

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

**MINUTES**

**March 15, 2011**

**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 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kalvaitis

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Present:

For Council:

Mayor Bertha Kalvaitis, Nick Kappatos, Bernie Moore, Ed White, Anthony M. Beatrice (President), Richard E. Wright (Treasurer), Len Wood, Esquire. Absent members: Mike Kisielewski and Frank Williams

For the Board of Education:

Mark Bergman, Naomi Davidson, Colleen Kurth (President), Maria Panzarella (at 7:05 pm), Samantha Spaulding, Lynn Torrillo, Nancy Ward (Superintendent of Schools), Valerie Carmody (Interim Board Secretary/School Business Administrator)

Residents of Runnemede Borough

IV. The Board of Education is in compliance with the sunshine regulations. This meeting was appropriately advertised by joint publication in the

Retrospect, as well as posting notices in Borough Hall, The Runnemedede Post Office, Mary Volz School, Aline Bingham School and Grace Downing School.

IV. Open Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to those individuals in the audience whom wished to comment on any action items on the Agenda.

V. Council Business Agenda was addressed.

VI. Discussion of shared issues and problems

Dr. Ward presented an overview of the past efforts for shared services which have been successful and those open for future exploration, such as equipment and services sharing. Steps taken in the development of the annual school budget were outlined. Executive County Superintendent approval of the budget was confirmed on March 15. Dr. Ward outlined the challenges of revenue reductions from state aid and dwindling surplus reserves to meet the educational plan of the district.

Mr. Wright outlined that the best practices checklist for municipalities provides an incentive program for state aid allocations, which includes meeting with other entities such as the Board of Education for joint planning. The financial condition of the Borough was reviewed, including the municipal challenges with dwindling revenues, decreasing ratables, and successful tax collections.

VII. Mayor Kalvaitis opened the meeting for public comment.

Pat Wilson spoke as a member of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District Board of Education Committee for Shared Services, noting that the Black Horse Pike Regional School District is aiming to take a lead in the exploration of sharing services with the elementary districts and the constituent municipalities.

X. Adjournment at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie J. Carmody  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary