MINUTES OF THE LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Taggart called the meeting to order on March 1, 2011 at 7:02 pm. Mrs. Barna read the following opening statement: "I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Lopatcong Township Board of Education has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of a notice in the Express-Times. A copy of the agenda has been filed with the Township Clerk and posted at both school locations.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Wade Caccese, Dennis Drake, Robert Edinger, Ernie Gallant, Joe Kennedy, Kurt Kessler, Ed Krusman, Bob McFarlane and Bill Taggart

Absent: None

Others Present: Vicki J. Pede, Superintendent; Teresa E. Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Matthew Eagleburger, Principal and 5 members of the public.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Mrs. Pede recited the District Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Duaime asked for clarification on the Travel and Expense Maximum resolution. It was explained that a maximum that can be spent in the budget year indicated must be set for travel to and from professional development activities during the year and other regular business travel that may be required. Mrs. Duaime asked what the total amount spent is for the 2009-2010 school year on these activities. Mrs. Barna did not have that information at hand, but would get back to Mrs. Duaime with an answer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Finance

R-180-11 **Approve Preliminary Budget for the 2011-2012 School Year**

Motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Drake,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent and the Finance Committee, approve a fiscal year 2011-2012 School District Preliminary Budget for submission to the Warren County Office of Education for review and approval as follows:

	Budget	**Local Tax levy**
General Fund	$ 14,830,628	$ 11,327,612
Special Revenue Fund	$ 259,256	$ 0
Debt Service Fund	$ 1,225,687	$ 990,155
Total Base Budget	**$16,315,958**	**$12,317,767**

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-181-11 **Set Travel and Expense Maximum for 2011-2012**

Motion by Mr. Krusman, second by Mr. Edinger,

Be it, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, pursuant to school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a), shall establish in the 2011-2012 annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount for travel and expense reimbursement in the amount of $26,000 which includes local, state and federal funds.

The travel and expense reimbursement set for the 2010-2011 school year is $38,875. To date the district has spent $4,942.01 towards that maximum.

Roll Call Vote: 9 – Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the board adjourned at 7:09 pm on a motion by Mr. Gallant, second by Mr. Drake. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa E. Barna, RSBO
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

William J. Taggart, III
Board President