSAC committee were provided with documents to review.

The solicitor is preparing agreement language for a joint agreement with the Township for providing contracted shared service on the lift station maintenance and inspections.

NEW BUSINESS

President Lewis presented a letter, read by member Dolan, resigning from the Board of Education effective July 16, 2008, because of her new employment as a field service representative with the New Jersey School Boards Association.

On motion by Dolan, second by Arredondo and carried by majority vote of 8-0-1 with Mrs. Lewis abstaining, the resignation of member Lewis was accepted with regret.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Childress, second by Grdinich, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was presented and adopted: BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE EAST

GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS. 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan, Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Lewis, and Stevenson

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 9; Nay - 0; Absent - 0.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.

On motion by Childress, second by Arredondo, the Board reconvened in Regular Session at 9:50 p.m. with the following members present: Arredondo, Childress, Gallagher, Grdinich, Kostick, Lewis, and Stevenson

### NEGOTIATIONS

On motion by Childress, second by Arredondo and approved by unanimous vote, to approve the tentative agreement with the East Greenwich Education Association for the contract period 7/1/08 through 6/30/11.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Childress, second by Kostick, and carried by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Valerie J. Carmody  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary