

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REGULAR MEETING
 MINUTES
 April 25, 2011

<p>CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Stephen Barna, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were no members of the public in attendance at this time. This number increased to approximately ten when the board convened in public session.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Barna announced that: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of the Public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the School District of the Chathams Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board Administrative Office, sent to the Clerks of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township, the Library of the Chathams, the Chatham Courier, the Daily Record, the Star Ledger, and the Independent Press.</p>	<p>SUNSHINE LAW</p>
<p>PRESENT: Stephen Barna, Tom Belding, Al Burgunder, Jonathan Chatinover, Richard Connors, Matthew Gilfillan, Lata Kenney, John Nonnenmacher, and Alan Routh</p>	<p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p>ABSENT: None</p>	
<p>ALSO PRESENT: James F. O’Neill, Superintendent of Schools, Michael LaSusa, Assistant Superintendent, Debra Becker, Human Resources Director, Dr. Vincent D’Elia, Special Services Director, Charles Milewski, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Kristin Kosky, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary.</p>	
<p>President Barna led the board and public in the salute to the flag.</p>	<p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>
<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>
<p>Upon the motion of Trustee Belding, seconded by Trustee Burgunder, the board considered the following motion:</p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">To enter into private session at 7:00 PM. WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and ; WHEREAS, the board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School District of the Chathams Board of Education, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows: A. The public shall be excluded from discussion of hereinafter-specified subject matter (s) B. The general nature of the subject matter discussed was as follows: 1. Personnel Matters Following the closed conference session, the Board reserves the right to convene in public session at which time action may or may not be taken. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.</p>	
<p>Upon the motion of Trustee Belding, seconded by Trustee Burgunder, the board considered the following motion:</p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">To return from private session at 7:29 PM. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.</p>	
<p>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Michael LaSusa reviewed some of the changes to come with the revised anti-bullying law. The current policy will need to be revised by September. • Mr. O’Neill also announced that the board members received a handout this evening with a recommendation to consider delayed openings four-six times during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years for mandated training and professional development. • Mr. O’Neill indicated that the May 11th Finance Committee Meeting has been canceled; there will be a combined Finance/Facilities Committee meeting on May 18. 	

- Mr. O'Neill also indicated that the board has agreed to have a public discussion about the high school parking lot prior to the board meeting on May 23. It will be advertised as an Open Facilities Meeting beginning at 6:30 PM, to be followed by the board meeting at 7:30 PM.

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- A member of the public addressed the board with questions concerning the high school parking lot. Board members explained current policy procedures.
- Another resident raised concerns with the high school parking lot with regard to water runoff and lighting issues. The board explained that these issues will be addressed in the planning process.

PERSONNEL

Upon the motion of Trustee Kenney, seconded by Trustee Nonnenmacher, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (513-10/11)—RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the School District of the Chathams Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey appoints, *Dennis Fyffe*, Interim Superintendent effective, July 1, 2011 at the rate of \$644.00 per day, with no benefits, based on the following calculation:

\$165,000 plus \$2,500 (district w/high school) for a total of \$167,500 divided by 260 days (administrative work year per regulation)= \$644.00 per day. The total paid from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 shall not exceed \$167,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mr. Fyffe will only be reimbursed for his days on the job in fulfillment of the duties prescribed in the Superintendent's job description;

Mr. Fyffe will not be reimbursed for holidays or vacation days. Vacation days will be agreed to in advance by the Board of Education through communication with the Board of Education President.

The Board of Education agrees to pay annual dues required of an Interim Superintendent, to New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) not to exceed \$870.00 annually.

Mr. Fyffe may attend meetings of other professional groups the district is a member of, including The Morris Union Jointure Commission (MUJC), Garden State Coalition of Schools (GSCS), and the Morris County Association of School Administrators (MCASA).

Mr. Fyffe will be reimbursed for one day of visitation to the district, as approved by the Board President, during the month of June 2011.

The agreement between The Board of Education and Mr. Fyffe can be cancelled by either party with 10 days notice or upon mutual consent of both parties.

If Mr. Fyffe is precluded from performing his duties by any judgment order or direction of any court or agency of competent jurisdiction or the Commissioner of Education, all provisions of this Contract shall terminate and Mr. Fyffe's employment shall cease without further obligation by the Board.

A roll call vote was taken.

YEA – Burgunder, Chatinover, Connors, Gilfillan, Kenney, Nonnenmacher, Routh, Belding, and Barna

NAY – None

The motion carried 9-0.

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APPOINTS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT: DENNIS FYFFE

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<p>There being nothing further to discuss, upon motion of Trustee Routh, seconded by Trustee Nonnenmacher, the board considered a motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kosky
Assistant Board Secretary