

June 6, 1985
Brick, New Jersey

The Brick Township Board of Education held their Pre-Agenda Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 1985 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 101 Hendrickson Avenue, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon items presented to them.

Present were: Mrs. Benton, Mr. Roblenski, Mrs. DeConde, Mr. Laura, Mr. Readell, Mr. Stites and Mr. Williamson.

Also present: Dr. Aragona, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Mayer, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Anton.

Mr. Wolf announced that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Brick Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on June 3, 1985 as follows: Board Office Bulletin Board, Asbury Park Press, Ocean County Times-Observer, Municipal Clerk and Brick Town News.

At the request of Mrs. Benton, the Pre-Agenda was presented for discussion by Dr. Aragona. The first items presented were under Curriculum and Instruction. Mr. Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, presented the report on the results of the Basic Skills Improvement Project (BSIP) for the 1984-85 school year. \$840,000 was funded for this project in the 1984-85 school year. For the 1985-86 school year over \$900,000 will be funded in State and Federal Aid. Ninth grade students who failed this testing will continue to be tested in the following grades until he or she has a passing grade; this is a requirement for graduation. (The Report will be recorded in the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 13, 1985.)

Finance and Business was the next category on the Agenda. The amount to be approved for payment of vouchers was agreed to, as well as the recording and awarding of several bid items with changes as noted by Mrs. DeConde.

Personnel Teaching Items were discussed. One of the items was a request for the approval to employ an ROTC Instructor for the 1985-86 school year. He has been interviewed by Brick Township Memorial High School's Principal and the Assistant Superintendent and will meet with the Board prior to the 1985-86 school year.

Another item was the request to pay a stipend of \$250 each for three teachers to attend the 1985 Stockton State College Summer Seminar Program for specific courses. The teachers would then be able to share this information and expertise with their students. This program would be Federally funded.

An item to approve a stipend of \$400 each for six teachers to attend a Summer Institute which will focus on the improvement

of instructional programs and practices as they apply to Mathematics skills tested by the high school proficiency test was being removed from the Agenda at this time since acceptance from the institute had not been received.

Personnel Non-Teaching Items were discussed and agreed upon.

POLICY
5141.4

MISSING
& ABUSED
CHILDREN

Motion was made by Mr. Readell, seconded by Mr. Williamson, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to adopt Policy No. 5141.4, "Missing and Abused Children," on the first reading. This policy was read by Dr. Aragona.

POLICY 5141.4 MISSING AND ABUSED CHILDREN

The Board of Education believes that the physical and mental well-being of all children in its charge must be maintained as a prerequisite to achievement through the formal educational process. The school district will cooperate with the local law enforcement agency and the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) in identifying and reporting all suspected cases of missing, abused or neglected children.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to make available to local law enforcement agencies and DYFS confidential district records of any student alleged by school personnel to be missing, abused or neglected as defined by law. The Superintendent shall institute the following procedures to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements:

1. Inform all staff members having contact with students of their responsibility to report missing children and all cases of abuse, abandonment, cruelty or neglect resulting in physical or mental injury by other than accidental means;
2. Require all school personnel to report missing and suspected instances of child abuse to the building principal;
3. Require prompt action to secure treatment of such injuries resulting from abuse so as to protect the health of the child;
4. Require that a report of each suspected case of child abuse, including unexplained absence, be reported to the child study team, local law enforcement agencies and DYFS as the law provides;
5. Require that the child study team follow the progress of the child and maintain communication with DYFS on his/her behalf;
6. Institute an absentee call-back system under which the parent or guardian voluntarily calls the child's school on each day the child is absent or late. In the event the parent or guardian does not notify the school of a student's absence, the school shall attempt to contact the parent and shall proceed in accordance with paragraph four herein. If the child is missing, it shall be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to take any further action.