

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 17, 2011
HELD AT THE HEGELEIN BUILDING, 500 TENAFLY ROAD, TENAFLY, NJ

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APPROVED

Lucia P. Mondillo

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In accordance with provisions of this act, the Tenafly Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough office, Tenafly Public Library, administrative building, in the local press and on the district's web site.

On roll call, the following Board members answered present:

Sam A. Bruno	Lynne W. Stewart
Donald H. Kaplan	Jonathan M. Teall
Richard H. Press	Phyllis Perskie-Kessler
Edward J. Salaski	

The following Board members were absent:

Mark Aronson
Alexandra Spyridaki

The following staff members were present:

Ms. Lynn Trager, Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Laudicina, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Louis P. Mondello, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Donald H. Kaplan and seconded by Ms. Lynne W. Stewart that the Board convenes in closed session. The session may include discussions of negotiations, contractual matters, litigation and personnel. Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act, the Tenafly Board of Education is required to notify the public when the minutes of this closed session will be available. At this time that cannot be determined. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be available to the public.

The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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The following principal representatives were present:

Dr. Dora P. Kontogiannis, Principal of High School
Dr. Ann Powell, Principal of Middle School
Mr. John Fabbo, Principal of Mackay School
Mr. Neil Kaplicer, Principal of Smith School
Ms. Darlene Markman, Principal of Stillman School

Also present:

Ms. Terry Collins, Assistant to the Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. William Jaeger, Supervisor of Athletics
Allison Starer, Student Representative

President Perskie-Kesslen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL HONOR

President Perskie-Kessler introduced the administrators who honored the recipients of the NJ School Teacher of the Year award, and the district nominee for the State Teacher of the Year.

Mackay School principal Mr. John Fabbo honored 3rd grade teacher Ms. Kathleen Spina. Mr. Fabbo spoke of Ms. Spina's expert teaching and her "high expectations" for all students to reach their goals. Ms. Spina has served on numerous committees in her 16 years in the Tenafly district, and is currently leading the building professional development team with colleagues setting new school goals. Ms. Spina is a respected and determined teacher who strives for exceptional results.

Ms. Barbara Laudicina expressed the sentiments made by Maugham School principal Ms. Jennifer Ferrara, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting, honoring 4th grade teacher Ms. Elizabeth Farrell. In Ms. Ferrara's brief year as principal of Maugham School, she has found Ms. Farrell to be an asset to the students and school community. Ms. Farrell possesses a wonderful passion for teaching, and connects well with her students to make a positive impact and learning enjoyable.

Smith School principal Mr. Neil Kaplicer honored 1st grade teacher Ms. Heather Diaz. Mr. Kaplicer spoke of Ms. Diaz' success as a teacher and role model and promoting lifelong learning in her classroom. Ms. Diaz is involved with many events and programs at Smith, and brings creativity and challenges to her students while implementing new teaching strategies and techniques for a high quality education. Ms. Diaz' annual plays are known to be spectacular productions.

Stillman School principal Ms. Darlene Markman honored 5th grade teacher Mr. Eric Nissenbaum. Ms. Markman spoke of Mr. Nissenbaum's way of engaging his students in hands-on-learning, and his focus is always on the students academic, social and emotional welfare. He mentors and shares his technological expertise with colleagues. Ms. Markman read a special poem prepared by Mr. Nissenbaum's students to express their appreciation and to honor him.

Middle School principal Dr. Ann Powell honored music teacher Mr. Nicholas Rzonsa for being the recipient of Middle School's teacher of the year award, and the district representative for the NJ State Teacher of the Year program. Mr. Rzonsa is the orchestra director, strings and music technology teacher. Mr. Rzonsa provides rigorous, inspiring and upbeat programs to his students with a wide and challenging range of music to help develop music appreciation.

High School principal Dr. Dora Kontogiannis and Ms. Ann Desplat honored Special Education teacher and athletic coach Mr. Joseph Finizio. As a teacher, Mr. Finizio's focus is using the right strategies and techniques to help his students understand themselves as independent learners, and he instills positive qualities he himself possesses to inspire his students. Last year, Mr. Finizio was named Bergen County Coach of the Year. His dedication and commitment to coaching instills pride and success to Tenafly's students.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Perskie-Kessler stated that the new Board committees are set for the 2011-2012 school year and will begin to reconvene; and reminded the Board that the superintendent evaluations are due before the end of June.

Ms. Lynne Stewart spoke of Ms. Linda Reiss, who passed away on May 15. Ms. Reiss was the media specialist librarian at Maugham School before retiring in 2008 from health issues. Ms. Reiss possessed a dynamic personality and was well respected in the community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Lynn Trager gave an update on the district's re-registration and explained the process. The elementary schools have about an 80% successful completion rate. We are presently re-registering middle school students, and next week is planned for the high school students. After the initial process is complete, we will begin to identify those families who have not come forward to re-register. Students will not be eligible to attend school in September, if they are not re-registered by the end of August.

Ms. Trager congratulated student Kala Kessler for being named Tenafly's NJSIAA Scholar Athlete for 2010-2011. This award is presented to a top-level student and multi-level sport athlete who is a positive contributor to the Tenafly school community.

Congratulations were given to the Tenafly Middle School Student Organization for their fund-raising efforts for the Japanese earthquake release fund. The entire school became involved and paper cranes were made and sold, raising approximately \$3,140. The cranes were donated to the Japanese Consulate; and an additional 718 cranes were given to OSHKOSH, who in turn agreed to donate 718 articles of clothing to the earthquake release fund.

Ms. Trager also congratulated 6th grade student Christina Cho who won 1st place in the Lions Club Peace Poster National Competition. Her poster was displayed at the Lions Club headquarters in Chicago.

Ms. Trager gave an update on the Weighting/Ranking Committee (a sub group of the Curriculum Committee) has met several times this past year, with Dr. Dora Kontogiannis as chair person. A recommendation will soon be made to the Curriculum Committee, and it will then be presented before the Board for review.

Today, for the first time, a committee met to discuss opening up the MS and HS parent portal for viewing grades. In a couple of months, this committee will make a recommendation to the Board to discuss the process involved.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Adam Zane was absent from the meeting. Allison Starer reported on the following events:

- On May 14, Tenafly held its second fun and successful "Relay for Life," event raising nearly \$30,000. About 250 middle and high school students were involved. Many local businesses made donations and contributions, and the Tenafly Fire Dept. provided the ice and generators. Several staff members supervised the entire evening's event.
- On May 19 and 20, the annual one-act plays will be held at the high school.
- On May 20, Project Graduation is presenting an assembly dedicated to educating teens about drinking and driving.
- On May 22, the Tenafly track team is holding a car wash at Lowell Cleaners in town.
- On May 24, the baseball team is sponsoring a dodge ball tournament at the high school.
- The high school's SO partnered with the Senior Center for the senior prom. June 2 is the traditional date of the prom.

Allison made a brief statement to give tribute to the memory of Linda Reiss.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Louis Mondello gave the April Report on Fire and Security Drills.

FIRE DRILLS & SECURITY DRILLS 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEAR						
MO.	HIGH	MIDDLE	MACKAY	MAUGHAM	SMITH	STILLMAN
April 2011	4/11/11 p.m. 4/15/11 a.m.	4/06/11 p.m. 4/27/11 p.m.	4/06/11 p.m. 4/08/11 a.m.	4/15/11 p.m. 4/26/11 p.m.	4/11/11 p.m. 4/26/11 p.m.	4/26/11 a.m. 4/27/11 a.m.
	Security/ Lockdown Drill: 4/28/11 a.m.	Security/AS Lockdown Drill: 4/26/11 a.m.	Severe Storm/ Inside Drill: 4/29/11 p.m.	Security/ Lockdown Drill: 4/29/11 a.m.	Security/ Evacuation Drill: 4/26/11 a.m.	Security/AS Lockdown Drill: 4/29/11 p.m.

REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Bill Jaeger gave the committee report on the Student Activity Fee matter. After many discussions and suggestions, the committee recommended charging a flat fee to encourage students to try many different activities/clubs/events. The goal was to raise \$100,000, but actually \$133,000 was raised, making the program very successful with student participation remaining the same. On March 31, 2011, the program and process was reviewed and the committee recommends to the Board that the excess funds be designated as follows:

- Reimburse the Swim Club for the \$2,084 they pay towards the salary of having two swim coaches. (The Board of Education pays \$10,000 to the swim team, and the coaches' salaries total \$12,084.).
- Pay for transportation costs associated with the hockey and swim events. Swim team costs are \$2,294.25, and Hockey team \$4,018.
- \$13,000 to be given to the athletic program (Bill Jaeger would review to determine how to spend the funds)
- \$10,000 to be given to the clubs (club advisors and MS/HS principals would determine the allotment)

Ms. Lynne Stewart suggested that perhaps the cost of the facilities rental should be defrayed, as the hockey and swim teams need to use outside facilities, unlike other clubs. Mr. Jaeger addressed that question regarding booster club involvement, and sports fees versus club fees; and Superintendent Trager added that there were representatives from the swim and hockey teams on the committee who were satisfied with the proposed plan. The committee also wanted to ensure that the money would be divided among other teams and clubs, as well.

Mr. Donald Kaplan raised the concern for students paying the same fee, but who meet/interact and are involved fewer times than other students may be. He referenced the "Pay for Play" idea raised last year and feels there should be a differentiation in charging fees. Ms. Trager responded by explaining that with a flat fee, the students will have many opportunities to join and become involved in clubs and events as they choose. The one flat fee gives students the freedom to really explore many different activities throughout the yearit's up to the students to decide their involvement.

President Perskie-Kesslen polled the Board on their view of whether there should be a differentiation of fees or staying with charging a flat rate. In addition to affording students with the opportunity to explore many activities, and for the sake of logistics, the overall view of the Board was to charge the flat rate.

Ms. Trager also stated that the committee felt since the program has only been one year so far, it is unknown how much money will be raised in future years. The program will be reviewed each year and possibly be continued for a couple of years ensuring there are enough funds to cover the activities.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION-COMMUNITY COMMENTARY

President Perskie-Kesslen inquired if there were any members of the audience who wished to address the Board on any item on the agenda.

There were no comments.

RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Edward J. Salaski and seconded by Mr. Jonathan M. Teall to approve Resolutions P-1 through P-14.

RESOLUTION P-1 RESIGNATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts, with regret, the following resignations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Momoko Aoe Leave Replacement HS Family Life/P.E	Personal	May 5, 2011
Abigail Moldover 19 hr. a week Special Education Aide-Smith School	Personal	June 23, 2011
Kate Moore 19 hr. a week Special Education Aide-Stillman School		June 23, 2011
Brigette Cohan Summer School Secretary	Personal	May 10, 2011

RESOLUTION P-2 HIRE

BE IT RESOLVED that the following person be employed to fill the position listed for the length of time and compensation indicated and subject to all federal, state, county and local regulations governing said employment and in accordance with Senate Bill #851 regarding a criminal history background check:

<u>NAME AND POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT DATES</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY</u>
Krista M. Handy Leave Replacement-Family Life/P.E. – HS	5/23/11-6/30/11	Per diem based on B.A., Step 1-\$47,350 for days worked

RESOLUTION P-3 CHANGES IN STAFFING FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, based on student enrollment, approves the following changes in District staffing for the 2011-12 school year in the identified areas:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>F.T.E. CHANGES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Grade 5 Teacher Position	- 1.0	Maugham School
Mathematics	+0.2	High School

RESOLUTION P-4 CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the following changes in assignment for the 2011-12 school year based on approved staffing changes:

<u>NAME</u>	2010-11 <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	2011-12 <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Fabian Alesandro Teacher of Business Ed	.8 FTE High School (1.0 second semester)	1.0 FTE High School
Michelle Baker Teacher of Business Ed	.8 (second semester) High School	1.0 High School
Caitlin Cranwell Special Ed	.8 High School	1.0 High School
Eric Fahrenkopf	1.0 Spanish High School	.6 Spanish/.2 French HS .2 French Middle School
Chizu Kennedy Teacher of Japanese	.6 FTE High School	0.4 FTE High School
Diane Kratz	.8 Social Studies-HS .2 ELL – HS	1.0 Social Studies High School
Joy Menegatos Teacher of Mathematics	.8 FTE HS	.8 High School * .2 Middle School
Cynthia Larcheveque Teacher of Mathematics	1.0 MS	.8 Middle School*
Christine Nicolaidis	.2 Social Studies – HS .8 Social Studies/Skill Building– MS	.8. Social Studies MS
Erin Schwartz	Teacher of English 1.0 High School	Teacher of Language Arts 1.0 Middle School

*Cynthia Larcheveque will have a .8 FTE assignment at the Middle School contingent upon approval of an additional .2 FTE in above resolution (P-2).

RESOLUTION P-5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, in accordance with Article VI, B. and C. grants Leigh Barker, High School teacher of Social Studies, an unpaid child-rearing leave of absence effective September 1, 2011 under the Family Medical Leave Act for no more than 12 weeks, to be followed by an unpaid leave through the first semester of the 2011-12 school year.

RESOLUTION P-6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, in accordance with Article VI, B. and C. grants Wendy Damiano, Middle School Special Education teacher, a maternity/disability leave of absence using accumulated sick days effective on or about September 1, 2011 not to exceed 30 calendar days after the birth of her baby expected early August 9, 2011 to be followed by an unpaid child-rearing leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for no more than 12 weeks, to be followed by an unpaid leave through December 2011.

RESOLUTION P-7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves a leave of absence using accumulated sick days for Dawn Hourdajian, High School Guidance Counselor, beginning May 12, 2011 through the end of the school year.

RESOLUTION P-8 ELIMINATION OF TWO 30 HOUR-A-WEEK SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE POSITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board eliminates two 30 hour-a-week Special Education Aide positions at Smith School effective September 2011 in accordance with the negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and the Tenafly Education Association.

RESOLUTION P-9 TERMINATION OF AIDES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the termination of employment of the following aides effective June 23, 2011:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Wanda Lorenzo	19 hour a week Special Ed aide-Smith School
Jean Warshaw	19 hour a week Special Ed aide-Smith School
Diane Smith	Lunch Aide – Mackay School

RESOLUTION P-10 TRANSFER OF AIDES FROM 30 HOUR-A-WEEK SPECIAL EDUCATION POSITIONS TO 19 HOUR-A-WEEK SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE POSITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the following transfer of aides effective with the 2011-12 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>2010-11 ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>2011-12 ASSIGNMENT</u>
Donna Smith	30 hours a week Special Ed Aide-Smith	19 hours a week Special Ed Aide-Smith
Maeve Vinci	30 hours a week Special Ed Aide-Smith	19 hours a week Special Ed Aide-Smith

RESOLUTION P-11 RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS OF AIDES FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the renewal of contracts for the 2011-12 school year for the following individuals who work under an annual contract at an hourly rate in accordance with the agreement negotiated between the Tenafly Board of Education and the Tenafly Education Association on behalf of aides:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURS PER WEEK</u>
<u>MACKAY SCHOOL</u>		
Jadwiga Kokosinski	Special Education	30
Janet Vanderlinden	Special Education	30
Deidre Arfuso	Special Education	30
Maria Butler	Special Education	30
Lisa DeNorscia	Special Education	30
Jennifer Bertolini	Special Education	30
Mary Foley	Special Education	19
Patricia Martin	Lunch	8.75
MaryAnn Spina	Lunch	8.75
Laura Lawler	Lunch	8.75
<u>MAUGHAM</u>		
Marianne Martin	Health Aide	30
Julia Amaya	Special Education	30
Ann Marie Carlson	Special Education	30
Jean Gross	Special Education	30
Eileen Osborne	Special Education	30
Elaine Matarazzo	Special Education	30
Linda Sabatino	Special Education	30
Eileen Connor	Special Education	19
Sandra Goldrick	Special Education	19
Christina Hartman	Special Education	19
Gina Lucibello	Special Education	19
Donna Schwartz	Special Education	19
Lillian Stepic	Special Education	19
Emily Sutton	Special Education	19
Michelle Werner	Special Education	19
Joette Williams	Special Education	19
Doreen Rodetis	Lunch	13.75
Barbara Bruno	Lunch	8.75
Florence Glennon	Lunch	8.75
Chiharu Takasu	Lunch	8.75
<u>SMITH SCHOOL</u>		
Francine Redmond	Health Aide	30
Lois Abbatiello	Special Education	30
Brenda Michelle Blackwell	Special Education	30
Leslie Breslin	Special Education	30

