

**GARFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION, 125 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Regular Meeting** of the Garfield Board of Education held on February 23, 2010, at Garfield Middle School. The meeting was convened by Dr. Conte at 6:00pm.

**A G E N D A**

**I. Sunshine Statement**

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Record.

Call To Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

| <b>BOARD MEMBER</b>     | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dr. Koch (Donna)        | X              |               |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)  | X              |               |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)       | X              |               |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore) | X              |               |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)  | X              |               |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffrey)   | X              |               |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)      | X              |               |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)    | X              |               |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)     | X              |               |

**Attendance:**

Nicholas Perrapato, Superintendent of Schools  
Raymond Hryczyk, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Dennis R. Frohnafel, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Jim Turek, Assistant Business Administrator  
Curt J. Geisler, Esq., Board Counsel

**II. Student Presentations for the Months of January and February**

*The Student of the Month for January, 2010, Johayra Diaz was not present to receive the Board's resolution. Thomas Giuffre, teacher at GHS, presented Matthew Dunning as the Garfield High School Student of the Month for February, 2010. Dr. Conte congratulated Matthew on behalf of the Board and wished him well in his future endeavors.*

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### III. Approval of Minutes

Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education approves the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 12 and 20, 2010 and the Work Session and Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2010. *Mr. Barckett motioned to approve the minutes. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Damato and carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

### IV. Superintendent's Report

*The Youth Art Month for Bergen County will take place at IKEA in Paramus on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Youth Art Month gives art teachers the opportunity to display their student's art work.*

*March 16, 2010 will be a one session day for students ONLY. Professional Development will be taking place throughout the district.*

*In support of the tragic earthquake that occurred in Haiti, the Garfield Schools have been organizing various fund raisers and sending their donations to the American Red Cross.*

*The elementary schools are in the process of conducting their Progress Review Project Fairs. Students' work will be displayed for review.*

*The week of March 22, 2010, the elementary schools, middle school and high school will be administering the ACCESS Test.*

*During the week of February 1, 2010, teachers in grades 2 through 5 attended Writer's Workshops. At these workshops goals were set for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 school years.*

### V. Urban School Boards Report - No Report

### VI. Resolutions (Consent Agenda)

#### A. PERSONNEL

02-327-10 Approve certificated staff appointments

02-328-10 Approve salary adjustments

02-329-10 Approve substitutes

02-330-10 Approve leaves of absence

02-331-10 Approve parent workshop

02-332-10 Approve title change

02-327-10 Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following *certificated staff appointments*, employment in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-6.5c, regarding criminal history qualification letter, effective on the dates indicated:

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1. Anna Guzik, Long Term Substitute Teacher, assigned to GMS, Special Education Resource Room, at \$223.75 per day, from March 1 thru June 30, 2010

02-328-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following *salary adjustments*, effective February 1, 2010:

1. Tammy Francica, \$65,365, from BA/Step 12K to MA/Step 12K, effective Feb 1, 2010
2. Diane Freed, \$135,300 + \$3,600L, effective January 1, 2010 (Longevity adjustment)

02-329-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following *substitute teachers, secretaries, custodians, and PCPs*, for the 2009/10 school year, effective March 1 thru June 30, 2010:

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

**DEGREE**

- |      |                         |            |
|------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1.   | Joseph Algieri          | Degree     |
| 2.   | Tanya Conoscenti        | Non Degree |
| 3.   | Anthony Dadika          | Degree     |
| 4.   | Amy D'Ovidio            | Degree     |
| 5.   | Kimberly Downs          | Degree     |
| 6.   | Halina Grabowski        | Degree     |
| 7.   | Ashlee Hicswa           | Non Degree |
| 8.   | Sue Krenn               | Degree     |
| * 9. | Ronni Montelbano-Mendez | Degree     |
| 10.  | Kujtim Odza             | Non Degree |
| 11.  | Emilija Spirovski       | Degree     |
| 12.  | Jarret Van Ollefen      | Non Degree |
| 13.  | Krystina Wisniewski     | Degree     |

\* Appointment did not carry by majority roll call vote

**SUBSTITUTE SECRETARIES**

1. Maria Cabaj
2. Shirley Cooper
3. Joann Scuito
4. Marlene Wurms
5. Pauline Verdeflor

**SUBSTITUTE PCPS**

1. Joanne Caccavella
2. Doreen Chanda

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**02-330-10** **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following *leaves of absence*, effective on the dates indicated:

1. John Czujko, Director of Facilities, medical leave, from December 22, 2009 thru April 16, 2010, absent 66 days, using 66 sick days with pay
2. Kathleen Scarpa, Sch No. 8, medical leave, from February 1 thru 15, 2010, using 9 sick days with pay
3. Sharon Cerracchio, Sch No. 8, medical leave, from January 27 thru February 23, 2010, using 12 sick days with pay.
4. Nicole Horvath, ECLC, extended medical leave, from February 1 thru 26, 2010, using 17 sick days with pay
5. Christine Morrow, GMS, maternity leave, from March 19 thru May 7, 2010, absent 30 days, using 29 sick days with pay and 1 day unpaid
6. Deborah Brunner, Sch No. 7, medical leave, from February 17 thru 26, 2010, using 8 sick days with pay
7. Maureen Cook-Ryder, GHS, medical leave, from February 1 thru March 1, 2010, using 17 sick days with pay
8. Danielle Faga, Sch No. 7, maternity leave, from April 12 thru June 21, 2010, absent 50 days, using 40 sick days with pay and 10 days unpaid.

**02-331-10** **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the *Study Island Parent Workshop*, at the following schools, on the dates indicated, two (2) hours per teacher, total cost not to exceed \$404.00, salaries in accordance with Schedule O, payable upon submission of appropriate payroll voucher on March 15, 2010, funds available from 20-451-200-100/23:

1. Jack LoBue, Sch No. 4, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, \$29.00 per hour
2. Cindy Kovalycsik, Sch No. 5, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, \$45.00 per hour
3. Dawn Grubman, Sch No. 8, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, \$33.00 per hour
4. Gregory Pietrocola, Sch No. 6, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, \$37.00 per hour
5. Adina Leuthner, Sch No. 7, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, \$29.00 per hour
6. Jessica Ribauda, Sch No. 10, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, \$29.00 per hour

**02-332-10** **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following title changes to be in compliance with recognized NJDOE Titles (the current job descriptions for these positions will not change):

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1. Supervisor EBB to Federal Programs Supervisor
2. EBB Asst Supervisor to Federal Programs Assistant

| Consent Agenda: personnel actions 327 thru 332: |     |                                  |               |        |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| MOTION: Mr. Wich                                |     | SECOND: Mr. Benanti              |               |        |
|   | YES | NO                               | ABSTAIN       | ABSENT |
| Dr. Koch (Donna)                                | X   | 329 Sub PCPs and Sub Secretaries |               |        |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)                          | X   | 329 Sub PCPs and Sub Secretaries |               |        |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)                               | X   | 329 - #9 ONLY                    |               |        |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore)                         | X   | 329 - #9 ONLY                    |               |        |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)                          | X   |                                  |               |        |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffrey)                           |     |                                  |               | X      |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)                              | X   |                                  |               |        |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)                            | X   |                                  | 329 - #9 ONLY |        |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)                             | X   | 329 - #9 ONLY                    |               |        |

**B. EDUCATION**

- 02-333-10 Approve Enrollment Report for December 2009
- 02-334-10 Approve out-of-district placements
- 02-335-10 Approve professional services
- 02-336-10 Approve professional days
- 02-337-10 Approve field trips
- 02-338-10 Approve flyers
- 02-339-10 Approve student teacher assignments
- 02-340-10 Approve junior practicum assignment
- 02-341-10 Approve events
- 02-342-10 Accept donation
- 02-343-10 Approve participation in Federally required Sp Ed data collection
- 02-344-10 Authorize disposal of school furniture
  
- 02-333-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the *Enrollment Report for January, 2010*.
  
- 02-334-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Supervisor of Special Education, and Supervisor of CST, approves the following *out-of-district placements*, for the 2009/10 school year:

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1. Contract for XL with Children's Therapy Center of Bergen County, from February 3 thru June 30, 2010, 91 days at \$328.37 per day, total cost not to exceed \$29,882.00, funds available from 11-000-100-566-000.
2. Contract for JR with Windsor Academy of Passaic County, from February 22 thru June 30, 2010, 81 days at \$259.06 per day, total cost not to exceed \$20,983.86, funds available from 11-000-100-566-000.
3. Contract for KB with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, from January 27 thru June 30, 2010, 95 days at a cost of \$50,675 (prorated), funds available from 11-000-100-566-000.
4. Contracts from Bergen County Special Services for JM with Transition Center at Wood-Ridge, from January 11 for 107 days, at \$47,900.00 (prorated); NM with Washington South, from January 19 for 103 days at \$65,000.00 (prorated); and HA with BELA, from January 19 thru June 30, 2010, 103 days at \$50,290.00 (prorated), funds available from 11-00-100-566-000.

02-335-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the following **professional services**:

1. Assembly Corbin Maxey "The Reptile Guy", Friday, May 21, 2010, at Sch No. 5, four (4) shows, Grades K-5, fee \$1,500, funds available from 15-190-100-320/05
2. Science Workshop Assembly, Wednesday, May 25, 2010, at Sch No. 5, Grades K-5, two (2) shows "Up Up & Away" and two (2) shows "Fire & Ice," fee \$1,380, funds available from 15-190-100-320/05
3. Workshop, Child Centered Strategies for Improving Academic Performance for teachers in Grades 3-4-5, Tuesday, March 16, 2010, fee \$1,600, funds available from 15-190-100-320/04 /05 /06 /07 /08 /10
4. Read Across America Day, "Tail Waggin' Tutors," at Sch No. 5, Friday, March 5, 2010, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, no fee

02-336-10 **Be it Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the following **Professional Days**:

1. Grillo, N., Romano, B., Ottomanelli, L., Sch No. 10, Writer's Workshop at Sch No. 4, Feb 1, 2010
2. Scarpa, K., Sch No. 8; Clarizio, S., Sch No. 10, NJDOE, Learning Resource Center, E. Orange, Feb 17-18, 2010
3. Sherbert, M., Sch No. 7, NJ Music Educators Association, New Brunswick, Feb 18, 2010

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4. Cosentino, M., Sch No. 7, Workshop re Disorganized Defiant and Chaotic Child , Parsippany, March 5, 2010
5. Amos, R., ECLC, NJ State School Nurses Association, New Brunswick, March 20, 2010
6. Alfonso, J. GHS, Kean University, Feb 5, 2010
7. Freed, D., Popowich, E., Sch No. 4, Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute, Mahwah, Feb 10, 2010
8. Gargano, K., Sch, No. 8, NJ Music Educators Association, E. Brunswick, Feb 19-20, 2010
9. DeSimone, Sch No. 5; Paz, J., Sch No. 8, Kean University, Feb 23-24, 2010
10. McGill, M., Sch No. 7, NJDOE, Lyndhurst, Feb 26, 2010
11. Nunno, D., Rotio, D., Mierzejewski, E., GMS, NJDOE, E. Orange, March 2, 2010
12. Znutas, R., GMS Bureau of Education and Research, Newark, March 9, 2010
13. Pinto, K., Sch No. 6; DiLiberti, V., Sch No. 4, Foundation for Educational Administration, Monroe Township, April 21, 2010
14. Lenyk, J., Sch No. 10, Quest Education Systems, Totowa, March 12, 2010
15. Yuppa, J., Sch No. 7; Pivirotto, G., Sch No. 5; Cardiello, G., Sch No. 4; Clarizio, S., Sch No. 10, NJDOE, Parsippany, March 15, 2010
16. Piela, J., DeRisi, K., GMS, NJDOE, Rutgers, March 18, 2010
17. Ledford, G., Federal Programs, NJDOE, Trenton, May 14, 2010
18. D'Amico, F., ECLC, Law and Public Safety Institute, Mahwah, March 10, 2010
19. Sisco, K., ECLC, NJDOE, Division of Early Childhood Education, March 19 and April 16, 2010
20. Rosolen, J., Senzon, M., Sch No. 10, Teacher Leadership Institute at Sch No. 4, March 1, 2010
21. Rigoglioso, R., GMS, Behavior Intervention Workshop, Newark, March 17, 2010
22. Haftek, K., GMS, Differentiated Instruction, Pompton Plains, April 23, 2010
23. D'Amico, D., Sch No. 10, Law and Public Safety, Bergen County Prosecutors Office, Mahwah, Feb 26, 2010
24. Kutarnia, T., DeMauro, K., GMS, Quest Education Systems, Newark, March 11, 2010
25. O'Toole, C., Brown, R., GMS, Ideas Unlimited Seminars, Newark, March 17, 2010
26. Pielko, N., GMS, Quest Education, Newark, March 30, 2010
27. Kaur, K., VerHage, K., Avanzato, R., GMS, NJDOE, Rutgers University, March 18, 2010
28. McGinley, M., Kutsup, N., GHS, NJDOE, E. Orange, 04/15/10
29. Stefanik, R., Sch No. 7, NJPSA/FEA, Monroe, NJ, 04/21/10
30. Avanzato, R., Lolacono, J., Haftek, K., Parenti, R., GMS, Quest Education, Totowa, 03/12/10
31. N. Perrapato, R. Hryczyk, M. McKinley, Kutsup, N., Kean College, Union, 03/09/10

02-337-10 Be it Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the following *Field Trips*:

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1. Sch No. 4, Liberty Mercury, Clifton, 02/05/10, no student fee
2. Sch No. 4, Turtle Back Zoo, W. Orange, 03/15/10, student \$5.00 fee
3. GHS and GMS, Drug and Alcohol Prevention TIGS Leadership Conference, 03/24/10, funds available from 20-236-100-300/20
4. Sch No. 6, AMC Theatre, Garden State Plaza, Paramus, 04/22/10, student \$8.00 fee
5. Sch No. 5, Vacamas Camp, W. Milford, 04/29/10, funds available from 15-190-100-800/05
6. Sch No. 7, Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant, 05/21/10, student \$11.00 fee, funds available from 15-000-270-512/07 for cost of busses
7. Sch No. 10, Lorrimer Sanctuary, Franklin Lakes, 06/11/10, student \$5.00 fee
8. GHS, Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC, 03/02/10, student \$25.00 fee
9. Sch No. 4, Turtle Back Zoo, E. Orange, 03/15/10, student \$5.00 fee
10. Sch No. 5, Hermitage Museum, HoHoKus, 04/29/10, no student fee
11. Sch No. 8, Funplex, E. Hanover, 06/04/10, funds available from 15-000-270-512/08 and 15-000-240-800/08
12. GMS, Hershey Park, PA, 06/04/10, student \$90.00 fee
13. Sch No. 7, Drumthwacket Foundation Residence of the Governor of NJ, Princeton, 03/02/10, no student cost
14. Sch No. 5, Discovery Times Square Exposition, NYC, 03/12/10, funds available from 15-000-270-512/08 for busses and 15-190-100-800/05 for admission
15. Sch No. 10, Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin, NJ, 06/03/10, student \$8.50 fee
16. GHS, The Miracle Worker, Broadway, NYC, 04/21/10, student \$50.00 fee
17. GHS, Wyndham Mountain, NY, 02/25/10 and 03/15/10, student \$65.00-\$75.00 fee
18. GHS, Saint Peter's College, 03/19/10, funds available from 15-000-270-512/02
19. Sch No. 4, Imax Theater, Nyack, NY, 03/29/10, student \$15.00 fee
20. GHS, Museum of Natural History, NYC, 04/22/10, student \$9.00 fee, funds available from 15-000-270-512/02 for bus
21. Sch No. 4, Museum of Natural History, NYC, 03/10/10, student \$13.50 fee, funds available from 15-000-270-512/10 for bus

**02-338-10** Be it Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the following *flyers*:

1. Family Movie Nite, Boys & Girls Club, Feb 5, 2010
2. Evening with the Stars, Boys & Girls Club, Feb 19, 2010
3. North Hudson Community Action Corporation, Free Dental Exams, Cleanings, Fluoride Treatments, Feb 5, 2010
4. Valentine's Day Dance, Boys & Girls Club, Feb 12, 2010
5. Minor League Baseball Sign-ups, Boys & Girls Club Feb 20, 23, 25, 27; March 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 2010
6. Science Summer Camps Registration, Feb 28 to March 31, 2010, Kinnelon or Parsippany

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**02-339-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the following 2009/10 *student teachers* from William Paterson University (WPU) and Rutgers University (RU):

**STUDENT TEACHER/SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER**

1. Stephanie Paris, WPU, GMS, D. Nunno/Lang Arts, from Feb 24 to March 19, 2010
2. Elzbieta Wdowiak, RU, GHS, F. Russo-Baron/Lang Arts, from March 26 to May 3, 2010

**02-340-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Education Committee, approves Sharon Bauer, F/T Aide, to do her junior practicum at School No. 7, on Tuesdays, Feb 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 2010 (Sharon Bauer will not be paid for these practicum days).

**02-341-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent, approves the following *Events*:

1. Sch No. 10, Assembly Author Jane Lavascio, Grades K-5, Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 8:35am to 2:45pm
2. Sch No. 5, Spring Concert at GHS, Grades K-5, Monday, March 1, 2010, Tuesday, March 2, 2010 and Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 8:45am to 10:15am

**02-342-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Education Committee, approves the acceptance of percussion equipment and trumpet (suggested value \$610.00) donation through donorschoose.org.

**02-343-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Education Committee, approves the participation in the Federally required Special Education Preschool Outcome Data Collection for the 2009/10 school year (the cost for the collection is \$3,267.00 which will be reimbursed to the district by the NJDOE).

**02-344-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of Columbus Elementary School No. 8, authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to *dispose of school furniture*, which is of no further educational value to the district.

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| Consent Agenda: education resolutions 333 thru 344: |     |                  |         |        |
|---|-----|------------------|---------|--------|
| MOTION: Mrs. Aloia                                  |     | SECOND: Mr. Wich |         |        |
|   | YES | NO               | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Dr. Koch (Donna)                                    | X   |                  |         |        |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)                              | X   |                  |         |        |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)                                   | X   |                  |         |        |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore)                             | X   |                  |         |        |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)                              | X   |                  |         |        |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffrey)                               |     |                  |         | X      |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)                                  | X   |                  |         |        |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)                                | X   |                  |         |        |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)                                 | X   |                  |         |        |

C. **FINANCE**

- 02-345-10 Approve Financial Reports
- 02-346-10 Approve certification of funds, bills and claims
- 02-347-10 Approve budget transfers
- 02-348-10 Approve date for drawing ballot positions for school election
- 02-349-10 Approve date for Public Budget Hearing
- 02-350-10 Approve school election date and times
- 02-351-10 Approve polling places
- 02-352-10 Approve renewal of Optimum Lightpath Services
- 02-353-10 Approve revised YMCA Preschool Provider Agreement for 2009/10

02-345-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approves the *Board Secretary's (A148) Report and Treasurer's (A149) Report* for the month of January, 2010.

02-346-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's *certification of funds*, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2009/10 school year; and **Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board of Education approves the payroll and the payment of bills and claims, as follows:

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| January 15, 2010 payroll                | \$2,139,672.46 |
| January 29, 2010 payroll                | 2,135,286.83   |
| Bills and claims thru February 18, 2010 | 2,881,252.32   |

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**02-347-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approves the following *budget transfers*:

| <u>FROM</u>                                       | <u>TO</u>  | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---|--|---------------|
| Title III/Immigrant/Supplies<br>20-232-100-610/16 | Title III/Immigrant/Equipment<br>20-232-400-731/16 | \$4,400.00    |
| Title III/Gen Supplies<br>20-235-100-600/19       | Title III/Equipment<br>20-235-400-731/19           | \$4,400.00    |

**02-348-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education establishes March 10, 2010, at 3:00pm, for the drawing of ballot positions for the April 22, 2010 Annual School Election, to be held at the Board Secretary's Office, 125 Outwater Lane.

**02-349-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education establishes March 29, 2010, at 7:00pm, for the Public Hearing on the FY 2010/11 Annual School Budget, at the Garfield Middle School.

**02-350-10** Whereas, the Annual School Election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010; and  
 Whereas, school board elections now conform to the general election process, pursuant to Title 19 of New Jersey Statutory Code; and  
 Whereas, this brings such elections under the jurisdiction of the County Clerk, Board of Elections and Superintendent of Elections; now  
 Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education establishes the time of election on April 20, 2010, to be from 2:00pm to 9:00pm.

**02-351-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield Board of Education establishes the following polling places for the School Board Elections:

- Ward 1, Districts #1, #2, #3 ..... School No. 6, 111 Palisade Avenue
- Ward 2, District #1 ..... Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 85 Summit Avenue
- Ward 2, Districts #2, #3 ..... Firehouse No. 2, 72-76 Belmont Avenue
- Ward 3, Districts #1, #2 ..... Firehouse No. 1, 97 Midland Avenue
- Ward 3, District #3 ..... Nutrition Center, 480 Midland Avenue
- Ward 4, District #1 ..... Garfield Middle School, 175 Lanza Avenue
- Ward 4, District #2 ..... Firehouse No. 4, 97 Outwater Lane
- Ward 4, District #3 ..... High School Gym, 500 Palisade Avenue
- Ward 5, District #1 ..... School No. 9, 76 Alpine Street (Davison Street Entrance)
- Ward 5, District #2 ..... Firehouse No. 5, 33 Plauderville Avenue
- Ward 5, District #3 ..... Nutrition Center, 480 Midland Avenue

**02-352-10** Be It Resolved, that the Garfield of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to enter into an agreement with Optimum Lightpath for the following services (this agreement is to renew services for three (3) years):

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1. Private Fiber Network 1000M, at \$2,200.00 per month
2. Fiber Lease, at \$13,324.86 per month  
Total monthly recurring Charge = \$15,524.86

**02-353-10** Whereas, the Garfield Board of Education approved the Preschool Education Program Contract for the 2009/10 school year for the district's YMCA Preschool Provider (Board resolution 11-226-09); and

Whereas, an addendum is required to revise this agreement to include for educational programming of fifteen (15) students currently on a waiting list; and  
Whereas, the YMCA Preschool Provider will increase from 90 students to 115 students, effective March 1 thru June 30, 2010; now

**Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approves the revised YMCA Preschool Provider Agreement for the 2009/10 school year, total cost not to exceed \$58,800.

| Consent Agenda: finance resolutions 345 thru 353: |     |                      |              |        |
|---|-----|----------------------|--------------|--------|
| MOTION: Mr. Benanti                               |     | SECOND: Mr. Barckett |              |        |
|   | YES | NO                   | ABSTAIN      | ABSENT |
| Dr. Koch (Donna)                                  | X   |                      |              |        |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)                            | X   |                      |              |        |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)                                 | X   |                      |              |        |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore)                           | X   |                      |              |        |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)                            | X   |                      |              |        |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffrey)                             |     |                      |              | X      |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)                                | X   |                      |              |        |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)                              | X   |                      | Ck#48970     |        |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)                               | X   |                      | Vendor #1289 |        |

Board Member Rosemarie Aloia requested that the memo from Dr. Dennis, dated February 17, 2010, relative to the budget freeze be read into the record. Dr. Dennis read the following into the record...

*"We are all well aware that New Jersey is in fiscal crisis! On February 11, 2010, Governor Christie issued Executive Order No. 14, which declares a fiscal emergency in the State of New Jersey. Given the short time left in this fiscal year, and the fact that school aid comprises a significant portion of the State budget, it has become necessary for the State to reserve some of the remaining school aid payments that districts have been slated to receive.*

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*Specifically, the Executive Order directs the Commissioner of Education to reserve district State aid payments based on the amount of available surplus and reserve account monies. This translates into a reduction in State aid to Garfield in the amount of \$588,798.00. This action not only affects the remainder of the 2009/10 school year, but will have an impact on the proposed budget for next school year.*

*Effective immediately, all accounts are frozen. Any proposed expenditures that have not been encumbered as of today, vis-a-vis, a district purchase order must be cancelled. This includes orders for general supplies, professional development, field trips, etc. We as a district are no strangers to tough economic times. In the past, whenever we called for fiscal restraint, you have answered that call.*

*Our goal is to close out the 2009/10 school year without having to allocate surplus funds. If we are to maintain current staffing levels and meet our fixed costs, we need to budget a sufficient portion of fund balance to the 2010/11 school year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation."*

In addition, Mr. Puzio further commented *that this is the second time at a public Board meeting that he has spoken to the budget freeze.*

### D. BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

02-354-10 Approve use of facilities

02-355-10 Approve Summer Feeding Program

02-354-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Buildings and Grounds Committee, approves the following *use of buildings and grounds* in accordance with Board rules and regulations.

1. F. Dawson, use of GHS faculty room and main floor on March 3 and April 1, 2010, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, for Athletic Hall of Fame committee meetings
2. Sch No. 4, use of classroom on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, February thru June, 2010, from 2:45pm to 4:15pm, for Title III Extended Day Program
3. Sch No. 5, use of basement on Tuesdays, February 1 thru June 9, 2010, from 2:45pm to 4:15pm, for Title III Extended Day Program
4. Sch No. 5, use of Computer Lab on February 17, 2010, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, for Study Island Parent Night
5. Sch No. 6, use of Computer Lab on February 25, 2010, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, for Study Island Parent Night
6. Sch No. 7, use of Computer Lab on February 22, 2010, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, for Study Island Parent Night
7. Sch No. 8, use of Computer Lab on February 25, 2010, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, for Study Island Parent Night

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8. Class of 2010, use of GHS old gym on March 31, 2010, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, for faculty and senior volleyball game
9. ESL Department, use of GHS media center on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, February to June, 2010, from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, for ESL Extended Day Program
10. ESL Department, use of Sch No. 6 room 20 on Wednesdays, February to June, 2010, from 2:45pm to 4:15pm, for ESL Extended Day Program
11. ESL Department, use of Sch No. 7 ESL room, on Fridays, February to June, 2010, from 2:45pm to 3:45pm, for ESL Extended Day Program
12. Frank Dawson, use of GHS cafeteria on March 7, 2010, from 8:00am to 12:30pm, for Pancake Breakfast
13. Sch No. 7, use of school on March 11-18-25, 2010, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, for Family Literacy
14. F. Dawson, use of GHS new gym on March 5, 2010, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, for junior wrestling
15. Project Graduation, use of GHS gym on Feb 19, 2010, from 6:00pm to 10:30pm, for dance
16. Project Graduation, use of GHS gym on April 16, 2010, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, for pro wrestling
17. Project Graduation, use of GHS cafeteria and kitchen on March 15, 2010, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, for pasta dinner
18. GMS, use of Large Group Instruction Room on Feb 1, March 11 and April 15, 2010, from 12:45pm to 2:15pm, for Wilson Reading implementation
19. GMS, use of Large Group Instruction Room on May 10, 2010, from 8:30am to 10:00am, for Wilson Trainees
20. ECLC, use of common area on March 18 and 30, 2010, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, for parent workshops

**02-355-10** **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approves the use of kitchen facilities at both Garfield High School and Garfield Middle School by Maschio's Food Service, Inc, 191 Route 206 N, Suite 4, Flanders, New Jersey 07836, for the 2009 Summer Food Service Program with the City of Garfield; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that this Summer Food Service Program with the City of Garfield must be approved by the State of New Jersey, Bureau of Child Nutrition and Maschio's Food Service will comply with all requirements of both State and Federal statutes and regulations.

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| Consent Agenda: buildings and grounds resolutions 354 and 355: |     |                  |           |        |
|--|-----|------------------|-----------|--------|
| MOTION: Mr. Benanti  |     | SECOND: Dr. Koch |           |        |
|  | YES | NO               | ABSTAIN   | ABSENT |
| Dr. Koch (Donna)   | X   |                  |           |        |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)   | X   |                  |           |        |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)  | X   |                  |           |        |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore)  | X   |                  |           |        |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)   | X   |                  |           |        |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffery)  |     |                  |           | X      |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)   | X   |                  |           |        |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)   | X   |                  | 354 - #16 |        |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)  | X   |                  |           |        |

**E. ATHLETICS and RECREATION**

- 02-356-10 Approve coaching assignments
- 02-357-10 Approve paraprofessional coaches aide
- 02-358-10 Approve partnership

02-356-10 **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Athletics and Recreation Committee, approves the following *coaches for the 2009/10 Spring Season*, stipends payable in two installments upon submission of appropriate payroll voucher on April 15 and June 15, funds available from 15-401-100-100/02 (GHS) and 15-401-10-100/09 (GMS):

|     | <u>NAME/ACTIVITY</u>                         | <u>STIPEND</u> |
|-----|--|----------------|
| 1.  | Charles Rigoglioso, Head Boys Baseball Coach | \$5,925.00     |
| 2.  | Keith Montelbano, Asst Boys Baseball Coach   | 5,050.00       |
| 3.  | John Tamweber, Asst Boys Baseball Coach      | 5,050.00       |
| 4.  | Kevin LaMonica, Asst Boys Baseball Coach     | 5,050.00       |
| 5.  | Frank Dawson III, Head Girls Softball Coach  | 5,925.00       |
| 6.  | Megan Menezes, Asst Girls Softball Coach     | 5,050.00       |
| 7.  | Jaclyn Reilly, Asst Girls Softball Coach     | 5,050.00       |
| 8.  | Kelly Falce, Asst Girls Softball Coach       | 5,050.00       |
| 9.  | Jason Jones, Head Track Coach                | 5,925.00       |
| 10. | Jennifer Austin, Asst Track Coach            | 5,050.00       |
| 11. | Chris Annibal, Asst Track Coach              | 5,050.00       |
| 12. | Megan DeCarlo, Head Girls Track Coach        | 5,925.00       |
| 13. | James Dolci, Asst Girls Track Coach          | 5,050.00       |
| 14. | Paola Morici-Brown, Asst Girls Track Coach   | 5,050.00       |
| 15. | Nate Discafani, Head Boys Tennis Coach       | 5,125.00       |

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- 16. Thomas Giuffre, Head Boys Volleyball Coach \$5,425.00
- 17. Chris Caiazzo, Asst Boys Volleyball Coach 4,550.00
- 18. Michael Lombardi, GMS Head Girls Softball Coach 4,275.00
- 19. Alyssa Migliorino, GMS Asst Softball Coach 2,550.00
- 20. Robert Mastroberte, Head Golf Coach 5,125.00

**02-357-10 Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Athletics and Recreation Committee, approves the following *Paraprofessional Coaches Aides*, for the 2009/10 school year, at no cost to the Board of Education:

- 1. Michael DiPiazza, GHS Girls Softball

**02-358-10 Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, and Athletics and Recreation Committee, approves entering into a *partnership with Madison Square Garden Varsity*, to provide high school activities, news, information and entertainment, and they shall provide at no cost to the district:

- 1) professional MSG varsity production staff that will work directly with Garfield;
- 2) mentor services in the creation of online, interactive and television content;
- 3) video equipment to assist in media creation;
- 4) two \$1,000.00 scholarships for Garfield to award to graduating seniors; and
- 5) telecasts on MSG varsity and student videos on-air and online.

| Consent Agenda: athletics and recreation resolutions 356 thru 358: |     |                    |         |        |
|--|-----|--------------------|---------|--------|
| MOTION: Mr. Damato   |     | SECOND: Mrs. Aloia |         |        |
|  | YES | NO                 | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Dr. Koch (Donna)   | X   |                    |         |        |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)   | X   |                    |         |        |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)  | X   |                    |         |        |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore)  | X   |                    |         |        |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)   | X   |                    |         |        |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffrey)  |     |                    |         | X      |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)   | X   |                    |         |        |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)   | X   |                    |         |        |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)  | X   |                    |         |        |

F. POLICY - None

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**G. ADDENDUMS**

**02-359-10** Approve appeal of State aid reduction

**02-360-10** Rescind appointment

**02-359-10** Whereas, the Garfield Board of Education received notification on February 11, 2010, that the Department of Education intends to withhold \$588,798.00 in State aid from the 2009/10 fiscal year allocation, based upon a methodology of attaching to excess surplus and other fund balances; and

Whereas, this methodology appears to reduce the Garfield Board of Education’s Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance below two (2%) percent, in that the Department of Education has set forth a process to allow for a review of such determination, and as such, the Garfield Board of Education does not find that a reduction in State aid for the 2009/10 fiscal year desirable; now

**Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Assistant School Business Administrator, to seek an adjustment to the proposed State aid withholding of \$588,798.00, by filing an appeal with the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the Guidelines for County Review of Requests for Adjustments of Surplus and Reserve Amounts.

**02-360-10** **Be It Resolved**, that the Garfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, rescinds the appointment of Essam Sardena (Board resolution 01-291-10, #3).

| Consent Agenda: addendums 359 and 360: |     |                      |         |        |
|--|-----|----------------------|---------|--------|
| MOTION: Mr. Benanti                    |     | SECOND: Mr. Barckett |         |        |
|  | YES | NO                   | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| Dr. Koch (Donna)                       | X   |                      |         |        |
| Mrs. Aloia (Rosemarie)                 | X   |                      |         |        |
| Mr. Wich (Gerald)                      | X   |                      |         |        |
| Mr. Benanti (Salvatore)                | X   |                      |         |        |
| Mr. Barckett (Anthony)                 | X   |                      |         |        |
| Mr. Stewart (Jeffrey)                  |     |                      | X       |        |
| Mr. Puzio (Edward)                     | X   |                      |         |        |
| Mr. Damato (Anthony)                   | X   |                      |         |        |
| Dr. Conte (Kenneth)                    | X   |                      |         |        |

Board Member Rosemarie Aloia requested that the Board Attorney address the Board on his memo of February 11, 2010 regarding members of the Board of Education visiting schools in the district. Mr. Geisler commented...

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*"Based upon the current and relevant Statutes, case law, as well as the District's By-Laws, a Board Member must have permission from the Superintendent to visit a school in the district (other than appearing for personal individual reasons, e.g., attending a parent/teacher conference for his/her child. By way of background, GBOE By-Law 0146 addresses Board Member Authority."*

Board Member Anthony Damato requested that the Board Attorney address the Board on cell phone and texting during Executive Session. Mr. Geisler commented...

*It is recommended to the GBOE that the use of all electronic devices, recording devices, or other cellular phones, Smartphones/PDA's, Blackberries, etc. be curtailed during the course of Executive Session. This is to insure and preserve the integrity and the confidential nature of the session. By way of policy, the GBOE By-Law 0166 addresses the purpose of Executive Sessions."*

H. LABOR RELATIONS

None

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

*Mr. Damato motioned to adjourn at 6:35pm. Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Aloia and carried by unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Dennis R. Frohnapfel, Ed.D.  
Board Secretary