

The Board of Education of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, convened in Regular Session on Monday, January 26 at 7:02 P.M in the C. W. Lewis, 875 Erial Road, Blackwood, New Jersey.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notices of this meeting were forwarded to the Record Breeze, Inquirer, Courier-Post, Clerk of the Township and members of the Board of Education, and posted in the Board of Education offices at 17 Erial Road, Blenheim, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Raymond J. Carr	Mrs. Linda K. Gilch
Mrs. Ellen Reese	Mrs. Felicia Reid
Concetta Venuto (arrived 7:25 P.M.)	Andrew R. Lalli
William G. Collins	

The following members of the Board of Education were absent:

Mrs. Honey Ceccanecchio	Barry D. Engelbert
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Others present:

Thomas D. Seddon	John D. Wade, Esq.
Anthony Petruzzelli	And Others As Listed
John Bilodeau	In The Guest Book
Dion Davis	

#### Resolution 0109-01

Motion by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mrs. Venuto that the minutes of the following meetings be approved:

Regular Meeting - December 15, 2008

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7      Nays 0

#### Shinning Stars Program

Two students C. W Lewis Middle School and two students from each of C. W. Lewis' sending schools (Blackwood Elementary and Gloucester Township Elementary) were honored by the Board of Education as Shining Stars for the Month of January 2009.

Principals and Assistant Principals from all of the aforementioned schools participated in the program by reading accomplishments and attributes of the selected pupils as prepared by their teachers.

The guests in attendance applauded each of the honored students.

At the conclusion of the Shining Stars program Mr. Seddon invited all in attendance to stay for the remainder for the Board Meeting.

Recognition of Guests - Angel McDermott inquired as to whether the Pre-School Expansion Plan would still be initiated during the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Seddon stated that the district had developed and submitted a 5-year plan for preschool expansion but that the State of New Jersey-Department of Education had not, as yet, determined the planned program would be eliminated.

Report of the Solicitor - Mr. Wade indicated that there would be items, involving pupil residency, discussed in executive Session.

Report of the Superintendent - Mr. Seddon stated that the district had received good news related to certain capital project applications. Specifically the district received notice from the Office of School Facilities that both capital project applications, submitted as part of the ROD phase I Grant Program, had received approval. The district will receive state aid in the form of a grant equal to 40% of the preliminary eligible costs. For the two projects receiving approval, the district will receive in excess of \$1,100,000. The projects receiving approval include Erial Elementary School (new roof) and Loring Flemming Elementary School (new windows and exterior doors).

Mr. Seddon stated that he had sent home to Board members a copy of the Pre-School Expansion Plan.

The Superintendent also stated that he had received a very late request from one of the middle schools requesting a special field trip for an after-school club. This request warranted Board discussion in Executive Session.

Marge Vallieu presented the Board with a plaque she had received from a recent NJEA conference. The plaque honored the election of President Obama.

#### Finance/Business/Budget Committee

##### Resolution 0109-02

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that bills itemized on List of Bills to be Paid in the amount of \$9,817,020.82 be approved for payment, as presented to the Board.

The bill list is available for distribution to the public and on file in the Business Office for public review.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

##### Resolution 0109-03

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Investment Report for December be approved as presented and the Treasurer's Report for December be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Finance/Business/Budget Committee (Cont.)

Resolution 0109-04

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary's Report for the month of December be approved as presented and as certified by the Secretary of the Board that no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(3), the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended 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      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-05

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the attached Budget Transfers.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-06

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the expenditures for professional development workshops and travel, as per the attached listing.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-07

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education does hereby approve the districts' 403(b) Master Retirement Plan Document as developed by the Omni Financial Group. (Note: Omni is the third-party administrator for the school district.)

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Finance/Business/Budget Committee (Cont.)

Resolution 0109-08

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to approve the revised listing Title I Teachers for the 2008-2009 School Year, effective January 1, 2009.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>% Funded by Title I</u>	<u>Assigned School</u>
Cyndi DiPiero	\$83,400	100%	JW Lilley
Paul Lucas	\$81,600	100%	Loring Flemming
Gayle Peterson	\$83,400	100%	Erial
Dolores Johnson	\$55,500	100%	Blackwood
Zainab Shafi	\$71,300	100%	Erial
Noelle Dougherty	\$49,800	100%	JW Lilley
Mary Monahan	\$82,500	100%	Loring Flemming
Regina Lowden	\$59,270	100%	Blackwood

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-09

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve entering into an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Gloucester (Police Department) and the Gloucester Township Board of Education for the purpose of obtaining both security hardware/software and cellular services related to the GPS tracking and school building camera integration.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-10

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve issuing a purchase order, in the amount of \$17,669.25, to the Township of Gloucester (Police Department) to install GPS Tracking Devices, Software, and Cellular Service to the fifteen (15) special needs buses in accordance with the Interlocal Services Agreement by and between the Township of Gloucester and the Gloucester Township Board of Education.  
Account #11-000-270-593-21-02

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Supply/Purchasing CommitteeResolution 0109-11

Motion by Mr. Lalli seconded by Mr. Carr, that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, requests for proposals were received, opened and read on January 14, 2009 for the purpose of awarding a contract for DVR Networking Installation for the Gloucester Township School District for the 2008-09 school year; and

WHEREAS, the vendor listed below is the responsible bidder, submitting the lowest prices in conformance with the specifications.

Company - Comtec Systems, Inc. - Vineland, NJ  
Amount - \$19,358.81

RFP# 2009-030

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Gloucester that the Board issue purchase orders to the above named bidder, not to exceed the amount of \$19,358.81, payable from the 2008-09 budget.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Instruction/Special Services CommitteeResolution 0109-12

Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached updated listing of Field Trip Locations for the 2008-09 school year.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-13

Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Gloucester Township Schools Counseling Program.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-14

Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the District Professional Development Plan. (Documents are on file with the Department of Instruction.)*

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7   Nays 0

Instruction/Special Services Committee (Cont.)

Resolution 0109-15

*Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Five Year Preschool Expansion Plan. (Documents are on file with the Department of Instruction.)*

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7   Nays 0

Resolution 0109-16

*Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the tuition for the following homeless student, to Hi-Nella Board of Education.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
K.G.	\$10,854

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7   Nays 0

Resolution 0109-17

*Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the tuition for the following homeless student, to Monroe Township Board of Education.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D.S.	\$8,371

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7   Nays 0

Instruction/Special Services Committee (Cont.)Resolution 0109-18

Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Gilch, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Tuition Students for the 2008-09 school year as per the list below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A.M.	GCSSSD	\$21,710
	Out of County Surcharge	\$ 2,166
D.W.	GCSSSD	\$20,708
	Out of County Surcharge	\$ 2,066
P.T.	GCSSSD	\$21,877
	Out of County Surcharge	\$ 2,182
M.S.	GCSSSD	\$18,837
	Out of County Surcharge	\$ 1,949
R.H.	GCSSSD-Reclass(PD to MD)	\$30,600
B.M.	GCSSSD-Reclass(PD to MD)	\$30,600
S.B.	BCSSSD	\$28,000
	(One-on-One Assistant)	
K.P.	GCSSSD	\$17,869
	Out of County Surcharge	\$ 1,783
T.S.	GCSSSD	\$17,869
	Out of County Surcharge	\$ 1,783
O.H.	St. John of God (Aide)	\$12,840
	Related Services (OT/PT)	\$ 3,900
G.G.	St. John of God (Aide)	\$ 6,420
	Related Services (OT/PT)	\$ 3,900

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Personnel CommitteeResolution 0109-19

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following Non-Instructional Appointments for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Agnes Lasch (N. French)	Paraprof II Library	L.F.	1	\$10,066	2/1/09

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Personnel Committee (Cont.)Resolution 0109-20

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following Stipend Appointments for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
David Beach	Black Seal License	\$500(pro-rated)	9/17/08
Donald Conover	Black Seal License	\$500	7/1/08

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-21

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following Employee Transfers/Reassignments, effective as noted.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STEP/SALARY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
M. Chalfant (P. Kowalski)	Ltky AM/PM L.F.	Ltky Asst. Coord Glendora	\$ 9,893	2/1/09
C. Colon (L. Hess)	Bus Driver #73	Bus Driver #10	\$16,366	1/1/09

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-22

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the attached list of Substitutes and Non Contracted Employees for the 2008-09 school year.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-23

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following Employee resignations, effective as noted.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nancy French	Paraprof II - Library	1/23/09
Frances Iezzi	Library Club - Ex. Curricular	1/1/09

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Personnel Committee (Cont.)

Resolution 0109-24

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following Extra Curricular Appointments, effective as noted.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sam Brooks	Drama - G.L.	\$1,287	1/15/09
Ashley Cook	Library Club-GL	\$3,037 pro-rated	1/15/09
Nicole Daisey	Drama - G.L.	\$1,287	1/15/09

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Resolution 0109-25

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following termination, effective as noted.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
L.M.	Bus Driver	1/31/09	Attendance

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Personnel Committee (Cont.)Resolution 0109-26

Motion by Mr. Carr seconded by , that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following Leaves of Absence, effective as noted.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>DATES</u>
F.C. *Extension	Café Helper	Medical (Sick Days 1/1/09-1/20/09)	1/1/09-1/20/09
C.C.	Reading Intervention (Sick Days 4/1/09-4/17/09)	Maternity	4/1/09-5/22/09
J.E. *Extension	Café Helper	Medical (Sick Days 1/10/09-1/23/09)	1/10/09-1/23/09
M.G.	PFS (Sick/Pers Days 5/11/09-5/26/09)	Maternity	5/11/09-6/30/09
K.K.	Teacher (Sick Days 2/17/09-3/13/09)	Medical	2/17/09-3/13/09
F.K.	Custodian	FMLA Without Pay	12/15/08-TBD
J.L.	Teacher (Sick Days 2/6/09-5/2/09)	Medical/FMLA	2/6/09-6/30/09
M.McM.	Teacher (Sick Days 4/20/09-5/22/09)	Maternity	4/20/09-5/22/09
S.M.	Technology Coach (Sick Days 1/14/09-1/22/09)	Medical	1/14/09-1/22/09
N.O.	Teacher (Sick/Pers Days 1/20/09-2/11/09)	Maternity	1/20/09-6/30/10
K.P.	BSIP Teacher (Sick Days 1/29/09-3/13/09)	Medical	1/29/09-3/13/09
S.R.	Bus Driver	FMLA Without Pay	12/4/08-1/9/09
L.S.	Asst. Trans. Supervisor (Sick Days 12/8/08-1/11/09)	Medical	12/8/08-1/11/09
C.S.	Secretary (Sick Days 10/31/08-TBD)	Medical	10/31/08-TBD
W.L.	Bus Driver (Without Pay)	Personal	1/26/09-3/27/09

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Old Business - N/A

New Business

(Note: Mr. Bilodeau requested that the Board of Education consider approving the Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) for both of the approved capital projects receiving State grant funding of 40%. The two projects are the new school roof project at Erial Elementary School and new windows and doors at the Loring Flemming Elementary School. The below resolution approves the PEC as final eligible costs FEC and allows the projects to continue toward fulfillment.)

Resolution 0109-27

Motion by Mrs. Reese seconded by Mr. Carr, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITY PROJECTS

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**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) has determined a need exists to undertake capital improvements at certain facilities (State Projects #1780-050-09-1001, and #1780-090-09-1002)(collectively "the Approved Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act ("Act") and other applicable law requires, the obtainment of various approvals by the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has submitted Application for School Facilities Projects pursuant to Section 5 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c. 72 (EFCFA) and the New Jersey Department of Education implementing regulations at N.J.A.C 6A:26-1, et. seq.

**WHEREAS**, under the Act, one of the approvals required to be obtained by the School District is a preliminary eligible cost approval with respect to the Approved Projects and a determination as to the amount of financial assistance to be provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District has received two (2) letters (collectively, the "PEC Letters") from the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") setting forth the preliminary eligible cost and financial assistance determinations with respect to the Approved Projects (collectively, the "PEC Determinations"), copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board must make certain determinations with respect to the PEC Letters, PEC Determinations, form of financial assistance and method of constructing the Projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to the PEC Letters, the Board hereby accepts the

PEC Determinations with respect to the Projects and agrees not to appeal said determinations.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to the PEC Letters, the Board hereby accepts the financial assistance from the State of New Jersey with respect to the Projects in the form of a grant ("Financial Assistance"). The President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby severally authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with the NJDOE with respect to the State Financial Assistance with respect to these Projects.

New Business (Cont.)

Resolution 0109-27 (Cont.)

**Section 3.** The Board hereby determines to construct the Approved Projects itself, instead of through the NJEDA.

**Section 4.** The Board hereby delegates to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority and power to supervise the Approved Projects.

**Section 5.** All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the School District by the President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary or by the School District's professional advisors in connection with the Approved Project or matters related thereto or the subject matter of this resolution are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

**Section 6.** The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately file a certified copy of this resolution with the NJDOE.

**Section 7.** All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption this 26th day of January, 2009.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

Board Member Comments - Mr. Collins complimented Mr. Bilodeau on his efforts related to the capital project grant applications. The Board President commented that the level of improvements that our district is making, as compared to other school districts, is a result of the efforts of Mr. Seddon, Mr. Bilodeau and the entire administration.

Comments from the Public - Donna Rodriguez stated that she supported the efforts of the district's fine arts programs and that she supported field trips to New York City so the children can have the opportunity to witness a Broadway show.

Nancy Gentile stated that the district web site was much better and that she used the parent portal feature quite often. Ms. Gentile suggested that the calendar on the web site reflect the half-day schedule of the district.

A motion was made by Mrs. Venuto, seconded by Mr. Lalli, that the Board enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

(Note: The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:40 P.M. with all Board Members previously in attendance answering a second roll call.)

New Business (Cont.)

Resolution 0109-28

Motion by Mrs. Reid seconded by Mrs. Reese, that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Glen Landing Drama Trip to New York on May 2, 2009.

Roll Call Vote      Ayes 7    Nays 0

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.



John Bilodeau  
Secretary to the Board