

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Pompton Lakes Board of Education  
Tuesday, February 14, 2012  
Board Conference Room – 7:30 P.M**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The meeting opened with a flag salute.

**READING OF REQUIRED STATEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT**

In accordance with the “New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law,” notice of this meeting, having the date, time and place, was posted at the Borough Hall and at the Board of Education Office. A list of the following meeting dates were sent to the District’s official newspaper of record.

Conference Meetings	Regular Meetings
	July 12, 2011
	August 9, 2011
September 6, 2011	September 13, 2011
October 4, 2011	October 11, 2011
November 1, 2011	November 8, 2011
December 6, 2011	December 13, 2011
January 3, 2012	January 10, 2012
February 7, 2012	February 14, 2012
March 6, 2012	March 13, 2012
April 3, 2012	April 17, 2012
May 1, 2012 (Reorganization Mtg.)	May 8, 2012
June 5, 2012	June 12, 2012

**ROLL CALL** - The following members were present:

**PRESENT:**

Catherine Broolsma  
Shawn Dougherty  
Raymond Keating III (absent for all votes except D-1)  
Garry Luciani  
Carl Padula  
Nancy Schwartz  
Stephanie Shaw  
Timothy Troast

**ABSENT:**

Jose Arroyo  
Thomas Salus

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Superintendent Paul Amoroso  
SBA/Board Secy. Nancy Ciavaglia  
District Administrators: Michael Petrella, Fran MacDonald , Jake Herninko  
Local Councilwoman Terri Reicher  
Five members of the public

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**HEARING OF PUBLIC (FIRST SESSION)**

Resident Steve Grayberg commented that he did not want to see the Board election moved to November because it would take away the resident's vote on the budget. No other member of the public was interested in making public comment. The Board President closed the Hearing of the Public (First Session).

**ROUTINE MATTERS**

RM-5

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It is recommended that the following minutes be approved:

Conference Meeting

February 7, 2012

Motion by Troast, second by Schwartz; carried 6-0-1 on a roll call vote with abstention by Shaw

**FINANCE**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

F-1

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve bills in the amount of \$1,274,799.04 for the month of February 2012.

Motion by Troast, second by Shaw; carried 7-0

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL FOR PAYMENT**

F-2

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve payroll in the amount of \$1,758,309.65 for the month of January 2012.

Motion by Troast, second by Shaw; carried 7-0

**APPROVAL OF STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

F-3

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Student Activity account bills in the amount of \$41,315.51 for the month of December 2011.

Motion by Brolsma, second by Troast; carried 7-0

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GRANTS**

F-4

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the following grants for the 2011-2012 school year:

<b>GRANT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ARRA IDEA Basic	\$121,956.00
ARRA IDEA PSH	7,751.00
Chapter 192	21,134.00
Chapter 193	47,800.00
Categorical Special Ed Aid	888,541.00
Debt Service Aid	124,703.00
Education Job Acts Grant	144,365.00
Equalization Aide	2,621,720.00
Extraordinary Aid from 10-1	552,976.00
Extraordinary Aid from 10-11	400,000.00
Target Field Trip Grant – HS	700.00
No Child Left Behind Grants (NCLB)	106,046.00
Title II Part A	33,173.00
Title III - ESL	16,159.00
Flow Thru	421,820.00
IDEA Part B Pre School Handicap	12,932.00
Non-Public Nursing	16,547.00
Non-Public Textbooks	11,585.00

Motion by Shaw, second by Brolsma; carried 7-0

**APPROVAL TO ATTEND CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP**

F-5

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following personnel to attend the listed workshop/conference (and related expenses as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act).

Motion by Schwartz, second by Troast; carried 7-0

**RESIGNATIONS**

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER – LINCOLN SCHOOL**

P-1

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Jean Ricker, elementary teacher assigned to Lincoln Elementary School, effective June 30, 2012.

**Background**

Mrs. Ricker has been a teacher at Lincoln School for the past twenty-four years. She has taught primarily 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Mrs. Ricker has come to be known for the high expectations she places on her students and her genuine love for the children she teaches.

Motion by Schwartz, second by Shaw; carried 6-0-1 with abstention by Dougherty

**MATERNITY REPLACEMENT –  
SPANISH TEACHER – HIGH SCHOOL**

P-1-a

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Mayra Heffernan, Spanish teacher assigned as maternity replacement (for Karyn Hennessy) to Pompton Lakes High School, effective February 15, 2012.

Motion by Troast, second by Schwartz; carried 7-0

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

**EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE – SCIENCE TEACHER – HIGH SCHOOL**

P-2

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the extended leave of absence for Danielle Bonanno, science teacher assigned to Pompton Lakes High School, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Motion by Shaw, second by Troast; carried 7-0

**APPOINTMENTS**

**MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT –  
LLD PRIMARY TEACHER – LENOX SCHOOL**

P-3

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve Elizabeth Kachur, LLD Primary teacher maternity leave replacement (for Jessica Strauch) assigned to Lenox Elementary School, effective February 17, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Motion by Troast, second by Schwartz; carried 6-0-1 on a roll call vote with abstention by Dougherty

**EXTRACURRICULAR – ATHLETIC**

P-3-a

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following extracurricular athletic appointments for the 2011-2012 school year:

Head Girls' Track and Field Coach	Kerri Hicswa	Step 1
Asst. Girls' Track and Field Coach	Sarah Zadoyko	Step 1 (Pending Sub Certification)
Volunteer Swim Coach	Jo-Ann Davidowica	
Volunteer Baseball Coach	Tom Oliva	

Motion by Schwartz, second by Troast; carried 7-0

**APPOINTMENTS**

**SUBSTITUTES/VOLUNTEERS**

P-3-b

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following personnel to be added to the appropriate substitute/volunteer lists for the 2011-2012 school year:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>Substitute Teachers</b>	George McCabe Dennis Rivera Kathryn Silverstein
<b>Substitute ABA Therapist</b>	Sally Ann Scala
<b>Volunteers</b>	Mine Yavuz

Motion by Shaw, second by Troast; carried 7-0

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**CURRICULUM REPORT TO THE BOE**

**Connected Math – Given by Mr. Herninko and Mrs. Macdonald**

C-1

**FIELD TRIPS**

C-2

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following field trips:

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>School/Dept.</b>	<b>Grade/Club</b>	<b>Destination</b>
Thurs., 2/16/12	HS	FBLA State Competitive Events	Parsippany Hills HS, Parsippany, NJ

Motion by Broolsma, second by Schwartz; carried 7-0 on a roll call vote

**APPROVAL OF PILOT-STUDY**

**SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

C-3

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the participation of the high school AP Chemistry class in a pilot-study sponsored by the University of Michigan. The pilot's focus is on a climate change curriculum (SPECIES - Students Predicting the Effects of Climate in Ecological Systems). The pilot would begin on May 7, 2012 and continue through the end of the school year.

**Background**

Mr. Yuhas, Science Department Chair, and Mr. Przybylinski, PLHS Principal, reviewed the curricular documents from the University of Michigan and also met with one of the researchers of the project. The curriculum is tech-driven and aligned with the Core Standards in science education.

Motion by Padula, second by Shaw; carried 7-0 on a roll call vote

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF  
THE POMPTON LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST  
TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER**

D-1

It is recommended that approval be granted to establish the election of members of the Pompton Lakes Board of Education as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November as follows:

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

**WHEREAS**, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c. 202; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are elected at the General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the Pompton Lakes Board of Education changes the annual election date for school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2012; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the Pompton Lakes Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January 2013; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, members of the Pompton Lakes Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further



**RESOLVED**, That this resolution be transmitted to the Passaic County Clerk; the Passaic County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the Pompton Lakes municipal clerk(s) and school board secretary or secretaries; the Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

(Note: Prior to vote, discussion ensued by Board Members; two letters from district residents were read into the minutes.)

Motion by Troast, second by Schwartz; carried 5-2-1 on a roll call vote with abstention by Dougherty and nay votes by Padula and Schwartz

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (SECOND SESSION)** – Councilwoman Reicher thanked the Board for approving the Chemistry AP class pilot study (Resolution C-3). No other member of the public was interested in making public comment. The Board President closed the Hearing of the Public (Second Session).

**OLD BUSINESS** – Mr. Padula asked for an updates on:

- donated truck by the County of Passaic
- shared service of purchase of gasoline fuel through County of Passaic
- shared service of purchase of road salt through County of Passaic

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Padula reported that the Lake Restoration Committee recently met and he discussed the possibility of raising the athletic fields out of the flood plain.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:05 P.M.**

E-2

Motion by Schwartz, second by Troast; carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy M. Ciavaglia*

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