

SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
14 Vogt Drive
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Regular Meeting
July 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following board members present:

Dr. Alan P. Braun, President
Anita Ventantonio, Vice President
Theodore Smith, absent
William Hyncik, Jr., arrived at 5:45 p.m.
Trudy Doyle

Also Present:

Michael A. Maddaluna, Superintendent of Schools
Diane Strober, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Edmund H. Jones, High School Principal
Dr. Michael Illuzzi, Director of Post-Secondary Education Programs
Lisa Fittipaldi, Board Attorney
Jack Ciattarelli, Somerset County Freeholder
Others: Bernice Wicks, Director of Communications and Carene Jegou, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided specifying time and place.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mrs. Doyle, the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session held on June 23, 2008 were approved.

Correspondence

- None

Old or Unfinished Business

SkillsUSA Gold Medalists

- Dr. Braun expressed how very proud he was of our SkillsUSA gold medal winners. Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Byrd thanked the board, freeholders and staff for their ongoing support of the students' achievements. The students, Maria Bender, Clarissa Lin and Jay Kanduri shared their experiences of the trip to the national SkillsUSA championship competition held in Kansas City, Missouri in which they won a gold medal in the agricultural and natural resources division. The students discussed one of the presentations which dealt with using alternative fuel sources (vegetable oil) in diesel engines. Mr. Jones was presented with the gold medal from this competition for display in the high school. Mr. Ciattarelli is looking to prepare a citation for the students on behalf of the Freeholders acknowledging their successes and achievements at the national SkillsUSA competition.

Buildings and Grounds Report

- The monthly Building and Grounds Report was included in the board packets.

Construction Projects Update

- The site lighting project is complete; Building F and B Roofing project is substantially complete; High School Cooling Tower and Multi-Zone Replacement is complete; Technology Institute Window Replacements is underway with the windows on order; and the Culinary Arts Program Expansion - Phase 3 is also underway

and is expected to be substantially complete at the end of August.

- Scott Mihalik with SSP Architectural Group discussed the timeliness of the board's approval and authorization to submit the new addition to the State as the State has set aside grant monies and will be prioritizing applications. He noted our project is considered Tier 1 capacity, a health and safety related project.

Report of the Attorney

- Ms. Fittipaldi reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding presented by the Somerset County Regional Center Partnership; will discuss two personnel matters with the board in closed session and has reviewed the new and revised board policies and regulations for the first reading at the August board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

A. Full-Time Employment - 2008-09 School Year

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mrs. Doyle and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education appointed the following full-time personnel for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step/Guide</u>	<u>2008-09 Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
James Strickhart	Secretary	-	\$32,392.00*	8/11/08
	Career/Technical Education (Category II)			
Janet Cantore-Watson	Creative Arts Coordinator (Specialist)	-	\$52,800.00*	8/1/08
Ericka Diaz	Secretary-TI (Category II)	-	\$32,392.00*	8/1/08
Maureen Wild	English Instructor	7-8/B	\$47,105.00	9/1/08
Irene Delacruz	Practical Nursing Instructor/Coord. Of Skills Lab (12 month)	7-8/E	\$63,216.00*	9/1/08
Jessica Fellmeth	Science Instructor	5-6/A	\$44,005.00	9/1/08

*prorated

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

B. Employment of Part-Time Personnel - Summer 2008

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mrs. Doyle and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the employment of the following part-time personnel for summer 2008:

High School

Michael McClain	Work Study Supervisor	\$22.00/hr
Christopher Schrenk	Work Study Supervisor (shared)	\$22.00/hr
Nicholas Romanko	Work Study Supervisor (shared)	\$22.00/hr

Twilight

Wallace Shackell	Substitute (Corrected)	\$36.00/hr
JaLisa Williamson	Secretary	\$11.75/hr

Performing Arts

Sheila Buttermore	Evening Adult Dance Instructor	\$41.72/hr
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Work Study- \$7.15/hr

Timothy Zoda	Kevin Klimas
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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

C. Extra-Curricular Appointments 2008-09 School Year

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mrs. Doyle and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following for extra-curricular activities for the 2008-09 SY:

Marvin Gordon	Athletic Advisor	\$2,847.99
	Head Boys Basketball Coach	\$4,619.01
Michael McClain	Boys Soccer Coach	\$4,619.01
	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,970.91
	Head Baseball Coach	\$4,619.01
	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day
Anthony Pangl	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	\$2,970.91
	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,970.91
	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day
John O'Neill	Girls JV Soccer Coach	\$2,970.91
	Weightlifting Co-Coach	\$1,485.45
	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day
Gregory Zotti	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,970.91
Rachel Cooper	Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,619.01
	Cheerleading Coach	\$1,650.63
Linda Weber-Smith	Weightlifting Co-Coach	\$1,485.45
	9th Grade Class Advisor	\$2,476.05
	12th Grade Class Advisor	\$2,721.80
Christopher Schrenk	Bowling Club Advisor/Coach	\$1,650.63
Benjamin Pokrywa	Safety Committee Chairperson	\$1,455.54
Margaret Fischer	10th Grade Class Advisor	\$2,476.05
	11th Grade Class Advisor	\$2,721.80
	After Hours Suspension Monitor	\$ 35.46/hr
Joseph Mancuso	Drama Co-Advisor	\$1,649.18
Christopher Tomaino	Drama Co-Advisor	\$1,649.18
Janeen Sortor	Yearbook Advisor	\$5,439.25
Anna Murphy	Newspaper Co-Advisor	\$1,238.00
	Rotary Interact Club Advisor	\$1,484.91
Christopher Miller	Newspaper Co-Advisor	\$1,238.00
Donald Smith	American Welding Society Advisor	\$2,476.05
Kim Vasaturo	Health Occ. Students of America	\$2,476.05
Miranda McMahon	Nat'l Voc-Tech Honor Society	\$1,484.91
Catherine Fortunato	Nat'l Honor Society Advisor	\$1,484.91
Robert Hahn	SkillsUSA Advisor	\$3,435.42
Evangeline Byrd	SkillsUSA Advisor	\$3,435.42
	After Hours Suspension Monitor	\$ 35.46/hr
Janet Coleman	SkillsUSA Advisor	\$3,435.42
Adrienne Willard	SkillsUSA Advisor Assistant	\$1,785.30
Helen Mikulak	Substitute Caller	\$5,196.65
John Vingara	After Hours Suspension Monitor	\$ 35.46/hr
	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day
Thomas Heinbach	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day

George Byrd	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day
Sheila Buttermore	Early Morning Duty Monitor	\$ 16.17/day

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

D. Job Descriptions

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following job descriptions as they appear on Addendum #1.

Academic Counselor
Cosmetology Program Coordinator

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

E. Revised Job Descriptions

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following revised job descriptions as they appear on Addendum #2.

Communications Assistant
Director of Communications (title change)

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle		abstain
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

F. Textbooks - Technology Institute

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved textbooks for the Technology Institute fall 2008 semester as they appear on Addendum #3.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

Executive County Superintendent, Mrs. Doyle recommended ten years be the bench mark for the district's text book review.

G. Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC) Memorandum of Understanding

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the New

Jersey Department of Education which demonstrates commitment to the ETTC mission and program components.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

H. Acceptance of Funds

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution: The governing body of the Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools at its July 28, 2008 meeting authorized acceptance of funds for the following:

United Way of Central Jersey	Twilight (08-09 SY)	\$5,235.00
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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

I. Workforce Development

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education entered into an agreement with the County of Middlesex Department of Workforce Development 2008 Program Year Individual Training Account Master Agreement for WIA, WFNJ and WDP contracts for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

J. District Mentoring Plan - 2008-2011

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved submission of the District's Mentoring Plan to the NJ Department of Education.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle		abstain
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

Mrs. Ventantonio asked if the mentors are paid. Mrs. Doyle responded that the New Jersey Department of Education has withdrawn funding for such.

K. Gifted & Talented Performing Arts Program

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the Gifted & Talented Performing Arts program for Honors

credit. Credit would be as follows:

From:	Gifted & Talented Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Musical Theater)	15 credits/year
To:	Gifted & Talented Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Musical Theater)	16 credits/year

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

Mrs. Doyle acknowledged this to be a move in the right direction.

L. 2008-09 SY Calendar Revision

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education revised the 2008-09 school year calendar as follows:

Saturday, February 7, 2009	High School Open House Teachers Present High School Office Staff Present
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Thursday, February 12, 2009	School Closed High School Office Closed District Office Open
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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

M. Memorandum of Understanding – Regional Multi-Purpose Athletic Field Feasibility Study

On recommendation of Mr. Maddaluna and motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio, the Board of Education tabled the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to conduct a feasibility study to identify opportunities and constraints and order-of-magnitude costs for upgrading and/or expanding existing athletic fields located on the grounds of the district. (See attached Memorandum of Understanding)

Discussion ensued on the Memorandum of Understanding. Mrs. Doyle asked what improvements would be recommended and how the district would benefit. Mr. Ciattarelli expressed his expectations that the three towns involved would be in communication with the County regarding this project. Mr. Hyncik questioned if they find use of the fields feasible, how would that impact our district operations. Dr. Braun requested the minutes from the Somerset County Regional Center Partnership (SCRCP) meeting and any reports generated as a result be forwarded to the Somerset County Vocational Board of Education. Mr. Maddaluna will contact Robert Bzik, director of the Somerset County Planning Board for minutes and will request a presentation in August to our board by Rose Evans, Chair of the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County, Inc.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle		X
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

N. Superintendent's Update

- Mr. Maddaluna discussed and summarized the 2007-08 One Year Plan Final Report; the status of initiatives not yet fully implemented and the successes of those that were.
- Lutron Light Control Solutions Pilot Program – A folder was provided in the board packets on this proposal. Lutron will provide the materials and the district will provide the labor to install more energy efficient lights. Lutron will also provide the district with “green” curriculum. Mrs. Ventantonio questioned if the electrical students will be trained; Mr. Maddaluna has not yet received the curriculum, but will provide more information on this initiative as he receives it.

Submission of Bills

On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio, and passed on roll call vote, the attached bills were approved for payment. Mrs. Ventantonio noted the consistent amounts paid for student stipends from grant monies.

Fund 10	\$1,051,379.38
Fund 20	\$ 37,694.91
Fund 30	\$ 49,680.00
Fund 95	<u>\$ 551.31</u>
Total	\$1,139,305.60

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

New Business

- Dr. Braun recommended the time of the board of education meetings be changed to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate Mr. Hyncik’s commute.

Report of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- A. Receipt of Monies for June 2008

<u>Fund 10</u>	
Appropriation Refund	\$ 10,875.13
County Tax Levy	\$ 1,018,561.00
State Aid	\$ 89,744.20
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
Interest	\$ 5,038.04
Adult Continuing Education	\$ 1,864.00
Teacher Quality Mentoring	\$ 2,484.00
TI Tuition	\$ 64,155.75
Alternative School	\$ 24,650.00
Academy School Tuition	\$ 3,600.00
Performing Arts-Summer Camp	\$ 3,297.50
Summer School Tuition	\$ 101,478.27
FICA	\$ 42,298.49
<u>Fund 20</u>	
Apprenticeship Coordinator Grant	\$ 6,522.01
VICA-Statewide	\$ 10,937.00
Tara Target at Risk Aid	\$ 993.75
Instructional Supplement Aid	\$ 793.05
Carl Perkins-Secondary	\$ 41,299.00
No Child Left Behind	\$ 1,500.00
IDEA	\$ 15,000.00
<u>Fund 30</u>	
County Capital Project	\$ 426,225.41
<u>Fund 60</u>	
Interest	\$ 18.15
Lunches	\$ 4,677.90
State Aid Lunch	\$ 199.16
Federal Aid Lunch	\$ 3,695.56
<u>Fund 61</u>	
ETTC	\$ 947.00
Total Receipts for June 2008	\$ <u>1,881,154.37</u>

- B. Reports A-148 and A-149
 On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education

adopted the monthly financial statement reports for the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month of June 2008 and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of June 2008, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major fund has been overextended in violation to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (See Addendum #4)

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

- C. Submission of Documentation to NJDOE and Modification of Long Range Facility Plan – Building G Office
On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education authorized the submission of plans and documentation to the NJDOE for the conversion of the storage area in Building G into an office space. It is also recommended that the Board of Education authorize the modification of the district's Long Range Facility Plan as may be necessary for this project, which is an "Other Capital Project" for which the Board is not seeking state funding.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

- D. Submission of Documentation to NJDOE and Modification of Long Range Facility Plan - New Building Project
On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education authorized the submission of plans and documentation to the NJDOE for the proposed new construction project. The Board of Education also authorized the modification of the district's Long Range Facility Plan as may be necessary for this project.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

- E. Alternative School Tuition Contracts - 2008-09 SY
On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following tuition contract agreements for the 2008-09 school year:

Bedminster	1 slot	\$ 16,440.00
Bound Brook	4 slots	\$ 65,760.00
Bridgewater	10 slots	\$164,400.00
Franklin	10 slots	\$164,400.00
Hillsborough	2 slots	\$ 32,880.00
Manville	1 slot	\$ 16,440.00
Montgomery	2 slots	\$ 32,880.00
Somerville	5 slots	\$ 82,200.00
South Bound Brook	2 slots	\$ 32,880.00

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

F. Tuition Contracts - 2008-09 SY

On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following tuition contract agreements for the 2008-09 school year:

Clark	3 Share Time	\$ 15,000.00
Plainfield	1 Full Time	\$ 10,000.00
West Essex	1 Share Time	\$ 5,000.00
Westfield	2 Share Time	\$ 10,000.00

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

G. Special Education Tuition Contracts - 2008-09 SY

On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following special education tuition contract agreements for the 2008-09 school year:

South Bound Brook	1 Full Time	\$ 13,000.00
Westfield	1 Share Time	\$ 6,500.00

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

H. Academy Tuition Contract - 2008-09 SY

On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Academy tuition contract agreement for the 2008-09 school year:

Bridgewater	1 student	\$ 2,000.00
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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

I. Budget Transfers - 2007-08 SY

On motion by Mr. Hyncik, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following budget transfers for the 2007-08 school year as they appear on Addendum #5.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent

Mr. Hyncik	X
Mrs. Doyle	X
Mrs. Ventantonio	X
Dr. Braun	X

J. Authorization Petty Cash Accounts

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education granted approval to authorize the establishment of petty cash accounts in the amount of \$400.00 each for the District Office, High School, Alternative High School and Technology Institute.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
Mr. Smith	absent
Mr. Hyncik	X
Mrs. Doyle	X
Mrs. Ventantonio	X
Dr. Braun	X

K. Public Agency Compliance Officer - 2008-09 SY

On motion by Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education appointed Ms. Diane Strober as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the 2008-09 school year as required annually by law.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
Mr. Smith	absent
Mr. Hyncik	X
Mrs. Doyle	X
Mrs. Ventantonio	X
Dr. Braun	X

L. Donation

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education accepted the following donation:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item</u>
Less Stress Instructional Services	Hewlett Packard Heartstream Semi-Automatic Defibrillator

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
Mr. Smith	absent
Mr. Hyncik	X
Mrs. Doyle	X
Mrs. Ventantonio	X
Dr. Braun	X

August Meeting

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed, the next regular meeting of the Somerset County Vocational Board of Education will be held:

August 25, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools

14Vogt Drive

Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Remarks from the Public

- Mrs. Wicks reported on a front page *Courier News* article about the success of a Somerset County Technology Institute graduate who is working for a prominent sculptor in New York City. She also acknowledged the

students who participated in the national SkillsUSA competition and the gold medal winners.

- Mr. Jones recognized Sherman Harris, Twilight Director and Diane Ziegler, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for a successful summer Twilight program and summer school respectively.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Vocational Board of Education of the County of Somerset that:

- This Board will go into closed session with the Board Counsel for the purpose of discussing matters within the provisions of 7A(11)c231.
- The general nature of matters to be discussed relates to personnel - N. Nigro. Action may or may not be taken.
- Under the provisions of the above stated laws, the public shall be excluded from attendance at the portion of the meeting relating to the above matters.
- It is anticipated that the items discussed will be made public when the matters discussed are resolved.

Closed Session

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education went into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

Open Session

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mrs. Doyle and passed on roll call vote, the meeting reopened at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Smith		absent
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mrs. Doyle	X	
Mrs. Ventantonio	X	
Dr. Braun	X	

M. Termination of Employment and Extended Sick Leave Without Pay Request – N. Nigro

On motion by Mrs. Ventantonio, seconded by Mr. Hyncik and passed on roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the request for extended sick leave without pay for Mr. Nicholas Nigro from August 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 at which time his employment will be terminated.

During this two (2) month period since no employee payroll pension benefit deductions will be paid by the board on behalf of Mr. Nigro, Mr. Nigro will be responsible for “buying back” these two months. Additionally, Mr. Nigro will be responsible for applying for COBRA for health insurance as of September 1, 2008 as all his district said paid benefits will terminate August 31, 2008.

The Board’s decision to grant Mr. Nigro extended sick leave without pay is to enable his disability retirement application to be processed or to give him the election to pursue regular retirement as he will have served 25 years as of September 1, 2008.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
Mr. Smith	absent
Mr. Hyncik	X
Mrs. Doyle	X, under protest
Mrs. Ventantonio	X
Dr. Braun	X

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Hyncik, seconded by Mrs. Ventantonio and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Diane Strober
Business Administrator