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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 7:33 PM by Mr. Gaffney.

Meeting Notice Mr. Gaffney led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings announcement as follows: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance 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 Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on May 3, 2014 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices and copies sent to newspapers serving Oakland: The Record, Ridgewood News and Suburban News. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise, sign in, and state their names and addresses. Each speaker shall be limited to two minutes. A speaker who has not finished in the allotted time will be directed by the presiding officer to summarize quickly and relinquish the floor within 30 seconds.

Roll Call The following members were present: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Also present were Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kyle Bleeker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, six administrators, and five members of the public.

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Recognition for Mr. Talamini

- The Board of Education and Dr. Coffaro took turns thanking Mr. Talamini for his dedication, friendship, and years of service to the Board of Education.
- Mr. Talamini addressed the Board and Audience and expressed his thanks for the opportunity.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

- Thank you to Administration for their work during the Week of Respect
- Administrator Reports
 - Each Administrator shared with the Board and Audience the Curriculum review process that took place during Summer 2014
 - Each area was modified to ensure it meets or exceeds the State Guidelines
 - Pacing Guides were created for each
 - Modifications for students that are excelling as well as those that are struggling were developed
 - Assessments were identified for each curriculum
 - Revising the curriculum to accommodate 21st century tools
 - Mr. Clark presented on the following:
 - English/Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - World Languages
 - Mr. Silverstein presented on the following:
 - Instrumental Music
 - Physical Education
 - Yoga Class and exercises will be incorporated
 - Mr. Desiderio presented on:
 - Teacher's Resource and Idea Page created
 - STEAM Program
 - Junior Solar Sprint Competition discussed
 - Ms. Christiano presented on:
 - 21st Century Life and Careers
 - Created resources for the teacher
 - Incorporating Google Docs and Google Classroom
 - Ms. Zimmerle presented on:
 - Gifted & Talented
 - English as a Second Language
 - Health Curriculum
- Dr. Coffaro
 - Thanks to all Administrators for their help with the Curriculum over the summer
 - As a District, we were proactive to make many of the changes and revisions that other districts are just making now

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- Curriculum Office
 - Currently assembling data from NJASK scores
 - Data is an important part of the evaluation process
 - Discussion non SRI
 - Discussion on Parent University and Teacher University
 - Dr. Coffaro added that Mr. Paul Palek from the State of NJ will be presenting at the December Parent University
- Ms. Christiano
 - Provided an update of the 7th grade overnight trip to Frost Valley
 - Most proud of the Frost Valley Staff and counselors coming up to her and saying how much they enjoyed working with the VMS students
- Dr. Coffaro reminded that the schools are closed on Election Day - November 4 - for students, however, staff will be here for a professional day.

Audience Participation

Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to open meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

- *Ms. Marilyn Kozlovski* - 19 Barnard Drive - Mother of students at Heights and VMS discussed that she was unable to find minutes or Agenda on website.
 - Brought to the attention of the Board and Dr. Coffaro that the time allotted for lunch is insufficient and may present health problems for students when consuming lunch in such a short time frame.
 - Also brought to the attention that the lunch menu online sometimes does not reflect what is being served.

Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to close meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Minutes

**Work Session
9/23/14**

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Work Session of September 23, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Minutes (continued)

Executive Session 9/23/14 Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of Public Work Session of September 23, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting 9/23/14 Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 23, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Executive Session 9/23/14 Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 23, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds

Safety Drill Report Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the safety drill report for the month of September. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Form M-1 Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the attached Oakland School District's Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1) for the fiscal year 2014-2015. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Maintenance Plan Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the submission of the Oakland School District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, for the School Years 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 as follows:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Oakland School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Oakland school district hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Oakland School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Facilities Checklist Approve the Annual Facilities Checklist for all schools dated October 8, 2014, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Cafeteria

Cafeteria Report Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the cafeteria report for the month of September 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Bills List

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the payment of the attached list of bills for October 2014 when in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Ms. Shelkin spoke about Village Fresh Menu. Cost will be \$3.75. Roll out on November 3rd.