Sandy DelCorral	Special Education	30
Andrea DeClesis	Special Education	30
Leslie Levine	Special Education	30
Stephanie Perry	Special Education	30
Dawn Geider	Basic Skills Aide	30
Christine Pavlu	Special Education	19
Patricia Frassa	Special Education	19
Maria Hill	Lunch	13.75
Robert Cordasco	Lunch	8.75
Alison George	Lunch	8.75
Jeffrey Bart	Lunch	8.75

STILLMAN

Caroline Abraham Vidal	Special Education	30
Joan Benassi	Special Education	30
Kimberly Caporoso	Special Education	30
Marilyn DiTursi	Special Education	30
Donna Garlasco	Special Education	30
Kathleen Giordano	Special Education	30
Lindsay Milligan	Special Education	30
Susan Nayman	Special Education	30
Lauren Brickner	Special Education	19
Debra Della Monica	Special Education	19
Lillian Drago	Special Education	19
Maritza Hoffman	Special Education	19
Nicole Laube	Special Education	19
Elissa Lang	Special Education	19
Francesca Marcus	Special Education	19
Victoria Novick	Special Education	19
Elizabeth Pearl	Special Education	19
Kathleen Ehalt	Lunch	13.75
Mary Kerrisk	Lunch	8.75
Sandro Sobilo	Lunch	8.75
Christa Werner	Lunch	8.75

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bertha Weil	Special Education	30
Cheryl White	Special Education	30
Michelle Victor-O'Reilly	Special Education	30
Mary Porter	Special Education	19
Linda Ribauldo	Special Education	19
Barbara Cardona	Special Education	19
Concetta Amicucci	Special Education	19
Karen Martino	Special Education	19
Janet Westervelt	Special Education	19
Andrea Gude	Lunch	15
Kathleen Wilson	Lunch	15
Ana Bartolomeo	Lunch	15

HIGH SCHOOL

Patricia McHale	Health Aide	30
Doreen D'Andrea	Special Education	30
Nicole DeMarco	Special Education	30
Carol Tully	Special Education	30
Eileen Grieco	Cafeteria/Library	19
Masako Izu	Cafeteria/Library	19
Raychel Solomon	Cafeteria/Library	19
Lauretta Miller	Cafeteria/Library	19

RESOLUTION P-12 RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR NON-UNION CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the renewal of contracts for the following non-union staff listed in alphabetical order with the salaries indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>2011-12 SALARY</u>
Grace Avillo	Senior Accountant	\$ 73,431
Xavier Benitez	Network Administrator	76,495
Joan Chromey	Senior Accountant	62,730
Maureen Duffy	Executive Secretary to Assistant Superintendent	64,508
John Estrella	Technician-Technology	45,668
Carlos Garcia	District Media Specialist	49,165
Laureen Haight	Executive Secretary to Business Administrator	74,325
Ileana Jacobus	Senior Accountant	68,503
Elaine Lucignoli	Data Coordinator	63,936
Margaret Mondello	Executive Secretary to Superintendent	89,053
Deborah White	Technician-Technology	47,038
Barbara Tunis	Confidential Secty-Personnel	65,649
Andrew Wojtowicz	Network Engineer	109,604

RESOLUTION P-13 APPROVAL OF THERAPISTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the following therapists/providers to evaluate classified students, deliver therapies and/or provide consultation services as outlined in the students' Individual Education Programs:

ADDITIONS TO THERAPIST/PROVIDER LIST

Jessica Gonzalez, ABA Therapist
Brooke Martire, ABA Therapist

RESOLUTION P -14 APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTORS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the following as Home Instructors:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Deborah Brown	Out-of-district teacher	Teach of the Handicapped & Elementary Teacher
Mary Lane	TMS Teacher	Teacher of Chinese
Ellen Rifkin	TMS Teacher of Spanish	Spanish
Suzanne Cariddi	TMS Teacher	K- 5 Certification & 6-8 Math Specialization Certification
Brian Sabourin	TMS Teacher	K-8 Certification, Specialization Certification in Science

Resolutions P-1 through P-11, and P-13 & P-14 were approved by those present.

Resolution P-12 was approved as follows:

Yes - 6	Donald H. Kaplan Richard H. Press Edward J. Salaski Lynne W. Stewart Jonathan M. Teall Phyllis Perskie-Kesslen	No - 1	Sam A. Bruno
		Absent - 2	Mark Aronson Alexandra Spyridaki

BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Sam A. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Richard H. Press to approve Resolution B-1.

RESOLUTION B-1 APPROVAL TO NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET ELECTION IF UNDER STATE MANDATED CAP

WHEREAS, school districts across the State of New Jersey are facing an unprecedented financial crisis which has led to the loss of a significant amount of State aid funds, public defeats of school budgets, and numerous other lost revenues, resulting in reductions in student spending, reductions in force of school staff, and other drastic cost saving measures, all of which have the potential to negatively impact the quality of education in Tenafly and other New Jersey school districts; and

WHEREAS, under current law, upon a public defeat of the proposed school budget, the budget is submitted to the municipal governing body, who then reviews the budget and makes recommendations for reduced expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Governor Chris Christie has recently signed into law a bill requiring school district budgets to contain a tax levy growth limitation of no more than two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature is currently considering two bills, Senate Bill S1312 and Assembly Bill A2143, which call for school district budgets that are within the statutory tax levy growth limitation to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education for approval without the need for public election and approval of said budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education believes that if the public were to vote on proposed school district budgets that are within the cap, (*i.e.*, less than or equal to 2%), and those budgets were to be defeated, the potential loss of District revenue after cuts by the municipal governing body could severely inhibit the District's ability to provide a thorough and efficient education for all students while at the same time severely limiting other District operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tenafly Board of Education hereby supports Bills S1312 and A2143 to the extent that the bills allow for school district budgets that are within the statutory tax levy growth limitation to be submitted directly to the Commissioner of Education for review and not require voter approval at the annual election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tenafly Board of Education urges other New Jersey school districts and municipal governments to adopt a similar resolution in support of Senate Bill S1312 and A2143; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary shall forward a copy of this Resolution to our State Representatives and Congressional Delegation, the New Jersey School Boards Association, Governor Christie, the Commissioner of Education, as well as local municipal leaders and our County Superintendent of Schools.

Resolution B-1 was approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Mr. Donald H. Kaplan and seconded by Ms. Lynne W. Stewart to approve Resolutions A-1 and A-2.

RESOLUTION A -1 GIFTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts with thanks and appreciation for the following:

DONOR	SCHOOL/LOCATION	ITEM/AMOUNT
Ed & Pat Teshar	High School	\$10,000 for the renovation of the Firkser Field House

RESOLUTION A-2 TENAFLY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts with thanks and appreciation funding for the following:

School & Teacher Requesting Grant	Proposal	Amount
High School (Kristen McCall)	"Drivers Education Videos" #23/2010-2011	\$938.00
Middle School – 8 th Grade Red Team (Mary McKenna)	"Visiting Poet" #24/2010-2011	\$200.00

Resolutions A-1 and A-2 were approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

CURRICULUM

A motion was made by Mr. Edward J. Salaski and seconded by Mr. Jonathan M. Teall to approve Resolutions C-1 through C-3.

RESOLUTION C-1 HIGH SCHOOL PEER LEADERSHIP RETREAT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the High School Peer Leadership Retreat from September 2-4, 2011 to Frost Valley YMCA Camp in Claryville.

RESOLUTION C-2 HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER CAMP TRIP

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a Tenafly High School Boys Soccer Team trip to Camp Manitou, Maine, August 21-27, 2011.

RESOLUTION C-3 HIGH SCHOOL MATH LEAGUE TRIP

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an American Regions Math League overnight contest on June 3-4, 2011.

Resolutions C-1 through C-3 were approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mr. Sam A. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Richard H. Press to approve Resolutions S-1 through S-3.

RESOLUTION S-1 MEMBERSHIP IN BERGEN COUNTY REGION V COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenafly Board of Education continue as a full member for all services in the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education for the 2011-2012 school year; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Superintendent Lynn Trager as its representative to Region V; and empowers her to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V. The Board approves the Joint Transportation Agreements for all Tenafly students who are transported through Region V.

RESOLUTION S-2 APPROVAL OF NEW PLACEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the placement for the following pupil.

STUDENT	SCHOOL	TYPE	TUITION
#769	Cornerstone Day School, Mountainside, NJ	Private	From May, 2011 to June, 2011 \$68,200.00 prorated for a total of \$13,600.00
#626	Valley Program	Public	From March, 2011 to June, 2011 \$66,853.30 prorated for a total of \$18,840.56

RESOLUTION S-3 APPROVAL TO RESCIND A PLACEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescind the placement for the following pupil.

STUDENT	SCHOOL	TYPE	TUITION
#626	Building Bridges, River Edge	Public	From March, 2011 to June, 2011 \$66,853.00 prorated for a total of \$18,840.56

Resolutions S-1 through S-3 were approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Donald H. Kaplan and seconded by Ms. Lynne W. Stewart to approve Resolutions F-1 through F-6.

RESOLUTION F-1 SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary's report for the month of April 2011, be accepted as submitted (or amended if changes are made during the meeting) and filed in the official minutes of this meeting.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, we certify that as the board secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected in this report and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION F- 2 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2011, be accepted as submitted and filed in the official minutes of this meeting.

RESOLUTION F-3 APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASES OF SMARTBOARDS FROM KEYBOARD CONSULTANTS INC. EXCEEDING THE BID THRESHOLD FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the purchases of SmartBoards from Keyboard Consultants Inc. exceeding the bid threshold through Educational Data Cooperative purchasing program for the 2010-2011 school year.

RESOLUTION F-4 MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, per 18A:11-12(4) p, that the Board establishes maximum general fund travel expenditures for the 2011-2012 School Year in the amount of \$95,420.

Maximum travel general fund expenditures for the 2010-2011 School Year were \$96,265 and the amount expended to date is \$40,807.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, per 18A:11-12(4) p(2), that the Board establishes maximum federal funds travel expenditures for the 2011-2012 School Year in the amount of \$40,000.

Federal funds travel expenditures for the 2010-11 School Year amounted to \$6,563 to date.

Federal funds travel expenditures for the 2009-10 School Year amounted to \$11,865.

RESOLUTION F-5 APPROVAL TO DISCARD OUTDATED FILES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the discarding of outdated purchase orders based on compliance with the New Jersey State Division of Archives and Records Management (DARM).

RESOLUTION F-6 APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenafly Board of Education approves the disposal of obsolete printer equipment that is either universally obsolete, damaged or beyond repair, as listed.

DESKJETS	
<u>Model</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
3550	3
5650	6
6940	1
845c	3
940c	2
9800	1
D2330	1
LASERJETS	
1100	2
1200	1
2100	4
4 Plus	2
5P	1
6P	3

Resolutions F-3 through F-6 were approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

Resolutions F-1 & F-2 were approved as follows:

Yes - 6	Sam A. Bruno Donald H. Kaplan Richard H. Press Lynne W. Stewart Jonathan M. Teall Phyllis Perskie-Kesslen	Abstain - 1	Edward J. Salaski
		Absent - 2	Mark Aronson Alexandra Spyridaki

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS-SECOND OPPORTUNITY

President Perskie-Kesslen inquired if there were any members of the audience who wished to address the Board on any item not on the agenda.

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward J. Salaski and seconded by Mr. Sam A. Bruno that the Board convenes in closed session. The session may include discussions of negotiations, contractual matters, litigation and personnel. Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act, the Tenafly Board of Education is required to notify the public when the minutes of this closed session will be available. At this time that cannot be determined. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be available to the public.

The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 9:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 10:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Lynne W. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Jonathan M. Teall to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Mark Aronson and Ms. Alexandra Spyridaki were absent from the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louis P. Mondello
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary