

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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- Meeting** A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administration Office on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Scerbo.
- Flag Salute** The salute to the flag was led by Mr. Scerbo.
- Meeting Notice** Legal notice of the meeting was posted and the press was notified as required by law.
- Roll Call** The following members were present: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini. Also present were Dr. Richard G. Heflich, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. James Davis, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and 6 members of the public.
- Report of the Superintendent** Report of the Superintendent of Schools
School Opening
Back To School Nights:
Valley Middle School
Tuesday, September 28
Minimum Day - VMS Only
Dogwood Hill/Heights/Manito Schools
Tuesday, October 5
Minimum Day - Elementary Schools Only
Presentation by Brendan Dente:
First Place in History Channel Video Competition
"Satellites: Life Changers of America"
Presentation of the Following Revised Curriculum:
Physical Education - Mr. Adam Silverstein
Science - Mr. Don Dean
Presentation - Frost Valley Trip
Mr. Gregg Desiderio
- Audience Participation** Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to open the meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting.
1) A resident asked a question regarding the revised Physical Education curriculum that was presented tonight by Mr. Silverstein. Specifically, the resident asked what types of physical activities are scheduled so that students are kept active and fitness is the main focus of the program. Mr. Silverstein responded to the resident by providing examples of the activities provided to students during their physical education period.

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Audience Participation (continued)

- 2) A resident asked a question regarding the issue raised by Mr. Silverstein during his presentation tonight as it pertains to obesity. Mr. Silverstein addressed this question from the resident.

- 3) A resident asked a question relating to body image and if our Physical Education curriculum addressed this matter. Mr. Silverstein and Dr. Heflich responded to the concern raised by the resident as it pertains to this matter.

- 4) A resident asked for more details about the revised Physical Education curriculum, and Mr. Silverstein stated that the resident would be provided with a copy of the revised curriculum after the Board of Education approves it tonight.

**Close for Public
Comment**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to close meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting.

Minutes

**Public Work Sess.
8/17/10**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Work Session of August 17, 2010. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini. Motion carried. ABSTAINED: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Scerbo.

**Regular Mthly.
8/17/10**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 17, 2010. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini. Motion carried. ABSTAINED: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Scerbo.

**Special Public Mtg.
8/31/10**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Public Meeting of August 31, 2010. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini. Motion carried. ABSTAINED: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts.

**Special Public Mtg.
Executive Session
8/31/10**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Special Public Meeting of August 31, 2010. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini. Motion carried. ABSTAINED: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts.

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Buildings & Grounds

M. Baczewski Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Matthew Baczewski as a part time custodian at Heights School for the 2010/2011 school year at an hourly salary of \$9.00 (Step 1) for three hours per day, effective September 22, 2010. New Jersey Department of Education Criminal History Review and Chemical Screening have been completed. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Cafeteria

September Bill List Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the payment of the attached list of bills for September 2010 when in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts. On a roll call vote: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Regular Education

**Revised 2010-11
Back to School
Nights** Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the *Revised* 2010-2011 school calendar to reflect the following changes:

- Valley Middle School Back to School Night - September 28, 2010
- Minimum Day - Middle School Only - September 28, 2010
- Elementary School Back to School Night - October 5, 2010
- Minimum Day - Elementary Schools Only - October 5, 2010

(Back to school nights have been flipped to accommodate the 7th Grade Overnight Trip)

On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Substitutes

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of the following daily substitute personnel, including teachers, nurses, teacher aides, playground/cafeteria aides, secretaries, vehicle drivers, technology aides and custodians for the 2010/2011 school year, subject to New Jersey Department of Education Criminal History Review (NJSA 18A:6-7.2) and Chemical Screening, if newly employed by the District, as per the attached list. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Robyn Ianella

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Robyn Ianella as "Teacher in Charge" at Valley Middle School at the contractual annual salary of \$2,036 for the 2010/2011 school year. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

Judith Vihonski Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Judith Vihonski as After School Workshop PM Program teacher for the 2010/2011 school year, at an hourly salary of \$49.70, upon submission of an approved voucher. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Conferences/
Workshops** Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve staff participation in professional conferences/workshops outside the District, as per attached. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Change in Training Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the changes in training levels effective September 1, 2010, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Home Instructors Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the following teachers as home instructors for the 2010/2011 school year:
• Ms. Nicole Duno • Ms. Serena Ham • Ms. Colleen Mayer
On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