Ms. King - discussion about offering water for those that do not drink juice or milk.

Personnel

S. Mercogliano Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Stephanie Mercogliano as a Long Term Substitute Teacher at Dogwood Hill School at a per diem rate of \$280.15 beginning on or about October 20, 2014 and ending on or about February 27, 2015. All employment obligations have been met. (Ms. Mercogliano will work with Ms. Barriera on October 16 & 17 at the substitute rate of pay.) On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Carlea Dries

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to accept the resignation of Ms. Carlea Dries, School Psychologist, effective December 5, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Personnel (continued)

**Substitute
Personnel**

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity 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 2014/2015 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 lists. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Conferences/
Workshops**

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

**Intramural
Sessions**

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve that the total number of fall and spring Intramural sessions at Valley Middle School shall not exceed 30. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Intramural
Sponsors**

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the following appointment of Valley Middle School Intramural sponsors for the 2014/2015 school year at a one and one-half session salary rate of \$57.08, upon submission of an approved voucher:
Ms. Karen Ann Mastrofilipo Mr. Jay Anspach Mr. Lorenzo Deraco
On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Lorenzo Deraco

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve Lorenzo Deraco as a chaperone for students participating in the overnight Frost Valley trip on October 1, 2 & 3, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

James Finnan

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the request of Mr. James Finnan, Driver, for a leave without pay for October 9, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Lori Gilmour

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the request of Ms. Lori Gilmour, Playground/Cafeteria Aide, for a leave without pay for October 15, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Personnel (continued)

Mary Cleary Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to accept the resignation of Ms. Mary Cleary, Playground/Cafeteria Aide, effective October 22, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Michele Folina Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Michele Folina, Playground/Cafeteria Aide at Dogwood Hill School, effective on or about November 1, 2014. This appointment is contingent upon completion of all employment obligations. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Lisa Macaluso Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve an increase in assignment from one day per week to two days per week for Ms. Lisa Macaluso, Part Time Occupational Therapist, at an hourly salary of \$80, retroactive to October 1, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Mindy Natelli Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the stipend of \$2,077 for Ms. Mindy Natelli as an Elementary (K-5) Reading Coordinator in the District for the 2014/2015 school year, retroactive to September 1, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Affirmative Action Team Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve 2014/2015 Oakland School District Affirmative Action Team as follows:

Ms. Barbara Ciambra	- Affirmative Action Officer
Ms. Jennifer Zimmerle	- Director
Ms. Heather Podvey	- School Counselor
Mr. Anthony Smiraldi	- District Coordinator of Technology Education And Information Services
Ms. Patricia Gannon	- Parent

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

Workshop PM Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Jenna Boomhower and Ms. Tara Keane as After School Workshop PM Program teachers for the 2014/2015 school year, at an hourly salary of \$49.70, upon submission of an approved voucher. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Personnel (continued)

Carol Lindsey Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the request of Ms. Carol Lindsey, Playground/Cafeteria Aide, for a leave without pay for starting on or about November 21, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Nicole Shiner Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the request of Ms. Nicole Shiner, Playground/Cafeteria Aide at Manito School for a leave without pay on November 3 and 5, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Jenny Ramirez Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Jenny Ramirez to replace Ms. Pam Baykal as co-teacher for the VMS Afterschool Homework Club. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Toyin Adekoje Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Toyin Adekoje, School Psychologist for the Oakland Public Schools, at a salary of \$66,400.00 (Step 4/MA30), effective on or about January 15, 2015. This appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all employment requirements. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Regular Education

Field Trips Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the field trips for students in the Oakland School District for the 2014/2015 school year, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Nursing Services Report Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the Nursing Services Report for September 2014, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Library Reports Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the monthly Library/Media Center Report for September 2014, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

HIB Report Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the HIB Report for the period of September 4, 2014 through October 21, 2014 as follows:

Number of HIB Investigations - 2
Number of Affirmed HIB Incidents - 0

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

District Goals Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the following 2014/2015 Goals for the Oakland School District:

- to continue to revise/evaluate curriculum to be aligned with the new common Core State Standards;
- to evaluate/research/explore STEAM classroom implementation;
- continue to evaluate our technology infrastructure to prepare for PARCC

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

Revised Superintendent Goals Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the Revised Superintendent's Merit Goals for submission for approval from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Curricula 2014-2015 Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the revised curricula for implementation in the 2014-2015 school year: Mathematics, World Languages, Art, Vocal/General Music, English Language Arts, Social Studies K-5, Elementary Report Card, Instrumental Music, Physical Education, Technology, Social Studies 6-8, 21st Century Life & Careers, Gifted & Talented, English as a Second Language, Health Curriculum. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Nonpublic School Nursing Reports Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the submission of the Annual Nonpublic School Nursing Reports to the New Jersey Department of Education. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

NJQSAC Statement of Assurance Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statement of Assurance for School Year 2014-2015, and its submission to the New Jersey Department of Education. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

VMS Basketball Schedule Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the Valley Middle School Basketball Schedule for 2014-2015, as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Special Education
Teacher of the Deaf Services

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve a contract with Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division, to provide Teacher of the Deaf services for one elementary student, one session per week, at a rate not to exceed \$6,200 for the remainder of the 2014/2015 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Finance
Payroll

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the September 2014 certified gross (net & agency) payroll in the amount of \$1,648,639.34. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Board Secretary Certification

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the Board Secretary's certification to the Oakland Board of Education that, as of October 21, 2014 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which, in total, exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)3; and further,

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the Oakland Board of Education's certification that, 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:23A-16.10(c)4. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Finance (continued)

List of Bills Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the payment of the list of bills with the run date of October 21, 2014, which in proper legal form and subject to audit, provided funds are available in their respective accounts. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Board Secretary Report Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of August 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Treasurer of School Monies Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of August 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Transfers Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the school year Budget appropriation transfers for the month of August 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Debit Service Data Collection Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the submission of the 2015-2016 Debt Service Data Collection Report to the State of New Jersey. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Flexible Spending Account Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the flexible spending account administrative services agreement between the Oakland Board of Education and Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. for the 2014/2015 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Policy

Final Readings Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the final reading of the following new policies with regulations (these policies and regulations are new to Oakland's Policy Manual):

1. Independent Educational Evaluations - Policy
2. Independent Educational Evaluations - Regulation
3. Special Education Evaluations - Policy
4. Special Education Evaluations - Regulations

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

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First Reading

Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the first reading of Policy #1250, Visitors. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Audience
Participation**

Mr. Scerbo moved moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to open meeting to public participation. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

- *Ms. Vivian King - 113 Hiawatha Blvd* - Questioned what the Board was doing to be prepared for PARCC from a technology perspective.
 - Dr. Coffaro responded that we are well prepared with the technology in the school for PARCC testing
- Questioned if the Elementary schools have keyboarding
 - Dr. Coffaro responded that currently they do not, however, we are hoping to add it soon
- Questioned if the parents can opt their student out of the PARCC Test
 - Dr. Coffaro responded that the State Statute with regards to PARCC is that the District "shall" administer the test.
- Questioned what the impact on the student's grade or results would be if they did not take PARCC
 - Dr. Coffaro responded that there are other assessments throughout the year that students take

- *Ms. Mastrofilipo* - Questioned about a previous comment that was made that scores are expected to decline due to PARCC. Asked for further clarification.
 - Dr. Coffaro responded that with any new test we may see an initial drop in scores as students become accustomed to it. First year of NJASK had a similar adjustment. Additionally, the State has not released how they will compare NJASK scores to PARCC scores, as it appears they will not be comparable.

- *Ms. Vivian King* - Asked that if PARCC scores are a factor in teacher evaluation and there is an anticipated drop in scores, what will be the impact for the teachers?
 - Dr. Coffaro responded that the State has lowered the percent of a teacher's evaluation that is represented by test scores to address this issue.

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Mr. Scerbo moved moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to close meeting to public participation. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker
Board Secretary/Business Administrator