GREEN BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013 7:00 P.M.

<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mr. James Benscoter, Board President in the Green Brook Middle School Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Observed by all present.

STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Gregory Brennan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary read the following statement: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Green Brook Township Public School District of Somerset County has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Green Brook Township Clerk's Office, Courier News, and the Star Ledger. This notice was faxed to the above on January 8, 2013, and posted in the Green Brook Middle School and the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School.

Mr. Brennan administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board member.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Benscoter

Mr. Binder (Left meeting at 9:15pm)

Ms. Couch Mr. Humphrey Mr. Martins Mr. Petrillo Ms. Piccirilli

Absent: Ms. Maillaro

Administrators

Present: Dr. Richard Labbe, Superintendent

Mr. Gregory Brennan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- HIB/EVVRS
- State of the School's Address

FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Motion to approve Finance & Operations Items A – H:

Moved by: Mr. Martins Seconded by: Ms. Piccirilli

Roll Call Vote. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

A. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the following workshops and mileage reimbursement for the 2013-2014 school year, as follows:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Date</u>	Workshop/Meeting	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Cost</u>
M. Appio	10-18-13	Autism Annual Conference	\$275.00	224	\$69.44
E. Muglia	10-18-13	Autism Annual Conference	\$275.00	224	\$69.44
B. Van Pelt	10-18-13	Autism Annual Conference	\$275.00	224	\$69.44

- **B.** The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of Marc Seidenstein, Educational Evaluation and Testing Services, Inc., to provide one Bilingual Learning Evaluation for a 5th grade student in the Green Brook Middle School, at a cost of \$525.00, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- **C.** The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of Dr. Sandy Mercedes to provide one Bilingual Psychological Evaluation for a 5th grade student in the Green Brook Middle School, at a cost of \$450.00, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- **D.** The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the following personnel to serve as Supplemental Tutors, at a rate of \$38 per hour, for the 2013-2014 school year:

Julie Berwald Kirsten Sullivan Bernadette Van Pelt

E. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of Mr. Andrew B. Brown to represent the Board of Education in its upcoming negotiations with the Green Brook Education Association, effective October 8, 2013 through December 31, 2013, at the following rates, not to exceed \$12,000, for the 2013-2014 school year:

Labor Negotiations: \$160/hr for partners and counsel/senior associates

\$155/hr junior associates

\$100/hr paralegals and law clerks

F. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute to provide one Occupational Therapy Evaluation for a 4th grade student in the Green Brook Middle School, at a cost of \$408.00, for the 2013-2014 school year.

G. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the Application for Change of Use of Educational Space for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

Green Brook Middle School

- Room 113 & 115 (changed from classrooms to storage rooms)
- Room 204 (changed from classroom to office)
- Room 304 (changed from classroom to office)
- **H.** The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval for authorization for the Green Brook Board of Education to enter into a contract with Ross Haber Associates for a joint demographic study with the school districts of Warren Township, Watchung Borough and Watchung Hills Regional High School. Total cost of contract is \$7,546. Green Brook's pro-rated share of the contract plus expenses is \$1,210.27.

BOARD MEETING DATES

Agenda/Business Meeting Monday, October 28, 2013 Workshop Meeting Monday, November 11, 2013

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into Executive Session at 10:00PM

Moved by: Mr. Martins Seconded by: Ms. Couch

Whereas, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel and other agenda matters such as negotiations and the potential for litigation; and

Whereas, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

Whereas, the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231,

It is therefore Resolved, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by the Board and administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 10:10 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM.

Moved by: Mr. Martins Seconded by: Ms. Couch

Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory E. Brennan SBA/Board Secretary