T. McGoldrick Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve a leave without pay for Mr. Thomas McGoldrick for October 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2010. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Josephine Capizzi Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Josephine Capizzi as part time twelve month secretary in the Curriculum Department at a prorated salary equivalent to 0.64 of the entry level step of the Secretaries Salary Guide for 2010/2011 which in 2009/2010 was \$29,682, effective on or about September 22, 2010. All employment requirements have been completed. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

Jennifer Schlett Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Schlett as part time ten month assistant secretary in the Valley Middle School at a prorated salary equivalent to 0.64 of the entry level step of the Secretaries Salary Guide for 2010/2011 which in 2009/2010 was \$24,531, effective on or about September 27, 2010. This appointment is subject to New Jersey Department of Education Criminal History Review (NJSA 18A:6-7.2), Chemical Screening and CPR/AED certification. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Interscholastic Athletic Officials Salary Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the 2010/2011 salary of \$42 per game for interscholastic athletic officials, upon submission of approved voucher. All athletic officials will be required to have a NJ Criminal Background check, and all athletic officials must be approved by the Board of Education. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Special Area Program Coordinators Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of Special Area Program Coordinators for the 2010/2011 school year at the contracted annual salary of \$2,036, as per the following:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Program</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ms. Judith Vihonski | Gifted & Talented |
| Ms. Suzanne Hartsuiker | General/Vocal Music |
| Ms. Marcia Marino | Instrumental/Band Music |
| Ms. Candace Shanks | Child Study Team |
| Mr. Jay Wordsman | Athletics |
| Ms. Karen Purcella | Overnight Trips* |
| Mr. Don Dean | Overnight Trips* |

(*This stipend is divided equally between the two employees)

On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Revised Curriculum Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the following revised curriculum for implementation during the 2010/2011 school year:

- Physical Education
- Science

On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Student Activity Assignments Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of the following teachers for the 2010/2011 stipended Student Activity Assignments, upon submission of an approved voucher:

| <u>Teacher</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. Lorenzo Deraco | Boys Basketball Coach | \$2,421 |
| Mr. Jay Wordsman | Girls Basketball Coach | \$2,421 |
| Mr. Thomas McGoldrick | Track and Field Coach (Boys/Girls) | \$2,421 |
| Mr. Timothy Hausch | Track and Field Coach (Boys/Girls) | \$2,421 |
| Mr. Bart Blanken | Track and Field Coach (Boys/Girls) | \$2,421 |
| Ms. Phylisa Gallotta | Cheer Team Coach* | \$1,210.50 |
| Ms. Lauren Iandolli | Cheer Team Coach* | \$1,210.50 |
| Ms. Mary Richter | Yearbook** | \$2,146.50 |
| Ms. Elizabeth Connolly | Yearbook** | \$2,146.50 |
| Ms. Robyn Iannella | Student Council - VMS | \$1,659 |
| Ms. Mary Richter | Student Council - VMS | \$1,659 |
| Ms. Elizabeth Miggels | Student Council - Dogwood Hill | \$1,431 |
| Ms. Jamie Olpalka | Student Council - Heights*** | \$715.50 |
| Ms. Melissa Garling | Student Council - Heights*** | \$715.50 |
| Ms. Jennifer Grella | Student Council - Manito**** | \$715.50 |
| Ms. Heather Meyer | Student Council - Manito**** | \$715.50 |

*This stipend will be equally divided between the staff members who will be co-coordinators for the Cheer Team or \$1,210.50 each.

**The three stipends for this position will be equally divided between the two staff members.

***This stipend will be equally divided between the staff members who will be co-coordinators for the Heights Student Council or \$715.50. each.

****This stipend will be equally divided between the staff members who will be co-coordinators for the Manito Student Council or \$715.50 each.

On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Home-Schooled Students Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to acknowledge that one student residing in the Manito School area and one student residing in the Valley Middle School area will be home-schooled for the 2010-2011 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

Home Instruction Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve home instruction for one elementary school student at Heights School effective September 13, 2010. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Frost Valley Chaperones Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of the following Valley Middle School teachers as chaperones for students participating in the overnight Frost Valley trip on October 6, 7 and 8, 2010. Salary payment will be consistent with the stipend for overnight trip supervision contained within the Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and the Oakland Education Association and upon submission of an approved voucher:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Bart Blanken | Mr. Jay Wordsman | Ms. Jill Jeune |
| Mr. Jayson Clark | Ms. Diane Adams | Ms. Ellen Mihovics |
| Mr. Lorenzo Deraco | Ms. Elizabeth Blender | Ms. Karen Purcella |
| Mr. Timothy Hausch | Ms. Jessica Dahdah | Ms. Amanda Steng |
| Mr. Matthew Myones | Ms. Karen Drury | Ms. Danielle Weil |
| Mr. Leonard Parra | Ms. Caitlin Groggaard | |
| Mr. Don Dean (trip coordinator) | | |
| Ms. Amy Hysell (nurse) | | |

On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Peter Hughes Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Peter Hughes, VMS Principal, as the administrator accompanying students and teachers to the Frost Valley Overnight Trip on October 6, 7, 8. Salary payment will be consistent with the stipend for overnight trip supervision contained within the Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and the Oakland Administrators Association and upon submission of an approved voucher. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

OEF Gift - VMS Science Lab Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to accept, with appreciation, a gift from The Oakland Education Foundation in the amount of \$12,375.00 to be used toward the renovation of the Valley Middle School Science Lab. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

Afterschool Club Programs Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve the attached list of Afterschool Club Programs at Valley Middle School for the 2010/2011 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Field Trips Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve the field trips for students in the Oakland School District for the 2010/2011 school year, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Susan Dishuk Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve additional compensation to Ms. Susan Dishuk, Playground/Cafeteria Aide at Valley Middle School for 170 hours (170 days x one hour per day) at her hourly rate of pay of \$13.75 (Step 3). On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Rosetta Stone Training Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to amend the date for training on the Rosetta Stone computer-based World Language Program for September 21, 2010 for Grade 4 and Grade 5 classroom teachers. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Karen Rockefeller Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Karen Rockefeller, District Reading/Language Arts Coordinator, for 2 days of summer work for September 1 & 2, 2010 at a per diem salary of \$495.32, upon submission of an approved voucher. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Special Education
Matthew Tabrys

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to rescind the appointment of Mr. Matthew Tabrys as a Part Time Special Education Teacher Aide for the 2010-2011 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Sadie Quinlan

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to rescind the appointment of Ms. Sadie Quinlan as a Part Time Special Education Teacher Aide for the 2010-2011 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Special Education (continued)

Part Time Special Educ/504/Teacher Aides Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of Part Time Special Education/504 Teacher Aides at the Elementary Schools for the 2010/2011 school year at an hourly salary of \$14.50 as per the attached list. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Out of District Placements Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the amended out of district placement of special education students, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Colleen Mayer Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Colleen Mayer as a Substitute Special Education Teacher/Student Aide for the 2010/2011 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Roberta Vietri Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve additional compensation to Ms. Roberta Vietri, Special Education Teacher Aide for 171 hours (171 days x one hour per day) at her hourly rate of pay of \$14.50. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Serena Ham Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the start date of Ms. Serena Ham, Part Time Resource Center Teacher, on September 13, 2010. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the contract with NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide services to one special education student for the 2010 - 2011 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Finance

August Payroll Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve the August, 2010 certified gross (net & agency) payroll in the amount of \$295,825.82, as per attached. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Finance (continued)

Board Secretary's Certification Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve the Board Secretary's certification to the Oakland Board of Education that, as of September 21, 2010 and pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which, in total, exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a); and further,

Approve the Oakland Board of Education's certification that, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2-11(c)4, after a review of the board secretary's and board treasurer's monthly financial reports and the advice of district officials, there is no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b).
On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Bills List Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the payment of the attached list of bills with the run dates of September 21, 2010, when in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Budget Transfers Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve school year Budget appropriation transfers for the period from August 17, 2010 through September 16, 2010, as per the attached list. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Financial Report August 2010 Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of August. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Treasurer of School Monies Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of August. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Optimum Lightpath Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the submission of a District application for the Optimum Lightpath Transforming Education With Technology Grant Award Program. On a roll call vote: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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**Transportation
Annual Driver
Salaries**

Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the annual salaries for school bus/vehicle drivers for the 2010/2011 school year, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Open to Audience
Participation**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to open the meeting to public participation. On a voice vote: ALL AYES.

- 1) A resident asked two questions regarding the Rosetta Stone computer-based World Language Program. The resident inquired as to how many teachers were trained in the district, and if there are a sufficient number of back-up computers in each facility in order to ensure that all students have the technology available during this class. Mr. Clark and Dr. Heflich responded to these two questions.
- 2) A resident inquired about the status of the contract negotiations between the Oakland Board of Education and the Oakland Education Association. Mr. Scerbo responded to this inquiry, and stated that there is a mediation session scheduled and that both sides are working together in order to come to a satisfactory settlement.

**Close to Audience
Participation**

Mr. Gaffney moved and Ms. Matts seconded to close to audience participation.

Adjournment

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to adjourn meeting. On a voice vote: ALL AYES.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. James Davis
Board Secretary/
Business Administrator