

SOMERDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education  
301 Grace Street  
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

**Minutes**

September 19, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m.

Sunshine Law:

The Somerdale Board of Education Meeting is called to order. The Board of Education is in compliance with the sunshine regulations. This meeting was appropriately advertised by notifying The Record Breeze and The Courier Post, as well as posting notices in Borough Hall, the Somerdale Post Office and the Somerdale Park School.

II. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

James Abbott- present	Martha Gray-present
Richard Caswell- absent	Susan Lowden-present
Cheryl Cronce-absent	David Reeder-absent
Linda Giambri-present	James Walsh-absent
Deborah Giordano-present	

Also Present:

Dr. Debra L. Bruner, Superintendent  
Kelly Peters, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Kristine Height, Principal- absent  
Doug McGarry, Bldg. & Grnds. Supervisor/EFM  
Mr. L. Wood of Wade, Kennedy, Wood & Long Representative, Solicitor

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Giordano seconded by Mrs. Giambri the following was approved:

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the August 15, 2007 regular Board of Education Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 5 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 4

IV. No PUBLIC COMMENTS on any action items at this time.

NOTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience whom wish to comment on any action items on this Agenda. Please respect the following procedures:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Identify the resolution/item number on which you wish to comment.
4. Wait to be recognized before you make your comment  
(*Just before the resolution is voted on*).
5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution/items.
6. Limit your comments to (3) minutes per person.

## V. REPORTS

### A. The Superintendent gave a report at 7:32 p.m.

Dr. Bruner stated that the district student count is 491 students. There has been an expansion of the pre-school program due to enrollments and there are now two half-day pre-school classes. Dr. Bruner stated that the Back to School picnic slated for September 21, 2007 is still scheduled and currently there are 689 RSVPs. Back to school night is Wednesday September 26, 2007 and the new parents welcome tea starts at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Bruner stated that the inter-district is looking to start a golf program and the cost to our district would \$1,000. The golf program would be headed by Stratford and students would be learning golf at the Valley Green Golf Club, parents would be responsible for equipment and green fees. Dr. Bruner indicated that if there was enough interest, she would recommend to the board to approve this expenditure.

Mr. Abbott asked Dr. Bruner about transportation of these students.

Dr. Bruner stated that transportation would be the parents responsibility.

Dr. Bruner stated that June's retirement dinner will be October 4, 2007 if any board members would like to attend they should contact Ms. Peters. Interim report cards are coming out on October 4, 2007. There is an in-service day on October 5, 2007 focusing on the new reading program (StoryTown). Dr. Bruner stated that Mrs. Height has started a Student of the Month program that will start next month.

Mrs. Height arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Walsh arrived at 7:35 p.m.

### B. The Business Administrator gave a report at 7:37 p.m.

Ms. Peters stated that her and Mrs. Height went to a training called Ed Analyzer. This training works in conjunction with the data collected from NJ SMART and will allow districts to track and analyze data about students and their progress in all subject areas. Ms. Peters stated that the audit is underway and so far there are no problems. The audit should be completed by November and will be approved at the November board meeting. Ms. Peters stated that she attended a Pension Processing and Employer Responsibility training at the Gloucester County Office of Education on 9/6/2007. This training touched on all subjects of the pension system including new changes for new employees after July 1, 2007. Ms. Peters stated that she and Mr. McGarry had recently met with Radey Associates the architect of record to discuss the roofing project slated for next school year. She stated that Mr. Radey, herself, and Mr. McGarry are exploring several possibilities including solar energy. Ms. Peters stated that the Health and Wellness Committee met 9/18/2007 and that things are off to a good start. Topics of discussion included the nutrition policy and Halloween parties. There were six parents in attendance and next month students will be included in the meetings. Ms. Peters stated that her and Mr. McGarry would be attending a Right to Knowing Train the Trainer training on Friday September 21, 2007. Ms. Peters stated that there will be a Security Task Force Meeting on September 20, 2007 in the library.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS at 7:40 p.m.

A. **Personnel Committee**, M. Gray, Chairperson

On a motion by Mrs. Gray seconded by Mr. Walsh the following was approved:

Recommend that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following:

1. The appointment of Jaime Lupinetti as a **One-to-One Elementary Assistant** at a Step 1 Para-Professional level as per the negotiated contract with the SEA for the 2007-'08 school year.
2. Grand Canyon University student, Grace Adedokun as a **special education student teacher** for the Fall, 2007 term in K. Rickerby, D. Halpin, and L. Padua's classroom(s), respectively.
3. To rescind, as per her non-acceptance of same, April Ricigliano, as **PSD Assistant** at a Step 3 Assistant's Level, as per the negotiated contract with the SEA for the 2007-'08 school year.
4. To appoint Mandy Seligman, Joyce Rykala, and Thomas Hayden as **Mentor Teachers** for the 2007-'08 school year, for Erica Coram, Jennifer Moffa, and Melissa McCarthy, respectively.
5. As per receipt of their transcripts acknowledging same, to change Andrea Lomas's salary rate from a BA Step 11 to a BA + 15 Step 11, retroactive to 9/01/'07; Kimberly Rickerby's salary rate from a BA + 15 Step 5, to a BA +30 Step 5, retroactive to 9/01/'07, and Lauren Rothamel Baldyga from a BA + 15 Step 3, to a BA + 30 Step 3, as per the negotiated contract with the SEA.
6. To approve Andrea Lomas to conduct an **administrative internship** (Seton Hall University) under Kristine Height, Principal, for the Fall, 2007 (September, 2007 – December, 2007) term.
7. To appoint Kimberly Rickerby as **Chess Club Advisor**, Steven Terry as **Jazz Band Advisor**, and Carmen Bayard, as **Art Club Advisor** for the 2007-'08 school year. Salaries as per the negotiated contract with the SEA.
8. To appoint Geraldine Lowden as a **substitute nurse** for the 2007-'08 school year; Dina Lawrence, Shari Warowitz, Mary Rose Reeder, and Nina Carr as **substitute teachers** for the 2007-'08 school year; and Thomas Hinderliter as a **substitute custodian** for the 2007-'08 school year.
9. To approve a six week **maternity leave** for Sharon DeNafo, School Psychologist, effective on and/or before November 24, 2007, with a return to work on January 3, 2008.
10. Michelle Devlin, Camden County student, to conduct a one-day clinical observation with Richard Dilmore, Teacher, at a date and time to be determined in October, 2007.
11. To reassign/change Melissa McCarthy, from a 4/5<sup>th</sup>'s P.E/Health Teacher Step 1 for the 2007-'08 school year, to a (FTE) P.E/Health Teacher for the 2007-'08 school year, effective 9/24/'07, due to student enrollments/increased supervision and/or student adaptive P.E. needs.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 (Mrs. Lowden on item 8 yes to rest)  
ABSENT 3

B. **Finance Committee**, C. Cronce, Chairperson

On a motion by Mrs. Lowden seconded by Mrs. Giambri the following was approved:

Recommend that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the business administrator approve the following:

Financial Report

Recommend that the Board of Education certify that as of this date and after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major fund balance has been overspent in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations as of this date.

September Bill List #1 \$196,149.92  
 September Bill List #2 \$17,724.07  
 August Payroll #1 \$45,940.61  
 August Payroll #2 \$36,588.51  
 August Payroll #3 \$166,757.80  
 Transfers as attached.  
 Board Secretary's Report for August, 2007  
 Treasurer's Report(s) for July, 2007

1. The 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grant application in the amount of **\$98,743.00**
2. To approve the following staff members to attend **training sessions and/or conferences**:
  - a). Dr. Debra L. Bruner to attend the **Title I Directors' Meeting**, 10/01/'07 at the Gloucester County Office of Education. There is no cost for this session. Dates for **Camden County Roundtable Meetings** as previously approved, are as follows: 9/21/'07; 10/19/'07; 11/20/'07; 12/14/'07; 1/23/'08; 2/22/'08; 3/20/'08; 4/18/'08; 5/22/'08; 6/6/'08. Dates for **Sterling Council (Interdistrict) Meetings** as previously approved, are as follows: 9/20/'07; 10/18/'07; 11/29/'07; 12/13/'07; 1/24/'08; 2/21/'08; 3/20/'08; 4/17/'08; 5/22/'08; 6/12/'08.
  - b). **Camden County Association of School Business Officials (CCASBO)** Meeting Dates as previously approved for Kelly Peters, Business Administrator, are as follows: 9/19/07, 10/10/07, 11/15/07, 12/17/07, 1/16/08, 2/20/08, 3/12/08, 4/9/08, 6/24/08.
  - c). Dates for **Sterling Council (Interdistrict) Principals' Meetings** as previously approved for Kristine Height, Principal, are as follows: 9/21/'07; 10/11/'07; 11/15/'07; 12/6/'07; 1/17/'08; 2/14/'08; 3/13/'08; 4/10/'08; 5/15/'08; 6/5/'08.
  - d). Barbara Seery, CST Director, to attend all countywide, districtwide, and/or regional **CST and/or IEP (out-of-district)** student(s) meetings for the 2007-'08 school year. CST Meeting Dates are as follows: 9/27/'07; 10/18/'07; 11/15/'07; 12/13/'07; 1/10/'08; 2/21/'08; 4/10/'08; 5/22/'08.
  - e). Barb Seery, CST Director, to attend the **Homeless Liaison Coordinator's Meeting** at the Educational Services Commission on 10/10/'07.
  - f). Janine Houser, Counselor, to attend the **Association of Student Assistance Professionals of New Jersey (ASAP)** meetings for the 2007-'08 school year. Dates are as follows: 9/24/'07; 11/30/'07; 1/14/'08; 3/14/'08; 5/19/'08

- g). Janine Houser, Counselor, to attend all **Camden County Peer Mediation** meetings for the 2007-'08 school year. Dates are as follows: 10/16/'07; 11/20/'07; 12/11/'07; 1/15/'08; 2/19/'08; 4/22/'08; 5/13/'08; 6/10/'08.
  - h). Janine Houser, Counselor, to attend the New Jersey School Counselor Association (**NJSCA**) **Fall Conference** on 10/21-22/'07 in Long Branch, NJ. Registration/Conference Fee: \$185.00; Lodging Costs: \$106.00 plus taxes and fees.
  - i). Janine Houser and Rory Eisenstein to attend the **World Languages (Spanish) Pilot Assessment Training Workshops (STAMP)** on 9/25/'07 and 6/2/'08, at Middlesex County College in Edison, NJ. There are no costs associated with the training workshops.
  - j). Louise Barikian and one (1) Professional Development Committee Member to participate in an **Interdistrict Professional Development Planning (PDP) Meeting** on 10/4/'07.
  - k). To approve Douglas McGarry to attend **Educational Facilities Managers Association of Camden/Gloucester County** meetings at Adelphia's Restaurant in Deptford, NJ on the following dates: 10/03/'07 11/7/'07, 12/05/'07, 1/02/'08, 2/06/'08, 3/05/'08, 4/02/'08; 5/07/'08, 6/4/'08.
  - l). To approve Douglas McGarry to attend the **Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools** Workshop in Mahwah, NJ on September 27, 2007 and October 23, 2007. There is no cost for attending this seminar.
  - m). To approved Douglas McGarry to attend **IPM Coordinator training session** at Gloucester County College on September 20, 2007 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. There is no cost for this session.
  - n). To approve Kelly Peters to attend a **CRE training session** on November 1, 2007 at the Nutri-Serve Food Management office at 4431 Rt 130 south, Burlington, NJ 08016. There is no cost for this training.
  - o). To approve all board members, the superintendent, business administrator, and principal to attend the attached **NJSBA meetings** and or training sessions for the 2007-'08 school year.
  - p). To approve Sandra Robinson and Lisa Padua to attend the **SRA/Corrective Reading** workshop on 9/27/'07 in Maple Shade, NJ. There is no cost to attend this workshop.
3. To approve the two-year **mentorship fee** of Kristine Height, Principal, payable to the NJSPSA, for the 2007 -'08 and 2008 -'09 school year(s). Cost of mentorship: \$1800.00 for the first year (2007-'08) and \$1300.00 for the second year (2008-'09).
- If in the event Ms. Height does not complete her two year internship and/or is no longer employed by the Somerdale School District, the fees would be refunded by Mrs. Height to the Somerdale Board of Education in full and payable immediately.*
4. To approve start-up costs (*approximately \$1500.00*) for an interdistrict **Golf Program** with the three elementary sending districts and Sterling High School, pending student enrollments and final costs for same.
5. Receipt of approval by the Camden County NJDOE of the 2007-'08 Targeted At-Risk

(TARA) Plan and subsequent budget, respectively.

6. To accept a Tier II PSD **tuition student** from the Clementon School District for the 2007-'08 school year, effective 9/11/'07.
7. To approve a **tuition agreement** with YALE School Inc, for a sixth grade student for the 2007-'08 school year in the amount of \$36,889.20.
8. Approval to **reimburse** June Daniels, Secretary, as per BOE policy 4244.15 for 254 un-used sick days in the amount of \$4,475.00. Mrs. Daniel retired from the school district on 8/31/'07.
9. Kennedy Memorial Hospital **Drug Screening/Substance Abuse Agreement** for the 2007-'08 school year.
10. To approve PL192-193 Contracts for the 2007-2008 year as attached.
11. To approve a Tier IV PSD tuition student from the Clementon School District for the 2007-'08 school year, effective 9/06/'07.
12. To approve a Tier II PSD tuition student from the Laurel Springs School District for the 2007-08 school year, effective 9/06/07.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

C. **Curriculum Committee**, C. Cronic and L. Giambri, Co-Chairpersons

On a motion by Mrs. Giambri seconded by Mr. Walsh the following was approved:

A recommendation is requested to approve the following:

1. To **change** the November Somerdale Board of Education meeting date from 11/21/'07 to 11/14/'07, respectively, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
2. Somerdale Board of Education **2007-'08 Educational Goals and Objectives**, as attached.
3. The 2007 **Soccer Schedule**, as attached.
4. Moorestown Visiting Nurses Association to conduct a **Flu Clinic** in November, 2007 (*at a date TBD*) in the Somerdale Park School Cafetorium.
5. The following field trips:
  - a). **Seventh Grade** to visit the Kimmel Center, Philadelphia, PA to view Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on 12/18/'07.
  - b). **Drama Club** to visit the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, Manheim, PA on 10/2/'07.
6. Fifth Grade students to participate in **Harcourt's Fall Comparability Study**, in conjunction with the NJASK to assess students' skill areas in study skills, vocabulary and reading/language arts skill areas.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

D. **Policy Committee**, J. Walsh, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Giambri the following was approved:

A recommendation is requested to approve the following:

1. Revised changes to the **Section 504** Manual: Americans with Disabilities Act, as per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A copy of same is attached.
2. Revision of policy **#6153** Field Trips (Second Reading)
3. Revision of policy **#4119.23** Conduct and Dress (Second Reading)
4. Revision of policy **#4250** Personal Leave (Second Reading)
5. Revision of policy **#4251.1** Personal Illness and Injury Health and Hardship (Second Reading)
6. Revision of policy **#4250.1** Vacation (Second Reading)
7. Acknowledge receipt of La Martinique Lanes' **donation** of (55) bowling passes, in conjunction with our student rewards program for the 2007-'08 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

E. **Buildings and Grounds Committee**, D. Reeder, Chairperson

On a motion by Mrs. Gray seconded by Mrs. Giambri the following was approved:

A recommendation is requested to approve the following:

1. The **rescission** of Tarkill Board of Director's request(s) to use Ward Field for the 2007-'08 school year.
2. The **Drama Club** to use the Cafetorium on Wednesday afternoons from 3:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. for the time period of 10/3/'07 – 4/9/'08.
3. The **Girl Scouts (Brownies)** to use the Cafetorium on Thursday afternoons from 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for the time period of 9/27/'07 – 4/17/'08.
4. To appoint Douglass McGarry IPM (Integrated Pest Manager) Coordinator for the Somerdale School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

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| F. | Interdistrict Committee, | S. Lowden, Chairperson- no meeting                     |
| G. | CCESC Representative,    | D. Reeder, Representative-no meeting                   |
| H. | NJSBA Representative,    | D. Giordano, Representative-no meeting                 |
| I. | CCSBA Representative,    | D. Giordano, Representative-no meeting                 |
| J. | Liaison Committee,       | M. Gray, Chairperson-October meeting date not yet set. |
| K. | Public Relations,        | D. Giordano, Chairperson- no meeting                   |
| L. | Negotiations,            | J. Walsh, Chairperson- nothing                         |

## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS at 7:48 p.m.-

Ward Field Usage  
Somerdale Day/Ward Field Dedication

Mr. Walsh indicated that the dedication of Ward field would be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Giordano stated that Somerdale day starts at 12:00 p.m. Dr. Bruner and Mr. Abbott will be present to give resolution to the Ward Family.

On a motion by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Giordano the following resolution was approved:

**RESOLUTION 2008-03**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the RE-DEDICATION OF WARD FIELDS AS PART OF THE SOMERDALE DAY FESTIVITIES ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2007**

**WHEREAS**, The Somerdale Board of Education, desires to re-dedicate Ward Field as part of the Somerdale Day festivities on September 22, 2007 and to approve the issuance of a proper commendation for the Ward Family by the Board of Education; and,

**WHEREAS**, at approximately 1:30 am on January 4, 1961 a fire broke out at the Ward Family residence where seven family members were sleeping; and,

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Ward and his Grandfather escaped through a window and ran to a neighbor's house to call the fire department; and upon return were unable to gain access to the fully engulfed house; and, whereas five family members perished in that house due to smoke inhalation; and,

**WHEREAS**, some short time after this tragedy occurred, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Somerdale dedicated this field to the Ward Family.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Somerdale Board of Education of the Borough of Somerdale would like to re-dedicate Ward Field to the Ward Family on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

At 7:52 p.m. Ward Field Usage was discussed by Mr. Abbott and Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Abbot asked that Mr. Alex Lukacher 26 Dartmouth Avenue answer a few questions about his request for use.

Mr. Lukacher explained that the Spartans Baseball Team put in paperwork in August to use Ward Field, that he spoke with Tarkill Soccer, and Father and Son to work out an acceptable schedule so that all teams could use the field. He said he worked with a few people so that there is not a fight over Ward Field. He stated that he was aware that Tarkill Soccer had withdrawn his application for use of the field.

Mr. Abbott asked how many players on Spartans team?

Mr. Lukacher stated that there are 31 players ranging in age from 12-18 years old. Mr. Lukacher stated that in almost every way most of the kids have lived in Somerdale or live in the Sterling District area. He stated that he is a resident, and have coached and played in Somerdale for a long time. He stated that he has gone through the paperwork and channels to have these kids play baseball. Conflict between Spartans and Father and Son is with where the kids can play. Mr. Lukacher stated that the team has been using whatever fields that they can to practice on because they did not have permission to use Ward Field.

Mr. Abbott stated that Board Policy allows access to field however the information provided does not correspond with board policy and that this matter will be discussed in executive session. Mr. Abbott stated that Mr. Lukacher might be called into our executive session to discuss other questions of the board, and personal issues with the team and other teams. Father and Son was tentatively approved because they handed in a detailed schedule and all of their paperwork was in order. This was discussed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Dr. Bruner, Mr. Abbott and Ms. Peters.

Vicki Walter 20 Chestnut Avenue- stated that she has lived in Somerdale for over 20years, and that all three of her son attended Park School. She stated that she drives by Ward Field and no one is using the field, she stated that her father had donated money to the school at one time and does not understand why this is an issue.

Kathy Romano 19 N. Browning Avenue- stated that this is for the kids, that the pen is always mightier than the sword and the board should forget about the policy and put the children first.

Mr. Abbott stated that the Board was not about to make exceptions to a policy. That is the whole reason for policies.

Mrs. Romano 19 N. Browning Avenue- stated that she has been to elections, and that certain things have been said as to how people should vote for budgets and board members.

Mr. John Lang 24 Paronee Road High Nella, NJ- stated that he is the Vice President of the Father and Son Baseball team and that he does not know the board's policy on facility use. Father and Son would request to be in executive session when Mr. Lukacher is being called in. He stated that this is for the kids and that Father and Son have been around for many years. He would not want to see the younger kids in Somerdale lose the opportunity to play baseball.

Pat Campana 704 W. Somerdale Road – Indicated that she does not know the board policy either.

Mr. Abbott indicated that Somerdale students get priority over any other teams or organizations.

Ms. Campana stated that her children grew up and chose a different team than Father and Son and should not be punished for wanting to play on another team.

Mr. Abbott asked Mr. Lukacher if he was allowed to coach for Father and Son.

Mr. Lukacher stated that he resigned his coaching position but later learned he was suspended.

Jim Pattiti 125 Dartmouth Avenue- stated that he served on the Somerdale BOE for many years (30), he was a teacher and Somerdale resident for a long time. He stated that this was for the children. He stated that he was Father and Son president for 33 years. Being on the BOE before, a fact policy governs school in any situation that comes up on the community. He stated that the BOE can make exceptions to a policy and can vote on that exception giving the kids allowance to play on the field. He stated that the BOE has a responsibility to make an exception. They (the kids) need some place to play. The primary objective is the best thing for the kids. He stated that 28 of 31

kids on Spartans team are or were Somerdale residents. There is no reason why the BOE should stop anyone for using the field.

Vernon Leeds 112 Penn Avenue –Stated he has a 16 year old son, and that this school runs a good DARE program. How can the BOE do this to kids who’s parents are trying to keep them out of trouble and who want to stay out of trouble. He stated that he is trying to keep his son out of trouble and involved in good activities. The BOE should practice what it preaches.

Patrick Crunop 224 Hartford Avenue- stated that the specifics of a policy should be the common sense approach. He stated not to punish the good kids and that he doesn’t know what happened with Mr. Lucacher and Father and Son but that the kids shouldn’t be affected.

Mr. Abbott stated that this matter will be discussed in executive session and thanked everyone for their comments.

### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on any item) at 8:11 p.m.

#### Audience Recognition and Public Comment

The public is reminded that all public complaints against a district employee must be made through a specific grievance process.

A description of this process may be found in BOE policy (File Code 1312). This policy is available upon request in the office of the Board Secretary.

Any individual naming an employee in a complaint before the Board of Education, without the employee’s permission, could be cited for violating that employee’s civil and contractual rights.

Laura Dieterle 120 Colgate Ave.- Asked how much was spent in legal fees and legal matters.

Mr. Abbott stated that was an OPRA request and she must speak with the Board Secretary to obtain this information.

Mrs. Dieterle asked about the lawsuit the district was involved in and the specifics.

Mr. Abbott stated there was a court order and this matter was not to be discussed in public.

Mrs. Dieterle stated that as a tax payer she has a right to know and could she speak with the judge that handled the case.

Mr. Wood stated that as an order of the court no one can ask, and no one can release information about the case to anyone. Mr. Wood stated that everyone involved is bound in the case by the order and can not discuss it. If Mrs. Dieterle would like to retain her own counsel to speak with the Judge she may do so on her own time.

Mrs. Dieterle stated that is it the publics rights to be aware of what is going on.

Mr. Wood stated there will be no discussion by order of the court.

Mrs. Dieterle stated she has a right to ask.

Mr. Wood stated again that if Mrs. Dieterle wished to discuss this matter with her own private council she should.

Mary Dow 645 E. Wood Avenue- Asked a question about the golf program. She wanted to know what it was all about.

Dr. Bruner stated that Stratford would be serving as the lead LEA and that this program would be for upper grade students. Parents would be responsible for equipment, green fees, and transportation. The cost that was discussed earlier to be paid by the board of education would be to cover the cost of the golf pro associated with this group.

Laura Dieterle- 120 Colgate Avenue – stated that the district should not say that it is a privilege to have snack and thinks it is sick that students can not have snacks in the daytime. She stated that when the BOE sends students home starving they overeat and therefore become obese. She stated that the BOE should give all students snacks and not use snacks as a reward or a privilege.

Mr. Abbott thanked Mrs. Dieterle for her comment.

Mrs. Dieterle asked why she was not getting a response from anyone on the board.

Mr. Wood thanked Mrs. Dieterle again and said that the board would take her comment into consideration and possibly make a statement at a later time.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss legal matters at 8:18 p.m.

Resolved that pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving the discussion of personnel, legal, and contractual matters. Further resolved that discussion of such subject matters discussed in Executive Session can be disclosed to public, upon official action, if any, is taken by the Board, either at the resumption of the public session, at the conclusion of the executive session, or at a public session at some later date.

X. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION at 9:26 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Lowden the following was approved:

For Health and Safety Reason discussed in executive session, the individual discussed in executive session shall be banned from all school property and all school functions and activities until further notice.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

After discussion on Spartans Baseball Club the Board has determined that they do not meet the requirements of a “Community Organization” as required by Board Policy. The club has been made aware of what needs to be done to resolve this matter and can their request can be re-evaluated by the board at a later date.

On a motion by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Lowden the following was approved:

To approve use of Ward Field by the Father and Son baseball team for a three month period and following the schedule that is attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

XI. ADJOURNMENT .

On a motion by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Giordano the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly A. Peters*

Kelly A. Peters  
Board Secretary