

**BUSINESS MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2013
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 CHESTNUT STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657**

A Business Meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education will be held on December 19, 2013, was called to order by in the High School Cafeteria.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:07 P.M. the meeting was called to order.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

"The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Ridgefield Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Administration Building, and having notified The Record, The Star Ledger and the Ridgefield Borough Clerk".

IV. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Barbosa	Absent
Ms. Bicocchi	Present
Mr. D'Amico	Present
Mr. Grippa	Present
Mrs. Payerle	Present
Mr. Salazar	Present
Mrs. Fugnitti	Arrived at 7:10 p.m.

There being five members present, a quorum was declared.

Also present were:

Dr. Harry Groveman – Interim Superintendent of Schools
Rich Guarini – Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Stanley Turitz Board Attorney

- V. Motion to Convene in **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** for Personnel, Legal, Negotiations, Attorney/Client Privilege and/or Confidential Student Matters, at 7:08 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Grippa.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

- VI. **PUBLIC BOARD MEETING** reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

- VII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - (Item)**

1. 2014-2015 Calendars

Dr. Groveman stated that the Board needs to look at the Drafts A and B of the 2014-15 school calendars. He stated the one different between Draft A and B is that we move the spring break to start the week inclusive of Good Friday in Draft B which picks us up a day and under that calendar we can end the school year of June 19, 2015. On Draft A, I did a more traditional Spring/Easter break we get Good Friday on the 3rd and Easter is on the 5th and then we are off the week for spring break and that adds another day to the holiday schedule so that the end of the school year becomes June 22, 2015. Both calendars have three full Staff Development Days that I feel is important. Dr. Groveman asked if the Board would like to send both calendars out to the staff and parents for their input. Mrs. Payerle said she was in agreement with that. Ms. Bicocchi said that she would like to see calendar B because as a practical matter they would like to get out that Friday versus that Monday because it is always hot out and this way they could have the full week off. The Board agreed to give both drafts of the calendar to Administration, REA and parents for comments.

2. Emergency – Facility Issue

Dr. Groveman spoke about the abatement issue at the high school. This project is approximately \$25,000. The other project that we have is a waste line in a tunnel crawl space at Slocum Skewes School. The waste line is leaking sewage that needs to be addressed. However, the tunnel also has piping for hot water which has asbestos wrapped insulation that is in a deteriorating state, so this must be cleaned up before we can even address the sewerage issue. This is already under way and it is being done in the evenings and most of the asbestos is being taken care of. Starting next week we will start working on the pipe leakage. That project is approximately \$90,000. The only other item I want to bring up, is that we did get some word on the ROD Grant. We submitted under Level I high priority items based upon the state coding system. About 4.7 million as we saw as Project Level I grants and also had Project Level II which was the big addition at Bergen Boulevard and redistricting concept. It does not appear that any Level II Grants are going to be approved. We were told that we were approved for 3 million out of our 4.7 million that we requested, but unfortunately we do not know what was approved yet. They did tell us we qualified for 1.2 million in state aid which means that we would have to try and find 2.8 million and then we can do all the projects that they listed but unfortunately I can't tell you what those projects are.

3. Dr. Groveman introduced Mr. Jeffrey Bliss, the auditor from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP. Mr. Bliss spoke and went over the 2012-2013 school year audit to the Board and the public. Mr. Bliss stated that the district is in a good position financially. He stated that this is the first time that he can remember that the Board chose to put money away in these needed reserves for emergencies.

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- A. Finance Committee – Joseph D’Amico (Chairperson), N/R
- B. Curriculum Committee - Lisa Bicocchi (Chairperson), Ingrid Barbosa – N/R
- C. Operations Committee – Andrew Grippa (Chairperson), Joseph D’Amico – N/R
- D. Personnel Committee – Lisa Bicocchi (Chairperson), Ray Salazar – N/R
- E. Policy Committee – Ray Salazar (Chairperson), Andrew Grippa N/R
- F. Student Liaison – Jinsung Lee

