

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Runnemede, N.J.**

MINUTES

March 18, 2010

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Mission Statement

The mission of the Runnemede Public Schools is to provide a successful educational experience for all children. To this end, we expect all students to achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards (NJCCCS) at all grade levels and we will ensure the following:

- Demonstrably effective instructional programs that are aligned with the NJCCCS
- A safe, clean and healthy learning environment
- A motivated, committed, skilled staff who are highly qualified in their content areas
- Collaboration between school, parents and community
- Managerial and fiscal accountability

I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Sunshine Law:

The Runnemede Board of Education Meeting is called to order. The Board of Education is in compliance with the sunshine regulations. This meeting was appropriately advertised by notifying the Retrospect, as well as posting notices in Borough Hall, The Runnemede Post Office, Mary Volz School, Aline Bingham School and Grace Downing School.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of Board Members:

Mark Bergman Present-7:09 pm	Robin Spraggins Present
Debra Costello Present	Samantha Spaulding Present
Naomi Davidson Present	Lynn Torrillo Present
Margie Frasca Present	John Wark Absent (work
Colleen Kurth Present	

Also Present:

Nancy Ward, Superintendent of Schools
 Kelly Brazelton, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Mark Iannucci, Principal – Mary Volz School
 Stephen Pili, Assistant Principal – Mary Volz School

IV. Open Public Comment

Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items (none)

The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience whom wish to comment on any action items on this Agenda. Please respect the following procedures:

1. Be recognized by Board President.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Identify the resolution/item number on which you wish to comment.
4. Wait to be recognized before you make your comments.
(just before the resolution is voted on)
5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution/items.
6. Limit your comments to (3) minutes per person.

V. Executive session to discuss student matters, personnel, contractual and legal matters. 7:06 pm

Motion by Mrs. Spraggins Seconded by Mrs. Davidson

Resolved that pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving the discussion of personnel, legal and contractual matters. Further resolved that discussion of such subject matters discussed in Executive Session can be disclosed to public, upon official action, if any, at the conclusion of the executive session, or at a public session at some later date.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 2

VI. Return to Public Session 8:00 pm

Motion by Mrs. Frasca Seconded by Mrs. Costello

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1

A. FINANCE

1. 2010-2011 proposed School Budget.

Tabled until March 24, 2010

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1

VII. Public Comments (on any item)

Audience Recognition and Public Comment

The public is reminded that all public complaints against a district employee must be made through a specific grievance process.

A description of this process may be found in BOE policy (file code #1312)
This policy is available upon request in the office of the Board Secretary.

Any individual naming an employee in a complaint before the Board of Education, without the employee's permission, could be cited for violating that employee's civil and contractual rights.

Mrs. Wilson- Cuts, project

Michelle Winters- Courtesy Bussing can you explain

- Co-curriculars- is there a way to cut sports and continue to do other things we cannot get outside like band.
- Wants to support \$143.50 did the long division but she can afford 11 dollars to ensure her kids are getting what they need in school.
- Appreciates that we are breaking down dollar amount of increase.
- Could we move executive session to end of meetings.

Patricia Murray- 612 Read Avenue-

- Are you and the BA taking a salary freeze. YES!
How can we cut kindergarten down to half time; doesn't know if she can support \$143.50. We have to look at co-op with other districts.
- Does agree with a pay to play program; sports and clubs.

Mrs. Angel Bebe - 625 Detmar Terrace

- Could athletics and co curricular be done later in the day and have people volunteer for these types of activities.
- Certain standards that volunteers have to go through to get approved- WARD
- Cannot be an option for half day kindergarten would be detrimental.
- What is courtesy Bussing?
- Roofing-did we get a private company or a union company.

- Privatizing Custodian- why does it cost more to pay for B&G supervisor

Christa Moore- 593 N. Oakland Avenue

- Have we calculated savings with retirements. Custodial retirements?
- Courtesy Bussing- one of the reasons we did that was because of hazardous routes. Some danger involved in kids walking down Clements Bridge Road, safety issues.
- Safety reasons is why nurses should not be cut.

Tracey Hummel- 635 Hirsch Avenue

- ½ day Kindergarten, what kids do in K impacts later on in later grades. Going to part time would be a step back.

Maria Panzarella- 12 S. Oakland Avenue

- Kindergarten should not be cut to half time. People move to Runnemede because of full day kindergarten. Huge selling point in this town. It does help children, it's huge, it's necessary and our testing is good.
- Shared Services- reaching out to other towns for Shared Services. Borough lost money in aid.

(Ward- interim BA in Bellmawr we gave a proposal they were not interested. We reached out again and they were not interested)

- Can we not start sharing staff with Barrington, why can't we reach out; we have plenty of things we can cut that will not affect kids.
- Field trips are out, it's an option it's a luxury. Parents would pay for transportation and entrance fees for field trips.

Mrs. Winters

- Some people don't know what we are doing at Superintendent's Advisory Council. Commend Mrs. Ward for doing what she has been doing to try and communicate with others.

Mrs. Bebe

- Did not know about Superintendent's Advisory Council, can there be more communication with parents about these groups.

VIII. Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. 10:10 pm

Motion by Mrs. Costello Seconded by Mrs. Davidson

Resolved that pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving the discussion of personnel, legal and contractual matters. Further resolved that discussion of such subject matters discussed in Executive Session can be disclosed to public, upon official action, if any, at the conclusion of the executive session, or at a public session at some later date.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1

IX. Return to Public Session 11:19 pm

Motion by Mrs. Frasca Seconded by Mr. Bergman

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1

X. Motion by Mr. Bergman Seconded by Mrs. Davidson

To approve sidebar agreement with REA

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 1 (Costello) Absent 1

XI. Adjournment at 11:20 pm on a motion by Mr. Bergman seconded by Mrs. Costello

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 1

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly A. Brazelton
Board Secretary