

**Dumont Board of Education
December 16, 2010
Work Session/Regular Meeting**

A. Open Public Meeting Act:

President John Kohlberger convened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m., reading the Open Public Meeting Act:

“Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as specified in the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice of this meeting was contained in the notice mailed to *The Record* and the Dumont Borough Clerk on April 30 and November 23, 2010. A notice was also posted outside the office of the Dumont Board of Education in a place reserved for such announcements.”

Flag salute took place.

Roll Call

In attendance were:

John Kohlberger	Richard Healy
Theresa Kelly	Rafael Tolentino
Robert DeWald	Emanuele Triggiano
Sandra Fernandez	Kevin Cartotto
Michael Gluckman	

Absent: Barbara Correa, Karen Valido

Approve Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Gluckman, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, that the Dumont Board of Education approve the minutes of November 11 and November 19, 2010.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Communications

- Note of appreciation from the Rabatin family for the board’s expression of sympathy
- Letter from Nic Nese, Athletic Director, for the board’s assistance and support for the Fall Bonfire and Thanksgiving Game–Day event

B. Finance:

Mr. Cartotto reviewed the following motions:

**Move to Vote
Motions B1—B3**

It was moved by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Healy, that the Dumont Board of Education approve Motions B1—B3, having to do with Finance.

Accept Bill List

1. Accept the bill list for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$4,080,768.84.

Accept Reports of Board Secretary & Custodian Of School Monies

2. Accept the reports of the board secretary and the custodian of school monies for the month of November 2010, which is in agreement as indicated below and are available in the board office of the district:

**Report of the Secretary
For the Month Ending November, 2010**

	<u>Beginning Cash Balance</u>	<u>Cash Receipts this month</u>	<u>Cash Payments this month</u>	<u>Ending Cash Balance</u>
General Fund	\$3,317,582.03	\$3,470,858.06	\$3,481,500.04	\$3,306,940.05
Special Revenue	-134,837.22	507.00	128,346.84	-262,677.06
Capital Projects	-232,656.61	-0-	-0-	-232,656.61
Debt Service	504,012.17	1,058.00	27,106.25	477,963.92
Total All Funds	\$3,454,100.37	\$3,472,423.06	\$3,636,953.13	\$3,289,570.30

**Report of the Treasurer
For the Month Ending November 30, 2010**

	<u>Beginning Cash Balance</u>	<u>Cash Receipts this month</u>	<u>Cash Payments this month</u>	<u>Ending Cash Balance</u>
General Fund	\$3,317,582.03	\$3,470,858.06	\$3,481,500.04	\$3,306,940.05
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Approve Resolution

3. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Dumont Board of Education has received the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Facilities, Final Eligible Cost Determination for the following projects:

Project Description	State Project Number
Selzer School – Exterior Door Replacement	1130-080-10-1005
Honiss School – Exterior Door Replacement	1130-060-10-1004
Dumont High School- Exterior Door Replacement	1130-040-10-1003

And WHEREAS, the Final Eligible Cost Determination is as follows:

Project Description	Final Eligible Cost
Selzer School – Exterior Door Replacement	\$ 129,263.00
Honiss School – Exterior Door Replacement	\$ 184,513.00
Dumont High School- Exterior Door Replacement	<u>\$ 258,313.00</u>
Total Final Eligible Cost of Projects	\$ 572,089.00

And WHEREAS, the funding of these projects in accordance with the Final Eligible Cost Determination is as follows:

Section 15 Grant Allocations:

Selzer School Exterior Door Replacement	\$ 51,977.00
Honiss School Exterior Door Replacement	\$ 74,192.00
Dumont High School Exterior Door Replacement	<u>\$ 103,867.00</u>

Total Section 15 Grant Funding	\$ 230,036.00
Dumont Board of Education Local Share:	
5 Year Lease Purchase Principal	\$ 228,375.00
2009–2010 Excess Extra–Ordinary Aid	<u>\$ 113,678.00</u>
Total Local Share	\$ 342,053.00

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Dumont Board of Education hereby authorize the School Business Administrator to utilize and appropriate as necessary \$113,678.00 of excess 2009–2010 Extraordinary Aid to the remaining local share of the above referenced projects.

Vote Motions B1—B3

Vote was as follows:

Yes: DeWald, Fernandez, Gluckman, Healy, Tolentino, Kelly, Kohlberger

C. Policy & Public Relations:

Mr. Triggiano reviewed the following motions, noting the major revisions to the policies being presented for the first reading.

Mr. Triggiano also reviewed the administrative procedure utilized to develop the policies and the corresponding regulations.

**Move to Vote
Motions C4—C9**

It was moved by Mr. Tolentino, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, that the Dumont Board of Education approve Motions C4—C9, having to do with Policy and Public Relations.

**Approve Travel
Expenditures**

4. Approve the travel expenditures pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:11-12 by district employees and members of the board of education as listed on Schedule A.

**Accept Donations
From Grant PTO**

5. Accept with gratitude a donation of the following items from the Grant School PTO, valued at \$2,958.30:

- popcorn machine
- recess equipment
- pumpkins for all students in the school
- an assembly program
- contribution to a fourth grade trip

Accept Donation

6. Accept with gratitude a donation of *The Encyclopedia of Life Sciences and World and Its People* (two eleven volume sets) and a carton of various hardcover and paperback books for use in the Media Center or classrooms from Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, valued at \$1,000.00.

Accept Donation

7. Accept with gratitude a donation of a “Mat–Lamp” for use by Dumont Varsity Wrestling for home matches from the Dumont Athletic Booster Association, valued at \$1,600.00.

Accept Donation

8. Accept with gratitude a donation of three hours of ice time from Mackay Arena for the Dumont Varsity Ice Hockey team from the Dumont Athletic Booster Association, valued at \$1,050.00.

Accept Policies & Regulations

9. Accept and approve the following district policies and regulations (*Alert 191 – first reading*):

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Title</u>
•1140	Affirmative Action Program
•1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan
•1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
•1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices
•2260	Affirmative Action Program For School and Classroom Practices
•2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability
•2415.04	Title I – District-Wide Parental Involvement
•2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
•6360	Political Contribution Awards
•8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations
•8740	Bonding

<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Title</u>
•1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
•1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices
•2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
•8420	Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan
•8420.2	Bomb Threat
•8420.7	Lockdown Procedures
•8420.10	Active Shooter

Vote Motions C4—C9

Vote was as follows:
Yes: DeWald, Fernandez, Gluckman, Healy, Tolentino, Kelly, Kohlberger

Discussion

2011—2012 School Calendar: Mr. Triggiano reviewed the two attached options of the 2011—2012 School Calendar, noting that the only difference was that Option Two has two days off for Rosh Hashanah and a full week off in February for winter break. Mr. Triggiano informed the board that he would distribute them to the PTO/PTAs, Key Communicators and the District Advisory Committee for community input prior to presenting for board approval.

Request for Use of High School Field: Mr. Triggiano reviewed a request from Syracuse University Marching Band to utilize the football field for practice in preparation for the Pin Stripe Bowl, noting that they

would open the practice to Dumont and Bergenfield band members to observe. The board had no objections to the request.

**Open Meeting to
Public Comment**

It was moved by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gluckman, that the Dumont Board of Education open the meeting to public comment.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Bhavna Co questioned what was happening with the redistricting plan. Mr. Triggiano noted that the concept of redistricting to two K-4 and two 5-8 buildings is being reviewed by a district-wide committee comprised of administrators, teachers, parents and board members. The mission of the committee is to review the educational pros and cons of this configuration and present their findings to the board for final determination. Mr. Triggiano stressed that a decision on this concept has not been made and will not be made until the review of the committee is complete and the board has reviewed its findings.

Lauren Bleich stated her opposition to redistricting as Lincoln class sizes will be increased.

Matthew Lowenthal stated his frustration with the discrepancies in class sizes between the schools and with the increase in local property taxes.

Karen Barry stated her concern that redistricting will cause further issues with the drop-off and pick-up procedure at Lincoln School and stated her opinion that the committee should address this issue.

Danielle DiLuzio-Velez stated her opinion that the final committee presentation should include the finding of all the schools sub-committees, not just a total summary of findings.

**Close Meeting to
Public Comment**

There being no further public comment, it was moved by Mrs. Fernandez, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, that the Dumont Board of Education close the meeting to public comment.

**Board Member
Comment**

Mrs. Fernandez informed the public that she had received a disturbing anonymous letter in the mail that criticized her family members and accused her of posting on the nj.com Dumont Forum under the screen name, angrymom. Mrs. Fernandez informed the public that she does not post on the forum, and if she did, her name would be attached to her opinions. Mrs. Fernandez also noted that the anonymous writer is free to contact her to discuss his or her concerns at any time.

**Adjourn Meeting, Go
Into Executive Session**

It was moved by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tolentino, that the Dumont Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion was unanimously approved.
President Kohlberger adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting President Kohlberger reconvened the public meeting at 8:52 p.m.

D. Personnel:

**Move to Vote
Motions D1—D6,
Addendum D1—D2** It was moved by Mrs. Fernandez, seconded by Mr. Tolentino, that the Dumont Board of Education approve Motions D1—D6 and Addendum D1—D2, having to do with Personnel.

**Accept Retirement of
Alan Ring** 1. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, accept, with regret, the resignation for retirement of Alan Ring, teacher (*Honiss School*), effective March 1, 2011.

**Employ Lunchroom
Aide** 2. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, employ Aida Ramirez as a lunchroom aide (*Honiss*), effective December 17, 2010.

**Approve Leave of
Absence for
Lauren Bitetto** 3. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, approve a childbearing leave of absence for Lauren Bitetto (*Grant*), effective March 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

**Employ Substitute
Teachers** 4. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, employ the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2010–2011 school year, effective December 17, 2010, at the approved rate of pay:

- Jeneen Pirrotta - Kathleen Carnevale

**Employ Substitute
Teachers On Emergent
Basis** 5. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, employ the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2010–2011 school year on an emergent basis pending completion of the criminal history review process, effective December 17, 2010, at the approved rate of pay:

- Christopher Merlini - Kimberly Holt - Dylan Leeds

**Employ Substitute
Teacher** 6. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, employ Olivia Kosides as a substitute teacher for the 2010–2011 school year, effective December 17, 2010, pending receipt of certification documentation.

Addendum:

**Employ Substitute
Bus Aide** 1. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, employ Siraj Ahmed as a substitute Bus Aide, effective December 17, 2010, at the rate of \$14.25/hr.

Employ P/T ESL Aide 2. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, employ

Susan Schaumburg as a part-time ESL Aide (*HS-15 hrs/wk.*), effective January 3, 2011, at the rate of \$17.00/hr.

**Vote Motions D1—D6,
Addendum D1—D2**

Vote was as follows:

Yes: DeWald, Fernandez, Gluckman, Healy, Tolentino, Kelly, Kohlberger

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further Old or New Business, it was moved by Mrs. Fernandez, seconded by Mr. Gluckman, that the Dumont Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Motion was unanimously approved.

President Kohlberger adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Cartotto
Board Secretary