Mr. Lee thanked Ms. Bicocchi for her services and dedication as a Board Trustee. He reported on the following: Our music department has been very busy this month. The December Song Concert was on December 11th at the high school. The 5th and 6th grades winter concert was on December 17th and the 7th and 8th grad had their concert the following day. Also, the jazz band has been visiting the elementary schools for their annual holiday concerts. As always, they do a phenomenal job. Slocum’s robotic team is doing well this year. They won first place in their completion in November. Slocum’s robotics team was supposed to have another competition in the 13th which got postponed. The world language department held a Foreign Film Night on December 13th, which was the first of three multicultural movie nights. The second one will be January 10th and the last one is on February 7th. This is a free activity. The CNC machine and the 3-D printer for our engineering by design course are set up and functional. As a class we are now learning the basics and hopefully we are well educated on how these machines work. Tomorrow Slocum is holding a breakfast for the 6th graders where they come in the morning in their pajamas and eat their breakfast in the school. The robotics team held the hunger games fundraiser competition for the second time today which was a success with a gym full of people and the first prize being \$250.00 in cash. Have a healthy and happy holiday season and we’;; see you again on January 2, 2014. Thank you.

- G. NJSBA/Legislative Delegate – Kathy Payerle – N/R

IX. Motion to move into PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the Meeting (Resolutions and Discussion Items Only).

Motion made by Mrs. Payerle, seconded by Ms. Bicocchi.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

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Ms. Adene Kirk had a couple comments regarding the 2014-15 school calendar. She said she feels getting out early is better. She said in regard to the pipes at Slocum Skewes School that maybe we should inspect all the schools for asbestos. If this has to be done is there some way that the state can help us with the funding?

X. Motion to close PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the Meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Payerle, seconded by Mr. Grippa.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

Mrs. Fugnitti told Ms. Kirk that once the drafts of the 2014-15 school calendar is posted the Board will be giving feedback to the public. Dr. Groveman answered Ms. Kirk's question regarding the pipes in all schools. He stated that given based on the era that the year these building were built all our installation pipe wrap is asbestos is not dangerous in any way until it is friable and damaged. He also stated that we have an asbestos professional company with a management plan and we pay them to come in twice a year to make sure we all our safe buildings and make recommendations to us if need be.

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY

Ms. Bicocchi asked to pull resolution #3 – Bill List and Mrs. Payerle asked to pull Resolution #35 – Approval of Workshop Expenditures.

XII. NEW BUSINESS – 2012-2013 AUDIT PRESENTATION

XIII. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

1. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Roll Call

Motion to approve the following consent items
2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,
29,30,31,32,33,34,36,37,38 and 39:

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mrs. Payerle.

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ROLL CALL

Ms. Bicocchi	Aye
Mr. D'Amico	Aye
Mr. Grippa	Aye except Abstain #2 and Recuse on #24
Mrs. Payerle	Aye
Mr. Salazar	Aye
Mrs. Fugnitti	Aye

2. MINUTES – Consent

Motion to approve the minutes from the Motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2013 Business Meeting:

FINANCE – (Items 3-10)

4. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS- Consent

Motion to approve the following fundraisers for the 2013-2014 school year:

- A.) **Pennies for Patients** to raise monies from February 3-21, 2014 from with proceeds going towards patients with Leukemia.
- B.) **Class of 2014** to hold a **Custom T-Shirt Sale** from February 3-28, 2014 with proceeds going towards defraying the costs of the 2014 senior prom.
- C.) **Class of 2015** to hold a **Pasta Dinner** on March 6, 2014 from 5:00-7:00pm with proceeds going towards the junior class treasury-prom expenses.

5. APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR 2012-2013 – Consent

Motion to accept the 2012-2013 Audit Report and the Audit Synopsis for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013:

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Consent

Motion to approve the Report of the Secretary for the period ending November 30, 2013:

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Consent

Motion to approve the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending November 30, 2013:

8. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATION – Consent

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(d), I, Richard Guarini, School Business Administrator, certify that as of November 30, 2013 budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(d), I, Richard Guarini, School Business Administrator, certify that as of November 30, 2013 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(b).

Motion to certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), that as of September 30, 2013 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly report (appropriations sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:23-2.11(e), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year:

9. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER – Consent

Motion to approve a budget transfer for November 2013 in the amount of \$102,118.77 as attached:

10. APPROVAL ON CONTRACT WITH TEQUIPMENT INCORPORATED (TEQ) TO PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT – Consent

Motion to approve the contract with Tequipment to purchase computer equipment for the Learning Center in the amount of \$70,039.56 under NJ State Contract #TO114 Vendor #80992:

STUDENT SERVICES – (Items 11-12)

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11. APPROVAL TO CONTINUE SENIOR YEAR FOR STUDENT W.S. –

Consent

Motion to authorize student W.S. to continue her senior year at Ridgefield Memorial High School, as per policy #5118 (section D) with a graduation date of June 2014:

12. APPROVAL OF STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – Consent

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to issue a high school diploma to student E.S. dated June 2011. E.S. met the qualifications to graduate in June of 2011, but remained in our STRIVE Transition Program until recently:

CURRICULUM – (Item 13)

13. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP EXPENDITURES - Consent

Motion to approve the following workshop participation and expenditures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Nancy Brophy	Autism New Jersey Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/17 & 10/19/13	*\$525 Title IIA
Patrick Carozza	BC Ed. Tech. Training Center – Web Design Workshop	Rochelle Pk., NJ	1/15/14	\$100

*revision in fee

OPERATIONS – (Items 14- 19)

**14. APPROVAL TO DISSEMINATE DRAFTS A & B OF THE RIDGEFIELD
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015:**

Motion to authorize the administration to distribute drafts A & B of the Ridgefield Public School District Calendar for 2014-2015 for comment, suggestion and feedback to staff, parents and community:

15. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE OUTCOME OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRAINING WORKSHOP:

Motion to accept the outcomes of the Ridgefield Board of Education Professional Development session held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 entitled: Committee Effectiveness & Role:

16. APPROVAL OF DATE FOR RIDGEFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – Consent

Motion to approve January 2, 2014 as the date for the re-organization meeting of the Ridgefield Board of Education beginning at 7:00 p.m.:

17. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL WITH PROMEDIA TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC. FOR PHASE 2 SECURITY CAMERAS – Consent

Motion to approve the proposal with Promedia Technology Services Inc. and the Ridgefield Public School District for phase 2 security cameras (WSCA Contract # A83083 – NJS Cooperative Pricing #26EDCP) as attached.:

18. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY FACILITY REPAIR – Consent

Whereas a recently discovered broken sewer pipe beneath the Slocum-Skewes School building requires repair. And,

Whereas the location of this break is in a tunnel /crawl space located in an area where consisting of asbestos pipe wrap that includes damaged and friable asbestos and

Whereas N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 permits the awarding of a contract without public bidding when an emergency affecting the health and safety of occupants of school property exists, and

Whereas the Superintendent of Schools considers this to be an emergency with the potential of affecting the health and safety of the occupants of the schools under the meaning of N.J.S.A 18A:18A-7,

Now Therefore be it approved that: the Superintending of Schools directs the Business Administrator to issue emergency contracts to GL Group totaling \$69,900 sewage cleanup, pipe repair and asbestos removal and abatement and for TTI Environmental Inc. totaling \$22,650 for asbestos monitoring:

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19. APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE RESERVE – Consent

Whereas the Ridgefield Borough Board of Education has established a Maintenance Reserve to be used for required maintenance of the school district, and

Whereas a current emergent repair is required to the Slocum Skewes School building, and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) allows the Board of Education to withdraw such funds for use on required maintenance for a school facility,

Now Therefore, the Board of Education withdraws \$100,000 from the Maintenance Reserve Account to be deposited in the required maintenance budget line 11-000-261-420-003-000, with any unused funds to be returned to said Maintenance Reserve:

PERSONNEL – (Items 20-26)

20. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS - Consent

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools; motion to approve Brian Guidi as a volunteer for the boy's middle school basketball team and Patrick Cancian as a volunteer for the boy's freshman basketball team:

21. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS – Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion appoint Melissa Cahill, Chelsea Vick and Paul Kim as district substitute teachers beginning December 21, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a rate of \$95 per diem to be used on an as needed basis:

22. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion the resignation of Luz Reyes, part time teacher assistant, effective December 20, 2013:

23. APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS- Consent

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to appoint the following as part time teacher assistants:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Erika Seiger	PT- TA	\$14.25 hrly.	12/21/13
Doreen Winter-Casal	PT-TA	\$14.25 hrly.	12/21/13
Daniella Buttafarro	PT-TA	\$14.25 hrly.	12/21/13
Delfina Luzba	PT-TA	\$14.25 hrly.	12/21/13
Joseph Dressler	PT-TA – Paid by Rochelle Pk	\$14.25 hrly.	12/21/13
Ronald McKnight	PT-TA	\$14.25 hrly.	12/21/13

24. APPOINTMENT OF MAGNET SCHOOL SECRETARY –Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to appoint Anna Suttora as the Magnet School Secretary at a salary of \$33,459 beginning January 2, 2014 through June 30, 2014 pro-rated:

25. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT OVERTIME –Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve an overtime assignment for Edward Valdez in the amount of \$33 per hour for up to 10 hours per week to provide technology support and coordination for the installation, data generation, upload and oversight of our new transportation software program, effective January 2, 2014 through February 28, 2014. As of March 1, 2014 the maximum per week overtime shall not exceed 5 hours per week for the balance of the 2014 school year:

26. APPROVAL OF STUDENT TEACHING –Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve Caitlin Peterman, Dominican College student, to conduct student teaching at Shaler under the direction of Ms. Bennan beginning February 24, 2014 through March 28, 2014 and under the direction of Mrs. Brattoli at Slocum Skewes from March 31, 2014 through May 9, 2014:

POLICY – (Items 27-34)

**27. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #3224–
EVALUATION OF PRINCIPALS, VICE PRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT
PRINCIPALS** Consent

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #3224– Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals as attached:

**28. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #3223–
EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATORS, EXCLUDING PRINCIPALS,
VICEPRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS -Consent**

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #3223– Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals as attached:

**29. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #3222–
EVALUATION OF TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS, EXCLUDING
TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS -Consent**

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #3222– Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators as attached:

**30. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #3221–
EVALUATION OF TEACHERS -Consent**

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #3221– Evaluation of Teachers as attached:

**31. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #4146–
EVALUATION OF TEACHERS -Consent**

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #4146– Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Members as attached:

**32. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #3142–
NONRENEWAL OF NONTENURED TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS-
Consent**

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #3142– Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members as attached:

**33. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #3144–
CERTIFICATION OF TENURE CHARGES -Consent**

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #3144– Certification of Tenure Charges as attached:

**34. APPROVAL OF FIRST READING POLICY & REGULATION #1240–
EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT** -Consent

Motion to approve the first reading policy & regulation #1240 – Evaluation of Superintendent as attached:

PERSONNEL - (Items 36-39)

36. RESCIND EXTRA SERVICE APPOINTMENT - Consent

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to rescind the extra service appointment of Nancy Pupino as Bloodbourne Pathogen effective for the 2013-2014 school year:

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____
Motion approved by voice vote of yes, no, abstain.

37. APPOINTMENT OF EXTRA SERVICE POSITION – Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to appoint Charlie Trentacosti to the extra service position of Bloodbourne Pathogen effective for the 2013-2014 school year at step 1 \$1,497:

**38. APPROVAL OF FIRE MARSHALLS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL
YEAR**– Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve the following list of Fire Marshalls to be used for school events for the 2013-2014 school year on an as needed basis:

NAME	RATE
James O'Brierty	\$25.00/hr.
Paul J. Elenio	\$25.00/hr.
Paul F. Elenio	\$25.00/hr.
Kevin McLaughlin	\$25.00/hr.
Peter O'Connor	\$25.00/hr.
Jose Figueroa	\$25.00/hr.
Frank Tripodl	\$25.00/hr.
Steven Rosone	\$25.00/hr.
Joseph Greco	\$25.00/hr.
William Henderson	\$25.00/hr.
Michael Kees	\$25.00/hr.
John Hoffman	\$25.00/hr.

39. APPROVAL OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE INTERNSHIP– Consent

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve Maria Kunzmann, Molloy College student, to conduct a speech-language internship under the supervision of Robyn Merkel-Walsh beginning January 15, 2014 through May 11, 2014:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

Motion made by Ms. Bicocchi, seconded by Mrs. Payerle for discussion on resolution #3 –Bill List.

3.BILL LIST – Consent

Motion to approve the bill list from the month of December 2013:

Batch 21 \$345,342.02

Ms. Bicocchi asked about PO#401741 – DC Sports regarding football polo shirts in the amount of \$410.40. The reason I am asking about this because a couple of months ago there was a purchase order for football jackets for coaches for approximately \$800.00 so for a total of \$1200.00. When I asked about the football jackets I was told the money was in their budget and therefore it was too late to say no. I feel if we have enough money in budget then we should be buying for all sports. I would like to keep an eye of this spending.

Roll Call on Resolution #3 – Bill List

Ms. Bicocchi	Aye
Mr. D'Amico	Aye
Mr. Grippa	Aye
Mrs. Payerle	Aye
Mr. Salazar	Aye
Mrs. Fugnitti	Aye

Motion made by Mrs. Payerle , seconded by Mr. Grippafor discussion on Resolution #35 – Approval of Workshop Expenditures.

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CURRICULUM – (Item 35)

35. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP EXPENDITURES - Consent

Motion to approve the following workshop participation and expenditures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Valerie Echavarria	Emergency Preparedness for Special Populations	Hackensack, NJ	1/10/14	\$25
Michael Zunick David Polgar	Shop Bot Training	Durham, NC	2/5-2/8/14	\$1,800 STEM PD

Mrs. Payerle said that she thinks it is great that the staff is goes for training I think that is a great idea, my question is do we have a policy on when a workshop is a distance should they be driving or flying. Dr. Groveman said there is state limitation of what they will reimburse for hotel and flying. They checked with Mr. Guarini and they are in compliance.

Roll Call on Resolution #35 – Approval of Workshop Expenditures

Ms. Bicocchi	Aye
Mr. D'Amico	Aye
Mr. Grippa	Aye
Mrs. Payerle	Aye
Mr. Salazar	Aye
Mrs. Fugnitti	Aye

LEGAL– (Item)

XIV. Motion to move into PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the meeting (any items).

Motion made by Mr. D'Amico , seconded by Mr. Grippa.
Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

Ms., Adene Kirk spoke about there is some computer problems with the Board Office but they are trickling down to me. Also, at the last PTA Pomptonian visited and did a presentation on how they are upgrading the food for the children which was very nice and they did an open question and answer period. One of the mother's was concerned about their Styrofoam usage and they said the reason they usage Styrofoam because it is the cheapest and if they wanted to go more biodegradable they would need more money from the Board. The last thing I want to

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mention is what Ms. Bicocchi brought up about coaches getting jackets and polo shirts are we talking about coaches and assistants that volunteer versus payroll people. If they are volunteers for our children I think we can give them a bone. If this staff member then maybe have them pay for half of it.

Ms. Maryann Martucci stated that she is on the Recreation Commission on town and I am a little disappointed what I heard. The fourth graders put on a show every year the first Wednesday in December. It is a school event. I was told by our chairperson that the personnel in the school did not have the manpower to put up the risers. The decision was that the children would stand one behind the other. However, there was manpower given by DPW and town people but not school staff that got those risers up. This is a school function and I believe for the last 12 years the school staff always put the risers up.

XV. Motion to close PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Session of the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Salazar, seconded by Mr. D'Amico. Motion passed unanimously by Board Members present.

Mrs. Fugnitti answered Ms. Kirk regarding the computer problems and stated that she did bring it to Dr. Grovemans attention because it has been happening to all of us. We believe we got to the bottom of the problem but if it happens again please feel free to text me. In regard to Pomptonian Foods the Board has opened up their pockets and Mr. D'Amico and I have been working on the food at the schools. We finally made Pomptonian understand that we wanted quality in our food and the money issue was not a problem. I do not know if there is money for upgrading the Styrofoam material. Regarding the jackets and shirts we will look into this. Mrs. Fugnitti answered Ms. Martucci regarding putting up the risers. She explained how over the last few years the Board has cut down on the maintenance/custodial staff and we just could not spare anyone to do it. Maybe could we have coordinated a little better but I understand it was one of the council member and the Recreation Director and the volunteer fire fighters it was not DPW. I did contact people to get to the bottom of it. We will look into for next year.

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard A. Guarini
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the business meeting of the Board of Education at 9:18 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Grippa, seconded by Mrs. Payerle. Motion
passed unanimously by Board Members present.

Respectfully submitted by,

Richard A. Guarini
Business Administrator/Board Secretary