

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 28, 2006
Board of Education Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

1. OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting of the Board of Education, City of Woodbury, was held on the above date. Mr. Gwalthney called the meeting to order at 7:01pm, and read the opening statements.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting’s Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

Faxing notice to the Gloucester County Times and to the Courier Post, and filing written notice with the Clerk of the City of Woodbury at the time of Reorganization in April, 2006.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Chiesa	Present	Mrs. Dennen	Present
Mr. Ferraino	Present	Mr. Goodrich	Present
Mr. Gwalthney	Present	Mr. Haase	Present
Ms. Hill	Present	Mr. Lonabaugh	Present
Ms. Moore	Present		

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

5. MISSION STATEMENT

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

- Elementary Grade Reconfiguration Conversation – Discussion of Walnut Street School Closing
 - Frank Gwalthney – framed the discussion of the public at the public hearings in November for the Woodbury Board of Education. He stated he does not believe we should close Walnut Street School.

- Mary Ellen Moore – stated that this idea was introduced first to the finance committee. She stated there was sound financial and educational benefits on paper to consider. This idea was presented to the Board of Education in August and the pros and cons were discussed then. It was decided by the Board of Education at that time to present this idea to the public. She discussed the “passion” she heard from the public and she stated she could not ignore these sentiments. Ms. Moore stated that the test is whether or not this will ultimately benefit Woodbury’s children. She believes at this time closing Walnut Street School will not benefit the children.
- Bill Goodrich – stated that the Finance Committee is in charge of continually looking for ways to manage the very small portion of the budget which we have control over. He stated that the Finance Committee believes that this plan would be a way to manage that small portion of the budget. Mr. Goodrich stated that at this point in time closing Walnut Street School is not the most effective thing to do.
- Diane Hill – as a member of the Finance Committee she stated that the charge of the committee is that the students come first, but the committee must look out for the taxpayers as well. She stated that the committee must look for ways to cut costs. Ms. Hill thanked the public for coming forth with their comments. She stated she is a lifelong resident who has experienced neighborhood schools and Carpenter Street School. She stated that she lives in the area with no schools and her area has deteriorated as people passed and businesses bought houses. Ms. Hill stated that Carpenter Street School did not change her area, economics did. Ms. Hill stated she argues and understands the passion with having neighborhood schools and does not believe we should go forward with the closing of Walnut Street School.
- Tom Haase – stated he was elected to try and control the costs of the City. He referred to the \$650,000 savings and stated it was not enough to pursue the closing of the school.
- Anthony Chiesa – stated the Board needs this dialogue. Mr. Chiesa stated that the issue today and in the future is the dwindling ratables and increased costs and how it affects the community. He stated he likes the educational component of the reconfiguration issue but agrees the following issues of the community are what needs to be addressed:
 - safety of community
 - child molesters (need to take to City Council)
 - walking of the students

Mr. Chiesa urged the public to speak to the legislators about the underfunding of state aide issue.

- Bill Goodrich – stated that we need to address the Megan’s law issue with City Council.
- Mary Ellen Moore – stated she disagrees with the label that Woodbury is a poor town.
- Jerry Lonabaugh – stated he is glad that the Board is suggesting that Walnut Street School remain open. He stated he was never in agreement with the plan since the beginning and never will be until the State forces the issue. Mr. Lonabaugh stated he is concerned with the safety of the children. He stated he disagrees with the closing of the Carpenter Street School but understands the reasoning of why it was done.

- Sam Ferraino – stated that this issue will be revisited again because of the budget constraints and the rising costs. He stated that Walnut School cannot be considered a ratable because houses would not help they would only bring more students. Mr. Ferraino stated the first referendum was voted down by taxpayers. He stated that the first thing voters see is the services to the students that have been cut back during the budget process. He said if it's between a building and kid's activities, what is worse. Mr. Ferraino stated that the Board needs to sit down and really look at this and provide the best education for the students. He stated that he does not think Walnut Street School should close at this time.
- Lynn Dennen – thanked everyone for not shying away from controversy. She stated she does not think that the Board should pursue the closing and should continue to explore the offering of a full day pre-kindergarten.
- Diane Hill – stated the educational components of a full day pre-kindergarten plan are exciting. She stated that the elementary students should be thought of as part of the Woodbury School District and not by individual school. Ms. Hill suggested continuing grade level meetings.
- Jerry Lonabaugh – stated he would like to put the closing of Walnut Street School to rest tonight.
- Bill Goodrich – stated that we need to realize that we looked at this closure as a cost saving method and part of the savings would be utilized to fund parking lot repairs and a full day pre-kindergarten in the current budget.
- Sam Ferraino – stated they must understand that they will not have the \$.17 cent savings and the Board of Education will have to look for ways to project out to look at long term savings.
- Mary Ellen Moore – stated that the Board suffers from lack of participation from parents of the north end of Woodbury and stated that the Board needs input from the north end.
- Frank Gwalthney – stated that the Board will not include the closing of Walnut Street School on the agenda and unless there is a decrease in state aid, this will not go on the agenda as long as he is President. Mr. Gwalthney stated he hopes that state funding is higher in the future.
- Diane Hill – stated that any person concerned about the school should run for election.

7. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Ms. Moore
 Voice Vote: Yes: 9

Second: Mr. Goodrich
 No: 0

1. Fred Kier – 34 N. Maple Street, Woodbury – questioned if the Board could provide a field hockey field which could be called home field to the Girls Field Hockey Team. He stated they played 19 away games which needed extra buses. Mr. Kiar suggested the Board consider this before next year's games are scheduled.
2. Lee Weatherby – 105 S. Warner Street, Woodbury – stated he was grateful to the Board of Education and questioned where the new West End boiler is.

3. Heidi Lewis – 419 W. Centre Street, Woodbury – thanked Ari Ford for the wonderful opportunity that was given to the students participating in the robotics competition. Woodbury won the competition.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Mr. Goodrich
 Voice Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

8. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Mrs. Dennen
 Voice Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

1. Lee Weatherby – 105 S. Warner Street, Woodbury – questioned the full day pre-kindergarten and stated that we should hold the line on some things. Mr. Weatherby suggested suspending this thought. He discussed parents dropping kids off and stated they should extend courtesies and not stay and talk. Mr. Weatherby suggested to the Board not to embark on new projects at this time.
2. Bill Fleming – 61 N. Bayard Avenue, Woodbury – referred to Barb Castleberry's resignation and questioned the changing of architectural appointment and which contracts that would affect.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Mrs. Dennen
 Voice Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Presentation of June 30, 2006 Audit Report – Mrs. Pennell reviewed the synopsis of the audit report and stated that there were no audit recommendations.

10. AGENDA

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings held on October 17, 2006; November 13, 2006; November 14, 2006; November 20, 2006.

2. Secretary’s Report

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the October 2006 Secretary’s Report. (Exhibit 07-46)

3. Treasurer’s Report

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the October 2006 Treasurer’s Report. (Exhibit 07-47)

4. Transfers

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the transfers in line accounts in accordance with the lists submitted. (Exhibit 07-48)

5. Payment of Bills

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the payment of bills without exception. (Exhibit 07-49)

6. Revenue Amounts/Sources

The Woodbury Board of Education recognized the Board Secretary’s certification, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11c2, that there are changes in anticipated revenue amounts and revenue sources as approved under the Business and Financial section of the agenda.

7. Certifications

a) Secretary’s Report

Board Secretary’s Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of October 2006. The Board Secretary certified that no line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11c 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

b) Board of Education Certification

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby certified, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23- 2.11c4, that after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11c and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion: Mr. Ferraino

Second: Mrs. Dennen

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9

No: 0

B. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL1. Resignation

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the resignation of Barbara Castleberry, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective January 19, 2007 or sooner, at the discretion of the Superintendent.

2. Leave of Absence

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved granting Carla Bittner, Teacher of Grade 4 at Evergreen Avenue School, a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for the period of on or about January 16– June 6, 2007.

Mr. Haase – questioned how long a leave is.

3. Employment

a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Kisha Barr as Interim Teacher of English at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, commencing October 30, 2006 to on or about March 2, 2007. Mrs. Barr will be compensated at the rate of \$125 per day.

b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Sharon Damiano as Interim Teacher of Physical Education/Health at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, on an emergent hire basis, commencing November 20, 2006 to on or about June 21, 2007. Mrs. Damiano will be compensated at the rate of \$125 per day.

4. Extra-Curricular – 2006-07

a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the Winter Sports Schedule. (Exhibit 07-50)

b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved athletic extra-curricular appointments for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Step/Stipend</u>
Coach	Jr. High Basketball-Girls	Regina Bosworth	2/\$2,238
Asst. Coach	Girls Varsity Basketball	Sharon Damiano	1/\$3,925
Head Coach	Winter Cheerleading	Tobey Realley	4/\$4,790

5. Family Nights

a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the addition of the following teacher for Kindergarten Family Nights on January 16 and April 18, 2007. Compensation will be at the Special Projects Rate plus ½ hour of planning for each hour of the program.

Maria Gassner

b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the following teachers to participate in the NASA Family Nights held on November 15, 2006, January 24, March 8, and May 9, 2007. Each will be compensated for 3 hours per night at the Special Projects Rate.

Antoinette Allen
 Susan Berting
 Colleen Fitzgerald

Ari Ford
 Sharron Knauss

6. Substitutes – 2006-07

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved substitutes for the 2006-07 school year.

Michaluk, Jason – Woodbury, NJ – Sub. Cert. – K-12
 Rochester, Kris – Deptford, NJ – Sub. Cert. – K-12
 Snow, Michael – Woodbury, NJ – Sub. Cert. – K-12
 Wagner, Mary Ellen – Woodbury, NJ – CEAS – K-5

7. Accelerated Math Program

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved Ari Ford be compensated for a maximum of 35 hours at the Special Projects Rate for providing Accelerated Math support/consultation in the special education classrooms during the 2006-07 school year. Funding will be through the IDEIA FY '07 grant.

8. Student Teacher Placements

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the following student teacher placements from Rowan University for the spring of 2006-07 school year.

<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Student Teacher</u>
Robyn Sole	Jr.-Sr. High School	Natalie A. Patrizio
Gerald (Mickey) Kiser	Jr.-Sr. High School	Lauren M. Franco
Lauren Roskos	Jr.-Sr. High School	David McGrath
Tobey Realley	Jr.-Sr. High School	Lisa M. Arluna
Barbara Gale	Jr.-Sr. High School	Anthony J. Vitale
Theresa Richman	Walnut Street School	Andrea Concordia
Theresa Savage	West End School	Jessica Sanford
Jaime Jess	West End School	Melissa Piarulli

Motion: Mr. Ferraino

Second: Mrs. Dennen

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9

No: 0

Mr. Chiesa voted no on #4b only.

C. PERSONNEL - SUPPORT1. Resignations

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the letter of resignation from Valerie Schwartz, Secretary, effective December 1, 2006.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the letter of resignation from Margaret Walsh, Secretary, effective November 22, 2006.
- c) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the letter of resignation from Jennifer Rommel, Instructional Assistant in the Jr.-Sr. High School, effective December 1, 2006.

2. Retirements

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the letter of retirement from Alphonso Washington, Custodian, effective March 1, 2007. Mr. Washington has been with the district for the past 19 years.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the letter of retirement from Marjorie L. Atkinson, Secretary, effective July 1, 2007. Mrs. Atkinson has been with the district for the past 30 years.

3. Employment

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of the following Instructional Assistant who will be employed for 29 hours per week, 185 day school year, at the rate of \$16 per hour.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Tracy Wolf (Emergent Hire)	West End	11/29/06
Brooke Bodkin (Emergent Hire)	Jr.-Sr. High	12/4/06

- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of the following Aides for a 182 day school year.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Type of Aide</u>	<u>Hrs. Per Wk.</u>	<u>Hrly. Rate</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Samantha McConnell	Kdg.	29	\$10.75	Evergreen	11/29/06
Michelle French	Sub. Lunch	As needed	\$7.10	Evergreen	Pending Criminal History Approval

- c.) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Robin Fisher as Secretary in the Guidance Office, full-time, 12 months, effective January 2, 2007. Ms. Fisher's salary will be in accordance with Step 9 (12 months) on the 2006-2007 Secretarial/Clerical Salary Guide.

4. Transfer

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the transfer of Janice Marucci from Secretary in the High School Guidance Office (10 month) to Secretary to the Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction (12 month), effective January 2, 2007. Mrs. Marucci's salary will be in accordance with the equitable step on the 12 month 2006-07 Salary Guide.

Mr. Lonabaugh – stated that Janice Marucci is the backbone of the Guidance Department and questioned if it will affect the Guidance Department.

5. AVID Tutor

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved AVID Tutor for up to 4 hours per week at the rate of \$10 per hour:

Jason O'Shea

Motion: Mr. Ferraino

Second: Mrs. Dennen

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9

No: 0

D. STUDENTS & PROGRAMS1. Out of District Placements

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the following out-of-district placements for the 2006-07 school year:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Per Diem Cost</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
0960	Bankbridge-North	\$140	10/19/06
2105	Bankbridge Elementary	\$140	10/23/06
2109	Archbishop Damiano	\$183.77	10/25/06

2. Continuation of Suspension

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the continuation of the suspension for student # 061089 for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006-07 school year.

3. Homebound Instruction

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved providing homebound instruction for the following students:

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Hrs. Per Week</u>	<u>Home Instruction Provider</u>	<u>Reason</u>
064086	10/16-12/16/06	5	Brookfield Schools	Medical
061089	11/6/06-1/31/07	10	Julie Longo	Per Admin.
030449	10/19/06-12/19/06	5	Brookfield Schools	Medical

4. Sr. Class Trip

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Florida, from Saturday, March 31 to Tuesday, April 3, 2007. The approximate cost per pupil is \$820. Chaperones will be Colleen Fitzgerald, Christopher Sheppard, and Grant Shivers.

5. Autistic Behavioral Evaluation

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved an Autistic Behavioral Evaluation to be conducted by the GCSSSD Regional Council for student #1784 at a cost not to exceed \$450.

6. Homeless Students

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved contracts for homeless students as per Exhibit 07-51.

Ms. Hill questioned the grade levels of the homeless students.

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Mrs. Dennen

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

E. BUSINESS & FINANCIAL1. 2005-06 Audit

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the audit report performed by Holman & Frenia, P.C. for the 2005-06 school year which indicated “No Recommendations”. A synopsis of the report was distributed. (Exhibit 07-52)

2. Health Insurance Plan Renewal – 2006-07

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the revised rates with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey for the period 11/1/06 to 10/31/07. (Exhibit 07-53)

Ms. Hill – questioned whether or not the health insurance rate of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey is still lower than the State Health Benefits Program insurance.

3. Submission of Grant Proposals

a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved submitting a grant proposal to the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for equipment for the Varsity/Jr. Varsity Baseball team.

- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved submitting a grant proposal to the New Jersey Governor's Initiative on Autism in the amount of \$283,595 to enhance in-district autism services.
- c) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved submitting a grant proposal to the ING Unsung Heroes Award in the amount of \$2,000 to support the WEBSTER character education program at West End Memorial School.
- d) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved submitting a grant proposal to the Dodge Foundation Principal Fellowship Program in the amount of \$7,000 to support the WEBSTER character education program at West End Memorial School.

4. Acceptance of Grant – NJ Verizon Foundation's Competitive Challenge Initiative Technology in Education

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved accepting the New Jersey Verizon Foundation's Competitive Challenge Initiative Technology in Education grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Bill Goodrich – questioned what the New Jersey Verizon Foundation's Competitive Challenge Initiative Technology in Education grant in the amount of \$10,000 is and asked to have it explained to him.

5. Tech Prep Grant Program

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved participation in the Tech Prep Grant Program for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007 through the lead agency, Gloucester County Vocational Technical School District. Woodbury's grant allocation for this period is \$41,749.

6. Architect Appointment

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the appointment of Garrison Architects as Architect of Record until the Board next reorganizes in 2007.

Mr. Goodrich – questioned whether or not the District received an official resignation from Radey Associates.

Mrs. Pennell – explained that Radey Associates were never appointed as the 2006-07 or the 2005-06 Architect of Record.

7. Submission of Project Applications

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved Garrison Architects to provide architectural and engineering services to amend the Long-Range Facility Plan and to submit project applications, where appropriate, to the State Department of Facilities for the following renovation projects:

- West End and Evergreen Partial Roof Repairs
- West End Structural Repairs in Rooms 18 and 19
- Evergreen and West End Parking Lot Repair, Expansion and Addition of a Drop-Off

Mr. Goodrich – asked to have the projects explained to him and questioned how would the District fund them.

Ms. Hill – asked to have the damages in Room 18 and 19 at West End explained to her.

8. Horizontal/Vertical Delineation Sampling

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved to increase the contract with Adams, Rehmann & Heggan to conduct additional horizontal/vertical delineation sampling at an additional cost not to exceed \$4,325.

Mr. Goodrich – questioned the vertical delineation samplings.

9. Transportation Route – 2006-07

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the following West Deptford transportation route for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

<u>Rte. #</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Cost</u>
701A	Bankbridge Elementary	1	\$25.10 per day

10. West End Boiler

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved selling the West End boiler to the Waterford Township School District for \$500.

11. Change Orders

a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved change orders to the Delaware Valley Mechanical contract as follows:

<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
9	\$45,496.00	Demolition and removal of four boilers
17	\$ 1,263.79	Install two additional heating units-Evergreen
18	\$ 2,219.43	Install one additional heating unit-HS Annex Boiler Room

Ms. Hill - questioned if the change orders were still within the budget.

Mr. Goodrich – questioned the change orders and why they were not in the original budget.

- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved a change order to the Geothermal Services, Inc. contract in the amount of \$4,759 for labor and material to construct a new foundation wall. This foundation wall supports the segmental block retaining wall and allowed Geothermal Services to install the new supply and return piping to the Annex boiler room.
- c) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved a second change order to the Geothermal Services Inc. contract in the amount of \$1,326.87 for supplying two loads of ¾” stone for placement in the 10” piping trench between the inside edge of the existing track and the base of the hill.
- d) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved a credit change order #1 for Altchem Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of (\$5,000). This reduced their contract to \$150,000 for the asbestos abatement at the high school.

12. Job Description

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the job description – District Grant Writer, B-9. (Exhibit 07-54)

13. Travel and Work Related Expenses for Employees

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the resolution for reimbursement of travel and work related expenses for employees attending conferences, conventions, staff training, seminars and/or workshops as previously approved by the Chief School Administrator as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of each attendee. (Exhibit 07-55)

Motion: Mr. Ferraino

Second: Mrs. Dennen

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9

No: 0

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent’s Report – as submitted

1. Mr. Jones discussed the meeting with the Mayor and the City Prosecutor regarding air guns.

Ms. Hill – questioned whether or not this topic has been taken to the PTA’s so they can start a grass roots campaign.

Mr. Chiesa – questioned whether or not there were other townships with model policies regarding air guns.

Mrs. Dennen – stated we need to take a stand and make a strong statement regarding not selling guns in our town.

Mr. Gwalthney – stated we need to follow up with Megan’s law. Mr. Gwalthney questioned what kind of legislation we can use to set limits for new people moving into the City.

Ms. Hill – questioned if the District could send something home with the calendars and/or newsletters.

Mr. Gwalthney – suggested including in the next community white and gold.

2. Mr. Jones discussed the Robotics competition and stated it was a volunteer effort by Ari Ford. Mr. Jones proposed this be considered a true club in the future with a compensated stipend. Mr. Jones stated the final competition will be in Alabama.

Mr. Gwalthney – questioned whether or not Valero, Ktron, Inductatherm could support this.

3. Mr. Jones referred to the monthly district administration reports and specifically Alysa Cummings reports in this month's packet.

Mr. Chiesa – questioned Mr. Lukens' bequeath of \$100,000.

Mr. Gwalthney – questioned if the Foundation can accept the \$100,000 on behalf of the school.

Mr. Lonabaugh – questioned the general handouts #10, #11 & #12 (school calendars). Mr. Lonabaugh stated he thought the idea was to have general consistency.

- School Business Administrator's Report – as submitted

1. Mrs. Pennell highlighted the sale of the promissory notes.

Mrs. Dennen – questioned procedures for the tornado watch last week.

12. FIRE DRILL REPORT

October 2006

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Length of Drill</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Evergreen	10/10/06	10:00 a.m.	2 min., 17 sec.	Sunny, warm
	10/19/06	10:00 a.m.	12 min., 31 sec.	Evacuation Drill
Walnut	10/18/06	10:00 a.m.	57 sec.	Sunny
	10/30/06	1:05 p.m.	1 min., 1 sec.	Sunny
West End	10/11/06	10:15 a.m.	2 min., 30 sec.	Cloudy, breezy, chilly
	10/19/06	2:00 p.m.	3 minutes	Cloudy, cool
Jr.-Sr. High	10/11/06	1:15 p.m.	15 minutes	Evacuation Drill
	10/14/06	9:52 a.m.	5 minutes	Cloudy

13. FUTURE DATES

November 28, 2006 – Property Committee – 5:30 p.m. (NOTE: NEW TIME)

November 28, 2006 – Board of Education Meeting – High School's New Cafeteria - 7:00 p.m.

November 29, 2006 – Very Beary Family Night at West End School – 1st grade – 6:30 p.m.

December 6, 2006 – Elementary Winter Concert – Evergreen Avenue School - 7:00 p.m.

December 14, 2006 – High School Band Concert - 8:00 p.m. – **POSTPONED UNTIL
JANUARY, 2007**

December 19, 2006 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

December 19, 2006 – Communications Committee – 6:00 p.m.

December 20, 2006 – High School Choir Concert –St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church - 8:00 p.m.

January 11, 2007 – Family Book Night at West End School – 5th grade – 6:30 p.m.

January 16, 2007 – Lips, Camera, Action! Family Night at West End School – Kindergarten – 6:30 p.m.

January 17, 2007 – Music in the House Family Night at Walnut School – 4th grade – 7:00 p.m.

January 23, 2007 – Property Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

January 23, 2007 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

January 25, 2007 – Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property Committee – Mary Ellen Moore, Chairperson

- Discussed the HVAC and stated the heat is up in all schools. Ms. Moore stated they are now balancing the system.
- Discussed the change of architect of record.
- Reviewed the long range facilities needs.
- Stated the plywood was installed in the Auditorium and the carpet is to be installed soon.
- Discussed the Stadium and stated that the Committee is waiting on the permits to begin demolition.
- Discussed the structural concerns in Room 18 and 19 at West End. Ms. Moore stated the Committee needs to determine the cause and find a solution.
- Discussed the water leaking in the basement at Walnut School and questioned if there is a structural failure somewhere.
- Discussed using surplus funds from 05-06 to fund some of these need projects.

Ms. Hill – questioned Walnut’s water issues.

Mr. Jones – questioned the possibility of outsourcing the Ground Department.

Personnel Committee – Lynn Jennings Dennen, Chairperson – no report

Finance Committee – Mary Ellen Moore, Chairperson – report that Walnut Street School is staying open.

Communications Committee – Jerry Lonabaugh, Chairperson – no report

Policy Committee – William Goodrich, Chairperson – no report

Minority Task Force – Diane Hill, Liaison – no report

New Jersey School Board Association Conference Report – Anthony Chiesa – discussed his attendance at the workshop. Mr. Chiesa gathered a lot of information and was able to network with other board members at the conference.

Mr. Jones – stated there is a lot of value of taking time to participate in the conference.
Mr. Chiesa – requested packet of information before hand.

15. REPRESENTATIVES

NJSBA Legislative Delegate – Frank Gwalthney – discussed the Delegate Assembly meeting, which he attended on November 18, 2006. He stated there is a lot of concern with moving the election to November. Mr. Gwalthney stated there is no concrete information regarding funding yet.

Gloucester County School Boards – Jerry Lonabaugh – Mr. Gwalthney attended the last meeting

City Council Liaison – Anthony Chiesa – no report

16. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT:

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Ms. Moore
Voice Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT:

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Mrs. Dennen
Voice Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

17. ADJOURNMENT TO END BOARD MEETING

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BOARD MEETING:

Motion: Mr. Ferraino Second: Mrs. Dennen

Voice Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

Time: 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Esther R. Pennell,
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary