

**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 7:38 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, one administrator, and seven members of the public.

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Report of the Superintendent of Schools

- Great turnout for Parent Teacher Conferences
 - approximately 95% turnout from the schools
- Announcement of Homework Club at the Elementary schools
 - not designed to be an extra help - only assistance with assigned homework
 - 3 teachers per building, 3 times per week
 - shall begin after December Break
- Ms. Mastrofilipio asked for elaboration on the Homework Club
 - Dr. Coffaro responded
- Ms. Maganelli gave presentation on NJASK scores administered in May 2014
 - Nicholas Policano - 96 Union Ave - North Arlington, NJ
 - asked why the Science program remained with NJASK and did not transition to PARCC
 - Dr. Coffaro and Ms. Manganelli responded that it is a determination made by the State not the District and that it is likely due to changes upcoming to the Science Standards
 - By 2017 the Science portion is expected to be online
 - Ms. Mastrofilipio asked if we have access to the PARCC Scores from the pilot year
 - Dr. Coffaro and Ms. Manganelli responded that those scores are not being released from the State of NJ
 - Ms. Mastrofilipio asked if students will have the opportunity to take a practice test
 - There will be an opportunity in January to take a practice test
 - Mr. Gaffney also responded that sample questions are available online and he encouraged parents to work on these with their students at home
 - Ms. Manganelli also commented that students are preparing to take tests online through the Sunburst typing curriculum implemented this year in the elementary schools
- Dr. Coffaro wished the Board and audience a Happy Thanksgiving

Audience Participation

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity 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.

None

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Akovity 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.

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Minutes

**Work Session
10/21/14** Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Work Session of October 21, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

**Executive Session
10/21/14** Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of Public Work Session of October 21, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

**Regular Meeting
10/21/14** Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 21, 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. Cooper seconded to approve the safety drill report for the month of October. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

**Form M-1
Revised** Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the attached Revised 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
Revised** Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the submission of the Revised 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

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Buildings & Grounds (continued)

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,

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.

LAN Associates

Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the contract with LAN Associates for engineering, bidding, and construction review work related to the lower parking lot at Valley Middle School. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Energy Audit Program

Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the attached resolution approving the Oakland School District's application to participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Patwood Roofing

Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve application payment #3 to Patwood Roofing in the amount of \$80,262 for work related to the Heights Roof Project. (DOE project #3760-050-14-1001, SDA Project #3760-050-14-G1FJ). 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. Scerbo 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. Scerbo 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.

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Cafeteria (continued)

Revised Bills List Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the revised list of bills for September and October 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

The Forum School Lunch Program Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the attached resolution regarding the lunch program at The Forum School and its compliance with the National School Lunch Program. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the participation in the School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Personnel

Substitutes Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the revised list of 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 Ms. Cooper 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.

Glenn Clark Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the attendance of Mr. Glenn Clark at "Learning and The Brain Conference" on November 20-22, 2014 in Boston, MA., at a total cost to the District of \$1,686.37. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Personnel (continued)

**Referees/
Officials**

Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the following referees/officials for the Valley Middle School Interscholastic Basketball Program for the 2014-2015 school year, upon submission of an approved voucher and contingent upon NJ Criminal Background Check and completion of a training program for officiating basketball competitions, at a per game salary of \$42.00:

Mr. Roger Shafer Mr. Jerry Picazio
Mr. Michael Jacobsen Mr. Michael Stein
Mr. William Savage

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

Home Instructors

Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Amanda Steng and Mr. Ryan Gilligan as home instructors for the 2014-2015 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Nicole Shiner

Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Ms. Nicole Shiner, Playground/Cafeteria Aide at Manito School effective November 13, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Molly Maguire

Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Molly Maguire as a Long Term Substitute Teacher at Valley Middle School at a per diem rate of \$280.15 beginning on or about December 5, 2014 and ending on or about May 1, 2015. Ms. Maguire will shadow Ms. Mastrofilipo as a substitute starting on December 2, 2014. 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.

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Student Teaching Practicum Assignments Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to acknowledge the Student Teaching or Practicum assignments to the Oakland School District for the Spring 2015:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>College/University</u>
Samantha Simone Student Teacher	Jennifer Grella Manito	Ramapo College
Megan Dever Student Teacher	Aislinn Shansky Dogwood Hill	Wm Paterson Univ.
Megan Ranges Student Teacher	Karen Wilson Heights	Wm Paterson Univ.
Raquel Lamanna Practicum Student	Heather Menduke Dogwood Hill	Wm Paterson Univ.
Morgan Lazar Student Teacher	Cindy Parr Manito	Wm Paterson Univ.
Amy Haddad Practicum Student	Jennifer Karasek Heights	Wm Paterson Univ.

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

Ms. D. Gostomski Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the request of Ms. Deborah Gostomski, Teacher at Heights School, for a leave without pay for December 22 & 23, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Don Dean Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to accept the resignation of Mr. Don Dean as District Science Coordinator effective November 17, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Cardon Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Mary Ann Cardon Playground/Cafeteria Aide at Dogwood Hill School at an hourly salary of \$10.00 effective on or about December 1, 2014. 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.

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Personnel (continued)

- Yelena Mataeva** Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to rescind the appointment of Ms. Yelena Mataeva as a Playground/Cafeteria Aide effective November 26, 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.
- Full Time Aides** Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the revised list of full-time classroom/student aide appointments for the 2014-2015 school year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.
- Rachel Tintle** Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Rachel Tintle as a Part Time Classroom/Student Aide for 2.75 hours per day, effective November 26, 2014, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, upon submission of an approved voucher. (Ms. Tintle is also a part time Resource Room Teacher.) On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.
- Seton Feeney** Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to approve the payment to Ms. Seton Feeney for Home Based Parent Training Services to families on a monthly basis, retroactive to October 1, 2014, upon submission of an approved voucher, at an hourly rate of \$56.91. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gaffney noted that he is happy to see the student teacher program continuing in Oakland.*
- Regular Education**
- SGO Statement of Assurance** Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the Student Growth Objectives (SGO's) internal Statement of Assurance for School Year 2014- 2015, and notification to County. On a toll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.
- Field Trips** Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin 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 toll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Regular Education (continued)

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

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

HIB Report Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the HIB Report for the period of October 22, 2014 through November 25, 2014 as follows:

Number of HIB Investigations - 1
Number of Affirmed HIB Incidents - 0

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

Home Instruction Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the home instruction of one middle school student effective on or about November 10, 2014 for an undetermined duration but not less than 8 weeks. On a toll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Grade 8 Overnight Trip Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the Grade 8 Overnight Trip to the Philadelphia, PA, area, departing from Valley Middle School on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 and returning on Friday, June 5, 2015. On a toll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

School Nurse Job Description Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the attached School Nurse job description. On a toll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Finance
Payroll

Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the October 2014 certified gross (net & agency) payroll in the amount of \$1,685,104.66. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Finance (continued)

Board Secretary Certification Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the Board Secretary's certification to the Oakland Board of Education that, as of November 25, 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 Ms. Shelkin 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.

List of Bills Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the payment of the list of bills with the run date of November 25, 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 Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the months of September and October 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 Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of September and October 2014. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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

Brown & Brown Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the addendum to the contract between Brown and Brown and the Oakland Board of Education for employee benefit consulting services at a cost of \$1,000 per month for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Finance (continued)

NCLB Amendment #1 Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to approve the submission of the 2014/2015 NCLB Amendment #1 in accordance with the changes recommended by the Business Administrator and approved by the Chief School Administrator, and furthermore that the Business Administrator is authorized to submit the amendment to the Department of Education. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

SAO Gift Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to accept, with gratitude, a gift of over \$1,000 in sports equipment for Oakland's School Children from The Sports Association of Oakland. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

OEF Gift Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to accept, with gratitude, a grant of \$3,200 from the Oakland Education Foundation for the 5th Grade Buehler Science Center experience. (Dogwood Hill - \$1,000, Heights - \$1,000, Manito - \$1,200.) On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Diane Winters Gift Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to accept, with gratitude, the donation by Ms. Diane Winters of a washing machine to replace the one in the Foods Room at Valley Middle School. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Scott Arisman Gift Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to accept, with gratitude, the donation of 31 cases of paper from Mr. Scott Arisman. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Heights PTO Gift Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Shelkin seconded to accept, with gratitude, donation from Heights PTO Weather Station. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Mr. Akovity thanked the OEF and the Sports Association for their support.

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**Transportation
Chevy Van**

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to transfer ownership of 1999 Chevy Van (Bus #30) to the Borough of Oakland for \$1.00. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Parent Contract

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the contract between the Oakland Board of Education and a parent of a student enrolled in an out-of-district school (Helen Smith Elementary School) for transportation services to and from the school during the 2014-2015 school year at an estimated cost of \$ 5,236.55. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Parent Contract

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the contract between the Oakland Board of Education and a parent of a student enrolled in an out-of-district school (St. Phillips School) for transportation services to and from the school from July 2014 through August 2014 school year at an estimated cost of \$1,062.77. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Parent Contract

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the contract between the Oakland Board of Education and a parent of a student enrolled in an out-of-district school (Ridge Elementary School) for transportation services to and from the school during the 2014-2015 school year at an estimated cost of \$ 7,058.62. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Parent Contract

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the contract between the Oakland Board of Education and a parent of a student enrolled in an out-of-district school (Windsor Learning Center) for transportation services to and from the school during the 2014-2015 school year at an estimated cost of \$ 3,461.44. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Parent Contract

Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the contract between the Oakland Board of Education and a parent of a student enrolled in an out-of-district school (Windsor Learning Center) for transportation services to and from the school from July 2014 through August 2014 school year at an estimated cost of \$591.36. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Transportation (continued)

Parent Contract Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to approve the contract between the Oakland Board of Education and a parent of a student enrolled in an out-of-district school (The Forum School) for transportation services to and from the school from July 2014 through August 2014 school year at an estimated cost of \$532.29. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Cooper, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Policy

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

Final Reading Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve for final reading Policy #6154, Homework/Makeup Work/Study Skills. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Shelkin, Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

First Reading Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to approve for first reading Policy #6145, Extracurricular Activities. 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 Mr. Akovity seconded to open meeting to public participation. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

Christine Tirino - Parent at Manito - Teacher at Mahwah

- Had a question about Parent Teacher conferences and if there are thoughts about changing the format?
- Dr. Coffaro responded that the Board discussed it during their work session earlier this evening and will be considering alternatives. Until those alternatives are researched and considered, there will be no changes at this time.

Elizabeth Benducci

- Conferences with teachers are needed and should not be changed. April conferences should be brought back
- Private conferences are good but sometimes difficult to schedule.

Nick Pollicano - 96 Union Avenue, North Arlington, NJ

- Has the District considered conference in Mid-October?
- Mr. Gaffney responded that we will look at other solutions and make a determination what is best for the District.

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Audience Participation (continued)

Ms. Mastrofilipo

- As a Girl Scout Troop leader, discussed a fundraiser that the girl scouts would like to arrange with schools to collect items for neglected animals and pets.

- Dr. Coffaro asked that an explanation of the program be written and provided to her for review.

Mr. Scerbo moved moved and Ms. Shelkin 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