

# ***EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, HIGHTSTOWN, NJ 08520***

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2009**

**The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2009 the Hightstown High School cafeteria.**

### **ITEM 1. WELCOME**

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as follows:

“Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available promptly to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration building 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy.”

Ms. Weisman asked “Are there any Board members present who believe this meeting to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act?” No one objected. “There being none, we may proceed.”

Members Present: Paul Connolly, Stuart Dolgon, Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Bob Laverty, Susan Lloyd, and Alice Weisman.

Members Absent: Kennedy Paul

Also Present: Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

Also Absent: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator

Fire Code Compliance: Ms. Weisman made the following announcement: “In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exit for this room, which is located.....”

(Ms. Weisman pointed to the emergency exit.)

### **ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board president asked those present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **ITEM 3.A APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

(Note: Staffing Addendum “Approval of EWRSSA Contract” has been relocated to stand alone item: 3.C).

Having read the material received, Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd to approve the agenda.

Members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

### **ITEM 3.B RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold a closed session during its regular meeting on October 12, 2009.

This closed session concerns: Personnel Matters, Contract Negotiations, Labor Relations, & Attorney Client Privilege. Minutes of this closed session will be available in accordance with Board policy when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman Voting no: none. Abstaining: none.

Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3.C SUPPORT STAFF CONTRACT (moved from Staffing to a stand alone item at meeting).**

Board President Alice Weisman commented that the Board is pleased that the East Windsor Regional Support Staff Association (EWRSSA) membership voted to ratify the new 3 year for contract for 2009-2012 and she thanked all who contributed to make this happen.

Mr. Lavery moved seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the Support Staff contract for 2009-2012 as submitted. Members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4. CSA PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON VIOLENCE & VANDALISM DATA FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR**

In Mr. Bolandi's absence, Assistant Superintendent Michael Dzwonar, gave a full report on all the details of the annual report on District violence and vandalism for 2008-09 school year. He noted there was a significant decline in all areas especially in the harassment and bullying category. He also noted that the dramatic drop is due to the effort of administrators, teachers and staff and the data reflects this.

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC FORUM & AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORT OF VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM TO STATE**

Ms. Weisman announced a Public Forum on the violence and vandalism data, and invited the public who wished to comment specifically on the subject to please take the floor.

**Public Comments regarding Violence and Vandalism data:** no one spoke.

**Board of Education Comments regarding Violence and Vandalism data:**

Ms. Fallon commented that the District's Violence and Vandalism report shows very accurate reporting and truly reflects the trends. We have put a lot of work into it.

Mr. Dolgon commented that now all districts are basically following the same rules where in the past districts could define violence or vandalism differently. We were always very aggressive in listing anything we believed was a violent act. Years ago it made us look like we had a higher toll than other districts. Our district will continue to follow along with a strict interpretation of the letter of definitions of violence and vandalism.

**Action:**

Mr. Lavery moved seconded by Ms. Fayer to submit the District report of violence and vandalism to the State Department of Education as submitted.

Members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**ITEM 7. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

MaryEllen Burns of East Windsor (District teacher) commented that she loves her career and that the EWEA members have come here with respect and highest regards to just ask that the memorandum of agreement that was negotiated in good faith, be signed so we can get back to teaching and be able to devote all or our attention and time to the students.

**ITEM 8. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Dolgon asked about what the increase in the cap would be for the budget for the next school year.

Mr. Stumbaugh, SBA, responded that it would follow the formula which now works off the tax levy increase of 4% of the approximately 50 million dollar tax levy. The driving force to the 2010-2011 budget would be the state aid. The current 2009-10 budget is comprised of approximately 2.4 nearly million dollars of stimulus money which may not reappear as state aid in 2010 -2011.

Ms. Fallon thanked all the many people who have signed up as volunteers. She gave special recognition to our District Transportation as being the most efficiently run transportation department in the county and thanked supervisor Pat Bye for her excellent leadership and administration. We salute her and her whole team for their hard work in improving that department.

Mr. Laverty commented on the recent first and second place finishes by our marching band. It is a remarkable achievement for all involved especially for the dedication and hard work of the students. The faculty involved are commended for making such a tremendous transformation of that program this year. It makes the school look great and must give those kids a tremendous sense of achievement. This is a great boost to the self esteem of the students and reflects well on the District.

**ITEM 9. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

- A. Staffing (with addendum)
- B. Emergent Hiring
- C. Participation in "CJ PRIDE" (Central Jersey Program to Recruit Diverse Educators)
- D. Out of District Placement
- E. Professional Services for Students
- F. Re-admission of Affidavit Students
- G. Travel Related Expenses
- H. Winter Sports Schedules – Kreps Middle School & Hightstown High School
- I. Field Trip Approvals
- J. Overnight Field Trip - HHS
- K. Volunteers
- L. Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective – Becoming an Entrepreneur - Syllabi on Sharepoint
- M. Declaration and Removal of Surplus Property
  1. MHK Media Equipment
  2. Transportation Vehicles
- N. Minutes of September 14, 2009 Meeting
- O. Joint Transportation Agreements with
  1. Robbinsville School District
  2. West Windsor Plainsboro School District
- P. Increase for Construction Manager for Roofing Projects
- Q. Renewal of Agreement with Roosevelt Public Schools for Music Instruction
- R. Non-Public Aid:
  1. Shalom Torah Academy
  2. Better Beginnings Child Development Center
- S. Approval of Internship for Michael Dzwonar for School Administrator
- T. Bill and Claims Report – October 12, 2009

**9. A STAFFING WITH ADDENDUM -** As submitted.

**9. B AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK**

Board approval is recommended for the following submission of applications for emergent hiring pending completion of the criminal history background check to the County Superintendent for the following individual(s):

**Rebecca Kastel School Psychologist**

**9. C PARTICIPATION IN “CJ PRIDE” (Central Jersey Program to Recruit Diverse Educators)**

The Central Jersey Program for the Recruitment of Diverse Educators (CJPRIDE) is composed of the following Boards of Education: East Windsor Regional, Franklin Township, Hamilton Twp., Hopewell Valley Regional, Jackson Twp., Lawrence Twp., Montgomery Twp., Princeton Regional, Robbinsville, South Brunswick Twp., and West Windsor Plainsboro Regional which serves as the facilitating school District. These participating Boards of Education have determined it is in their best interest to continue to work cooperatively to attract and recruit the best and the brightest of the diverse educators and administrators available.

This is a renewal of a longstanding effort of school districts working together to outreach the highest level of candidate for staff recruitment.

It is recommended that the Board approve the District’s participation in the 2009-10 “CJ PRIDE” program as submitted.

**9. D OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

Board approval is requested for the following placements in Private & Public Schools

**Middlesex Regional Educational**

Tuition September 3, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student #720223	Reg.	\$45,360.00
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**Upper Freehold Regional School District-Aide**

Tuition September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student #720134	Reg.	\$37,581.59
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**9.E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

The special education department requires services of consultants to provide children with disabilities a free appropriate public education as defined by The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Board approval is recommended for the consultants listed below for the 09-10 school year.

Name	Type of Service	Rate
Shari Duddy, LDTC	Evaluations	Per rate schedule
Avon Occupational Therapy, Inc.	Evaluations	Per rate schedule
Carol Marcellous, LDTC	Evaluations	Per rate schedule
Richard Caron Foundation	Home Instruction	\$25.00 per hour-2 hours per day limit
Abilities in Action Pediatric Therapy	Speech Language Evaluations	\$350.00
Educere, LLC	Home Instruction	Per rate schedule

**9.F RE-ADMISSION OF AFFIDAVIT STUDENTS**

The following non-compliant affidavit student(s) were removed from the district attendance rolls at Board of Education meeting on June 29, 2009. These students wish to return to the district. All required proof of residency documents, immunization forms along with complete information the district and state requires for school registration have been provided. Up-to-date, notarized affidavits, if needed, also have been provided. Board approval is recommended.

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**9. G TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES**

<b>TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR BOARD APPROVAL OCTOBER 12, 2009</b>					
<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE OF CONFERENCE</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ATTENDING</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>YTD TOTAL</b>
J Snyder	PLD	Oct. 18, 2009	NJSCA 2009 Fall Conference @ Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ	\$110.00	
D Feaster	Admin.	Oct. 28-30, 2009	New Jersey School Boards Workshop and Convention @ Atlantic City Hilton	\$0.00	
E Gertel	MHK	Oct. 17, 2009	NJSCA Annual Fall Conference "School Counselors and the Law"	\$40.00	
K Stumbaugh	Bus. Office	Oct 2, 2009 * Approved by Ron Bolandi	New Jersey Law & Ethics for CPA's Workshop, Holiday Inn, Princeton, NJ	\$129.00	
H Stryker	MHK	Oct. 18 2009	NJSCA Annual Fall Conference "School Counselors and the Law"	\$40.00	
A Sandhir	Stu.Svs.	Nov. 19-24, 2009	School Based Assessment for the 21st Century: Culturally Sensitive Practices - Georgian Court College	\$125.00	
J Easley	HHS	Nov. 19, 2009	UMDNJ/Boggs Center - Introduction to Community Based Instruction @ Mercer County Sypek Center in Pennington	\$11.00	
I Johnson	HHS	Nov. 19, 2009	UMDNJ/Boggs Center - Introduction to Community Based Instruction @ Mercer County Sypek Center in Pennington	\$11.00	
S Atkinson	HHS	Nov. 19, 2009	UMDNJ/Boggs Center - Introduction to Community Based Instruction @ Mercer County Sypek Center in Pennington	\$11.00	
R Scott	HHS	Dec. 11, 2009	Southern Reg. Institute & ETTC - One Size Does Not Fit All: Developing Strategies to Address the Learning and Behavior Problems of Students in H.S.	\$0	
G McNamara	PLD	Oct. 26, 2009	Quest Education Systems - Guided Reading Without Centers. Ewing, NJ	\$179.00	
L Thunhorst	PLD	Oct. 26, 2009	Quest Education Systems - Guided Reading Without Centers. Ewing, NJ	\$179.00	
M Dynarski	PLD	Oct. 26, 2009	Quest Education Systems - Guided Reading Without Centers. Ewing, NJ	\$179.00	
K D'Ambrosio	PLD	Oct. 26, 2009	Quest Education Systems - Guided Reading Without Centers. Ewing, NJ	\$0.00	
C Ross	HHS	Nov. 17, 2009	UMDNJ - CMHC - Traumatic Loss Coalitions for Youth 7th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference Ethnocultural Variables in Youth Suicide	\$95.00	
J Peto	HHS	Jan.14-16, 2009	Baseball Coaches Clinic in Cherry Hill	\$100.00	
M James	HHS	Jan. 14-16, 2009	Baseball Coaches Clinic in Cherry Hill	\$100.00	

W Hernandez	HHS	Jan. 14-16, 2009	Baseball Coaches Clinic in Cherry Hill	\$100.00	
K Akey	Admin.	Nov. 19-24, 2009	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA	\$210.00	
M Griffin	Admin.	Nov. 19-24, 2009	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA	\$210.00	
L Inglisa	Admin.	Nov. 19-24, 2009	National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA	\$210.00	
				<b>\$2,039.00</b>	<b>\$7,357.00</b>

### 9.H WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR MHK & HHS

The Winter Sports Schedules for the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School and the Hightstown High School for 2009-2010 are recommended for Board approval as submitted. (Copy on file in Board Secretary's office).

### 9.I FIELD TRIPS

Board approval is recommended for the following school field trips:

#### For Hightstown High School:\*

- 10/26/09 Ram Page – Workshop for HS Newspapers  
Rutgers University, Busch Campus, New Brunswick, NJ
- 11/12/09 The Challenge, NEP Studio 33, located at 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and Tenth Ave. NYC
- 11/16/09 African American Awareness Club, Burlington County College, Pemberton, NJ
- 11/17/09 Red Cross Club Bus Safety Program at PLD and EMK
- 11/19/09 GNR & WCB

#### Field Trips Planned for Walter C. Black School:

- 10/20/09 Plainsboro Preserve, Plainsboro, NJ
- 10/21/09 Lee's Turkey Farm, East Windsor, NJ
- 10/23/09 Cranberry Bog, Browns Mills, NJ
- 10/28/09 Battleview Orchards, Freehold, NJ

#### Field Trips Planned for Melvin H. Kreps School:

- 11/2/09 Team 7 Red – Service Project for Township, Etra Park, East Windsor, NJ
- 11/3/09 Team 7 Red – Walking Field Trip, Wiltshire Park, East Windsor, NJ
- 4/12/10 MHK Band - to play Star Spangled Banner Waterfront Stadium / Trenton Thunder Game

#### Field Trip Planned for the McKnight School:

- 10/29/09 Terhune Orchards 330 Cold Soil Road, Princeton, NJ

### 9.J OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP – HHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The music Department of HHS would like do an overnight field trip to Cleveland Ohio from April 15-18, 2010. Board approval is requested for this trip as submitted.

### 9.K VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Education approves all volunteers who serve in the EWRSD. It is recommended that the Board approve the list of individuals submitted for the High School, Rogers, Drew and McKnight Schools as submitted. (Copy on file in Board Secretary's office).

**9. L MELVIN H. KREPS CURRICULUM (on SharePoint Website)**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade elective syllabus “BECOMING AN ENTREPRENEUR” is recommended for Board approval.

**9. M1 DECLARATION & REMOVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: MHK MEDIA EQUIPMENT**

The Melvin H. Kreps School is in possession of media equipment that is no longer of useful service. It is in the District’s best interest for Board approval to declare these items as surplus property to be placed in storage for the next surplus property sale as submitted. (List on file in Board Secretary’s office).

**9. M2 DECLARATION & REMOVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**

The District is in possession of vehicles that are in need of extensive repair and are taking up space in the transportation yard. It is in the best interest of the District to declare these vehicles surplus property. As the East Windsor Township Rescue Squad District 1, One Mile Road Ext., East Windsor, NJ has expressed a need for surplus/retired vehicles for their rescue training purposes, the District will provide these vehicles to the Rescue Squad, who will gratefully accept them.

Vehicle #	Description	VIN #	Mileage
9	1990 Dodge Dump Truck 350	# 1B6ME3659LS732325	36,696
19	1991 Dodge Pick-up Power Ram 25	# 1B7KM26Z6MS290172	69,594
21	1991 Dodge Pick-up Power Ram 25	# 1B7KM26ZXMS274170	88,361
22	1986 Chevy Van G30	# 2GBHG31MOG4143730	164,079
38	1998 Ford Wagon	# 1FAFP57U8WG269039	166,672

It is recommended that the Board declare the above vehicles as surplus property and approve these vehicles be given to the East Windsor Rescue Squad District 1, to use for rescue training.

**9. N APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 REGULAR MEETING**

As submitted. (Copy on file in Board Secretary’s office and on District website)

**9. O1 JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: ROBBINSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education approves the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2009-10 school year with the **Robbinsville Public School District (Host District)** as indicated below. **EWRSD will be the “Joiner” District for the following route:**

Route #	East Windsor Students	School	Annual Cost
NDRE	20	NOTRE DAME H.S.	\$12,582.00

It is recommended that the Board approve the above resolution for a transportation agreement with the Robbinsville Public School District for the 2009-10 school year as submitted.

**9. O2 JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS WITH WWP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education approves the following joint transportation agreements for the 2009-10 school year with the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District (Host District) as indicated below:

**East Windsor will be the “Joiner District” for the following routes:**

<b>Route #</b>	<b>East Windsor Students</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
<b>HCH2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>HUN School</b>	<b>\$ 1,429.04</b>

<b>Route #</b>	<b>East Windsor Students</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
<b>RUG</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>RUGBY School</b>	<b>\$ 1,909.50</b>

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution for the joint transportation agreements with West Windsor –Plainsboro School District for the 2009-10 school year as submitted.

**9. P INCREASE FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER OF ROOF PROJECTS**

The District roof projects remained in construction phase past the August 22, 2009 date agreed to in the contract with our construction management firm EPIC. It is equitable to compensate the firm for the additional one month of services at the base rate of \$36,000 per month

It is recommended that the Board approve increasing the base contract award to EPIC Management, Inc. by \$36,000 from \$108,000 to \$144,000 to compensate EPIC for the additional one month of construction management services.

**9. Q INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MUSIC INSTRUCTION WITH ROOSEVELT BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Roosevelt Borough School District shares a music teacher with the East Windsor Regional School District. The teacher teaches two days a week in Roosevelt Borough and three days a week in East Windsor Regional. It is understood by both Districts’ that the attached agreement reflects last year’s amount but will change once negotiations are finalized.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement for Music Instruction between Roosevelt Borough School District and the East Windsor Regional School District for the period September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 as submitted.

**9. R NON-PUBLIC AID : Textbook Materials & Nursing Services**

- **Shalom Torah Academy, East Windsor, NJ**
- **Better Beginnings Child Development Center, Hightstown, NJ**

The New Jersey Non-Public School Initiative Program requires each Local Education Agency to verify its participation in this program each year.

The District will assist as per this program to facilitate the acquisition of textbooks, and nursing services to the Shalom Torah Academy of East Windsor and the Better Beginnings Child Development Center in Hightstown.

Textbook Materials - Amount per pupil \$65.10  
 Better Beginnings (31 pupils ) Total State Aid: 1,367.00  
 Shalom Torah Academy (98 pupils) Total State Aid: 6,380.00

Nursing Services - Amount per pupil: \$77.20  
 Better Beginnings (31 pupils ) Total State Aid: 1,621.00  
 Shalom Torah Academy (98 pupils) Total State Aid: 7,566.00

It is recommended that the Board approve the District’s participation in the Non-public School Initiative Aid Program for the 2009-10 school year.



## 9. S INTERNSHIP FOR MICHAEL DZWONAR FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Michael Dzwonar, Assistant Superintendent, will have an internship for certification as School Administrator. He will be mentored by Ronald Bolandi

Board approval is recommended for the internship of Michael Dzwonar for School Administrator.

## 9. T ORDERS OF PAYMENT/BILL LIST – OCTOBER 12, 2009

The Bill and Claims Report must be approved by the Board of Education before being submitted for payment.

**Resolved:** That the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and claims in the amount of \$2,815,588.81 as submitted.

## ITEM 10. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gabriel Chase of Mount Holly, NJ (District teacher), noted that the EWRSD will be featured on New Jersey Network “Classroom Close-up” in October and November.

Regarding the EWEA contract, she commented that even without a contract we are still there for the kids but a “deal is a deal”, and to please honor the contract.

Terry Tuliszewski of Hightstown (retired EWRSD teacher), noted that she has spoken to a variety of teachers about the contract situation. Encourages Board to ratify the contract and do what is best for the students and to speed this process along. We have always had the best teachers you could find on the face of this earth.

Ann Goodwin (District teacher), asked the Board to please do the right thing and please ratify our contract.

Bernadette Citarella of East Windsor, (District Educational Assistant and Chairperson on EWRSSA negotiating team), thanked the Board for approving their contract and encourages passing the EWEA contract.

Tracy Calabria of East Windsor, (District teacher), commented that she always wanted to teach in the community in which she went to school and takes a lot of pride in the community. She also commented that it is sad to have to ask to be honorable and ratify the contract that your negotiating team agreed to.

Carol Montferrat of Hightstown, (District teacher) asked that the Board please ratify the contract.

Theresa Horta of East Windsor, (District teacher) asked that Board to please ratify this contract.

Kathleen Fallon of East Windsor, (District teacher), feels honored to be hired as an alternate route teacher in EWRSD. Education is what made our country great and it is real important that the contract is ratified and that the Board is fair and plays by the rules.

Peg Van Patton , (District teacher), loves this school district and loves teaching here. Spends more time here than at home. Asked that the Board please help us to ratify this contract.

Thomas (last name not legible) of East Windsor commented that as a concerned citizen and taxpayer that the Board practice their motto in pride and performance and “perform” and do the thing that is right – which is ratify the contract.

Pat Terlecki, (District teacher), can’t recall a time when Board has not followed through with something that was agreed upon. We are asking that you please ratify our agreement.

MaryEllen Burns, (District teacher), commented if any doubt about worthiness of this staff to receive package that was negotiated, it should be noted that over the past 2 years we have received new curriculum maps, new math materials, new systems for lesson planning, grading, instructional strategies, web pages, and more and we intend to keep doing this. The kids are always first priority and we would really appreciate it if you would sign our contract.

Darwin Page, (District librarian), commented that as Co-chair of the Action Team he wanted to note that Gabby Chase did not coordinate any of the speakers here tonight and that these comments show the unity of our members standing up for themselves.

Michael Tucker President of Ewing Township Education Association came to speak on behalf of the Mercer County Education Association. Implored the Board to give these teachers what they deserve - a bargaining agreement that everyone has agreed to. Noted that if this contract is not ratified members of Mercer County Education Association will be at every board meeting to support East Windsor teachers until it is.

**ITEM 11. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Stu Dolgon - agrees with one of the previous speakers in that we have teachers in the East Windsor Regional School District that compare favorably to any school district in the country.

Suzann Fallon - commented that it is frustrating as a Board member since we cannot comment on specifics of the contract, and in the past there wasn't much support from above, and this Board ran for office for that reason, and because we do believe in you and appreciate you and hope we can work this all out.

**ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Second Executive Session was not needed.

**ITEM 13. OPEN SESSION**

**ITEM 14. ADJOURN**

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**Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary**