

LITTLE EGG HARBOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 26, 2010 – Special Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Frog Pond Elementary School – Multi-Purpose Room

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Gina Frasca, Board President at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Cimino	- Absent	Mr. Sanzari	- Yes
Mr. Daleo	- Absent	Mr. Wood	- Yes
Mr. Held	- Yes	Ms. Frasca	- Yes
Dr. Newman	- Yes		

Also present were: Dr. Frank Kasyan, Mrs. Lynn Coates and Mr. Joseph Coronato

Pledge of Allegiance:

Open Public Meeting Act:

This is to advise the general public that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 307 Frog Pond Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ and faxed on August 12, 2010 to the Asbury Park Press, Atlantic City Press and to the office of the Municipal Clerk of Little Egg Harbor, a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Frank Kasyan, Superintendent of Schools

Open to Public:

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest as cited in Policy No. 0167.

The public may comment on any item on the agenda at this time. General public comment will occur later in the meeting.

There was none at this time.

Board Committee Updates:

There was none at this time.

Soil Stabilization Project – Frog Pond Elementary

Motion by R. Wood. Seconded by R. Sanzari.

To amend the agenda for one action item to approve the authorization of bid specification development by Edwards Engineering for the Frog Pond Elementary School soil stabilization project (to be funded by the referendum fund).

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Mr. Daleo	- Absent	Mr. Wood	- Yes
Mr. Held	- Yes	Ms. Frasca	- Yes
Dr. Newman	- Yes		

Mrs. Coates stated that the motion carried.

Board Forum:

Mr. Held asked about the D.A.R.E. program. Dr. Kasyan replied that the district uses the LEAD program.

Mr. Held asked if Hovnanian could possibly conduct an assembly. Dr. Kasyan responded yes, to please give him the information.

Ms. Frasca thanked all the volunteers from the Back to School Jam and went on to say that the parents and children are very excited about returning to school.

Ms. Frasca also stated there will be a strategic planning committee that Mr. Wood and herself would be serving on the committee that an alternate was needed and to please advise if interested in becoming an alternate.

Mr. Wood stated that he was part of the building walkthrough and the buildings are ready for September. Mr. Wood went on to say that he felt “really comfortable”.

Award of Bid:

Motion by R. Wood. Seconded by R. Newman.

To award the lowest responsible bidder and construction contract for the temporary CMU Veneer Repair at the Frog Pond Elementary School to the following:

Firm	Cost	Payment Terms
Spartan Construction, Inc.	\$94,000	Per Contract

Additional bidder information is on file in the office of the Board Secretary. The contract has been reviewed by the board attorney.

Energy Audit

To participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Office of Clean Energy administers the Local Government Energy Audit Program, an incentive program to assist local government agencies to conduct energy audits and to encourage implementation of energy conservation measures; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education has decided to apply to participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program; and,

WHEREAS, the facilities to be audited are in New Jersey, are owned by the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education, are served by a New Jersey regulated public utility, and that the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education has not already reserved \$100,000 in the Program this year as of this application; and,

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that acceptance into the Program is dependent on the Scope of Work and cost proposal, and that Program rules will have to be met in order to receive incentive funds; and,

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WHEREAS, upon acceptance into the Program, the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education will prepare Facility Data Forms and Scopes of Work for each facility to be audited, solicit quotations from the authorized contractors, and submit the Part B application; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education understands that energy audit work cannot proceed until a Application Approval Notice is received from the Program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education, approves the submission of an Application for participation in the Local Government Energy Audit Program of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Approval of Bills

To approve the following:

Bill List	Month	Check Number Range
General Warrants	August	3136
Education Foundation	August	1067
Community School	August	1246-1247

Roll Call:

Mr. Cimino	- Absent	Mr. Sanzari	- Yes
Mr. Daleo	- Absent	Mr. Wood	- Yes
Mr. Held	- Yes	Ms. Frasca	- Yes
Dr. Newman	- Yes		

Mrs. Coates stated that the motion carried.

IDEA 2011:

Motion by R. Wood. Seconded by R. Sanzari.

To approve the application for the IDEA Part B funds in the revised allocated sum of :

BASIC	\$384,890
PRESCHOOL	\$28,328

The State of New Jersey revised the fund appropriations and both grants increased (PS by \$13, Basic by \$866)

Rescinding of Contract:

To approve the rescinding of the following contract for the 2010-2011 as previously approved by the Board on June 29, 2010.

- a) Joanna Morano – School Social Worker (F/T) – FPE School

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Mr. Daleo	- Absent	Mr. Wood	- Yes

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Open to Public II:

Mr. McGettigan, teacher, resides in New Gretna. Mr. McGettigan thanked the board for allowing the public to comment. Mr. McGettigan stated that both he and his wife approve of everything you do and went on to state that both he and his wife teach in Little Egg Harbor school district. Mr. McGettigan stated that he has concerns regarding his son in the Frog Pond School LEEP program. Mr. McGettigan stated that he has followed the chain of command and has met twice with the superintendent. Mr. McGettigan stated that documents were last purchased in 2005. He spoke about the bridge class and that they would not be including their son in this class because this process would be unfair to a gifted learner – in that the teacher would have 2 grade levels – 18-4th graders and 4 – 5th graders and went on to read outlined related concerns. Mr. McGettigan stated he has spoke to Mrs. Giannuzzi and also said that his son had the highest math score of all 4th graders. Dr. Kasyan suggested that they possibly move his son to 6th grade, this option was not acceptable to Mr. and Mrs. McGettigan. Mr. McGettigan went on to say that his son only excels in math and that scenario would set him up for failure. Mr. McGettigan stated he would like to see his son attend 6th grade math class. Mr. McGettigan stated there would be no conflict and no cost and felt that this was a reasonable request and again went on to recite gifted and talented definitions. Mr. McGettigan also stated that he would take this situation to the county office if there are no accommodations.

Ms. Frasca thanked Mr. McGettigan.

Dr. Kasyan thanked Mr. McGettigan for attending the board meeting.

Dr. Kasyan stated that at the meeting it was discussed that there are three choices – stay in bridge class, go to 6th grade after child is re-tested or take advantage of moving to one section of math. We were told this is out of the question. Mrs. Saker spoke of the meeting and stated they didn't know what section was held at 9:30. Dr. Kasyan stated it was the McGettigan's choice. Mr. McGettigan stated he hopes he made himself clear about what is wanted for our son.

Ms. Frasca thanked Mr. McGettigan.

Board Forum:

Mr. Held asked how many gifted and talented students do we have and went on to say this is important. Ms. Frasca stated that the board of education is committed to individual instruction and that we want to provide the best for each and every child. Mr. Held noted that the student could get bored and asked how many gifted and talented students do we have. Dr. Kasyan replied, 5%, approximately 46 students in the 4th and 5th bridge class. Mr. Held spoke about grouping students together, Ms. Frasca replied that is what the district does.

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Adjournment:

Motion R. Wood. Seconded by R. Sanzari.
To adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Absent: Mr. Cimino, Mr. Daleo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Coates
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary