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**Official Minutes of the  
Holland Township Board of Education  
Milford, NJ 08848**

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**Special Board Meeting: ROD Grants: October 21, 7:30 P.M.**

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: McDowall, Moebus, Schneider, Scott, Somers,  
Vandenburg, Geissler, Scheibener

Absent: Soucie

School Personnel Present: Mr. Suarez, Superintendent, Mrs. Postma, SBA/Brd  
Sec.; Jim Stryker, Building/Grds Supervisor

Public Present: 0

**Comments: Public – Agenda Items Only**

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**Superintendent Action Items**

**Finance & Facilities**

**MOTION** by Mr. Somers, seconded by Mr. Moebus to approve the following Action Items as recommended by the Superintendent;

1. Approve Payment of the Bill List G-1  
WHEREAS the Board Secretary has presented a payroll/bill check register for October 21, 2010 in the amount of \$1827.50  
With the recommendation that it be paid; Now therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the following bills be paid and an itemized list be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

<u>Fund Expense</u>	<u>Bill List Amount</u>
(10) General Fund	\$ 300.00
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$1527.50
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$0
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1827.50</b>

***MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Discussion of Regular Operating District (ROD) Grants**

**MOTION** by Mr. McDowall seconded by Mr. Moebus to move forward with the capital projects in the NJ DOE ROD Grant #1004 and seek grant reimbursement funds for the same.

**Discussion:** *Mr. Somers asked Mr. Stryker and the administration to confirm that these projects noted in DOE #1004 are the most critical of all the capital projects listed in the four grants; Mr. Suarez stated yes, and added the statement that these projects are the most critical developed with input from the administrative team, Jim Stryker and the Finance & Facilities Committee.*

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Stryker stated that the most critical projects which should be completed as soon as possible are identified in DOE #1004.

The BOE discussed the remaining three ROD Grant funded capital projects which would require a referendum to fund the local 60% of the projects. The BOE discussed developing a survey in order to receive taxpayer/parent feedback on the interest of a referendum. The BOE also reviewed seeking input from other surrounding Hunterdon County school districts that also may be going to a referendum in the near future. The administration reviewed the current debt tax levy and the future of the debt dissolving in 2012. The BOE continued the discussion with regards to the current economic crisis on the Holland taxpayers, senior citizens, and the financial impact on funding capital projects during this time period of economic stress. The BOE voted with a show of hands who supported the referendum and who did not – RESULTS: 5-2 Vote ***not***

supporting a referendum for the 60% funding requirement of the remaining state approved ROD Grants #1001, 1002, and 1003.

**Supplementary Matters**

Mr. Somers handed out and reviewed a draft list of architect evaluation criteria he created in order to properly interview architects. He looks to the administration to review, add additional input and update the criteria if necessary prior to the interviews scheduled on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Comments: Public – General:** *NONE*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. McDowall to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail Postma, RSBA/Board Secretary